Traitors to the nation lacking Union Spirit, patriotism and nationalistic sentiment always resort to all possible wicked means to wreck Union. Mongrai in Lashio District denounces announcement on secession from Union.

Yangon, 10 May — A mass rally to oppose and condemn the announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts took place in the Myoma sports ground in Mongrai, Lashio District, Shan State (North) today. Present were departmental officials, members of the Mongrai Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Township Women’s Affairs Organization, Township War Veterans Organization, Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people totalling 5,200.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
258 drug-related cases exposed in April

YANGON, 10 May — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department managed to expose 258 drug-related cases in April 2005.

The drug seizures by the authorities were 24,1602 kilos of opium in 27 cases, 86,6434 kilos of heroin in 100 cases, 0.48 kilos of morphine in one case, 1,7673 kilos of opium oil in five cases, 1,9322 kilos of low grade opium in 13 cases, 11,3612 kilos of marijuana in 22 cases, 103,260 stimulants in 52 cases, 87.5 kilos of Ephedrine in one case, 12,038 kilos of opium speciosa in five cases, 0.1 litre of cough syrup in one case, 30,001 diazepam tablets in two cases, 970 ampoules of diazepam in one case, 250 Phenobarbital tablets in one case, 25 cases for failure to register and six other drug-related cases.

Action was taken against 378 people—318 men and 60 women—in 258 drug-related cases in April 2005.

Cash donated to Monyin Vipasana

YANGON, 10 May — A ceremony to drive stake, lay cornerstone and donate cash for Golden Jubilee Srinento Dhammayo of Monyin Vipasana on Mindhamma Road in Bahan Township was held this morning. The ceremony was graced by the presence of members of the Sangha led by Joint-Secretary Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Dwipidakadhara Dwipidakakawida Bhaddanta Jagarabivumsa Sayadawgyi. Also present were Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of the Committee for Building the Monastery U Kyaw Thin and members, wellwishers and guests.

At 8 am U Hla Myint Oo, wellwishers and officials drove stake. Afterwards, cornerstone laying ceremony was held. At the cash donation ceremony, U Hla Myint Oo and officials accepted K 15,291,410 donated by 62 wellwishers and later presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Next, the joint-secretary Sayadawgyi delivered a sermon followed by sharing of merits gained.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe welcomes back
Deputy Minister U Pe Than and party. — TRANSPORT

Water supply tasks in Magway Division inspected

YANGON, 10 May — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, together with Director-General of Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint and officials, inspected water supply and greening tasks carried out by township DADS in Magway Division on 7 May.

At the office of DAD in Chaik, the minister heard reports on work being carried out and gave instructions on work to be done as soon as possible spending the funds of DAD, seeking cooperation of locals in water supply tasks and digging drinking water ponds. He also inspected saplings at the sports ground in Chaik Township, Lollen District, Shan State (South) on 8 May. National races living in Chaik Township, like their brethren living in other states and divisions, could not accept the acts of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts at all. Therefore, they held a mass rally to denounce it.

We believe that the entire national people will go all out to abort all the attempts to disintegrate the Union, to destroy Shan State and to give the national people a lot of trouble.

Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspect nursery of Chaik Township Development Affairs Department. — PRANIDA

Why did they do like that

* Peace and quiet, tranquility
* Have been disturbed, human lives
* Have been destroyed, by them
* The reason for it, if analysed
* People and Government, working together
* With the help of the military, the nation-building

Carefully thought out, Road Map laid Journey ahead, ever progressive

We are seeing, these days

* We Myanmars, from being divided
* Cleared of conscience, work together
* Strive together, rejoicing

We are seeing, these days

* To other nation, went and took refuge
* And to destroy homeland, with savage plan

Condemning Sao Hkam Hpa groups thoroughly

Seeing all those, they feel unhappy

That what they plan, will not materialize

These kind of people

No matter who dies, it’s alright if I survive

With that in mind, and dirty plan

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Pakistan, India hold talks over controversial dam

ISLAMABAD, 9 May — Pakistan and India on Sunday opened talks to remove differences over India’s building a controversial 330-megawatt hydro-electric project in Indian-controlled Kashmir, local media reported.

Talking to the Press at the opening of the four-day parleys in eastern Pakistani city of Lahore, DK Mehta, chief of the Indian delegation, said that Pakistan and India had till now two rounds of talks on this issue in Lahore’s in November and New Delhi’s in February, local news agency News Network International reported.

Pakistan says that India’s construction of Kishan-Ganga Hydro-power Project at Jhelum River is in violation of the Indus Basin Treaty, signed in the 1960s, which distributes water between the two countries, and that it would affect its downstream projects.

India maintains this project is not in violation of the water distribution treaty, the report said.

Mehta said that India honoured Indus Basin Treaty and if he could not remove Pakistan’s objections and doubts on Kishan-Ganga Hydro-power Project, he would even go to the extent of altering the design of the under-construction project for the cause of peace in the region.

Indus Basin Treaty enshrined Indian right to store limited quantity of water on River Jhelum, and this was for irrigating 3.6-million-acre area, he said.

“We have designed Kishan-Ganga Hydro-power Project keeping in view of our share of the quantum of water and Pakistan was informed about it in 1994. Pakistan was also briefed about the latest position of construction work in February meeting,” Mehta said.

Jamaat Ali Shah, chief of Pakistan’s delegation, was quoted as saying the project is against the treaty, which he said does not allow diversion of water.

Japanese Prime Minister创新能力 Jintao and his Indian counterpart started three-day talks in New Delhi on Sunday.

Japanese Prime Minister创新能力 Jintao made a five-point proposal for the improvement of the relations between China and Japan during his meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on the sidelines of an Asian-African Summit in Jakarta last month.

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Japan speaks highly of Hu Jintao’s proposal on bilateral ties

BEIJING, 9 May — A Japanese senior official said here Sunday that Japan attaches importance on its relations with Asian countries, China in particular, and speaks highly of Chinese President创新能力 Jintao’s proposal on promoting development of China-Japan ties.

The proposal emphasized dialogue, exchange and cooperation between the two countries, especially when they are facing difficulties in bilateral ties, urging Japan to abide by the political documents which serve as the basis of their diplomatic ties and to properly handle the issues concerning history and Taiwan.

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The export value reached 22.4 billion US dollars during the period, growing 19.1 per cent year-on-year. The growth rate dropped 5.6 per cent year-on-year.

The export of textile yarn, fabric and products grew 24.8 per cent and that of clothes grew 15.9 per cent. The rate of growth for all products was lower than in first quarter of 2004.

Meanwhile, the export of electromechanical products rose by 34.4 per cent to 85.4 billion US dollars, and that for high-tech products also grew by 22.3 per cent to 43.7 billion US dollars in the first three months.

China reports rising export of textiles

1,603 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 9 May — As of Monday, 9 May, 2005, at least 1,603 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 1,224 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is one higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 11 am EDT Monday.

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, 1,465 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,115 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

1,603 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war
ASEM FM's meeting calls for cooperation to tackle global challenges

Kyoto (Japan), 9 May — The 7th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Foreign Ministers' Meeting closed on Saturday afternoon in central Japanese city Kyoto, calling for cooperation between Asia and Europe through ASEM in tackling global challenges.

During the two-day meeting, foreign ministers or representatives from 38 countries and an international organization Commission discussed issues of common interest, including strengthening of multilateralism, sustain-able development and dialogue among cultures and civilizations, under the theme "Deepening of Asia-European Dialogue on Global Challenges".

The ministers expressed their determination to strengthen cooperation and welcomed the "Asia-European Partnership to Tackle Global Challenges."

They also discussed the future of ASEM in the areas of substantive cooperation, improvement of the efficiency of ASEM institutional mechanisms, and future membership enlargement.

Their focus also include Asian consultation about a planned East Asia Summit, regional security, UN reform, environment as well as fence-mending efforts between Japan and China, and Japan and South Korea, through a series of talks on the sidelines of full sessions of the formal ASEM foreign ministers' meeting.

Participants from the 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Japan, China, South Korea and the 25 European Union members as well as the European Commission joined the full ASEM talks.

Foreign ministers from the ASEAN members, China, Japan and South Korea held the so-called ASEAN-plus-three meeting before the ASEM meeting and discussed which countries outside the framework can join an East Asia Summit, based on an agreement ASEAN foreign ministers reached last month in the Philippines.

ASEAN agreed that the first meeting of the East Asia Summit will be held in Kuala Lumpur at the end of this year among countries that can maintain close dialogue with ASEAN, agree to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation, and have substantive relationships with ASEAN in politics, economics, culture and other fields.

Malaysian, Indonesian warships to remain in disputed area

Kuala Lumpur, 9 May — Malaysia and Indonesia agreed through negotiations on Friday to peacefully resolve a dispute over an oil-rich territory of the Sulawesi Sea but will not pull back their warships from the area.

Razak told reporters after meeting with Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla.

In the same Press conference, Kalla said navies from the two countries would continue to "undertake friendly patrols that will not raise any conflict."

Tensions between the neighbouring countries have escalated with both of them deploying Navy ships and military planes to the oil-rich area known as Ambalat, off the east coast of Borneo, and trading accusations of encroachment into their respective territories.

Things got heated when on 8 April warships from the two countries collided. However, both countries have vowed to resolve the conflict through peaceful means.

ICRC grants $600m for Aceh, Nias

Jakarta, 9 May — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has agreed to provide a 600-million-US-dollar fund for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the catastrophe-hit provinces of Aceh and North Sumatra.

The funds would primarily be used for construction of some 20,000 permanent houses in Aceh province and some 2,500 more in Nias Island in North Sumatra province, according to the reconstruction plan set by the Indonesian Government.

Seven US soldiers killed in Iraq in last two days

Baghdad, 9 May — Seven US soldiers were killed in action in Iraq in the last two days, the US military said on Sunday.

The military said in a statement that one soldier was killed and another wounded in a bomb attack near Samarra, 100 kilometres north of Baghdad, on Sunday.

Two more soldiers were killed during operation in the same day in Khalidiyah, between the restive cities of Ramadi and Fallujah west of Baghdad.

On Saturday, three Marines and a sailor were killed when fighting with guerrillas in Haditha, 220 kilometres northwest of the capital, according to the statement.

The troops were first attacked by a suicide car bomb and were engaged with the fighters taking position in a nearby civilian hospital, added the statement.

Over 1,590 American soldiers have been killed since the US-led war on Iraq started in March 2003, according to media reports.
VECC unveils largest superconducting magnet of India

KOILKATA, 8 May—The largest-ever superconducting magnet of India with applications in advanced nuclear science has been developed by scientists in this eastern metropolis.

The superconducting magnet, the sixth largest in the world, was recently energized at the Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), a premier body of the Department of Atomic Energy here.

Announcing this here on Friday, VECC Director Bikash Sinha said the superconducting magnet, with a very high magnetic field of about 48 kilogauss, would make the centre a hub of global nuclear science research with the international nuclear physics community showing interest in using the facility. "Such a magnet has not earlier been constructed in the country and that makes it a unique achievement," Sinha said.

French PM’s operation completed with no difficulty

PARIS, 8 May—French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin’s operation was completed "without any particular difficulty," Paris Val-de-Grace military hospital announced Saturday in a statement.

According to the statement, he was asked to stay in hospital for several days for "simple" post-operative treatment. Raffarin, 56, was hospitalized earlier in the day and tests showed an "acute inflammation of the gallbladder". The Prime Minister cancelled his scheduled presence at the eastern French town Reims, where the ceremony of the German surrender to the east on 7 May, 1945, took place on Saturday.

According to a source close to the Prime Minister, Raffarin celebrated Friday the third year of his assumption of the premiership and he will also cancel his scheduled activities to commemorate the end of the World War II in Europe.

French Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie presided over on his behalf the Reims ceremony in the day and she is often considered as a possible successor to him.

Raffarin would probably not attend the 29 May referendum on the European Constitution in about three weeks because of his after treatment according to the source.

23 Nepali girls rescued from Indian circus

KATHMANDU, 8 May—A total of 23 Nepali girls living a pathetic life in a circus company in India were rescued and returned back home on Friday, an official said here on Saturday.

"The girls who were forced to work in the Kohinoor Circus company of Karnataka State of India were rescued following a long arduous effort," Khem Thapa, chief of the Nepali Child Welfare Organisation, a non-government organization, told reporters.

The girls ranging between 16 to 22 years of age were rescued by the organization with support of the Non-resident Nepali Friends’ Forum of India, he revealed.

Pakistan, Malaysia enter new era of partnership

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 May—Visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz has said his country and Malaysia are entering into a new era of economic partnership that will include a free trade agreement (FTA).

Negotiations for FTA had started and it would have an early “harvest clause” so that both countries could move in certain items quickly, Shaukat Aziz said in an interview with Bernama, Malaysia national news agency, on Friday.

Since Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi’s visit to Islamabad three months ago, there had been a resurgence and energizing of economic ties between the two countries, he said.

Malaysian companies coming to Pakistan would obtain many opportunities in various sectors including housing, construction, telecommunication, information technology, agro-based industries, petroleum and energy, he said.

S Korea seeks to expand free trade with Latam states

SEOUL, 9 May—South Korea is making progress in its efforts to promote free trade with some Latin American states, including Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, Seoul officials said Sunday.

Seoul and Asuncion were expected to agree to come up with a joint free trade proposal in 2006, the Seoul Korean officials said.

The proposal, to be explored by May next year, will seek to facilitate trade between two or more countries and is not necessarily a precursor to a free trade agreement (FTA) or a preferential trade agreement, officials said.

During the meeting, the sides discussed plans to conduct joint feasibility studies, trade and FTA policies as well as issues such as investment, service-sector liberalization and product trade, they said.
National Convention
Convening Commission ...

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First Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address on the occasion. In his speech he said the reason to hold the meeting was that National Convention Convening Commission, NCCC Work Committee and Management Committee were to coordinate its future tasks to be carried out as the NCCC was adjourned temporarily as of 31st May. Arrangements were to be made for sector-wise tasks in time, he added.

Next, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsuan presented reports regarding the financial matters of National Convention, NCCC reports and issuing of NC delegate list.
Likewise, Chairman of NCCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presented reports on arrangements being made and tasks to be carried out by NCCC Work Committee and Chairman of NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung on buildings and maintenance of furniture and local satellite communication stations have been set up.

Regarding the education sector, 91 new schools have been opened, Government Technological College and Government Computer College including 16 e-learning centres have been established in the state.

In Chin State, there were no dams and reservoirs in the past. At present, two dams have been built. The number of the acres of tea increased from 158 acres to 5533 acres. As for the livestock breeding, about 1.9 million of farm animals are bred now, up from 1 million. A total of 39,000 myithun are being bred as a new project. She said over 50 miles of urban road and 415 miles of rural road have been constructed. In addition, altogether 26 new bridges have been built in the state. Kyauk-htu Airport was inaugurated on 10 July, 2004, for better transport of Chin State.

She said members of the Chin State USDA have been making efforts for the regional development tasks in cooperation with locals. She concluded her presentation calling on the new generation youths to participate actively in building the peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Next, Ma Kyaw Yin Win of Sagaing Division USDA said Sagaing Division has a population of over 5945000 and made up of eight districts and 37 townships. At present, of road and 995 bridges have been constructed.

In the education sector, she said the number of schools and colleges increased from 3603 to 4597 and two to six respectively in the division. In Sagaing Division, there are 152 multimedia classrooms and 68 e-learning centres now.

As for the health, the government has built 10 hospitals and the number of the hospitals has increased to 1132, up from 962. The government has also built two arts and science universities and 21 e-Learning centres in the region.

With respect to the agricultural sector, sown acreage of highland cultivation has increased to 676,860 from 536,904 acres, monsoon paddy to 322,589 acres from 193,317 acres, rubber to 108,147 from 88,449 acres, and oil palm to 135,825 from 16,878 acres. The government built three irrigation facilities and four water supply projects. So, the region has been able to put 30,100 acres under summer paddy, and 6,532 acres under beans and pulses.

As regards the Division and other regions. In the industrial sector, the number of private factories has increased from 1426 to 4464. As for the electricity, three hydel power plants have been built. In the transportation sector, there are now bridges of over 180-foot-long has increased from 17 to 180. Now, rail travel has a distance of over 460 miles in the division, she said.

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As part of a mass media, 19 re-transmission stations have been set up in the division. Altogether 53 fax machines and eight computer telegraphs have been equipped and they will improve the communication between Sagaing and other regions.

With regard to the science and technology sector, Dawei and Myeik have been facilitated with a government technological college and Dawei a government computer college.

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Yangon, 10 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence on 8 May morning drove a golden stake and laid the cornerstone to construct the three-storey building of Government Technological College in Mawlamyine.

At a stake driving ceremony held at the site chosen, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials also laid the cornerstones.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the site chosen to construct the building. The main building will be put up on 138,286 sq ft of land and the construction will be completed by 12 February next year. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo views the site chosen for construction of the three-storey building of GTC (Mawlamyine). — MNA

Yangon, 10 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony on 8 May morning driven by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials concerned on 8 May morning attended a ceremony to drive a stake for the new building of Government Technological College (Mawlamyine) and gave necessary instructions.

After that, they proceeded to the Yegetdau Rubber Plantation in Kyonkadat Village, Thanbyuzayat Township, where the owner of Asia Rubber Plantation reported on progress of work being carried out and tasks to be undertaken.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected driving of bole piles for construction of the jetty of the approach railroad leading to Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) and gave instructions to officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party then inspected Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). They proceeded to the Yesetdaung Rubber Plantation in Kyonkadat Village, Thanbyuzayat Township, where the owner of Asia Rubber Plantation reported on progress of work being carried out and tasks to be undertaken. After that, they proceeded to the Highway Bus Terminal (Mawlamyine) construction project site, where Director of Homtau Co U Hla Myint reported on measures being undertaken and Deputy Minister U Pe Than gave a supplementary report.

At the construction site of the Approach Railroad leading to new Mawlamyine Railway Station, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party viewed work being carried out with use of heavy machinery.

The railroad under construction in Daungzayat Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State. — MNA

International Ltd’s Rubber Plantation reported on progress of rubber growing. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions, calling upon rubber growers to engage in rubber growing from manageable scale to commercial scale, to do so in the interest of the State and the people as rubber is in high demand in foreign nations.

He added that Mon State will surely meet with success in rubber growing, for relevant ministries will provide rubber growers with rubber saplings and technology.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted the rubber growers.

After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint...
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U Saing Htwan
Hsa delivers
introductory speech
at the mass rally.
MNA

YANGON, 10 May
—The following is a translation of the introductory speech delivered by meeting chairman Shan national farmer U Saing Htwan Hsa of Ward 3 in Mongrai Township.

U Saing Htwan Hsa in his speech said that since yore Shan nationals with nationalist fervour have been living in amity and union, Shan nationals have been committed to the perpetual existence of the Union that all the unity of the Union with peace, and the spirit of all-round development of the Union are combined.

Union Spirit are always willing to serve the interests of the Union. The traitors to the nation lacking Union Spirit, patriotism and nationalistic sentiment always resort to all possible wicked means and ways to wreck the Union. Such evil elements are not only betrayal to the nation and the people but also stab the locals of Shan State in their back.

Indeed, Union Spirit consists of noble mind, positive attitude and the spirit of cherishing the motherland.

The national brethren who have been armed with Union Spirit are always willing to serve the interests of the Union.

The traitors to the nation lacking Union Spirit, patriotism and nationalistic sentiment always resort to all possible wicked means and ways to wreck the Union. Such evil elements are good for nothing for the nation.

Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, son of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa and his fourth wife Mahadevi Sao Hein Kham, and cohorts from Canada issued an announcement on 17 April to secede Shan State from the Union.

They announced the formation of Shan provisional government without the wish of the people of Shan State.

In other words, they not only betray the nation and the people but also stab the locals of Shan State in their back. Therefore, he said the local people of Shan State strongly protest against the acts and aims of fugitive Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts who are supporting the nation’s enemies.

The act committed by expatriate Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts is the evil perpetration that can have dire consequences on the Union, which has a promising future with national solidarity, security, stability, peace, and prospects for development.

Together with the entire national people, the local residents in Shan State do not accept and denounce the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices.

In conclusion, he called on the people of Mongrai Township to present their attitude and discuss the announcement of the fugitives.

MNA

Panel of chairmen U Saing Htwan Hsa, U Saing Hsan Leik and Sao Yar Pe.—MNA

Local people of Shan State attending the mass rally. — MNA

Local Shan nationals Daw Nan Kathy acts as MC together with Daw Nan Kham Hla.—MNA
Yangon, 10 May
— The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Sai Sun Myat of Ward 3, Mongrai. Seconding the motion, he said that the national races in Shan State had been in a state of misery and anxiety for long.

They also experienced a series of constructive activities. Hence, the masses of Shan State categorically distinguish between the good and the bad.

Shan State is blessed with natural beauty. There is also tributary in colourful costumes in Shan State. It has been subjected to exploitation of colonials and local guerrillas for over a hundred years.

After the independence was regained, there arose conflicts among national races due to ism and sectarian, forcing the local people to live in utter misery. Some Shan Sawbwas created Shan insurgencies in the aftermath of 1959 as they had to relinquish power.

They also hatched a plot to disintegrate the Union through the federal policy activities. The Tamadaw and the people had to detour and ward off the then federalists who are to disintegrate the Union.

Seconding the motion, he said, there is not even a single piece of truth in the acts of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts to destroy the Union. Singing to the tune of the coalition, they are trying to break up the Union of Myanmar blessed with unity and patriotism. They are like burning their own house. They lie to the people that 48 townships in Shan State and 85 per cent of the locals are in support of them.

In reality the entire nation condemns the act of setting up a shan parallel government. The people whom they have tricked and forced to support them have already denounced them in the strongest terms. They have used the Internet to make the false list of their supporters. Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts even lie to the people that some of the countries have supported them. But the people do not believe their lies. And if a certain nation supports them, they will surely face the opposition of the entire people according to the four-point People’s Directive.

The Tatmadaw has won the trust of the peace groups and its noble needs are in the interest of the people. Peace, stability and all-round development of the entire Shan State prove the fact that the national political cause is on the right track. The national developments are totally different from the sabotages of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. The entire Mongrai Township is against them and condemn them.

Sao Hkam Hpa and his accomplices misled and deceived the people to the effect that those from 48 townships of Shan State supported them. In addition they also cited that the Tatmadaw in the execution of the security and national defence duty was to withdraw from the Shan State and peace-keeping forces were to step in instead. They resorted again to the old tactic of calling for secession of Shan State from union and entry into west military bloc.

The remaining Shan Sawbwas turned out to be hindrances and obstacles to the Union. This cannot to all be acceptable by the people. The mass of Mongrai Township will never accept the acts and expressions of descendants of self-seeking renegade Sao Kham Hpa.

Putting in the fore the wishes of the national people who are desirous of developing the Union, I tabled the motion calling for denouncing and condemning the announce ment of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts.

U Sai Sun Myat

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Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo encourages summer paddy harvest, collection of per acre yield

YANGON, 10 May — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, accompanied by departmental heads gave encouragement on summer paddy harvest and collection of per acre yield in special zone 500 acres in Kunchangon village tract, Taikkyi Township on 5 May evening.

The minister together with farmers inspected summer paddy harvest and collection of the per acre yield by the use of farm equipment manufactured by Agricultural Mechanization Department. Hsinthwelat paddy strain has already been cultivated in place of Manawthuka paddy. Tailing 76,910 acres of paddy —33,410 acres of moonson paddy and 43,500 acres of summer paddy— put under cultivation in Yangon, Bago, Ayeawaddy, Magway and Mandalay Divisions during 2004-2005. Extension of paddy cultivation will be performed up to 250,000 acres in 2005-2006. Totalling 74,227 acres of moonson paddy and 42,109 acres of summer paddy put under cultivation in Bago Division (West). This cultivation volume reached atop in the nation. Farmers expressed appreciation on Hsinthwelat paddy as it produces from 120 baskets of paddy to 140. On arrival at Thayawady Township, Bago Division, the minister and party looked into tasks carried out and progress of work and water supply in Thonse Dam. Due to its irrigation facilities built,summer paddy could be grown on 21,500 acres of farmland in coming year. The minister met with officials of Magway Division Agricultural Coordination Committee at the meeting hall of Magway Irrigation Department on 6 May morning and gave instructions on reclamation of farmland and cultivation of paddy and other crops. Next, the minister said the officials are to make field trips to designated crops according to farmers’ desire to generate more income to provide agricultural methods to farmers, to carry out land use permits in line with rules and regulations and to perform data of land record correctly.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win stressed the importance of combined efforts for implementation of five rural development work and attended to the needs.

Members of Chin State USDA…

As to the mining sector, after 1988, the region has produced 105,470.57 tonnes of pearls, 447.29 tonnes of tin and tungsten, and 119,162.83 tonnes of coal. In connection with the livestock sector, the region breeds 3,245 million livestock animals, and fish in 935.21 acres of fish breeding ponds. For better transport, the government has constructed 95.68 miles of roads, one airport, and four jetties. The length of roads has increased to 689 miles and two furlongs, up from 397 miles and one furlong. The government built seven above-180-foot bridges and 56 under-180-foot bridges. When it comes to the industrial sector, the region has been facilitated with one industrial zone with 19 industries, along with 489 factories. In conclusion, he pledged that Taninthayi Division USDA, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, will continue to participate actively in the public welfare services and the five rural development tasks, while implementing the seven objectives and nine future work programmes laid down by the Association.

Afterwards, Ma Khin Thu Thanda Hnin of Bago Division (East) USDA said Bago Division is 24793 square miles wide and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan nationals are living there. There were 333 miles and seven furlongs and there are now 591 miles and one furlong. There are 28 water supply projects and 2,578 miles and four furlongs of rural roads. The number of bridges 180 feet and above increased to 56 from 36 and there are 619 bridges (under 180 feet). There are three airports in the division and progress has been made in roads and rail roads. More dams were built for increase of cultivation acreage of summer and monsoon paddy, beans and pulses, cotton and sugarcane. There are teak and Thitsi plantations and natural forest conservation for greening of Bago Yoma was launched. She said members of Bago (East) USDA have determined to participate in rural development tasks and nation-building tasks. The presentation of USDA youths will continue to be published in the paper tomorrow.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on tour of Kyaikkhami, Lamine

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gives instructions to officials at BEHS in Khaewza, Ye Township. An official reported on the area and population of Laming, Ye township, and development and agricultural work. Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win stressed the importance of combined efforts for implementation of five rural development work and attended to the needs.

Presentation of research papers on ancient pagodas in Thanlyin-Kyunkan region organized by English Language Teaching Diploma Course of the University of East Yangon on 6-5-2005.
Be on alert against destructionists

Htet Khaung

For the terrorists who made innocent people cry and suffer will surely face their tragic end as they will be punished by the people for their crimes. Hence, all the Myanmars should rise up and make collective efforts in the hunt for the terrorists whose days are numbered.

My blood began to boil at that moment, with heart and soul. “Now, a Saturday I am longing for is stained with blood.” None of my relatives and friends are included in the dead and wounded, but the victims of the bomb blasts are the kinship of every person of Myanmar. For us, there is no difference between killing or harming our relatives and the other people of Myanmar. As even a person like me, whose relatives and friends are not included in the victims, is suffering from terrible sadness, the anguish of the participation of the relatives of the victims will be beyond imagination.

With what intention the terrorists do such a loathsome act? Whom do they dislike? If they do want to oppose the Government, they should openly challenge and face it. But they blew off bombs at the places where only innocent people go. So, all the dead and wounded were innocent civilians and Buddhist monks. Those places are always crowded with people doing shopping with peace of mind. Terrorist bombing do not represents any political system nor concern democracy. It is not a just act, but a clan- destine act of the persons with extreme cowardice. Terrorist bombers too may have relatives and friends. They committed the carnage relying on their relatives and friends to hide themselves from the authorities and hatch the murder plot. It is difficult for the authorities to expose and arrest the terrorists and foil their attempts in advance as they look like other ordinary citizens. However efficient the security personnel are, it is still impossible for them to ensure full security for the people, without the public help. The terrorists disguising themselves as ordinary citizens can be exposed and crushed only with the public participation.

The act of blowing up a bomb to kill innocent people does not amount to opposing and challenging the Government. It is the act of opposing and challenging the entire people. It is not an attack on the Government, but against the entire people.

IFRC unveils five-year tsunami aid plan

GENEVA, 10 May — The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said Monday that it has unveiled a 1.5 billion Swiss franc (1.25 billion US dollars) long-term aid plan in countries affected by last December’s tsunami.

The plan, outlining programmes from 2005 to 2010, includes rebuilding homes, hospitals and clinics, water and sanitation systems, providing psychosocial support and livelihood support to people, as well as training community-based volunteers and putting in place sustainable disaster preparedness measures, the IFRC said in a statement. It also includes improving disaster management, logistics, replenishment of relief stocks and training in first aid and disaster response for Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers, the Geneva-based organization added. “We felt it was essential to draw up these plans as quickly as possible, so that we can help those rebuilding, both now and in the future, and to demonstrate how resources will be used to help those affected recover from the tsunami and rebuild their lives,” said Johan Schara, the IFRC’s special tsunami representative. “These long-term plans seek to put in place sustainable solutions that meet the real needs of the tsunami-affected communities in each country and will empower people to protect themselves in this very disaster-prone region,” added Simon Missiri, head of the Asia Pacific Department of the agency. — MNA/Xinhua
INVITATION TO TENDER
(Tender No. 4(T) MPE/HSD (2) 2005-2006)
1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise the Ministry of Energy for the Supply of (24,000 ± 10%) Metric Tons HSD (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).
2. Tender Closing Date: 19-5-2005 at 12:00 noon.
3. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, No(23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon starting from 10.5.2005 on payment of one hundred (100) FEC.
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially will be accepted for evaluation.
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Mozambique, Malawi to strengthen cooperation in transport
MAPUTO, 9 May — Mozambique and Malawi will step up bilateral cooperation, especially in the sector of transport, said Mozambican President Armando Guebuza on Saturday during his first working visit to Malawi. According to local media, Guebuza discussed with his Malawian counterpart Bingu Wa Mutharika the prospects for increasing bilateral co-operation, particularly in Malawian use of Mozambican railways and ports, and the possible Malawian purchases of Mozambican electricity.

Mozambique is a major source of power for the south African region, and the Arab region has a great potential, according to Guebuza.

S America to seek to improve eco ties with Arab countries
BRASILIA, 9 May — South America will seek to improve economic and trade ties with the Arab countries during the South American-Arab League Summit due for Monday and Tuesday in Brazil, authorities announced on Saturday.
The summit will bring leaders and ministers from 12 South American and 22 Arab countries together for the first time, which could serve as an initial step toward negotiations for a free trade agreement between the two regions that have insignificant business links with each other.

Although South America has been the destination of millions of Arab immigrants, the region and the Arab countries have inadequate economic relations with each other, analysts said.
The Middle East is South America’s weakest regional trading partner, with Brazil, South American economy, exporting just 4 billion US dollars annually to the Middle East and importing 4.1 billion dollars, according to the Brazilian authorities.

Exports to South America from Egypt, for example, accounted for only 1 percent of the country’s total exports in the first 11 months of 2005. Nevertheless, trade between South America and the Arab region has a great potential, according to experts.
Pentagon notifies Congress of proposed missiles sale to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 9 May — The Pentagon has notified the US Congress of a proposed sale of anti-ship missiles to Pakistan, including 40 air-launched and 20 ground-launched Harpoon Block II missiles and associated equipment valued at about 180 million US dollars. The proposed sale would also include 300 Sidewinder missiles, a release said Friday.

The US Defence Security Cooperation Agency which handles foreign arms sales for the Pentagon, informed the Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Pakistan of 40 AGM-84L and 20 RGM-84L Harpoon Block II missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as 180 million US dollars, it said.

The US had on March 25 cleared the supply of about two dozen nuclear-capable F-16 fighter planes to Pakistan and in an apparent balancing exercise paved the way for sale of the same aircraft and offered civilian nuclear energy cooperation with India. Pakistan intends to use the purchase to upgrade and modernize its existing Harpoon missile capability, it said.

"The modernisation will enhance Pakistan's legitimate self-defence capability," the Pentagon told Congress, which has 30 days to move to block any such government-to-government arms sale.

"The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the US by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be a key ally in the global war on terrorism," it said, adding that the proposed sales will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The AGM-84 Harpoon Block II missile features satellite-guidance systems designed to attack targets in congested offshore locations.

The Agency has also notified the Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Pakistan of 300 AIM-9M-1/2 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as 46 million.

The Pakistan Navy currently has AGM-84 Block I air/ surface sub-surface launch capability. The principal contractors for the 40 air-launched and 20 surface-launched Harpoon missiles will be the Boeing Co of St Louis, Missouri, and Delex Systems, Inc of Vienna, Virginia. Raytheon Systems Corporation in Tucson, Arizona will be the prime contractors for the Sidewinder missiles.

"The governors reaffirmed their commitment to support sustainable development in the region, and maintain prudent monetary policies and a sound and stable financial system," the EAC said. The governors who were meeting to discuss progress being made toward implementation of decisions of the Monetary Affairs Committee of the EAC, agreed to work together on the design and implementation of government policies directed toward achieving and sustaining macroeconomic convergence targets in the region and monetary union in particular.

"They deliberated on interest rates, savings, and instruments and institutions of monetary policy, as well as the need to ensure sustainable fiscal deficits," the statement said.

The three governors observed that in spite of unfavourable weather conditions and high world oil prices, the three nations achieved higher gross domestic product (GDP) growth rates last year.

Czech PM honours war dead at Prague cemetery

PRAGUE, 9 May — Czech Prime Minister Jan Palounek attended a memorial ceremony honouring dead Czech and foreign soldiers on Saturday as part of the 60th anniversary marking the end of World War II at the Olsany Cemetery in Prague. Also present on the occasion were World War II veterans, other Czech politicians, representatives of the military and foreign delegations.

The first stop was at the 264 graves of British, Polish, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand airman, sailors and soldiers who died fighting to liberate Czechoslovakia or in war camp prisons.

The next stop was the graves and monument to Soviet soldiers where members of delegations from Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine paid their respects.

The event then moved to a monument to Bulgarian troops and to the monument to the Prague Uprising.

"After 60 years, I am surprised to find that one-third of people in polls say that the war is only a distant ripple in their memories," Paroubek said. — MNA/Xinhua

East African nations to work toward monetary union

NAIROBI, 9 May — Central bank governors from the East African Community (EAC) member states of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania have agreed to work toward a common monetary union.

The monetary union, one of the preconditions of arriving at a political federation, will maintain prudent monetary policies and a sound and stable financial system, the EAC said.

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Colombian astronomer picked by NASA to participate in research

BOGOTA, 9 May — Colombian astronomer Alfredo Quijano said Saturday that he was selected by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to participate in the exploration of Tempel comet.

 Quijano, director of the Astronomic Observatory of the University of Narino, in Colombia, said he was elected along with a group of researchers.

The astronomer said his team was selected from 500 observers across the world competing to join in the NASA project to explore the inside of the Tempel. Quijano will send his registration to participate in the Deep Impact Mission, which will produce an explosion that will allow identifying the dust that composes Tempel comet, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Airbus controversy not to affect Franco-Indian relations

SANTINIKETAN, 9 May — The controversy over Air India’s decision to buy aircraft from the US-based Boeing company and not from Airbus Industrie would not affect relations between India and France as both were “mature and friendly countries,” External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh said Saturday.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the ceremony to hand over Nobel medalion replicas at the Visva-Bharati University here, Singh said that French Ambassador Dominique Girard had clarified that he had been misquoted in the media over the issue.

"If that is so, then the matter ends here," Singh said. Singh said India had already expressed displeasure over the kind of language used by the French envoy.

"This is not the kind of language one should use for a friendly country. Such language is not part of diplomatic norms. However, the French Ambassador has already said that he was misquoted and I hope the matter ends here," he added.

Asked whether India was “cosying up” to the US too much, Singh said, "Indo-US relations are not at the expense of some other country. So, why should it affect relations with any other country?" — MNA/PTI
UEFA President backs Liverpool bid

LONDON, 10 May — UEFA President Lennart Johansson said on Monday that he backed Liverpool’s bid to defend the UEFA Champions League if they lift the trophy in Istanbul later this month.

Johansson said that he supports the Merseysiders’ cause but stressed the final decision rests with The Football Association and it is their responsibility to submit a formal proposal.

Of course, nothing can be done until the outcome of the final with Milan is known and at least Everton know there is no question of any repeat of the situation in Spain four years ago when Real Madrid usurped Real Zaragoza despite finishing below them in the table.

“Let’s deal with it when we know the facts after the final of the Champions League,” explained Johansson.

“And then see to it that we are crystal clear that the champion must always be given its opportunity to defend the title. ’That we see to it in the future that we have rules and regulations that are understandable from the very beginning.”

In the view of the reactions that came now, I personally, on one hand, think that someone has qualified under the present regulations for the next Champions League and, on the other hand, I understand the champions like to defend its title.

“If the association (FA) would like to do so, if they are taking contact with us, they should make a proposal that would mean extending the number of teams from England in the Champions League next time from four to five.” — MNA/Xinhua

Iberia-American sport ministers to meet in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 10 May — Twenty-two sport ministers of Iberia-American countries are to meet at the eastern Mexican city of Merida, Yucatan State, on May 10-11 to analyze issues such as the combat against doping, violence and racism. The secretary of State for Sport of Spain, Jaime Lissavetzky, will present in the meeting of the Iberia-American Sport Council (CID), a National Anti-Doping Plan, as a central part of the meeting.

This meeting comes in advance to the 5th assembly of the American Football Association and it is their responsibility to analyze issues such as the combat against doping, violence and racism, taking into account the national Olympic committees and federations, in charge of Mexican official Nelson Vargas.

CID, founded in 1994 as an initiative of Spain, Guatemala, Mexico and Uruguay, has become consolidated in its first decade, as the forum to discuss and reach consensus around regional policies.

The council aims at being a forum of communication between countries with similar structures and problems, as well as a way to exchange technical cooperation, competition organization and exchange of athletes. The organization has met in Santiago, Chile (1996); Cartagena de Indias, Colombia (1997, 2001), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (1999, 2003); Mexico City, Mexico (1999); Madrid, Spain (2000); Lima, Peru (2002), and Puerto Rico (2004). — MNA/Xinhua

Zico calls up Inamoto, Ono for Japan warm-ups

TOKYO, 10 May — Japan national soccer team coach Zico on Monday called up Europe-based pair Junichi Inamoto and Shinji Ono for this month’s home friendlies against Peru and United Arab Emirates.

The May 22 and 27 games will serve as warm-up matches for next month’s Asian World Cup qualifiers against Bahrain and North Korea.

Hamburg’s striker Naohiro Takahara was also called up to face Peru and UAE in Niigata and Tokyo. Fiorentina’s Hidetoshi Nakata is set to join the squad after May 27.

“Both teams have different styles but that will stand us in good stead for the two qualifiers,” said Brazilian Zico. Peru and UAE will face each other in between the two Japan games at Toyota Stadium on May 24. Japan play Bahrain away on June 3 and North Korea five days later.

Squad:

Goalkeepers: Yoichi Doi (FC Tokyo), Seigo Narazaki (Nagoya Grampus Eight), Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi (Jubilo Iwata)

Defenders: Atsuhito Miura (Vissel Kobe), Makoto Tanaka (Iwata), Tsuneyasu Miyamoto (Gamba Osaka), Akira Kaji (FC Tokyo)

Midfielders: Takashi Fukunishi (Iwata), Mitsuo Ogasawara (Kashima Antlers), Masashi Motoyama (Kashima), Junichi Inamoto (West Bromwich Albion), Shinji Ono (Feyenoord), Yasuhito Endo (Gamba Osaka)

Forwards: Takayuki Suzuki (Kashima), Naohiro Takahara (Hammarby), Keiji Tamada (Kashiwa Reysol), Masashi Oguro (Gamba Osaka).

MNA/Xinhua

Maradona says “Sacchi, Luxemburgo need more time”

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“Barcelona deserves to win the championship,” said he, but added that “Real Madrid will not make it easy” for the Catalonians.

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French Ligue 1 top scorers

PARIS, 9 May — Following are the top scorers of the French Ligue 1 after soccer matches on Sunday.

17 — Alexander Frei (Stade Rennes)
13 — Paulleta (Paris St. Germain)
12 — Michael Papis (Racing Strasbourg)
12 — Ian (Sochaux)
11 — Matt Moussilou (Lille)
11 — Benjamin Mwaruwari (Auxerre)
10 — Sebastien Mareau (Caen)
10 — Mamadou Niang (Racing Strasbourg)
9 — Waldir Lucas (Ajaccio)
9 — Olivier Monterrubio (Stade Rennes)

MNA/Xinhua

Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil serves during his match against Andrei Pavel of Romania at the ATP Masters Series tennis tournament in Hamburg, Germany. Kuerten won 6-2, 6-1.—INTERNET

Italian Serie A Top scorers

ROME, 9 May — Following are the top scorers of the Italian Serie A on Sunday:

22 — Alberto Gilardino (Parma)
21 — Vincenzo Montella (AS Roma)
17 — Luca Toni (Palermo)
16 — Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
15 — Mirko Vucinic (Lecce)
16 — Luca Toni (Palermo)
22 — Andrea Caracciolo (Brescia)
Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
Tommaso Rocchi (Lazio)
Francesco Totti (AS Roma)
Vincenzo Iaquinta (Udinese)
Christian Vieri (Inter Milan)

14 — Francesco Flachi (Sampdoria)
10 — Diego (Parma)
10 — Massimo Ambrosini (Lazio)
10 — Hernan Crespo (AC Milan)

14 — Valeri Bojinov (Fiorentina)
14 — Mauro Esposito (Cagliari)
Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Juventus)
David Di Michele (Udinese)
Ilan (Sochaux)

9 — Cristian Lucarelli (Livorno)
9 — Fabrizio Miccoli (Fiorentina)
9 — Marco Bresiner (Cagliari)
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Arsenal's Jose Antonio Reyes has a chance at goal as he beats Liverpool’s goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek during their Premiership match at home to Arsenal. The runners won 3-1 at Highbury to send Everton into the Champions League.—INTERNET
Police pick up 200 illegal migrants in southern Italian island

Rome, 10 May — Over 200 illegal migrants landed on the small island of Lampedusa in southern Italy on Monday, after being helped to shore by Italian police and Navy officers, local media reported Monday.

According to the report, the group, all of whom claimed they are Palestinians, were spotted floating in a boat some 40 miles south of Lampedusa and have now been taken to the island’s immigrant holding centre.

The tiny island south of Sicily, a stepping stone between Africa and Europe, has frequently made headlines in recent months following the arrivals of large numbers of illegal migrants and their subsequent deportations.

The Italian Government has come under fire for its decision to collectively deport large groups of migrants under secret bilateral accords with Tripoli, report said.

Over a thousand migrants have thought to have started their sea voyage in Libya were airlifted back to Tripoli last October, while nearly 200 met the same fate in March.

The move triggered outcry from the United Nations Refugee Agency, while the European Parliament has approved a resolution condemning the policy and urging Italy to examine all asylum requests individually.

But Italy’s centre-right government, which has made dealing with illegal immigration a key priority since coming to power in 2001, has defended its policies, insisting that each asylum request has been examined on a case-by-case basis.

More foods withdrawn in Britain over banned dye

London, 10 May — A further 19 food products have been withdrawn from sale in Britain because they contain the banned dye Para Red, which may cause cancer, British food safety watchdog said on Monday.

The Food Standards Agency said Para Red is chemically similar to Sudan 1, a potential carcinogen that was found in a batch of salmon.

“At the levels found, the risk from eating any of these foods is very small, but as a precaution it would be sensible not to eat them,” the FSA said.

The food safety watchdog issued a warning about 35 products containing Para Red on 5 May and named a further 12 products to be banned from sale the following day. The list includes ready-made meals stocked by British supermarkets.

Earlier this year the FSA issued a list of 350 products containing Sudan 1, which resulted in their withdrawal from food shelves in supermarkets across the country.

MNA/Xinhua

WEATHER

Tuesday, 10 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

- Duration of past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeeyawady Divisions and rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Tanintharyi Division, scattered in Rakhine State and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2005 were 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 (10) mph from Southwest at (15:45) hours MST on 9-5-2005.

- Bay influence: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy else-where in the Bay of Bengal.

- Forecast valid until evening of 11-5-2005: Rain or thunder showers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Tanintharyi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

- State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery conditions in the lower Myanmar areas. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-5-2005: Isolated rain or thunder showers are likely in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).


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U Tint Swe B.E. (Civil)

52 YEARS

Senior Road Engineer

Afghanistan Project Implementation facility-Kandahar

Eldest son of U Min Swe-Daw Tint of Room of 7, 12-D Pantra Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, beloved husband of Daw Marlar Than and beloved father of Dr. Thet Chaw Su (IM-1), son in law of (U Than Yee-Daw Kyi Kyi), elder brother of U Wint Swe-Daw Ei Ei Tin (Singapore), U Yu Swe- Daw Khin Aye Mu (Laos), 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 will be held at Yaw Way Cemetery at (4:00) pm on 13 May, 2005. (Friday)
Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution
* 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

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
* 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

**Traits to the nation lacking Union**

**Spirit, patriotism ...**

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U Sai Htwan Sar of Mongyai presided over the rally together with U Sai Hsan Leik and Sao Yar Pai. Daw Nan K Thi and Daw Nan Hkam Hla acted as master of ceremonies and co-MC.

First, those present at the rally saluted the State flag. Next, U Sai Htwan Sar delivered an opening speech. (U Sai Htwan Sar’s speech is reported separately.) Afterwards, U Sai San Myat of Mongyai tabled a motion condemning the announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. (U Sai San Myat’s speech is reported separately.) U Sai Tin Nyunt, Daw Nan Ei Ei Mon and U Sai Aung Nyunt of Mongrai seconded the motion. (Speeches of U Sai Tin Nyunt, Daw Nan Ei Ei Mon and U Sai Aung Nyunt are reported separately.)

Later, after seeking the approval from those present, the chairman of the rally approved the motion.

The rally concluded at 8.15 am with the chanting of slogans. — MNA

**Members of Chin State USDA endeavouring for regional development in cooperation with locals**

Govt has provided assistance on implementation of development tasks in Sagaing Division

Taninthayi Division USDA will continue to participate actively in public welfare services

Members of Bago (East) USDA determined to participate in rural development and nation-building tasks

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YANGON, 10 May — Youths from state/division USDA reported on development in their respective regions at a Youth Seminar of USDA at Aungmingalar Hall near Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May. Ma Lin Myuu Man of Chin State USDA said, in her discussions, that Chin State is situated in the north-west of Myanmar and its area is 13,907 sq miles. Chin State has a population of about 540,000. It is constituted with two districts and nine townships.

Now, there are over 169 miles of extended earth road and over 28 miles of gravel road. Three new hospitals have been built in the state. As regards the education sector, four basic education high schools, three middle schools and 10 primary schools have been added.

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Members of the panel of chairmen and those present chanting the slogans at the rally. — MNA