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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses the Annual Coordination Meeting of Development Affairs Committees under the Development Affairs Department. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects tube-well drilling machines, mobile workshop and machinery which were innovated by Development Affairs Department. — MNA

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YANGON, 29 June—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the Annual Coordination Meeting of Development Affairs Committees held at the National Theatre on Myomakyaung Street here this morning.

Also present were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, the president of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, vice-presidents and members, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, deputy superintending engineers, executives of township DACs, and engineers in charge. The Prime Minister delivered a speech on the occasion. He said: May first I wish state officials, responsible departmental officials, executive members of State/Division Development Affairs Committees, and responsible engineers health and happiness. I would also like to express my sincere hope that your work for the development and progress of the rural and urban areas will benefit the country as a whole and that your role will expand to that of builders of a developed and modernized Union of Myanmar.

Today, the entire peoples of Myanmar, prompted by the strong desire for the emergence of a developed and modernized nation occupying her rightful place in the international arena, have joined hands towards the realization of this goal. So I wish to say at the outset, that the holding of such coordination meetings of development officials carrying out their assigned tasks in the rural and urban areas countrywide is indeed most fortunate. For I believe that only then can feasible programmes be drawn up which will bear fruitful results for the development of the nation as a whole.

Consequently I would like you to look upon your present development tasks at the grass roots level in the rural and urban areas as being part of laying firm foundations for the restructuring of Myanmar as a developed and modern state in accordance with the fervent desire of the people.

On the international scene today, you will see that some developed nations are doing everything in their power to widen the gaps between prosperity and poverty, wealth and technology and in the momentum for development between the developed nations on the one hand and the developing and underdeveloped nations on the other. They exert pressure and practise discrimination in order to manipulate nations like Myanmar and bring them under the shadow of their influence and control. I would also like to warn you that in your present development tasks at the grass roots level in the rural and urban areas, as being part of laying firm foundations for the restructuring of Myanmar as a developed and modern state in accordance with the fervent desire of the people.

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* 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
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UMFCCI officials meet guests

YANGON, 28 June — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members and executives met with Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence at the gymnasium of Nyaunghnapin Camp. Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled “Amay Noe Pho” directed by Kyaw Thu and starring Kyaw Thu, Min Mawgun, Min Kha, Zaw Oo, Tun Eindra Bo, Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe, Hsu Pantra, Cho Pyone and Hinzii. — MNA

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Cash donated for storm victims of Rakhine State

YANGON, 29 June — A ceremony to present cash donations of Daw Shar Mala Dwi (Hanuman Coffee) and family for relief measures of Rakhine storm victims took place at the meeting hall of Myanmar Red Cross Society this afternoon.

Next, U Khin Maung Wai and Dr Garita Thein donated K 100,000 and clothing and MRCS Acting Chairman Dr Tun Sein accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors. — MNA

Symposium on management of diabetes held

YANGON, 26 June — A Symposium on management of diabetes was held under joint sponsorship of B Braun and Concordia International Co Ltd in conjunction with the ceremony to introduce omnitest E Z blood glucometer at the Myanmar Medical Association in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

Before the symposium, a press meet was held and Dr Than Win of Concordia Co explained facts on omnitest glucometer.

Associate Professor U Tint Swe Lat and Associate Professor Daw Than Than Aye also gave talks. Replies to the queries raised by doctors were then given.

First round football matches of Premier League continue

YANGON, 29 June — The first round football matches of Premier League for 2004-2005, organized by Myanmar Football Federation, are taking place at the Aung San Stadium and Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna). The admission fee will be K 300 for grand stand and K 200 for stall beginning 30 June instead of K 500 and K 300 fixed previously.

On 30 June, the YCDC team will play against the Banner team at Aung San Stadium, the Energy team versus the Construction team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna).

On 1 July, the Ruby Dragon team will play against the Defence team at Aung San Stadium, the Kanbauza team against the A&I team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna).

On 2 July, the Forestry team against the FPTF team at Aung San Stadium, the F&B team and the Transports team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna), on 3 July, the Army (A) team and the Commerce team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna) respectively. — MNA

ISD Karatedo Tournament

YANGON, 29 June — The Ninth Inter-State/Division Karatedo Competition will be held at Aung San Gymnasium here from 26 to 28 July and handsome prizes will be presented. A training course for referees will be conducted from 21 to 24 July at the training hall of Myanmar Karatedo Federation at the gymnasium. — MNA

Hospital equipment donated to Yangon General Hospital

YANGON, 29 June — Frontier Labourers Care (FLC) Health Care Foundation (Canada) donated hospital equipment to Yangon General Hospital this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, directors-general, deputy directors-general, directors, medical superintendent, professors, nurses, donors and officials of FLC Health Care Foundation (Canada).

First, Founder and Director Mr Daniel Kalnin of FLC Health Care Foundation (Canada) explained purpose of the donation and handed over the hospital equipment worth 383,168 US dollars to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. The minister presented a certificate of honour to the donor.

Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nia Na Tha expressed thanks for the donation. Afterwards, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and guests inspected the hospital equipment.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and guests view round the hospital equipment. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

People’s Desire

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Iraq’s Interim Government has received a certain credit of trust from the international community, including from the UN Security Council," Fedotov said. He expressed the hope that the new Iraqi Interim Government would take steps to consolidate the political process and enlarge the socio-political base in the country. — MNA/Xinhua

Iran holds firm despite pressure on nuclear plans

TEHRAN, 28 June — Iran will resist international pressure and hold to its decision on making centrifuges, which Washington says are key to an atomic bomb programme, Teheran’s chief nuclear negotiator said on Sunday.

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If enriched to a low level uranium can be used as fuel for electricity-generating reactors such as the one Iran is building on its south coast. But if enriched further, to weapons-grade, it can be deployed in warheads.

Iran sent a letter to the IAEA telling the agency that Teheran “intends to resume, under IAEA supervision, manufacturing of centrifuge components and the assembly and testing of centrifuges as of 29 June”.

Iran insists its ambitions are entirely peaceful and has said it has no immediate plans to pump uranium hexafluoride gas into spinning centrifuges to start the enrichment process. Iran’s decision was a retaliation against an IAEA resolution last week that “deplored” Iran’s failure to cooperate fully with IAEA inspectors.

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Powerful blast jolts buildings in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 June — A powerful blast shook buildings in central Baghdad on Sunday and smoke could be seen rising from inside the Green Zone headquarters of the US-led coalition, witnesses said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the explosion, nor whether there were any casualties or damage. The US military said it had no details about the blast. Guerillas regularly fire mortars at the Green Zone, a huge fortified complex on the banks of the Tigris River, although they rarely cause anything other than superficial damage. US and Iraqi officials have said they expect an escalation in guerilla attacks in the countdown to the handover of power to an interim Iraqi Government in three days’ time. On Saturday, 50 people were killed in twin car bomb blasts in the town of Hilli, 60 miles south of Baghdad. Last week, more than 100 Iraqis and three US soldiers were killed in a string of seemingly coordinated blasts in five cities. — MNA/Reuters

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Russia refuses to send peacekeepers to Iraq

**Istanbul, 28 June** — Russia on Monday excluded the possibility of participating in the peacekeeping forces in Iraq.

"I do not see any conditions for this," Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told a news conference in Istanbul after a meeting of the NATO- Russia Council. "We prefer civilian forms of assistance to that country."

"There are no discussions under way" between Russia and Iraq on military cooperation either, Lavrov said.

But there are talks between Moscow and Baghdad on closer economic cooperation, including on restoring Iraq's economy, he said.

He expressed concern over the lack of an agreement on the status of the multinational armed forces between the forces and the Iraqi interim government. This "may create a dangerous vacuum after the handover of sovereignty to Iraq," he said.

"Under a UN Security Council resolution, the multinational forces are responsible for security in close cooperation with the Iraqi government, which must have a voice in deciding how these forces should act," he said.

"It is alarming that until now this point in the latest UN Security Council resolution on Iraq had not still taken the form of the legal language of an agreement on the status of the forces," he said. "With the handover of sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government, this gives rise to certain legal vacuum, which is unsuitable especially in the current conditions in Iraq."

Lavrov also said the situation in Iraq is becoming increasingly insecure. "We don't believe that use of force can solve the problem," he said.

He also called for "Iraq's neighbours [to] take part in subsequent steps." — Internet

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**BAGHDAD, 28 June** — More information was released about the kidnapping of a United States marine in Iraq. A videotape shown on Arab TV features a man believed to be Cpl Wassef Ali Hassoun, a Muslim marine of Middle Eastern origin.

Iraqis are threatening to behead Hassoun unless the US releases all the Iraqis it's holding.

Brig Gen Mark Kimmitt said the military is working under the assumption the Marine was kidnapped, but said that hasn't been confirmed. Kimmitt said Hassoun disappeared around June 21. — Internet

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**Poll shows doubts about Iraq**

**WASHINGTON, 28 June** — Most respondents to a new poll released Monday predicted that Iraq will not create a government friendly toward the United States, and that peace and security will not be established there within five years.

According to the CNN/USA Today/ Gallup poll, 75 percent of 1,005 respondents said they approved of the United States' returning sovereignty to Iraq.

Coalition administrator Paul Bremer officially transferred sovereignty to Iraq Monday morning in a brief ceremony in Baghdad.

The survey was taken between 21 June and 23 June, before the handover.

Respondents were nearly evenly divided when asked whether Iraq's government would be friendly to the United States in five years. Forty-eight percent said yes, 50 percent responded no.

In addition, 60 percent of those polled said Iraq wasn't likely to see the establishment of peace and internal security in the next five years.

Just more than half of respondents expressed confidence about whether an Iraqi democracy can be established in five years.

Fifty-two percent said yes. Seventy-six percent of respondents said that American troops likely would remain in Iraq for as long as five years, and 70 percent said troops should return home in less than two years.

Among those who said US troops should return home in less than two years, four out of every 25 respondents said troops should leave Iraq immediately.

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**China's oil import may reach 120 million tons in 2004**

**HAIKOU, 29 June** — An oil specialist predicted that China's oil import could reach 120 million tons and the country's total oil consumption could exceed 300 million tons in 2004.

China is to process 270 million tons of crude oil and overall oil consumption will hit 308.8 million tons, said Tian Chunrong, a senior engineer with the information department of China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation, China's largest oil refiner.

Fuel consumption is expected to keep rising to 48.5 million tons in 2004 owing to the strong demand of the thriving power generation industry, Tian said at a recent seminar on China's oil market in 2004 held in Haikou, the capital of the southernmost island province of Hainan.

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**Tigress bites keeper to death in China**

**SHENYANG, 29 June** — A keeper of the Safari Park in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province, on Monday died of serious wounds from bites of a female tiger reared at the park.

It is the first such accident that happened at the park, said a park staff member.

The keeper, surnamed Xu, tackled the tiger inside Shenyang Forest Safari Park as usual together with his colleagues, Yuan Fengwei, at about 4:30 pm Sunday.

Before Xu could reach their motor vehicle and parked some one metre away after having stepped outside the tiger shelter, a three-year-old tigress suddenly assaulted him from behind, biting him in the shoulder and neck. Yuan immediately shot at the animal with the anesthetic rifle in his hand and the female tiger went away on hearing the gun shot. — MNA/Xinhua

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**British soldiers try to save the life of a fellow soldier following a roadside explosion in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 28 June 2004. The soldier died of his wounds and two other troops were injured.** — Internet

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**Militants in Iraq kill US soldier**

**BAQIYAH, 29 June** — Anti-US militants in Iraq have killed an American soldier because the Bush administration failed to change its policy in Iraq, the Al-Jazeera television reported Tuesday.

The soldier, Pfc Keith M Maupin of Batavia, Ohio, was captured in April in an ambush on a convoy west of Baghdad. The Arab satellite video footage showed that a blindfolded man was sitting on the ground but did not show the killing.

The station said he was shot dead.

Maupin disappeared with seven American soldiers after being held hostage since early April, because the US government did not change its policy in Iraq. — Internet

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**Chirac opposed to formal NATO role in Iraq**

**ISTANBUL, 29 June** — French President Jacques Chirac said on Monday he was opposed to a formal role for NATO inside Iraq, just hours after the 26-nation alliance agreed to help train the security forces of the new Baghdad Government.

"I do not believe it is (NATO's) mission to intervene in Iraq," Chirac told a news conference during an alliance summit in Istanbul.

He said a formal NATO presence in Iraq would "not be in keeping" with the decision taken by alliance leaders earlier.

At the opening session of their summit, the leaders issued a vaguely worded statement responding positively to a request from new Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi to help train security forces to tackle a bloody insurgency.

Their decision came after a day of wrangling at NATO's headquarters last week that echoed last year's row before the US-led invasion of Iraq, when France and Germany blocked the deployment of all NATO military reinforcements to Turkey.

Diplomats said there were differences over whether NATO should train Iraqi officers inside the country under an alliance flag, or limit its role to training outside Iraq and acting as a clearing house for national efforts.

The Istanbul statement did not specify what forces would be trained, where they would be trained and how — MNA/Reuters

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**Details**

"NATO presence inside Iraq would be 'misunderstood' and the negative impact would be 'undoubtedly much greater' than the benefits," Chirac's spokeswoman, Catherine Colonna, told reporters that France would help train Iraq's paramilitaries on a bilateral basis and outside Iraq. She said this may be carried out in conjunction with Germany in Jordan.
Iraqi museum takes security precautions

Baghdad, 29 June — Iraq’s national museum, looted during the anarchy period ensuing the US-led invasion in last spring, has taken precautions for possible chaos on the eve of power transfer, a senior official said Sunday.

The museum has been partially evacuated for security reasons, said Dr Iyad al-Qasrawi of the State Board of Antiquities and Heritage.

“We took precaution measures before June 30 and we have transferred some of our precious equipments to safe places, even to houses of some of our employees,” she said.

“It is necessary for us to do so because some of those equipments have been just transported to Iraq as gifts from some friendly countries,” said Qasrawi. “We don’t want to lose them again.”

The building of the museum was almost empty and workers were busy with fortifying doors and windows in preparation for June 30, a Xinhua correspondent saw.

After the US-led war began in March 2003, thousands of invaluable historical items from Baghdad’s main museum have been looted or destroyed by mobs.

It was feared that the country would be hit by a similar wave of violence before and even after June 30.

Iraqi officials said Iraq’s museum lost about 15,000 pieces of antiques from the national museum in Baghdad alone.

More than 5,000 pieces have been restored and about another 5,000 pieces were on their way to Baghdad after being confiscated by foreign countries, but the other antiquities were still missing.

As a candle of civilization, Iraq boasts thousands of archaeological sites spanning more than 10,000 years.

Iraq’s history stretches thousands of years back, and its museum houses items from ancient Babylon and Nineveh, Samaritan statues, Assyrian relics and 5,000-year-old tablets bearing some of the earliest known writing.

MNA/Xinhua

Last Spanish troops to Iraq back home

Madrid, 28 June — The last group of 140 Spanish soldiers withdrawn from Iraq arrived in Spain on Sunday by a chartered Boeing 767 Jumbo jet, marking the completion of pullout of the 1,300 Spanish troops deployed in Iraq as part of the US-led coalition force in the country.

Jose Antonio Gacia, Chief of Staff of the Spanish Army, together with dependants of the Spanish soldiers, were at the Zaragoza Airport in north central Spain to receive the returning soldiers. —MNA/Xinhua

Syria supports Iraqi people to overcome plight

 Damascus, 28 June — Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam expressed Sunday his country’s support to the Iraqi people in overcoming their plight under the condition of foreign occupation, the state-run SANA news agency reported.

Khaddam made the remark while receiving an Iraqi delegation representing the House of Lords in Iraq, a non-governmental organization, and headed by its Secretary-General Aqil al-Khatib. It was necessary for the Iraqi people to commit to their national unity, Khaddam was quoted as saying during the meeting.

“All Syria’s doors are open to develop relations between Syria and Iraq,” Khaddam said in a statement to the Press after the meeting.

“The threats and pressures which have been practiced against Syria will not prevent her from continuing herPan-Arab policy,” he added.

For his part, al-Khatib briefed Khaddam on the daily suffering of the Iraqi people, expressing appreciation over Syria’s stance under the leadership of President Bashar al-Assad. — MNA/Xinhua

Kermit McNeill sells T-shirts outside a theater where Michael Moore’s ‘Fahrenheit 9/11’ is showing in New York 25 June. The film is igniting debate about President George W. Bush’s policies as the November 2 election looms. —INTERNET

Protesters rally against Bush in Istanbul

Istanbul, 29 June — NATO leaders gathered on Sunday to repair relations torn by the Iraq war, buoyed by a likely deal on training Iraqi troops but struggling to equip their transatlantic alliance for emerging security threats.

“We are going to work together to help make sure that NATO is configured militarily to meet the threats of the 21st Century,” US President George W Bush told reporters as he arrived in Istanbul for a two-day summit.

Some 20,000 protesters rallied in Turkey’s commercial capital, chanting “Get lost Bush, get lost NATO” and “Murderer USA get out of the Middle East”.

But the President was kept well away from the demonstrations by an unprecedented security curtain drawn around the Bosphorus Straits city for the Alliance’s meeting.

Bush has declared an end to the Western rifts over last year’s US invasion of Iraq which plunged NATO into one of its deepest crises in its 55-year history. European leaders also appear keen to put divisions over Iraq behind them.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said there was a “new momentum in transatlantic security cooperation”, and he suggested that the unilateralism of Bush Administration neo-conservatives who had derided NATO’s usefulness was dead.

“These US unilateralists who thought that the United States didn’t really need allies have come to realize that the US not only needs allies but also the alliance,” he said.

The 26 NATO heads of state and government attended a formal Sunday dinner in an Ottoman-era palace on the banks of the Bosphorus. Official meetings start on Monday morning.

Before leaving for Istanbul, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said all NATO states want stability and democracy in Iraq which is suffering heightened violence in the run-up to Wednesday’s formal handover of power to an interim government.

Germany and France scotched Washington’s original hope of NATO taking command of a peace force south of Baghdad. — MNA/Reuters

Kuwait PM reaffirms support for security, stability in Iraq

Kuwait City, 28 June — Kuwait is willing to provide all needed support to establish security and stability in Iraq as ‘whatever happened in Iraq affects neighbouring states’, Kuwait News Agency reported Sunday.

“Handing over authority to Iraq has been our wish and we hope they would appreciate and live up to this responsibility of protecting their homeland’s security and stability,” Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was quoted as saying. “We and all Iraq’s neighbours are willing to lend a helping hand and contribute to all that might push towards security and stability.” Sheikh Sabah added.

The Premier also expressed optimism that “Iraqis would take over on schedule and the Iraqi Government would resume its responsibilities on time.”

Asked to comment on the terrorist incidents and suicide bombings, he said “those who compromise security in Iraq realize that Iraq would take over and there would no longer be foreign military presence in Iraq soon”, in a reference to the pretext militants use to justify attacks and bombings. — MNA/Xinhua

Berlusconi says EU’s “no” to Turkey would be mistake

Istanbul, 29 June — Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said it would be a historic mistake if the European Union did not give Turkey a date to start membership talks, a Turkish newspaper reported on Sunday.

EU leaders will decide in December whether to begin negotiations with the Muslim country of 70 million people, which has been knocking at the bloc’s door for decades.

Italy, along with Germany and Britain, strongly backs Ankara’s bid to join the bloc, but Germany’s conservative opposition and France’s ruling party have expressed doubts over Turkish membership.

“I am sure that frustrating the Turkish people’s expectations would be a very big historical mistake. I say this because it is in Europe’s interest (to admit Turkey),” Berlusconi told the Sabah daily in an interview ahead of his visit to Istanbul for a NATO summit on Monday and Tuesday. —MNA/Reuters
An Iraqi man stands close to a pool of blood at the scene of one of the five car bombs that exploded in Mosul, 370 kms north of Baghdad, on 24 June, 2004.

An Iraqi detainee awaits medical attention from medics inside the Abu Ghraib prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, on 24 June, 2004.

A wounded Iraqi man grimaces as he is moved by hospital staff, after two mortars exploded in central Baghdad on 27 June, 2004.

Iraqis check the site of a car bomb attack which took place in Hillia, Iraq, on 27 June, 2004.

Iraqi fire fighters try to control a blazing oil slick near the town of Boub al-Sham, to the northeast of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 27 June, 2004.

A house was burnt during clashes between US forces and guerrillas, in Falluja, on 24 June, 2004.

An Iraqi man walks through the courtyard of a destroyed building in Ramadi, Iraq, after a militant attack on 24 June, 2004.
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

With the length of 595 feet and built at a cost of 145 million kyat, Kambani bridge across Manipur river in Kalay Township, Sagaing Division, contributes much towards economic development of Chin State and Sagaing Division.—MYSOMA AZIN

Thriving oil palm plantation in Longlon Township, Taninthayi Division.—KYEMON

Wampon People’s Hospital in Shan State (East) is providing health care services to local people.—PBANRAD

TV retransmission station in Kyaunggon, Ayeyawady Division helps raise the knowledge of local people. KHIN MAUNG WIN (KYEMON)

Loiampha Dam in Dimawhso Township, Kayah State benefits local farmers.—MNA

Border and rural area developments
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In such a situation, there is all the more reason for us to depend upon our own resources, both natural and human, in developing our country as an equal to the rest of the world’s nations. Then, and only then, shall we be able to avoid the danger and fate of once again falling under the sphere of their influence; and only then shall we be able to strengthen our inner national spirit.

Thus we must understand at this crucial period that striving for the comprehensive development of our people and our nation is equivalent to enhancing the national stature and dignity of our nation and our people; that it is the only way we can maintain our independence and perpetuate our sovereignty and thereby grow in strength.

Since ancient times Myanmar has stood throughout its history with the 14 states and divisions as its integrated parts and in these 14 states and divisions over a hundred ethnic peoples have lived together in close kinship across the country. It is thus necessary to make arrangements for the equal and vigorous development of all these states, divisions and regions. For only then will the Union stand firm and endure forever in all its strength and prosperity.

With this in view, the government has systematically drawn up and laid down plans and programmes to promote its development resources, its national economic resources, the quality of its human resources and most important of all, has endeavoured to fortify the forces of national unity.

With regard to these endeavours, Senior General Than Shwe in an address made at the joint opening ceremony of the No. 6 Training Course on Myanmar Affairs, International Relations and the No. 7 Special Refresher Course of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, stated most explicitly that: “The most essential fact that, while carrying out their officially assigned duties of rural and urban development, the work that they are doing is not isolated but in fact interrelated. That what they are doing in fact contributes towards laying foundations for the development of the country as a whole; that their work is part of our endeavours for the synchronized development of the entire Union and that it is part of the effort to build up a strong and thriving economy. Thus they should strive with might and main to carry out their duties in relation to the plans and programmes that are being implemented for the development of rural and urban areas, for the border areas and for national races; that their work contributes to the success of the plans and projects of the 24 special development zones and to the success of the five main tasks for rural development. It is therefore important for us not to lose sight of the fact that your work is interrelated and is an integral part of overall development.

As a matter of fact the tasks that development officials are carrying out in their designated urban and rural areas are in deed and parcel of the work project of the 24 Special Zones and of the five main tasks of the rural development work project. So far, the projects have spent a total of K 691.94 million of its budget allotment to provide fresh drinking water to 964 villages in three divisions of the Central Dry Zone and 875 villages of the remaining states and divisions, making it a total of 1839 villages that were supplied with drinking water.

We must also acknowledge that the donors at home and abroad, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. According to Plan Targets for the supply of fresh drinking water 23,225 villages were targeted for supply of fresh drinking water, so there still remain 12,623 villages in need of fresh drinking water. So, I call upon you to maintain the momentum of work to supply fresh and pure drinking water for villages still in need.

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International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held

Yangon, 29 June — The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed at the Town hall of Kengtung in Eastern Shan State on 26 June morning attended by Shan State (East) Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chairman Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Shan State (East) MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron wife of the Command Daw Khin Pyone Win, department officials, teachers, students, national race leaders and local people.

The commander and responsible personnel presented prizes to 33 winners of anti-drug essay, painting, poster, cartoon and computer drawing competitions.

ASEAN Tourism meetings opened

Yangon, 28 June — The 20th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations, the 5th Meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and Korea National Tourism Organizations and the 3rd ASEAN-India Tourism Consultations will be held in Taunggyi from 30 June to 1 July 2004. The opening ceremony of the meetings was held this morning at Ayeyarwady Resort Hotel in Taunggyi. Minister for Hotels & Tourism Brig-Aye Myint Kyu, delegates from ASEAN countries and ASEAN Secretariat, guests and officials attended the ceremony. The Deputy Minister delivered an address at the ceremony. After the opening ceremony, the 23rd Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing, the 11th Meeting of the Tourism Investment were held.

Foreign military attaches visit Plenary Session of National Convention

Yangon, 29 June — Led by Dean of the military attaches of foreign missions in Myanmar Col Hideaki Kitahara of Japanese Embassy, military attaches of the embassies of Pakistan, Thailand, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Cambodia, Bangladesh, the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, the Republic of India, Malaysia, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the People’s Republic of China and the Russian Federation visited the Plenary Session of the National Convention in Pyidaungsu Hall at Nyaungnhapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, today.

Accompanied by officials of the Military Intelligence Office, the military attaches arrived at the Pyidaungsu Hall at 8:40 am. They were welcomed by member of the National Convention Convening Commission Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and officials. They studied the proposals on the detailed basic principles, concerning the sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers, that will be included in drawing the Constitution, presented by the Delegate Group of National Races.

The Directorate of Development Affairs laid down a long-term Thirty-Year Plan covering the period of the Financial Years 2001-2002 to 2030-2031 for the improvement of rural roads and communications, which is now in the process of implementation. I have been informed that in the past fiscal year of 2003-2004, the development affairs committee has spent a total of K 1,002.45 million for the rural roads project and K 100.95 million for building bridges in the rural areas, water supplies for rural areas. The donations received from private donors were: K 812.18 million; 67,722 US dollars; 1,032 Chinese Yuan; 270 Euros. In the period spanning the fiscal years 2000-2001 to 2003-2004, 1,192 villages with the donations thus received were supplied with fresh drinking water to 1,192 villages with the donations thus received. Thus within the period from fiscal year 2000-2001 to 2003-2004, altogether 15,715 projects were implemented to supply fresh drinking water to a total of 10,602 villages spending government funds, Development Affairs department funds, funds received from donors at home and abroad, and with the participation of international organizations and non-governmental organizations. According to Plan Targets for the supply of fresh drinking water 23,225 villages were targeted for supply of fresh drinking water, so there still remain 12,623 villages in need of fresh drinking water. So, I call upon you to maintain the momentum of work to supply fresh and pure drinking water for villages still in need.

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We must be fully aware that the development of rural and urban areas is at the very core of development for the whole Union and that the development of townships which include urban as well as rural areas is therefore the most essential requirement for development of the entire Union. It is therefore necessary to make every effort to keep the environment of urban and rural areas clean and pleasant; to lessen the development divide between town and village; to provide smooth and accessible roads and communications; to ensure safety in the manufacture and production of commodities; to facilitate a smooth flow of trade and to provide the people with facilities for rest and relaxation. So it is the inescapable duty of those responsible to systematically fulfill these essential needs in the areas for which one has been given responsibilities.

In implementing the tasks that have been assigned individually, if one is responsible for the development of a certain town, then it is one’s duty to see that it is characterized by all the features essential to a town and that it has a clean and verdant ambience to make it a desirable place to reside in; that it is in healthy surroundings with all the facilities of a town such as market places, schools, parks and playing fields. In other words all basic infrastructures must be in place. One should always be alert to see that there is adequate water and electrical power and thereby fulfill the basic needs of the people.

It is also of special importance that appropriate revenue is collected for development of public facilities. At the same time taxation should not be an excessive burden on the people and the revenue obtained must be carefully budgeted for and utilized so that it will bring about the best returns in the form of developing public facilities to fulfill the people’s needs. Funds for city, town and rural development consist of revenue collected from the people, and government budgetary appropriations. So it is important for development affairs staff to be always in touch with the people and be always aware of the people’s needs. So when Town Plans are drawn up they must be consistent with the needs of the people. And in implementing these plans one must do so with sincerity and genuine good will. Then only will the people respond with their cooperation and only if their cooperation is obtained can your plans be achieved.

If you understand this underlying principle and carry out your duties faithfully with the people’s interests at heart, the people will soon come to understand that the work of development affairs is indeed a noble undertaking that it gives priority to welfare and best interests of the people. With this understanding, you will then benefit from the full cooperation of the people that will be forthcoming.

That is why I would like to urge you that in carrying out the tasks of developing the urban and rural areas to which you have been assigned, in strengthening the economic life in the area; in raising the quality of life of the people so that they may live in peace and security; always cultivate the awareness that what you are doing is in the National Cause, and in a caring spirit, carry out your duties for the community for which you are responsible. So, in conclusion I would like to call upon you to:

— Faithfully carry out your duties whatever they may be and wherever you have been assigned in order to contribute towards the successful achievement of the development plans and programmes being implemented by the State so that Myanmar as an independent and sovereign nation can take her place with pride among the nations of the world and so that her people may also enjoy long-term benefits.

— Faithfully carry out your duties for the development of urban and rural areas but bearing in mind that the ultimate goal is the strengthening national unity and propa-

gating the Union Spirit by contributing towards the continuous and concerted devel-

opment of the Union of Myanmar.

— And last but not least, dedicate yourself to raising the momentum of your tasks in development as a National Duty and thereby close the development gap between town and village help to strengthen national unity.

The Prime Minister presented the first prize for outstanding performance in rural development tasks to Kyauktan Township DAC, second prize to Pantanaw Township DAC and third prize to Myingyan Township DAC, the first prize for outstanding performance in beautifying tasks to Taunggyi Township DAC, second prize to Kyaukswe Township DAC and third prize to PyinOoLwin Township DAC, the first prize (model township) to Taunggyi Township DAC, second prize to Kyaukswe Township DAC, third prize to Kyaukswe Township DAC through respective executive officers.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party and guests inspected documentary photos of activities of prize winning townships, documentary photos of Arid Zones Greening Project, Rural Housing Project and District-to-District Road Project. They also viewed drilling machines innovated by the Development Affairs Department and machinery.

China Export Commodities Exhibition 2004 opened

YANGON, 29 June — The Chongqing & Sichuan Export Commodities Exhibition 2004 organized by the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar was opened at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Paraungdaung Street here at 9.30 am today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Huy Do, Minister for Livestock & Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Major Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Director-General of Cooperatives Department Col Soe Win, officials of the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Cooperatives, Charge d’Affaires of the Chinese Embassy Mr Yu Boren, Director-General U Nyunt Aye, UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win, CCPIP Vice-Chairmen Mr Zuo Zhong Hua and Mr Chui Liubin formally opened the exhibition.

The opening ceremony was held on the first floor of the Trade Centre and the CCPIP Vice-Chairman explained the purpose of the exhibition.

Next, Charge d’Affaires of the Chinese Embassy Mr Yu Boren, Director-General U Nyunt Aye, UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win, CCPIP Vice-Chairmen Mr Zuo Zhong Hua and Mr Chui Liubin formally opened the exhibition.

After the ceremony Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and party, and guests viewed hard wood for flooring and furniture of SDF Shengda Floors, Hi-Bird Super Wave, Hi-Bird Superhub, Hi-Bird QH-150 and Hi-Bird Dream motorcycles of Chongqing Hi-Bird Motorcycle Industry Co Ltd, generators and pumps of Chongqing Dajuang Motorcycle Co Ltd, motorcycles of Jianshe Co Ltd, vehicles and motorcycles of Chongqing Yingang Science & Technology Group, Kenbo motorcycles and generators of Yinxian Group, motorcycles, engines and generators of Innovation Lifan Technology Lifan Co Ltd, weaving machines for onion bag and export commodities of Sichuan Province and Chongqing displayed on the ground floor.

At the exhibition, locomotive and coaches, motorcycles, trucks, farm vehicles and accessories, electrical appliances, paper machine equipment, weaving machines, medical equipment, chemicals, fertilizers, electronics and breweries were displayed with 43 showroom.

The exhibition continues up to 1 June from 9.30 am to 5 pm daily.

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Don’t smoke


No permanent enemy, no permanent friend

Aung Moe San

(1) concept of immediate establishment of a democratic nation

This concept came into existence by copying the democratic spirit of the west. According to the social science, one can find out the truth in the scope of practical events not in philosophy. Now, prevailing situations in Myanmar will show that the nation is only at the developing stage, absolutely different from those of industrialized nations. To see democracy flourish in the country based on public voice, a certain period of time is required so that the society should be mature and the cultural and social lives of the people will become complete and mature. No nation can practise democracy overnight; each has to pass through a period of time before democracy can flourish in the country. The Myanmar should directly copy the western democracy as it is a great difference in historical background, and cultural and social life between the industrialized nations and Myanmar. Hence, the Myanmar should have a suitable policy for her human society. The mere introduction of orders and laws will not be enough to establish a democratic society since the industrialized nations had tried to adapt to the democratic rights and responsibilities for generations. Hence, it is required to follow a Myanmar saying similar to the one which goes “Don’t fly without wings”. So, the Myanmar should practised lessons from the bitter experiences of these nations, democratic nation. Thus, the Myanmar should copy the leading role in national politics in Myanmar. At a time when we are trying to build a democratic nation, national capitalists are not in a position to take the leading role, so the Tatmadaw should shoulder the responsibilities whenever there arise complicated problems. Thus, the Myanmar should follow a democratic nation in the interest of one’s motherland, and to express words freely; to make contact with outside and to express words freely; and that it is the one in which the nation is on its holidays on 5 and 6 June, it is found that there is no permanent enemy. Permanent enemy is to be imbued with enmity. If such interferences cannot be warded off, the existing Tatmadaw government is convening the National Convention for ensuring the national reconciliation and for the emergence of a democratic nation. Some foreign broadcasting stations and big nations are fabricating news to harm the effect that the National Convention is a sham one that the meeting is the one in which the delegates have been oppressed by the military government, that the Tatmadaw has to shoulder the responsibilities. Hence, it is impossible for the Tatmadaw to play the leading role in national politics as enemy or friend: one who is always been foreign to your presence but gossips about you behind your back.

(2) concept of excluding the Tatmadaw from the leading role in national politics

This rightist concept was once tried in Myanmar in 1963, but it was a failure. The Ayeydawbon Party, which had a majority power in the government, was pointed at as communists. The concept looked forward to the practising of socialism immediately in a developing nation without putting capitalism into practice. Therefore, their attempt was met with an end because it was not in conformity with the way of living of Myanmar society. The Myanma Socialist Programme Party met a similar fate. Some political groups relying on western countries follow this concept of excluding the Tatmadaw from the leading role in national politics.

It is not the first time for the Tatmadaw to play the leading role in national politics. In World War II, Myanmar patriotic youths underwent military training in order to establish a Tatmadaw and then to launch independence struggles. The Tatmadaw took the initiative and led the independence movement. In contrast, Myanmar under the pretext of Dabayin incident, ILO matter, child soldier and otherwise to you without your written consent. The one who keeps a secret of yours, and protects you when you face danger risking his life. The one who prevents you from doing evil deeds and directs you to engage in good deeds.

(Translation: MS + TS)

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

Myanmar Women's Day

Myanmar should take the role in national politics as a candidate for building a democratic nation, Therefore, the National Convention must play the leading role in national politics. After its assumption of the State's responsibilities, the Tatmadaw government abolished the centralized economic and political systems of socialism, and the introduced market-oriented economic and political system so as to build a democratic nation.

The Tatmadaw is conducting an economic and political reorganisation to bring about economic productivity. As such, it has been translating the State's seven-point programme to make contact with outside and to express words freely; and that it is the one in which the nation is on its holidays on 5 and 6 June, it is found that there is no permanent enemy. Permanent enemy is to be imbued with enmity. If such interferences cannot be warded off, the existing Tatmadaw government is convening the National Convention for ensuring the national reconciliation and for the emergence of a democratic nation. Some foreign broadcasting stations and big nations are fabricating news to harm the effect that the National Convention is a sham one that the meeting is the one in which the delegates have been oppressed by the military government, that the Tatmadaw has to shoulder the responsibilities. Hence, it is impossible for the Tatmadaw to play the leading role in national politics as enemy or friend: one who is always been foreign to your presence but gossips about you behind your back.

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National race delegates group ...

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U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of the delegate group of national races presided over the plenary meeting together with NCC Work Committee member Daw Khin Nu, U Tun Yin Law of the delegate group of political parties, U Yaw Aye Hla of the delegate group of representatives-elect, U Mya Aye of the delegate group of peasants, Dr Myo Thant Tin of the delegate group of workers, Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the delegate group of state service personnel and U Tun Aung Chein of the delegate group of other invited persons. Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of the NCC Work Committee Office acted as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as there were 1,068 delegates out of 1,088 listed, accounting for 98.16 per cent. Next, the delegate group of national races read out its proposals concerning detailed basic principles for the distribution of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in the framing of the State Constitution.

On the occasion, U Khun Kyaw Thu of Shan State, read out a proposal for the defence and security sector and the foreign affairs sector; and Daw In Bran Dwebu of Kachin State, a proposal for the finance and planning sector. Later, the plenary meeting went into recess at 10.10 am.

The plenary meeting resumed at 10.40 am. On the occasion, Daw Ma Khin Win of Rakhine State read out a proposal for the economic sector and the agriculture and livestock breeding sector. The plenary meeting went into recess for lunch at 11.15 am, and resumed at 2 pm.

On the occasion, Daw Myint Myint Kyu of Mon State read out a proposal for the energy, electricity, mining and forestry sector, the industrial sector and the transport and communication sector; U Aung Lin Hlaing of Taninthayi Division, a proposal for the social sector; and Daw Nan Yi Yi Than of Sagaing Division, a proposal for the management sector, the judicial sector, the delegation of legislative power to the leading bodies of self-administered areas, the sharing and distribution of legislative power in respect of other matters not stated in the legislative lists of the Union, Region or State, as well as in those of the leading bodies of the self-administered division or zones, the delegation of legislative power to Union territories, and the enforcement of laws enacted by the leading bodies of the self-administered areas at Hluttaw at different levels.

Later, the plenary meeting of the National Convention ended at 4 pm. The meeting continues at 9 am tomorrow. — MNA

128 jade lots fetch euro 2.4m

YANGON, 29 June — A total of 128 jade lots fetched euro 2,447,484 at the special jade and gem sales for 2004 at Gems Mart here today. Altogether 853 merchants — from page 16

478 from abroad and 375 local merchants — attended the sale of jade through tender system. It will continue tomorrow. Chairman of Central Committee to Hold the Special Jade and Gems Sales Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Secretary Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and members supervised the sale of jade through tender system. — MNA

National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs the attendance register. — MNA

Central Executive Committee of MWJA meets

YANGON, 29 June — Meeting No 6/2004 of Central Executive Committee for Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association took place at the meeting hall of second floor of Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street this afternoon. It was attended by Vice-Chairman of MWJA U Than Maung (Than Maung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay), joint-secretaries and executives.

During the meeting, Vice-Chairman U Than Maung presided over the meeting together with Joint-Secretary U Khin Swe (Shwe Son Nyo) as master of ceremonies. After Vice-Chairman U Than Maung had made a speech on the occasion, Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) presented reports on resolutions of previous meeting No 5/2004. Next, leaders of various groups made suggestions and U Than Maung gave concluding remarks. — MNA
The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago.

The second best time is now.
ASEAN finishes draft regional security plan

JAKARTA, 28 June — After two days of lengthy deliberations, senior officials from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have finalized a draft plan of action for the establishment of a regional security community.

The ASEAN Security Community (ASC) idea was first initiated by Indonesia, the current chair of the ASEAN, as a means of handling security issues and disputes through a regional framework rather than bilaterally or through international forums.

The draft would be submitted to the ASEAN foreign ministers for endorsement during their 37th annual ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) in Jakarta on Tuesday.

“We are now in a position to submit the draft to the ASEAN ministerial meeting (AMM),” Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Marty A Natalegawa was quoted Monday by The Jakarta Post as saying.

The spokesman made the statement on Sunday after the senior officials meeting (ASEAN-SOM) in Jakarta.

The ASEAN-SOM will end its session on Monday. Foreign ministers of ASEAN will decide whether or not to endorse the draft on Tuesday.

Their meeting comes ahead of security talks of ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) on Friday with ASEAN’s 13 dialogue partners, including all the major world powers.

Once the ASEAN foreign ministers endorse such a draft, the document will then be adopted by ASEAN leaders at a summit in November in Laos. In a rotating system, Laos will assume the chairmanship of ASEAN from Indonesia.

Marty stressed the ASC draft would remain confidential even after the AMM meeting. — MNA/Xinhua

“Fahrenheit 9/11” becomes a No 1 hit across America

LOS ANGELES, 28 June — Bush-bash-
ing became the nation’s favourite spectac-
ator sport over the weekend as Michael
Moore’s red-hot documentary “Fahrenheit
9/11” earned more in its first three days of
release across North America than his pre-
vious record-breaking movie did in its
entire run.

According to studio estimates issued on Sunday, “Fahrenheit 9/11,” in which Moore takes aim at US President George W Bush, and the war in Iraq, opened at No 1 after selling about 21.8 million US dollars worth of tickets in the United
States and Canada since June 25. — MNA/Reuters

Conference on public media, service opens in Prague

PRAGUE, 28 June — The Public Service Broadcasting Conference, organized by the global union organization Union Network International (UNI), with themes of media as a public service and its independence from state influence opened in Prague Saturday.

“The conference will deal with, among other things, the existence of such media in new EU member countries,” said Antonin Dekoj, a union leader with public broadcaster Czech Television (CT) and a par-
ticipant at the conference.

Representatives of public media and their union or-
izations from Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France,
Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Serbia and Montenegro and other countries will give speeches and take part on the state of public broad-
casters at the conference.

Members of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and the European Commis-
sion will also speak at the con-
ference. Some of the contribu-
tions to the conference will
deal with the “European so-
cial dialogue” or the funding of public broadcasters.

Head of Czech Radio (CRo) VACLAV KASKIS, mem-
bers of CRo and CT union groups and head of media union groups as well as un-
brella trade union leader member Milan Stech will par-
ticipate in the conference. — MNA/Xinhua

Singaporean thumb's out a mobile phone record

SINGAPORE, 29 June — A 23-year-old Singaporean woman appears to have set a world record for sending text messages over a mobile phone, underlining Asia’s growing obsession with mobile phone technology.

Kimberly Yeo thumbed 26 words in 43.24 seconds into her phone, beating a world record of 67 seconds for the same words set by a Briton last September, said Singapore’s dominant tele-
phone carrier, Singapore Telecommunications Ltd, on Monday.

Mobile phones are an ubiquitous accessory in tech-
ology-savvy Singapore where more than four out of five peo-
ple own a handset, giving the wealthy city-state one of the world’s highest mobile phone penetration rates.

At a contest in front of a department store on Sunday, Yeo was among 125 people timed by SingTel and a panel of independent officials to see how fast they could type the following 160-character message: “The razor-toothed pira-
phis of the genera Serrasalmus and Pygocentrus are the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world. In reality they sel-
don attack a human.”

The message — typed in lower and upper case — is a Guinness World Records’ standard in the relatively new category of mobile phone text messaging.

SingTel said Yeo, a busi-
ness student, narrowly beat an 18-year-old Singaporean’s time of 43.66 seconds on Sun-
day but shattered the current record in the Guinness World Records of 67 seconds set by a Briton in September 2003 in Sydney, Australia. SingTel said it would submit Yeo’s time to Guinness.

“Predictive text” func-
tions which finish the spell-
ing the words typed into a phone and other spelling aids were barred from the con-
test, SingTel said.

Yeo, who won a 10,250 US dollars in cash for her nimble thumbs, said she sends out about an average of 1,500 text messages a month to friends and family. — MNA/Reuters

67 illegal workers uncovered in Sydney

CANNING, 29 June — A total of 67 illegal workers have been uncovered in a police operation in Austral-
a’s largest city of Sydney for the past two days.

The illegal workers were located at more than 60 addresses, including liquor stores, restau-
rant kitchens, building sites and homes, said Immigration Minister Amanda Vanstone in a state-
ment Saturday.

Fifteen of the 67 illegal workers were women. And among the total, 57 were unlawfully non-citizens and 10 were found working in breach of their visa con-
tentions, said the minister. — MNA/Xinhua

Dhaka takes measures to curb women, children trafficking

DHAKA, 28 June — The Bangladesh Home Ministry on Sunday discussed meas-
ures to significantly reduce crimes related to trafficking in women and children.

Six steps to reduce the crimes were raised at a meet-
ing held at the Home Ministry and chaired by State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babar. They include revival of the police anti-trafficking unit, appointment of a special pros-
cutor for dealing with traf-
icking cases in “speedcourt”, according to Babar on Monday. Babar said that the government is serious about the problem and trying to solve it. Police officials are trying to prepare a list of the people behind the illegal trade and ac-
tion will be taken soon in this aspect. — MNA/Xinhua

Gas crisis causes power supply shortfall in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 28 June — The average shortfall in power generation of Bangladesh now stands at 400 megawatt (MW) a day due to gas crisis, reported the New Nation on Sunday.

Official records showed the state-owned power plants under the Power Development Board (PDB) and the private companies generate around 3,400 MW electricity a day against a daily demand of 3,800 MW, as industries of the country and residents are suffering from disruptions of power supply frequently in the current summer season.

The power sector of the country needs around 712 million cubic feet (mmcf) gas per day to generate electricity from the gas-based power stations, but the actual output is around 600 mmcf per day, leaving a huge gap between demand and supply. To make things worse, the power sta-
tions failed to generate electricity as per their capacity also because 10 out of 65 units of power stations under PDB closed recently for overhauling and technical faults. — MNA/Xinhua

Desalination of sea water and low quality ground water is now a realistic part solution to Australia’s long-term water crisis caused by changing weather patterns, scientists say. Here a fisherman on a lake north of Sydney. — Internet
**Germans admire Rehhagel**

BERLIN, 29 June—He is nicknamed “Rehhakles” by the German media for taking Greece to the Euro 2004 semifinals and is mentioned as a possible coach of Germany, yet Otto Rehhagel stirs conflicting emotions at home.

“Otto has always massively polarized opinion,” said a Bild newspaper reporter who has known him for years. “He’s got a lot of fans but there are many who can’t stand him.”

Rehhagel won three Bundesliga titles in 30 years and his career included the improbable feat of taking promoted Kaiserslautern to the championship in 1997.

Three years later he was unemployed, before Greece came calling. He has taken them to the semifinals of the European Championship with a style of management labelled “democratic dictatorship.”

Rehhagel, 65, is seen in Germany as a loose cannon, someone never fully in control of his emotions. He is mocked for his flowery language even though his admirers are enthralled by his blunt style and undeniable success.

“Rehhagel acts like he invented everything and knows everything better than everyone else,” Sven Goldmann, sports editor of Der Tagesspiegel newspaper, told Reuters.

“But there is nevertheless a lot of admiration for what he’s accomplished in Greece with such an anti-quated style of play.”

After beating champions France on Friday, the 65-year-old went on German television and worked himself into a fast-talking lather. With his eyes popping, Rehhagel appeared on the brink of losing control.

It was a performance that reminded many why no German clubs wanted to hire him after he left Kaiserslautern in 2000.

“If the Greeks could understand everything he said, their relationship with him would probably be different,” said Goldmann.

Rehhagel’s on-air theatrics may also have reduced the chances of him succeeding Rudi Voeller, who quit as Germany coach after they were dumped out of Euro 2004’s first round.

Denmark’s Olsen rues missed chances

PORTO, 28 June—Denmark coach Morten Olsen will hold a post mortem with his team after second-half errors handed the Czech Republic a 3-0 win in their Euro 2004 quarterfinal on Sunday.

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“Then after five minutes (of the second half) we made a big mistake,” Olsen said referring to the 2.02-metre Koller being allowed a free header from a corner.

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Prince Felipe receives Olympic flame in Spain

MADRID, 28 June—Spain’s Crown Prince Felipe received the Olympic flame in Madrid today, the cheers of thousands of Spaniards on Sunday as the capital marked its bid to host the 2012 Games.

The flame, on a six-week relay back to Athens for the Olympics in August, arrived by plane from Athens to Madrid’s Barajas airport on Sunday and was wrong, but we are not going to do anything about it. There will be no protest,” he said.

Nedved was cautioned after 61 minutes when he seemed to be the victim of simulation by Danish winger Jesper Gronkjaer.

Nedved told reporters on Monday that he was very mindful of what had happened to him in 2003 when he was suspended from the European Cup final after collecting two yellow cards for playing for Juventus against Real Madrid in the semifinals.

“I know I have to be very careful or I could miss the final if we go through,” he said.

“But also I know that is a match in the semifinals and it is difficult because there is a lot of pressure.”

“I want to give a total performance, with full commitment, and it is difficult to be very careful when you feel like this.”

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Baros says he was exhausted against Denmark

LONDON, 29 June—Czech Republic striker Milan Baros says he felt so exhausted during the first half of his team’s 3-0 Euro 2004 quarter-final victory over Denmark that he could barely breathe.

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Spanish Prince Felipe lights a cauldron with a torch during a lighting ceremony for a symbolic Olympic flame at Madrid’s Puerta de AlcalÌÁ on Sunday 27 June, 2004. The games are scheduled to take place in Athens, Greece, August 2004.

Oscar Granada, New York and Paris is under consideration for the 2012 Games, has based the bid for its first Olympics on the efficiency of its public transport system.

A string of sports personalities then relayed the torch to Madrid’s historic Plaza de la Independencia where Felipe, flanked by his new bride Letizia Ortiz, lit a replica of the Olympic cauldron beneath a huge stone ceremonial arch.

“As this flame travels across the five continents symbolized by the five Olympic rings, it is linking peoples, removing political, religious, racial, social and cultural barriers,” Spanish International Olympic Committee member Princess Pilar de Borbon told the crowd.

The flame then left for Barcelona, which hosted the 1992 Olympics, on its tour of 33 cities in 34 days. For the first time the torch will take in five of the continents represented by the Olympic rings.

Spain’s low-key celebrations, however, were dwarfed by crowds of 80,000 people who gathered at a rock concert in London to receive the Olympic flame on Saturday.

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 29 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain has been isolated in Chin State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered to Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (4.02 inches), Ye (3.66 inches), Thoton (2.17 inches), Hkamti (1.73 inches) and Mogok (1.65 inches).

- Maximum temperature on 28-6-2004 was 28.0°C (82°F).
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Prime Minister Khin Nyunt inspects tasks for extension of Yangon International Airport — MNA

Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co Ltd reported on constructing the drainage system, bored pile casting preparatory work, preparations for water supply, electricity and sanitation systems, car parking construction, runway and apron extension and arrangements for providing facilities in accord with the standard of international airport. Minister for Transport then gave a supplementary report.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave instructions on implementation of the tasks which can be done during the rainy season for completion of the project as scheduled. The Prime Minister inspected the project site and gave necessary instructions. Next, the Prime Minister inspected sanitation along Bogyoke Aung San Road, Sule Pagoda Road and Strand Road, turning of road, construction of pavements, planting of coconut trees along Strand Road between Sin-o-dan jetty and Warden jetty and Strand Road in Ahtlon and Kymeinyindine Townships. — MNA

Foreign military attaches observe National Convention proceedings

Present at the plenary meeting were Chairmen of the National Convention Convening Committee, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members; National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members; National Convention Convening Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members; Chairmen of various subcommittees and officials; media personnel; delegates of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, the National Unity Party, the Union Kayin League, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party and the Wa National Development Party; representatives-elect of the National Unity Party and the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization; independent representatives-elect; national race delegates, peasant delegates and worker delegates of Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagain Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division; intellectuals and intelligentsia; members of the delegate group of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council, the Wa National Development Party, the President’s Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General’s Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries; other invited delegates; representatives of peace groups from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (South) Special Region-3, Shan State (North Special Region-2), Shan State (South) Special Region-1; Shan State (North) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Shan State (North) Special Region-7, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, the Kayin National Democratic Party (KNNDP) Dragon Group, the Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Splits, Hoya), the Kayin National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Na), the Shan State Nationalities People’s Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha), the New Mon State Party, the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA), the Haungthaw Special Region Group, the Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group of Hpa-an Township of Kayin State which exchanged arms for peace, the Shan State National Army, the group led by U Saw Tun Oo of Rakhine State, the Homein Region Welfare and Development Group, the Shwepyiayi (MTA) Group, the Manpun Regional Militia Group, the Mon Armed Peace Group (Chuangchi Region), the Mon (Splinter) Nat Sai Group and the Arakanese Army (AA).

Led by Dean of the Military Attachés of Foreign Missions, Japanese Military Attaché to Myanmar Col Hideaki Kitahara, the military attaches from Pakistan, Thailand, Laos, Russia, Cambodia, Bangladesh, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Vietnam and China attended today’s plenary meeting as observers. Before the plenary session, NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members and NC delegates signed in the attendance registers in Pyidaungsu Hall, where the National Convention is being held, and at the Recreation Centre.

Next, NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, together with Vice-Chairman Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, cordially greeted foreign military attaches led by Japanese Military Attaché Col Hideaki Kitahara.

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