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Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Brunei Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Pehin Datu Inderasugara Brig-Gen (B) Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Yusuf bin Abu Bakar, newly-accredited Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar,

at the hall of Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Brunei Ambassador Pehin Datu Inderasugara Brig-Gen (B) Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Yusuf bin Abu Bakar. — MNA



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives Brunei Ambassador Pehin Datu Inderasugara Brig-Gen (B) Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Yusuf bin Abu Bakar. — 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

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Serve public interests through literature

Literature is a precious treasure that can enhance the prestige and integrity of a nation and its people. It is also a cultural pillar of a people. As the saying 'Only with high literature, can a people stand tall', the standard of literature and culture is an indicator for that of the nation and the people concerned.

Throughout the history of the nation, men of letters have been shouldering the duties for flourishing of Myanmar literature while preserving the literary heritage of the motherland. So, men of letters in the current period have to make sustained efforts for further flourishing of Myanmar literature and enabling the entire people to continue to preserve fine moral conduct gained from literature, in accordance with the fine traditions.

Nowadays, certain neo-colonialist nations are resorting to various ways and means to manipulate the developing countries and to propagate their administrative types and western culture and customs to gain social domination. So, men of letters are duty-bound to exert the art of literature to raise the public awareness and to enable the people to correctly approach the international affairs.

In other words, they are to create fine works that can strengthen intellectual power and maturity of the people and to uplift dynamism of patriotic spirit. At the same time, they should wage counter attacks with the use of the weapons of literature so that the people would come to realize instigation and interference of internal and external destructive elements and fabrications of unscrupulous persons.

Literature is endowed with a might that can vitalize nationalist fervour of the entire people. Throughout the successive periods of Myanmar, men of letters took an active role in the national awareness campaigns.

Men of letters are indeed the ones who pursue advanced ways of thinking and technologies in widening the scope of the public knowledge. It is believed that they will always serve the interests of the people through the art of literature while preserving high standard Myanmar code of conduct and attitude and national characters.



CASH DONATED: U Maung Maung (a) Saw Hok Kyaing and family of No 59, Mahlwagon Street, Kyaukmyaung, Tamway Township, Yangon, recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged. Photo shows wellwishers presenting the donation to Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the administrative board. — H

People's Desire

- * 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

World No-Tobacco Day ceremony held in Yangon East District

YANGON, 2 June — Organized by Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, a ceremony to mark the World No-Tobacco Day 2006 was held at Yankin Education College in Yankin Township yesterday, with an address by Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai.

The prize presentation ceremony followed. Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai presented prizes to MCWA members who stood first, second and third positions in the World No-Tobacco Day Quiz.

Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein awarded prizes to members of Red Cross Society who won first, second and third prizes in the quiz. Deputy Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Sanda gave educative talks on danger of cigarette and tobacco, and control programme.

Later, the chairperson and members of Yangon Division MCWSC viewed documentary photos on activity of MCWA and posters displayed at the hall.

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Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai presents prize to a winner.

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Ocean Gate opens IT & graphic design courses



Principal of Ocean Gate Training U Htin Aung Khaing extends greetings. — MNA

YANGON, 2 June — Ocean Gate Training School offered to provide a basic computer course free in June and July to 90 trainees to mark its 18-month-old foundation, and opens international level basic and advanced IT and graphic design courses.

Since its establish-

ment the training school has conducted international level computer and IT courses, and conferred diplomas on trainees, and its free training programme is the first of its kind.

Responsible persons of the school briefed today on the school's advanced com-

puter and IT courses at Traders Hotel here. Basic and advanced courses of information technology of City & Guilds and Advanced Graphic Design course will contribute human resource development for today's booming media.

More information

is available at No 355, Room No 206, Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 380130. — MNA

Commerce Journal published

YANGON, 2 June — The Commerce Journal No 10, Volume VI, is in circulation.

The journal carries bylines, news and articles of Maung Su San, Aung Thin, Maung Hsu Shin, U Kyaw Aye, Kyi Min, Maung Taing Pin, Kyi Shoon, Hantha Tun, Maung Pahso Gyan, Kyuntha Nga Mann, and Thein Mya Thein and other market news.

The journal was published from No 38, 30th Street, Pabedan Township.

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Reminder issued to mariners

YANGON, 2 June — A reminder was issued that Daewoo E&P Myanmar will place survey equipment at the bottom of the sea the whole year from 31 May 2006 to 31 May 2007 to measure temperature of water, speed of waves and the depth of sea while building processing facilities of oil test wells at Block A-1 offshore of Rakhine coast.

The location of the survey equipment is at the point-1 of Block A-1 between north latitude 19°41' 50.50" and east longitude 92°30' 12.28", at the point-2 between north

latitude 19°42'45.14" and east longitude 92° 30'50.34", at the point-3 between north latitude 19°43'39.18" and east longitude 92°29'24.65", and the point-4 between north latitude 19°42'44.89" and east longitude 92°28'46.34".

Therefore, various sizes of ships, trawlers and boats are not to pass through the above-mentioned areas for anchoring, fishing and so on. Daewoo E&P Myanmar is performing its tasks as a joint venture together with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

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China to deepen ties with Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan

Moscow, 1 June — Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo pledged on Tuesday closer cooperation with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to deepen parliamentary ties with the two Central Asian nations.

During a meeting with Speaker of the Supreme Council of Kyrgyzstan Marat Sultanov, Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), said ties with Kyrgyzstan are growing rapidly, with the settlement of the border issue and the signing of a treaty on neighbourly ties.

China appreciates Kyrgyzstan's support on the issues including Taiwan, Tibet and the fight against "East Turkistan" terrorist forces and will also support Kyrgyzstan's efforts to safeguard national independence, sovereignty and stability, Wu said.

Wu expressed the

NPC's readiness to work with the Kyrgyz Parliament to push forward the neighbourly ties and friendly cooperation between China and Kyrgyzstan for the benefit of the two peoples.

Sultanov, for his part, said Kyrgyzstan stands ready to develop practical cooperation with China in

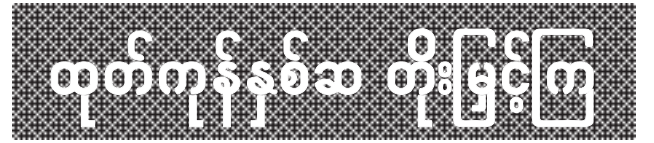
such areas as transport, energy and strengthen parliamentary exchanges between the two countries.

When meeting with Speaker of the Upper House of the Tajik Supreme Assembly Makhmadsaid Ubaidullayev, Wu said China attaches great importance to developing ties with Tajikistan and hopes to enhance high-level

exchanges, deepen political trust between the two countries and promote practical cooperation with Tajikistan in economy, trade, security and transport.

The NPC is willing to expand parliamentary exchanges with the Central Asian country, Wu said.

MNA/Xinhua



Entrepreneur Anousheh Ansari of the US smiles as she wears a space suit during a training session on a ship 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.—INTERNET

Iraqi sports anchorman gunned down

BAGHDAD, 1 June — A sports anchorman for Iraqi state television was gunned down in Baghdad on Wednesday, police sources said.

Gunmen killed the Iraqiya station's Ali Jaafar as he left his home, the

sources said.

Several journalists from the government-funded station have been targeted by guerillas waging a violent campaign to topple US-backed Iraqi leaders. The slaying came two days

after a roadside bomb killed two members of a CBS television crew, cameraman Paul Douglas, 48, and soundman James Brolan, and seriously wounded correspondent Kimberly Dozier. More than 70 journalists have been killed in Iraq since the US invasion in 2003. Most have been Iraqis.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore to continue humanitarian aid to quake-hit Indonesia

SINGAPORE, 1 June—The Singapore Government will offer more humanitarian relief

assistance to earthquake-hit Indonesia, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Wednesday.

The city state will send an additional eight-member Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) medical team and an 11-member Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) medical team to the affected areas.

Apart from contributing 50,000 US dollars to the Singapore Red Cross, the government will provide Indonesia with further emergency supplies worth 200,000 US dollars including medical supplies, blankets and tents. Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has "conveyed the details of the enhanced relief package in a letter to (Indonesian) President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono earlier today", the statement said.

A powerful earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale jolted Indonesia's Yogyakarta and several parts of Central Java Province on Saturday morning, leaving over 5,000 people dead, more than 10,000 injured and at least 200,000 homeless.

MNA/Xinhua



Sculptors work on sand sculptures, telling the history of the rise and fall of Rome in sand, as part of the World Sand Sculpture Festival in Brighton on 31 May, 2006. Nearly 10,000 tons of special sand shipped from the Netherlands has been used to create the exhibition which runs from 1 June until 10 September, 2006.—INTERNET

Chinese medical team sets up field hospital in Indonesian quake zone

YOGYAKARTA (Indonesia), 1 June—The Chinese medical team arrived in the Indonesian town of Bantul Monday and began to set up a field hospital to give medical treatment for injured people in the area worst hit by the devastating earthquake over the weekend.

Six tents were erected in the area by the 40-member team, comprising mostly members of the China International Search and Rescue Team.

The makeshift hospital was set up in a high school complex in the southern part of Yogyakarta, some 450 kilometres east of Jakarta.

"The hospital can accommodate 10 people with serious injuries since we have ten beds here and around 300 patients with light injuries for first aid," said Dr Hou Xike, a member of the medical team.

A tent was especially designed for a laboratory equipped with blood and urine test apparatuses and a portable scanner machine to check internal organs.

"We will let the United Nations know about the hospital's presence here," said Huang Jianfa, deputy chief of the China International Search and Rescue Team.—MNA/Xinhua

Report says US forces kill two Iraqi women "by mistake"

BAGHDAD, 1 June — A joint Iraqi-US security body said on Wednesday US forces had killed "by mistake" two women who were en route to a maternity hospital north of Baghdad.

News of the deaths came a day after Iraq's Prime Minister told Reuters his patience was wearing thin with "excuses" from US troops that they kill civilians by "mistake".

The US military is also under pressure over revelations that US Marines may have killed 24 civilians in the town of Haditha during an unprovoked attack last November.

An incident report by the joint body of the Iraqi Army and US forces in Salahaddin Province said the two women were shot and killed in the small town of al-Mutasim on Tuesday.

A brief statement from the Joint Coordination Centre named them as Saleha Mohammed, 55, and Nabiha Nasif, 35.

"US forces killed two women by mistake when they were heading to a maternity hospital in a taxi," it said, without specifying if either of the women was pregnant.

A police source said the driver of the car was

wounded. The US military said a car had entered a "clearly marked prohibited area" near an observation post.

MNA/Reuters



A man is silhouetted as he leads his cattle back home on a rainy day in the southern German village of Scheidegg, some 15 kilometres (9 miles) from Lake of Constance on 1 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Drive safely

Hu Jintao joins celebration of Children's Day

BEIJING, 1 June—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday marked the coming of Children's Day on 1 June with a group of handicapped children and orphans.

At the Beijing Children's Welfare Institute, Hu taught children to make "zongzi", traditional glutinous rice

just starting to walk by herself. Holding her, Hu said the governments should improve the system and facilities to assist handicapped children and orphans. "They are the weakest and neediest group in society. They need most care and love," he said.

The President thanked

institute teachers for their great contributions to the development of special education in China.

He also visited Xisibei Kindergarten and urged school teachers there to teach the kids to love, study and labour and become builders of the country.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (Rear C) poses for a photo with children and teachers of Beijing Xisibei Kindergarten on 31 May, 2006 during his visit here to mark the Children's Day.

INTERNET

dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves and eaten to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival, which fell on Wednesday.

In a classroom for handicapped kids, he was greeted with a paper-cut flower made by eight-year-old Nan Nan, a mentally-handicapped girl who was learning simple dialogue and

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Thai policemen jump from a helicopter onto a boat during a hostage-saving rehearsal in the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok, Thailand on 1 June, 2006. Security forces and other official bodies are gearing up for celebrations of King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 60th year on the throne, beginning on 9 June, which will be attended by representatives of about a dozen royal families from around the globe.—INTERNET

Belarus to ban only official Canada, US flights

MINSK, 1 June —Belarus' plan to ban US and Canadian flights from its airspace will apply only to government aircraft, but would not affect US President George W Bush, a government official said on Wednesday.

President Alexander Lukashenko, accused in the West of crushing fundamental rights, has threatened to impose the ban in response to the

refusal of both countries to refuel an aircraft carrying a Belarussian delegation to and from Cuba. But the extent of the measure had not been made clear. "I believe this would not apply to civil aircraft. Some sort of restrictions would apply to official delegations. We will be selective," a Foreign

Ministry spokesman said. "It will be a reciprocal measure against individuals who have been shown not to wish Belarus well. I believe we would, of course, let through an aircraft carrying Bush."

Bush is due in July to fly to the annual summit of the G-8 group of

industrialized countries in Russia's second city of St. Petersburg — directly north of Belarus. His Vice-President, Dick Cheney, this month restated US convictions that Lukashenko leads "Europe's last dictatorship".

MNA/Reuters

US probe finds Haditha victims were shot

WASHINGTON, 1 June —A US military investigation found evidence showing all the civilians killed in the Iraqi town of Haditha in November had gunshot wounds, contradicting Marines' claims they were victims of a roadside bomb, *The New York Times* reported on Wednesday.

US military officials now say the killings of up to 24 civilians, including women and children, appear to have been an unprovoked attack by Marines, the newspaper said.

The report, citing an unidentified senior military official in Iraq, said the investigation in February and March led by Colonel Gregory Watt, an Army officer in Baghdad, uncovered death certificates showing the Iraqis were shot mostly in the head and chest.

The three-week probe was the first official investigation into the killings, which Marines

initially attributed to a roadside bomb.

"There were enough inconsistencies that things didn't add up," the senior official was quoted as saying by the Times.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, had been briefed on the conclusion of Watt's preliminary

investigation, the newspaper said. The findings have not been made public.

Watt's investigation also reviewed cash payments of 38,000 US dollars made within weeks of the shootings to families of victims, *The New York Times* said.

MNA/Reuters

"Bell" helicopter to set up pilot training school in India

FORT WORTH (US), 1 June— US aviation major Bell helicopter will set up a joint venture pilot training school in India next year as part of its strategy to boost sales and forge linkages with companies in the country.

The facility, which will cater to 100-odd pilots in India flying only Bell helicopters, will be set up in partnership with an Indian firm, said Bob Fitzpatrick, Bell's senior vice-president for business development.

"This will be a joint venture with someone who has facilities at an airport," he told a group of Indian journalists who toured Bell's facilities in Texas, adding the company was in talks with Pawan Hans, Deccan Aviation and some other firms.

"We will select a partner by the third or fourth quarter of this year," Fitzpatrick said. "The school will be operational by next year."

The facility will train pilots and conduct refresher courses for experienced aviators.

MNA/PTI

UNSG says deeper problems behind chaos in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, 1 June—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Tuesday that there are deeper problems behind what happened in Afghanistan recently, and called for security forces to be strengthened there.

"Obviously, what has happened is symptomatic of perhaps deeper problems," Annan told reporters at the UN

headquarters in New York. He said he had consulted with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice about measures which can be taken to help bring the situation under control.

Annan further specified the deeper problems, which include an insecure situation in parts of the country, the

question of the drug cultivation and production, and the need to strengthen security forces and national institutions.

"These do take time and resources, but we need to persevere," the Secretary-General observed, stressing that "we have to work with them, to strengthen their security forces." —MNA/Xinhua



An Indonesian domestic airliner trails smoke as it lands after it blew a tire at Adi Sucipto Airport in Yogyakarta, Central Java, on 1 June, 2006. The incident closed the airport to air traffic for about two hours. —INTERNET



A student praises his schoolmate's cooking skill during a cooking competition held to greet the International Children's Day by Chengdong Primary School in Zhoushan, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Bush says alleged killings of Iraqi civilians troubling

WASHINGTON, 1 June — In his first public comment on the alleged killings of 24 Iraqis by US marines, US President George W Bush said Wednesday that the news “troubled” him, CNN Television reported.

During an Oval Office photo opportunity with the president of Rwanda, Bush said he was “troubled by the initial news stories.”

“I’m mindful that there’s a thorough investigation going on. If in fact, laws were broken, there will be punishment,” he said.

Bush said had discussed the issue with

Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“If in fact these allegations are true,” he said. “the Marine Corps will work hard to make sure that culture, that proud culture, will be reinforced.

And that those who violated the law, if they did, will be punished.”

The incident led to comparisons from US

commentators of the 16 March, 1968, killing of over 500 unarmed civilians by US troops in the Vietnamese village of My Lai.

US military officials said last week that murder charges could eventually be brought against some US marines for the bloody killings at Haditha.

MNA/Xinhua

“China Daily” to expand

BEIJING, 1 June— *China Daily*, the only national English newspaper in China, is to expand from 16 to 24 pages, editor-in-chief Zhu Ling said Wednesday at an event to mark the paper’s 25th anniversary.

“The move is to meet the surging demand from overseas readers,” Zhu said, adding the paper is distributed to 150 countries and regions. The daily circulation exceeds 200,000, with a third going abroad.

The former 16-page format of *China Daily* included the National, World, China Scene, Opinion, Business, Feature and Sport sections. The content of the expanded newspaper is yet to be decided.

The expansion would take place next year, Zhu said. But he declined

to set a precise date. Zhu said *China Daily* would better use its newspaper and website to provide information for the needs of different readers, and prepare for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Cai Wu, head of the Information Office under the State Council, said *China Daily* had been a bridge between China and the world.

He called on the staff to work harder and provide more comprehensive information about China for the world.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi wears a ‘Kariyushi’ or Okinawan-style shirt in Parliament, as the government kicked off its ‘Cool Biz’ campaign, aimed at saving energy by dressing casually and limiting the use of air conditioning in Tokyo, on 1 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Susilo leaves quake zones as relief efforts pick up pace

YOGYAKARTA (Indonesia), 1 June— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono ended his four-day stay in quake-stricken areas in Yogyakarta and Central Java Wednesday after ensuring that main infrastructures in the worst affected areas have been largely restored.

Speaking to journalists in Yogyakarta’s Adi Sucipto Airport, Susilo claimed authorities have repaired main infrastructures such as roads, airport, electricity transmission and fuel distribution system.

“Certainly, a lot more need to be done,” he said, adding that Vice-President Jusuf Kalla would take over command in the disaster response programme in the affected areas.

MNA/Xinhua



Appa Sherpa, 46, is welcomed by fans at the airport in the Nepali capital Kathmandu on 1 June, 2006. He successfully reached the top of Mount Everest for a record 16th time, reaching the world’s highest point on 19 May, 2006. INTERNET

Airbus plant to start production in China this year

BEIJING, 1 June — The north China city of Tianjin is to be the site of European aircraft manufacturer Airbus’s first overseas assembly plant, the *Xinhua*-run *China Securities Journal* reported on Wednesday.

Tianjin beat three other Chinese cities Shanghai, Xi’an and Zhuhai in a six-month competition for the *Airbus A320* assembly plant, said the newspaper, citing an unnamed project insider.

The source said the

plant, with a total investment of seven billion euros, was expected to start production this year and complete its first aircraft at the end of 2008.

The insider said China’s National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) was talking with Airbus on the company’s future strategy in China.

Last week, Airbus said an announcement could be made “in about 10 days” on which Chinese city would be the assembly plant to build the medium-range *A320*.

Three months ago, the firm announced that it would build a plant in China, its first assembly line outside Europe, to assemble the first single-aisle commercial airliners to be entirely produced in China. Airbus has two assembly lines in Europe: one in Toulouse in France, the other in Hamburg in Germany. MNA/Xinhua

Iran ready to restart nuclear talks with EU

PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 1 June — Iran is ready to restart its negotiations with the European Union (EU) over its nuclear enrichment programme, Iran’s Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said here on Tuesday.

“I would like to announce our readiness to restart immediately the negotiations with the EU 3 (Britain, France and Germany) to resolve the issue,” Mottaki said.

Mottaki made the remarks at a news conference after the conclusion of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Coordinating Bureau (NAM-CoB) Ministerial Meeting in the Malaysian administrative centre of Putrajaya.

Iran will respond to the call of the NAM and will resume negotiations on its nuclear enrichment

programme with other parties “without any preconditions”, Mottaki told reporters.

Earlier, the NAM ministerial meeting released a statement, encouraging Iran to “urgently continue to cooperate actively and fully with the IAEA” in order to resolve the outstanding issue. When asked whether Iran will resume direct talks with the United States, Mottaki attributed to the suspension to latter’s “bad temperament”. “Iran might resume the direct talks over its nuclear programme if Washington changed its behaviour,” said Mottaki.— MNA/Xinhua



Swiss children observe the training session of the Brazil's national soccer team at the Thermoplan arena in Weggis, central Switzerland, on 1 June, 2006. Brazil will play against Australia, Croatia and Japan in group F at the upcoming 2006 Soccer World Cup in Germany. —INTERNET

Vietnam's tea exports up

HANOI, 1 June — Vietnam is estimated to ship abroad 31,000 tons of tea worth 30 million US dollars in the first five months of this year, posting respective year-on-year surges of 25 per cent and 21.4 per cent.

Export prices of local tea stood at some 1,000 dollars per ton in the period, four per cent lower than the average of 2005, according to the Vietnam Tea Association (Vitas) on Tuesday.

Vietnam is focusing on improving tea processing techniques, increasing the quality of products and intensifying trade promotion.

The country, home to 600 tea production

enterprises including 234 export ones, exported 89,000 tons of the products valued at 100 million dollars, mainly to India, Japan, the United

States and Iraq last year, down 10.2 per cent in volume, but up 4.6 per cent in value over the previous year, according to the Vitas. — MNA/Xinhua

Thai vehicles output up 18.4% in January-April period

BANGKOK, 1 June — Thai vehicles output in the first four months of this year increased by 18.4 per cent from a year ago, while vehicles exports surged 48.95 per cent in the same period, according to the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI)'s report released on Tuesday.

Of the 389,584 units assembled during the first four months of the year, 44.84 per cent were exported, the FTI said. Passenger car production rose 12.5 per cent from last year to 95,089 units. The output of one-ton pickup trucks, comprising 73.6 per cent of all vehicles assembled, rose by 21.2 per cent to 286,708 units, due to increased domestic sales and exports.

In terms of value, car and truck exports in the first four months of the year were worth 77.80 billion baht (2.04 billion US dollars) up 42.8 per cent on year.

If detached engines, automotive parts, motorcycles and motorcycle parts are included, the total amounts to 122.03 billion baht (3.21 billion US dollars), up 37 per cent on year. The federation expects production of cars and trucks for the whole year to rise 10.7 per cent to 1.25 million units.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela's state oil company to invest in oil exploitation

CARACAS, 1 June — Venezuela's state-run oil giant Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) was planning to invest 1.4 billion US dollars to exploit 25 mature oil fields in 2006, said PDVSA on Tuesday.

"Our company is planning to spend about 800 million dollars in investments and 600 million dollars in spending for this year," Eulogio Del

Pino, a PDVSA official, said at a Press conference. The PDVSA will exploit these fields with its oil allies including Chevron Corp. and Petrobras.

Meanwhile, Venezuela's Minister of Energy and Petroleum Rafael Ramirez, who is also the head of the PDVSA, said on Monday

that Venezuela supported the idea of cutting oil production at the next meeting of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC), which is to be held on Thursday in Caracas. Ramirez added that the cut would help tackle the large international oil inventories which had artificially affected oil prices. — MNA/Xinhua

APEC business symposium opens in Vietnam

HO CHI MINH CITY (Vietnam), 1 June — A business symposium with participation of over 300 government and corporate officials from APEC members kicked off here Wednesday to discuss and put forth measures to create environment for trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific Region.

"The Business Symposium on Trade and Investment will cover many areas including the Doha Development Agenda that are important drivers of economic growth," Truong Dinh Tuyen, Vietnamese Trade Minister and Chair of the APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade, slated for 1-2 June in southern Ho Chi Minh City, said here at the two-day symposium.

Trade and investment policies should be considered in national scope but regional

perspective, and combined between the thoughts of strategists and practical experiences of businesspeople, he said, noting that the region and the world at large are such emerging risks as corruption and increased business costs resulting from uncertainties in the current global context.

During the symposium, senior APEC officials centred their discussions on issues concerning the WTO Doha Development Agenda, regional trading arrangements (RTA), free

trade agreements (FTA), trade facilitation, and information and communications technology.

"Actions need to be taken urgently for the successful and timely conclusion to the WTO Doha Development Agenda round of negotiations this year," Phil Goff, New Zealand Minister of Trade, said, noting that related issues include opening up services substantially and removing domestic subsidies quickly.

MNA/Xinhua



A boy kisses a girl during the opening of a railway track for children in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk on 1 June, 2006. The small train line designed especially for child passengers was opened on International Children's Day. —INTERNET

Japanese panel proposes limits on foreign workers

TOKYO, 1 June — Japan should limit the number of foreign workers allowed into the country and require those who are let in to acquire a command of the Japanese language, a Justice Ministry panel recommended this week.

Japan is debating ways to boost its ageing workforce while taking into account public fears that admitting more foreign workers could lead to a rise in crime. The country's population started shrinking last year, and many are concerned over the effect the demographic change could have on the economy. The head of the panel,

Vice-Justice Minister Taro Kono, has suggested limiting the proportion of foreigners to 3 per cent of the population, compared with 1.2 per cent now, a ministry spokesman said on Wednesday.

"Some countries accept 5 or 10 per cent, but that would be absolutely impossible for Japan," the spokesman said.

People with specialist skills should be favoured over manual labourers, according to a ministry Press release on the report.

The panel also proposed tightening immigration requirements on foreigners of Japanese descent, who are currently allowed to work in Japan with relatively few restrictions.

MNA/Reuters



Actress Jennifer Aniston plays the role of art dealer Brooke Meyers in a scene from her new film "The Break-Up" in this undated publicity photograph. The film opens in the US on 2 June, 2006. INTERNET

Books... libraries... knowledge

Aung Than Tun (Monywa)

“As the sun in the east
Dispels the gloom of night
So can books dispel ignorance.”

(Lokaniti)

“The proper study of
Mankind is books.”

(Aldous Huxley)

“We all know that books burn
We have greater knowledge
That books cannot be killed by fire
Peoples die—but books never die:
No man and no fire
Can abolish memory.”

(Abigall van Bureen)

Today, we, the people of Myanmar, are marching vigorously and relentlessly towards all-round developed national sovereign state by establishing required infrastructures for better communication and smooth flow of trade and commerce; constructing international sea-ports and airports and providing high-profile and advanced technical and liberal education for all the people at the cities, towns and far-flung rural regions. New buildings for Colleges and Universities are being built with a view to educating and training new generations for the future wellbeing and progress of the nation.

Myanmar has achieved spectacular progress

in the field of literacy campaigns effected throughout the country for a number of years. Thus, Myanmar is providing a comprehensive framework for generating renewed momentum towards literacy for all and for developing a new Vision of literacy that embraces not only the learning needs of adults but also those of youth and children. Without literacy being available, millions of people will be submerged in the quagmire of poverty, exclusion and marginalization.

It is heartening to note that the Ministry of Information has launched a nation wide campaign and project for establishing self-reliant libraries across the country totalling 54,177 up to 17-5-2006. Besides, Five-Point Work Programme is to be implemented, to cultivate rural citizens to have a good habit of reading books and learning materials; to set up trust funds to keep up publications and to supply and replenish the libraries; to construct library buildings with necessary equipment and accessories and to train librarians to take charge of these institutions.

What is a Book? Its definition is rather elusive. However, we can say that a Book is not just a matter nor the material thing like other articles or commodities. It is in fact, a thought, a spirit that evokes or elicits ideas, concepts and notions. Books are the vehicles of learning and

enlightenment towards better way of life, felicity and bliss.

As soon as you open the page of a book, you enter into a silent world—visiting foreign shores—discovering new treasures—soaring up into the cosmos of stars and planets. You are certain to enjoy all kinds of feelings and emotions. Books will keep you a trusted company wherever you are. They are the best friends, loyal and devoted.

Libraries, where books are kept and maintained are extant since the ancient times. In Myanmar, during the reign of the distinguished and illustrious Nation-Builder of the First Myanmar Kingdom, King Anawrahta (1044-1077) AD built a first-ever library known as Pitakat Taik in Bagan where he kept (30) elephant loads of Buddhist Scripture (Tri-Pitakas) which he brought from Thaton in 1058 AD. The building was later repaired by King Bodawpaya (1782-1819) AD in the year 783 AD. In the West too, there were famous libraries like Library of Alexandria which was unfortunately destroyed in 4th century BC. It was said to be a repository of more than 700,000 scrolls.

Times may change, new gadgets and technologies may emerge from hour to hour and day to day, but the publication of books and media will never wane and die away. The computer, film, radios, TV, Internet, discs, etc could hardly override and overshadow the books which is all the more increasing in output and popularity worldwide. Thus, Books and the Libraries will remain eternal friends of mankind.

“All things to nothingness descend,
Grow old and die and meet their end
Men die, iron rust
Wood go decayed
Towers fall and walls crumble
Roses fade
In some library
It is the book
gives immortality to men.”

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Thitsa Yeiktha Road put into service in Yankin Township

YANGON, 2 June — Under the leadership of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association, a ceremony to inaugurate newly-repaved Thitsa Yeiktha Road constructed by Yankin Township USDA, was held in Ward 12 of Yankin Township this morning.

USDA CEC member Col Maung Pa and Construction Committee Chairman U Nyi Nyi Naing formally opened the road.

CEC member Col Maung Pa, Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Aung Than Win and officials sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque.

At the opening ceremony, Col Maung Pa delivered an opening address.

The newly-repaved Thitsa Yeiktha Road measuring 700 feet by 15 feet was built at a cost of K 5.7 million contributed by YCDC and locals. — MNA

Cash assistance, exercise books provided

YANGON, 2 June — A ceremony to provide cash assistance and exercise books to students of families of Myanmar Police Force was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Police Force Headquarters this morning with an address by Police Adjutant-General Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint on behalf of the Director-General of Myanmar Police Force.

Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint presented K 6,891,000 for 801 students to representatives and Chairperson of Maternal and Child Welfare Association (branch) of Myanmar Police Force Daw Khin May Soe, exercise books worth K 1,264,200 to the secretary of MCWA (branch).

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Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint presents cash assistance for students of police members' and staff's families of Myanmar Police Force to an official.— HOME AFFAIRS

Ceremony to share merits for second Shwethingan offering to Okkalapa Pagoda held

YANGON, 2 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay attended a ceremony to share merits for the second Shwethingan offering to Okkalapa Pagoda held in conjunction with the Seinbudaw (Diamond Bud) and Hngetmyatnadaw (Pennant-shaped vane) offering ceremony and consecration ceremony at the pagoda in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon East District this morning.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Aungmye Bonsan Kyaungtaik Abhidhaja Maharattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddammajotika Bhaddanta Pannindabhivamsa, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, division/district/township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and wut associations.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times. The congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife received the Nine



On behalf of Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, U Kyaing San Shwe and wife offer Seinbudaw for the pagoda to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw of Jotikayon Pali Tekkatho in Pyay Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Kundalajotika.

Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas. After that, U Kyaing San Shwe and wife, on behalf of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, presented Seinbudaw and offertories; Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Hngetmyatnadaw and offertories; the commander and wife, small bells and offertories; the mayor, religious objects and offertories; and officials, offertories to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Joint Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Zeyalinkara Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Myingyan Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Kitti delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

This was followed by the consecration ceremony. U Kyaing San Shwe conveyed the Seinbudaw round the pagoda. Major Daw Khin Win Sein, wife of U Kyaing San Shwe, Yadana Pankalup, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the mayor and Adviser U Arnt Maung, Hngetmyatnadaw and Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Lt-Gen Myint Swe, small bells, and Daw Mar Mar Wai, wife of the commander, religious objects.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and U Kyaing San Shwe fix Seinbudaw atop Okkalapa Pagoda. — MNA

Cultivation of physic nut plants, irrigation facility inspected in Thaton

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win met district and township departmental personnel at the office of Thaton District PDC on 27 May morning.

The commander inspected nurturing of physic nut saplings in Zaymathwe Village in Thaton Township.

So far, Thaton District has put 4,023.03 acres of land under 4.8 million physic nut saplings.

At Donthami River Water Pumping Project site, the commander heard reports on construction tasks presented by Assistant Director U Aung Win Hlaing of Water Resource Utilization Department. On completion, Donthami River Water Pumping Project will irrigate 33,000 acres of farmland for cultivation of summer paddy and cold season crops in Zaymathwe Village and its surrounding areas.

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Conveying Seinbudaw, Yandana Kalat and Hngetmyatnadaw in progress around Okkalapa Pagoda. — MNA



The congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe receives Nine-Precepts from Sayadaws after a ceremony to gild Okkalapa Pagoda in South Okkalapa Township. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife offer Hngetmyatnadaw to a Sayadaw.

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Ceremony to share merits for second ...

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At the auspicious time, Hngetmyatnadaw, small bells and Seinbudaw were conveyed atop the pagoda through a decorated carriage.

Myint Swe, the commander and UKyaing San Shwe hoisted the religious objects atop the pagoda and sprinkled them with scented water.

of Buddha Sasanan Ciram Titthatu three times.

Next, members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda. Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.—MNA

The ceremony ended with the recitation



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife present bells to be attached with Htidaw of Okkapala pagoda. — MNA

MEd, BEd, Teachership Courses open at UDNR

YANGON, 2 June — A ceremony to open the MEd course, the BEd one-year course, the BEd (Bridge) two-year course, the BEd four-year course No 41, the Teachership Diploma Course, and the JAT Course was held at the Convocation Hall of University for Development of National Races in Ywathitgyi, Sagaing Township, yesterday morning, with an address by Chairman of the University Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye.

Gen Tin Tun Aung, Director-General U Hla Kyi of Civil Service Selection and Training Department, Director-General U Kyaw Zan Hla of Civil Service Affairs Department, Director-General Dr Mya Oo of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), Rector of UDNR U Zaw Min Thein, departmental officials, faculty members and guests.

In his address, the commander said that trainees are to try hard to pursue education at the University for Development of National Races that was established with the lofty aims of serving the interest of the State and the people. He stressed the need for the trainees

to observe disciplines adopted by the university during their training period, understanding goodwill of the State. He added that the trainees are to strive for flourishing of the Union Spirit that plays an important role in building the nation, and the trainees are to realize the national consolidation and the Union Spirit. In conclusion, the commander urged them to try their best to become educational staff on whom the State can rely.

Rector U Zaw Min Thein read out the report related to the university.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye presented prize to Alaungphaya Company that won model training award in the 2005-06 academic year.

A total of 1,308 trainees will attend the courses for 2006-07 academic year.

After the opening ceremony, the commander cordially greeted the trainees. The commander inspected nurturing of physic nut saplings at the nursery and plantations.

At the guest house, the commander presented exercise books and sports gear for students of UDNR Practising School.

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Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye presents a model training award for 2005-2006 academic year to Alaungphaya Company. — MNA

Shweli Hydel Power project inspected

YANGON, 2 June — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of the North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister for Electric Power-1 Col Zaw Min on 29 May went to the Shweli Hydel Power Project being implemented on Shweli River in Namhkam Township to assist in construction tasks of the project.

After hearing reports on construction tasks

including construction of sub-power stations, the commander and ministers fulfilled the requirements and inspected the construction tasks.

The project is being implemented by the Hydro-electric Power Department and will be equipped with 100-Megawatt six generators. Upon completion, the project is expected to generate 3,022 million kilowatt hours and will supply electricity throughout the country.

During his tour of Shan State (North), Joint Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Col Zaw Min met with executives and members of Namhkam Township USDA, Muse District and Township USDA, Kutkai Township USDA and Shan State (North) USDA. At the meetings, Minister Col Zaw Min discussed regional development tasks with USDA members and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Ambassador of Italy to Myanmar Dr Raffaele Miniero (R) welcomes Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win (L) to the reception for Proclamation of the Republic of Italy on 2 June 2006. — MNA

Coord meeting on Secure and Smooth Transport takes place



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win speaking at a coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport. — MNA

YANGON, 2 June — A work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport took place at Yangon Command this evening, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.

The commander stressed the need for smooth transport for the students and passengers, unlicensed motorbikes and conversion of autos into CNG-run ones.

Later, Col Tint San, Commander of No 3 Military Region and officials reported on university ferry service to the commander.

The officials of the universities and colleges in Yangon Division and departmental officials reported to the commander on measures being taken for smooth transportation, traffic rules and CNG-run autos.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander.

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Officials urged to well understand project aims

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Departments should assess to know how well they are implementing the ministry's objectives, said Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at a meeting here yesterday.

The minister explained the objectives as rapid social-economic progress, work efficiency development, staff capacity building and ICT effectiveness, urging officials to maintain the main strengths, while trying to find the areas where extra efforts are required to solve the problem of weakness.

One of the ministry's priorities is the extended use of ICT in all departments under it, he said.

The third short-term five-year plan ended successfully with 12.8 per cent average annual growth rate, he announced.

As for the project officers, they should well understand the aims of the fourth short-term five-year plan, as the seeking of ways and means including the holding of coordinations with the respective departments is a must to realize the goals, he noted.

The minister's address was followed by the presentation of accomplishments up to the end of

Basic English Proficiency, Computer Courses open

YANGON, 2 June — Organized by Directorate of Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1, the opening ceremony of Basic English Proficiency Course No 1/2006 and Basic Computer Course No 2/2006 was held at the training school of Directorate of Industries in Bahan Township this morning.

In his opening address, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung said that the training courses are being opened for ensuring uplift of employees' efficiency in discharging their duties. The minister urged them to be loyal to the State.

A total of 106 trainees are attending the five-week courses.

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April 2006 and future work programmes and preparations to implement them.

Officials concerned in turn also explained project reports covering region-wise achievements and advance arrangements to realize the aims.

Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw was also at the meeting to give supplementary reports concerning the work guidelines.

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Minister U Soe Tha addresses a coordination meeting for 2006 of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. — MNA

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Physic nut plants growing ceremony held in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 27 May — The physic nut plants growing ceremony led by NyaungU District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Aye Aye was held in NyaungU on 21 May. Chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Teza and members, officials and members of Township MCWA and social organizations attended the ceremony.

Chairperson Daw Aye Aye explained the benefits of growing physic nut plants, collecting physic nut seeds and cuttings, and called on the people to protect thriving physic nut plants. Next, those present planted 6,000 physic nut on five acres of land at the corner of Anawratha street and Alodawpyaekyaung street. — *Myanma Alin*



NyaungU District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Teza and responsible persons taking part in physic nut plant growing ceremony.

Stationery, school uniforms and cash assistance provided

HTANTABIN, 30 MAY — The school enrolment ceremony was held in conjunction with presentation of stationery, school uniforms and cash donation at Hline Yandana Hall in Htantabin Township on 28 May.

At the ceremony, Htantabin Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tha Noh Aung presented stationery, school uniforms and cash assistance for students to a teacher.

Myanma Alin



Htantabin Township PDC Chairman presents stationery and school uniforms to a teacher.

Duties of monsoon paddy cultivation assigned in Kyaiklat

KYAIKLAT, 24 May — The ceremony to assign duties of monsoon paddy cultivation to wards/village-tracts was held at Shwewahlat Hall in Kyaiklat Township on 24 May. It was attended by Chairman of Kyaiklat Township Peace and Development Council U Mya Han and members, responsible personnel and members of social organizations.

Township PDC Chairman U Mya Han assigned duties of monsoon paddy cultivation and handed over ten baskets of physic nut seeds to representatives of wards/village-tracts.

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Search and Rescue Team in Yogyakarta stops

YOGYAKARTA (Indonesia), 2 June — The Yogyakarta Search and Rescue (SAR) Team has discontinued its activity as of Wednesday because it could no longer find any earthquake survivor or dead body.

“However, we will remain on standby and go into action if there are any more victims needing our services,” Sugeng Triyono, a team spokesman, said here on Wednesday.

He said the team

would now take part in aid distribution operations carried out by the province’s natural disaster mitigation unit.

The team had originally intended to carry out rescue and evacuation operations for five days since the quake struck Yogyakarta last Saturday morning but on Tuesday they no longer found quake survivors or dead bodies needing rescue or evacuation.

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UN holds ceremony marking Peacekeepers’ Day

UNITED NATIONS, 2 June — The United Nations held a ceremony on Wednesday to solemnly observe the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

“I know you join me in praying for their safety,” Secretary-General Kofi Annan attended the ceremony and paid tribute to the fallen colleagues and friends who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the cause of peace.

The ceremony, held at the UN Headquarters in New York, awarded the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal posthumously to military, police and civilian personnel who lost their lives serving in UN peacekeeping operations.

The military and police officers currently serving at UN Headquarters in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations were also awarded peacekeeping service medals.

Annan also mentioned the seven Nepalese peacekeepers who went missing in a firefight in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo on Sunday, and stressed those responsible must be held accountable.

The UN Organization Mission in the DRC

(MONUC) is doing “everything possible to ensure the speedy and unconditional release” of the Nepali soldiers being held, the Secretary-General said, adding that “those who commit such acts must be held responsible”.

More peacekeepers died last year than in any other year in the past decade, with 125 peacekeepers from 46 countries losing their lives, which include 85 soldiers, 13 police officers and 27 civilians.

Meanwhile, another 33 have died so far this year, with the latest being a Nepalese peacekeeper who was killed in the same encounter.

“While every fallen hero leaves behind an army of mourners, so too do they put in place a legacy of which their families, friends and fellow nationals and global citizens can remain forever proud,” Annan said, calling on those present to observe a moment of silence in their honour.

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Labourers work at a construction site for a railway connecting Nanjing and Wuhan in Tongling, east China’s Anhui Province on 1 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Austrian consul in Venezuela shot, wounded during robbery attempt

CARACAS, 2 June — Walter Rehbenger, a consul in Austria’s Embassy in Caracas, was wounded by a gunshot during a struggle with four thieves in the Austrian Embassy compound, in the early hours of Wednesday morning, the nation’s Union Radio said.

Rehbenger was taken to San Roman Urological medical centre in eastern Caracas after the attack.

Douglas Rico, head of the anti-robbery squad of Caracas’ forensic police, the CICPC, said his staff had already begun investigations seeking the robbers, but they needed to interview Rehbenger, because witnesses had given contradictory accounts of the crime.

“We have the visible evidence (including) a shell from the weapon which presumably was used to wound him,” Rico said. A forensic team had also taken prints from the scene which could be used to identify the attackers.—MNA/Xinhua

Car of kings rolls back into India

MUMBAI, 2 June — Rolls Royce, the preferred automobile of erstwhile maharajas, has opened its first dealership in India to position itself for the well-heeled consumers of a rapidly developing economy.

The company expects to sell 10-12 of its luxury Phantom cars a year in India to “ultra high net worth individuals”, which would make the market similar in size to Australia or Singapore. It sells 45-55 cars a year in China through three dealers.

Priced upwards of 30 million rupees (648,000 US dollars), the Phantom found its first Indian buyer last year in a stud farm owner whose chauffeurs received special training from a representative who flew in from London.

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British police arrest man over fatal Bristol stabbing

LONDON, 2 June — Detectives hunting the killer of a father-of-three who was stabbed to death in Bristol after a “petty squabble” have arrested a local man in connection with the murder, police said on Thursday.

Barry Wilson, 29, was attacked on Tuesday on his way home from an anti-crime day organized by police and councillors, in the latest of a series of high-profile stabbings which have fuelled public fears.

Avon and Somerset police said a 30-year-old man from Knowle was arrested late on Wednesday evening on suspicion of murder.

Wilson, whose partner Maxine Prescott is pregnant with their fourth child, died in hospital after he was stabbed in the neck and heart.

Police said Wilson had become embroiled in a minor dispute as he walked down his road with another man at about 4:30 pm. They said the suspected killer had returned to his own house where he retrieved a knife.

Officers have refused to comment on media reports the fight was triggered by a row over 40 pence to cover the cost of a round of drinks at a nearby bar.

But, Detective Chief Inspector Guy Vickers has characterised the dispute as a “petty squabble”.

Vickers has said their prime suspect lived on the same street as his victim and had been seen arguing with Wilson shortly before the attack.

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Annan closes investigation on senior UN official

UNITED NATIONS, 2 June — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday decided to close an investigation on the former chief of the UN’s inner watchdog.

Annan announced his decision in a statement released by his spokesman, saying he had thoroughly reviewed the investigation report on Dileep Nair, former undersecretary-general for UN Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS).

Nair was alleged by the Staff Council, in February 2005, for violations of rules, regulations and administrative issuances regarding appointments and promotions in OIOS. At the request of Annan, an outside investigation was undertaken and a report was submitted on 1 May, 2006.

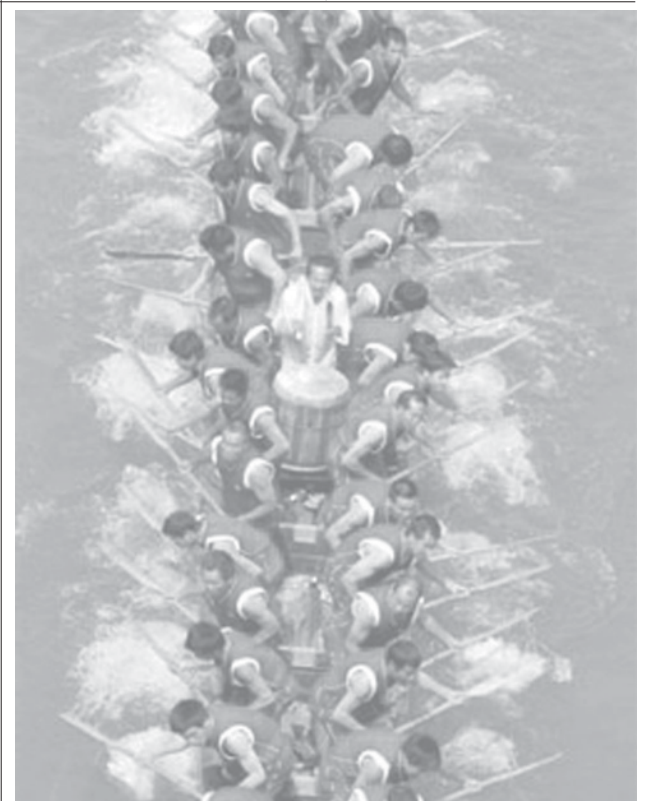
The main conclusions of the report are that the investigation found no evidence supporting the regrettable anonymous alle-

gations of improper payment by one senior staff member to Nair or improper sexual behaviour on the part of Nair and another staff member.

The report, however, found that in two cases involving appointment and promotion in OIOS, it appeared that Nair had predetermined the outcome of the selection process. In other promotion cases, the investigation refrained from drawing any conclusions with respect to legal issues pending before the Joint Appeals Board.

Annan said he took note of the findings and conclusions of the report, as well as Nair’s comments, and decided that there was no further action to be taken by him in the case and, accord-

ingly, decided the matter closed.—MNA/Xinhua



Local residents row dragon boats during a regatta in Guiyang, China’s Guizhou Province, on 31 May, 2006.—INTERNET

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Sri Lanka vows to finish tsunami rebuilding by year end

COLOMBO, 1 June— Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse said here Wednesday that the reconstruction process of the homes destroyed by the December 2004 tsunami disaster will be completed by the end of this year.

Addressing a Japanese delegation, Rajapakse blamed the non-governmental organizations, both foreign and local, for failing to complete the reconstruction of the homes destroyed along the coastal belt in time.

The 26 December, 2004 tsunamis killed about 40,000, left over one million homeless and a reconstruction bill of over 1.6 billion US dollars in Sri Lanka.

Those who were left homeless along the coastal belt say that reconstruction of little over half of the homes destroyed by the tsunamis had so far been completed.

The World Bank early this month said that worsening security situation due to an upsurge of violence has also slowed down the reconstruction process.— *MNA/Xinhua*

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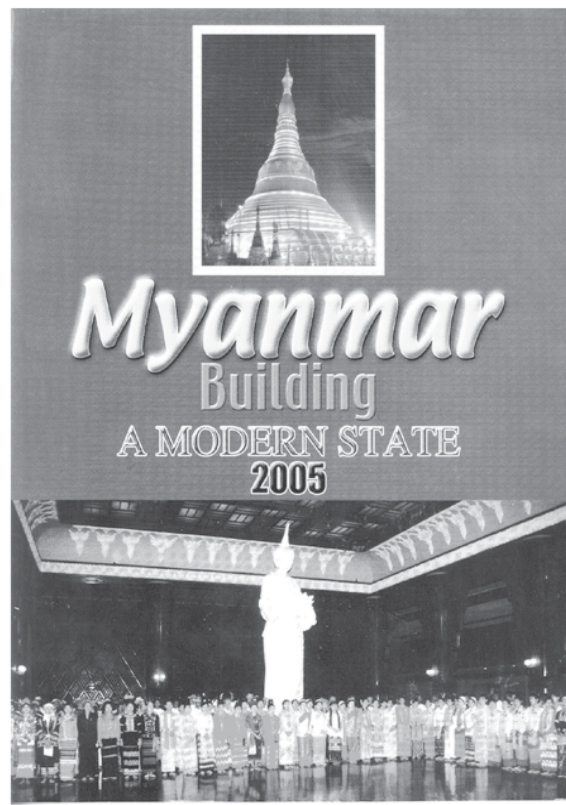
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China orders coal-fired power plants to cut emissions

TIANJIN, 1 May — The Chinese Government has ordered six major power groups to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions from their coal-fired power plants, a move to reduce pollutant discharges.

Six large power groups, including the Huaneng Enterprise Group, have signed commitments to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions to mark the start of construction of the first desulfurising project in a nationwide programme to spread the technology among coal-fired power plants by 2010.

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Pentagon postpones detonation of huge explosive

WASHINGTON, 1 June — The Pentagon had postponed its plan to detonate a 700-ton explosive in the Nevada Desert amid fears of its environmental impact, according the Defence Threat Reduction Agency.

In a statement released on Tuesday, the Pentagon agency said the plan, dubbed "Divine Strake," had sparked protests from Nevada residents who feared the

test would harm the local environment.

"The experiment, originally scheduled for 2 June, 2006, will not be conducted earlier than 23 June, 2006," said the statement.

The anticipated blast has long been described as being so powerful that it could send up a mushroom-like cloud 3,048 metres into the air.

Previously, the National Nuclear Security

Chinese media warn of poison baby bottles, clothes

BEIJING, 1 June— China has publicized a triple health scare for parents, warning of poisonous baby bottles, toxic children's clothes and unsafe toys.

Health officials in China, where fake baby powder led to the deaths of at least 13 babies two years ago, were searching supermarkets for baby bottles "that may have been made from recycled compact discs", the *Shanghai Daily* said.

The bottles, first discovered in a spot check and since found in more than 10 wholesalers, contained twice the legal limit of hydroxybenzene, a chemical that dissolves in heated milk and causes liver and kidney damage, the newspaper said.

Reclaimed plastic, hidden in sugar bags, was used to make the bottles because it is "much cheaper than clean material", a factory manager was quoted as saying.

Three factories had been closed, it said.

Recent tests in the booming southern province of Guangdong had revealed the presence of aromatic amine — a harmful dye that can cause bladder or urethra cancer if it comes into extended contact with skin — in about 10 per cent of inspected children's clothing, the *China Daily* reported.

The test for aromatic amine was one of eight that took place. Only half the clothes passed all the tests, while a similar nationwide study found 37.8 per cent had failed.

The national study also examined toys, failing 83.3 per cent of cloth toys and 37 per cent of toys overall, the *China Daily* said. — *MNA/Reuters*

Car bomb attack kills at least five in north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 1 June— A car bomb went off in the Husaniya District in northern Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least five people and wounding 35 others, an Interior Ministry source said.

The blast occurred around 7:30 pm (1530 GMT) in a market in Husaniya, some 30 kilometres north of the capital, the source said.

"The casualties are expected to rise," he added. — *MNA/Xinhua*

DON'T SMOKE

MNA/Xinhua

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Some stress during pregnancy may be good for baby

NEW YORK, 1 June — Pregnant women can stop worrying that the stress and anxieties present in their hectic lives today may hurt their babies. On the contrary, a study by researchers from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore suggests that a bit of stress and anxiety during pregnancy may actually be beneficial.

In a study of 137 healthy, pregnant women with low-risk, normal pregnancies, researchers found that those who reported moderate levels of anxiety and stress between weeks 24 and 32 of pregnancy had children who were somewhat more advanced in their mental and motor development at age 2.

Overall, Dr Janet DiPietro and colleagues also failed to see any ill effects of prenatal stress and anxiety on the children's emotional development and behaviour, based on objective measures.

The few existing studies that have examined the impact of stress during pregnancy on child health and development have "many flaws", DiPietro told *Reuters Health*, "including simply relying on asking

mothers how their children behave. Maternal anxiety colours women's perceptions of their children such that stressed women more often report children to be more difficult. This is why we focused on objective outcome measures," she explained.

The study found that children of women who reported more negative feelings about being pregnant had somewhat lower behaviour and emotional scores.

But, overall, this study should put pregnant women's minds at ease and help them stop "worrying about worrying", DiPietro said. "The reason to avoid stress is because it can be bad for (the mothers) and it's not a good idea to go into labour/delivery and childrearing exhausted," she emphasized.

There is a biological basis that explains the finding that moderate stress is not harmful and may be beneficial for the baby. Chemicals produced by stress have a well-known influence on organ growth and development, the authors note in the current issue of *Child Development*.

MNA/Reuters



Security guards march outside the Bank of China headquarters in Beijing on 1 June, 2006. Shares in Bank of China, which raised \$9.7 billion in the world's largest initial public offering in six years, rose a better-than-expected 14.4 percent in their trading debut on Thursday as investors shrugged off jittery markets. —INTERNET

12th test flight of Indian "BrahMos" successful

NEW DELHI, 1 June— The 12th trial flight of the *BrahMos* supersonic cruise missile being jointly developed by India and Russia was conducted in the Rajasthan desert Tuesday, it was officially announced by the Indian Defence Ministry Wednesday. "The highlight of this test, carried out

in the user-deployment configuration by trained Army personnel, met all the mission objectives," An Indian Defence Ministry statement said. "The missile followed a predetermined trajectory at a very low altitude impacting with precision of the designated land target," the statement added.

The *BrahMos* missile is a two-stage vehicle that

has a solid propellant booster and a liquid propellant ram jet system that gives it a 300-kilometre range.

The Indian Navy has already accepted the *BrahMos* missile system with an advanced fire control system for its warships. Work is also progressing satisfactorily on an air force version that will be delivered from the

SU-30MKI platform, according to *Indo-Asian News Service*.

India's Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya jointly developed the *BrahMos*, which is named after the Bhramaputra and the Moskova, the two major rivers of India and Russia respectively. —MNA/Xinhua



A boy bathes a cow at Marina beach in the southern Indian city of Chennai on 1 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Diana crash investigator has fresh evidence

LONDON, 1 June — The detective leading a British investigation into the death of Princess Diana says he has found new witnesses and fresh evidence about the fatal car crash in a Paris road tunnel in 1997.

Sir John Stevens, a former chief of London's Metropolitan police who is heading an inquiry into the crash, refused to give any detail, but said: "We've got new witnesses and new forensic evidence".

Stevens was speaking during an interview at a literary festival in southern England where he is launching a book. His comments were reported in British media on Wednesday.

A spokeswoman at London's Scotland Yard police headquarters said she had nothing to add to Stevens' comments at this stage. "The inquiry is ongoing," she said.

Diana, her companion Dodi al Fayed and their chauffeur Henri Paul

were killed on August 31, 1997, when their Mercedes crashed after it sped away from the Ritz Hotel in the French capital with paparazzi photographers in hot pursuit on motor-bikes.

An inquiry by French authorities in 1999 ruled that the crash was caused by Paul being drunk and driving too fast.

But the circumstances of the crash still cause controversy.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh joins world in observing "World No Tobacco Day"

DHAKA, 1 June — Bangladesh on Wednesday joined the rest of the world in observing the World No Tobacco Day with a vow to eradicate all sorts of tobacco from human life. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), about half of Bangladeshi men and one fifth of women of a 140 million population use tobacco in either smoking or chewing form.

The purpose of World No Tobacco Day 2006 is to encourage countries and governments to work towards strict regulations on tobacco products by raising awareness about the existence of the wide variety of deadly tobacco products.

Bangladesh, being a member of WHO, made an anti-smoking law named "Smoking and Tobacco Usage (control) Act" in March 2005, which prohibits publication of

advertisements of tobacco products in newspapers, electronic media, books, magazines and cinemas.

The law also bans smoking in public places and transport means with a provision of penalty.

Bangladesh Health and Population Control Minister Dr Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain Wednesday led a march participated by hundreds of people and doctors. Dr Mosharraf Hossain urged the anti-smoking

campaigners to create more awareness among people about the bad effect of smoking.

The WHO said tobacco is the second major killer in the world. It is currently responsible for the death of one in ten adults worldwide (about half a million deaths a year). It states: "If current smoking patterns continue, it will cause some 10 million deaths every year by 2020."

MNA/Xinhua



A mother (not in picture) from Zhejiang Province takes care of her conjoined twin babies at a hospital in Shanghai on 1 June, 2006. The babies have been waiting for an operation since August 2005, local media reported. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Dutch reserves beat Mexico 2-1

EINDHOVEN (Netherlands), 2 June — The Netherlands struck twice early in the second half to offset Jared Borgetti's opening goal and beat Mexico 2-1 in a World Cup warm-up on Thursday.

John Heitinga equalized eight minutes into the second half and Ryan Babel sealed the win four minutes later.

Netherlands coach Marco van Basten used the match to test out his reserves after a virtually complete first choice team beat Cameroon 1-0 last Saturday.

"We used the last two matches to evaluate the players on this level" van Basten told a news conference. "I am pleased that this team beat a good World Cup competitor like Mexico.

"For us it is obvious that we have a strong squad...in a World Cup tournament the strength of your reserves will be very important."

In a poor first half, the Dutch had their most dangerous moment after 30 minutes when a 25-metre free kick from Wesley Sneijder forced goalkeeper Oswaldo Sanchez to make a good save.—MNA/Reuters

Costa Rica subs lose to German amateurs

SANDHAUSEN (Germany), 2 June — Costa Rica were beaten 3-2 by a German regional team of Third, Fourth and Fifth Division amateurs in a World Cup warm-up match on Thursday.

With the exception of first-choice goalkeeper Jose Francisco Porras, who played the first half, Costa Rica fielded mainly substitutes in front of a full house of 9,500 in the town of Sandhausen south of Costa Rica's base in the city of Heidelberg.

Germany play Costa Rica in the World Cup's opening match on 9 June. The other nations in Group A are Poland and Ecuador.—MNA/Reuters



A mechanic looks at a Japan Airlines Corp's airplane, decorated with a photo of Japan's national soccer team members, during an unveiling at Tokyo's Haneda Airport on 1 June, 2006.—INTERNET

South Korea draw 0-0 with Norway in friendly

OSLO, 2 June — Norway and South Korea drew 0-0 in a cautious soccer friendly on Thursday but South Korea's Dutch coach Dick Advocaat said he was happy with the result from a reserve-laden side ahead of the World Cup finals.

"I know from my time in the Netherlands that this is a difficult place to play," Advocaat said of the game, in which neither side created many scoring chances. "I'm happy with the result."

"This was not our strongest team," he said. "Five, six or seven of our best players were not playing ... but I realize that we must improve football-wise."

Norway had most of the possession

and play in a game where most shots were from long distance. Norway have not qualified for the finals in Germany.

South Korea's scoring chances included a shot by Seol Ki-hyeon in the final minutes that hit the outside netting.

South Korea's goalkeeper Lee Woon-jae had to leave the field during the first half for about five minutes after hurting his head in a clash with Blackburn Rovers Morten Gamste Pedersen. He was not badly hurt.

Manchester United midfielder Park Ji-sung, who recently sprained an ankle in training, sat out the match on the bench. Advocaat said he would field a stronger side in a friendly against Ghana on June 4 in Scotland.

Among Norway's chances, Lyon striker John Carew shot over the bar in the first half after he was played free down the right. Most of the game he was marked out of play by defender Choi Jin-cheul. "We were defensively safe," Norwegian coach Aage Hareide said. "But we lacked the last killer instinct."

MNA/Reuters

Spain call up Pernia to replace del Horno

MADRID, 2 June — Spain coach Luis Aragonés has called up Getafe left back Mariano Pernia to replace the injured Asier del Horno, the Spanish Football Federation said on Thursday.

The Argentine-born 29-year-old obtained dual Spanish nationality at the end of April and was the joint top scorer for his club with 10 goals in the Primera Liga last season.

Pernia was initially left out of the squad after Aragonés said his papers had been approved too late and his inclusion would be unfair to others who had played during World Cup qualification.

Del Horno damaged the area around his Achilles tendon in training last week and national team doctor Genaro Borrás said the player would be out of action for around three weeks. — MNA/Reuters

Arsenal deny wrongdoing after Belgian club probe

LONDON, 2 June — Arsenal have denied wrongdoing after being accused on Thursday of making secret payments to Belgian club Beveren.

BBC Two's Newsnight programme reported that a police probe in Belgium had concluded that the Premier League club, losing Champions League finalists this year, had paid Beveren 1 million pounds (1.87 million US dollars).

It said world body FIFA were investigating whether Arsenal had breached rules concerning fair play and conflict of interest.

The North London club, in a statement to Newsnight, confirmed a technical relationship with Beveren since 2001 but denied controlling the club. "Arsenal confirms that it has never owned, directly or indirectly, any shares in Beveren or had any power whatsoever to influence its management or administration," it said.

"It did in 2001 provide funds of 1,570,703 euros by way of a loan to a member of the consortium to assist in stabilizing the finances of Beveren.—MNA/Reuters



A zoomed picture shows photographs of soccer fans with painted faces at an exhibition at the museum of ethnology (Museum fuer Volkerkunde) in Hamburg in this 24 May, 2006 file photo. As Germany gears up for this month's World Cup, the "Fascination Football" exhibition at the Hamburg Museum of Ethnology seeks the answer to this question by tracing the roots of the modern game back thousands of years. The exhibition runs until 26 November, 2006. To accompany feature Sport-Soccer-World-Exhibition. —INTERNET

Lampard believes Shevchenko signing sends a message

MANCHESTER (England), 2 June — Chelsea midfielders Frank Lampard and Joe Cole believe the signing of striker Andrei Shevchenko showed the English champions are moving forward.

Shevchenko, who will captain Ukraine at the World Cup finals, was signed from AC Milan on Wednesday for a fee estimated at 30 million pounds (56 million US dollars).

"It's a fantastic signing," Lampard told reporters on Thursday. "He's certainly one of the best if not the best striker over the past five years in Europe and a fantastic addition to the squad.

"The past few years we've been doing that every summer — trying to rebuild, trying to bring in the right players, the players we need to improve our squad."

Shevchenko's arrival follows that of Germany skipper Michael Ballack on a free transfer from Bayern Munich.

"It's a great message for Chelsea fans, that we keep moving forward," Lampard said.

"Everyone knows we are a very hungry club and have very hungry players. Everything we're involved in will be open to win and having players like Shevchenko coming into the squad will hopefully help that."

Cole, who like Lampard is with England preparing for the World Cup, also felt the club had made a statement by bring-

ing on board the former European Footballer of the Year.—MNA/Reuters

China, Arab states to hold first oil meeting

BEIJING, 2 June — China and Arab states will hold their first meeting on oil issue at some time between the year of 2006 and 2008, according to an action plan issued here Thursday.

The action plan was signed by Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and League of Arab States Secretary-General Amr Mahmoud Moussa during the second ministerial meeting of the China-Arab Cooperation Forum.

The two sides vowed to establish a dialogue mechanism to further promote their energy cooperation. Under the mechanism, China and Arab countries agree to increase visits and dialogue and coordinate in relevant activities of the United

Nations and other international organizations.

“The two sides attach importance to energy cooperation, particularly the cooperation in the sectors of oil, natural gas and renewable energy,” says the action plan.

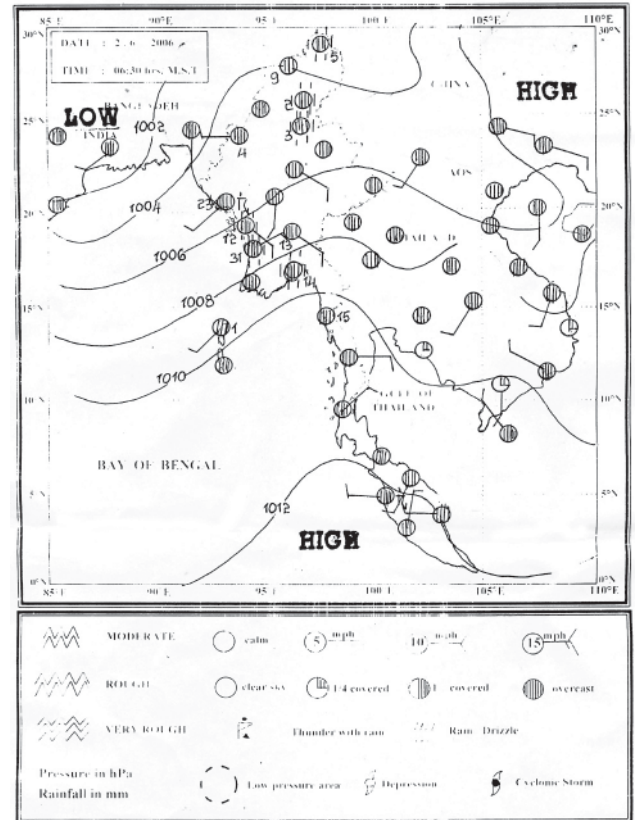
MNA/Xinhua

1,300-year-old stele eyed by Chinese, Japanese archaeologists

BEIJING, 2 June — An important and ancient stele, inscribed with just 29 Chinese characters and looted by Japanese soldiers early last century, could provide experts with some important clues to understanding the mysterious 1,300-year-old Bohai Kingdom.

The Honglujing Stele, which is about 3-metre wide, 1.8-metre tall and 2-metre thick, sits in virtual seclusion in the Japanese Imperial Palace as a “trophy” of the Japanese Army who took it from Lushun in northeastern China’s Liaoning Province after the 1904 war between Japan and Russia.—MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 2 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 and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin States, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittwe (4.45) inches, Maungtaw (2.01) inches, Thayawady (1.97) inches, Hpa-an and Hinthada (1.74) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 1-6-2006 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 2-6-2006 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2-6-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 1-6-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 2-6-2006 were (0.43) inch at Mingaladon, (0.95) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (15.75) inches at Mingaladon, (20.71) inches at Kaba-Aye and (21.50) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (07:30) hours MST on 2-6-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 3-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Mon and Kayin States, Bago and upper Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Kayah State, Taninthayi Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to 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 monsoon.


Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 3-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-6-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).




A Kashmiri boatman walks on the edge of his shikara, a traditional gondola, as Indian tourists enjoy a ride in the Dal Lake in Srinagar, India, on 1 June, 2006. —INTERNET



TV Myanmar

Saturday, 3 June
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌ ဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တပိဏ္ဍိတသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ 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>7:55 am</p> <p>5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. သုံးဆယ် ရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>8. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>9. Grammar made easy</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>1. Martial songs</p> <p>11:15 am</p> <p>2. Musical programme</p> <p>11:30 am</p> <p>3. News</p>	<p>11:40 am</p> <p>4. Games for children</p> <p>12:05 pm</p> <p>5. Round up of the week's local news</p> <p>12:30 pm</p> <p>6. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “Doraemon”</p> <p>12:45 pm</p> <p>7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဆည်းဆာ” (အပိုင်း-၁)</p> <p>1:30 pm</p> <p>8. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ</p> <p>1:40 pm</p> <p>9. “ကိုယ်ချင်းစာ” (ပြေတီဦး၊ ခင်စာခြည်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးခင်ဇော်)</p> <p>2:05 pm</p> <p>10. တိုးတက်ပြောင်းလဲမှုစကန့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး တင်းတိမ်ရုံ</p> <p>2:15 pm</p> <p>11. Dance of national races</p> <p>2:30 pm</p> <p>12. “အလံလေးတော့ ကိုင်ပြပါ” (နွဲ့နိုင်ဝင်း၊ ရတနာခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)</p> <p>2:40 pm</p> <p>13. ရွှေလိတ်တား</p> <p>2:45 pm</p> <p>14. International news</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>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)</p>	<p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. Musical programme</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့” (စိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>8. Games for children</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>9. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>10. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>11. Discovery</p> <p>6:50 pm</p> <p>12. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>6:55 pm</p> <p>13. မြန်မာမှုပန်းဆယ်မျိုး (ပန်းရန်)</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>14. Musical programme</p> <p>7:10 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဖြူစင်မေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၁)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>16. News</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>17. International news</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>18. Weather report</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်” (အပိုင်း-၄၉)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>20. မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ ဦးပိဏ္ဍိတသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ် ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>21. The next day's programme</p>
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Saturday, 3 June
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-Paradise

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-Too fancy

8:50 am National news / Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-You & I

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar
-Show dexterity in performing arts

9:20 am Music:
-Sunday to Saturday

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Children's delight
-Story for children
-Pardon me my friend
-Songs for children

9:00 pm Weekly news review

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Music:
-Like a rose
-Everytime

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Mr Chua Hian Kong Robert, newly-accredited Ambassador of Singapore to the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at the hall of Bayintnaung Yeiktha in

Nay Pyi Taw at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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Mr Chua Hian Kong Robert, Ambassador of Singapore to the Union of Myanmar, (R) presents his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Chua Hian Kong Robert, newly-accredited Ambassador of Singapore to the Union of Myanmar. — MNA

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