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Victory of Myanmar U-18 boys, victory of people

Victorious Myanmar youth football team honoured

Yangon, 19 June — The victorious Myanmar Youth football team of the first ASEAN U-18 Youth Football Tourney was honoured by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt at a ceremony held at Karaweik Palace at Kandawgyi here at 7 pm today.

Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt arrived at Karaweik Palace at 6.45 pm and was welcomed by the manager of the Myanmar youth football team, coaches and footballers.

At the ceremony, the Secretary-1 delivered a speech. He said that the Myanmar U-18 team after achieving victories one after another won the championship trophy in accord with the desire of the people. The Secretary-1, on behalf of the State and the people, and as the MNOC Chairman, honoured the team. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe also sent a message, saying that he too honoured the Myanmar victorious boys.

Thanks to the Myanmar people’s great hope and support, the Myanmar U-18 team won the trophy. By winning the trophy, the Myanmar boys have filled the long desire and great expectation of the Myanmar people.

The victory of the Myanmar boys is the victory of the people who were supporting them from all sectors for the Myanmar football to enter another golden age.

In the previous year, the Myanmar U-17 boys won the ASEAN cup, and this year the U-18 team grabbed the championship trophy again. Their victories have led the Myanmar football entering a new era, and ensuring the State move one step ahead to reach the new golden era.

With the conviction that the victory is not an ordinary one; and that it is the result of the efforts to reach a new era of success, the State honoured the youth footballers who are worthy of it.

Once, the Myanmar sports won victories all over (See page 8)
Maintain peace and stability while striving for national development

The Union of Myanmar is home to more than 100 national races, who have been living together in unity and amity from time immemorial. It is for the sake of these national people themselves that the Government is working in concert with them towards the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Kachin State is one of the major regions of the Union and different national races live there. As the state succeeded in implementing its development plans, it is now enjoying the fruits of development.

Now the entire state is peaceful and stable and therefore local people are now in a position to practically experience the taste of peace. And sound environment for development has also emerged because the peace groups, together with the Government, are throwing themselves heart and soul into their regional development work.

The most remarkable achievement of Kachin State in recent years is sufficiency in rice for local consumption. As more than 400,000 acres of land are put under paddy every year, rice is even in surplus.

The Government, on its part, has been building all the necessary infrastructures, especially transport and communication facilities essential to regional development, with the intention of improving the socio-economic life of the national people. Formerly, the means of transport from Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions to Kachin State was railways. However, the construction of Shwemawdaw-Pyin Oo Lwin strategic road started in 1996 and bridges are also being constructed where necessary. The Hopin Bridge in Mohinbyin Township, one of the bridges being constructed along the Shwemawdaw-Pyin Oo Lwin road, was opened on 17 June. It was 200 feet long and built across the Thayet creek. It was the very first bridge to be opened on the Shwemawdaw-Pyin Oo Lwin Road. It plays a vital role in linking Kachin State and Central Myanmar. In addition to the Shwemawdaw-Pyin Oo Lwin road, the Mandalay-Tagaung-Pyin Oo Lwin road was built. Therefore, the travel from one region to another is now smooth and easy.

We would like to call upon the local people living in various regions across the Union to work unitedly for its development and perpetuity, maintaining peace and stability prevailing in their respective regions.

Labour Minister arrives back from ILO annual conference

YANGON, 19 June — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Labour U Tin Winn who attended the 91st Annual Conference of International Labour Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, on 2 June, arrived back here by air yesterday evening.

The minister and party were welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Minister at the State Peace and Development Council Chairman’s Office Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Cooperatives Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, departmental officials of the Ministry of Labour and families.

Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin of the Attorney-General’s Office, Director-General

Donate blood

The Myanmar delegation headed by Minister for Labour U Tin Winn being welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Nursery Market Festival

YANGON, 19 June — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Paddle Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance for growers and to attract the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there. — MNA
A Democrat is loath to seem partisan on White House handling of Iraq

WASHINGTON, 19 June—Republicand Democratic leaders in the Senate were locked in a tense, closed-door struggle yesterday to decide whether to investigate the pre-war intelligence administration, with White House holding on to as many details of the intelligence report as possible.

The wrangling took place as both sides sought to gauge the political fallout from the growing debate over whether the administration had exaggerated the threat that Saddam Hussein posed to the United States.

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Tenet should consider resigning if he is asked to testify. The CIA should be forced to testify, and the Senate Intelligence Committee should have the power to call witnesses and hear evidence from the CIA director.

While most Democrats are opposed to the war, they are also opposed to the idea of the Senate Intelligence Committee investigating the war. Democrats say that would be a political move.

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Some of the most important intelligence reports were compiled by Intelligence Agency personnel, who had access to the same information as the White House.

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The Senate Intelligence Committee has agreed to hold hearings on Iraq-related intelligence as part of its full investigation, and has said in private that it would be easily dismissed if the Senate Intelligence Committee were held accountable.

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**British public doubts Blair’s Iraq intelligence**

**LODNON, 19 June—**British Prime Minister Tony Blair, under growing pressure to produce evidence of Saddam Hussein’s alleged weapons mass destruction, is trying to deflect charges he exaggerated the threat posed by Iraq.

Despite these efforts, a recent poll indicates he is losing credibility among Britons.

“Nobody believes a single word he says anymore,” Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith said.

The new poll claims Blair misled the British public about Iraq’s alleged nuclear, biological and chemical weapons programmes.

And a great many Britons appear to agree. A recent opinion poll concludes that a third of the British public is less inclined to trust his prime minister because of what happened in Iraq.

“The cracks in the facade are there now for all to see and they’re beginning to cut quite deep,” said Andrew Cooper of Populus Polling. Over half of those polled indicated he believed Blair’s government deliberately exaggerated the weapons threat.

Allied forces have yet to find any evidence of so-called weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but Blair denies allegations his government manipulated evidence.

“Saddam Hussein was a threat to his region and to the wider world. I always made it clear that the issue was not whether he was about to launch an immediate strike on Britain. The issue was whether he posed a threat to his region and to the wider world,” Blair told the House of Commons.

Wednesday, US President George Bush defended Blair against allegations he exaggerated Iraq’s alleged weapons programme.

“Blair operated on very sound intelligence and those accusations are simply not true,” Bush said.

Many Britons appear to have doubts. While most indicate they are pleased to see the end of Saddam Hussein’s regime, they’re not so happy their government may have manipulated them.

“It’s a case of the air coming slowly out of the tires. It’s very hard when people decide you’re somebody they don’t especially trust...to rebuild that,” Cooper said.

**Two parallel probes**

Blair is facing two parliamentary investigations over the Iraq war.

The Commons’ Intelligence and Security Committee plans to probe the matter behind closed doors.

In contrast, the Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry was broadcast live when it began Tuesday with the testimony of two former senior cabinet ministers. Both quit over the government’s handling of the Iraq crisis.

Clare Short told the inquiry that Blair “pre-committed” Britain to the conflict months before the war. Robin Cook took a similar position and said officials “used intelligence as the basis on which to justify a policy on which we could set sail.”

Home Secretary David Blunkett defended the actions of the government on Wednesday. He said Short and Cook didn’t have access to the most sensitive intelligence on Iraq.

“Those outside the security services, the prime minister, the secretary for Northern Ireland, (Foreign Secretary) Jack Straw, myself, do not see the detailed briefings,” Blunkett told BBC radio.

Hours later, Blair’s office was re-futing a newspaper report regarding an official British investigation in Iraq. The Observer’s investigators had concluded two trailers were not mobile germ warfare labs.

A spokesman for Blair’s office said the investigation was still under way.

However, a source told The Associated Press that there was no credible evidence to suggest the trailers were used as part of Iraq’s weapons program. Critics have repeatedly questioned information and statements released by Blair’s government about Iraq since the conflict emerged.

In February, the British government said it made a mistake when it failed to credit an academic report in a dossier that purported to detail how Iraq was blocking UN weapons inspectors.

The lapse was exposed by Britain’s Channel 4 News, which traced passages of the dossier to a report written by a post-graduate student based in California. — Internet

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**Kerry says Bush misled Americans on war**

**LEBANON, 19 June—**Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said Wednesday that President Bush broke his promise to build an international coalition against Saddam Hussein’s alleged weapons mass destruction, is trying to deflect charges he exaggerated the threat posed by Iraq.

“I will not let him off the hook throughout this campaign with respect to America’s credibility and its word to me because if he lied he lied to me personally,” he said. Kerry fielded several questions about Iraq from a small group of anti-war Democrats after he addressed about 250 people in a downtown Lebanon park. — Internet

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**Canada marks another SARS death**

**TORONTO, 19 June—**A 67-year-old man has died from SARS in the Toronto area, bringing Canada’s death toll from the deadly disease to 34, health officials said on Tuesday.

The Health Ministry in Ontario, Canada’s most populous province, said the man died on Monday — the country’s first death from the disease since June 7.

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**China’s urban residents spend more on healthy living**

**BEIJING, 19 June—**China’s city-dwellers are spending more on those things that come with a good health promise, an official survey has found. Sanitary essentials, sports goods, organic food and communication gadgets figure high on the spending list of urban consumers, both during severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and now, as the disease is brought basically under control in China.

The spending shift is based on a belief that such items can help people lead safer and healthier lives, and help them ward off illness, according to the conclusion of a recent national survey by the Price Monitoring Centre under the National Development and Reform Commission, reported Wednesday’s China Daily.

The centre’s branches in 35 major cities across China conducted the survey throughout May, which includes responses from more than 3,000 people, said the English-language newspaper.

According to the survey, about 80 per cent of urban residents planned to increase their expenditure on sanitary essentials. And some 35 per cent of respondents said they were considering buying an electrical disinfecting appliance.
US worried about mounting casualties in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 19 June — US lawmakers expressed alarm at the rising number of dead and wounded US troops in Iraq, with some highlighting fears that US forces may be overextended.

“We have to acknowledge that the number of US troops has been increasing,” said Senator John Kerry. “We are putting ourselves in a situation where we are at risk of overextension.”

“The district commander has said that the number of US troops in Iraq is being conducted. We are happy that the number of US troops in Iraq is being decreased,” said Senator John McCain.

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The Senate is expected to vote on a resolution to limit the number of US troops in Iraq, with some lawmakers expressing concerns that the US is putting itself at risk of overextension.

**Former soldiers protest during a rally outside the temporary American headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 June, 2003. US soldiers opened fire on the demonstrators, leaving two people dead and two others injured, a witness said. — Internet**

**Two killed in Baghdad protest**

BAGHDAD, 19 June — US soldiers fired on a group of Iraqi civilians during a protest against the US-led administration outside the presidential compound in Baghdad.

The violence erupted when an angry crowd swarmed an American convoy passing near the coalition headquarters, according to the US military.

Captain Scott Nauman of the US Army, who was at the scene, said members of the convoy appeared to fire in self-defense after the ex-army officers smashed windows in the convoy and rocks.

The situation in the Iraqi capital is tense due to the presence of about 250,000 jobless former soldiers, CNN’s Jane Arraf reported.

They were dismissed from the armed forces in May by US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, following the overthrow of Saddam Hussein and have received no wages for three months.

“It is a very volatile situation, one that has been going on for a month and will not go away,” Arraf said on Wednesday.

“The US has made it pretty clear they will react with overwhelming force if they feel threatened.”

The two people were injured and later died, a US military spokesman said.

CNN’s Ben Wedeman later reported that it was a single US soldier with an M-16 who opened fire. According to Nauman, his soldiers had been pelted with rocks from the demonstrators for about an hour when the convoy passed by and was inundated by members of the crowd.

In a separate incident in Baghdad, an US soldier was killed and another wounded Wednesday in a drive-by attack, a US military spokesman said.

However, eyewitnesses told CNN the troops were shot by an Iraqi man who approached the vehicle on foot. US forces said they were pursuing the attackers or attackers.

The incidents follow the death of a US soldier killed in a drive-by shooting in Baghdad earlier this week.

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**Iraq ‘too dangerous to rebuild’**

Baghdad, 19 June — British and American troops have to get a grip on Baghdad because lawlessness is hampering attempts to rebuild Iraq, the UK’s international development secretary has warned.

Baroness Amos is so concerned about the extent of security situation in the Iraqi capital she has postponed a trip there.

The cabinet minister told the Financial Times the coalition had failed to anticipate the extent of problems in the aftermath of Saddam Hussein.

Baroness Amos’ concerns came days after the Home Office declared Iraq was safe enough for people to start applying for asylum or seeking relatives to return.

The minister said that with hindsight there was “no doubt we would all say there were things we did not get right with respect to the planning and administration”, she told the paper.

But she added things had improved since Paul Bremer took over as administrator.

Meanwhile US forces are continuing to attempt to tackle pockets of resistance and track down illegal weapons stockpiles.

In the latest incident an American soldier was killed by a sniper’s bullet while on patrol in Iraq, the US military said on Tuesday.

Baroness Amos told the paper: “The safety and security situation, which we really need to get right to enable us to really get on with the reconstruction effort, is slowly hampering things.”

The peer was appointed to the committee after her predecessor Paavo Lipponen and US President George W. Bush on Iraq and other issues as fuel for an attack on Lipponen during parliamentary elections in March. She said Finland, which has been militarily non-aligned since World War II, was too close to Washington and not doing enough to promote a peaceful solution. The Centre emerged from the vote as the largest party.

**Concern over NZ troops in Iraq**

Baghdad, 19 June — A Government MP has expressed concerns that any New Zealand troops sent to Iraq will get dragged into supporting an “illegal occupation”.

Defence Minister Mark Burton and Defence Force chief Air Marshall Bruce Ferguson were quizzed by the foreign affairs select committee today about an upcoming deployment of army engineers to Iraq.

Progressive Coalition MP Matt Robson was also asked about the safety and security situation in the country.

Mr Burton said New Zealand’s views on the Iraq war were clear and the troops’ rules of engagement would be consistent with that.

The deployment of engineers emphasised New Zealand’s role was one of reconstruction not occupation.

Air Marshall Ferguson told MPs the engineers — who were fully armed and trained soldiers — would have orders to act only in self-defence.

The number of troops going and their exact number was not yet finalised, but they would join field engineers from the British 31st Brigade.

The 31st Brigade was currently preparing to leave for Iraq in late July or early August.

Air Marshall Ferguson acknowledged destroyed Iraqis would be unlikely to know the engineers were New Zealanders or that they were in Iraq under different rules and for different reasons.

It is a dangerous place, he said.

He was also aware US forces in the north of Iraq were being attacked more often than the British in the south, but he did not know why.

He had been preference for the troops to work alongside the British.

**Study shows fried food ingredient mutates DNA**

Washington, 19 June — Acrylamides, cancer-causing agents recently found in some fried and baked foods, damage DNA by causing a spectrum of mutations, researchers reported on Tuesday.

Swedish researchers caused a global furore in 2000 when they reported that acrylamides, used to purify water and in other industrial processes, could be found in a range of high-carbohydrate foods when they reported that acrylamides, used to purify water and in other industrial processes, could be found in a range of high-carbohydrate foods when they reported that acrylamides, used to purify water and in other industrial processes, could be found in a range of high-carbohydrate foods when they reported that acrylamides, used to purify water and in other industrial processes, could be found in a range of high-carbohydrate foods when they reported that acrylamides, used to purify water and in other industrial processes, could be found in a range of high-carbohydrate foods.

The chemicals can cause cancer in laboratory animals but have never been linked to human cancer.

Ahmad Besaratinia and Gerd Pfeifer of the City of Hope National Medical Centre in Duarte, California found that acrylamides can mutate DNA. Cells exposed to acrylamide had more adducts — specific types of mutations in the DNA — than unexposed cells, they reported this week’s issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

They noted that they treated mouse cells only, not human cells. They said the best way to find out if acrylamide causes cancer in people would be epidemiological studies or studies of populations to see if people who eat more foods containing acrylamides have higher rates of cancer.

One such study, published by US and Swedish researchers last January, found no link between acrylamide consumption and the risk of bladder or kidney cancer.

Acrylamide experts Frederik Granath of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm and Margareta Tornqvist of Stockholm University in Sweden, said the risk to any one person from eating acrylamides is small and they would not recommend changing nutritional guidelines.

**Finnish PM to face Parliament over Iraq leak**

Helsinki, 19 June — Finland’s recently elected prime minister said on Tuesday she would face Parliament in a week to answer questions about a leaked secret document on Iraq that has undermined the Nordic country’s coalition government.

Commentators said the growing scandal surrounding Anneli Jaatteenmaki has already sapped the influence of her Centre Party in favour of its main coalition partner, the Social Democrats. “This is serious, it’s a big thing now... (but) my personal feeling is that the government will survive this one,” a government source told Reuters.

Jaatteenmaki is accused of using confidential information about talks between her predecessor Paavo Lipponen and US President George W. Bush on Iraq and other issues as fuel for an attack on Lipponen during parliamentary elections in March.

She said Finland, which has been militarily non-aligned since World War II, was too close to Washington and not doing enough to promote a peaceful solution. The Centre emerged from the vote as the largest party.

**Bulgaria to send 480 troops to Iraq**

Sofia, 19 June — Some 480 Bulgarian troops will be sent to Iraq on September 1 to help maintain stability there. Brigadier Galimir Peglivanov, commander of the Bulgarian Army’s Operational Forces, said on Tuesday. The peacekeeping contingent will first leave for Kuwait in early August to have adaptive training there.

The Bulgarian troops will be included in the division in northern Iraq, which was under command of Poland, the Bulgarian news agency reported.

The daily allowance for each Bulgarian soldier is expected to be 60 US dollars.

The Bulgarian parliament approved recently to send some 500-strong peacekeeping force to Iraq to also contribute to the Gulf nation’s postwar reconstruction.
US says “loose-knit” Saddam backers attacking troops

WASHINGTON, 19 June — The United States on Wednesday blamed a “loose-knit group” of supporters of missing Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for a surge in deadly attacks on US troops in Iraq.

“There continue to be elements that support Saddam Hussein, there continue to be loyalists to the Baath Party who want to engage in violence,” White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters.

He said a “loose-knit group of loyalists” to Saddam were believed responsible for sniper and other attacks but that US Defence Department officials had detected no organizational point for them.

In Iraq US forces said Saddam’s presidential secretary and senior bodyguard, Abid Hamid Mahmud al-Tikriti, had been captured on Monday. He was fourth on a US list of 55 most wanted Iraqis and the highest placed so far seized.

Britain wants plea-bargaining for top Iraqis

LONDON, 19 June — The British Government is urging Washington to offer top Iraqi prisoners their freedom in exchange for information about Saddam Hussein and his disputed arsenal.

A British Government spokesman declined to either confirm or deny the report, saying only: “We want to check out the story properly and I’m not able to do that at this time.”

The Times said British officials had told Washington that the only way to track down former Iraqi president Saddam and his disputed arsenal was to allow top-ranking Iraqis, many of whom are being held in Baghdad, to plea bargain.

It said that, to the “intense frustration” of the British, the Americans had so far rejected the idea.

“We have been trying for ages to persuade the Americans but they have put all kinds of legal arguments,” the paper quoted one unnamed official as saying.

The British Government is under increasing pressure to find the weapons which it cited as the justification for going to war with Iraq in March.

Former Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, who quit the Cabinet on the eve of the war, said on Tuesday it was “inconceivable” that Iraqis could have kept weapons and weapon-making equipment hidden for the two months since the British and Americans occupied Iraq.

“We have now inspected every munitions storage facility in Iraq and have found no chemical or biological weapons...” he said.

Khatami defends Iran’s right to acquire advanced nuclear energy

THEHERAN, 19 June — Iranian President Mohammad Khatami reiterated Iran’s readiness for cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), demanding that IAEA help Iran acquire the nuclear energy know-how.

Khatami strongly defended Iran’s right to acquire advanced nuclear technology while rejected “politically-motivated and groundless accusations and pressures on Iran” on Wednesday.

“Unilateral measures against Iran have been proven to be a failure and are based on lies,” Khatami said.

“Iran has always cooperated with the IAEA,” he reiterated.

Khatami strongly defended Iran’s condition that it wanted the sanctions removed if the IAEA wanted Teheran to sign an additional protocol to the NPT, which praises the way for surprise visits of the country’s nuclear sites by IAEA inspectors.

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“We do not seek any privilege for joining this protocol. Our demand is because of being a signatory of NPT, all members of the treaty should be convinced that Iran intended to use nuclear energy programmes as a cover to build weapons.

The International Atomic Energy Agency is obliged to prepare for Iran’s acquisition of nuclear know-how, he said.

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Authorities have clamped extra security on the capital for Powell’s visit, the first by a US secretary of state since Henry Kissinger came in 1973. “Don’t come Powell, you are not welcome here,” the protesters chanted before dispersing peacefully.

The protesters included activists of the radical Is- lamic Consultative Council (ICM), the Bangladesh Khelafat Andolan, the leftist Bangladesh Workers Party and left-wing students who should not host Americans like Powell, who either killed or helped in the killing of thousands of Mus- lims in Afghanistan, Palestine and Iraq, Moula Hamid, Hemayetuddin, a leader of ICM, told the protesters.

The Bangladesh Government was “upset” by Powell’s visit, calling on a Bangladesh Islamists chant anti-US slogans during a protest on the eve of a visit by Secretary of State Colin Powell to Dhaka on 18 June, 2003. Powell is expected to arrive in Dhaka on 19 June as part of a three-nation visit to Southeast Asia and the Middle East. —INTERNET

Saddam almost certainly still in Iraq

CANBERRA, 19 June — The United States and its allies in the war on Iraq have almost certainly not located Saddam Hussein remains in Iraq and will eventually be caught, British Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon said on Wednesday.

“The fact that as each day goes by we are suc- cessfully rounding up still more names on the list, that shows that we are having successes in locating particu- lar individuals and I’m confident that eventually we will locate Saddam Hussein,” Saddam’s fate since US, Brit- ish and Australian forces rolled into Baghdad two months ago is unknown. US officialssay they believe he survived airstrike and at least one letter and audio message purportedly from Saddam have surfaced in the past two months.

IIEGAL immigrants drown off Italy

ROME, 19 June — Italian military rescue ships have recovered 11 bodies of immigrants off the southern Italian island of Lampedusa after a boat bringing dozens of illegal migrants to Italy capsized, an official said on Tuesday. Captain Elio Gallinaro, the Italian coast guard’s central command of Ita- ly’s Coast Guards, said the rescue operation began after a fishing ship picked up sev- eral survivors on Monday and raised the alarm.

Thanks to Myanmar…

Southeast Asia and Asia. Myanmar athletes who even won world championship medals emerged then. It was an unforgettable national pride for all the Myanmar people.

However, for certain reasons, the Myanmar sports came to a decline, and the people lost hope on it. But Myanmar’s nationalist spirit to win victories in international events was also kept in the hearts of the Myanmar people.

The conviction of the government is that international sports victory reflects the national dignity and flourishing of patriotism; and that international sport victory helps raise the dignity of the people. With this conviction, the government is making efforts together with the people as a national task to raise the standard of the nation’s sport.

Due to the harmonious efforts of the government and the entire people, the nation is achieving the fruits including national progress, economic development and improve in the living standard. The public support for the sports is also increasing significantly. These are all the results of the strong nationalist fervour of the people.

The public support and the desire for a Myanmar victory at the U-18 matches was amazingly active.

The national entrepreneurs achieving economic success due to the encouragement of the government are taking part in the State’s health, education, social, religious and development undertakings. They are also contributing to the development of the Myanmar sports.

It is very encouraging to note that national entrepreneurs awarded K 90.1 million and the State Peace and Development Council US$ 31,500 to the Myanmar team for its victories throughout the ASEAN U-18 Football Championship.

He said he would like to express words of honour to Kanbawza Bank Limited which had constantly striven for advancement of the football. Since the year 2000, Kanbawza Bank Ltd had been providing cash assistance to Myanmar selected football team, men’s and women’s football teams and youth football teams which took part in international events. The bank provided the expenses for the cash allowances to the victorious footballers including coaches. To date since 2000, it has spent over K 672.9 million, over US$ 72,400 and over 550,000 for training, meal and monthly cash allowances for foot-

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The President of Myanmar football fans roaring “We are Myanmars” during the matches supported and encouraged the victorious Myanmar footballers with enthusiastic patriotism and nationalistic spirit and fervour, and called on them to continue supporting the efforts of the government.

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In conclusion, the Secretary-1 said that, on behalf of the State and the people, he took pride in the victory of Myanmar soccer team who had brought honour to the State and the people. He expressed his belief that thanks to the efforts of the new generation youths, Myanmar football standard will surely reach that of the heyday of Myanmar football in the near future.

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Afterwards, the Secretary-1 presented prizes and certificates of honour to the manager of the Myanmar youth football team, Deputy Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thein Aung, coaches and footballers individually.

Then, a midfield player Myo Min Tun spoke words of thanks.

Also present at the ceremony were Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Shin Sein and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Chair-

Chairman of Yangon Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, the Yangon City mayor, deputy ministers, the vice mayor, members of Myanmar Olympic Committee, officials of the State Peace and Development Council office, the general secretary of MOC, the director-general of the Sports and Physical Education Department, the president and executives of Myanmar Football Federation, chairmen and officials of the Myanmar sports federations, representatives of social organizations, all the members of the victorious Myanmar youth football team, coaches, youth footballers and guests. Later, the Secretary-1, Myanmar National Olympic Council members and guests enjoyed the dinner together with the victorious football team manager, coaches and footballers.

Midfielder Myo Min Tun of victorious U-18 Myanmar soccer team expresses thanks. — MNA
The target of thunderbolt

Moe Shin

“We may lose our independence easily in a short time and will fall under subjugation, if we stay inattentively. But it will take many lives, much blood and sweat and time to regain it.” Senior General Than Shwe

Myanmars had to live under enslavement for about 62 years. The people from some regions of the nation had to face oppression for 123 years under the colonialist occupation. But Myanmars were somewhat fortunate when compared to the nations which had lived under oppression for 200 or 300 years. The colonialists disliked Myanmars who were difficult to enslave and who had launched a tenacious struggle to free their nation.

Bogyoke Aung San stayed away from the colonialists, for, he disliked their many ways of wickedness and treachery. Thus, he didn’t join the Commonwealth after the nation regained total independence. Straightforward persons do not want to deal with or make friends with the wicked and those who are fond of tricks.

Despite the colonialists’ sweet words of democracy, human rights and other rights, their blood stained Fangs and claws and their weapons stand as a firm proof. The people from some regions of the nation including the border areas, where the sound of guns and bombs is silent for a decade or so, are rapidly developing and prospering. There will be development only if there is peace and stability.

We have to face the bitter experiences of the 1988 unrest, during which a large number of innocent persons were plagued by no apparent reason, not a single place was safe, the people had to guard their own houses and property and live in fear and anxiety, public and State-owned property including factories were plundered and looted, the State suffered great losses in many sectors, all operations and functions of enterprises and departments came to a halt, the people faced difficulties in fulfilling their basic needs, anarchy ruled the nation and many kinds of evil things did occur. In this regard, I would like to say that the conspiracies from outside and inside the nation for recurrence of the unrest were so frightening.

Others in the neighbourhood are developing. So we too should develop like them. However, there must be peace and stability and security for development. All the regions of the nation including the border areas, where the sound of guns and bombs is silent for a decade or so, are rapidly developing and prospering.

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Straightforward persons do not want to deal with or make friends with the wicked and those who are fond of tricks.

So, do not even think about trying to cause unrest and confrontation, coerce others, put everything on the road to total destruction, blow up explosives and make instigation. Those who try to go against the objective conditions are like hanging themselves. Nobody can confront and launch war against the truth and justice. So, do not betray the truth. Do not commit unjust acts. If you do, you will be wrong.

Besides, in accord with the belief of Myanmars, such a person will be hit by a thunderbolt.

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(Translation: TMT)

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects coal mine and agricultural projects...

(commander on implementation of the project for reclamation of 300 acres of land for cultivation of honey orange, cultivation of 24,000 honey orange plants in 130 acres of reclaimed land and arrangements of meeting the target for cultivation.

They then inspected the drycell factory of Shwemyin Hnakaung Industrial Co Ltd in Maihan Village by motorcade.

They then went to the site chosen for feedstuff factory of Kokang national economic troupe and 50-ton feedstuff factory of TPA Company. There, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe urged the officials concerned to produce the feedstuff as targeted.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe spent the night in Lashio.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspect thriving high yield paddy plantation at Humon irrigated area in Lashio, Shan State.

Commander’s Shield shooting contest opens

Commandant Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were Commander of No2 Military Region Brig.-Gen Myo Myint and military region commanders, station commanders, senior military officers of the command, officers, other ranks, and families of battalions and units under the command, and fans.

First, the commander made a speech and formally opened the contest. A total of 18 teams are participating in the contest that will continue up to 28 June.

Yangon, 19 June — The opening ceremony of Yangon Command Commander’s Shield(2003) shooting contest was held at the shooting range of the local battalion in Mingaladon Township this morning. Chair-
The Ayeyawady as proof of "U Zaw"

Originating in the area lying in the far north of the nation in Kachin State, the Ayeyawady River meanders through Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago divisions in the plains, and splits into many watercourses including Ngawun, Dakah, Slewlaung, Panmarwadi, Yazaung, Gommyind, Bogale, Pyapon, Thanlwin and Taw rivers before draining into the sea. Annually, over 1,000-mile long river deposits a large volume of fertile soil and forms the invaluable delta for the nation near the end of its course.

Thus, the fertile land formed by the mighty river is called the Ayeyawady Delta or the Ayeyawady Division. Like the river, the division is also famous.

As the Ayeyawady is the nation’s artery, it has relationships with the Myanmar’s history of progress. The river has witnessed the history of the division. Like the river, the division serves as the proof of Myanmar’s progress.

Among the 14 states and divisions of the Union, Ayeyawady Division has the largest cultivation area with nearly 4.4 million acres. In addition, as the division possesses the largest number of natural lakes, rough over 1,700 water bodies, and is lying contiguous to the sea, it is running a large sea and fresh water fish and prawn farming. Thus, the division, with excellent economic potentials, is selling its surplus rice and fish to other states and divisions, especially to Yangon Division.

Unfortunately in the past, the division had to mainly rely on the waterways in transporting its goods to markets. Transport was difficult in the region then as motor roads of over 460 miles in total could be found only in the areas —CMD. Travelling by boat from one place to another took much time and caused delays in business operations.

As Head of State Senior General Than Shwe had served as the command commander in Ayeyawady Division, he was concerned about the transport difficulties of the division. In this regard, he gave guidance on building miles and miles of new roads and large and small bridges at necessary places in the division. The successive command commanders have also made efforts to improve the regional transport infrastructure. Local authorities at different levels and the people understand the goodwill of the superior body and dutifully perform the assigned task.

Thanks to the energetic and harmonious efforts of the government and the people of the division, a network of roads and bridges linking the townships has emerged in the region. Sadly, there were accusations concerning the issue of forced labour since the start of road projects in the division. But now, cars are travelling safely on the roads. The major bridges, which were just a dream for the division in the past, emerged within a short period. Thirty-eight major bridges including Bo Myat Tun, Maubin, Dedaye, Maungmyna, Pinlelay, Gommyind, Shiwlaung, Wakema bridges are serving as links between the regions in the division.

Maubin-Kyaiklat-Pyapon, Pyapon-Bogale, Dedaye-Kyaiklat, Maubin-Hsamalauk, Pantanaw-Wakema-Kyonmore, Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu, Maungmyna, Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu, Pathein-Chaungtha and Pathein-Ngwe Haung roads came into being together with the Yangon-Pathein Highway. Some of the roads including Pathein-Thalakhkha-Mawin road are being upgraded into laterite roads. The total length of all tar roads, laterite roads and earth roads in the division is about 1,300 miles. On completion of two or three major bridges, motorways will link almost all the towns in the division.

The roads and the bridges are the indicators showing the development of the division’s transport sector. The journeys which took many hours in the past can be travelled in a matter of hours.

“It takes only three hours to travel between Yangon and Pathein.”

“Travellers leaving Yangon in the early morning can have lunch at Ngwe Haung beach or Chaungtha beach.”

“A visit to Pyaydawbyan Buddha Image in Zalun from Yangon is just a day’s trip.”

“Hinthada is only four hours’ drive from Yangon.”

“It takes only six hours to reach Pyapon from Yangon.”

These are not dreams. It is not possible to state in this article all the roads that cut travelling time. But one sure thing is that the roads and the bridges are the results of the harmonious and energetic efforts which lead to rapid development.

In the past, there were only two auto-exchange stations, 22 telephone stations totaling 31 in the division. Now there are seven auto-exchange stations and 68 manual exchange stations totaling 75. Forty-four new exchange stations have been erected and the number of telephone lines have reached 15,734. Fixed and mobile telephones have been introduced to the division. Moreover, under the rural development project, 18 villages now have telephones. Arrangements are under way to install phones at 16 more villages. All the towns in Ayeyawady Division including Hinthada, Chaungtha and Ngwe Haung beach are now covered by the telephone network. Revenues from telephone business reached over K 177 million at present, up from only K 9.8 million in the past.

Officials are saying with full confidence that the setting up of an ICT Park in Pathein is possible at present.

The people in the division have understood the fact that economic, trade, health and education development depends on better transport and communication. Actually, the transport sector in all states and divisions and developing with added momentums. Ayeyawady Division has become the symbol of progress.

The division possessing the good natural conditions is developing rapidly together with improvement in the transport infrastructure. The division’s per capita income is over K 63,000. The division was enjoying 14.5 per cent annual economic growth during the period of four years from 1998-99 to 2001-2002.

As it is contributing nearly 15 per cent to the nation’s gross domestic production, it is a reliable division for the country in the national economy. The economic ups and downs in Ayeyawady Division reflect the national economy. While the division is achieving 14.5 per cent economic growth per year, it may be simply calculated that the nation is also achieving 10.4 per cent annual economic growth and the material development in the division is serving as proof that Ayeyawady Division is achieving economic progress. (Translation: TMT) (Myanmar Alim: 19-6-2003)

Drug traffickers sentenced

YANGON, 19 June — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit, Bhamo Special Anti-drug Squad, and local police force, on 19 June 2002, searched the two suspects Thant Win Sein and Kyan Yin Hnutt near 7th mile Village in Momok Township and seized 2.46 kilos of raw opium. The two suspects confessed that owners were Nai Win and Nyi Nyi of Kandaw Ward, Bhamo. In connection with the case, action was taken against Thant Win Sein, son of U Hla Moe, of Mawbi Village, Mohinny Township, Kyan Yin Hnutt, son of U Aik Tun, of Phankharong Village, Bhamo, Nai Win, son of U Oma Maung and Nyi Nyi, son of U Laurant, of Tontwa Village, Mahein Township, under Sections 15/19 (A)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Momok Police Station. On 21 May, Bhamo District Court sentenced each of them to 20 years’ imprisonment under the law. — MNA
A vanished bird
last seen almost 90 years ago
rediscovered in Myanmar

A group of Myanmar and foreign ornithologists from Wild-bird Adventure Travels and Tours (WATT) rediscovered a bird called Gurney’s Pitta in Kawthoung District in Taninthayi Division during the third week of May this year. The bird was supposed to have been an extinct species and the last time it was seen in Myanmar was about 90 years ago.

The bird is a restricted range species and said to live in the tropical evergreen forest. It used to be found in the area between latitudes 7 degree and 12 degree, that is, in the area between Kawthoung and Lay-hnya in Myanmar and in Prachakhiri just north of Pukhet in Thailand.

The discovery of Gurney’s Pitta in Lay-hnya area, Taninthayi Division, Myanmar, was first recorded in May, 1875, and it was last seen almost 90 years ago in January 1914.

Endangered species named Gurney’s Pitta that can be found in an area between latitudes 7 degree and 12 degree of Myanmar and Thailand.

A team of conservationists from WATT comprising Myanmar ornithologist Dr Hin Hla, U Sein Myo Aung (Ko Pan) and U Saw Moses, and Mr Jonathan Eames of Birdlife International, made a field trip to Kawthoung District in Taninthayi Division to search for endangered species of birds with the assistance of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, local organs of power and the Forest Department. The object of the team was to prove the existence of Gurney’s Pitta in Myanmar to international organizations on conservation of birds and to contribute to her efforts for nature conservation.

After doing the survey work from 13 to 26 May this year, the team found 21 pairs of pittas (42 birds) and the work was halted due to continuous torrential rain. If it could have been continued, more pittas would have been found. The number of pittas found in Myanmar are more than that of Thailand and the survey work will also be conducted in coming years, it is learnt.


Due to these rediscoveries, bird-lovers are making trips to the regions now.

Throughout the survey work from 13 to 26 May this year, the team recorded a total of 222 species. Gold-Whiskered Barbet (Megalaima Chry sopogon) Refous backed Kingfisher (Ceyx rufidorsa), Cream-Vented Bulbul (Pycnonotus sinica), Long-Billed Spiderhunter (Arachnothera robusta), Lesser Adjutant (Leptoptilos javanicus) were also recorded, it is learnt.

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ARF calls for cooperation in maintaining maritime security

PHNOM PENH, 19 June — The ongoing 10th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) appealed here Wednesday for further cooperation in containing piracy and other threats to maritime security.

In a statement, ARF said piracy and the terrorist attacks on vulnerable sea shipping threaten the growth of the Asia-Pacific Region and disrupt the stability of global commerce.

It agreed to work together to maintain maritime security by combating piracy and armed-robbery and seeking early implementation of the comprehensive amendment made to the 1982 United Nations Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and relative codes on maritime security.

It said reinforced bilateral and multilateral maritime cooperation among ARF members is necessary to combat piracy.

The forum urged the participants to provide, where and when possible, technical assistance and capacity-building infrastructure to countries that need help in developing necessary laws and extending training on fighting piracy.

It also suggested to enhance ARF participants’ ability to share information domestically and internationally as a vital component in the fight against piracy and armed-robberies.

The forum agreed to endorse the ongoing efforts to establish a legal framework for regional cooperation to combat piracy and armed-robberies against ships.

In 2002, ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and China signed the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea to safeguard the regional security, particularly maritime security.

ASEAN, UNDP sign $1.45m partnership agreement

PHNOM PENH, 19 June — The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed Wednesday a document to implement the 1.45 million US dollars ASEAN-UNDP Partnership Facility.

The facility will provide analytical and advisory support services to ASEAN to address current and emerging issues in the integration within ASEAN and with other countries. Under the agreement, the three-year partnership facility will focus on human development, globalization and economic governance.

Newer members of ASEAN like Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam will receive assistance to integrate them with multilateral arrangements such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The focus of the facility is to help ASEAN members develop innovative approaches to the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) and develop the conceptual framework of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), and boost the region’s economic competitiveness. UNDP Administrator Mark Malloch Brown said UNDP is delighted to renew the partnership with the ASEAN to address the economic disparity among the bloc’s members.

ASEAN Secretary-General Ong Keng Yong, who signed the agreement, said “The UNDP has a well-established way of organizing things and executing projects and we’ve done much with the help from the UNDP.”

Japanese miso soup cuts breast cancer risk

TOKYO, 19 June—Women who eat three or more bowls of miso soup each day may cut their breast cancer risk sharply, Japanese researchers say.

Miso soup — a concoction of fermented soybean paste dissolved in broth flavoured with seaweed and bonito flakes — includes bean curd and vegetables — appears on most Japanese tables at least once a day.

Researchers at Japan’s National Cancer Centre said they found that the health benefits from the soup were due to the presence in the soybean of isoflavones, a powerful phytochemical, or compounds found only in plants.

They tracked the eating habits of 21,852 women aged between 40 and 59 for 10 years from 1990, according to an abstract of their findings published in the online edition of the US-based Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Women who had three or more bowls of miso soup daily reduced their risk of getting breast cancer by about 40 per cent compared with those who had only one bowl, while women who had two bowls daily cut their risk by 26 per cent.

Isoflavones are also type of plant hormone whose chemical structure resembles oestrogen, albeit a weaker version. They are found in a number of legumes, such as chickpeas, but are most concentrated in soybeans.
Leading world transfer fees after Beckham’s move to Real

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Japanese midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura is challenged by New Zealand defender Duncan Oughton during their soccer Confederations Cup first round match at the Stade de France.

Nakamura inspires Japan to winning start

Paris, 19 June—Midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura scored twice to inspire Japan to a highly deserved 3-0 victory over outsiders New Zealand in the opening game of the Confederations Cup in Paris on Wednesday. Nakamura opened the scoring from close range in the 12th minute of a match the Japanese dominated from the start.

Captain Hidetoshi Nakata slotted his side’s second goal after 65 minutes and Nakamura put the issue beyond doubt when he headed home a cross by midfielders Nobuhisa Yamada 15 minutes from time. New Zealand are still without a win in the eight-nation tournament. In their previous appearance in 1999 the All Whites could only manage one draw and three consecutive defeats.

“We could have scored or maybe had two more goals in the dying minutes of the game and I’m happy with the performance of my players tonight,” said Japanese coach Zico.

“There was not much pressure and it looked like a training match which is good for the next two games.” New Zealand worked hard in the first half but naive defending led to midfielder Nakamura’s first goal. The Japanese, finalists of the tournament on home soil two years ago, were well organized and New Zealand failed to create single chance throughout the first half. Zico’s side should have increased their lead before the interval but strikers Yoshito Okubo and Takahara squandered two clear chances. “The first 45 minutes are a huge disappointment,” said New Zealand coach Mike Waitt. “We were unable to keep and to carry the ball when we had it.”

Krajci pulls out of Wimbledon Open

Brussels, 19 June—Former champion Richard Krajci has withdrawn from next week’s Wimbledon Open after he was beaten 6-4, 7-6 by Frenchman Olivier Matz on Tuesday at the Ordina Open in Den Bosch, Netherlands.

The 32-year-old Dutchman was subdued throughout his game, coming 13 double faults in the first-round defeat. Krajci’s coach Rohan Greetek said the 1996 Wimbledon champion was still suffering from a longstanding elbow injury.
**Brief news**

**Friday, June 20**

**View today:**

Friday, June 20

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamath

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

8:10 am

6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am

7. ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Song to uphold national spirit

4:25 pm

3. Practice in reading

4:40 pm

4. Musical programme

4:50 pm

5. ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

5:00 pm

6. Song of national races

5:15 pm

7. ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

5:30 pm

8. News programme

5:45 pm

9. ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

5:55 pm

10. Musical programme

6:10 pm

11. Discovery

6:30 pm

12. Evening news

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

21. The next day programme

7:25 pm

15. ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

7:30 pm

16. Songs of yesteryears

7:40 pm

17. ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. Myanmar video feature: ကြမ်းကြည့် (ပန်းစော)

21:00 pm

21. The next day programme

21:35 pm

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22:00 pm

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23:05 pm

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**WEATHER**

**Thursday, June 19**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Yangon Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coco Island (3.15) inches, Mawlamyine (2.60) inches, Ha-an (2.48) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.19) inches, Ye (2.17) inches, Dawei (2.01) inches and Kanbaw (1.89) inches. Maximum temperature on 18-6-2003 was 30.5°C (87°F). Minimum temperature on 19-6-2003 was 22.0°C (72°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-6-2003 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 18-6-2003 was nil. Rainfall on 19-6-2003 was 5 mm at Yangon Airport, 4 mm at Kaba-Aye and 4 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 616 mm (24.25) inches at Yangon Airport, 667 mm (26.28) inches at Kaba-Aye and 748 mm (29.45) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from South at (14:20) hours MST on 18-6-2003. Bay inference: According to the observations at (06.30) hrs MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over North Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 20-6-2003: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely to occur along Myanmar coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the whole country. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-6-2003: Slight rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-6-2003: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects coal mine and agricultural projects

YANGON, 19 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and party, inspected the new building construction project site in the Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Mongle Village in Hsenwi Township. Project Manager U Win Maung of Asia World Co Ltd reported to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on the purpose and layout of the new building. Lashio District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Shwe Kyaw reported on work progress. The commander and party then conducted him round the zone. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected the tasks in the recreation zone. Dr Khin Shwe Khin reported on the purpose and layout of the new building site. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived at the new building site, inspected renovation of ancient buildings, progress of land preparations and future tasks and left necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Kawthoung

YANGON, 19 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to drive the stake and to lay cornerstone for the Home for the Aged in Ayeyawady Ward, Kawthoung, on 17 June morning. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and members, senior military officers of Kawthoung Station, Chairman of Kawthoung District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Phy Phy and departmental officials, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Working Committee for Women’s Affairs, social organizations and wellwishers.

First, the commander gave a speech. Then, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and officials drove stakes at the designated places and laid cornerstones. Next, officials accepted K 20,450,000 for construction of the Home for the Aged donated by 22 wellwishers including K 300,000 by Lt-Gen Maung Bo and family; K 200,000 by Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife and family; K 100,000 by Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council; K 9.5 million by U Kyaw Lwin (Golden Bear Co); K 5 million by U Kaung-Daw Cho and family; K 1 million by Myanmar Universal Bank; K 5 million by U Aung Soe (Thida Co); K 5 million by Seashore Fishery Entrepreneurs Association; and K 500,000 by U Thu Kha-Daw Aye Aye Mu and family.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the commander inspected construction of the new school building of Shweeminwun Basic Education High School in Padaukshewa Ward and the retaining walls between Myoma Bridge and Bayinnaung Bridge in Kawthoung. They heard reports of the officials and attended to their needs. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party then viewed SARS surveillance works being carried out to passengers at the Myoma Jetty.

They went to Pyidaawaye Sasana Beikman in Kawthoung and paid homage to members of the Sangha. Lt-Gen Maung Bo suppicated on religious affairs and donated provisions to Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Aungchantha Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panisasami. They then proceeded to Kawthoung District Hospital and inspected the medical wards.

Next, they saw over the place where the View Point will be built. — MNA

State Peace and Development Council member Li-Gen Aung Htwe inspects 20 acres of orange plantation near Namphahta Village. — MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects repair of ancient buildings at Yangon Zoological Gardens. — YANGON COMMAND

Work Committee for Upgrading of Kandawgyi Garden and Yangon Zoological Gardens meets

YANGON, 19 June — The second coordination meeting of the Work Committee for Upgrading of Kandawgyi Garden and Yangon Zoological Gardens took place at the Agricultural Museum in Myepadatha Park in Kandawgyi Garden here this afternoon.

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It was attended by Chairman of the Work Committee for Upgrading of Kandawgyi Garden and Yangon Zoological Gardens. The meeting was attended by officials and guests. Speaking on the occasion, the commander dealt with measures being taken for upgrading of Kandawgyi Garden and Yangon Zoological Gardens dividing the areas into four zones — Central Symbol Zone, Education Zone, Recreation Zone and Relaxation Zone. He then invited respective chairmen of subcommittee of the four zones to discuss tasks being undertaken sector-wise and future tasks.

Then, Deputy Minister Col Thaik Tun reported on preparations for upgrading of the central symbol zone and future plans; Director-General of the Fisheries Department U Than Tun, on arrangements for renovation of the Aquarium in the education zone; Dr Khin Shwe, on tasks being carried out in the recreation zone; Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, on conditions of restaurants and measures to be taken for upgrading of them in the relaxation zone; Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint, on tasks for cleanliness of Kandawgyi Lake and requirements for upgrading of the agricultural museum and plantations; and Head of the Parks and Playgrounds Department U Nyunt Pe, on conditions of shops in the gardens.

Next, Managing Director U Win Aung gave an account on layout of buildings in the zones; and Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, Managing Director of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise Dr San Oo, Director-General U Shwe Kyaw, and Director of the Themis Services U Maung Maung Khin, on tasks for upgrading of the gardens. The commander made concluding remarks and then inspected the tasks in the recreation zone. Dr Khin Shwe conducted him round the zone. The commander gave instructions. At the office of Yangon Zoological Gardens Upgrading Project, Director U Maung Maung Khin reported on work progress. The commander and party then inspected renovation of ancient buildings, progress of land preparations and future tasks and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Friday, 20 June, 2003