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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Italy

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June, 2006. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence oversees construction of Ngamoeyeik Creek Bridge (Kamakyi). — MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress in building Ngamoeyeik Creek Bridge (Kamakyi)

YANGON, 1 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials arrived at the briefing hall of Ngamoeyeik Creek Bridge (Kamakyi) to link Thakayta and Thingangyun townships, being constructed by Special Construction Group this afternoon.

Yangon Division Superintending Engineer U Soe Tint reported on progress of construction tasks, and Mayor Brig-

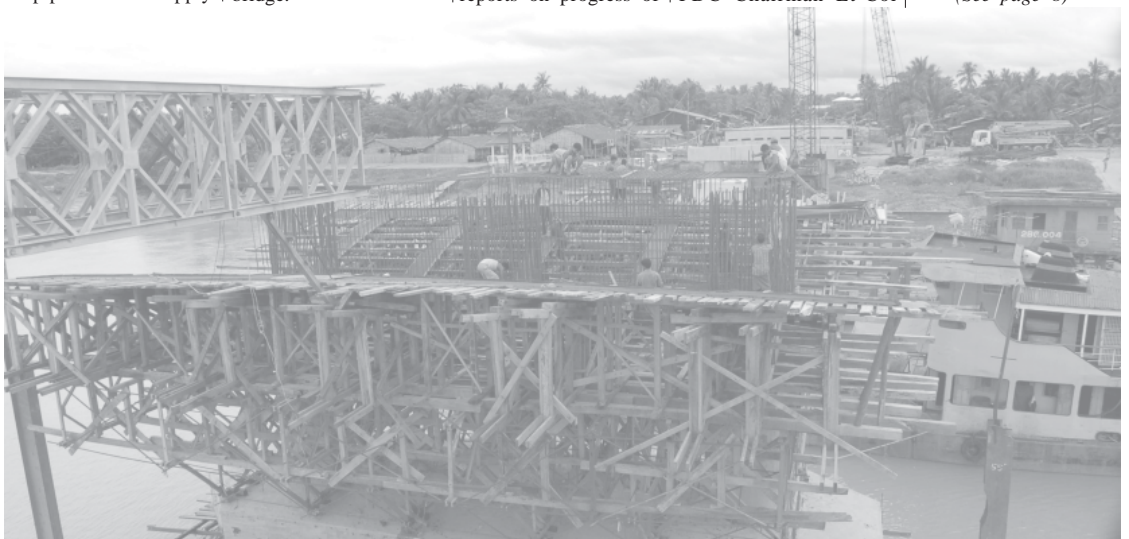
Gen Aung Thein Lin on arrangements for laying of pipelines for supply

of water to Thakayta Township through the bridge.

Senior Engineer U Han Soe submitted reports on progress of

tasks and future works, and Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col

Maung Maung Shein made a supplementary (See page 8)



Construction site of Ngamoeyeik Creek Bridge (Kamakyi) linking Thakayta and Thingangyun townships. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Increase production and practise economy

Nowadays, Myanmar is experiencing a rapid industrial development as the government and the private sector are working together to transform the nation from an agricultural country into an industrialized one.

At such a time like this, every endeavour should be made for all production sectors, including the agricultural and industrial sectors, to be able to boost the production of the export items and to develop factories and workshops that produce import-substitute items.

Plants, factories and mills under the Ministry of Industry-1 produce consumer and household goods while those under the Ministry of Industry-2 manufacture machines, vehicles, engines and other accessories.

All those responsible of these industries are required to make their level best not only to meet but also to exceed the production target for each fiscal year and to complete new projects on schedule. Moreover, it is necessary for all production industries to double their income, to practise economy in the projects that call for capital expenditure.

It should also be borne in mind that enhancement of quality is the sine qua non of our drive for increased production. Moreover, we should produce marketable items more and more. For this, we must constantly innovate.

We believe that our economic goals will be realized only with the increased production and sales of quality goods, practice of economy and doubling of income.



Daw Khin May Than (L) of No 9, Kyepadaindan Road, Kandawgalay in Mingala Taungnyunt Township donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged to mark her birthday recently. Prof Dr Daw May Win Aung Khin of the home for the aged accepting the donation. —H

Oppose those Destroying

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of felicitations to Italian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Massimo D' Alema, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2006. — MNA

MMCWA educates parents on development of children

YANGON, 1 June — Early Childhood Development Centre of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held educative talks on development of children today at the multi-purpose building of MMCWA in South Okkalapa Township.

The talks aimed at educating parents on health and development of children.

Pediatrician Dr Daw Khin Thet Myaing and Dr Than Oo of MMCWA gave talks.

CEC members of MMCWA, teachers of Early Childhood Development Centre and parents were present at the educative talks. — MNA



Pediatrician Dr Daw Khin Thet Myaing gives talks on development of children.

MNA

Symposium on AI disease held

YANGON, 1 June — Jointly organized by Myanmar Red Cross Society and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, symposium on Avian Influenza disease was held today at Traders Hotel here.

Officials of WHO, Ministry of Health, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, UNICEF and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies presented reports on findings and prevention and control activities of Avian Influenza.

Afterwards, those present at the symposium took part in the discussion focusing the prevention against the infectious disease. The symposium will continue tomorrow. — MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 1 June — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Director-General U Soe Myint of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems under the Ministry of Transport as Director-General at the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

Refresher course for judges opens



Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe delivers an opening address at Refresher Course No 4 for deputy judges. — MNA

YANGON, 1 June — Supreme Court conducted the refresher course No 4 for deputy judges and the course was opened today at the Supreme Court here with an address by Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe.

A total of 60 trainees are attending the 8-week course.

Also present at the opening ceremony were judges and directors of the Supreme Court, course instructors, advisors and officials. — MNA

FAO Experts discuss AI investigation activities

YANGON, 1 June — Organized by FAO Myanmar in collaboration with Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and WHO, the workshop on debriefing of FAO Avian Influenza follow up mission was held at Summit Park View Hotel here yesterday.

At the workshop, Dr Than Hla of National consultant of FAO in Avian Influenza, Dr Kyaw Sunn, Director for Disease Control of LBVD and two international consultants presented the papers on Avian Influenza control activities based on their perspectives, findings and comments.

Also present on the occasion were FAO representative in Myanmar Mr Tang Zhiping, Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of LBVD, officials from the health department, representatives from WHO, JICA, AusAID, UNICEF, USAID and Dr Anthony William, epidemiologist, and Dr Harvey Westbury, Laboratory Diagnostician from FAO headquarters. The interested persons actively participated in the workshop.—MNA

China says ties with Russia at "unprecedented" high

BEIJING, 31 May — Relations between giant neighbours China and Russia have reached an unprecedented high, China's President said in comments published on Wednesday ahead of a regional security forum summit.

President Hu Jintao also called Russia China's most important strategic cooperation partner in an interview with journalists from member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which groups the two with the Central Asian states of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

"Relations between the two countries have reached unprecedented levels," Hu said, in comments that were carried on the Foreign Ministry's website.

"The volume of bilateral trade has had

seven years of extremely high growth and co-operation in the fields of energy and investment has made great progress," he said.

Trade between China and Russia, who share a 4,300-kilometre (2,700-mile) border, reached nearly 30 billion US dollars last year, and the two signed a series of energy agreements during a visit by President

Vladimir Putin in March.

Beijing and Moscow also see common ground in trying to ensure stability in Central Asia and in checking US presence there. Hu said fighting the threats of terrorism, separatism and extremism were the main goals of the SCO, whose annual summit will be held on 15 June in Shanghai.

Its members have signed an anti-drug

trafficking agreement and are considering extending the accord to include Afghanistan, whose President Hamid Karzai has been invited to attend the forum as its guest.

China is also offering SCO member states 900 million US dollars worth of loans in the form of preferential buyers credit for members who buy Chinese exports, Hu said.

MNA/Reuters



Earthquake victims rest at the hospital of Bantul in central Java, Indonesia, on 31 May, 2006. Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Wednesday met here with representatives of the China International Search and Rescue Team, which is offering humanitarian aid in Indonesia's quake-hit Yogyakarta. Susilo thanked the Chinese government for the all-round aid it has offered after the quake. —INTERNET



An 8-year-old girl performs Chinese Kongfu during an activity celebrating the Children's Day in Beijing, on 1 June, 2006.

INTERNET

White House promises to publicize details of Iraq killing probe

WASHINGTON, 31 May — The White House on Tuesday promised to publicize every detail of the investigation of the alleged killing of two dozens of Iraqi civilians by US Marines last November.

White House spokesman Tony Snow told a Press briefing that the investigation is ongoing and he was assured by the Pentagon that all the details will be made available to the public once the probe is completed.

He said US President

George W Bush first became aware of the incident when a Time magazine reporter asked about it earlier this year, prompting national security adviser Stephen Hadley to brief the President on it.

However, Snow refused to give Bush's personal comments on it.

The bloody killing was first revealed by Time magazine in March and more details have been coming out in many US media reports since then.

MNA/Xinhua

Bridge collapse kills four, injures five in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 31 May — Four construction workers were killed and five others critically injured as an under-construction bridge in western Meherpur District of Bangladesh, 190 kilometres of Dhaka, collapsed Tuesday, UNB news agency reported.

The bridge over the Kajla River broke down with a huge bang, killing

the four working on the bridge. The injured people were admitted to a local hospital and their conditions were stated to be critical. Police, Rapid Action Battalion and firefighters rushed to the spot and conducted the rescue operation. An investigation into the reason for the collapse is underway.—MNA/Xinhua

'Lost' actress Rodriguez released early

LOS ANGELES, 31 May — Actress Michelle Rodriguez was released from jail early, after serving less than a day of a 60-day jail sentence, authorities said Tuesday.

Rodriguez was sentenced for violating probation terms after her drunken driving arrest in Hawaii. She was released Thursday from a Los Angeles County jail due to overcrowding, authorities said.

The former star of ABC's "Lost" still must serve 30 days of community service and remain on probation until June 2009, a spokeswoman for the city attorney's office said.

"Our prosecutors

are not happy about it, but that is the sad reality of our overcrowded jails," said spokeswoman Conessa Mankiewicz.

Calls to Rodriguez's attorney and publicist were not immediately returned Tuesday.

"Michelle's happy with the way things turned out," Rodriguez's friend, designer Anand John, told People magazine in a story posted Tuesday on its Web site.—Internet

Actress Michelle Rodriguez appears onstage during MTV's 'Total Request Live' at the MTV Times Square Studios in New York.

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Children draw pictures on eggs in a contest at Shiqiao Primary School in Wenling, a city in east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Fire destroys part of historic Finnish cathedral

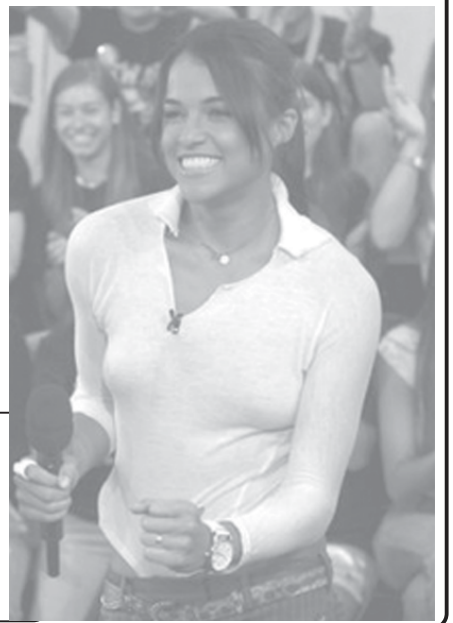
HELSINKI, 31 May — Fire burnt the roof of a historic Finnish church on Monday, destroying part of one of the Nordic nation's most cherished landmarks.

The fire began at about 2 am on Monday outside the Cathedral in Porvoo, 50 kilometres east of Helsinki, and arson was not ruled out, police said.

The blaze destroyed the wood shingle and tar roof of the cathedral, which played an important role in Finnish history and is a tourist attraction for day-trippers from the capital. No one

was hurt and officials said most of the interior of the church, parts of which date back to the 13th and 14th centuries, had not been burnt.

"It looks like ruins from outside," Bishop Erik Biktstrom told Finnish news agency STT, adding that the fire was a local and national catastrophe. "It's one of our most important churches." The cathedral was where Tsar Alexander I opened the Diet of Porvoo in 1809, which sealed Finland's transfer to Russian rule after 700 years under the Swedish crown.—MNA/Reuters



Bolivian President thanks Chirac for support

LIMA, 31 May — Bolivian President Evo Morales thanked his French counterpart Jacques Chirac on Monday for his support for Bolivia's nationalization of fossil fuel resources, and invited him to visit the opening of the Constituent Assembly, reports reaching here said.

During a visit to Chile on Friday, Chirac expressed his support for the nationalization, saying

he had a lot of respect for Morales, who "had restored honour to a people which had been deprived of it for centuries".

The French President added that if he were invited, he would attend the opening of the Assembly on August 6 in Sucre, Bolivia's constitutional capital.

Morales said this is the reason why he made a public invitation to Chirac.

He said he had also invited leaders from Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa, because "we are betting on a deep change in the democracy, that is to say a change for the peaceful path".

The Constituent Assembly is one of Morales's key election promises. Bolivians will choose the members of the Assembly on 2 July.

MNA/Xinhua

Earthquake jolts Indonesia's Papua Province

JAKARTA, 31 May — A tectonic earthquake measuring 6 on the Richter Scale rocked Wamena, Jayawijaya District, Indonesia's Papua Province on Tuesday, but there are no reports of damages or casualties.

The quake took place at around 12:28 pm local time, and its epicentre was traced at 3.85 degrees southern Latitude and 139.76 degrees eastern Longitude, around 115 kilometres northeast of Wamena at a depth of 33 kilometres below the sea level, Antara news agency quoted head of the Jayapura Meteorological and Geophysics Office

Fadli Yusuf as saying here on Tuesday.

The tremor was felt at between third and fourth level Modified Marcelli Intensity (MMI) in Wamena, second and third MMI in Tanah Merah as well as Jayapura.

"The local residents panicked when the quake occurred," Kayadu said.

Some parts of Papua Island have been jolted by

a series of tremors lately, including the magnitude 4.6 quake hitting Jayapura and Sarmi District last Wednesday (24 May), and magnitude 4.8 tremor hitting Paniai District last Friday (26 May).

Indonesia is in a zone known as the Pacific "ring of fire", which is prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity.

MNA/Xinhua

Organic farms see growth on more demand

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, 30 May — California — Earthbound Farm's fields of organic baby spinach and romaine lettuce are a living symbol of the organic food movement's explosive growth in recent years.

What started two decades ago as a three-acre roadside farm in this valley 90 miles south of San Francisco has grown into the country's largest grower of organic produce, with more than 100 types of fruits and vegetables on 28,000 acres in the US and abroad.

Earthbound's extraordinary growth is only the most visible example of how organic farming is changing. Small family farms created as an alternative to conventional

agriculture are increasingly giving way to large-scale operations that harvest thousands of acres and market their produce nationwide.

And with Wal-Mart, Safeway, Albertson's and other big supermarket chains expanding their organic offerings, the transformation may only be in its early stages.

"I don't think (consumers) have any idea just how industrialized it's becoming," said Michael Pollan, a journalism

professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and author of "The Omnivore's Dilemma." "There are some real downsides to organic farming scaling up to this extent."

Pollan and others worry that the expansion of "Big Organic" will lower food quality, weaken standards and hurt small family farms. As organic goes mainstream, critics say, the movement loses touch with its roots as an eco-friendly system that offers a direct connection



Visitors walk under a huge football-shaped tent in Hangzhou Peace International Conference and Exhibition Centre in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 31 May, 2006. The first Outdoor Lifestyle China Hangzhou 2006 opens there Wednesday, in which various outdoor furniture and leisure articles provided by more than 80 enterprises are being displayed. —INTERNET

Large number of weapons missing in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, 31 May — Costa Rican Public Security Minister Fernando Berrocal announced on Monday that the country has lost a large number of weapons during a stocktaking of weapons in the country on Friday.

Berrocal told reporters that there were a great deal of weapons missing, but he did not specify what kind,

saying it was a state secret.

He described the situation as "pretty delicate and pretty serious. It's an important chunk of arms, some of which are of big calibre and some have a high price in international arms markets". Berrocal said that "a foreign hand" might be involved in the loss of arms, "because in Costa Rica there is no

market for this".

"Such things could not have happened unless there had been help from inside the security forces," he added. The last stocktaking of weapons was carried out in Costa Rica in 1998 when Jose Maria Figueres Olsen handed over power to the newly-elected President, Miguel Angel Rodriguez.

MNA/Xinhua



A chef shows the Barkol steamed pie in a restaurant in Barkol of Hami, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 30 May, 2006. The Barkol steamed pie is a local food made of leaven dough with special stuffing. Many people in this area have steamed pies to greet the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, which falls on 31 May, this year. —INTERNET

Comoros volcano bubbles, residents wait in fear

MORONI, 31 May — Lava bubbled from a volcano in the Comoros on Monday, frightening thousands on the Indian Ocean archipelago's largest island who feared a full-blown eruption as they waited to see where the molten rock might flow.

An early morning reconnaissance flight over the crater of 2,361-metre (7,750-foot) Mount Karthala — one of the world's largest active volcanoes which dominates the island of Grande Comore — gave no new clues.

"The information we have is that the lava is flowing. The crater is full of lava. We don't know which direction it will flow," Colonel Ismael Daho, head of the emergency management team for the Comoros archipelago, told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters



Earthbound Farm cofounders Drew Goodman and wife Myra hold some of their salad at their headquarters in Carmel Valley, California in this recent photo. —INTERNET

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Iran says may talk if US “changes behaviour”

PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 31 May — Iran said on Tuesday it might resume direct talks with the United States over its nuclear programme provided Washington changed its behaviour.

“For the time being, we have suspended direct talks (with the United States). After a change of their behaviour we may consider again,” Iranian

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said.

Speaking after attending a meeting of non-aligned states in Malaysia, Mottaki told reporters Iran was open to talks with other parties but would not accept any pre-conditions.

Earlier, the 114-member Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) issued a statement of support for

Iran in its nuclear stand-off with the West and warned against any attack on Iranian nuclear facilities.

“Iran is ready to respond positively to the call made by NAM for resuming the negotiations on Iran’s nuclear issue without any pre-conditions,” Mottaki told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters



A girl watches two lovely saving boxes featuring football players in a shopping centre of Beijing, capital of China, on 30 May, 2006. As the 2006 FIFA Football World Cup draws near, products relative to football games sell well in Beijing recently. —INTERNET

Mystery disease afflicts cows in Cambodia’s Kandal Province

PHNOM PENH, 31 May — An unknown disease has killed seven cows and sickened others in Baek Chan commune’s Trapeang Proy Village in Kandal Province since 24 May and much of the butchered meat has been put on sale in Phnom Penh, local media reported on Tuesday.

The cows, which

were from one to three years old and belonged to different villagers, stopped grazing and their legs became stiff before they died, according to their owners, The Cambodian Press Review reported. The cows showed signs of illness for only a short time before they died.

Cow owners said

they ate the meat of the first cow that died and buried its organs.

The other six cows that died the next day were sold to a slaughterhouse in Phnom Penh. The butchered meat was sold to local markets, local Khmer newspaper *Rasmey Angkor* reported.

A veterinarian in the village said that the cows

may have died of a kind of furuncle disease.

Many cows have been falling sick, villagers said. Trapeang Proy’s village chief has informed authorities about the phenomenon in hope that relevant experts will be assigned to inspect and take measures to cure the sick cows.

MNA/Xinhua

Australian mountaineer falls to her death in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 31 May — An Australian woman died while descending from the world’s eighth highest mountain, Mount Manaslu, in Himalayan Nepal, the Tourism Ministry said on Monday.

Sue Fear, a 43-year-old trekking guide from Sydney, had reached the 8,163-metre (26,780 feet) summit of Manaslu, and was making her way down on Sunday when she fell to her death in a crevasse, the ministry said. Fear was a highly experienced mountaineer and had climbed Mount Everest three years ago. She was the first Australian woman to scale Manaslu. — MNA/Reuters

Flash floods strike Bangladeshi islands

DHAKA, 31 May — Flash floods triggered by early monsoon rains have washed away more than 400 houses in two Bangladeshi islands in the Bay of Bengal, officials said on Monday.

Hundreds of people have been affected by the flooding in Kutubdia Island, 45 kilometres (30 miles) from the town of Cox’s Bazar, but there has been no report of any casualties, a local official said. The other affected island was Maheshkhali, 15 kilometres (10 miles) off Cox’s Bazar, where some 70 houses were damaged by surging waters and landslides triggered by the rains. — MNA/Reuters

Three blasts wound 42 in Ethiopian town

ADDIS ABABA, 31 May — Three blasts in the Ethiopian town of Jijiga at the weekend have injured 42 people, the state-run *Ethiopian News Agency* said on Monday.

The explosions, on Saturday night, appeared to have been set off in a coordinated attack in the capital of Ethiopia’s Somali region, located about 485 kilometres (300 miles) west of Addis Ababa close to the Somali border, officials said.

“Three explosions occurred at Central Hotel, London Cafe and Family Cafe in Jijiga Town simultaneously around 8pm Saturday,” Abdulahi Hassan, the administrator of the Somali region, told *ENA*. — MNA/Reuters

UAE says kidnapped diplomat in Iraq freed

ABU DHABI, 31 May — The United Arab Emirates said that its kidnapped diplomat in Iraq, Naji al-Noaimi, was freed on Tuesday, the official *WAM* news agency reported.

“UAE diplomat Naji al-Noaimi was freed this evening,” *WAM* quoted a Foreign Ministry official as saying.

Earlier this month, a group calling itself Islam’s Banner said they had kidnapped Noaimi and demanded that the UAE withdraw its charge d’affaires. — MNA/Reuters

Iraq PM orders state of emergency in Basra

BASRA, 31 May — Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki declared a month-long state of emergency in the southern city of Basra, the scene of inter-Shiite clashes, as the rest of Iraq stayed in the grip of a surge in violence.

“We are announcing this broad security mobilization for the next month and we hope through negotiations we will gain control of this crisis,” Maliki told reporters during a visit

to the port city. He pledged to deal with the Basra crisis with an “iron fist,” as he announced the state of emergency.

Maliki and Sunni Vice-President Tareq al-Hashemi led a delegation of politicians to Basra to meet with local civilian and security leaders in the city plagued by unrest for the past few weeks that has claimed the lives of hundreds of people.

“A security committee will be formed

to defuse the crisis, starting with the disarming of society here in Basra, including the militias and tribes,” said Hashemi.

He said checkpoints would be set up to search cars for illegal weapons, adding that many of the tribes had heavy weapons such as mortars.

“This is one of the major reasons for the chaos,” he said.

Internet



Iraqi soldiers salute Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki during his visit to the southern city of Basra. Maliki declared a month-long state of emergency in the southern city of Basra, the scene of inter-Shiite clashes, as the rest of Iraq stayed in the grip of a surge in violence. —INTERNET

Malaysia to send 76-member medical team to Indonesia

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 May — Malaysia will send a medical team of 76 Armed Forces personnel to help earthquake victims in Indonesia, Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said Tuesday.

The team, comprising eight officers and 68 other personnel, will leave with medical supplies in four Royal Malaysian Air Force aircraft on Tuesday afternoon, said Najib.

“We realize that the number of victims is huge and there is a great need for medicines as the local hospitals there are unable to cope with the large number of quake victims,” Najib told reporters here.

The Malaysian team will establish a field hospital and a mobile hospital in Yogyakarta, one of the worst hit areas in Indonesia, said Najib.

MNA/Xinhua



A giant 2006 FIFA World Cup globe is pictured next to the Berlin's landmark Brandenburg Gate, on 31 May, 2006. The 15-metre high soccer globe was created by Vienna-based cross-disciplinary artist Andre Heller.

INTERNET

No danger found after San Francisco City Hall scare

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 May—San Francisco City Hall briefly closed on Tuesday morning after officials found three suspicious bags, but the devices were later found to be harmless, a police spokeswoman said.

"We had three suspicious items rather than one," said Maria Oropeza, police spokeswoman. "Police secured the area and the bomb squad was moving through quickly."

and fire officials went to the scene and several neighbouring streets were closed off on a warm sunny morning.

"This happens about six or seven times a year where there is a scare,"

for Mayor Gavin Newsom told Reuters. "They generally respond with the utmost caution." Several buildings or stores in San Francisco have been evacuated over the past year because of bomb scares, but all

turned out to be false alarms.

Ragone said the mayor was not present during the brief scare. With a soaring dome based on St. Peter's at the Vatican, San Francisco's early 20th century City Hall is one of the city's best-known buildings.

MNA/Reuters

40 Ugandan motorists arrested for drunk driving

KAMPALA, 31 May—The Ugandan police have resumed arresting motorists who drive under the influence of alcohol in a bid to reduce road accidents in the capital city, state-owned *New Vision* daily reported on Tuesday.

Over the weekend, 40 motorists were arrested around Kampala in an operation mounted by traffic police. The suspects, who were found exceeding the legal limit of alcohol in their blood, spent the weekend in police cells and were due to appear in court soon.

Grace Turyagumawe, the Regional Police

Commander Kampala Extra, said police had acquired a new batch of breath analyzers to test motorists for blood alcohol levels.

She said the operation that was carried out in the city centre and its suburbs was aimed at reducing the number of accidents in the city.

According to the

police, drink-driving and reckless driving were the major causes of accidents as 171 accidents were registered last week, with 61 of them classified as serious.

Uganda is among the top most African countries with the highest number of road accidents and rising alcohol consumption. — MNA/Xinhua

Chavez says Russia to help Venezuela make rifles

CARACAS (Venezuela), 31 May—Russia will help Venezuela build plants to make Kalashnikov rifles and ammunition after the United States restricted arms sales to the South American nation, President Hugo Chavez said on Tuesday.

Chavez also told a Press conference in Quito, Ecuador, that a delivery of 30,000 Kalashnikov automatic rifles was due to arrive from Russia in early June. "The Russians are going to install a

Kalashnikov rifle plant and a munitions factory. So we can defend every street, every hill, every corner," he said in remarks broadcast in Venezuela.

Washington banned all weapons sales to Chavez's leftist government this month because of US concern about his ties with Cuba and Iran and what it called his inaction against

guerrillas in neighbouring Colombia.

The sanctions led to a diplomatic freeze with Venezuela, a major US energy supplier and the world's No 5 oil exporter.

Chavez rattled the White House earlier with a deal to buy 100,000 Russian automatic weapons.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese scientists find 15 world endangered gibbons

KUNMING, 31 May — Chinese scientists on Tuesday revealed that 15 black-crested gibbons, an endangered species, have been spotted in Nanhua County of the Chuxiong autonomous prefecture of the ethnic Yi group, in southwest China's Yunnan Province.

It is the furthest north the black gibbon has ever been discovered in the world, according to Dr Jiang Xuelong, a gibbon expert with the Kunming Institute of Zoology of Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The black-crested gibbon is among the most endangered 15 wildlife under the first-class protection in China.

Before the latest findings, black gibbons were only found to inhabit less than 1,000 square kilometres of the world, while the species totalled approximately 1,000 individuals.

There are 39 groups with about 200 black gibbons living in central Yunnan's Chuxiong. — MNA/Xinhua



A dragon boat race is held at the Dragon Boat Folk-Custom Festival in Suzhou, a tourist city in east China's Jiangsu Province, on 31 May, 2006. Various kinds of activities were held during the festival, including dragon boat race, local-style folk dancing and folk-custom displays.

INTERNET

Wounded CBS reporter is stable but critical

LANDSTUHL (Germany), 31 May—CBS correspondent Kimberly Dozier was in a stable but critical condition on Tuesday when she arrived in Germany after a Baghdad bomb attack that killed two crew members, a US military official said.

"(When) Miss Dozier came, her vital signs were stable," Colonel W. Bryan Gamble told reporters from the US military hospital in western Germany.

"She is critically

wounded as you know from the IED (home-made bomb) blast yesterday, but right now she is doing as well as can be expected."

CBS cameraman Paul Douglas, 48, and soundman James Brolan, 42, were killed in the roadside bomb attack on Monday.

Dozier had shrapnel removed from her head by doctors at a US military hospital in Iraq but has more serious injuries to her lower body, CBS News said on its website.

Gamble said Dozier had been responsive during the flight from Iraq to the Ramstein Air Base, opening her eyes on command and moving her toes when she arrived at Landstuhl on Tuesday morning. "It is really hard right now to ascertain how much of a recovery period she'll need or what the extent of her rehabilitation needs will be," Gamble said. "It's really too early into the process, the trauma, to know that right now." — MNA/Reuters



AIDS activists chant after chaining themselves together and lying on the floor of the lobby of the offices of the US Mission to the United Nations, in New York, on 31 May, 2006. Over 20 demonstrators were arrested after failing to deliver a letter to US Ambassador to the UN John Bolton demanding US

commit to science-based prevention and drugs for 10 million AIDS

sufferers.—INTERNET

Good and evil, constructive efforts and destructive acts

Tun Han Swe

Dating back to the nation's history, the regaining of independence was closely followed by multi-coloured insurgency at the instigation of the divide-and-rule policy and the wedge driven by the colonialists alongside deep attachment to respective political parties and ideologies.

At that time, armed insurgency was rampant in the border areas and some interior regions, strongly affecting the stability and peace of the nation. In consequence, previous successive governments found it quite difficult to implement national development tasks. To make matters worse, insurgents destroyed many of the buildings the government had built and resorted to various ways to hinder national progress. So, the nation lagged behind in development in various sectors.

If those with positive attitude are making constructive efforts whereas those with negative attitude are committing destructive acts, that will cause disruptions to the development momentum of the nation to a certain degree.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government that has to take up the responsibilities of the State owing to the historic requirements, 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold. So, stability and peace have been restored in many regions including border areas and considerable progress has been made in the drive for national development. The fruitful result is largely due to the increased efforts that have been exerted among a large varieties of destructive acts.

In other words, almost all the infrastructures required for national development have emerged in spite of countless destructive acts certain political parties in collusion with expatriates and remnant insurgents have been committing through all possible wicked ways and means designed to make the State get into crises and the people lead a life of stresses and strains under the instructions of their alien masters of neo-colonialists. Indeed, the achievements are based on the efforts the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been exerting in cohesion, with patriotic fervour and Union Spirit.

Had there been no such destructive acts, the nation would have enjoyed the taste of development many times better than at present and Myanmar would have become a democratic nation.

It is very clear to everyone that certain big nations that are flagrantly interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar under the pretext of democracy and human rights are, in reality, focusing on installation of a puppet government in their own interests rather than helping Myanmar practise democracy. They are paying attention to the helping of a certain person come to power whom they can manipulate, not to the interests of more than 54 million people of Myanmar.

It can be noticed that the big power is practising double standard in dealing with international community. If need be for the interests of its people, it also practises protectionism in dealing even with its friendly nations. Therefore, it is providing various forms of assistance and giving instructions to its minions in its attempt to secure its interests by interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs. In compliance with the demands of its lackeys, it is imposing economic, commercial and investment sanctions against Myanmar and dissuading tourists of various nations from visiting the nation. In addition, it is making pressures and demands in various sectors to exaggerate Myanmar's internal affairs into regional affairs and to bring forth Myanmar's affairs in the UN Security Council.

Its major aim is to help its snob to come to power and then to exploit Myanmar at will since the country is of vital importance in terms of geo-politics. The neo-colonialists' real objective decorated with beautiful words of helping Myanmar people fully enjoy democracy and human rights is that through a position to dominate strategically-situated Myanmar, it will control Myanmar's two neighbouring giants that will become big powers one day.

The people's desire "oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views" is targeted at certain internal destructive elements under the domination of alien masters. It also warns those political parties who are constantly making attempts to seize power relying on external elements not on internal strengths, and who are always committing destructive acts, holding selfish and egoistic attitude.

According to the clarification made with concrete evidences at the press conferences held in 2006, it is apparent that those aboveground, renegades and UGs are perpetrating three-pronged attacks against the government.

In March 2006, so-called diplomats from the

embassies of some Western countries visited the NLD (Headquarters) 51 times and held discussions and gave advice and made suggestions.

According to the newspapers issued on 9 May 2006, the British and US embassies are conducting courses in cooperation with NLD; the courses are designed to stuff youth journalists with their ideas; and NLD members do not need to pay any fees to attend the courses while other ordinary people need to pass entrance exams and to pay about 1,000 US dollars a year.

Looking back to the history of NLD, it clings to the 1990 election results and is attempting unremittingly to come to power. And with the intention of making the people poverty-stricken and the government get into crises, it has been dissuading international community from providing assistance for Myanmar, making investments and visiting the nation; meanwhile, it calls for economic and commercial sanctions against the nation until it comes to power. It still sticks to its wrong policy.

Vividly, NLD is found to be placing too much reliance on external elements and committing traitorous acts. For 18 years, it has been perpetrating a wide range of destructive acts including campaigns and protests to create unrest in the nation to come to power and demanding international community for imposing sanctions and pressure on Myanmar at the expense of the interests of the nation and the people. It is so disheartening that it has never participated in the national development tasks but it has been resorting to all sorts of evil means, to hamper the efforts the government has been exerting to ensure national development. Besides, it keeps on hindering national progress variously.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been making cohesive endeavours for national development whereas internal and external destructive elements inclusive of NLD have been constantly committing traitorous acts and disrupting national progress. Such undesirable acts are, in fact, barriers to national development.

Nowadays, the daily newspapers are carrying the stories featuring that members of NLD and SNLD seeing the light are resigning from their parties of their own volition.

Their resignation is due to the wrong acts the NLD is committing. Instead of extending a helping hand to the government in the national development tasks, NLD fails to put reliance on internal strength and is bent on making barriers to national development. Consequently, it is losing touch gradually with the people. And surely, it will have to suffer evil results owing to its destructive acts. So, it should have made some important changes in it and it is time NLD gave priority to the interests of the nation and the people rather than to its own.

It should also be noted that good triumphs over evil after all. NLD is thus urged to mend its ways and join hands with the government in the drive for successful implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map and for the sooner emergence of a modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

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Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the construction site of the bridge, and urged officials to carry out construction tasks meeting set standard, take safety measures and accelerate their efforts for completion of the tasks in time.

They also inspected progress of Kamakya Football Ground and Park being built by Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development on Kamakya Road.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on proper drainage around



Lt-Gen Myint Swe hears reports on construction of Ngamoeyek Creek Bridge (Kamakya) presented by Senior Engineer U Han Soe. — MNA

the housing estate near the football ground.

Reinforced concrete Kamakya Bridge will have 970 feet long and 60 feet wide. The 48-foot motorway will be flanked by 12 feet wide pedestrian way. The clearance will be 65 feet wide and 11 feet high. It can withstand

60-ton loads.

The earth work has been completed on the 500-foot approach on Thuwunna bank, and the same length of earth work on Thakayta side is under construction.

The construction tasks of the bridge started on 14 May 2004. MNA

Duties assigned to realize plans

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council assigned duties to accomplish the aims set for 2006-2007 fiscal years to officials at a ceremony held in Patheingyi on 29 May.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint

Maung delivered a speech, calling for collaborative efforts for accomplishment of the aims, and presented documents on duties to the officials.

Director U Win Maung of the Planning Department reported on achievement in implementing the previous fiscal year's plans and targets set for 2006-2007 fiscal year. Those in charge from respective

departments reported on future plans to meet the targets.

The commander assessed the reports and delivered concluding remarks. — MNA

Minister meets responsible personnel of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board

YANGON, 1 June — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint held a meeting with responsible personnel of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board at its meeting hall yesterday and gave necessary instructions to them.

First, Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board briefed on formation of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and its set up and departmental functions.

Responsible personnel replied to the questions raised by the minister regarding the tasks of the Board.

Next, the minister made a speech on the occasion, saying that Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board launched its initial tasks on 1 April and it was set up with Yangon Division Electrical Engineering Office under it. Responsible personnel were to strive for supplying more electric power to Yangon City

round the clock and speedy installation of electric meters.

The minister continued to say that they were to take action against those who were using electric power illegally.

He also said that the staff were to cooperate with other related departments for achieving success in their work and need to go on field trips.

After the meeting, the minister cordially met with service personnel. MNA



Minister receives Malaysian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung met Chairman of Lumber Mart International Co of Malaysia Dato Mukhriz Mahathir and party at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Also present at the call were Director-General of the Forest Department U Soe Win Hlaing, Managing Director of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Win Tun and deputy directors-general, and officials from the Myanmar Investment Commission.

The Malaysian entrepreneurs said they wanted to establish an industrial zone consisting of about 100 wood-based factories in Myanmar. The minister and officials dealt with investment opportunities and procedures. — MNA



Brig-Gen Thein Aung meets Chairman of Lumber Mart International Co of Malaysia Dato Mukhriz Mahathir. — FORESTRY

Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint meets officials of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board. ELECTRIC POWER (2)

Minister inspects livestock breeding farms

YANGON, 1 June — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Thein and officials met with responsible personnel of Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation (Mandalay Division) at Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay on 29 May.

In meeting with

them, the minister stressed the need for prevention against bird flu. Necessary assistance would be rendered to the livestock breeders to restore their farming, he added.

On arrival at fish farming in Kume in the evening, the minister inspected raising of Tilapia fish with cage breeding system and work being done. MNA

MWJA holds CEC meeting

YANGON, 30 May — The Central Executive Committee's meeting No (5/2006) of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at Sarpya Beikman building this afternoon.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) delivered an opening speech and Joint Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) reported on minutes of the previous meeting.

Later, the leaders of the respective groups reported on measures being taken. The CEC members discussed matters on preparation for the 4th MWJA Conference to be held in June and others. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the chairman. MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Cash assistance provided for staff's children

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—The Ministry of Transport rendered cash assistance for 2006 academic year for the schoolchildren of its staff at its office in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 May.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivered an address in relation to the cash assistance, and presented the cash to the staff's children of basic education through respective directors-general and managing directors.

Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung also attended the ceremony.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents financial assistance to a staff.

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Mayor looks over growing of physic nut plants



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects growth of physic nut plants.—MNA

YANGON, 1 June — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with responsible personnel inspected physic nut plants grown by Parks and Playgrounds Department under YCDC this morning.

Upon arrival at People's Square and People's Park, the mayor looked into physic nut plants grown by Parks and Playgrounds Department. Head of

Department of Parks and Playgrounds U Nyunt Pe and Assistant U Win Myint and service personnel conducted the mayor around physic nut plants.

Similarly, the mayor and responsible personnel oversaw physic nut plants grown in the compound of Mindhama ground and gave instructions on extended growing of physic nut plants on vacant lands and attended to the needs. — MNA

Train launched on Yangon Central Railway Station-Yangon East University run

YANGON, 1 June — For ensuring better transport of people and students, an RBE train of Myanma Railways was launched from Yangon Central Railway Station to Yangon East University in Thanlyin at 6.15 am today.

The new railroad section, extended from

Okposu Station in Thanlyin, is 3.33 miles long. The rail track is 3.9 miles long. Along the railroad section, 10 small bridges were built. The construction of the railroad section was started on 27 March 2006 and it was completed on 20 May 2006.

The train will run

with five coaches. Every coach can carry 160 passengers.

The train will run six up-and-down plies daily. The earliest train will leave Yangon at 6.15 am and the latest train will depart from the university at 7.30 pm. The running duration from Yangon Central Railway Station

to Yangon East University is 1 hour and 55 minutes. The train will stop at Yangon, Pazundaung, Mahlwagon, Hninzigon, Thingangyun, Ngamoeyek, Toegyaunggale, Industrial Zone-1, Kwayma, Aungthukha, Okposu and Yangon East University stations.

A ticket from Yangon East University to Hninzigon Station is K 10, and the ticket from the university to Yangon Railway Station, K 20.

Students are to pay K 230 for monthly season ticket from the university to Hninzigon Station and K 460 from the Yangon East University to Yangon Railway Station. Staff of Myanma Railways sell monthly season tickets to students at the university. MNA



Yangon East University Railway Station.—MR

NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR DISTRICT NEWS

Ophthalmologists perform free treatments in Shewbo District

SAGAING, 20 MAY — Under the arrangements of the Health Department of the Ministry of Health, a 10-member team led by ophthalmologist Associate Professor Dr U Tin Win of Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital and Shewbo District trachoma and blindness control team performed free major and minor ophthalmic surgeries to needy eye patients at Sheinmaka Station Hospital in Shewbo District from 16 to 18 May.

On 25 and 26 April, a six-member team led by ophthalmologist Dr U Aye Ko of Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital also provided free ophthalmology treatment to 1,700 outpatients.

Sheinmaka Station USDA, MCWA, health staff and local people participated in health care services of the ophthalmologists team. Wellwishers and NGOs also contributed to the surgeries and health care services. — Kyemon



Ophthalmologists, health staff and eye patients pose for documentary photo after taking ophthalmic surgeries.

Computer graphics, painting, cartoon and poster contests held in Patheingyi

PATHEINGYI, 22 May — Computer graphics, painting, cartoon and poster contests to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2006 were held at Ayeyawady Division hall and the computer room of Ayeyawady Division USDA in Patheingyi from 19 to 21 May. Chairman of the Organizing Committee Ayeyawady Division Police Force Commander Police Col Thura Tin Hla and members supervised competitions and encouraged the contestants.

Altogether 150 contestants took part in the contests. — Kyemon



Police Col Thura Tin Hla and party visit computer graphics contest to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2006.

Women's Vocational Training Courses open in Haka

HAKA, 23 May — The opening ceremony of Basic and advanced tailoring, knitting, painting and weaving courses conducted by Education and Training Department of Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was held at the hall of Women's Vocational Training School in Haka on 15 May, with an address by Secretary of Chin State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Ohn Myint Oo.

Also present were members of Chin State PDC, officials, instructors and trainees. A total of 40 trainees are attending the 12-week courses. Kyemon

WHO issues plan to limit bird flu outbreak in humans

GENEVA, 1 June — The World Health Organization (WHO) issued a step-by-step plan on Tuesday, including the rapid mass use of the anti-viral Tamiflu, for containing a birdflu outbreak if the virus starts to spread rapidly among humans.

The "rapid response and containment strategy" has a chance of quashing the deadly H5N1 virus only if people in the zone at risk receive massive doses of the drug within three weeks of a confirmed outbreak, it said.

"The success of a strategy for containing an emerging pandemic virus is strictly time dependent," the WHO said in its latest containment report, based on recommendations by 70 international experts who held closed-door talks in March.

"Mathematical models have indicated that a containment strategy, based on the mass administration of anti-viral drugs, has a chance of success only when drugs are administered within 21 days following the timely detection of the first case representing improved human-to-human transmission of the virus."

Under the detailed timeline laid down, a country should notify WHO of a cluster of suspicious cases suggesting sustained human-to-human spread of the virus within 24 hours of detection.

A WHO-approved laboratory has another 24 hours to confirm that the H5N1 bird flu virus has

changed, either through mutation or through reassortment with human influenza.

The strategy relies on WHO's global stockpile for rapid containment, three million treatment courses of Tamiflu, donated by Swiss drugmaker Roche. Quarantine, infection control measures and contact tracing must also be carried out.

Once the WHO officially asks Roche for Tamiflu doses to be sent, they should arrive at the international airport nearest the outbreak within 24 hours, the Geneva-based agency said.

The WHO said on Saturday that it had for the first time asked Roche to be prepared to ship Tamiflu to Sumatra, Indonesia, where a family of seven was infected, with possibly some limited human-to-human transmission.

In the end, the WHO did not ask for the drugs to be sent.

"If we needed to mount a containment effort, we needed to be sure that Roche would be ready," WHO spokeswoman Maria Cheng told a briefing on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

School enrolment ceremony held, stationery, school uniforms provided

YANGON, 1 June — Organized by Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Yangon Command, a school enrolment ceremony was held in conjunction with presentation of stationery and school uniforms at No 12 BEPS in Konmyinthta, Mayangon Township yesterday afternoon.

First, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWASC Daw Mar Mar Wai made a speech on the occasion. Next, the chairperson presented books and stationery to students of families of Yangon Command and viewed conducting of school enrolment at the school.

Afterwards, the chairperson formally opened the library of Yangon Command's MCWA and accepted books donated by wellwishers and viewed round the library. The chairperson and party later observed spraying of mosquito repellent in the compound of the school for preventive measures against dengue fever. — MNA



Daw Mar Mar Wai presents exercise books and school uniforms to a child. — MNA

Dutch aid agencies in Afghanistan reluctant to work with troops

BRUSSELS, 1 June — Dutch aid organizations do not want to openly cooperate with the Dutch mission in southern Afghanistan for fears of security risks, *De Volkskrant* newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The security situation in southern Afghanistan is so bad that it is not a good idea for an aid organization to be associated with Dutch soldiers, Cordaid chief

Rene Grotenhuis was quoted as saying.

"Even without co-operation we are still at risk, maybe we will be even more at risk if we are associated with the

soldiers. We are willing to share information however."

The Dutch aid organizations Novib, Cordaid, ICCO and HealthNet say that they

hear from their local partners that the situation is far too unfavourable.

The association with troops will put the aid organizations in even more danger.

"We have agreed with local organizations that they are not going to be doing the dirty work for the Dutch troops," said a spokesperson for Novib.

"There will be contact, but everyone should concentrate on their own task." Willem van de Put, director of HealthNet, which is running malaria programmes in Uruzgan Province, goes even further. "The Dutch military presence makes it more difficult for us to do our job. Every foreign soldier provokes more opposition," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Space tourist Daisuke Enomoto of Japan floats on water wearing an inflatable suit during a training session in the Black Sea off the coast of Sevastopol on 1 June, 2006. The training session simulated the landing of a space capsule in a body of water, a so-called splashdown. Enomoto is due to take off to the International Space Station in September 2006. —INTERNET

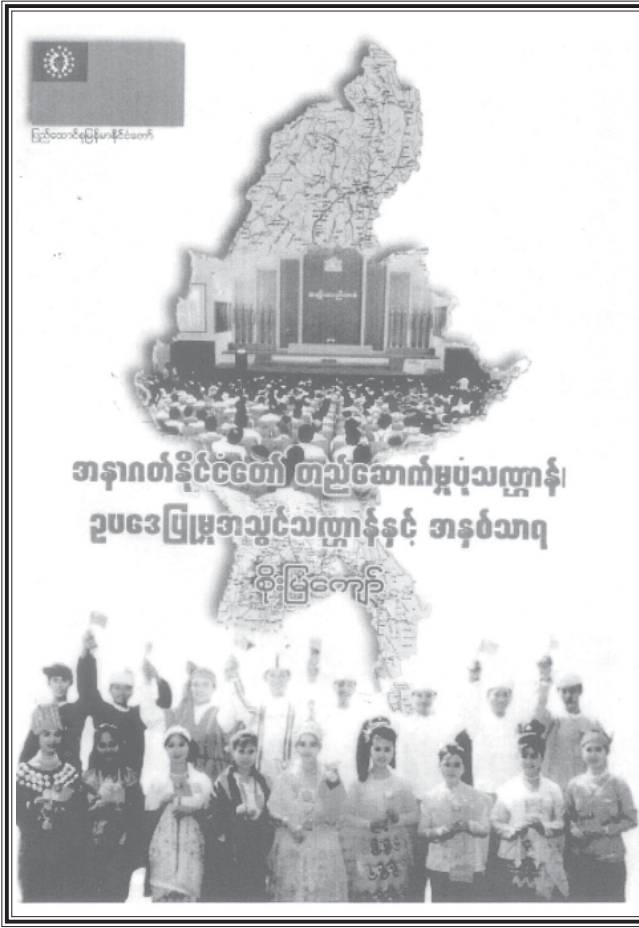


Huge waves crash on a seaside promenade during heavy rain in India's financial capital Mumbai on 1 June, 2006. India's commercial capital of Mumbai was on alert for very heavy rains on Thursday, almost a year after a sharp cloudburst crippled the metropolis for days and killed hundreds of people in the region. —INTERNET

သက်ရှည်ကျန်းမာဖို့ နေ့စဉ်လမ်းလျှောက်ကြစို့

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Indonesian boy tests positive locally for bird flu

JAKARTA, 1 June — A 15-year-old Indonesian boy has tested positive for the H5N1 bird flu, a senior Health Ministry official said on Wednesday, citing results of a local laboratory. Hariadi Wibisono, director of animal-borne disease control at the Health Ministry. The boy, from Tasikmalaya Town in West Java, was admitted to hospital on 29 May and died a day later. Government officials who visited the boy's village found that he had contact with infected poultry near his home and his own chickens died two weeks ago. The boy's grandfather was a chicken farmer and 40 of his chickens died recently. — MNA/Reuters

Report says over 32,000 committed suicide in Japan in 2005

TOKYO, 1 June— More than 32,000 in Japan committed suicide in 2005, the National Police Agency said in a report on Thursday. It is the eighth straight year that suicides in Japan have exceeded 30,000. Suicide cases increased in the 40s or younger age groups, the report said, though those in their 50s or older still took up more than half of the total 32,552 people who killed themselves last year. Men, at 23,540, accounted for more than 70 per cent of suicides, while women accounted for 9,012. By age, people of 60 or older accounted for the largest number of suicides, at 10,894, down 0.9 per cent, followed by those in their 50s, at 7,586, down 2.4 per cent. The younger age brackets saw an increase, with the 40s, 30s and 20s up 2.1 per cent, 6.3 per cent and 5.0 per cent respectively. Health problems are cited as the most common reason behind suicides, followed by economic and livelihood difficulties, and family troubles. — MNA/Xinhua

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Six countries to simulate Asian naval security drill

TOKYO / BEIJING, 1 June — Coast Guards from the United States, Japan, China, South Korea, Canada and Russia will hold a joint maritime exercise for six days from Saturday, chasing a ship suspected of carrying weapons of mass destruction. Officials said this week it would be the first time China had taken part in such a joint exercise at sea. The operations are based on a scenario that the ship with the suspicious freight, scheduled to make a port call in Shanghai, rejects Chinese requests to give details of its cargo, the organizers said. The Chinese turn the ship away and follow it out to sea. Coastguards from South Korea, Japan and Russia join the chase, while a US Coast Guard vessel will act as the suspect ship. The Japanese Coast Guard plans to start chasing the suspect ship on Monday and inspect it in Japanese waters on Tuesday. Japanese Coast Guard officials stressed that the joint exercises were different from the US-led Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) because no military forces were involved. "The exercises are aimed at ensuring maritime security and preventing terrorism," said a Japanese Coast Guard official. — MNA/Reuters

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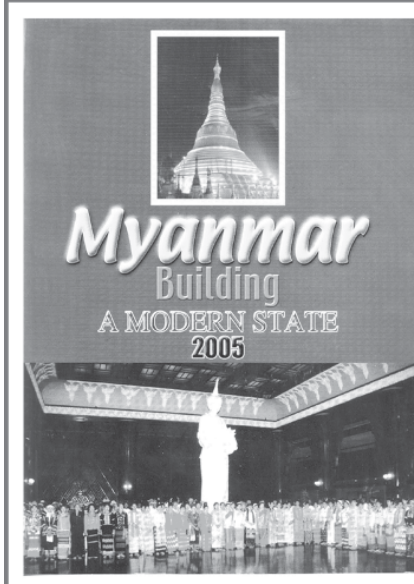
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Singapore sends more earthquake relief supplies to Indonesia

SINGAPORE, 31 May — Singapore sent an additional seven tons of humanitarian aid to Indonesia on Monday, according to a statement by Singapore's Ministry of Defence (MINDEF).

The aid, including tents, sleeping bags, blankets and medical supplies, was transported to Indonesia's Adisucipto Airbase by a C-130 aircraft dispatched by the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF).

A 35-member SAF medical team has been deployed in Bantul, the earth-hit area by the earthquake, on the advice of the Indonesian authorities, the statement said.— *MNA/Xinhua*



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Greek, Turk ships avoid row over territorial waters

ATHENS, 31 May — Greece and Turkey avoided a repeat of a 1996 standoff that led them to the brink of war, when a Turkish Navy ship left a disputed area in the Aegean Sea following the arrival of the Greek Coast Guard. The Greek vessel had

rushed to help a Greek fishing boat that had been ordered by the Turkish ship to leave the area near an uninhabited island in the eastern Aegean. It was over that same island, known as Imia in Greece and Kardak in Turkey, that the two NATO allies almost clashed 10

years ago. War was averted after US intervention. "The Turkish ship has now left the area after the Greek Coast Guard was called in to assist the fisherman," a Defence Ministry official told Reuters. "The fisherman was within Greek territorial waters."

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IAEA chief says Iran not an immediate nuclear threat

MONTEREY (California), 31 May — Iran does not pose an immediate nuclear threat and the world must act cautiously to avoid repeating mistakes made with Iraq and North Korea, the head of the UN, nuclear watchdog agency said on Tuesday. Mohamed El Baradei, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the world should not "jump the gun" with erroneous information as he said the

US-led coalition did in Iraq in 2003, nor should it push the country into retaliation as international sanctions did in North Korea. "Our assessment is that there is no immediate threat," he told a forum organized by the Monterey Institute of International Studies south of San Francisco. "We still have lots of time to investigate." "You look around in the Middle East right now and it's a total

mess," he said. "You cannot add oil to that fire." The recent violent history in Iraq bears an important lesson for diplomacy with neighbouring Iran, the diplomat said. "We should not jump the gun. We should be very careful about assessing the information available to us," he said. The Bush Administration led a coalition into Iraq in 2003 saying

Hussein was developing weapons of mass destruction. No such weapons were found. "I ask myself every day if that's the way we want to go in getting rid of every single dictator," ElBaradei said. While it was unclear whether Iran ultimately intended to redirect its development of nuclear power into a weapons system, it was clear there was no danger of that right now, he said. *MNA/Reuters*

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WHO urges govts to broaden tobacco control efforts

GENEVA, 31 May — The World Health Organization (WHO) urged governments on Tuesday to broaden tobacco control efforts in view of the rapid spread and growing variety of tobacco products that severely harm people's health.

The variety of tobacco products manufactured and marketed worldwide continues to expand, and some new types of products might mislead consumers into believing that they are not very dangerous, the UN organization warned ahead of the World No Tobacco Day.

The theme of this year's World No Tobacco Day, which falls on Wednesday, is "Tobacco: deadly in any form or disguise", focusing on the fact that all tobacco products are addictive, harmful and can cause death, regardless of the form, packaging, or name under which they are presented to the public.

According to WHO, many new types of flavoured, "natural" or "organic" and roll-your-own cigarettes are being advertised and marketed.

Smokeless tobacco products, such as "snus" and "snuff", previously popular in a limited number of countries, are being marketed heavily elsewhere to specific target groups.

At the same time, forms of non-cigarette smoking, such as waterpipes, also known as "shishas", "narghiles" or "hubble-bubbles", are gaining wider acceptance around the world, especially among young people in cafes and on college campuses.

"We are faced with a unique public health challenge, as many tobacco products remain unregulated," said Dr. Yumiko Mochizuki-Kobayashi, director of the WHO Tobacco Free Initiative, at a Press conference.

"Tobacco can kill in any guise, regardless of whether you smoke it, chew it or inhale it through a waterpipe, and that is why all products containing tobacco need to be regulated immediately, in all forms, worldwide," she said.

Results from the Global Youth Tobacco Survey, a joint WHO and Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

initiative, show that in many countries the prevalence of use of tobacco products other than cigarettes (11.2 per cent) among adolescents is higher than that of cigarette use (8.9 per cent).

In addition, in many countries adolescent girls are reporting similar rates of tobacco use to adolescent boys. This is different from adult data, which generally shows higher rates for males than females.

MNA/Xinhua



An archaeologist takes photo for unearthed cultural relics in an ancient tomb at Chenpo Village of Xiangfan, a city in central China's Hubei Province. Archaeologists have almost completed the excavation of a small ancient tomb dating back to the Period of Warring States (475-221 BC) at Chenpo Village. More than a hundred valuable cultural relics like copper swords and jade articles were unearthed, from which the archaeologists judged that the tomb owner should be a high-ranking noble of the Chu state. —INTERNET

Spanish students to cash in from govt's language offer

MADRID, 31 May — The Spanish Government, fed up with the national reputation for not speaking foreign languages, will give young people up to 1,000 euros (1,300 US dollars) each to study English.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero homed in on his country's linguistic failings in his annual State of the Nation address to Parliament on Tuesday, in which he announced the subsidy for people aged from 18-30.

"I have set myself the task of overcoming our traditional shortcomings with regard to languages," said Zapatero, who cannot speak English but once

tried his uncertain French in an address to France's National Assembly.

English is compulsory in Spanish schools but, according to the European Commission, fewer than 20 per cent of Spaniards can speak the language despite the needs generated by a massive tourism industry and a fast-growing economy.

That puts Spain near the back of the European Union class for foreign

languages beaten in the dunce stakes by English-speaking Britain and Ireland.

MNA/Reuters

Iran to build 2 more nuclear plants, seeks bids

TEHERAN, 1 June — Iran plans to build two 1,000 megawatt nuclear reactors and will solicit bids within the next two months, a senior official told Reuters on Wednesday.

The tender will be open to domestic and international firms.

The decision to build two more nuclear plants comes amid mounting Western pressure on the Islamic state to suspend its uranium enrichment work.

"We want to build two nuclear power plants through an international tender," said Mohammad Saedi, deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization.

"Iranian and international companies can participate in the tender, which will be within the next two months," he added.

He did not say where the reactors would be located. —MNA/Reuters

Beijing warned of "bluesky" crisis

BEIJING, 31 May — Environmental officials have warned Beijing it is highly unlikely that the city will hit its target of 238 "blue sky" days this year.

The capital needs at least 22 such days per month from June to December to achieve its aim.

"It is indeed very tough (to have over 22 'blue sky' days a month)," said Du Shaozhong, deputy director of the Beijing Municipal Bureau for Environmental Protection.

Beijing saw only 11 "blue sky" days, or days with fairly good air quality, April, the least in five years, Du said.

From January to April, Beijing reported only 51 "blue sky" days, 16 less than the corresponding period last year, he said.

Despite having already had 22 clear days by Monday this month, Du showed no optimism.

"We are still confronted with a severe situation in achieving the 'blue

sky' goal, and we call for joint efforts of all citizens to reduce the emission of pollutants," he said while promoting a latest city-wide campaign of "no car day" to clean up air pollution.

More than 200,000 drivers from about 100 Beijing automobile associations have been encouraged to leave their cars at home at least one day a month in a hope to ease traffic jams, reduce noise and improve air quality in the Chinese capital.

Motor vehicle emission is the leading cause of Beijing's air pollution, Du said.

According to the city's environment department research, Beijing's vehicles spew out 3,600 tons of pollutants each day.

MNA/Xinhua

The tiger mother feeds its two-month-old quadruplet tiger cubs at Hainan Tropical Wildlife Park in China's southernmost island province of Hainan on 30 May, 2006. A couple, the four-year-old male lion and six-year-old tigress, gave birth naturally to quadruplet tigers, two males and two females on March 23, 2006, and now they have a total of six children survived, a twins and quadruplets since they lived together in captivity in 2004. Liger is a rare lion-tiger hybrid which normally has a short life expectancy. —INTERNET



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Britain's eagles to get year-round protection

LONDON, 31 May — Britain's biggest and rarest eagles will get year-round protection under new laws that come into effect in England and Wales on Wednesday.

The nests of Golden Eagles, White-tailed Eagles and Ospreys are currently only protected during the breeding season.

But under the new laws they may not be touched, damaged or destroyed at any time of the year.

"These birds nest in the same trees year on year and the nesting tree and site itself will have protection rather than just the eggs, chicks and nest," said a spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

Currently in Britain there are 16 breeding pairs of White-tailed Eagles, 422 pairs of Golden Eagles and 127 pairs of Osprey, the British Trust for Ornithology said on its Web site.

Most of these breed in Scotland where the nest sites are already protected.

"Whilst the Golden Eagle and Osprey are rare residents of England and Wales, it is increasingly likely that more breeding pairs will become resident," said Biodiversity Minister Barry Gardiner.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Tunisia defeat Belarus 3-0 in World Cup warm-up

TUNIS, 31 May — Tunisia boosted their confidence ahead of next month's World Cup by coasting past Belarus 3-0 in a warm-up match on Tuesday.

The Carthage Eagles harried the visiting defence from the start, coming close to scoring four times before a foul on striker Ziad Jaziri by the Belarus goalkeeper in the 35th minute earned a penalty converted by Hamed Namouchi.

The 20,000-strong crowd only had to wait three minutes into the second half before striker Silva Dos Santos scored a second thanks to a precise pass from Riadh Bouazizi.

French coach Roger Lemerre brought off Jaziri and Dos Santos before Tunisia completed victory when Issam Jemaa took advantage of a defensive error in the last minute.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the liveliness of my players," Lemerre told reporters. "It was a good test to prepare for the World Cup."

The only sour note for the home team was the 88th-minute red card given to defender Karim Haggui for a second bookable offence.

Lemerre took Tunisia to the African Nations Cup for the first time in their history in 2004 and has said he hopes his team can reach the second round of the World Cup. — MNA/Reuters

Soccer thug jailed in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 31 May — A football hooligan has been jailed for four months for his part in a brutal assault on a rival fan, which shocked the nation when TV pictures were released by police in a bid to identify the culprits, local Press reported Tuesday.

The footage showed soccer thugs beating the man unconscious while his screaming eight-year-old son looked on.

Larnaca District Court on Monday delivered the sentence against 27-year old Yiannis Pipis, a civil servant from Nicosia, who was convicted of attacking and causing grievous bodily harm to a 56-year old football fan and illegally assembling outside a sports grounds back in April.

MNA/Xinhua



Japan's head coach Zico (L) of Brazil gives directions to players as he stands next to midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata during a practice session in Bonn, Germany, on 1 June, 2006 in preparation for the FIFA World Cup Germany 2006. —INTERNET

France warm up with 2-0 win over Denmark

LENS (France), 1 June — An early goal by Thierry Henry and a late Sylvain Wiltord penalty gave France a 2-0 win over Denmark in a World Cup warm-up match on Wednesday.

France offered a more convincing show than in a laboured 1-0 victory over Mexico on Saturday but looked nervous at times against opponents who failed to qualify for the 9 June - 9 July finals in Germany.

"Victories now don't really count but it's always nice to win," France coach Raymond Domenech said.

"I don't really have any concerns. I know how good the players in this group are. There's still some fine-tuning to do before it gets real."

Henry, rested against Mexico, raced into the box to collect a headed pass from fellow striker Louis Saha and beat Denmark goalkeeper Jesper Christiansen from close range on 12 minutes.

It was Henry's 32nd international goal in his 77th appearance, which makes the Arsenal forward the most prolific scorer in France's current squad ahead of David Trezeguet, who has scored 31.

Wiltord doubled the advantage on 76 minutes after fellow substitute Franck Ribery, who thrilled the Lens crowd on his second appearance for France, was brought down in the box.

The last time France had played Denmark, they lost 2-0 to make a shock group-stage exit from the 2002 World Cup. The 1998 world champions play a final friendly against China on 7 June in St Etienne before facing Switzerland in their opening World Cup match on 13 June in Stuttgart. South

Korea and Togo will be France's other opponents in Group G.

France survived a couple of scares after opening the scoring, first on 21 minutes with a shot from 20 metres by midfielder Christian Poulsen that flew just over the bar and then a minute later with an effort from the edge of the box by striker Jon Dahl Tomasson which went narrowly wide. France showed more initiative up front than against Mexico but their defence looked worrying on occasions, notably when goalkeeper Fabien Barthez had to dive to catch a back pass from Lilian Thuram shortly before the break.

MNA/Reuters



France's Amelie Mauresmo smashes the ball during the 2nd round match of women's singles at French Open tennis in Paris, on 31 May, 2006. Amelie Mauresmo advanced into the 3rd round after defeating Russian Vera Dushevina 6-1, 7-6. INTERNET

Federer, Mauresmo reach 3rd round of French Open

PARIS, 1 June — Top-seeds Roger Federer and Amelie Mauresmo Wednesday continued their quest for the French Open crown after winning their second round matches in a day that rain interrupted play.

Federer, who is trying to win the only Grand Slam tennis title to elude him, blast past lucky loser Alejandro Falla 6-1, 6-4, 6-3, in one-hour, 28 minutes. Federer's biggest nuisance on this day was the rain that interrupted play twice.

"It's not easy, you know, to come on and off. Conditions are really slow and wet and everything," Federer said. "The match was okay. I sort of played really well in the first set. After that it was on and off. That was I think normal with the rain."

"Now that I won my second round, I'm in the rhythm again," added the Swiss, who enjoyed a two day rest.

"It was nice to get the first match out of the way. I had one day extra. I just got to be able to switch

now again to one day in between."

On Friday, the Swiss star takes on Chilean Nicolas Massu, who downed Belarus giant Max Mirnyi 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

While Federer cruised, third-seeded David Nalbandian battled for his life against Frenchman Richard Gasquet.

The 19-year-old Gasquet held more than his own, dazzling the Parisian crowd with masterful court stewardship.

After splitting the first two sets, Nalbandian fell 4-5 and 0-40 on his serve

but he quickly regained control of the match as the Frenchman disintegrated, falling 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.

MNA/Xinhua



China's Li Na plays a shot to Russia's Anna Chakvetadze during the French Open tennis tournament at Rolandgarros in Paris, on 31 May, 2006. INTERNET

Chelsea sign Shevchenko for club record fee

LONDON, 1 June — Chelsea have signed Ukraine's World Cup striker Andriy Shevchenko from AC Milan for a club record fee, the English champions said on Wednesday.

"I am here for the challenge and the excitement of playing in the Premier League," the 29-year-old told Chelsea's official website after agreeing on a four-year contract.

"I am going from one big club to another and joining a team of champions."

Chelsea did not disclose the exact fee but said it broke the previous club record of 25.98 million pounds (48.81 million US dollars) paid to French club Olympique Lyon for Ghana midfielder Michael Essien last August. Former European Footballer of the Year Shevchenko said it was the ideal moment to be joining the Londoners.

"I think I have arrived here at the perfect time," he said. "The Champions League has to be a realistic target for next season but it is not just about the Champions League. Chelsea are going for their third Premiership as well and I like the club's mentality of wanting to win every game they play."

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said the signing of Shevchenko was the fulfilment of a dream.

MNA/Reuters

Australian man in court after baby put in dryer

SYDNEY, 1 June — A 13-month-old baby girl who had spilled a drink on herself suffered serious burns and bruising after the man caring for her put her inside a clothes dryer and turned it on, Australian police said on Tuesday.

A woman in Perth, the capital of Western Australia state, had left her child in her boyfriend's care last Thursday while she went to the gym.

She returned to find the baby with burns and took her to hospital. Doctors then notified police because of the suspicious and unusual nature of the child's injuries. Police said the child suffered serious burns to both feet and her left hand as well as bruising to her face and back. She was being treated in a Perth Hospital and was expected to make

a full recovery, they said. "The injuries are horrific and in my years of being a police officer I have not seen or heard of

this type of injury before," police detective Deb Newman told reporters. A police spokesman said 21-year-old Samuel

Marc Barnes-Siddall appeared in court on Tuesday on charges of causing bodily harm.

MNA/Reuters

Counter terrorism drill staged at Bangkok's new airport

BANGKOK, 1 June — Thailand conducted a counter terrorism drill at its new international airport in Bangkok, the Suvarnabhumi Airport, on Tuesday evening, as the commandos successfully rescued the hostages in an assumed hijacked plane.

Thailand's caretaker Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra led members of the government policy and command committee

on tackling transnational terrorism, as well as members of the Thai Cabinet and foreign envoys to observe the drill, operated

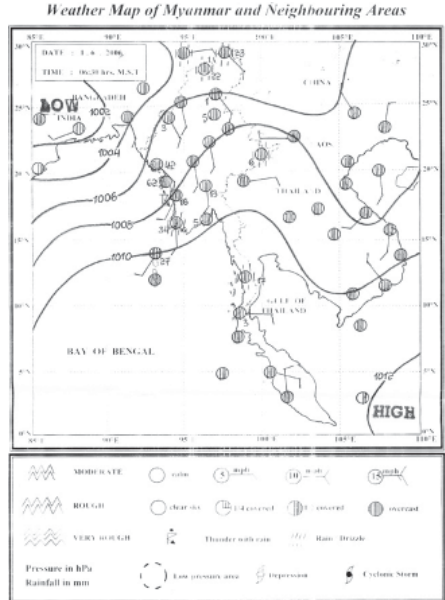
by Thailand's counter transnational terrorism centre.

The drill, including a special mission to rescue hostages on board a hijacked plane or a passenger terminal, was part of the Thai kingdom's tightened security preparations for world royalties and distinguished guests during royal and state ceremonies marking the auspicious occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej's accession to the throne in June.

MNA/Xinhua



The main part of the Turpan man-made lake project had been completed and it started to retain water, bringing beauty and coolness to the city famous for its torridity. The water in the lake coming from Tianshan Mountain could be used in farm irrigation after circulating through the lake.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Thursday, 1 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (3.66) inches, Thayawady (2.68) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.52) inches, Mawlamyine (2.44) inches, Pinlaung (2.36) inches and Minbu (0.51) inch.

Maximum temperature on 31-5-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-6-2006 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-6-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 31-5-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 1-6-2006 were (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.19) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.47) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (15.32) inches at Mingaladon, (19.76) inches at Kaba-Aye and (21.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 31-5-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea, Southeast Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 2-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 2-6-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-6-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-6-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 2 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Love you more
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Two sides to every story
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Impressive instant
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Baby keep smiling
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Still a little bit of love -Sutter's mill -She's crazy for leaving
- 9:00 pm WOM -Songs from Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, China, Vietnam
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request -True love -Look at us -Till I found you
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Friday, 2 June
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မသာဓက၊ ဓိရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>8. ဝေါင်းစည်းအင်အား ဧရာဝတီ ဗြိတိကျားတော်များ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial songs</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Musical programme</p> <p>4:40 pm</p> <p>4. "အလဲလေးတော့ ကိုင်ပြပါ" (နွဲ့နိုင်ဝင်း၊ ဧရာ၊ ဝေါလေး၊ ရုစီဧရာ၊ ရတနာခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)</p> <p>4:55 pm</p> <p>5. အပေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးဖြူ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)</p>	<p>5:00 pm</p> <p>6. Song of national races</p> <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>8. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>5:50 pm</p> <p>9. ရုပ်ရွာပညာပဒေသာ ဖွင့်ပါ မနား ကျေးလက်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>10. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>11. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညောင်ရင်</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဖန်ပန်းလှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>14. Evening news</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေစေ့" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p>
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Cash assistance provided to needy students in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated cash assistance to needy students for 2006-07 academic year at the City Hall of Mandalay City Development Committee on 29 May afternoon.

Present were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin

Zaw, Chairperson of the Mandalay Division MCWSC Daw Khin Pyone Win, Chairman of MCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Secretary of Mandalay Division PDC Lt-Col Kyi Thein and members, departmental officials, members of the social organizations, township education officers, school heads and wellwishers.

First, the commander explained enhancement of education

sector, enrolment of school going age children and assistance to be provided to needy students.

Chairperson Daw Khin Pyone Win and members presented cash assistance to needy students in Mandalay Division through chairpersons of Township MCWA.

Division Education Officer U Saw Tun spoke words of thanks.

Wellwishers had so far given over K 30.7 million to 28,803 needy students in Mandalay Division. At today's ceremony, Mandalay Division MCWSC provided over K 31 million to the students.

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Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Italian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Romano Prodi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June, 2006. — MNA

Commander meets students bound for UDNR

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint held a meeting with the students to the 41st BEd four-year course of the University for Development of National Races at City Hall in Myitkyina on 28 May.

The students introduced themselves individually to the commander.

The commander elaborated on efforts the students have to make to

achieve greater success. Officials from Kachin State PDC, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Women's Affairs Organization and Education Department presented cash assistance to the students.

On behalf of the students, a student expressed gratitude. Secretary of Kachin State PDC Lt-Col Maung Myo reported on plans for providing cash assistance for the students bound for the university.

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Looking back to the history of NLD, it clings to the 1990 election results and is attempting unremittently to come to power. And with the intention of making the people poverty-stricken and the government get into crises, it has been dissuading international community from providing assistance for Myanmar, making investments and visiting the nation; meanwhile, it calls for economic and commercial sanctions against the nation until it comes to power. It still sticks to its wrong policy.

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TUN HAN SWE



Arrival of RBE train of Myanma Railways at the station of Yangon East University in Thanlyin. (News on page 9) — MNA



Students, service personnel and people riding on the train running from Yangon Railway Station to Yangon East University in Thanlyin Thursday. (News on page 9) — MR

Weather Forecast for (2-6-2006)

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