Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and party

YANGON, 9 May — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and party who are paying a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinttha at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

The Indian goodwill delegation was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and Military Attache Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra.

Entire national people do not accept the acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa

Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts misled people that out of 56 townships 48 supported announcement of secession from Union

Laikha Township, Shan State (South), holds mass rally to oppose and condemn announcement of secession of Shan State from Union

YANGON, 9 May — A mass rally to oppose and condemn the announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts took place in the sport ground in Laikha Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South) yesterday.

Present were departmental officials, leaders and members of Pa-O National Organization (PNO), Brigades 1 and 7 of Shan State Army (SSA), Shan State Nationalities People’s Liberation Organization (SSNPLO), Shan State National Army (break-away group) Mongyun, Shan State National Army (breakaway group) Wunyein, MTA (Homain), MTA (Nayai), MTA (Matkyan) and the group Shan State (North) special region-2 that returned to the legal fold, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women’s Affairs Organizations, Township (See page 16)

Those present at the mass rally chanting slogans opposing and condemning the announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Strongly denounce terrorist acts and protect the Union from all kinds of danger

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy by building all the development infrastructures together with the people and the Tatmadaw. As a result, each and every sector is experiencing development.

There are some Western nations that cannot bear to see Myanmar developing rapidly and Myanmar people enjoying higher living standard and that have a strong bias towards a certain party or individual. Therefore, they have imposed economic sanctions upon Myanmar since 1988, resulting in the closure of 151 factories and workshops and leaving more than 64,000 people jobless. In Myanmar, young people join the military service of their own will while, in some countries, military service is a must by law. However, some Western nations and their accomplices misinterpret the strong desire of Myanmar youths to join the military service and often accuse Myanmar of forcing minors to do military service. Their accusations are totally fabricated.

In the meantime, self-centred and narrow-minded renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices declared the independence of Shan State and formation of Shan State provisional government and foreign media broadcast their declaration. Since 1948, destructive elements have been committing atrocious acts such as murder, robbery, arson, looting and planting bombs. The number of crimes they have committed are too many to count.

A Youth Seminar of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at the sports ground near the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region on the morning of 8 May. At the seminar, the motion calling for the building of a modern and developed Union and the Pacific Programme Management Officer Mr Reyad Kamel explained the purpose of the meeting.

Next, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Soe, officials of IAEA and departmental heads posed for documentary photos. The meeting continues at Sedona Hotel up to 13 May. — MNA

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Soe makes an opening address at IAEA Regional Meeting on National Planning, Selection and Design of IAEA Technical Cooperation Projects. — MNA

World Athletics Day commemorative T & F competitions held

YANGON, 9 May — To mark the World Athletics Day, track and field competitions organized by Myanmar Truck and Field Federation was held on 7 May at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) here. Among the spectators were General Secretary of MTFF Assistant Director U Mya Than Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and executives, guests and fans.

After the competitions executives of MTFF presented prizes to winners. — MNA

15th annual general meeting of MRMA held

YANGON, 9 May — Myanmar Rice Millers Association held its 15th annual general meeting at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda road here on 7 May.

First, President of MRMA U Tin Win gave an opening speech.

Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win delivered an address.

Next, a report of the executive committee of MRMA and financial statement were presented to the meeting. Those present unanimously approved the report and the statement.

Afterwards, the resignation of executive members for 2003-2005 was announced. General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry announced the names of 15 Central Executive Members including President U Tin Win and Secretary U Tin Aung.

Managing Director U Min Hla Aung of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading and officials presented certificates of honour to those who donated cash for the association and President U Tin Win to those who displayed booths on rice mills.

Entries invited to Colour Photo Contest

YANGON, 9 May — The National Motto, Literary and Photo Competition Organizing Committee announced today it will hold the 16th colour photo contest. The title of the contest is Developing Myanmar. The size of the photo entry should measure 10” by 12” or 10” by 14”. Photo enthusiasts can send up to four entries.

The entry photo must be a never-before-prize winning work in local and foreign photo competitions. Caption regarding the photo should be provided. The entrants are to submit their works together with admission of own creation, two passport photos and the brief biography. The entries are to be sent to U Tun Min, Director of Information and Public Relations Department, No 22-24, Pansodan Street, here not later than 15 October 2005. The committee will announce the winners in November. — MNA

All this needs to be known

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

General Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing announces the names of Central Executive Members at the 15th annual general meeting. — UMFCCI

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* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy
Cheng Siwei calls for closer ties between China and other countries

NEW YORK, 8 May — Cheng Siwei, a senior Chinese lawmaker, stressed here on Friday the need for better understanding and closer cooperation between China and the rest of the world in the context of economic globalization.

Addressing the 2005 conference on global entrepreneurship and economic development for Asia and the United States, Cheng, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), said China needs the world and the world also needs China.

He said that China's recent experience showed that opening up and reform are the two wheels pushing forward the rapid growth of China's economy. Further opening up has become a must for China, as the country needs to get integrated into the tide of economic globalization.

Cheng said, and the world should also cooperate with China. He noted that China needs to learn about market economy, especially its features, history and the experience, practice, organization modalities and management modes of Western market economies.

However, the world must also understand China, the biggest developing country with 1.3 billion people, a country still in transition from the traditional economy of central planning to socialist market economy, Cheng said.

China should cooperate with the world.

Tokyo, 8 May — The Japanese government said it has decided to extend the remission of interest payments by two months for all new loans of the government's special low-interest fund for companies hit by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Shigeru Ishiba, said at a news conference on Friday that the government will extend the remission by four months to March 2011.

HK officials to promote tourism in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur

HONG KONG, 8 May — Hong Kong Financial Secretary Henry Tang will lead a delegation of government officials, tourism industry leaders and new attractions operators to Bangkok of Thailand and Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia to promote Hong Kong tourism.

The "Discover the Hong Kong Magic" campaign will start on Sunday, a government Press release said on Friday.

"The opening of Hong Kong Disneyland in 2005 presents a unique opportunity for Hong Kong to reposition itself as a premier destination for family tourists," Tang said.

On 9 May, the delegates will meet with representatives from the Thai business community, in particular leaders of the local tourism industry and the media. They will introduce the range of key tourism attractions to be launched in Hong Kong.

The attractions include Hong Kong Disneyland and the Symphony of Lights II, to be launched this year, and the Hong Kong Wetland Park and Ngong Ping 360 — formerly known as Tung Chung Cable Car Project — in 2006.

US Marine killed in bomb attack in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 May — A US Marine was killed in a bomb attack in Iraq's western province of Anbar on Saturday, the US military said in a statement.

The Marine, assigned to Regimental Combat Team-8, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, died of wounds sustained in bomb blast during combat operations in Karmah, 80 kilometres west of Baghdad, said the statement.

The military gave no further details on the incident. Over 1,590 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

1,599 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 8 May—As of Sunday, 8 May, 2005, at least 1,599 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,216 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is six higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 11 am EDT on Friday.

The British military has reported 87 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,461 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,107 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. — Internet

NAM senior officials meeting begins

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 May — Senior officials of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries on Saturday began their meeting in Malaysia to finalize the agenda for the Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women on 9 and 10 May.

The meeting, held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre, was opened by Malaysian Women, Family and Community Development Minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil and is chaired by the ministry's secretary-general Faizah Mohamed Tahr.

Immediately after the opening ceremony, the officials from some 75 of the 114 NAM member countries will meet behind closed doors in brain-storming sessions to fine-tune the draft of the Putrajaya Declaration.

The Putrajaya Declaration is expected to outline action plans which will reaffirm NAM’s commitment to the empowerment of women and their full participation in all sectors and at all levels, touching on the seven sub-themes of the meeting.

The sub-themes are women in economic, decision-making, information and communication technology, health, armed conflict and violence against women in line with the theme of the meeting, "Empowering Women in Facing the Challenges of Globalization."

A Chinese shopkeeper arranges textile materials at a shop in Shanghai on 8 May, 2005. —INTERNET

A soldier kicks down the gate of a house during a raid in the Iraqi southern city of Basra, on 9 May, 2005. —INTERNET
Chinese, Japanese FM s vow to improve bilateral relations

KYOTO, 8 May — Foreign ministers of China and Japan held talks here Saturday, vowing to make joint efforts to improve development of Sino-Japanese relations.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and his Japanese counterpart Nobutaka Machimura met in central Japanese city Kyoto on the sidelines of the 7th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Foreign Ministers’ Meeting.

During their meeting, Li said that Chinese President Hu Jintao pointed out that it is a must to take a correct view on the root reason of the difficulties and both sides should make joint efforts to follow up the three political documents in dealing with history and Taiwan issues.

Li said that it is crucial for the Japanese Government to faithfully realize its promises on history and Taiwan issues and no longer hurt Chinese people’s heart.

Machimura agreed with Li that the leaders’ meeting in Jakarta is significant, saying that the Japanese Government will take serious attitude on the five-point policy, which provides important direction to future development of bilateral relations. He said that Japan will follow up the spirit of the policy to make joint efforts with China to push the development of Sino-Japanese relations.

The Japanese Foreign Minister said the three political documents between China and Japan are basic for better dealing with history and Taiwan issues, adding that the Japanese Government will insist on “One China” policy on the basis of the three-document principle.

Li and Machimura also agreed to strengthen exchanges in a wide range of sectors, promote understanding, and enhance dialogues between the two sides.

During the meeting, the two foreign ministers also exchanged views on regional and international issues.

— MNA/Xinhua

Philippine to set up anti-terror research centre with Japanese aid

MANILA, 8 May — The Philippine military is planning to build an anti-terrorism research centre inside an Army camp in Laur Town, Nueva Ecija Province, 150 kilometres northeast Manila, with Japanese aid, a defence official said Friday.

The research centre will rise in Fort Magsaysay, where the military is also planning to erect a training centre for joint exercises between Filipino and US troops, defence undersecretary Rodel Cruz said.

“We have come up with this idea because the problem of terrorism transcends boundaries and it is to our best interest, as well as the other countries, to have a single facility where we could meet and study the problem of terrorism on a regular basis,” Cruz said.

The centre will serve as a venue for security officials of different countries “to compare notes and exchange ideas.”

The government will initially fund the centre’s construction, though Japan is expected to provide $6 million for the project, Cruz said.

“We are hopeful that Japan would continue to show interest in this project,” Cruz said.

— MNA/Xinhua

Australian security guard wounded in Iraq car bombing

BAGHDAD, 9 May — An Australian security guard was wounded in a weekend car bomb attack in Iraq that killed 22 people.

Security firm CTU Consulting says two of its US employees were killed and five other foreigners, including an Australian, were wounded in a suicide bomb attack on one of its convoys in the centre of Baghdad on Saturday.

An Australian, a colleague from Iceland and three more Western security guards were wounded in the blast. Four were released from hospital after treatment, while the condition of the fifth, an American still receiving treatment, was not considered life-threatening, the firm said.

The security convoy was attacked by two suicide bombers in cars, it said.

The US Embassy said a total of 22 people died in the blast, including the two Americans.

Iraqi security and medical sources said 18 were killed in the massive car bombing. At least 54 Iraqis were wounded, among them women and children, according to Iraqi officials. The death toll has been put by dozens of car bombs in recent days.

Hundreds of foreign security guards currently work in Iraq, providing security to prominent Iraqis and foreign diplomats. They are the targets of frequent attacks by guerrillas — Internet

Malaysia’s Putrajaya Declaration to promote advancement of women

PUTRAJAYA, 8 May — A Malaysian minister has expressed hope that the draft Putrajaya Declaration will be another blueprint for advancement of women in developing countries similar to the Beijing Declaration adopted in 1995.

The draft would be discussed and fine-tuned at the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), which began Saturday morning at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre here.

Malaysian Women, Family and Community Development Minister Shahirazat Abdul Jalil told reporters after opening the SOM meeting.

The meeting, attended by senior officials from 54 NAM member countries, will also finalize the agenda for the two-day NAM Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women beginning Monday.

Shahirazat said the declaration would centre on seven sub-themes ranging from economics, decision-making and violence against women as agreed to by member nations.

“I hope S0M will reach a consensus by tomorrow afternoon on the action plan we have outlined,” she said.

Earlier, in her speech at the opening, Shahirazat hoped the delegates would deliberate on the issues raised in the draft declaration.

The Putrajaya Declaration, aimed at accelerating progress towards gender equality, would outline the concerns of NAM on the situations faced by women in member nations and their commitment towards the advancement and empowerment of women in the various identified fields.

The officials are to fine-tune the draft which contains various action plans for endorsement by the ministers. — MNA/Xinhua
Chinese FM talks with Asia-Europe counterparts for closer ties

KYOTO, 8 May — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing has held a series of talks here with his Asian and European counterparts on the sidelines of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) 7th Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEM FMM7), which concluded here on Saturday.

The foreign ministers spoke highly of the sound development of China’s relationships with their respective countries, and agreed to maintain bilateral high-level contacts, expand exchanges and cooperation in various fields, and strengthen consultations and coordination in regional and international affairs.

The foreign ministers reiterated adherence to the One China policy during their talks with the Chinese Foreign Minister, who arrived in this ancient Japanese city Thursday for the annual meeting aimed at deepening dialogue between Asia and Europe in tackling global challenges.

Li met with his Malaysian counterpart Syed Hamid Albar on Friday and the two reached a consensus on safeguarding peace and stability in the area.

The foreign ministers reiterated their commitment to promoting the use of organic fertilizer by educating four million farming families on the theory and practice of its use.

The move, which also include 400,000 farming families trained as organic fertilizer specialists, comes as part of wider government moves to reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers and slash soil preparation costs, Agriculture Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan said on Friday.

Sudarat was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying Wednesday that next year the government would also spend 3.5 million baht (77,000-130,000 US dollars) on the construction of organic fertilizer production plants, with the eventual aim of building around 7,000 such plants across the country.

The way will be paved for the production plants this year with the provision of management training to agriculturalists hoping to run the fertilizer factories, which will use local raw materials to produce fertilizer at below market costs.

Within the next five years, the Thai Government hopes to have slashed the use of chemical fertilizer by as much as 50 per cent, saving the nation 20 billion baht (about 512 million dollars), the agency said. — MNA/Xinhua

Yunnan Province invests 25b yuan for technological upgrading

KUNMING, 8 May — South China’s Yunnan Province plans to invest 25 billion yuan (3 billion US dollars) this year, a rise of 25 per cent year on year, to boost technological upgrading across the province, according to the provincial government.

Yunnan injected 19.95 billion yuan (2.4 billion US dollars) into technological upgrades in 2004, completing 88 key technological upgrading projects, including chemical items, fertilizers, steel production and energy use.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Govt digs organic fertilizer

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Dhaka’s high-rises without parking lots create traffic congestion

Dhaka, 8 May — An alarming rise in high-rises without adequate parking facilities is hamstringing the government’s ambitious drive to ease the traffic in the capital city of Dhaka.

Most of the city's 10-storey and higher buildings — estimated at 570 — do not have the parking space prescribed by the law, The Daily Star reported on Saturday.

The situation is fast contributing to the chaos on the already clogged city thoroughfares.

According to the Building Construction Rules, 1996, 23 square metres of parking space is a must for every 200 square metres floor space of commercial buildings, 100 square metres of shopping complexes and 300 square metres of hospitals and clinics.

The law, however, has been pervasively flouted throughout the city. Traffic sergeants said on any working day roads and open spaces are choked with vehicles looking for a parking space.

The multitudes of visitors to the offices in the city have no option but to leave their cars on the roads, often in multiple rows, creating severe traffic congestion. Hundreds of thousands of working hours are lost every day as more and more people are caught in the congestion.

Spending millions on improving traffic signals, interjections and roads will not solve the traffic problem, the sergeants observed.

They said the city’s traffic situation is set to deteriorate rapidly if the high-rises do not arrange for their own parking spaces as required by the law.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore Airlines flies world largest “Boeing 777” fleet

SINGAPORE, 8 May — A new Boeing 777-300 delivered on Saturday morning credited Singapore Airlines (SIA) as Airways with the largest fleet of Boeing 777 aircraft in the world, said the company in a statement.

Now owning 58 Boeing 777s including 12 B777-300s, 31 B777-200s and 15 B777-300 Extended Range (ER) aircraft, SIA has ordered another batch of 19 777-300 ERs, which are scheduled to enroll since late 2006 onwards, along with purchase rights on up to 13 more.

The new B777-300, arriving in Singapore eight years right after the delivery of the first of its family to SIA, is installed with 332 seats while the 777-300 ER may accommodate 365 passengers, with both typically configured to three classes.

Boasting an average age of 64 months among 90 airliners, the fleet of the country’s national airlines is one of the youngest in the world, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepali rafting business decreases by 80% government towards promotion of the rafting also harmed the industry, he revealed.

The association is organizing the 17th rafting festival from Charaudi of Dhading District to Kuringhat of Chitwan District in central Nepal on 28 May in response to the desire of the domestic tourists for rafting.

MNA/Xinhua

Tourists watch the auction of frozen tuna at the world’s largest fish market at Tsukiji in Japan, on 9 May, 2005 — INTERNET

Young women go window-shopping outside a jewellery store in the Nanjing Road shopping area of Shanghai, China, on 8 May, 2005 — INTERNET

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**Yangon, 9 May** — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col Khin Kyu and senior military officers and officials of SPDC office and departmental officials, left Hpa-an for and departmental officials of SPDC office and regional development undertakings. Col Khin Kyu made supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo fulfilled the requirements and gave instructions. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected Dawlan bridge and development of villages along Dawlan and their families at the hall of local battalion. Later, they proceeded to Myapadaung village and inspected rural health centre there. At 11.45 am, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at Kawkareik and met Tatmadawmen and their families. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions to officials to attend the needs in education, health, social affairs and welfare tasks of family members.

At the District Hospital in Kawkareik, Dr Win Zaw of Health Department reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on matters relating to the health sector of the region. Director U Aung Moe Kyaw of Hontauk Construction Group on progress in construction of 100-bed hospital. Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with officials, health staff, members of social organizations and local people and made a speech saying that the Head of State has been giving priority to equitable development of all regions in the country, that only when there is peace and stability in the region, it will be possible to conduct development undertakings with might and main, that health staff are to perform their duties with goodwill in order to win the trust of the people, that human resource development plays a key role in national development and that the health sector plays a leading role for turning out new generation youth with high caliber. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged officials concerned to pay attention to completion of the 100-bed hospital that will provide more health care services to locals. Next, they inspected the construction of the hospital and proceeded to Mawlamyine and arrived there in the afternoon. — MNA

**The national development drive needs Union Spirit**

USDA Secretary-General addresses Youth Seminar

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivers an address at the Youth Seminar. — MNA

**Yangon, 9 May** — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo delivered an address at the Youth Seminar of the USDA held in Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May. He said that a firm resolve has already been made to reach a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the ultimate goal of the entire nation.

The nation will have to develop its sound foundations. All present at the meeting wish to see national development and modernization.

The nation has witnessed the unprecedented developments since the Tatmadaw Government has assumed State duties in 1988. Since yore, Myanmar people have been living in amity and unity, and the states and divisions have been existing as mini Unions.

The national development drive needs Union Spirit. The nation will develop only if all strive to ensure non-disintegration of the Union, national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty. The task to ensure non-disintegration of the Union, national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty cannot be carried out by a single organization or a person. It is the task of the people wishing to see national development, based on Union Spirit.

The basic factors of the national development are the correct leadership of the Head of State and the implementation of the task with Union Spirit. In addition to leading the progress of the nation, the developments in political stability, social sector, education are also the sound foundations to shape the future nation.

Today’s youths will have to take over the duty of future nation. They should realize the good-will and farsighted views of the Head of State in building a new developed nation. They should understand that the implementation of the political, (See page 7)
National development...

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Economic and social objectives is in the interest of the present as well as the future state. Thus, youths will have to actively take part in the national development drive with full Union Spirit.

At the conclusion of the Public Relations and Knowledge Management Course held on 2 May 2005, USDA Senior General Than Shwe said, “In any system and era, the human resources having the vision of unity, development and defence is required.

The nation at present is in the process of implementing the seven-point Road Map, which is the nation’s political work programme. Peace and Stability, sound economic foundations of the nation and the people, and human resources development are the basic needs of a society practising democracy. Since its assumption of the State duties, the Government has been implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives with greater momentum and without fail to realize Our Three Main National Causes. It will also implement the Road Map together with the people till achieving success. The goal of the nation-building task is the ensuring of peace and stability and unity and emergence of a democratic state.

Only the people who up hold Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of the sovereignty — will be able to develop the nation throughout the successive eras and safeguard the Union. Our Three Main National Causes is the foundation of Union Spirit.

All will have to accept the guidance in marching towards the national goal. The USDA members will have to organize the locals to take part in the national development drive. The USDA members have already witnessed the objective developments of all the states and divisions. They are urged to strive in unity with the local people to achieve greater progress, to play their respective roles in shaping the future nation according to the guidance of the Head of State, and to strive to realize the national goal while warding of all disturbances.

MNA

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During the ceremony, Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo presided over the meeting together with Secretariat member U Maung Maran Baran Shaung. — MNA

In road and bridge sector, a total of 226 bridges have been constructed. In health sector, the number of hospitals increased to 44 from 35 in the state.

In conclusion, he, on behalf of the youths, made a pledge to march towards the future peaceful, modern and developed nation, while keeping patriotism alive and dynamic.

Next, Ma Mya Sandar Aung of Kayah State USDA said Kayah State is situated in the East Heights of Myanmar and is 4,530 square miles. There was no roadwork in Kayah State but now there are 179 miles of earth roads, 176 miles of gravel roads and 13 miles of tarred roads. There were 596 miles of motor roads and now there are 581 miles of roads.

The number of hospitals, dispensaries and rural health centres and schools has increased in the state. There are 21 multimedia teaching centres and 13 e-learning centres in Kayah State.

In agricultural sector, there are 10 dams and three river water pumping stations and progress has been made in posts and communications, electric power, and rail transportation and cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy, beans, maize and forest plantation.

Development is the result of peace and unity. Members of Kayah State USDA at different levels are making concerted efforts for development of education, health, agriculture, communications and transport sectors to enable the people from Kayah State to enjoy peace and fruitful results.

Awards were made to 56 youths for their splendid performance in education and rural areas development. Five water river-pumping projects have been implemented for the media classrooms and 18 e-learning centres, and 33 pre-primary schools have been opened. Four universities and colleges have been established for the higher education, she noted.

In Kayin State there have been 26 hospitals, up from 17, and one traditional medicine hospital. As for the communication, the number of post offices has increased to 33 from 27, and 229 auto radio phones, four rural telephone exchanges and one ISP have been opened.

There are 13 above-180-foot long bridges and 263 bridges of under 180 feet. She said 1413 miles of rural road have been built and 175 rural bridges built. In conclusion, she said USDA members have been making efforts for the development of rural areas in cooperation with local people and with the assistance of the government.

(The presentation of USDA Youths will be published tomorrow’s paper.)

MNA
In fact, no national races...

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Independent of Shan State on 17 April. This poses a grave danger to the Union of Myanmar and the entire national people and thus the government declared the above-mentioned group unlawful association on 19 April. Similarly, social organizations, political parties, armed groups and peace groups did not accept the acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa. They also made announcements opposing and condemning the acts. The entire people comprising over 100 national races, who have been living in the Union of Myanmar for thousands of years, did not accept the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, which could lead to breaking up the Union and so they opposed it. National people living in Laikha Township are one with those in other states and divisions. They could not accept the acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts that would endanger the national solidarity. That was why the mass rally to oppose and condemn their announcement was being held. It was learnt that renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts misused violence, armed groups and peace groups opposed and condemned the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts. They also made announcements opposing and condemning the acts. The entire people comprising over 100 national races, who have been living in the Union of Myanmar for thousands of years, did not accept the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, which could lead to breaking up the Union and so they opposed it. National people living in Laikha Township are one with those in other states and divisions. They could not accept the acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts that would endanger the national solidarity. That was why the mass rally to oppose and condemn their announcement was being held. It was learnt that renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts misused violence, armed groups and peace groups opposed and condemned the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts.

Conspirators lie to the world that 48 townships out of the 56 in Shan State support them.

YANGON, 9 May—The following is a translation of a speech delivered by U Sai Thun Sein.

U Sai Thun Sein of Wanapang village, Wanainhtai village-tract, Laikha Township, tabled a motion denouncing the secession plan of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. He said, the innate nature of the people in Shan State is to live in peace, and unity and amity among all through thick or thin. Thanks to the national consolidation drive, like all other states and divisions, Shan State also has come in peace and stability. Laikha Township and Panglong have a unification spirit and were conceived is located in the same region. Laikha Township is developing thanks to the 24-de- development zone project, in which the Government has built the Panglong University and a Government Computer College in Panglong, which students from Laikha are attending. It has also built a 200-bed hospital in Loelem. The locals are angry because of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and a handfull of cohorts’ perpetrators to announce the setting of a parallel government in Shan State. It is an unacceptable act for all the local people. The local people are angry as renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and drug bandit Ywet Sit of SSA and unit 758 under the SSA tricked and used them for their own interest. Those perpetrators summoned the villagers to attend a meeting held near the nat shrine. Villagers thinking that they were going to hold a traditional ceremony to pay respect to the nat attended the meeting without knowing their conspiracy.

In reality, the people were not attending the meeting, but attending the traditional ceremony. Then, about 50 townships out of the 56 in Shan State supported them. Their announcement is unacceptable to the nation as well as the world. The sawbwas had invited intruders into the state and made the people to get involved in gambling from which they are receiving large amounts of taxes. They also collected various kinds of taxes to lead a luxury life. But they did not do anything good for the region and the people. They only exploited the people. Now they have announced the establish of a parallel government to show their ugly face again. They are just the puppets of the colonialists. — MNA

All national people will never accept the acts of those who attempt to cause disintegration of the Union and Shan State and the secession of Shan State from the Union.

Daw Nan Kham Lauk of Wanapang Village, Laikha Township, tabled a motion, seconding the motion. Daw Nan Kham Lauk said that due to Shan insurgency, the people of the region had to face all kinds of difficulties. It can be witnessed by those who were attending the rally. A month ago, the people of Shan State were living in peace and stability, but the sawbwas and their assistants brought the people of the village into trouble. They are committing destructive while shouting for Shan national development. The people were relieved when they were looking back to the past age of feudalism, in which all national races have been living together in unity and amity since time immemorial. They tried to achieve the independence with Union spirit bywarding off the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists that reigned over 100 years.

The ultimate goal of the entire national people is to build up a peaceful, modern and developed nation. She said all the people would never turn back to feudalism and colonialism that reigned in the country 100 years ago. She said people of Laikha region along with all national races will never accept renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts, the acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts, who are looking back to the past age of feudalism, in which they announced Shan State to secede from the Union. She said it is a Yeaw Sab of SSA and his insurgent members of Brigade-758 who support the acts of Sao Hkam Pha, not the people of Shan State. The SSA has been instigated since 1958 by Shan sawbwas who had to relinquish power, she noted. She said among those who incited narrow-minded spirit and instigated to cause Shan insurgency is Mahadevi Nan Hein Hkam, mother of Sao Hkam Hpa. Due to Shan insurgency, the people of the region had to face all kinds of difficulties. It can be witnessed by those who were attending the rally. A month ago, the people of Shan State were living in peace and stability, but the sawbwas and their assistants brought the people of the village into trouble. They are committing destructive while shouting for Shan national development. The people were relieved when they were looking back to the past age of feudalism, in which all national races have been living together in unity and amity since time immemorial. They tried to achieve the independence with Union spirit by warding off the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists that reigned over 100 years.

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National traitors misleading and deceiving Myanmar people and those far away as if there are many supporters in favour of their activities

YANGON, 9 May—The following is a translation of speech delivered by U Sai Tun Aung Lay.

The Union of Myanmar, where various national races have been residing in unity and harmony, is rich in natural resources. Since its assumption of state responsibilities in 1988, the Tatmadaw government has been able to bring about peace and tranquility. Hence, marked progress has been made in economic, education, health, transport, agriculture and industrial sectors. The national people are now enjoying the fruits of development and the taste of independence.

At such a time like this, expatriates, who are acting to the liking of colonialists, are resorting to various ways and means to harm and hinder the momentum of national development. The announcement of the secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts amounts to undermining the national solidarity. Renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts blamed the villagers from a foreign nation on 17 April, and announced the secession of Shan State from the Union. On 18 April, Mein Han of SSA and his party gathered local people from some villages in Laikha Township and forced them to listen to the announcement. We the people from Laikha Township oppose the acts of renegades and insurgents who have become the minions of renegade Sao Kham Hpa, that are detrimental to national solidarity.

In fact, those who breaks norms of the Western nations which do not point out the forced recruitment of minors in Myanmar. Therefore, they are recruiting minors by force of violence. The villagers have been bringing misery and distress to local people for long. They commit bullying and plundering, bullying and looting. In addition, they are forcing recruitment of minors by force of violence. In the time of the caretaker government those heinous and immoral acts receded. However, the Shan insurgency, which arose due to the instigation of Shan Sawbwas, dealt a great blow to the nation again.

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The SSA insurgents have been bringing misery and distress to local people for long. They committed murder, robbery, looting and plundering. In addition, they are recruiting new members by force. No one joined the SSA as their despicable acts have been objected.

Therefore, they are recruiting new members in a quota system. As they are recruiting minors by force of violence, the people have to face bitter experiences. This is the origin of the accusations of some Western nations to the effect that there has been forced recruitment of minors in Myanmar.

How do we believe the norms of the Western nations which do not point out the forced recruitment of the insurgents who are endangering the lives and property of the entire national people including local people? That is why I seconded the motion on opposing and denouncing the announcement of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts tabled by U Sai Than Sein.—MNA

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YANGON, 9 May—The following is a translation of speech delivered by Daw Nan Huing Kham.

Renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts announced the formation of Shan State provisional government on 17 April. This is a dishonest act. They who are relying on colonialists did so with the intention of bringing the Union into disarray although they are citing that they cherish Shan State and Shan nationals and wish Shan State to meet with success.

We the national people, upholding the fore Our Three Main National Causes, do not support the acts of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts. Those in favour of renegade Sao Kham Hpa misled the local people as if the people from Laikha Township supported the announcement. The villagers have been at the mercy of the insurgents as the latter are heavily armed. I would like to present some points on brutal acts committed in the region by SSA insurgents, who have become the minions of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts.

The SSA insurgents murdered one woman near Mongkai, six men near Kunhing and seven Intha nationals near Kengtung recently. Who are responsible for the massacre in Pantaw Village, setting fire to houses, schools and monasteries in five villages of Hopong Township and in Wunheim Village in Laikha Township. They are indeed the SSA insurgents.

Only when there is the Tatmadaw column in our villages and nearby will our lives be secure. If there is no Tatmadaw column we are in a state of anxiety for fear that the insurgents enter the villages for extortion. They bullied, robbed and killed the people and did as they wished, saying that they were doing for the good of Shan people. Again, they are giving trouble to the people. Frankly speaking, the national people do not want to secede from the Union and they want to live unitedly in the respective regions in the Union in the form of small unions without discriminating the regions or talking about racial issue. In fact, those who break up the Union are our common enemy. Renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his group are saying that 48 townships in Shan State support them. This means that they destroy the Union spirit and patriotism. Local people do not accept the act at all. Therefore, I seconded the motion tabled by U Sai Than Sein. —MNA

Those attending a mass rally held in Laikha Township, Lailem District, Shan State (South). —MNA

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General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and wife leaves for home

YANGON, 9 May — The visiting Indian goodwill delegation led by General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh, his wife and party left here by air this afternoon. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Vice-Quartemaster-General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Hun, Maj-Gen Sein Lin of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officials, Indian Military Attache’ Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and wife. — MNA

Foreign Minister arrives back from Japan

YANGON, 9 May — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyawin arrived back here this afternoon by air after attending the 7th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers Meeting held in Kyoto from 5 to 7 May. The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nobutake Odano and officials of MOFA. Members of the delegation U Thaung Tun, Director-General of the Political Department and U Soe Lynn Han, Deputy Director of the Political Department of MOFA also arrived back together with the Foreign Minister. — MNA

Energy Minister inspects Nyaungdon Oil and Natural Gas Field

YANGON, 9 May — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi together with officials inspected Nyaungdon Oil and Natural Gas field in Nyaungdon, Ayeyawaddy Division yesterday afternoon. The minister, at the briefing hall, heard reports on successfully drilling new oil well No 26 and its oil production by chief engineer (drilling) U Maung Ko and, maintaining drilling machines by Director U Sein Win. The minister then gave necessary instructions on drilling new oil wells in Nyaungdon, extension of drilling oil wells in Nyaungdon, Maubin and future tasks. The minister presented the staff cash of honour.

No 26 new oil well produces over 5 million cubic feet of natural gas and 48 barrels of condensate.

Pannandin TV Retransmission Station telecasts MRTV programmes

YANGON, 9 May - Pannandin TV Retransmission Station in Kachin State was completed on 1st May 2005. The station has aired MRTV programmes as of 2nd May.

Youth plant trees in Bagan Archaeological Region

YANGON, 9 May — Youth delegates from state and division Union Solidarity and Development Associations who would attend Youth Seminar in Bagan Archaeological Region, on 7 May, planted 1290 trees in the region. The tree-planting ceremony was held at the Thiripiyisaya junction in Bagan Archaeological Region attended by member of Patron of USDA Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Secretary General U Htay Oo, secretariat members and CEC members and youth delegates from state and division USDA.

At the ceremony, Maj-Gen Ye Myint, U Htay Oo, secretariat members, CEC members and guests planted star and gangaw trees. Youth delegates from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin states, Tanintharyi division, Mon state, Mandalay and Yangon divisions, Shan State (South), Rakhine State, Shan State (East) and (North) planted 890 trees at the entrance to Eindaw (the House).

Similarly, youths from Bago Division (East) and Ayeyawady Division planted 160 trees at the corner of Eindaw road and Thiripiyisaya road, youths from Sagaing Division, Magway Division and Bago Division (West) planted 240 trees at the entrance to Thiripiyisaya Hotel. In the afternoon, the youths in three groups paid homage to Shwezigon Pagoda, Armanda Pagoda, Dhammayangyi Pagoda and Lawkananda Pagoda.

Myanmar delegation attends 38th ADB Annual Meeting

YANGON, 9 May - Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the 38th Asia Development Bank Annual Meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey from 4 to 6 May.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for F & R Col Hla Thein Swe, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, heads of departments and families.

During the meeting, specially invited guest Minister of State in Charge of Economy of Turkey Mr Ali Babacan, meeting chairman Minister of Finance Mr Ibrahim Canakci and Governor of ADB Mr Haruhiko Kuroda extended greetings. Next, ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers’ Meeting was held at Swissotel Istanbul. Economic development and policies and financial cooperation were discussed among the member countries. After the meeting, finance ministers replied to queries raised by mediamen at the press conference. On 5 May, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ADB was held at Rumeli Hall of the Convention Centre. The Myanmar delegation attended meetings together with meeting chairman Minister of Finance Mr Ibrahim Canakci and Governor of ADB Mr Haruhiko Kuroda.

On 6 May, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors was held at Rumeli Hall of ICIEC. Next, Asian Regional Director of OPEC Fund Mr Faou Albassem and President of Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co Ltd Mr Takeo Inokuchi called on Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun and they frankly discussed mutual cooperation. Governor of CBM U Kyaw Maung Maung, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe, Director of CBM Daw Ohn Mar Sein and staff officer of the Ministry of F & R U Min Han Soe accompanied Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun. — MNA
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council General Than Shwe, at the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, attended the Asian-African Summit (2005) and the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference held from 22 to 24 April in Jakarta and Bandung. The Senior General arrived back home on 25 April afternoon.

Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Military Assistant to the SPDC Chairman Maj-Gen Nay Win, Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Than Aung, Director-General of the SPDC Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Prime Minister’s Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thara U Aung Htet, Director-General of Political Department U Thaung Tun, senior military officers and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.

During the visit to Indonesia, the Senior General attended the opening of the Asian-African Summit in Jakarta on 22 April. Also present on the occasion were heads of State/Government and vice-presidents of 105 Asian and African nations, 58 special delegates, and representatives of 18 organizations.

Starting from 8 am, the heads of State/Government and vice-presidents of Asian and African nations, and representatives arrived at the Jakarta Convention Centre, where the Indonesian President warmly welcomed them.

After the opening ceremony, they posed for documentary photos and cordially greeted one another at the main lobby of the Centre.

The Senior General was accompanied by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister U Nyan Win, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, and Director-General U Thaung Tun at the ceremony.

The Summit went into recess at noon for luncheon. Meanwhile, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Hae-chan and Prime Minister of Japan Mr Junichiro Koizumi called on Senator General Than Shwe. The Senior General delivered an address in the afternoon session.

The Senior General and heads of State/Government of other nations signed the communiqué.

The Indonesian President hosted a dinner in honour of the Senior General and heads of State/Government of other nations and representatives arrived at the Jakarta Convention Centre, where the Indonesian President warmly welcomed them.

At 1 pm, the Indonesian President and the Governor of West Java Province of Indonesia hosted a luncheon in honour of the Senior General and the heads of state/government of Asian and African nations at Pakuan building in Bandung.

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The non-aligned nations came into existence based on mutual cooperation and principles of peaceful co-existence, with which they wanted to be under the domination of neither blocs — capitalist bloc and socialist bloc (West bloc and East bloc) who formed economic, political and military groups to vie each other during the period of the cold war. The Non-Aligned Movement was conceived with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence held in Bandung in Indonesia in April 1955. Based on these principles, the first conference of the non-aligned nations was held at Belgrade in Yugoslavia in 1961. One more principle was added to the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence at the conference held in Lusaka, Zambia, in 1970. The number of the membership of the non-aligned nations has now increased to more than 100 nations from 29.

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Now, the cold war was over, and almost all the world nations are taking steps to introduce democracy in respective nations through the market-oriented economic system. The world nations are shaping their future freely. They continue to exist with no strings attached. And they are striving for enhancing friendship and cooperation with other nations and promotion of the world peace and development of their own. It was because they had faced bitter experiences from the subjugation of the colonialists, threats of military blocs, hegemonism, and interference in internal affairs of other nations.

The ten Bandung principles are in conformity with the changes of the world. They are as follows:

1. Respect for the fundamental rights of man, as also the aims and principles of the UN Charter.
2. Respect for the sovereign and territorial integrity of all nations.
3. Recognition of equality of all races and nationalities — big and small.
4. Abstention from intervention and interference in the internal affairs of other countries.
5. Respect for the right of every country for individual or collective defence in conformity with the UN Charter.
6. (a) Abstention of exerting pressure on other countries.
    (b) Abstention from exploiting agreements on collective defence for personal interests on the part of big powers.
7. Abstention from acts or threats of aggression and use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any country.
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V. SEA MERCHANT VOY: NO (563)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. SEA MERCHANT VOY: NO (563) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.5.05 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the cost of risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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1. Sealed Bids are invited by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Yangon for the supply of:

- 14” DIAMETER ERW LINE PIPE - 153 MILES
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2. Commencing from 12th May 2005 a complete set of bidding document shall be available at the FINANCE DEPARTMENT, MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE, No. 604 Merchant Street, Yangon, Myanmar during office hour by payment to the order of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank amounting remittance of US$ 100.00 in favour of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (or) FEC 100.00 to the above office for each set of document.

3. Bids shall be accepted only from the bidders who officially purchased the bidding document.

4. The bids received shall be opened in the presence of bidders or representatives who choose to attend at 13:00 hours on 27th June 2005 at the office of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, 604-Merchant Street, Yangon, Myanmar.

Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
G-4 to meet “Coffee Club” Group on UN expansion issue

UNITED NATIONS, 9 May — Envoy from India, Japan, Germany and Brazil, known as Group of Four (G-4), will meet with representatives of the Coffee Club led by Italy and Pakistan on Monday in an effort to narrow down differences over the expansion of the Security Council issue.

President of the 191-member General Assembly Jean Ping has taken the initiative to bring them face-to-face as they hold vastly different positions on how to expand the Council.

Diplomats expect little from the discussion except reiteration of their known position and at the most an agreement to continue their discussions.

Both agree that there is need to expand the 15-member Council to reflect the current ground realities but the consensus ends there with G-4 calling for expansion in both permanent and non permanent categories and “United for Peace” or the “Coffee Club” group only in the non-permanent membership.

India, Japan, Germany and Brazil, strong contenders for permanent seats in the Council, argue that expansion in the permanent category is necessary for the effective and credible functioning of the Council.

The other side contends that it would only divide the membership and that the increase in the number of non-permanent members would give chance to more countries to serve on the coveted powerful Council which decides the issues of war and peace.

Diplomats said the “Uniting for Peace” group claims that China is also on their side though not an active member and that it is trying to convince the regional groups that the model proposed by it would empower them as it they who would be deciding on the candidates who should occupy the seat from the region at a particular point of time.

It would also allow the seat to be rotated among more countries, it contends.

Ping’s idea, they said, is to make them confront each other, state their positions and then discuss ways to narrow down their differences.

Italy and Pakistan had submitted to Ping for considerations two models which envisage expansion of the non-permanent category only with the addition of ten members.

They said they are prepared to discuss the non-permanent members having a term of three or four years with the provision that they can be re-elected.

Currently, the 10 non-permanent members serve a two-year term and are not eligible for re-election immediately after retirement.

Besides, G-4 advocates that if consensus among 191 members of the Assembly is not possible as is likely to be the case, the issue should be decided by vote in the Assembly.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan also favours this approach and has repeated said that the issue could be decided by vote in the absence of a consensus.

Over next few weeks, the two groups are expected to come under intense pressure as Annan would like the issue to be resolved by the time world leaders come here in mid September for the Summit at the United Nations to discuss the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals.

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Meningococcal meningitis is caused by the Neisseria meningitidis bacteria serotype A and spreads through droplet infection and close contact.

Zimbabwe reviews SADC trade protocol for free trade

HARARE, 9 May — The Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI) said on Saturday that the government has started reviewing Customs duties in line with the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) trade protocol, which aims for free trade by 2008.

The CZI said in a statement that captains of industry and commerce as well as the government have been involved in discussions during the past three months to reduce tariffs on imports from SADC countries.

The statement said the plans to comply with the SADC trade protocol were at an advanced stage.

The government has invited submissions from the industry relating to the reduction of Customs duties under the SADC trade protocol.

However, the statement said, concern has been raised as whether the reduction of tariffs would enhance trade or harm other strategic sectors of the economy.

SADC has targeted to have a free trade area by 2008. With the exception of clothing and textiles and sugar, South Africa has removed tariffs all SADC exports from January this year in an attempt to accelerate the programme.

It said South Africa has done its best in relaxing duties in a development-anticipated to enhance cooperation given the fact the nation is the regional economic powerhouse for SADC.

“The relaxation of trade barriers will only be important in the event that countries export goods at normal prices rather than subsidized rates. Regional economic cooperation will only increase if nations do not export sub-standard or dumped goods,” said the CZI.

“Provided fair competition is there, the reduction of tariffs will not harm the industry in fact it will increase the market share for companies,” it said.

Zimbabwe was lagging behind other nations in implementing the trade relaxation system.

It also said that the government should solve inflationary pressures to compete with other SADC nations.

Meningitis cases in New Delhi touch 141

NEW DELHI, 9 May — Hospitals confirmed 141 cases of meningo-coccal meningitis in New Delhi with 30 new patients reported Saturday, Indio-Axion News Service reported.

“While no new deaths have been reported, the number of patients has risen to 141 with 30 more cases being admitted till Saturday forenoon,” said JN Banwalikar, director of hospital administration.

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A Chinese violinist attracts shoppers during a cosmetics promotion in the Nanjing Road shopping area of Shanghai, China, on 8 May, 2005. — Internet
Arsenal beat Liverpool to benefit Everton

LONDON, 9 May — Arsenal beat Liverpool 3-1 on Sunday to help fourth-ranked Everton secure a berth for next season’s European Champions League for the first time.

The Gunners’ win left Liverpool languishing in fifth ranking with 55 points, 6 points adrift of Everton with only one game remained. Arsenal look virtually certain to finish as runners-up and qualify directly for the European Champions League as goals from Robert Pires, Jose Antonio Reyes and Francesc Fabregas put Arsenal six points ahead of Manchester United with two games left. Pires’ precision free-kick put Arsenal ahead and soon after Jose Antonio Reyes’ run and angled shot exposed some lax Liverpool defending.

Steven Gerrard’s deflected free-kick on 51st minutes gave Liverpool hope but in stoppage time Cesc Fabregas rounded off a sweeping move for Arsenal’s third.

As so often this season Liverpool packed their midfield, leaving Milan Baros up on his own in attack, which covered a distance of 5,000 kilometers. He was only able to look on from the other side of the goal.

Four minutes later, Reyes waltzed his way through the Liverpool defence and slipped the ball past the advancing handball in the 42nd minute. Gerrard then unleashed a fierce drive that produced an athletic Lehmann save.

Arsenal had their own lucky escape when John Arne Riise eluded the Arsenal defence to collect Dietmar Hamann’s pass.

With Luis Garcia calling for the ball, Riise opted to shoot, an effort deflected away by Jens Lehmann’s feet. By the midway point of the first half Arsenal had gathered a head of steam, demonstrating wonderful individual play allied to a great collective ethic.

"Denmark and Malaysia had a fierce competition in the bid for hosting the 2007 World Championships. Through democratic procedures, the International Badminton Federation decided to award the right to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia," said Kang Young Joong, newly elected as president of the sport’s world governing body Sunday morning.

"It will be the first time since 1989 an Asian country hosts a badminton World Championships following the successful bid of Kuala Lumpur, becoming new headquarter of the IBF in October this year. Europe has been hosting the world championships since 1989 until the 2005 version was awarded to California, United States.

The new IBF council also decided that Incheon of South Korea will play host to the 2006 junior world championships.

The IBF held the annual general meeting here Sunday morning, naming Punch Gunalan from Malaysia deputy president and selecting six vice-president as well as 17 council members.

The newly elected IBF officials will preside over the Sudirman Cup, to be held here through May 10 to 15. — MNA/Xinhua

Kuala Lumpur to host 2007 badminton worlds

BEIJING, 9 May — The International Badminton Federation (IBF) has awarded the right to host the 2007 World Championships to Kuala Lumpur, it announced here on Sunday.

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The rally comprising five jeeps had begun the journey from Kuala Lumpur to host 2007 Int’l Rally,
Myanmar’s sincere and frank attitude…

According to the modern science political economics, the transition to democracy through the market-oriented economic system all over the world:
(1) constantly contributes towards modernization and development of human societies.
(2) makes members of human societies decide their future freely. (It gives priority to personal freedom.)
(3) continuously boosts production, so supply always exceeds demand.
(4) encourages collective production, so it helps productive forces develop speedily.
(5) makes development of productive forces compulsory for private entrepreneurs in human societies.
(6) the entrepreneurs, who fail to do unlimited expansion of enterprises for modernization and development, face the threat of being bankrupt.

In his speech at the first day session of the Asia-Africa Summit (2005) at the Jakarta Convention Centre, General Than Shwe said “the spirit of Bandung remains a potent force for closer cooperation between the two regions. What needs to be done now is to galvanize our efforts by adopting an effective and sustainable mechanism for our development and cooperation.”

“We live in an era of rapid change. In recent years, we have witnessed significant transformations in many fields. However, the challenges we face are complex and can only be overcome with vision and fortitude. I am confident that the new strategic partnership we have agreed to launch at this summit will serve as an effective means to enhance solidarity of the two regions.”

“In view of the common challenge we face, the creation of strong linkages between Asia and Africa is an imperative of the times. Although the countries of our two regions have made progress in the political field, the vast majority of our peoples still remain mired in abject poverty due to the adverse external environment. Our nations are blessed with vast human and natural resources. We must seek ways to complement each other’s strength, and develop workable political, economic and social, cultural programmes to achieve our full potential.”

“In this regard, we recognize the crucial role that regional organizations such as the ASEAN, the African Union, the Asian Cooperation Dialogue and the East Asia Summit can make in promoting economic, social and cultural cooperation. I am also convinced that growing people to people contacts will contribute to the success of the new partnership between our two continents. Let us recommit ourselves to the Bandung principles and strengthen the ties that bind us. Myanmar fully supports the call to reinvigorate the Bandung spirit and to forge a new strategic partnership.”

The Senior General’s speech, in fact, envisages peace, prosperity, cooperation and development of the world, and lets international community know Myanmar’s sincere and frank attitude at the Asian-African Summit (2005) and the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference.


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Eldest son of U Min Swe-Daw Tin Tin of Room 7, 42-D Pantra Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, beloved husband of Daw Marlar Than and beloved father of Dr. Thet Chaw Su (IM1), son in law of (U Than Yee-Daw Kyi Kyi), elder brother of U Wint Swe-Daw Ei Ei Tin (Sinh), and Daw Yaw Swe-Daw Khin Aye Mu (Law), U Than Naing-Daw Ei Ei Swe (Singapore), uncle of 3 nephews and 3 nieces, passed away while on duty at 6:00 pm local time on 7 May 2005 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Bereaved family

Magway Division WAO gets new building

YANGON, 9 May — A new building of Magway Division Women’s Affairs Organization was inaugurated on 7 May morning in Magway. President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Than Nwe unveiled the signboard of the building.

After the opening ceremony, MWAF President met with members of Magway Division, District, and Township organizations at the meeting hall.

Daw Than Nwe also met with members of NyaungU District/township WAOs at the office of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council yesterday. At the meeting, she contributed K 50,000 to the fund of NyaungU Township WAO. — MNA

WEATHER

Monday, 9 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:00 hrs MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Tanintharyi Division, scattered in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin States, Lower Sagain, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkhong (2.72 inches) and Myeik (1.14 inches). Day temperatures were (3˚C) above normal in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions (3˚C) to (4˚C) below normal in Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions. (6˚C) below normal in Kayin State. (7˚C) below normal in eastern Shan State and Tanintharyi Division.

The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Aunglan (40˚C) each. Maximum temperature on 8-5-2005 was 95˚F. Minimum temperature on 9-5-2005 was 71˚F. Relative humidity at 9-30 hrs MST on 9-5-2005 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 8-5-2005 was (7.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 9-5-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-5-2005 was 2.25 inches at Yangon Airport. 2.72 inches at Kaba-Aye and 1.26 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South-west at (12:00) hrs MST on 8-5-2005.

Bay influence: According to the observations at 09:30 hrs MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over north Andaman Sea and adjoining Southeast Bay has become unimportant and weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 10-5-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mon and Kayin States and Tanintharyi Division, isolated in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters, Outlook for subequatorial waters in the lower Myanmar area. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-5-2005: Likeliness of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-5-2005: Partly cloudy.

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Tuesday, 10 May, 2005
A Youth Seminar of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place on a grand scale at Aungmingalar Hall near Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May morning.

It was attended by the Secretary-General, secretariat members, CEC members, regional coordinators of state and division USDAs and officials of USDA Headquarters, secretaries and executives of state and division USDAs and USDA youth members.

U Aw-wada delivers an address at the mass rally to oppose and condemn announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union.— MNA

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