Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses graduation parade of 108th intake of OTS

YANGON, 11 April — The graduation parade of the 108th intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School took place on the parade ground of the school in Bahtoo Tatmyo this morning. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, delivered an address.

He said that he would like to explain what the cadets should know. Because of their discipline, efforts and qualifications as rankers, the cadets were permitted to attend theOTS. Today, they will be commissioned. The Tatmadaw is a patriotic institution born of the independence struggle. Since its formation the Tatmadaw has been re-laying the 12 noble traditions it has inherited to new generations. It is the noble tradition of Tatmadaw that its members, because of their patriotic spirit, even dare to sacrifice their lives for the nation. Because of their ability to make sacrifices, they have endurance and courage and are able to overcome difficulties. Moreover, the Tatmadaw has become stronger due to its good morale, discipline, loyalty, unity and qualifications. Thus, the Tatmadaw has won the respect and love of the people. The cadets will be assigned as junior leaders discharging their duties in accord with the 12 noble traditions. They should be imbued with the 16 leadership qualifications. A leader should have the ability to command a group and do his duty well till the aims are achieved. Hence, they should know themselves well, should always try to enhance their skills, should always get in touch with their subordinates and should train them. They should know the priority, should distribute the chain of command correctly and should learn the experiences of their seniors. They should have the ability to make correct decisions and decisive orders and organize their subordinates to work with strong conviction. They should overcome the difficulties even in a situation which seems hopeless.

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YANGON 11 April — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Defence Services Lieutenant-General Aung Myint, who won the best cadet award.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
**U Tin Win accredited to Germany**

**Yangon, 12 April** — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the State of Israel, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany.

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**Seventh novitiation and ordination ceremony of PBANRDA**

**Yangon, 11 April** — The seventh novitiation and ordination ceremony of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs took place at Dhamma Beikmawndaw of National Races Development School in Hlin Central Township on March 15 this year. The ceremony was presided over by the Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayidaw U Khin Maung Sein. The ceremony was attended by officials, family members, and wellwishers. The congregation received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw. The minister and wife and officials offered alms to members of the Sangha. After the ceremony the congregation shared the merits with members of the Sangha. Altogether 72 men were ordained and 59 boys novitiated at the ceremony.

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**PPE holds novitiation and ordination ceremony**

**Yangon, 11 April** — The Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information held its novitiation and ordination ceremony at Yadana Beikmawndaw Parattha, in Mayangon Township, this morning. The ceremony was attended by officials and wellwishers. The congregation received the Five Precepts from Yadana Beikmawndaw Parattha Sayadaw. The minister presented concluding certificates to members of the Sangha. Altogether 72 men were ordained and 59 boys novitiated at the ceremony. — MNA

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**Appointment of Ambassador agreed on**

**Yangon, 12 April** — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of His Excellency Mr Thompson Sunday Olufonso Olumoko as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Union of Myanmar.

Born in 1950, Mr Thompson Sunday Olufonso Olumoko received a Bachelor of Science (Political Science) degree from Ibadan University in 1974 and Master of Arts from the New School for Social Research, New York in 1982. He joined the diplomatic service in 1975 and has served in various capacities at the Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Missions in Geneva, New York, Vienna and Rome.

Mr Thompson Sunday Olufonso Olumoko will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.

He is married and has three children. — MNA

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**Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein offers provisions to a member of the Sangha.** — MNA

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**Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt and wife present offerteries to a Sayadaw.** — PBANRDA

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**Director-General Dr Thein Myint briefly addressed the minister on work carried out in the fourth year of the centre.**

Next, the director-general presented a gift to the minister. The minister presented gifts to resource persons who presented their papers at the paper reading session held from 7 to 9 April.

The director-general of HED (Upper Myanmar) presented course concluding certificates to those who passed the Diploma in IT course jointly conducted by NCRC and KMD Company. — MNA
Iraqis rally on second anniversary of occupation

BAGHDAD, 10 April — Tens of thousands of Iraqis rallied across Iraq on Saturday, demanding a swift withdrawal of foreign forces two years after they toppled former President Saddam Hussein.

The demonstrators, most of them supporters of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, chanted “No, no to terrorism,” “No, no to America” and “No, no to occupation,” as they marched through Baghdad streets toward Firdus Square (Paradise Square) where a towering statue of Saddam was pulled down two years ago.

Sadr’s supporters were all dressed in orange prison jump suits and in handcuffs, in a clear reference to the outfits US authorities use for detainees at Guantanano Bay, Cuba.

Some supporters brandished the notorious picture of a naked Iraqi detainee with wires attached to his body, a reminder of the Abu Ghraib Prison scandal.

The effigies of US President George W Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and toppled Saddam were burned in the streets.

Police vehicles cordoned off the main roads in central Baghdad and two major bridges across the Tigris River that bisect the city.

US forces kept a distance from the rally.

India rejects contention on vote regarding UNSC expansion

UNITED NATIONS, 11 April — Rejecting the contention that expansion of UN Security Council through a General Assembly vote would lead to dangerous divisions, India has asserted that those giving this argument want to prevent the democratization of the powerful body.

Branding as recipe for inaction the contention that the Council’s expansion would lead to dangerous divisions, India has asserted that those giving this argument want to prevent the democratization of the powerful body. India, Japan, Germany and Brazil, comprising Group of Four or G-4, want to move a set of resolutions in the Assembly in next few months seeking expansion of the Council, permanent seats for themselves and amendment of Charter for the purpose.

Annan had proposed that member states reach an agreement on expansion of the Council before mid-September summit of the world leaders at the United Nations.

East African states negotiate with Sudan, Egypt on River Nile

KAMPALA, 11 April — The governments of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania have started fresh negotiations with Sudan and Egypt on the optimal use of the River Nile, a senior Ugandan official has said.

Permanent Secretary in Uganda’s Water Ministry Bezael Kabanda was quoted by Saturday’s New Vision newspaper as saying that the negotiations were aimed at reviewing the colonial agreements that gave the two Arab countries a say in any developments related to the Nile.

Kabanda said particular concern was over the 1929 agreement that gave Egypt a greater say in determining any developments related to the Nile.

He said the agreements provided that any developments in the countries related to the Nile had to be carried out with the consent of Egypt.

However, Kabanda said the new negotiations aimed at putting aside some of the old agreements and for new ones to be put in place to benefit all the countries in the Nile Basin.

IT Asia Century to come from cooperation of China, India

BANGALORE (India), 11 April — The IT Asia Century would come if China and India would learn from each other and further cooperate in this regard, according to Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao here Sunday.

"If China and India could take the lead in the IT cooperation in the world, it means the IT Asia Century would come," said Wen when he visited Tata Consultancy Service (TCS) the largest software consultant service in Asia.

He added if IT represents the development of science and economy, the cooperation will foresee the prosperity of the two countries. "The day of prosperity will come definitely," said Wen.

Wen’s visit to TCS is the first item on his India tour agenda. After hearing the introduction by S. Ramadorra, CEO of the TCS, Wen said Sino-Indian friendship is rooted in the peoples of the two countries, and cooperation also lies in the enterprises and individuals of all circles.

The IT industry relies on two factors, Wen said, one is brain and the other is market. Both China and India have talents, and there is a big market in the world, thus as long as the two sides work together, they would see a new horizon, he added.

China and India have maintained close cooperation in the IT industry, especially after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee visited China in 2003, cooperation in all fields has been upgraded.

The TCS, specializing in software designing and information handling, established the first Indian-owned company in China in 1996, and now it has offices in Beijing and Shanghai, as well as a research centre in Hangzhou. China’s Huawei telecommunication company also opened a research centre in Bangalore.

"China has advantage in hardware, and India in software, and the IT industry of the two countries would take the lead in the world with complementary cooperation," he said.

Wen attributed the booming IT industry of the two countries to the splendid culture foundation and the people’s wisdom and hard-working.

China has also developed rapidly in IT industry, he said, noting China now has 500 million phone users and almost 100 million computers.

India is the final leg of Wen’s four-nation South Asian tour. “China and India are like two towers, and only if the two sides cooperate could they achieve prosperity and progress,” Wen said.

South Korean President arrives Berlin

BERLIN, 11 April — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun arrived here on Sunday, starting a five-day state visit to Germany.

The visit will likely focus on bilateral economic cooperation and the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula.

During the visit, an agreement will be signed to exchange energy technologies and promote cooperation between the two countries’ small- and medium-sized companies.

The two sides are also expected to set up a joint information technology centre.

US soldiers inspect the remains of a car after it detonated next to a passing army Strayer vehicle in the town of Mosul, 400 kilometres north of Baghdad recently.
Indian PM calls for stepping up investment in agriculture

NEW DELHI, 11 April — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday urged Indian industry to help usher in a second green revolution by stepping up investment in agriculture and through public-private partnership.

"We need a second green revolution in agriculture based on new technologies and modern business practices. New technologies will enable farmers to make informed choices and undertake product planning in a demand-driven rather than supply-driven mode," Manmohan Singh said here.

Addressing the Agriculture Summit 2005 organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in cooperation with the Agriculture Ministry, the Prime Minister sought recommendations to help "evolve a national consensus" to boost agriculture growth and farm incomes.

"I am concerned that the institutional framework for providing long-term capital for investment in agriculture is weak," said the Prime Minister. He stressed that for the country to achieve 7-8 per cent annual economic growth, "we have to accelerate the rate of growth in agriculture."— MNA/Xinhua

China ready to work with India on bilateral ties

BANGALORE, 11 April — Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao arrived here Saturday night on a four-day visit, saying China was ready to work with India to handle bilateral relations from a strategic perspective and properly settle questions left over from history.

The Chinese Government attaches "great importance to developing good neighbourly relations and friendly cooperation with India," Wen said in a statement issued after his arrival here.

He said China stands ready to work with India to view and handle our bilateral relations from a strategic perspective bearing in mind the larger picture, expand and deepen exchanges and cooperation in all areas and properly settle questions left over from history, with a view to bringing China-India ties to a new high.

Wen, who will be holding talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and other leaders in Delhi on Monday, said the purpose of his visit was to enhance China-India friendship, expand mutually beneficial cooperation and promote bilateral relations.

"I am looking forward to indepth exchange of views on a wide range of issues, including bilateral ties and other issues of common interest with Indian leaders and people from all spectra of life," he said.

"I hope and believe that my visit will inject fresh vigour and vitality into relations between China and India", the Chinese Premier, who is accompanied by a 100-member delegation, said.

Noting that China and India were nextdoor neighbours with friendly exchanges dating back to ancient times, Wen said the bilateral relations have shown a "positive momentum" of allround development since the dawn of the 21st Century.

"As the world's two major developing countries, China and India will exert positive influence on peace and development in Asia and the world at large when we live in peace, deepen mutual trust and expand cooperation.

"Bringing with me the friendly sentiments of the Chinese people towards the people of India, I have come to the Republic of India for an official visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh," he said. "I wish to take this opportunity to convey cordial greetings and good wishes to the people of India", Wen said.

The Chinese Premier was given a warm welcome on his arrival here with Chinese nationals holding the Indian national tricolour and China's national flag. — MNA/PTI

Philippines, Vietnam vow to cooperate with China in S China Sea

CEBU (The Philippines), 11 April — The Philippines and Vietnamese Governments Sunday vowed to play acting roles in cooperation with China in the South China Sea.

At a meeting, Philippine Foreign Minister Alberto Romulo and Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duc Nien reiterated their countries' commitment to the ASEAN-China Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea and to seek their stronger bilateral ties.

Vietnam and the Philippines are at the forefront of cooperation and confidence building in the South China Sea, Romulo said after the meeting with his Vietnamese counterpart upon the 10th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Retreat here.

The Philippines and China signed an agreement for joint marine seismic undertaking in the South China Sea during Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's visit to China last September and Vietnam also joined it this March, which is viewed as a significant measure to strengthen ASEAN-China cooperation and pave the way for the future settlement of the South China Sea dispute.

Romulo said that they had discussed a host of another bilateral issues and areas of cooperation, particularly in the context of the 30th anniversary of Philippine-Vietnam relations and the forthcoming meeting of two countries joint commission on bilateral cooperation. "We have had 30 years of fruitful relations and we look forward to even more productive and successful cooperative endeavours, particularly in the area of trade and investment," he said.— MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen kill aide of al-Sadr in southern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 April — Gunmen shot dead an aide of the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in southern Baghdad, Sadr's spokesman said Saturday.

"Gunmen opened fire late Friday at the car of Fadhil al-Shawky, killing him and wounding two of his guards in Doura neighbourhood in southern Baghdad," said the spokesman. Shawky was heading to Baghdad from Karbala to take part in the Sunday morning protest against the US occupation of Iraq, according to the spokesman, without revealing further details. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao (L) visits Bangladesh's Chittagong University on November 11, 2005. Source: cnsphoto

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**Wen Jiabao’s visit to Bangladesh successful**

DHAKA, 11 April — Given the emphasis laid on specific areas of cooperation between Bangladesh and China, the visit of Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao to Bangladesh on 7-8 April, even though short, should be considered as a successful one, a local newspaper said Sunday.

Commenting on the outcome of the visit, The New Age said in an editorial that in the joint communique issued at the end of the Chinese Premier’s visit, the Chinese side offered to assist Bangladesh include, among others, nuclear energy, water management, trade and investment, training of security and defence personnel, infrastructure development, technical assistance, tourism, construction and communication.

During the visit, the Chinese Premier pointedly mentioned that his country would offer concessional facilities for imports from Dhaka to narrow the trade gap between the two countries and would also give fiscal incentives to Chinese entrepreneurs for investing in Banglades in three sectors, namely, home appliances, light engineering and agro-based industries, the editorial said.

Declaring 2005 as the "Year of China-Bangladesh Friendship" to mark the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the joint communique represents an agreement to promote development of multi-dimensional and multi-level trade and economic cooperation between the two countries, the editorial said.

"This appears quite significant that it tends to suggest serious commitment of the Chinese side to promote closer bilateral economic ties at a much higher level than it exists now," it added.

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**South Korea actress Yang Mi-kyung (R) attends a promotional event in Hong Kong on 9 April, 2005. Yang is in Hong Kong to promote the Korean Agriculture Festival. —INTERNET**

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**An elephant sprays water on spectators as part of the Songkran festival in Bangkok on 9 April, 2005. The Songkran festival marks the start of the Thai traditional New Year, which falls on 13 April 2005.**

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IMAGES OF GOODWILL VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER
LT-GEN SOE WIN TO CAMBODIA

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen take the salute of the Guard of Honour. — MNA

Family members of Myanmar embassy in Cambodia welcome Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win. — MNA

A Cambodian damsel presents a garland to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win. — MNA
Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attends welcoming ceremony in Cambodia

YANGON, 11 April— At the invitation of Prime Minister of Kingdom of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar accompanied by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and departmental heads arrived at Phnom Penh International Airport in Phnom Penh at 11.45 am local time on 8 April.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win who alighted from the aircraft was presented a garland by a Cambodian girl.

Next, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party were greeted by Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen and the welcoming party.

At the welcoming ceremony, the two Prime Ministers went to the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. At the time, the State Band played the anthems of the two countries. Later, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and his counterpart inspected the Guard of Honour. Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen presented the Deputy Prime Ministers, the ministers, the deputy ministers and senior officials to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Next, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win greeted the ambassadors, Myanmar Ambassador Dr Aung Naing and wife Daw Aye Mi San, embassy staff, families and the school boys and girls waving the miniature flags.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen take the salute of the Guard of Honour. — MNA
Cambodian Prime Minister hosts dinner in honour of Myanmar delegation led by Lt-Gen Soe Win

YANGON, 11 April—Myanmar Delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win was hosted a dinner by Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen of the Kingdom of Cambodia at Hotel Inter-Continental in Phnom Penh at 7 pm on 8 April.

Also present at the dinner were the ministers, the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar ambassador and departmental heads.

The Cambodian Prime Minister was accompanied by the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister, the Ministers, the deputy ministers, the Cambodian ambassador to Myanmar, senior officials and the ambassadors from the ASEAN countries.

At the dinner, the two Prime Ministers proposed toasts. During the dinner, the artistes of the Cambodian cultural troupe entertained the guests with the songs and the traditional dances.

The two Prime Ministers then presented the Cambodian cultural troupe the bouquets.

Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen hosts a dinner in honour of Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win. — MNA

Prime Minister Li-Gen Soe Win returns from three-nation visits

YANGON, 11 April—Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen of the Kingdom of Cambodia met with Prime Minister Li-Gen Soe Win and party at Hotel Inter-Continental in Phnom Penh on 9 April.

Next, Prime Minister Li-Gen Soe Win and party together with Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen arrived at Phnom Penh International Airport in Phnom Penh at 7.30 am.

Prime Minister Li-Gen Soe Win and Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen then took the salute of the Guard of Honour while the anthems of the two countries were played.

Prime Minister Li-Gen Soe Win cordially greeted the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister, the ministers, the deputy ministers, seniors officials, the ambassadors, the Myanmar ambassador and wife, embassy staff and families, school boys and girls and the public at the airport.

Next, Prime Minister Li-Gen Soe Win and party left there and arrived back here later in the morning.—MNA
codes of conduct, which are the base of discipline. The people of Myanmar love, respect and obey the leaders who observe the codes of conduct. Myanmar has a saying, which goes, “If the senior officials do not observe discipline, the subordinates will be worse at it. Thus, the leader should be an example in observing discipline. The cadets should observe discipline, with greater degree, as they are going to play a role in the armed institution.

When the Tatmadaw took over the State duties, the general situation in disarray. Due to external and internal investigation, the nation became a gangland, where administrative machinery came to a halt, and anarchy was reigning under the slogans of democracy. Because of anarchy that ruled the nation during the unrest, the Tatmadaw had come to realize the need to adopt the discipline-flourishing democracy in accord with the people’s wish. First, the Tatmadaw restored peace and stability and the rule of law in the nation. History stands witness to the fact that the danger of Union disintegration and losing independence and sovereignty has threatened the nation. And whenever the danger looms ahead, the Tatmadaw joins hands with the people, wards off the danger and saves the nation. Thus, Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of the national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty — have been designated as the national policy.

Important changes have been taking place in all the political, economic and social sectors to materialize the discipline-flourishing democracy. The Tatmadaw Government has laid down the...
Management field becomes wider to ... (from page 8)

12 objectives to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. It is systematically implementing projects with four outlooks — the political outlook, the economic outlook, the administrative outlook and the military outlook. Thanks to the Tatmadaw’s national consolidation drive, 17 groups which followed the armed struggle line for over 40 years have returned to the legal fold. They are joining hands with the Tatmadaw Government in carrying out regional development tasks. The Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races has been formed with the Head of State at the helm. The Committee has used over K 65,000 million for the border areas and races nacional development tasks. Thanks to the participation of the local people, the tasks are gaining extra progress. At a time when the Tatmadaw had taken up the duties of the State unavowedly, the country lagged behind in development and its economy fell. Carrying out the tasks for peace and stability, the Tatmadaw laid down first four-year plan and later five-year plan. It is now in the final year of the third short-term five-year plan. Economic growth rate exceeded the target. Despite imposing sanctions and hinder ances, the country, achievements were made due to the unity, participation and safeguarding of the Tatmadaw, the government and the people.

He said it is a task to be undertaken with greater momentum to acquire highly qualified human resources in an underdeveloped nation. Therefore, 24 special development regions were designated in various parts of the country. The Tatmadaw carried out the tasks for regional development and uplift of health and fitness and education. It also built roads and bridges where necessary, for closer relations among the national people. He added: Yangon-Sittway Union Highway and Thanhlin Bridge (Mawlamyine) are realizations of the dreams. He said that the government is implementing the five rural development tasks in rural areas where 70 per cent of national people live. This means that it is making efforts for equal development of the whole nation without narrowing the gap among the regions.

Now our population is over 50 million and there will be over 100 million in 30 years. After having taken up the duties of the Tatmadaw, the government was determined to fulfill food, clothing and shelter needs of the people. Therefore, it is taking the tasks for increased of cultivable lands, supply of water and quality-ity strains. The government is trying to transform conventional farming into mechanized farming. Now there is sufficiency of rice in the country for over 54 million of people. The government has been undertaking the 30-year economic plan and making efforts for region-wise rice sufficiency.

Also, he said that efforts are to be made to become a rich developed industrialized nation. The government is attempting to produce oil and electric power, major elements for establishment of an industrialized nation.

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At the meeting, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said there has been a relationshp between the two countries since yore. Diplomatic ties were established in 1955, and there have been reciprocal good wills and visits of views between the two nations. During the visits the agreements and MoUs were signed, he added. He believed that as Vientnam has joined the Asean Economic Coorporation Strategy (ACMEC), sub-regional economy will develop more. The Prime Minister said he was delighted and honoured to see the tourism sector of Vietnam has joined the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1995. He said, Vietnam has chosen the goal and plan and later five-year economic plan and development tasks.

In conclusion Vice-Senior General Maung Aye urged them to strive to become good sons reliable for the Tatmadaw in accord with the aims of the course — to become qualified officers of the Defence Services (Army) and to be able to skillfully command a platoon in the battlefield. Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Hla, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Tha Thi Thuri Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye. The new cadets were also greeted by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially and by senior military officers of Baghato Station.

Efforts are to be made to become a rich developed industrialized nation. The government is attempting to produce oil and electric power, major elements for establishment of an industrialized nation.

With the fulfillment of basic requirements for emergence of a disciplined and flourishing democratic nation, seven-point Road Map was laid down in order to transfer the power to the rightful owner, the people, peacefully. As a first step, the National Convention is being held, all delegates from every town and national races are discussing detailed basic principles for emergence of an enduring State Constitution. At a time when the Tatmadaw Government and the people are building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the saboteurs holding negative views are attacking the nation with various kinds of rumours and destructive acts to harm Our Three National Causes, to destroy the National Convention, national peace and stability and the peaceful life of the people. Thus, the cadets should not be deceived by the rumours. They, with military awareness, should eradicate all the destructive acts in cooperaion with the people.
The Tatmadaw Government has laid down “Our Three Main National Causes” as the nation’s policy for enabling the entire national people to uphold and practise as their bounden duty. At the same time, it is putting into practice the four political objectives, the four economic objectives and the four social objectives after designating them as a work guideline in an attempt to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one, and then into a discipline-flourishing democratic one.

The past historic events and incidents have led to the adoption of the policies and tasks which are under way for achieving the government’s aims and objectives in the future. The national people should take a number of lessons from these historic events and incidents that have highlighted strengths to be enhanced and weaknesses to be remedied in the history of the nation.

We pensioners have got rich experiences and vast knowledge in the political sphere of the nation as we have witnessed a lot of events that have taken place from the period of the independence struggle to the time of the Tatmadaw Government. Recently, we have held discussions on the nation’s prevailing situations based on our experiences.

“The Tatmadaw Government has designated Our Three Main National Causes as the nation’s policy, to which every future government of our nation will have to adhere. And the Tatmadaw Government adheres to the policy.”

“Some of the policies are indeed born of the nation’s historic lessons, so the entire national people including political parties and other organizations must constantly stick to it and regard it as their bounden duty.”

“Yes, I agree with you. I’m sure the nation will be able to resolve any sort of difficulties and hardships if each and every citizen adheres to Our Three Main National Causes in doing whatever tasks they undertake in the political, economic, social and national defense sectors.”

“With regard to discussions for laying down fundamental principles and detailed basic principles for the framing of the State Constitution, the National Convention has adopted the principles for the sharing of legislative power out of the legislative, executive and judicial sectors.”

“In fact, it’s the result of frank and cordial discussions of the delegates.”

“That has received an excellent media coverage, so we the people have witnessed it.”

“It’s visible such a giant step forward is due to the fact that all the delegates of the eight groups have upheld Our Three Main National Causes and held discussions with patriotism and Union Spirit along with unity and harmony.”

“You’re right! It’s because the delegates have given priority to the interests of the nation and the people rather than that of an individual, a single party or a race.”

“I think the delegates will be able to achieve similar results by speeding up the sharing of executive and judicial powers. How heartening it is for the nation!”

“The four political objectives, the four economic objectives and the four social objectives are carried in the front page of each of the daily issues and are broadcast by the TV stations every day. So, I think the people notice that very well.”

“They’re also stated in journals and magazines. But, to tell you the truth, I have less occasion in reading it, and I do only when I need to refer to it.”

“The same thing may apply to everybody. But studied carefully, it’s apparent that these objectives are necessary for the building of a modern and developed nation and then for the flourishing of genuine democracy in our nation.”

“The government is implementing the social objectives — the uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation, uplift of national prestige and integrity, preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character, uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit, and uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation — that will go well with the forthcoming political and economic changes in the nation.”

“As you know the Tatmadaw Government is shouldering its duties in accordance with these 12 objectives. Out of the four political objectives, stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, and national reconciliation have been achieved close to cent per cent. And these four objectives will continue to be implemented.”

“Regarding the two remaining political objectives — emergence of a new enduring State Constitu-
**Fish available for New Year Day release**

**Yangon, 11 April**

— Fingerlings such as Hamilton’s carp, Barbus spp., variety of carp are sold from Fisheries Camps (Laydauntkan) and (Hlawga) of Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on 17 April 2005, Myanmar New Year Day to release the fish in Mingalar Kandawgyi in Kaba Aye hill-lock, Thudukan Pagoda in Shwepyitha Township and Shwedagon Pagoda (Theweskan) in Bahan Township.

Those who want more than 1,000 fingerlings can place an order in advance contacting the following numbers, 708519, 635196, 635727.

293 drug cases exposed in March 2005

**Yangon, 11 April**

— The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 293 drug cases in total in March 2005.

The seizures made by the authorities were 31,732.5 kilos of opium powder, 12,979.6 kilos of heroin in 76 cases, 0.5727 kilos of opium oil in five cases, 1,971.5 kilos of low grade opium in 14 cases, 43,547 kilos of marijuana in 15 cases, 3.7 litres of phensydel in two cases, 38,606 stimulant tablets in 54 cases, 0.004 kilo of stimulant powder, 6.176 kilo of speciosa in five cases, 0.06 litre of cough syrup, 2,120 ampoules of diaceten, 57,992 diacafen tablets in one case, 8,499 litres of chemical liquid in three cases, six cases for failure to register and 22 others.

In this regard, action was taken against 368 offenders—293 men and 75 women.

**Training courses conclude**

**Yangon, 11 April**

The concluding of Advantaged ICT Professional Training Course No-4 and Basic ICT Professional Training Course No-6 jointly conducted by Myanmar Computer Federation and Myanmar Economic and Management Institute (MEMI), were held his morning at MICT Park in Hlne Township.

President of MCF U Thein Oo and Co-chairperson Dr Nu Nyin U delivered speeches. Next, Daw Nu Nyin presented course concluding certificates to trainees. Altogether 25 trainees attended the advanced course and 32 trainees the basic course.

**Azmil Premji is India's richest man**

**London, 11 April**

— Azmil Premji, the Chairman of software giant Wipro based in southern Indian city of Bangalore, is the richest Indian with a wealth worth Rs 311.98 billion.

Azmil Premji is the richest Indian while Mukesh and Anil Ambani, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Reliance Group respectively, are the second richest in India with a combined wealth of $41.72 billion rupees. According to Success 2005, a new business magazine launched by Eastern Eye group of publishers, Sunil Mittal, Chairman and Managing Director of Bharti Tele-Ventures, is third in the list with a wealth worth $125.52 billion rupees. He is followed by Shiv Nadar, Chairman, President and CEO, HCL Technologies (79.29 billion rupees). Others listed are - 5. Malvinder and Shivinder Singh, Chairman and Joint Managing Director of SRL, Ranbaxy and Fortis Healthcare (56.79 billion rupees), 6. Dhirubhai A. Shah, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Sun Pharmaceuticals (49.65 billion rupees), 7. Kumarmangalam Birla, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group (41.72 billion rupees), 8. Brijmohan Lall Munjal, Chairman, Hero Group (29.05 billion rupees), 9. Subash Chandra, Chairman, Zee Telefilms (28.49 billion rupees), 10. Shiv Nadar, Chairman, President and Managing Di- rector, Cipla (28.46 billion rupees), 11. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta In (28.46 billion rupees), and 12 Rahul Bajaj, Chairman, Bajaj Auto (24.90 billion rupees).
Cairo seeks Dhaka’s support for UN Security Council seat

Dhaka, 11 April — Egypt sought Bangladesh’s support to its candidacy for a permanent member of the UN Security Council, saying that Cairo reflects the aspiration of African, Arab and Muslim world.

Egyptian Ambassador to Bangladesh Ismail Abdel Rahman Ghoneim Hossain made the request when he called on Foreign Minister M. Morshed Khan here Sunday, according to the United News of Bangladesh.

They discussed matters of bilateral relations and UN reform during the meeting.

Japan seeks help from Bangladesh for UNSC seat

Dhaka, 11 April — Japan sought Bangladesh’s support to its candidacy to become a permanent member of the United Nations (UN) Security Council, reported the Daily Star on Sunday.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Masahiro Horigahchi Saturday called on Bangladesh’s Foreign Minister M. Morshed Khan and made the request during discussion on bilateral issues and UN reforms.

The Foreign Minister was quoted as saying after the meeting that Japan sought Bangladesh’s support during the talks.

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NZ earned $1.55b from international education in 2004

Wellington, 11 April — Earnings from international education in New Zealand hit 2.18 billion New Zealand dollars (1.55 billion US dollars) in 2004, the second year in row to pass 2 billion record, said a statistic report Monday.

But the foreign exchange earnings for 2004 were a little less than the record 2.21 billion NZ dollars (1.57 billion US dollars) in 2003, said the report of Export New Zealand.

The total number of foreign fee-paying students dropped from 102,136 to 94,130, but more are now studying at university and pay more, making up for the drop-off in students at language and secondary schools.

The profits figure makes international education the third-largest export earner of New Zealand after tourism and dairy products, while ahead of meat, wine and wool.

MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lankan, Chinese telecom companies sign $40m deal

Colombo, 11 April — Lanka Bell, one of Sri Lanka’s leading private fixed telecom operators said Saturday that it has signed a 4-billion-rupee (40-million-US-dollar) equipment supply contract with China’s Huawei Technologies Co Ltd.

According to the contract signed on Friday, Huawei will supply equipment to Lanka Bell for CDMA wireless local loop telecommunications network and fixed wireless terminals to take telecommunications to rural Sri Lanka.

The deal has been described as a significant one in Sino-Sri Lanka bilateral trade relations and is addition to Lanka Bell’s investment of 150 million dollars to expand telecommunications through Sri Lanka.

Lanka Bell said it will use cutting edge CDMA technology to make available telecommunications, e-mail and Internet facilities to rural Sri Lanka.

The agreement is a significant step in Lanka Bell’s expansion drive and the first stage of the establishment of a powerful and effective network, said Lanka Bell’s Deputy Managing Director Suren Goonawarden.
Study shows GM virus may help treat brain tumours

LOS ANGELES, 10 April — A virus genetically modified to kill cancer cells can significantly increase the survival of mice with an incurable human brain tumour, even in some animals with advanced disease, US researchers said on Friday.

Scientists believe this herpes simplex virus can in the future treat cancer more effectively and safely. But from animal studies to human tests may be a very long process, especially for a treatment using viruses, they noted.

The study, published in the latest issue of the journal Cancer Research, used the virus known as oncolytic virus that infects and reproduces only in malignant glioma cells and kills them. The altered virus leaves normal tissues unharmed.

According to Antonio Chiocca, a professor at Ohio State University Medical Centre who led the study, the treatment extended the animals’ lives by several days. If a proportional increase is achieved in humans with malignant glioma, that will be a very significant advance.

Malignant gliomas are cancers in the brain that progress quickly after diagnosis. They are nearly always fatal. After being treated with surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, the patients’ average survival following diagnosis is no longer than one year.

The study began with a laboratory version of a herpes virus that was missing several genes. The virus could infect only malignant glioma cells, but once inside the cells, it replicated poorly. Therefore the virus had only a weak ability to kill cancer cells and shrink tumours.

For this study, the researchers restored the virus’ ability to replicate at high levels by returning one of the genes that had been removed from the virus. First, the researchers modified the gene known as ICP34.5, so that it would be active only in cells that made a protein called nestin. Usually, nestin is absent from cells except during embryonic development. But malignant glioma cells begin producing nestin again. This sets the cancer cells apart from normal cells and gave the researchers the trigger they needed.

In tests with laboratory-grown malignant glioma cells, the researchers found that the ICP34.5 viruses could again replicate at high levels. Then they tested the virus in mice with implanted human gliomas. If killed, the cancer cells apart from normal cells and gave the researchers the trigger they needed. In tests with laboratory-grown malignant glioma cells, the researchers found that the ICP34.5 viruses could again replicate at high levels. Then they tested the virus in mice with implanted human gliomas.

Drugs kill thousands of Canadians yearly

OTTAWA, 11 April — Canadian seniors account for 44 per cent of adverse drug reactions causing death that are reported to Health Canada, a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) report said on Sunday.

CBC’s analysis of Canada’s adverse drug reaction database, obtained from Health Canada, suggests up to 16,500 older patients have died in the country due to suspected drug reactions in the last five years. Dr Jim Wright, a clinical pharmacologist who studies the adverse effects of drugs, said older people are more vulnerable to drug reactions partly because they use more drugs than the general population.

Seniors are also more vulnerable because they metabolize and excrete drugs more slowly. — MNA/Xinhua

10,000 Shanghai families to make way for 2010 World Expo

SHANGHAI, 11 April — China’s largest city will resettle 10,000 families this year from their old homes in the proposed venue for the 2010 World Expo to new apartments.

The first 100 families moved out of the Pudong New District Sunday morning to new homes in a boombtown on Shangh ai’s outskirts.

“It’s a pity to leave my old home,” said Xu Jinrong, a former Pudong resident, in an interview with Xinhua. “But we look forward to moving into bigger apartments as well.”

Xu lived in a big family with 11 members, including his parents and three brothers. Their old home, nearly 100 years old, was only 70 square metres in floor space.
Davenport takes third Amelia Island title
WASHINGTON, 11 April—World number one Lindsay Davenport battled to win her third Amelia Island Championship in a row after edging Italian Silvia Farina Elia 7-5, 7-5 in Amelia Island, Florida, on Sunday. Davenport joined Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert, Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini as the only three-times winners of the title in the tournament’s 26-year history.

The defending champion made 36 unforced errors and had to come from 4-2 down in the second set to secure her second title of the year.

“I made a lot of errors but I hung in there and was able to come out on top in the end,” Davenport was quoted as saying. “She is a really tricky player to play. I never seem to be able to find my rhythm against her.”

Despite the loss, 32-year-old Farina Elia was encouraged by her performance.

“I think I really surprised myself this week. I knew that I had done a lot of physical work to get ready for the clay but to recover the way I did, especially when I played two matches in a day, was really amazing for me,” she said. — MNA/Xinhua

Dean suspended for links with horse-racing venture
LONDON, 11 April—Premier League soccer referee Mike Dean was suspended recently for using his position to promote a horse-racing venture.

The ban was imposed by Professional Game Match Officials LTD, which ruled that Dean, who earns £60,000 pounds (112,200 US dollars) a season, had breached his employment contract.

Dean is a partner in Arbitos Racing, which is seeking investors to fund the development of a racehorse. The company took out an advertisement in the Racing Post newspaper, which stated: “Join Premier-ship referee, Mike Dean, in this great, new, exciting venture.” Dean has been required to end his links with the company.

“The terms of his employment contract ... require match officials to seek permission from PGMOI for any business ventures or the use of their status as a PGMOI official for promotional purposes,” the organization said. — MNA/Xinhua

World short-course swimming ex-champion retires
STOCKHOLM, 11 April—Former world short-course champion Emma Igelstrom of Sweden has retired from swimming, citing a lack of motivation.

“There are too many other things in life waiting,” Igelstrom was quoted as saying in the daily Aftonbladet on Saturday. “I don’t have the same glow that I used to. Elite sport isn’t human, you stretch your mental and physical limits all the time.”

Igelstrom, 24, has struggled with bulimia during her career and took a nine-month break last year, missing the Athens Olympics. The highpoint of her career came in 2002, with three golds at the world indoor short-course championships.

She won the 50 metres and 100 metres breaststroke as well as the 100 metres medley relay. She also won the 50 metres and 100 metres breaststroke at the European championships in the same year.

She set seven world records during her career.

Woods takes US Masters to clinch 9th major victory
WASHINGTON, 11 April—Tiger Woods lifted the 69th US Masters title for the ninth major victory of his career and 43rd PGA Tour win Sunday as he edged fellow American Chris DiMarco in a sudden-death playoff.

Woods had led by two strokes with two holes remaining in regulation play and sank a 20-foot birdie putt at the first extra hole.

DiMarco had to settle for second place after his approach at the par-four 18th ended up short of the green.

Three strokes clear going into the final round, Woods faced a brave challenge by playing partner DiMarco as the pair completed the 72 regulation holes in 12-under 276, Woods carding a 71 and DiMarco a 68.

Woods had produced a miracle birdie at the par-three 16th, where he holed out from 40 yards off the green with a delicate chip that spun back down the slope, but then bogeyed the last two holes to let DiMarco back in.

US Open champion Retief Goosen, whose 67 was the best score of the round, tied for third at five-under 283 with Britain’s Luke Donald, who eagled 13 and 15 on his way to a 69.

World record holder Kipketer to retire
PAAS, 11 April—Denmark’s Wilson Kipketer, the world record holder both indoors and outdoors for the men’s 800 metres, has decided to retire after he has attempted to defend his European title in Gothenburg, Sweden in 2006, the IAAF’s web site reported Saturday.

“It was in Gothenburg that I won my first World Championships in 1995,” Kipketer had told TV2. “So I want to finish my career there where it all began in earnest.”

“At this moment in time he won’t be running at the World Championships,” confirmed Lars Nielsen, who trains the Danish athletics team.

“He has been in Kenya for some time and he doesn’t feel he’s in the form he should be in. His ambitions are also not as great as they used to be,” added Nielsen.

Kipketer, 34, who won three World Championship indoor titles for the two laps, is one of the greatest ever runners at 800 metres.

Due to his transfer of nationality from Kenya he was barred under IOC rules from competing in the 1996 Olympics, and so as the reigning world champion at the time had to watch as Norway’s Veibjorn Rodal took the laurels in Atlanta.

Immediately, the next winter Kipketer put in a stunning performance at the 1997 World Indoor Championships in Paris where he set a World indoor record in his heat (1:43.96), took the semi-final a day later in more modest fashion (1:48.49), and 24 hours later demolished the World indoor record further with a 1:42.67 clocking taking gold. — MNA/Xinhua

Everton beat Crystal Palace to cement hold on 4th spot
LONDON, 11 April—Everton moved four points clear of Liverpool in the race for the fourth place in the English Premier League standings by thrashing Crystal Palace 4-0 on Sunday at Goodison.

Mike Arteta’s early free-kick and two-second-half strikes from Tim Cahill put the Toffees in command. Debutant James Vaughan, 16, hit the fourth to become Everton’s — and the Premier’s — youngest-ever scorer.

Sander Torgohelle and Wayne Routledge both went close for Palace but they remain two points adrift of safety.

Tottenham Hotspur climbed two places to seventh when a Jermain Defoe goal gave them a 1-0 home win over FA Cup semi-finalists Newcastle United.

West Bromwich Albion who climbed out of the drop zone for the first time in five months after a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa. Runaway leaders Chelsea, on 81 points, were held 1-1 at home by Birmingham City on Saturday, their lead cut to 11 points by Arsenal’s 1-0 win at Middlesbrough. Manchester United are three points further back on 67 after a shock 2-0 loss at bottom club Norwich City.

Everton, keenly aware of the opportunity offered by Liverpool’s 1-0 defeat in Manchester on Saturday, started brightly on a sun-lit afternoon.

Palace keeper Gabor Kiraly gave away a free kick when he handled just outside his box and was booked in the sixth minute. Arteta placed his kick inside Kiraly’s top right-hand corner from 20 metres.

Cahill increased Everton’s lead two minutes into the second half with a volley from Marcus Bent’s right cross and headed the third seven minutes later before Vaughan put the icing on the cake — MNA/Xinhua
Police seize 818 kilos of drugs in northwestern Iran

TEHRAN, 11 April—Iranian anti-drug police seized 818 kilos of illicit drugs in the northwestern province of Ardebil in the Iranian calendar year of 1383 (from March 20, 2004 to March 20, 2005), the official IRNA news agency reported Sunday.

Provincial police official Jafar Mohammad-Sadeqi was quoted as saying that the confiscated drugs marked an increase of 31 per cent compared to that of the previous year.

Fifteen drug-trafficking gangs were busted in the province and some 3,735 drug-traffickers, distributors and addicts were arrested during the same period, Sadeqi said.

Drug addiction and transportation has been a serious social problem in Iran, a country sitting on the crossroad linking drug producing Afghanist an and Pakistan and markets in the Gulf states, Central Asia, western Europe and other regions.

According to the official statistics, there are at least 2 million drug addicts in Iran.

The country also accounts for 80 per cent of the opium and 90 per cent of the morphine intercepted worldwide, according to the International Narcotics Control Board.

The Islamic Republic spends 5 billion US dollars annually on anti-drug programmes and over 3,100 police have lost their lives in conflict with drug smugglers during the past two decades.

—MA/Nxinhas
Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* 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 Lt-Gen Soe Win calls on King of Cambodia

YANGON, 11 April—Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party on an official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia paid a courtesy call on King of Cambodia His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Borommeath Norodom Sihamoni at the Palace in Phnom Penh at 5.15 pm on 8 April.

Also present at the call were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Myanmar ambassador Dr Aung Naing, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Prime Minister’s office and departmental heads.—MNA

Dailies in alternative circulation during Thingyan
YANGON, 11 April—Dailies of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be published in turn during Thingyan holidays. Myanma Alin Daily and The New Light of Myanmar Daily will not appear on 13, 14 and 15 April (Thingyan Akyo, Akya and Akyat days). During these days, Kyemon will be in circulation and it will take holidays on 16, 17 and 18 April (Thingyan Atet Day and Myanmar New Year Day). On these days, Myanma Alin and The New Light of Myanmar will resume circulation.—MNA

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win

Cambodia welcomes Myanmar’s adoption of seven-point Road Map of the State and convening of National Convention

Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen

Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win holds talks with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and officials.—MNA

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