Four political objectives

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets local people in Natmauk on 20 June.—MNA

Prime Minister Khin Nyunt, accompanied by the ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air on 20 June morning and arrived in Magway at 8.30 am.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed at Magway Airport by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min, officials and social organization members.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Magway Division Chairman Col Zaw Min, the Prime Minister went to Myothit Township, Magway Division.

They were welcomed there by township authorities, departmental officials and local people.

At Myothit Hospital, the Prime Minister inspected the ward, the medical stores, the operation theatre and the lab. Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Maung Ko and officials conducted the Prime Minister and party round the hospital. The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Myothit Basic Education High School. He met local authorities, departmental officials, social organization members and local people at the school hall.

Chairman of Myothit Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Toe reported on matters related to the township and departmental officials on education, health, supply of drinking water and greening tasks. The Prime Minister attended to the needs.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented a TV, VCR and computer to the school head. Next, he delivered an address, saying that although they had made frequent visits to Magway Division but they were unable to get to townships in Magway Division. Together with the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and local authorities, he arrived there to fulfil requirements of the township. Today, requirements of regional development in addition to education and health sectors have been fulfilled according to the reports by departmental officials, he said.

Thanks to irrigation facilities of Natmauk Dam, Palin Dam, Sanchaung Dam, Saddan Dam and Bokchaung Dam, all of 10 main crops are thriving in the township. And, the township can be seen as a region of food sufficiency, he said.

However, there is not food sufficiency in the region of food sufficiency, the division which have been facing insufficiency of food. With the leadership of township level authorities, departmental officials are to make field trips to the grassroots levels for fulfilling requirements. Likewise, local farmers are also to make concerted efforts for extended cultivation and mixed cropping on vacant and virgin land, the Prime Minister said.

Development of rural region reflects development of townships and districts, states and divisions and it will contribute towards development of the State. Therefore, township level departmental officials are required to act not only for development in urban regions but also for five rural development tasks in rural areas.

(See page 11)
Work in concert for regional as well as national development

Since its assumption of the duties of State, the Government has given top priority to community peace and rule of law as well as striving for national reconsolidation. Moreover, it has taken all the necessary measures for parallel development of states, divisions and border regions in order to boost the national economy. And due to the successful implementation of the development plan for border areas and national races, the 24-region development plan and the five rural development tasks, all the regions across the Union have been enjoying unprecedented progress. Now, with modern plantations and farms, towns in the remote areas have been developing like cities and the national people in various regions enjoying the fruits of peace and development.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, together with responsible officials, met departmental personnel, townsmen and local people of Pruhso at the meeting hall of Pruhso Township Peace and Development Council on his visit to Kayah State on 18 June. After hearing the reports by responsible personnel, the Secretary-1 said that it was the first time that he and responsible officials visited Loikaw, Kayah State, and they would proceed to other towns. His visit to Kayah State was to meet all the necessary requirements to accelerate the development of the state, he added.

Education, health, transport and economic infrastructures have been built in Kayah State so that it will become as developed as the other states and divisions in the Union. Kayah State has now become more developed; it was but there is room for further development. As there is a lot of virgin and fallow land in the state, it is necessary to be able to boost the productivity of agriculture sector by making effective use of terrestrial resources.

Departmental personnel should regard the regions where they are posted as their own and try to win the love and respect of locals by serving their best interests to the best of their ability. And we would like to call on both departmental personnel and the local personnel to work in concert for regional as well as national development by making the most of the favourable environment created by the Government.

Myanmar Karatedo Federation reconstituted
YANGON, 21 June — The Myanmar Karatedo Federation held its Executive Committee Meeting No 2/2004 in the Meeting Hall -1 of Aung San Stadium this afternoon. President of the Federation Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Ret'd) spoke on the occasion. Next, the MKF Executive Committee was reconstituted with Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Ret'd) as Patron, selected myanmar karatedo athlete Dr Ye Naing Win as President, Vice-Presidents U Saw Min, U Nai Nye Tun and Dr Win Zaw, Treasurer Dr Kyaw Kyaw Moe, Joint-Treasurer U Zaw Lwin, Auditor U Myi Mung, General Secretary U Soe Win (Assistant Director of Sports and Physical Education Department), Joint Secretary U Hein Win Mynit (Staff Officer of SPED) and 22 executives.

Afterwards, Joint Secretary U Hein Win Mynit reported on financial statement of the federation and Treasurer Dr Kyaw Kyaw Moe on the budget for 2004. Executives discussed internal and international tournaments to be held in 2004 and invitation to international karatedo tournaments. Next, former president Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Ret'd) handed over documents related to assignment of duties to new President Dr Ye Naing Win and office bearers. Later, the patron gave the concluding remarks. — MNA

Myanmar Embassy in Australia and wellwishers donate hospital equipment, cash
YANGON, 21 June— The Union of Myanmar Embassy to Australia Global Aid Network Australia (GAIN), Yoshua Network International, Brisbane, St. Francine Cabrini Private Hospital Melbourne and wellwishers donated 40 kidney cleaners and 62 hydraulic beds worth about K 187.5 million and K 10 million for transport charges to the National Health Committee, at Tatmadaw Yeiktha on Inya Road this afternoon. Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, senior military officers and wellwishers.

First, Minister Counsellor U Kyaw Aye of Myanmar Embassy in Australia presented the donations to NHCC through Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win who accepted the donations and presented a certificate of honour. U Kyaw Aye then explained the purpose of the donation. Next, Maj-Gen Kyaw Win handed over the hospital equipment and cash donations to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint who thanked the donors. — MNA

Former MKF President Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Ret'd) greets new President Dr Ye Naing Win. — mna

Myanmar body-builders bag two gold, one silver
Min Zaw Oo secures Best Body-builder Award, Mr Bal 2004 Award
YANGON, 21 June— The three-member sports team led by President of Myanmar Body-Building and Physical Culture Federation, Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee Col Myint Aung took part in the VII South-East Asian Body-Building Contest held in Bali, Indonesia, on 19 June.

Min Zaw Oo of Myanmar secured a gold medal in the 85-kilo class, Aung Khang Win of Myanmar a gold medal in the 70-kilo class and Zaw Win of Myanmar a silver medal in the 55-kilo class. In the team event, Singapore team was first, Vietnamese team second and Myanmar team third. In addition to the gold medal in the 85-kilo class, Min Zaw Oo won the Best Body-builder Award and Mr Bal 2004 Award. — MNA

Olympic Day Badminton Tourney: The 2004 Olympic Day commemorative badminton tournament was held at YMCA in Yangon on 20 June under the patronage of the Myanmar Badminton Federation. A participant seen in action at the tournament. — N.N.M
Repairs continue on Iraq oil pipelines

BAGHDAD, 21 June — Repairs continued on two key pipelines to offshore oil terminals in the south, prolonging Iraq’s absence from the world oil market, a coalitio spokesperson said Sunday.

The lines were damaged Tuesday and Wednesday from sabotage attacks, which resulted in a halt to Iraq’s oil exports from the Basra Terminal and Khor al-Amaya. At least 1.5 million barrels a day move through the lines, Iraq’s main conduit to outside markets.

As of Sunday afternoon, repairs on the two pipelines “had not...been completed,” said Dominic d’Angelo.

Iraqi oil officials had earlier said that repairs on the smaller of the two key oil arteries had been completed and that crude oil exports would likely resume Sunday.

D’Angelo said those claims were inaccurate and said an estimate of when partial exports could resume would not be available.

“Based on this information, anyone who says oil is currently being exported from the south is misinformed,” he said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Analysts said the halt in exports is costing Iraq about $65 million daily in lost oil revenue, a figure that does not include environmental and other indirect costs.

Iraq’s new interim leaders have described such attacks as “crimes” aimed at derailing the conflict-ridden nation’s transition to democracy following the 30 June handover of power. A third, smaller line linking the oil fields of Kirkuk, in the north with the Turkish port of Ceyhan have been halted since an attack on that line last month.

Iraqi oil officials said earlier Sunday they anticipated that repairs on the larger of the two lines in the south would be completed in about six days.

D’Angelo said a section of pipe needed to repair the breakpoint on that line had been delivered, paving the way for repairs to proceed on that line.

Iraq has the world’s second-largest oil reserves. But years of war, UN sanctions and mismanagement have left Iraq with dilapidated and obsolete oil facilities, and Iraqis have failed to restore crude oil exports to prewar levels of more than 2 million barrels a day.— Internet

China deals harshly with drug-related crimes

YUNNAN, 21 June — China cracked a total of 546,900 drug-related criminal cases in five years from 1998 to 2003, seizing 51.03 tons of heroin and uprooted 427 hectares of opium poppy, according to the Ministry of Public Security Sunday.

Statistics available show that 235,600 crime suspects were arrested for producing, trafficking and selling drugs over the past five year period, and 52.43 tons of “ice”, or methamphetamine hydrochloride, 14.73 tons of opium and 1,412.5 tons of chemicals that could be used to make drugs were confiscated in the same period.

A source with the ministry owned the achievements to the strike-hard policies of China’s narcotics control units in combating drug-related crimes and highly-effective measures and substantial efforts the units and localities across China have made in the war on the drug-related criminal cases.

The building of drug-free villages and communities, as well as active involvement in the international narcotics control efforts, acknowledged by countries, were all contributed to the victory over drug-related crimes in the country.

Despite the achievements, Zhou Yongkang, head of the National Narcotics Control Commission, on Sunday called for government departments and narcotics control departments at all levels to still attach greater importance to the work of narcotics control.

23 people, including US marine killed in Iraq blasts, violence

BAGHDAD, 21 June — At least 23 people including US marines were killed in bomb blasts and violence while Saddam and his nine aides would be handed over to new Iraqis government.

“One civilian was killed and three were wounded when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle as they crossed a bridge over the Tigris River at 7:30 am (0330 GMT),” a spokesman said.

Iraq Foreign Minister’s house was also attacked by unknown persons.

A white cloud of smoke billowed into the sky when the bomb exploded as cars headed to work in rush hour. At the time, the bomb wounded three people travelling in a mini-bus and a large bus, a police officer said on the scene.

At the site, the two vehicles were smashed up. There was shattered glass and a trace of blood on the ground. The bomb exploded right between a tunnel and the bridge.

The country has been rocked by at least 20 car bombs in June, as well as smaller roadside bombings, in the countdown to Iraqi sovereignty on 30 June.

The interim Prime Minister said a national directorate would be established to impart training to speedy justice while also hoped that condition will be improved.— Internet

China reports 8.77 million tourist arrivals in May

BEIJING, 21 June — China’s tourism administration reported 8.77 million tourists from outside the Chinese Mainland visited the Mainland in May, up 61.42 per cent year-on-year, and 11.37 per cent over the same period of 2002.

According to the figures released by the National Tourism Administration, overseas tourist arrivals from five continents grew dramatically last month.

China’s tourism industry suffered a heavy blow in spring of last year due to the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, resulting in cancellation of tour plans by overseas travel agencies.

Growth was recorded in the number of tourist arrivals from China’s 16 major sources of overseas tourists, except Thailand and the Philippines.

The number of tourists from the Philippines in May dropped slightly over the same month of last year, while the number of tourists from Thailand remained unchanged.

The administration said foreign currency income from the tourism sector is estimated at 1.85 billion US dollars, up 163 per cent over last year, and 8.91 per cent over May, 2002.— MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia to enhance enforcement in coastal waters

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 June — The Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (APMM) would become operational in March next year to ensure security of the coastal waters, APMM operations director Noor Aziz Yunnan said on Saturday.

APMM was set up recently under an act adopted by the country’s Parliament.

“APMM will be like a Malaysian Coast Guard. It will patrol our waters with powers like the police and Navy, but in emergencies it will be placed under the Armed Forces,” he said.

“The dedicated paramilitary agency can carry out more effectively the enforcement functions that are now administ- tered by 11 government departments, and will be Malaysia’s answer to critics who have doubted our ability to safeguard the security of our own waters,” he said.— MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia police seize drugs, arrest four people

PHNOM PENH, 21 June — Cambodian police have seized 200 yama pills and two small boxes of white addictive powder and arrested four persons, a police officer confirmed Saturday.

“This is one of our successes on cracking down drug crimes,” Heng Pov, Phnom Penh deputy police chief, told Xinhua on Saturday.

Police arrested Nav Dit Colly, 45, an Indian national, on Thursday in Phnom Penh before he sold out 200 yama pills.— MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi police arrive on the scene of a roadside bomb explosion outside Basra, Iraq, which killed one unidentified Portuguese national and at least one Iraqi man, according to Iraqi police on 19 June, 2004.— Internet

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Bomb near Baghdad kills two Iraqi soldiers

Baghdad, 21 June — Attackers laying in wait for Iraqi troops detonated a roadside bomb on the dangerous road leading to Baghdad’s airport Sunday, killing two Iraqi soldiers and wounding 11.

American troops took the Iraqi wounded to a US aid station and waited while they were treated. Iraqi soldiers wept and hugged their US comrades.

Elsewhere, US forces clashed with guerrillas in Samarra, striking back with helicopter gunships after guerrillas fired mortars into a residential neighbourhood. US 1st Infantry Division spokesman Maj Neal O’Brien said at least four insurgents were killed.

Also Sunday, the Arab satellite TV network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape purportedly from al-Qaida linked militants showing a South Korean hostage begging for his life and pleading with his government to withdraw troops from Iraq.

South Korean media identified the hostage as Kim Sun-il, 33, an employee of South Korea’s Gana General Trading Co, a supplier for the US military.

The kidnappers identified themselves as belonging to Monotheism and Jihad, a group believed to be led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who claimed responsibility for the videotaped beheading of American businessman Nicholas Berg in May. A statement made by armed, masked militants on the video gave South Korea 24 hours from Sunday night to meet its demand that Korean troops stay out of Iraq or “we will send you the head of this Korean.”

In southern Iraq, a blast and gunfire were heard early Monday in the central district of Samawah, where Japanese troops are based, Japan’s Kyodo news service reported.
Britain to probe reports its troops abused Iraqi bodies

LONDON, 20 June — Britain is investigating reports that its soldiers mutilated the bodies of Iraqi civilians after a vicious gun battle last month, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday.

A ministry spokeswoman said Britain “categorically denied” British soldiers had abused the bodies after the firefight near the southern Iraqi town of Majar al-Kabir on 14 May. “We are investigating evidence that has been given to us and should the outcome of that require it, we will commence a formal investigation.”

China hopes to solve Iranian nuclear issue peacefully

VIENNA, 20 June — China hopes that the resolution newly adopted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would help to solve the Iranian nuclear issue quickly and peacefully, a senior Chinese diplomat in Vienna said Friday.

China hopes Iran would further its full cooperation with the IAEA and fulfill its promise in order to solve the outstanding issues as soon as possible, said Zhang Yan, China’s permanent representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna.

However, the right to peaceful use of nuclear energy by all countries should be respected, Zhang said.

China welcomes the progress made by the IAEA in the nuclear inspections in Iran, Zhang said, adding that Iran needs to clarify the issues raised by IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei. The IAEA earlier on Friday passed a resolution, which “deplores” Iran’s lack of “full, timely and proactive” cooperation.

However, the draft submitted by France, Britain and Germany, does not threaten to report Iran to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions.

Zhang said China supports IAEA’s nuclear inspections in Iran in accordance with relevant international agreements. He stressed confidence that the Iranian nuclear issue could be resolved peacefully within the IAEA framework through dialogue and cooperation.

Moscow welcomes IAEA resolution on Iran

MOSCOW, 20 June — A senior Russian diplomat welcomed on Friday a resolution on Iran adopted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and called for further cooperation between Tehran and the IAEA.

“The main thing is that the resolution is aimed at continuing the work to completely resolve all of the world community’s questions regarding Iran’s nuclear programme,” Kisylyak said.

The adopted resolution was revised with some softened expressions, but still urged Iran to provide more transparent cooperation.

Russia is helping Iran build an 800-million-US-dollar nuclear power plant in the coastal city of Bushehr.

The United States has accused Iran of using the plant as a cover to develop nuclear weapons and has urged Russia to abandon the project. Both Russia and Iran have dismissed the US allegations, vowing to continue nuclear cooperation.

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China President Hu Jintao praised Sino-Singaporean relations

BEIJING, 20 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao praised here Saturday bilateral relations between China and Singapore and said he had noticed remarkable growth since the two countries established diplomatic relations.

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China wishes the two sides to grow closer at all levels. Hu said the two countries have achieved rich results in such cooperative areas as economy, trade, science, technology, education and personnel training, adding that exchanges between various departments of the two sides have been growing closer at all levels.

Hu made the remark during his meeting with Lee Kuan Yew, senior minister of the Singaporean Prime Minister’s Office, in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing Saturday morning.

He spoke highly of Sino-Singaporean relations and the important contributions that Lee made to the development of bilateral relations. Hu said the leaders of the two countries have kept frequent contact, thus deepening political mutual trust between the two sides.

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Lee thanked Hu for meeting him in Beijing. Lee agreed with Hu’s positive comment on bilateral relations. He said Singapore pays close attention to the development of China and holds confidence in stable and sustainable development of the country.

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Hu expressed the view that the two sides will apply the successful experience of the Sino-Singaporean industrial park to new areas of cooperation. He expected that the two countries will continue to achieve more results of cooperation and lift the mutually beneficial and friendly relationship of cooperation to a higher level.

Hu said he had noticed new changes in China every time he visited the country. He said this time he gained a deep understanding of the new ideas that Chinese leaders have on national development.

The Israeli military has released the bodies of two children killed by a roadside bomb explosion in the coastal city of Gaza on Wednesday.

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Last Lebanese hostage freed in Iraq

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The second best time is now.
Iraqis wheel an injured man through the parking lot of a Baghdad, Iraq hospital after he was injured in a car bomb blast in Baghdad on 17 June, 2004.

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Residents of the Shi'ite Baghdad suburb of Sadr city, gather in front of a house which was damaged in an overnight air raid over their neighborhood, on 20 June, 2004.

Iraqi girl, Samira Abdul Zahra, 12, (L) and her mother, Suad al-Sumedaie, 32, recuperate in their house which was damaged in an overnight air strike over the Shi'ite Baghdad suburb of Sadr city on 20 June, 2004.
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

Rural Housing Project in Sansu village, Chaung Township, Magway Division. —MNA

Granite road built in Ngahsutaung village, Hlegu Township, Yangon Division. —IPRD

Myatyadana Housing Project which is included in Thanlyin-Kyauktan Development Project. —MYANMA ALIN

Construction of Thanatpin-Kayan road in Thanatpin Township, Bago Division. —IPRD

Basic Education High School in Haka, Chin State, is well facilitated. —MNA

Panhsay bridge with the length of 200 feet was built on the road leading to Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township, Mandalay Division.—MNA
The Myanmar archery team of Myanmar Archery Federation had brought honour to the State again by bagging one gold and two bronze medals in the Second Asian Circus II Archery Tournament for 2004 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 18 to 21 June.

The Myanmar Archery Federation had secured 39 medals — 13 gold, 12 silver and 14 bronze — in the international tournaments during the period from founding of the federation till today.

With zealous and relentless efforts and diligence of President of the federation Dr Khin Shwe, vice-presidents, executives and all the members, the federation has gained impressive achievements by winning a lot of medals.

Myanmar archers could show their excellent prowess in the Asian Circus II Archery Tournament and deservedly won these medals.

A total of 14 countries namely Malaysia (host), Myanmar, Australia, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iran, Singapore, Vietnam and Hong Kong and India participated in the Tournament.

Thin Thin Khaing who took part in the women’s singles event secured one gold medal for the Myanmar team. Similarly, the Myanmar men’s team comprising Nyi Nyi Tun, Tun Lin Aung and Zaw Min Tun won a bronze medal in the men’s team event and Nyi Nyi Tun, one bronze in the men’s singles event. Out of five members in the Myanmar team, four archers bagged medals respectively and Paw Oo, the remaining one, could clinch in fifth position. Therefore, all the Myanmar archers enlisted at the top level.

As the victorious Myanmar archery team arrived back here on 21 June noon, Acting Director-General Lt-Gen Maung Ko of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials, Vice-President of Myanmar Archery Federation U Tint Hsan, executives and relatives of the athletes welcomed back the victorious archers at Yangon International Airport.

At the airport, newsmen from the Kyemon Daily interviewed the Myanmar archery team.

Leader of the team Vice-President of the federation Dr Zaw Tun said that he was very pleased with his team which had achieved success in the tournament. Before the tournament, he gave encouraging words to the players. Out of five archers, four secured medals respectively and Paw Oo could clinch in the fifth position. He disclosed that the federation had pledged to gain more and more successes in the future.

Team manager U Kyaw Oo explained that gold medalist Thin Thin Khaing stood first with 612 points. Thin Thin Khaing had an opportunity to enter the Olympic Archery Qualifiers. He added that the Myanmar Archery Federation has been making arrangements to take part in a tournament in Vietnam in coming November. The President of ASEAN Archery Federation had agreed to hold the First South-East Asian Archery Tournament in Myanmar in the first week of January in 2005. In February, the Myanmar team will participate in the international tournament. And it will also take part in the International Archery Tournament to be held in the Republic of Korea in June.

Gold medalist Thin Thin Khaing said that she took pride of her success achieving eight gold medals in her life. She admitted that she encountered much difficulty in the event because it was raining. She thanked the federation officials and coaches.

She added that she joined archery event in 1998. She has so far brought eight gold, one silver and three bronze to the State. She has dedicated herself to continue to promote the nation’s prestige.

The Myanmar archery team was made up of Vice-President Dr Zaw Tun as the leader, manager.

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

Efficient use of electricity

* Use daylight as the main source of light
* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises

Efficient use of fuel

* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US$ 5.5 million in a year
* The amount, US $ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

Team leader Dr Zaw Tun.

U Kyaw Oo, coach Mr Aung Seung Bum, archers Nyi Nyi Tun, Tun Lin Aung, Zaw Min Tun, Paw Oo and Thin Thin Khaing.

It is certain that the MAF will continue to nurture new generation archers with a view to enabling them to turn the federation’s golden dream into reality. ****

(Translation: TTA)
Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 21 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council and departmental heads, left here for Myeik of Taninthayi Division by air on 19 June afternoon.

On arrival at Myeik airport, they were welcomed by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Commander of Taninthayi Naval Region Command Captain Win Shein, senior military officers, departmental officials and members of the social organizations. Lt-Gen Maung Bo, together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, attended the ceremony to lay cornerstone for the main building of the Myeik University on 20 June morning. Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivered a speech and laid the cornerstone.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myo Nyunt and Divisional officers, Director-General of the Department of Higher Education (Lower Myanmar) U Saw Lwin, the pro-rector, professors and faculty members, social organizations, students and local people.

Daw Hnin Hwe Oo, as emcee, read out the agenda. Director-General of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) U Saw Lwin reported on the history, teaching programme and specialization, number of students, use of classrooms, IT centre, employees affairs and construction of the university. Next, U Htay Myint of Yuzana Construction reported on the scale model, ground level and division of rooms in the main building of the university.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo then fulfilled the requirements and delivered an address. He said the universities and colleges have been established in respective states and divisions for the students to pursue higher education. Now, there is a university in Myeik, Taninthayi Division. While the government is creating the educational opportunities for the students, the teachers need to train them to become brilliant intellectuals and uplift the education sector. The educated are essential in building a modern and developed nation and the teachers need to train them to become brilliant intellectuals and uplift the education sector. The educated are essential in building a modern and developed nation and the teachers need to train them to become brilliant intellectuals and uplift the education sector. The educated are essential in building a modern and developed nation and the teachers need to train them to become brilliant intellectuals and uplift the education sector. The educated are essential in building a modern and developed nation and the teachers need to train them to become brilliant intellectuals and uplift the education sector.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, official of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments attended coordinated meeting for cultivation of 500,000 acres of paddy at the meeting hall of Coastal Region Command.

Present on the occasion were Secretary of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myo Nyunt and members, members of support group for implementation of agricultural sector in Taninthayi Division, departmental officials and entrepreneurs and others.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended to the requirements on education, agricultural and construction sectors saying that National Convention is now in session for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. National races from various strata of life and organizations are participating in the discussions. He pointed out the food sufficiency in the division and building of the Union Highway to be all-weather. He said local people and service personnel in the division are to make efforts for the regional development and officials are to make field trips to the grassroots level for carrying out five rural development tasks with added momentum.

NCC Work Committee and National Races Group meet

YANGON, 21 June — The chairman, the vice-chairman, the secretary and members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee held a co-ordination meeting with members of the Panel of Chairmen of Delegates Group of National Races in the hall of NCCWC in Nyaungnapin Camp. Hmawby Township, this afternoon. At the meeting, National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivered a speech and those present discussed compilation of papers to be submitted to the plenary session of the National Convention.

The National Convention is genuine national politics.

The coordination meeting of the Panel of Chairmen of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons in progress.

NC Delegates Group of Other Invited Persons’ meeting continues

YANGON, 21 June — The meeting of the National Convention Delegates Group of Other Invited Persons continued in meeting hall-8 of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township at 9 am today. Vice-Chairman U Sai Aung Tun of Myanmar History Commission chaired the meeting together with U Aung Hkam Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-2, Secretary U Tun Aung Chein of Myanmar History Commission and U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2. Deputy Director U Aung Kyi of Work Group-10 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Win Myint as co-master of ceremonies.

The meeting was attended by 99 out of 105 delegates, accounting for 94.29%.

Alternate Chairman U Sai Aung Tun delivered an opening speech. U Chan Lan of Kachin State Special Region-1, U Khin Maung San of Shan State (North) Special Region-1 and U Nai Chan Twe of New Mon State Party read the proposal papers on detailed basic principles to be laid down for power sharing in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drafting the State Constitution. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by U Sai Aung Tun.

The coordination meeting of the Panel of chairmen of Delegates Group of Other Invited Persons took place at 10 am at the same venue, attended by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar History Commission U Sai Aung Tun, U Aung Hkam Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Dr Manan Tu Ja of Kachin State Special Region-2, MHC Secretary U Tun Aung Chein, U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Deputy Director U Aung Kyi and Assistant Director U Win Myint. They discussed matters related to the proposals of the Delegates Group of Other Invited Persons. The meeting came to a close at 10.45 am.

The meeting of the National Convention Delegates Group of Other Invited Persons in progress.
Cash and kind donated to hail National Convention and for Rakhine State storm relief

Yangon, 21 June — A ceremony to donate cash and kind to hail the National Convention, Rakhine State storm relief by the NC delegates and for delegates of Rakhine State was held at the Office of the Invitation and Accommodation Sub-committee at Nyaungpun Camp in Hmawby Township this afternoon.

National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and thanked the donors. Also present on the occasion were National Convention Convening Commission Vice-Chairman Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Commission Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, NCC Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sen Hwa and Commission members, Work Committee Management Committee sub-committee members, members of panel of chairmen of delegate groups and wellwishers.

First, Commission Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented a donation of K 1,720,000 by NCC Commission for storm victims of Rakhine State; K 122,000 by the NCC Work Committee also for them; and K 382,000 by the NCC Management Committee for them; Cash and kind worth K 1,904,650 by NC delegates, totalling K 2,580,650 to Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Sen Hwa who thanked the donors and presented certificates of honour.

Similarly, cash were donated for five delegates from Rakhine State whose property had been destroyed by the storm. In this context, Dr Khin Shwe of Zagab Co and ACE Construction Co Managing Director U Tint Hsan donated K 500,000 each. The five delegates from Rakhine State are U Hla Aung, U Kyaw Nu, U Shwe Mann Tin, U Khin Maung Thein and U Tun. Next, wellwishers donated cash and kind to hail the National Convention. The donations were: K 500,000 by U Aung Zaw Ye Myint; K 1,500,000 and 250 viss of fish worth K 300,000 by Yuzana U Htay Myint; K 87,200 by U Tint Hsan of ACE Co; K 500,000 by Dr Khin Shwe of Zagab Co; and K 500,000 by U Win Aung of Dagon International Co. NCC Commission Vice-Chairman Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour.

Entrepreneurs of mosquito coils namely Mintha, Mosfly, Goal, Jumbo and Fighter donated 2,320 coils worth K 412,800. UMFCCI President U Win Myint donated K 300,000; U Nyo Min of Min Zar Min Co 250 viss of fish worth K 300,000; Dr Zaw Win Myint of Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation 10,000 eggs worth K 320,000; Dr Ko Ko Gyi of Diamond Star Co K 200,000 and medicines worth K 108,000. Delegate of intellectual and intelligentsia group U Nyan Lwin and U Kyaw Khin Myint of national race group of National Convention donated 90 books “Towards the Fourth Golden Land” of Sithu Nyein Aye worth K 195,000. U Kyaw Khin Myint of Myanmar Affairs Federation, Daw Khin Khin Khin Win and CEC members, officials of working groups, rector Daw May Win Aung Khin of the Institute of Nursing and pro-rector, professors, faculty members and students numbering about 700.

Next, U Chan Tha and Daw Ohnmar Myint of Chantha Aungmyin Co donated 1,300 books “Towards the Fourth Golden Land” of Sithu Nyein Aye worth K 195,000. U Kyaw Khin Myint of Myanmar Affairs Federation, Daw Khin Khin Khin Win and CEC members, officials of working groups, rector Daw May Win Aung Khin of the Institute of Nursing and pro-rector, professors, faculty members and students numbering about 700.

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NCCC Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash and kind donated by National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee, Management Committee and delegates to Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Sen Hwa. — MNA

Talks on MWAH held

Yangon, 21 June — Jointly-organized by National Races Affairs Work Group, Organizational Work Group and Public Relations Work Group of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, talks on knowledge of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation were held at the hall of the Institute of Nursing on Bogoyoke Aung San Road here this afternoon. Present on the occasion were Vice-President of the Federation Daw Khin Khin Khin Win and CEC members, officials of working groups, rector Daw May Win Aung Khin of the Institute of Nursing and pro-rector, professors, faculty members and students numbering about 700.

Vice-President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Daw Khin Khin Khin Win lectured on the formation, history and tasks of the federation in detail. Officials of the respective work groups and the rector presented gifts to MWAH Vice-President Daw Khin Khin Win, after which the ceremony ended. — MNA

e-Govt workshop training course opened

Yangon, 21 June — The e-Government Workshop Training Course for Senior Officials (0238/01/04-05) (Part Time), PC For Office Applications Course (Windows) (0223/01/04-05) and Line Construction Theory Course (0434/01/04-05) were opened at the Communications and Postal Training Centre of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs this morning.

It was attended by members of e-National Task Force, heads of departments, guests, instructors and trainees. On behalf of the Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, the Managing Director of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications delivered the opening speech. Altogether 29 trainees from 27 ministries are attending the one-week e-Government Workshop Training Course and 40 trainees the other regular courses.

NCCC Commission Chairman Li-Gen Thein Sein, officials and delegates enjoy entertainment of Shwe Wah Win Anyeint troupe of Yangon Command. — MNA

“Shwe Wah Win Anyeint Troupe” entertains NC delegates

Yangon, 21 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention everyday starting from 7 pm in the gymnasium of Nyaung-hnapan Camp, Hmawby Township.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained by “Shwe Wah Win Anyeint Troupe” of Yangon Command. Among the audience were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Li-Gen Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Commission members and officials. “Shwe Wah Win Anyeint Troupe” comprises dancers Aye Aye Maw, Shwe Yi Win and comedians Mann Kyaw, San Moe, Dat Lin, Super and Yarzar San Lin. Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Yangon Division Representative of National Races Delegates Group to National Convention Dr Khin Shwe (Zaykaba) presented cash awards to the performers. — MNA

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Myanmar Times is an English language daily newspaper in Myanmar. It is published by the Myawady Daily Co., Ltd. and is one of the most widely read newspapers in Myanmar. The newspaper covers a wide range of topics, including politics, economy, society, culture, and sports. It is known for its in-depth reporting and analysis, and it often features articles on human rights, democracy, and freedom of expression. The newspaper has a readership that includes both local and international audiences, and it is widely respected for its commitment to responsible journalism.
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Local authorities and departmental officials are to join hands with local people and social organizations harmoniously and see to it that the tasks for development of their respective regions, he added. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister inspected the completion of four-room two-storey building of the school and attended to the needs. Next, he inspected the computer room, the visual room, the audio room, e-library centre, the domestic science room and the art studio. On arrival in Natmauk, Prime Minister Kayin State briefly met with the local people and officials, departmental officials and local people. Town-ship Chairman U Khin Maung Win reported on matters related to the township. Next, officials reported on education, health, development and raising the living standard of local people and extended the 9 districts greening project to 13, with the strength of social organizations, township development affairs committees, the Ministry of Industry-1 and inspection of large major crops and yield, efforts for being made to meet target, food sufficiency in the region, education, health, potable water supply in rural area, tasks being carried out in the township, greening development, tasks, conservation of reserved forests and water supply for agricultural purpose. Officials concerned also reported on their tasks sectorwise. After hearing the reports in education and health of the township, the Prime Minister made a speech saying that he was there to fulfill the requirements of the township for its development. He just fulfilled the requirements in education and health, he said. With the harmonious efforts of local authorities and officials, rural development tasks and education, health, and social development tasks are to be carried out. Rural development is the fundamental one for development of a township. Therefore, it is necessary to implement the development tasks laid down by the State. Township development affairs committees formed in the respective townships are to discharge their duties not only in development affairs but in rural water supply and betterment of reserved forests. Incharge of the administration sector of the township, service personnel and local people are to be made to carry out the tasks for development of the region.

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He said universities including Loikaw University, colleges and institutes were opened for human resource development in development regions. He said the Head of State had given guidance to uplift their knowledge and intelligence while nurturing them to develop the region. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Natmauk Township, the Secretary-1, departmental officials, service personnel and members of social organizations and townswellers, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials and local people. Town-ship Chairman U Khin Maung Win reported on matters related to the township. Next, officials reported on education, health, development and raising the living standard of local people. Natmauk Township is in arid zone. The State, after extending the 9 districts greening project to 13, has been laying down plans for greening of 13 districts and is implementing it. Therefore, under the arrangements of the township and with the strength of social organizations, emphasis is to be placed on forest conservation and forest extension tasks, he said. There are various nationalities from all walks of life in the township and thus it is necessary to fulfill all of them, he said. Through correct management, officials are to make efforts to ensure that the administration mechanism of the entire township reach right down to the village, he said. During his visit, the Myanmar Economic Development Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented a signboard. Next, he and party inspected computer skills training room, printed media room, audio visual room and domestic science room.

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After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party went to the Government Computer College (Loikaw) where Principal Daw Htay Win reported on the opening ceremony of the college, strength of faculty members and construction of lecture halls.

The Secretary-1 then fulfilled the requirements and inspected the computer unit. They went to the Government Technological College (Loikaw) where Principal Daw Htay Win reported on academic and administrative matters and requirements. The Secretary-1 urged faculty members to try to uplift their knowledge and intelligence while nurturing the students to be brilliant. The Secretary-1 signed in the distinguished visitor’s book. The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to the meeting hall of regional board of development of roads in Kayah State. Superintendent Engineer U Zaw Win of Public Works reported on Hseikha-Loikaw Road, Phawng-Loikaw Road, Loikaw-Htaypyawng Road, Pasawng-Mawchi Road, Lukek-Pasawng Road, Loikaw-Tartam Road, Pasawng-IP 3 Road, Bawalke-Sutpaing Road and Loikaw-Yado- Leiktho-Toungoo Road. Maintenance of roads in the rainy season, arrangements for upgrading the roads in open season and allotted funds. The Secretary-1 said the government built most of the infrastructures needed for national development and major bridges across the rivers in various regions of states and divisions. He said the Head of State had given guidance on making the roads better after designating the road year, starting from this year. He called on officials to make efforts for better roads in Kayah State. With smooths and bends, transport, economic and social conditions will improve. Authorities concerned are to strive for better roads under their supervision, he concluded.—MNA

20th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations  

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11th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development  

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ExxonMobil wins
UAE’s offshore oil
field contract
Abu Dhabi, 21 June —
Oil giant ExxonMobil has
clinched a long-awaited
deal to develop the United
Arab Emirates’ offshore
Upper Zakum oilfield, the
Khaleej Times reported here
Satur-
day.
The oil authorities in Abu
Dhabi have designated
ExxonMobil as the strategic
partner in the giant offshore
Upper Zakum oil field with
the prime task of the further
development of the field
according to a report in the
weekly magazine Middle
East Economic Survey
(MEES).
Upper Zakum’s current
production capacity is around
550,000 barrels per
day and the field is pro-
grammed for expansion to
approximately 750,000 bpd

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Rainstorms kill three on
Mexico’s western coast

Mexico City, 21 June — Rainstorms killed three people,
including a child and a teenager, on Mexico’s west-
ern coast, state authorities said Saturday.
Two of the fatal victims are from the state of
Guerrero, with one of them a young boy lighting
the suburban zone of Acapulco and the other one a
taxi driver who died when a tree fell over him in
the Omotepex municipality.
The third one was a 6-year-old girl buried under
sliding mud in her house in Jalisco’s locality of Zazapam.
The Civil Protection Unit’s hydro-meteorological
Phenomenon Department
chief in Guerrero, Roel Ayala, said that the rain-
storms caused flooding, fallings of trees and slides of
mud and stone. They also left some localities without
communication, he added.

Under this situation, the federal authorities declared
as emergency zones three municipalities in Jalisco,
namely Tlaquepaque, El Salto and Tlaquilulco.
This measure will enable the municipalities to have
access to the special Natural Disasters Fund to meet the
immediate food and health needs of the affected popu-
lation. — MNA/Xinhua

Rescue workers resume search
for bodies in Argentina mine fire

Buenos Aires, 21 June — A group of rescue work-
ers resumed their search on
Saturday for the bodies of five
victims which are trapped in the fire-ravaged
coal mine of Rio Turbio in southern
Argentina. A group of technicians from Spanish
firm Endesa and the United
Nations will begin to col-
laborate in the rescue work.
The mine accident began
with a fire deep in the tun-
nels late on Monday at the
remote Patagonian coal mine
in the province of Santa Cruz.
About 12 workers were
killed while two others miss-
ing, but the rescue brigades
had only found seven bodies of
the victims.
On Friday night, the team
found the other five bodies,
but the rescue operation has
to be suspended as carbon
monoxide filled the venue of
the accident. — MNA/Xinhua
HK traces source of infection of eight babies

HONG KONG, 21 June — Police have broken up an organized ring dealing with sexual exploitation of foreign women in Athens after months of investigation, local media reported Saturday.

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Sri Lanka to conduct elephant survey

COLOMBO, 21 June—The Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWLC) in Sri Lanka will conduct an islandwide elephant survey in August and September to find a lasting solution to the problem of the human-elephant conflict, the state-owned Daily News said Saturday.

The comprehensive survey and the preservation of the elephant population in the country.

DWLC Director-General Dayananda Karivatwewa said that the human-elephant conflict in Sri Lanka has assumed national proportions. Around three elephants per week and five human lives per year fall prey to the conflict. The latest elephant survey in the country was conducted in 1993.

Sri Lanka, a small Indian Ocean island nation is home to an estimated 3,000 wild elephants. The diminishing habitat for elephants due to deforestation has caused increasing human-elephant conflict in the country.

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Bangladesh govt probes into anthrax case in southeast

DHAKA, 21 June—The Bangladesh Government Saturday dispatched an expert team to collect samples from a wild elephant which died last week and is reported to have carried anthrax virus, the New Nation on Sunday.

The wild elephant was found dead in deep forest of Lama upazila (subdistrict) in the country’s southeastern hill district of Bandarban.

The forest department in Bandarban sent sample of blood and flesh from the carcass to Chattogram Veterinary College on June 11, and experts there found anthrax in the sample after testing, said ADM Saifuddin, a professor of the college.

The Department of health services under the Health Ministry on Saturday sent a three-member expert team to Bandarban to collect samples from the carcass of the elephant and test again.

Director General of Health Services Mizanur Rahman was quoted as saying if laboratory tests confirmed the preliminary report, the government would take appropriate steps to prevent spread of the virus.

According to Daily Star on Sunday, the department of livestock of Bandarban on Saturday sent 700 anthrax virus protection vaccines to Lama upazila in a bid to prevent possible spread of the disease among local cattle.

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Macao logs 6.4 million visitors in first 5 months

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**Van Nistelrooy**

**“sick, broken and miserable”**

*Aviro (Portugal), 21 June— Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy said he was “sick, broken and miserable” after his side threw away a 2-0 lead to lose 3-2 to the Czech Republic at Euro 2004 on Saturday.*

*We were 2-0 up and the Czechs made a change, a midfielder for a defender. After that we were not able to adjust and the match went out of our control,”* van Nistelrooy said.

*Czech coach Karel Bruckner threw on attacking midfielder Vladimir Smicer, scorer of the 89th-minute winner, for Zdenek Grygera after just 25 minutes of the match, shortly after van Nistelrooy had fired the Dutch into a 2-0 lead.*

*“We played five times better (than in the 1-1 draw with Germany). We should never have let the game slip out of our hands. That was totally unnecessary,”* van Nistelrooy said.

*“In the second half we came under pressure and weren’t able to get out any more,”* he added. “They had a lot of chances but even then we had some ourselves.”

*While Bruckner’s positive change inspired his side’s comeback, Dutch coach Dick Advocaat was widely criti- cized for doing the opposite by taking off dangerous winger Arjen Robben for defensive midfielder Paul Bosvelt with half an hour to go. “We wanted to concentrate more on de- fence and it simply didn’t work out,” van Nistelrooy said.*

*Advocaat, however, defended his decision.*

*“I substituted Arjen Robben because I wanted more grip on the midfield,”* Advocaat said. “(Tomass) Galasek had too much space. Now everyone is talking about my substitution that didn’t work but no one is talking about all the chances that we missed.”

*“Even without Robben we created four or five good chances. The substitution is my responsibility and now we have to beat Latvia and hope the Czechs do their duty.”*

*The Dutch play Latvia in their final game on Wednesday.— MNA/Reuters*

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**Gomes sends Portugal into quarterfinals**

*LISBON, 21 June— Portugal reached the quarterfinals of Euro 2004 with a famous 1-0 win over Spain thanks to a goal from substitute Nuno Gomes on Sunday.*

*The Portuguese went into the game needing a win to advance and got it courtesy of a sharp shot on the turn by Nuno Gomes 12 minutes af- ter he had come on at halftime.*

*The victory, 23 years to the day since their last win over Spain, was just reward for Portugal’s enterprise against a Spanish side ini- tially content to sit deep and play for the point they needed.*

*It marked a remarkable turnaround in fortunes for both sides after the host na- tion had begun the tourn- ament with a shock 2-1 defeat by Greece as Spain eased past Russia 1-0.*

*Fans of the Iberian neigh- bours had been on the streets of Lisbon all day in anticipa- tion of the clash but the enor- mity of the occasion seemed to get to both teams as the opening 20 minutes was punctuated by poor control and misplaced passes.*

*Cristiano Ronaldo, enjoy- ing his first start of the tour- nament, was a constant threat on both wings for the hosts and he missed their best first-half chance when he headed a Luis Figo cross wide in the 45th minute.*

*Spain were reluctant to commit men to attack and had only a Fernando Torres header over the bar a minute earlier to show for their lim- ited efforts.*

*Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari sent on Gomes for the ineffective Paulaet a halftime and the change soon had an impact.*

*Figo slid a pass into his feet at the edge of the box in the 57th minute and the striker turned and fired low past Iker Casillas to send the Jose Alvalade Stadium crowd into raptures.*

*Portugal, forced to change tactics and go for the equal- izer, came close to getting it five minutes later when Torres beat the offside trap but pok ed his shot against a post.*

*Portugal hit back and Casillas made two sharp saves in a minute to keep out a Figo free kick and a close- range header by Jorge Andrade.*

*Spain then went close through substitute Albert Luque and Juanito, whose lowing header grazed the top of the bar, as they threw everyone in a des- perate last 20 minutes.*

*But it was Portugal who could have added a second through Maniche, whose run and shot was cleared off the line near the end, and Nuno Gomes whose late effort was blocked.— MNA/Reuters*

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**Frei charged with spitting at Gerrard**

*ASISSON (Portugal), 21 June— Swiss striker Alexander Frei has been charged with spitting at England midfielder Steven Gerrard at Euro 2004, UEFA said on Saturday.*

*The European body’s disciplinary com- mittee will hear the case on Sunday at 1200 GMT.*

*The Netherlands’ Arjen Robben was banned for three games on Thursday for spitting at Gerrard.*

*There has been no official complaint by Frei, Gerrard and England captain David Beckham, standing close to Gerrard in the footage, have made statements.*

*The English FA declined to com- ment on the issue.*

*Switzerland play champions France in their final Group B match on Monday, need- ing victory to have a chance of making the quarterfinals.— MNA/Reuters*

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**Greece go through despite defeat by Russia**

*FARO (Portugal), 21 June— Greece conceded the fastest goal in European Champion- ship finals history as they slumped to a 2-1 defeat by Russia in Euro 2004 Group A on Sunday.*

*Greek disappointment was short-lived, however, as they reached the quarterfi- nals following Portugal’s 1-0 victory over Spain.*

*Needling only a draw to guarantee a place in the last eight, the Greeks made the most of a poor start by going a goal down after just 65 seconds.*

*Striker Dimitry Luque and Juanito, whose run a minute earlier to keep out a Figo free kick and a close- range header by Jorge Andrade.*

*Greece’s players cheer at the end of the Euro 2004 Group A soccer match between Greece and Russia at the Algarve Stadium in Faro, Portugal, on 20 June, 2004. Russia won the match, 2-1, but Greece will advance with Portugal, who beat Spain, 1-0, to the quarterfinals.— INTERNET*

*We were 2-0 up and the Czechs made a change, a midfielder for a defender. After that we were not able to adjust and the match went out of our control,”* van Nistelrooy said.

*“In the second half we came under pressure and weren’t able to get out any more,”* he added. “They had a lot of chances but even then we had some ourselves.”

*While Bruckner’s positive change inspired his side’s comeback, Dutch coach Dick Advocaat was widely criti- cized for doing the opposite by taking off dangerous winger Arjen Robben for defensive midfielder Paul Bosvelt with half an hour to go. “We wanted to concentrate more on de- fence and it simply didn’t work out,” van Nistelrooy said.*

*Advocaat, however, defended his decision.*

*“I substituted Arjen Robben because I wanted more grip on the midfield,”* Advocaat said. “(Tomass) Galasek had too much space. Now everyone is talking about my substitution that didn’t work but no one is talking about all the chances that we missed.”

*“Even without Robben we created four or five good chances. The substitution is my responsibility and now we have to beat Latvia and hope the Czechs do their duty.”*

*The Dutch play Latvia in their final game on Wednesday.— MNA/Reuters*

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**Nedved says team recovered well from cold shower**

*Aviro (Portugal), 21 June— Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved said his team had recovered from the cold shower of going 2-0 down against the Dutch after 19 minutes to secure a place in the Euro 2004 quarterfinals with a 3-2 win.*

*Milan Baros said: “We were down psy- chologically after that second goal, but there was still so much time to play. Once we got the first one back we really fed off the mo- mentum.” Nedved said: “Against a team like the Netherlands, to come back like that, we have to be satisfied despite the slow start. “To go down 2-0 was a cold shower for us. We knew we had to pick things up, and quick. Once we did, I had the feeling we would be okay.”

*“Both of these teams play an aggressive, offensive style. It’s a fun game to play, and to watch. The action was almost non-stop. “We can now save some of our strength in the next game. But we have to remember that we haven’t won anything yet.” We’ve taken the first step, just as we wanted to. But there is a lot more of the tournament left.” “We have an advantage with a guy like (striker Jan) Koller. He’s so tall we can put high balls in there and he’s the only one who can control them. We saw it tonight with Baros’ goal.”

*Latvia drew 0.0 with Germany earlier.*
MRTV-3

22-6-2004 (Tuesday) (Programme Schedule) Morning Transmission (9:00 - 10:00)

7:00 am Signature Tune
7:02 am Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights “Mingalabar”
7:06 am King Alaung Mintaya’s Palace Site

9:15 National News
9:20 Inwa-Waing Waterfall
9:25 Tu Hwa Thwe
9:35 Amenity Nebula Aung Ko’s Art Work Show
9:40 Song “Moonlight Flower”

9:45 National News
9:50 Thanakha, a Myanmar Cosmetic
9:55 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights “Come and See Myanmar”

22-6-2004 (Tuesday) Evening Transmission (17:30 - 19:00)

19:30 Signature Tune
19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights “Mingalabar”
19:36 Village of Palaung
19:40 Headline News
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty DISHES “Hot and Spicy Steam Prawn”
19:45 National News
19:50 Traditional Bamboo Urnemials of Myanmar
19:55 The Decoration Dance, The Pride of Yuma Chin Set
19:58 Traditional Chin House
20:00 National News
20:05 Shwe Nan Daw Kyiung
20:10 Song “Auspicious Days, May 15th-17th”
20:12 The Interesting Places of Kachin State
20:15 National News
20:20 Wall-Hung Giant Lob
20:25 Myanmar Modern

4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:05 pm
2. Euro 2004 @ 6.30 pm

5:00 pm
3. Sing and Enjoy
6:30 pm
4. Evening news
7:00 pm
5. Weather report
7:05 pm
6. Amenity Nebula Aung Ko’s Art Work Show
7:20 pm
7. The mirror images of musical oldies
7:35 pm
8. Myawaddy "Rosy Sky"

8:00 pm
9. News
10. International news
11. Weather report
12. Myanmar Music 
13. Myanmar Music 
14. Euro 2004 @ 7:20 pm
15. Myanmar Modern

Tuesday, June 22

View today:
7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayaw U Ottama
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
5. Myawaddy “Rosy Sky”
8:05 am
6. Song of yesteryears
8:20 am
7. Myawaddy “Rosy Sky”
8:30 am
8. Song of yesteryears
8:45 am
9. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:05 pm
2. Euro 2004 @ 6.30 pm

5:00 pm
3. Sing and Enjoy
6:30 pm
4. Evening news
7:00 pm
5. Weather report
7:05 pm
6. Amenity Nebula Aung Ko’s Art Work Show
7:20 pm
7. The mirror images of musical oldies
7:35 pm
8. Myawaddy "Rosy Sky"

8:00 pm
9. News
10. International news
11. Weather report
12. Myanmar Music 
13. Myanmar Music 
14. Euro 2004 @ 7:20 pm
15. Myanmar Modern

Tuesday, June 22

Tune in today:
8:30 am
1. Brief news
8:35 am
2. Music: Love is blind
8:40 pm
3. Music: A young man
8:45 am
4. Music: Godfather
8:50 am
5. National News/Slogan
9:00 am
6. Music: Where you go
9:05 am
7. International news
9:10 am
8. Music: In this life
9:15 pm
9. News/Slogan
1.40 pm
10. Lunch time music “Jambalaya”
“Real love—Inside of my guitar
10.00 am
12. English Speaking Course Level-1 (Unit-17-18)
12.55 pm
13. Article/music pleasure “My heart keeps flowing you—Gina
11.00 pm
14. News/Slogan
10.00 pm
15. Music: For listening pleasure

Rainfall on 21-6-2004
— 1.70 inches at Yangon Airport
— 2.55 inches at Kaba-Aye
— 2.72 inches at central Yangon

Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
— 40.87 inches at Yangon Airport
— 38.54 inches at Kaba-Aye
— 43.86 inches at central Yangon.

Weather

Monday, 21 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST; During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and Lower Sagain Divation, scattered in Shan and Chin States, Yangon, Mandalay, Taninthayyi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall were Gwa (8.19) inches, Sittway (6.85) inches, Zahu (5.20) inches, Hintha (4.68) inches, Thandwe (4.09) inches and Hmawbi (3.70) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-6-2004 was 31.0°C 

Minimum temperature on 21-6-2004 was 19.4°C 

Relative humidity at 9.30 hrs MST on 21-6-2004 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 20-6-2004 was (1.3) hrs approx. Rainfall on 21-6-2004 was 43mm (1.70 inches) at Yangon Airport, 65mm (2.55 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 69mm (2.72 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1038mm (40.87 inches) at Yangon Airport and 979mm (38.54 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1114mm (43.86 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 32 mph from West at (00:45) hours MST on 21-6-2004.

Bay influence: Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 22-6-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Lower Sagain Divation, scattered in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%). State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-6-2004: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Flood warning

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 21st June 2004)

According to the 06:30 hrs MST observations today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Ikamti and Mawlaik were 802 cm and 780 cm respectively and it shows sharp rise of water level about 8 feet within 24 hrs. The water levels may rise 250 cm (about 8 feet) along the Chindwin River and it may reach the danger level of 2000 cm at Homalin during the next 2 days commencing noon today.

Colombian Army arrests guerrilla chief, 25 rebels

BOGOTA, 21 June — The Colombian Army arrested on Saturday an alleged ideologist and former chief of the rebel National Liberation Army (ELN), and 25 people charged with links with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). The guerrilla chief, identified as Diego Francisco Gonzalez, was arrested in the capital Bogota, after being held for several weeks. He was handed over to the General Attorney's Office. Army sources said.

In another raid by the Army in Caldoño, about 360 kilometers southwest of Bogota, the Army apprehended 25 alleged members of the FARC.

Military sources said that at least 1,500 soldiers of the Army arrived in Caldoño to seize rebels and arrested the 25 alleged rebels after conducting 64 searches.

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Secretary-1 inspects development tasks in Loikaw, Meise in Kayah State

YANGON, 21 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Hwe, Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of the Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and ministers, deputy ministers and departmental officials, on 19 June morning arrived at Loikaw Township People’s Hospital where they were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Tun Aye and doctors.

National Health Committee Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspected wards, surgical ward, operation theatre, delivery room, x-ray rooms, laboratory and blood bank and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Soe Win and party went to Meise and met with departmental officials, staff, townsenders and local people at the office of Meise Township Peace and Development Council. Meise PDC Chairman U Thein Tun and officials concerned reported on facts about the township and matters relating to transportation, education, health and needs to be fulfilled for the development of the town.

Next, Kayah State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Myint Oo and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also reported on matters related to regional development including transportation.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Soe Win fulfilled the requirements on education, health, transportation and gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Soe Win presented TV, VCD, computers and accessories and exercise books for the township through responsible officials.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Township People’s Hospital and inspected wards, operation theatre and X-ray room.

Similarly, they also inspected township Electric Power Corporation, communication office and exchange office.

Later, Secretary-1 and party went to Basic Education High School, Meise, and inspected teaching rooms and learning and greeted teachers. They arrived back in Loikaw in the afternoon.

In the evening, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at Loikaw University where they were welcomed by Pro-rector U Sein Oo and faculty members.

The Pro-rector reported on upgrading the degree college to university, area of the university, courses and specialized subjects, number of students, computerized teaching, installation of teaching aids and construction of buildings and Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min. Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Myint Oo and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Aung Sein reported on requirements.

In his discussions, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said the government is implementing three major projects for equal development of the regions in states and divisions.

As is known to all, measures for development of education, health and economic sectors of development regions are being carried out under the 24 development regions project, he said. (See page 11)

Joint Secretary-2 of the NCCC Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies.

Secretary of the NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan reported on cash donations of Rakhine State and matters related to generous donation of cash by wellwishers in honour of the National Convention.

In his address, Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that proposals presentation has been made successfully. The NCCC Work Committee is going through papers presented by the delegate groups to be able to present them to the plenary meeting, he added. Therefore, the NCCC will soon be able to hold the plenary meeting.

Next, Secretary of the NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan reported on cash donations of the delegates according to their wishes for storm victims of Rakhine State and matters related to generous donation of cash by wellwishers in honour of the National Convention.

Afterwards, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe reported on presentation of proposals by the delegates and progress of reading of proposals.

Next, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung reported on health care services for the delegates, health conditions of the delegates undergoing medical treatment and hostels of the delegates.

Leaders of supporting groups from delegate group of political parties, delegate group of representatives-elect, delegate group of national races, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegate group of State service personnel and other invited delegates and officials reported on progress of presentation of proposals.

This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting ended at 11.45 am with the concluding remarks by Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.— MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.