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Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June — Mr Rodolphe S Imhoof, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation 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 Bayintnaung Yeiktha, 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, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation Mr Rodolphe S Imhoof at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation Mr Rodolphe S Imhoof at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of Nay Pyi Taw. —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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Grow more rubber for multiple uses

Rubber is a perennial. It is an industrial crop and, because of its usefulness, it is in great demand in the world market. Black gold is a metaphor for oil and so is white gold for rubber.

Rubber can be grown all over the nation except certain areas in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions. Efforts are being made to put one million acres under rubber.

Cultivation of rubber can contribute not only to economic development but also to the greening of the environment. A rubber tree can produce latex for 30 years starting from the age of six. When it becomes old and its production of latex gets less and less, it can be used as timber. Furniture can be made of rubber wood and rubber leaves can be used in making decorative flowers.

Rubber Production Research and Training Centre under Myanmar Perennial Enterprise is doing research on new ways to make various kinds of consumer goods from rubber and improve their quality.

Moreover, they are doing research to produce rubber modified asphalt from waste rubber. In this research process, old tyres and waste rubber are used as raw material in making asphalt. Roads paved with rubber modified asphalt is more durable than the ones paved with ordinary asphalt. Moreover, rubber modified asphalt prevents slipping, reduces the cost for raw material and the recycling of waste prevents environmental pollution.

As there are many tyre-retreading works in Myanmar, there can be tons of waste rubber every year. If all the waste rubber are recycled and used in making asphalt, it can improve the quality of roads and save the cost of their maintenance.

As all parts of rubber tree are useful, we would like to call on farmers and national entrepreneurs to grow rubber in the interests of the nation and their own.

မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းသူများလိုက်နာရန်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာ နယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း အစိုးရဌာနဆိုင်ရာများမှ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းသူများသည် မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းထုပ်ကိုအောင်းလျက် မေးသိုင်းကြိုးကို သေချာစွာ တပ်ဆင်ချည်နှောင် စီးနင်းကြရန်နှင့် ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းထုပ် မအောင်းဘဲ စီးနင်းသည်ကို စစ်ဆေးတွေ့ရှိပါက ထိထိရောက်ရောက် အရေးယူဆောင်ရွက်သွားမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထို့အပြင် လိုင်စင်မဲ့ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များစီးနင်းပါက မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်ကို နိုင်ငံပိုင်အဖြစ် သိမ်းဆည်းပြီး စီးနင်းသူကိုလည်း ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူသွားမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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

Culture Minister visits Bagan archaeological zone

YANGON, 6 June — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, accompanied by officials, on 3 June visited Shwesigon, Wetgyiin Gypyaungkyi, Dhammayangyi, Sulamani, Arnanda and Thatbinnu stupas in Bagan archaeological zone in Bagan NyaungU and inspected the maintenance works of the stupas. The minister also went to Yokeson Monastery in Sale and inspected antiques kept at the monastery.



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint inspects maintenance of Myanmar handicrafts in Yokeson Monastery in Sale.

CULTURE

On his inspection tour, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint visited Maha Labaman Buddha Image in Wetlet. —MNA

CSSTB Chairman meets staff of CICS (Upper Myanmar)



Dr Than Nyun meeting with heads of department and faculty members of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar).—MNA

YANGON, 6 June— Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, accompanied by members of CSSTB, arrived at Central Institute for Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin on 4 June.

met with Rector U Aung San Win and staff of CICS (Upper Myanmar) and called for the improvement of quality of the staff and turning the institute into a model one.

At CICS (Upper Myanmar), Dr Than Nyun

Later, he inspected the construction works at the institute and gave instructions.—MNA

Chinese mily delegation arrives

YANGON, 6 June — A delegation led by Naval Command College of Chinese Army Deputy Commandant Rear Admiral Li Tiemin arrived here by air yesterday.



Rear Admiral Li Tiemin and party on arrival at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

The 6-member delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Commandant of National Defence College Brig-Gen Than Maung, military officers, Deputy Military Attache Col Xiong Shaowei and officials.

MNA

Deputy Minister inspects hotels in Chaungtha and Ngwe Hsaung

YANGON, 6 June — Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu inspected damages of the hotels in Chaungtha and Ngwe Hsaung Beaches caused by Mala storm and reconstruction works on 30 and 31 May.

The deputy minister gave instructions on receiving guests, speedy reconstruction and training of hotel staff.—MNA



A group of officials representing Cambodia's donors tour the site of Bakheng monument in the Angkor archaeological park in Siem Reap province, 230 kilometres (143 miles) northwest of the capital Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 5 June, 2006. —INTERNET

ထုတ်ပြန်ချက်များ

US institute in Egypt told to suspend work

CAIRO, 5 June —Egypt has told the US-based International Republican Institute (IRI) to stop its activities in Egypt, saying comments by its representative were interfering in the country's internal affairs.

The Foreign Ministry said on Sunday it had summoned country director Gina London and told her to suspend all activities until the organization, which monitors political systems abroad and promotes

multi-party politics, receives a permit.

The ministry statement said London's comments to an Egyptian newspaper, in which she said political reform in Egypt had not been achieved in the past 25 years, were a flagrant interference in Egypt's affairs.

In the interview with the *Nahdet Masr* daily on Saturday, she also said the institute could greatly

speed up the democratization process.

It has been in talks with a number of Egyptian political parties in four provinces to provide them with training and information to help them engage in multiparty politics.

London told the paper the institute had not yet finished the paperwork for licensing.

MNA/Reuters

Palestinian bank paying some govt wages

GAZA, 5 June—One Palestinian bank began paying some government workers a month's salary on Sunday, witnesses said, the first bank to do so despite threats of sanctions against institutions dealing with the Hamas government.

The Bank of Palestine said in a statement that government employees who hold accounts at its branches and earn 1,500 shekels a month (325 US dollars) or less could start withdrawing their money from automated teller machines.

Witnesses said some workers had already been able to take money from the Bank of Palestine's ATMs in the Gaza Strip.

MNA/Reuters

Paper reports Sudan will join OPEC soon

LAGOS, 5 June—Sudan will soon become a member of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC), the state-owned *News Agency of Nigeria* reported on Sunday. OPEC President Edmund Daukoru was quoted as saying Sudan was interested in joining the OPEC. Daukoru, who is Nigerian Minister of State for petroleum resources, said, "We held fruitful discussions with Sudanese authorities in that regard, but we will be silent to avoid being misinterpreted."

He added that the OPEC last week extended an invitation to Sudan to join OPEC to enable it gain from its hydrocarbon resources.

MNA/Xinhua

Three Iraqi civilians killed by US artillery fire

BAGHDAD, 5 June —A US artillery round landed in a small Iraqi town and police reported afterwards that two civilians were killed in a blast and one woman later died from her wounds, the US military said on Sunday.

Three other people were also reported wounded and six houses were damaged in the town of Hibhib, north of Baghdad, after a US artillery unit fired a 155-mm round during training on

Friday, it said in a statement.

"Accident in Diyala (Province) kills three, injures three," the statement's headline said.

The incident came at a sensitive time for Iraqi-

US relations.

New Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki said last week he was losing patience with reports of US killings of Iraqi civilians "by mistake".

MNA/Reuters



Demonstrators shout and hold a placard protesting the presence of a US military transport ship in the Crimean port of Theodosia during a rally in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk on 5 June, 2006. The placard reads 'Shame on the lackeys of the USA. We are slaves!'

INTERNET

Convicts hitch helicopter ride out of Greek prison

ATHENS, 5 May— A helicopter landed in the middle of the high security Athens Korydallos prison, picked up two prisoners and flew away in a Hollywood-style escape that has left Greek police stunned.

A criminal on the run hijacked the helicopter on Sunday to get his brother out of prison, police said.

Vassilis Paleo-kostas, 40, who was serving a 25-year sentence for kidnapping and bank robbery,

and an Albanian convict escaped.

"The guards thought it was a surprise inspection by ministry officials and did nothing," a police official said.

The helicopter pilot, who said he was forced at

gunpoint to undertake the mission, flew the inmates to a nearby cemetery and they made their escape on motor-bikes.

Greek police have launched a manhunt for the convicts.

Internet

Thai military chief visits Laos to boost bilateral ties

BANGKOK, 6 June — Royal Thai Armed Forces Supreme Commander General Ruengroj Mahasaranond left for Laos Monday morning on an official visit with an aim to strengthen bilateral relations between the armed forces of the two close neighbouring countries. Speaking before his departure, General Ruengroj said the visit is to forge closer ties between the Armed Forces of the two nations.

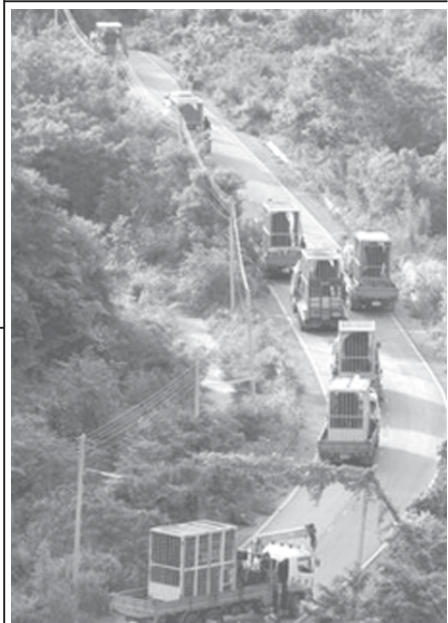
However, there may be a discussion on ways to cope with narcotics along the common border.

On a border demarcation, General Ruengroj conceded there remain many spots along the Thai-Lao border that have not yet been demarcated.

However, the problem has no impacts on the bilateral relations.

Actually, the Lao Government wants to speed up demarcating, but has small budget to do that, he said.

Apart from strengthening the relations between the two nations' Armed Forces, he said, the visit would also help forged closer bilateral cooperation in economic and political affairs. — MNA/Xinhua



Trucks carrying 8 Asian elephants head for the exit of the university in the western Thai province of Kancharaburi at the start of their journey to an airport for a flight to Australia on 5 June, 2006.

INTERNET

Ancient engraved chessboards found on Great Wall

SHIJIAZHUANG, 5 June— Archaeologists have found two ancient engraved chessboards probably used by soldiers on the Great Wall more than 700 years ago at Qinhuangdao, North China's Hebei Province.

The two boards, one for Chinese chess and the other for the ancient game of "Tiger Eats Sheep", were engraved on a stone in front of a Great Wall beacon tower possibly in the Song Dynasty (960-1279), said officials with the provincial department.

Archaeologists believe that soldiers from all parts of ancient China used to play chess to while away the time on the remote wall.

The chessboards were never mentioned in documents on the Great Wall or in local chronicles, said an official.

However, more work was needed to identify the exact date of the boards, he added.

Archaeologists have also found 17 Chinese characters in five lines engraved on a stone nearby, of which the names of two soldiers are still clear.

China's first emperor, Qinshihuang, founder of Qin Dynasty, had the Wall built as a defence by

over one million workers in 12 years against attack by the Xiongnu, an ancient nationality in North China.

Rebuilt many times through the centuries, the wall stretches 6,000 kilometres from Jiayuguan Pass in northwestern Gansu Province to end at Shanhaiguan Pass on the shores of Bohai Bay in the east.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan sends 100 more troops to Indonesia for quake relief

TOKYO, 5 June — About 100 Japanese troops departed from an airport in central Japan on Sunday for the earthquake-stricken Indonesia to assist disaster relief, *Kyodo News* reported.

The 100 Self-Defence Forces (SDF) members will arrive in the hard-hit Yogyakarta on Monday via Jakarta and join the 49 troops who has started providing medical support in the area, it said.

After the 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean, Japan dispatched some 900 troops to Indonesia to assist in relief efforts.

MNA/Xinhua



An activist holds a ball as a symbol of gold during a protest calling for the closing of the US Freeport-McMoran Copper and Gold giant Grasberg mine at the Indonesia's Papua Province in Jakarta on 5 June, 2006.—INTERNET

China leads world in rainmaking

JINAN, 5 June — The Chinese Government has created the world's leading force in artificially inducing rain to relieve droughts and fight fires, according to the National Meteorological Bureau.

The country's army of rainmakers use rockets, artillery and aircraft to sow rain inducing chemicals at times of need, said an official with the bureau's Department of Forecasting Services and

Disaster Mitigation.

Its aircraft alone have undertaken enough missions to fill four Yellow Rivers, the country's second longest river, in the past five years.

The aircraft sowed rainmaking chemicals that brought down 210 billion cubic metres of water over three million square kilometres, nearly a third of China's territory, in 2,840 flights from 2001 to 2005, said the official.

Rainmaking rockets and

shells have been used in 1,952 counties by the end of 2005. More than 3,000 people are employed in rainmaking with an arsenal of 7,000 cannon and 4,687 rocket launchers, the official told a meeting in Jinan, capital of East China's Shandong Province.

Engineers "seed" clouds by burning chemicals such as silver iodide and other measures to induce rain.

MNA/Xinhua

ဝက်မုၢ်မိးအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

Iraq rejects US probe on killings in Ishaqi

BAGHDAD, 5 June — Iraq vowed on Saturday to press on with its own probe into the deaths of civilians in a US raid on the town of Ishaqi, rejecting the US military's exoneration of its forces.

Adnan al-Kazimi, an aide to Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, said the government would also demand an apology from the United States and compensation for the victims in several cases, including the alleged massacre in the town of Haditha last year.

"We have from more than one source that the Ishaqi killings were

carried out under questionable circumstances. More than one child was killed. This report was not fair for the Iraqi people and the children who were killed," he told *Reuters*.

The US military had issued a statement about Ishaqi saying allegations that US troops "executed a family — and then hid the alleged crimes by directing an airstrike, are absolutely false".

It said troops had been fired on as they raided a house to arrest an al-Qaeda suspect. They returned fire and called in air support, which destroyed the

building, killing one militant and resulting in "up to nine collateral deaths".

The military had previously said one guerilla, two women and a child were killed in the 15 March raid in Ishaqi, 60 miles (100 kilometres) north of Baghdad.

It has repeatedly pledged to punish any soldier found guilty of atrocities in Iraq, but the decision to clear the troops in Ishaqi fuelled deep mistrust among ordinary Iraqis three years after the US-led invasion to oust Saddam Hussein.

MNA/Reuters



Huanhuan, the Olympic Flame, one of the five mascots of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, tries to enter a small door after a World Environment Day program at the Beijing Museum of Natural History on 5 June, 2006.—INTERNET



A child plays around a muddy volcano in Berca village, 140km (88 miles) northeast of Bucharest, Romania on 4 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Bolivia starts "land revolution"

SANTA CRUZ (Bolivia), 5 June — Bolivia's President Evo Morales took a first step on Saturday toward handing over a fifth of the country's territory to poor farmers, a day after angry landowners vowed to form self-defence groups.

Morales chose the eastern city of Santa Cruz, the landowners' powerbase in Bolivia's agricultural heartland, to award 60 titles to 7.8 million acres (3.1 million hectares) of former government land to some of the poor peasants who support him.

"The historical enemies of the poor must accept this land revolution," Morales said at a

ceremony in a square packed with thousands of indigenous people.

Morales, a coca farmer from a peasant background, unveiled the land reform programme on 1 May, the same day he nationalized the oil industry in South America's poorest country.

Although Morales' oil nationalization plans have worried foreign investors and stoked fears in Washington

of continuing a leftward, nationalist trend begun by Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, criticism at home has not been widespread.

Government pledges to redistribute only idle land and avoid massive seizures have failed to reassure landowners, and talks broke down between the government and landowners on Friday.

MNA/Reuters



An archaeologist works on a newly discovered 18th Dynasty coffin in the Valley of the Kings in Luxor on 4 June, 2006. Hopes of finding a royal mummy in the Valley of the Kings got a boost this week as a small, gilded sarcophagus emerged from the mysterious chamber known as KV63.—INTERNET

Floods continue in northern Thailand, moving to south

BANGKOK, 5 June — Floods have moved downstream as run-off from the rain-drenched upper northern provinces moved downstream and new rainfall has carried flood disorder southward, flooding hundreds of rural homes and much farmland, the *Thai News Agency* Sunday said.

Heavy rains combined with run-off from the upper north have caused the water level of the Yom

River to rise five centimetres per hour on Sunday as some one hundreds of village homes and large areas of rice, corn and other crops in northern Pichit Province are now under water.

The situation in Pho Prathap Chang District is worst as the water level in local canal continues rising due to fast-flowing water from the Yom River and across flooded fields from Kamphaeng Phet Province.

Farmers are pumping water out of their

paddyfields into the river in a bid to protect their crops.

Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department of Thailand has warned that heavy rains will likely hit some 70 per cent of the country, especially in Tak and Sukhothai provinces, from Sunday through Thursday (4-8 June) this week.

It said around 40 to 60 per cent of areas in central Bangkok and outlying areas would encounter heavy rainfall during the period.—MNA/Xinhua

Study says Yoga helps breast cancer patients

ATLANTA, 4 May— Women going through treatment for breast cancer felt better when they tried yoga, according to one of the first scientific studies of its kind. “Our belief is something as simple and brief as a short (yoga) programme would be very useful” at combating side effects from cancer treatment, said Lorenzo Cohen, a psychologist who led the pilot study.

Yoga incorporates meditation, relaxation, imagery, controlled breathing, stretching and physical movements. Although the study was small and preliminary, it’s one of the few to try to rigorously measure the benefits of this form of exercise, Cohen said.

Researchers at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

focused on 61 women who had surgery for breast cancer and now were getting six weeks of radiation treatment. Thirty women were assigned to a test group that took twice-a-week yoga classes. The others did not.

At the end of six weeks, study participants filled out detailed questionnaires grading their ability to lift groceries, walk a mile and perform other physical activities. They also were asked about feelings of fatigue, their sense of well-being and other aspects of their quality of life.

Their scores were converted to a scale that ranged from 0 to 100. The researchers found the yoga group consistently had higher scores in almost every area. It was most pronounced in physical function—the yoga group

had a mean score of about 82, compared with 69 for the other group.

Participants said they were in better general health, were less fatigued and had fewer problems with daytime sleepiness. But the researchers found no differences between the groups in measurements of depression or anxiety.

The researchers drew blood and took saliva samples in an effort to measure the participants’ immune system function and stress levels, but those results are not finished yet, said Cohen, who presented the results at a medical conference in Atlanta held by the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

A future study will have one group do stretching and another yoga, to see if there is a difference in the result, Cohen said.

Traditionally, such scientific approaches have been lacking in the assessment of yoga’s medical benefits, said Alan Kristal, an epidemiology professor at the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine.

Teresita Ladrillo, 52, a Houston breast cancer patient currently taking yoga classes at MD Anderson, said the stretching helped her regain flexibility in her right arm, which was limited by scarring from surgeries and other treatments.

Learning to control her breathing through yoga has helped her to calm and sleep, she said. “Whenever you do yoga, the first thing they tell you is forget everything else and just focus on your breathing,” she said.—Internet

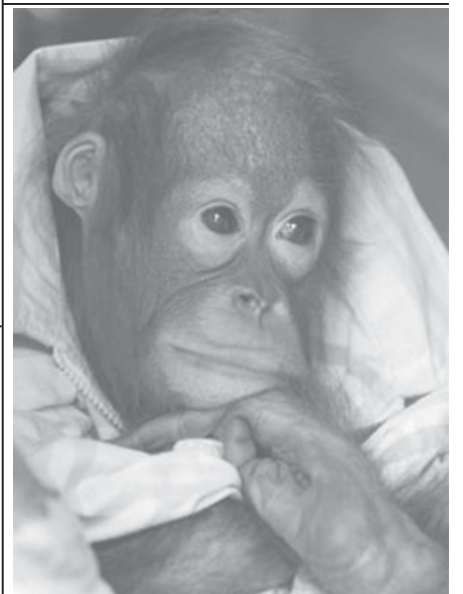
18 injured as plane skids off runway in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 June — A small passenger plane skidded off runway in the Indonesian eastern province of Maluku on Monday, injuring 18 people onboard, including the aircrews.

The *Casa NC212* plane was seriously damaged in the accident, which occurred due to bad weather.

The wings, landing gears and passenger cabin of the plane were broken, reported the national *Antara* news agency. The plane belongs to state-run carrier PT Merpati Nusantara.

It skidded off the runway when landing on the Banda Airport in Central Maluku, some 2,300 kilometres east of Jakarta. It was not clear how many people were aboard the plane. — MNA/Xinhua



A four-year-old male orang utan is seen at the forestry department after he was rescued from the streets of Phnom Penh on 5 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Kilometre-long fissure appears in East China

FUZHOU, 5 June — A fissure stretching about a kilometre appeared Sunday at a village in East China’s Fujian Province after days

of torrential rain, causing a house to collapse, local source said.

No casualties were reported although 11 other

houses near the fissure were damaged, the source said.

Most parts of the fissure in Zhenshan Village, Zhangping City, are five-

centimetre wide, and in some parts the gap opens to 80 centimetre.

More than 30 springs also emerged in the village, gushing water red with mud and sand and affecting the homes of 95 people in 31 families. The source cited an old man surnamed Lian as saying that a landslide occurred in the village in 1954 due to continuous rains. The local government has relocated all the families who lived in the damaged houses on the fissure and dispatched monitoring teams. Fujian has been subjected to continuous rains that have claimed 22 lives and destroyed 19,000 homes, forcing the evacuation of more than 50,000 people, since 30 May. — MNA/Xinhua



Residents clean up debris at the ruins of a house in Bantul, Indonesia, on 5 June, 2006. A 6.3-magnitude quake struck the region on 27 May, killing at least 5,782 people and damaging more than 130,000 homes, government officials said.—INTERNET

Miners saved in N-E China after being trapped for over 60-hours

HARBIN, 5 June—Five miners have been saved after being trapped for more than 60 hours in a coal mine cave-in in Hegang, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, while four others were confirmed dead.

The five miners were sent to hospital immediately after rescuers found them on Saturday night and early Sunday morning, sources with the Hegang branch of the Longmei Mining Group said on Sunday.

The cave-in occurred at about 9:00 am Thursday at Xing’an Coal Mine, trapping nine miners. —MNA/Xinhua

Cloned mule finishes third in Nevada race

LOS ANGELES, 5 June — Two cloned mules finished third and seventh in a Nevada mule race on Sunday, disappointing the scientists who created them a day after each animal won its respective elimination heat.

But winning aside, scientists said the strong performances of the mules, named Idaho Gem and Idaho Star, will be key to showing the public that the controversial technology produces normal, healthy animals. Idaho Gem, the world's first equine clone, took third place and Idaho Star finished seventh in a 350-yard (metre) race against six naturally bred three-

year-old mules at the Winnemucca Mule Race, Show & Draft Horse Challenge in Winnemucca, Nevada, the scientists said.

The winning mule, Bar JF Hot Ticket, finished in 20.8 seconds, while Idaho Gem finished in 21.2 seconds and Idaho Star finished in 22.2 seconds.

On Saturday, both cloned mules won their

respective heats. It was the first time cloned mules had entered a professional race.

"Today it's a disappointment, but we're not disheartened," said Dirk Vanderwall, a University of Idaho scientist said in a telephone interview following the race. "We're still pleased with their racing activity both yesterday and today." Scientific evidence and a preliminary report by the US Food and Drug Administration have offered few signs that cloned products such as meat and milk are not safe, though public opinion polls have shown that

consumers are skeptical.

"This is an excellent venue for showcasing a couple of cloned animals," said Ken White, a professor at Utah State University who has worked with the cloned mules.

"This is a very athletic event, it takes a lot of energy and the animals have to be on top of their game. When the public has an opportunity to see this that's a very positive thing." Idaho Gem, Idaho Star and a third mule who did not race, Utah Pioneer, are clones of a fetus produced by the mother and father of a champion race mule named Taz.

MNA/Reuters

Pakistan records 6.6% growth this fiscal year

ISLAMABAD, 5 June — Pakistan has seen a robust growth of 6.6 per cent during this fiscal year (1 July, 2005 to 30 June, 2006) despite suffering from the October earthquake and effects of soaring world oil prices, the government said on Sunday.

Pakistan, with a population of 155 million, reduced poverty by more than 10 per cent and its per capita income rose to 847 dollars from 579 dollars in the previous fiscal year, according to an official economic survey released by Salman Shah, Finance Adviser to Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Sunday, the GEO TV reported.

The inflation during the first 10 months of the fiscal year stood at 8.0 per cent, down from 9.3 per cent last year, while the fiscal deficit including losses caused by the devastating earthquake in October was 4.2 per cent of GDP (Gross Domestic Product), the GEO report said. Pakistan's economy has grown at an average rate of over 7.5 per cent in

the last three years and is one of the fastest growing economies of the Asian region, Shah was quoted as saying. — MNA/Xinhua



Subway passengers are seen wearing yellow shirts in different designs in Bangkok, Thailand, on 5 June, 2006. Yellow shirts, honouring the country's beloved King Bhumibol Adulyadej on the 60th anniversary of his accession to the throne, are so popular that there aren't enough to go around. —INTERNET

Rumsfeld lauds growing Asian security networks

SINGAPORE, 5 June — US Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld on Saturday hailed an expanding network of multilateral security

cooperation in Asia as a "welcome shift" in a region that has lacked institutions like NATO in Europe.

Joint actions against terrorism and piracy and

disaster relief helped flesh out an Asian regional system that had long been based on US bilateral alliances, the Pentagon chief told defence officials and experts gathered in Singapore.

"Now we see an expanding network of security cooperation in this region, both bilaterally between nations and multilaterally among nations, with the United States as a partner," he said.

"We see this as a welcome shift," Rumsfeld told the annual Shangri-La Dialogue. The Pentagon has built close ties to Asian countries ranging from Mongolia to Vietnam, reached out to China and dramatically overhauled its linchpin US alliances with Japan and South Korea, he said.

MNA/Reuters



A supporter of South Korean farmers takes part in a protest against upcoming talks between the US and South Korea for a free trade agreement, in Washington on 4 June, 2006. —INTERNET



Actor Andy Lau (C) hugs model Vanessa Yeung (L) and actress Anna Yau during a promotional event in Hong Kong on 5 June, 2006. —INTERNET

17 bodies found in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 June — The Iraqi police found 17 bodies in Baghdad on Sunday, a police source said.

"Our patrols found seven bodies of men aged between 30 to 40 in the Karrada neighbourhood in central Baghdad," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The bodies showed signs of torture and were riddled with bullets in the head and chest, he said.

In a separate incident, the police found 10 bodies wrapped up in nylon bags near the Bilal al-Shuhadaa primary school in Baghdad's southern district of Doura, the source added. Violence and sectarian reprisal attacks have mounted in Iraq since the February bombing of a key Shiite mosque in the northern Iraqi town of Samarra. — MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb kills 15 in Basra

BASRA (Iraq), 5 June — At least 15 people were killed and 30 wounded on Saturday after a car bomb exploded in Iraq's southern city of Basra, police said. The bombing came three days after Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki announced a state of emergency to crack down on gangs and feuding Shiite factions threatening oil exports. — MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kill 19 civilians northeast of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 June — Unknown gunmen killed 19 civilians on Sunday when they forced minibuses to stop on a highway northeast of Baghdad and shot at the passengers, a source from the US-Iraqi liaison office in Diyala Province told Xinhua.

Unknown armed men stopped minibuses carrying people on a highway near the Ayn Layla area, northeast of Baquba, some 65 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, and opened fire at the civilians on board, said the source from the Joint Coordination Centre of Diyala, where Ayn Layla is located.

The source also said that two Iraqi civilians were wounded in the attack and that seven minibus drivers were among the dead. Violence and reprisal sectarian attacks have persisted in Iraq despite the formation of a new national unity government on 20 May. — MNA/Xinhua

All smiles in southern Shan State

Dr Kyi Soe

Children with cleft lip and cleft palate usually face physical as well as mental problems, always longing for someone who will help them free from all of their sufferings. Some of the children with split lip and palate may feel so outcast or depressed that they are even afraid to go out or associate with friends or attend classes, a social problem that may even ruin their lives. But there are people who are willing to help those children.

One of them is the commander of Eastern Command. So eager is the commander to cure children of cleft lip and cleft palate that he set up a trust fund and assigned duty to Shan State (South) Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee. The chairperson of the committee and the commander's wife, asked help from the medical superintendent of Mandalay General Hospital who sent a team comprising three specialist surgeons, three anaesthetists, one oral specialist, and six nurses. Members of the team have already operated over 3,000 patients in upper Myanmar, as they have toured the major towns annually. Even the foreign doctors

who conducted joint surgical operations with the team marvelled at the members' experience and skill in surgical operation. The team arrived in Taunggyi on 5 March with much enthusiasm.

With the help of local authorities, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees at different levels sent patients to Taunggyi, the major city of Shan State. The commander alone sent 18 patients he had found during his tour around Kayah State to the city. Altogether there were 121 patients including eight children whose hands or legs were deformed by fire. A four-year-old girl became disabled because of the knee deformation caused by fire. Thanks to the medical skill of the team members, all those children became normal after surgical operations.

As members of the team had to leave their daily duties behind in Mandalay, they had not much time to stay in Taunggyi. They had only three and a half days to cure all the 121 patients, meaning 35 operations per day. As for cleft lip patient, an operation normally takes only 30 minutes. But for cleft palate, it takes two to three hours per operation. The team members had to

conduct operations from 7.30 am to 10 pm daily. Physicians of the Eye, Ear and Nose Hospital of the city also took part in the operations to help the team. They were all happy to contribute their services for the purpose.

However, the team members had to conduct some operations with much difficulty. They had to operate a child with deformed chin for three hours. Shan State (South) Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee bore all the expenses of the operations. Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) donated K 1 million, and 25 wellwishers from Taunggyi K 8 million. The Shan State (South) MCWSC took the duty of ensuring every convenience to all the 121 patients and the team members. In addition it provided K 3,000 and packages of foodstuff daily to every patient.

Of the 121 patients, some could not undergo treatments before because of financial problems, and some due to lack of knowledge. They were all very fortunate as they were treated free of charge.

A parent of one patient said, "I don't know even how to say thanks." One little girl was tearful as she was overjoyed because she would be able to wear lipstick. When the commander's wife asked an eight-year-old girl her grade at the school, her mother said, "She refused to attend class for her cleft palate. Now she will go to school."

At the farewell dinner, MCWSC Secretary Dr Sai Hkam Hlaing said, "Patients will be happily thanking the medical team every time they look their face in the mirror." Those who made the programme possible were also happy for what they had done. They have freed those children from their sufferings. After the successful completion of all operations the 121 children and their parents will be all smiling.

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၁။	National	Myanmar Construction Material Shop Strand Road, Anwar Quarter, Kawthaung, Myanmar
၂။	White Shark	231, Pagoda Road, Anawar Quarter, Kawthaung, Myanmar
၃။	Ready	No. (839), Paw Oo Road, Aye Yeit Nyain Quarter, Kawthaung, Myanmar
၄။	Anchor	No. 1, Ywama Stree, Shwe Hin Tha Ward, Kawthaung, Myanmar

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Baby giant pandas tussle over a soccer ball during a "Panda World Cup" in the Wolong Giant Panda Reserve Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province Monday. The event was organized by the center to celebrate the 2006 World Cup, which is scheduled to kick off on Friday in Germany.—INTERNET

Mt Everest becoming more highway than mountain

KATHMANDU, 6 June— Conquering Mt Everest, the world's highest mountain, was once an awesome feat. But now, with a large number of climbers conquering the summit every year, that sense of awe is disappearing.

Plenty of agencies are selling 30,000 US dollars sophisticated packages of hi-tech help and veteran Sherpa support to reach the

summit. It is almost like a climber can book an ascent. The only thing the climber needs to do is to take the required steps.

Sherpas make the camps, prepare the route with ropes and ladder and carry all the baggage. As long as the weather is good, the chances of a successful ascent are high.

As in previous years, a remarkable number of

ascents have been made and plenty of new records set this climbing season.

A Japanese mountaineer, Takao Araya, 70, became the oldest mountaineer to climb Everest. New Zealander Mark Inglis became the first double-amputee to reach the summit. Leo Oracion, Pastor Emata and Romi Garduce set the record as the first Filipinos to do it.—MNA/Xinhua

Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay express rail service to be launched on 7 June

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June —Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by SPDC Member Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, deputy ministers and officials of SPDC Office, on 4 June morning inspected building of Yangon-Mandalay railroad (dual) and arrangements for operating express train between Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay.

The Secretary-1 and party looked into the laying of rails and construction of bridges along the Yangon-Mandalay rail tracks and preparations for running Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay

express train. On the Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Express, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min reported to the Secretary-1 on progress in building Yangon-Mandalay railroad dual track, laying of gravel, replacing of old sleepers with new ones, daily train schedules for Yangon-Mandalay railways, and upcoming operation of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay express train.

In response, the Secretary-1 called for meeting the standards, completion of the project on schedule, maintenance and cleanliness of coaches, greening of stations, ensuring arrival and departure times



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives a welcome at Mandalay Central Railway Station by Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and officials.—MNA

according to schedule, and measures for convenience

of passengers.

The Nay Pyi Taw-

Mandalay Express Train will be launched on 7 June.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to Mandalay Central Railway Station later in the morning. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the deputy commander, the Mandalay mayor and officials.

Yesterday morning, the Secretary-1 attended the opening of the Special Refresher Course No 6 for Faculty Members. He arrived back here in the evening.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein hears report by Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min on Yangon-Mandalay Railroad.—MNA

Commanders, minister look into communication tasks in Mandalay, Sagaing

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June —Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and responsible personnel were on an inspection tour of Ohnchaw auto-exchange and gave necessary instructions on 2 June.

Next, the commander and the minister went to Zegyo Plaza and instructed responsible personnel to install an auto-exchange at the plaza. The following day, Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and

officials concerned arrived at Wetlet and met with townselders and held discussions on installation of an auto-exchange.

After the inspection of Shwebo auto-exchange, the commander and the minister met with townselders at KhinUPDC and held discussions on installation of an auto-exchange. Next, the commander and the minister gave instructions on building of Taze auto-exchange. Afterwards, the commander and the minister inspected Taze auto exchange, YeU auto-exchange, Dabayin auto-exchange, Budalin auto-exchange, Ahlon GSM

Minister inspects CNG filling stations

YANGON, 6 June —Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Committee and responsible personnel inspected refilling CNG for vehicles at CNG filling station No 002 on Insein

station and Monywa auto-exchange. The next day, the minister inspected a chosen place for building an auto-exchange in Pyawbwe and microwave station in Yemethin and a microwave station in Tatkon.

In response to the reports presented responsible personnel, the minister gave necessary instructions.

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Road yesterday morning.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to CNG filling station No 007 on Bayintnaung Road where the minister looked into refilling CNG for vehicles at the station. Afterwards, Magaging

Director of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise U Sein Tin Win reported to the minister on water supply tasks.

Upon arrival at CNG filling station No 001, the minister oversaw availability of electric

power and acceptance of CNG. Similarly, the minister and party arrived at CNG filling station No 013 in Ahlon Township where they inspected refilling CNG at the station.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint in his inspection tour of CNG filling station No 007 on Bayintnaung Road in Insein.—MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win calls for efficient use of electricity, fuel



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meeting with service personnel at the Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council office. — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 June—Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by senior military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, yesterday morning met with responsible personnel at the meeting hall of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council and discussed matters on the use of electricity and fuel.

The meeting was attended by Deputy

Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Nay Win, Secretary of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyi Thein and members, officials of the Ministry of No 2 Electric Power and the Ministry of Energy and others.

In his address, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence said that the government is making all-out efforts for economic development in an effort to build a peaceful,

modern and developed nation. Electricity and fuel play an important role in ensuring economic development. This being the case, the Ministry of No 2 Electric Power is taking steps for increased generation of electricity.

He went on to say that Mandalay Division is a strategic region for the nation, and efforts are to be made for minimizing loss and wastage of electricity and thrifty use of fuel, to regularly supply

power to Mandalay and industrial zones and to give priority to supplying power to industrial zones.

He stressed the need for minimising loss and wastage in storing and distributing fuel and called on officials concerned to supervise the thrifty use of fuel. At present, efforts are being made for the production of bio-diesel from physic nuts and it will soon satisfy the demand of fuel in the nation. He urged officials concerned to try their utmost through initiative and innovation in discharging the State responsibilities and to convince the people of the goodwill and endeavours of the State.

Next, Manager of

Mandalay Division Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise U Kyaw Thaug reported on distribution of electricity in Mandalay Division, steps being taken to prevent the loss and wastage of power and thrifty use of power in the division.

After that, Head of Tagundaing Sub-power Station U Win Maung and Head of Aungpinle Sub-power Station Daw Aye Min reported on acquisition of power and distribution of it.

Later, General Manager of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (Upper Myanmar) U Tun Myint

Oo reported on obtaining and distribution of fuel in Mandalay Division and officials concerned on opening of filling stations and supervision of those stations, sale of CNG to CNG-used vehicles beginning 4 October 2004, the number of CNG-used vehicles and others.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win called on officials in cooperation with local authorities to monthly inspect fuel tanks, to take fire preventive measures and to make relentless efforts in discharging the State duties, and the meeting came to an end.

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Minister inspects Kengtawng hydel power project

YANGON, 6 June — Minister for Electric Power No-1 Col Zaw Min, accompanied by the deputy minister of the ministry and officials of the Hydro-electric Power Department, on 2 June arrived at Kengtawng hydel power project in Langkho District, Shan State (South), and assisted in construction tasks of the project.

The hydel power project is located near Kengtawng Waterfall on Nanttain Creek 30 miles from Mongnai in Langkho District.

At the project, the minister discussed matters on the construction tasks and machinery with officials concerned and fulfilled the requirements.

During his tour of inspection, Minister Col Zaw Min and officials inspected two small-scale power

stations which generate 135 kilowatt to be supplied to construction tasks while Kengtawng hydel power project is under construction. He also inspected two concrete diversion dams, construction tasks and progress of two bridges across Nanttain Creek.

Kengtawng hydel electric power project will be equipped with three 18-megawatt generators. Upon completion, the project is expected to generate 472 million kilowatt hours to supply Namsang, Laikha, Panglong and Loilem in Loilem District and to Mongnai, Langkho and Mongpan through Namsang sub-power station. Moreover, the project will put its surplus power on the power grid through Kalaw sub-power station.

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Minister Col Zaw Min inspects Kengtawng Waterfall. — ELECTRIC POWER NO (1)

Road and bridge projects inspected

YANGON, 6 June—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected maintenance of roads and bridges, digging of drains, laying of gravel, and tasks for maintenance of conduits and speedy clearance of mass of earth that slid down the mountains, along Kale-Falam-Hakha Road on 30 May.

The minister gave instructions on proper drainage and construction of gravel road sections near the foot sites of mountains.

He also inspected the Barh Bridge Project and called for convenience of the vehicles passing over the bridge and completion of the project on schedule.

In the past, the Barh Bridge was just a suspension facility across the Manipur River at mile post 68/5 on Kale-Falam-Hakha Road in Falam Township, Chin State. Now, it is being upgraded to a facility with steel-beam frame with reinforced concrete floor. On completion, it will be a 340-foot facility with a 24-foot-wide motor way and two three-foot-wide pedestrian lanes. It will be able to withstand 60 tons of load.

The minister looked into maintenance work at the place between mile post Nos 29/0 and 30/0 and the conduit at mile post No 23/0. He inspected the construction of Kangyiwa Bridge spanning the Mahuya Creek on Tamu-Zedi Road in Tamu Township, Sagaing Division, and called for completion of the project on schedule, preparations for construction of a motorway on the bridge, collaboration with respective authorities to find the axis on the pagoda side.

The old facility was just a framework with wood and steel beams. On completion, it will be a 360-foot-long one with a 24-foot-wide motor way with two three-foot-wide pedestrian lanes. It will be able to withstand 60 tons of load. — MNA

Enhance national education to keep abreast of international community Special Refresher Course No 9 for University Teachers opens



Minister Dr Chan Nyein addresses the opening of Special Refresher Course No (9) for Faculty Members at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi).—MNA

YANGON, 6 June—Special Refresher Course No 9 for university teachers opened at the Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division yesterday morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address on the occasion.

Also present were ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Deputy Auditor-General, members of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental officials, the

rectors and faculty members of CICS (Phaunggyi) and trainee teachers.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said that the government has been implementing the 30-year plan divided into five-year projects.

The third five-year project successfully concluded after exceeding the targets. It is now in the fourth five-year project that will ensure human resources development with the drive to extend health and education.

The implementation of the national education project covers development and dissemination of science and technology, production of academics, technicians, engineers and medical experts for human resources development, development of international level ICT infrastructures and emergence of a constant learning society in Myanmar. The entire nation will have to take part in various fields to realize the goal of education development, with the teachers in all academic fields at the helm. Especially in the ICT dominated-era, in which self-learning is possible through the Internet

website, teachers are playing a greater role. In addition, teachers are required to keep abreast with the latest developments in their respective fields of study.

Nowadays, the government is making efforts for all-round development in every sector and implementing the various projects for equal development of all parts of the Union.

The government is also building infrastructures such as factories and workshops, irrigation networks, modern airfields, Union Highways, bridges, hospitals and universities and colleges of international standard.

The universities and colleges produce highly-qualified human resources that can bring about regional development with the application of the related fields so that a modern developed nation will surely emerge. He urged the faculty members to do research on natural resources, unexplored resources in the interest of regions and to exchange experiences on related fields with higher institutions in foreign countries and to apply the results in practical fields.

He spoke of the need for them to improve the various fields. In particular, teachers and academics from the education field are urged to work hard for the

country as education overwhelms all other sectors.

In conclusion, the minister said that all the faculty members are to strive for the enhancement of national education to keep abreast of the international community as a sovereign nation and that they are to play an active part in making a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation with patriotism and Union Spirit.

After the ceremony, Minister Dr Chan Nyein cordially greeted the trainee teachers. A total of 749 trainees from universities and colleges are attending the four-week course.—MNA

Departmental functions inspected in Yemethin District

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June — Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein together with Director of Information and Public Relations Department U Maung Pe went on an inspection tour of Yemethin District IPRD on 4 June and met with service personnel of the district, township writers and journalists association and video organization.

During the meeting, the deputy minister made

a speech on the occasion, saying that measures would be taken for development of libraries in the long run. Libraries were being opened for rural people to gain general knowledge.

It was of importance for rural people to gain knowledge for realization

of the State's goals. Measures would be taken for an increase of readers.

Next, the deputy minister and party presented VCDs and books donated by Buddhists for Buddha Rays Library and Armanthit Library.

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Convenience and security priority task in tourism

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 2 June pointed out convenience and security of local and foreign guests as the priority his ministry's staff should give.

Cooperation with private organizations is required in realizing the

ministry's aims, he also noted at his meeting with them in Mandalay. They must be loyal to the state, while striving to fill its coffers and reducing wastage, he said.

The minister said that cooperation between the government and entrepreneurs is a requisite for rapid development of

tourism in Myanmar. The government will provide full assistance to entrepreneurs doing business within the law. After inspecting a number of hotels in Mandalay, Maj-Gen Soe Naing went to Pyin Oo Lwin where he held discussions with staff of government hotels and entrepreneurs.—MNA

Deputy Foreign Minister back from Manila

YANGON, 6 June—A delegation led by U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs arrived

here by air today after attending the Myanmar-Philippine Policy Consultations held in

Manila from 2 to 5 June.

While in Manila, the deputy minister met with Erlinda F Basilio, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Philippines at Hyatt Hotel on 3 June and they discussed matters on further enhancing of bilateral relations and cooperation, as the two countries will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

Next, Deputy Minister Erlinda F Basilio hosted a lunch in honour of U Kyaw Thu and party at Hyatt Hotel.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu pays a call on his Philippine counterpart Erlinda F Basilio.
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Man loses foot in Kyaukdaga bomb blast

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Carpenter Ko Yan Naing Lwin, 24, son of U Maung Maung, of Yuzana Street in Kwindant Ward, Kyauktada Township, Bago Division, lost his left foot in a bomb blast that took place near the transformer at the junction of Bogyoke Street and Market Street in Zaybaing Ward, Kyaukdaga.

The bomb went off while he accidentally treaded on it planted by insurgent terrorists at the site, about two feet outside the wall of the transformer. At that time he was trying to replace the decayed wooden bar supporting the main switchboard of the transformer. Then, he was rushed to Kyaukdaga Township People's Hospital for medical treatments. The case is under investigation by officials concerned.

Insurgent terrorists are committing various forms of destructive acts with the intention of jeopardizing stability of the State, community peace and prevalence of law and order, and creating public panic.—MNA

Small plane enters restricted Washington airspace

WASHINGTON, 6 June —US fighter jets on Monday intercepted a small plane that had breached restricted airspace around Washington, DC, but it did not appear to pose a security threat to the US capital area.

The *Cessna 182* was flying from Philadelphia to Charlottesville, Virginia, before two *F-16* fighters escorted it to an airport in Maryland, said Sean Kelly, the spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defence Command, which monitors North American airspace.

“Currently US Secret Service and Immigration and Customs Enforcement are investigating,” said Andrea McCauley, a spokeswoman for the the Transportation Security Administration.

The incident did not “appear to be a security threat,” said one US official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

US authorities restricted airspace around the three major Washington area airports after the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

All pilots with per-

mission to fly into or through Washington airspace — mainly commercial flights — must transmit special identification codes to air traffic controllers.

In 2004, a plane carrying Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher to former president Ronald Reagan’s funeral entered the restricted airspace, sparking an evacuation of the Capitol and panic due to miscommunication between the Federal Aviation Administration and law enforcement.

MNA/Reuters

Sister of aid worker murdered in Iraq accuses Britain

LONDON, 6 June—The sister of Margaret Hassan, a British aid worker murdered in Iraq in 2004, accused the government on Monday of effectively condemning her to death by refusing to talk to her captors.

The care worker was ambushed and kidnapped on the way to work in October 2004 and shot dead nearly one month later. Her body has never been recovered.

As one man was jailed for life and two acquitted in Baghdad in connection with the murder, Hassan’s sister Deirdre Fitzsimmons told BBC radio that Britain had treated four phone calls from her captors as hoaxes.

“We were advised... by the powers that be that these were hoax calls. But after all they were made

on my sister’s mobile telephone,” she said.

“They were definitely coming from these kidnappers because they would make calls and then they would issue videos and they never made any demands for money,” she added, accusing the authorities of having abandoned the family.

Hassan, who also had Iraqi and Irish citizenship, had lived in the country for 30 years and was married to an Iraqi.

“My brother-in-law was left in a house on his own without any recording equipment. He was given the advice to say the British didn’t want to be involved,” Fitzsimmons said.

“After the first call when they demanded to speak to the British, the advice given to my brother-in-law was ‘we’ll

emphasise her Iraqiness” -- which was a ridiculous thing to do after all because they had kidnapped her and taken possession of her British passport.

“The last phone calls were made on 7 November. They demanded to negotiate. I don’t think he knew what to do. He did the best he could.

“After all this was a man in a house on his own. His wife had been taken hostage. He had seen terrible videos of her and he was really left on his own,” Fitzsimmons said.

MNA/Reuters



A Mexican farmer hangs a cow carcass from a flag pole outside the economy ministry in Mexico City during a protest about dairy product imports on 5 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Oil tank explosion kills 3 in Mississippi

WASHINGTON, 6 June—Three people were killed and another was seriously injured on Monday morning in an oil tank explosion in the southern US state of Mississippi, news reports said.

The explosion happened at Raleigh Field in Smith County, when workers were welding on a tank, the Smith County Sheriff’s Department was quoted as saying.

The blast was so forceful that it blew off the top of the tank that landed dozens of feet away. Two people died at the scene and the third victim died at a local hospital.—MNA/Xinhua

“AIDS” is 3rd biggest killer for young Panamanians

PANAMA, 6 June—Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is the third biggest cause of death among Panamanians aged between 15 and 24, said an official report published on Sunday.

In 2005, there were more than 25,000 cases of Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV) in Panama, a massive figure for a country with a population of only 3.1 million, according to the report issued by The National HIV Programme, a research project initiated by the Health Ministry.

Programme coordinator Emilio Messina said the disease was the biggest cause of death for Panamanians between 25 and 44 after heart attacks and cancer.

Statistics show that since AIDS was first reported in 1984 in Panama, it has killed 7,485 people.

Panama has undertaken an aggressive campaign to prevent the disease from spreading, which includes distributing pamphlets in schools and universities.

As part of the campaign, the Health Ministry had also created a network of civil society groups in those parts of the country with high occurrences, Messina said.—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia reports continued decline in overseas debts

JAKARTA, 6 June — Indonesia’s overseas debts has declined over the last two years, the government reported Monday, ahead of a meeting with its main donors grouping in the Consultative Group on Indonesia (CGI).

In his report to the House of Representatives, Bank Indonesia Governor Burhanuddin Abdullah said overseas debts totalled 131.8 billion US dollars until March this year, against 133.48 billion dollars in December 2005. Debt to gross domestic product ratio fell to 47 per cent in 2005 from 54.2 per cent in the previous year. The government has targeted to gradually cut the ratio to 31.8 per cent by 2009, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

London bomb probe reveals communication breakdown

LONDON, 6 June — Emergency crews at last July’s London bombings were let down by poor communications and flawed plans to help survivors, a 6-month inquiry concluded on Monday.

Some rescuers relied on radios which did not work on the underground rail network and others’ mobile phones failed, the report by the elected London Assembly said.

“This breakdown in communication led to a failure to deploy the right numbers of ambulances to the right locations; a lack of necessary equipment and supplies at the scene and delays in getting some of the injured to hospital,” the report said.

The most striking failing was the lack of planning to care for people who survived and were traumatized, it added.

“It is unacceptable that the emergency services, with the exception of the British Transport police, are still not able to communicate when they are underground,” the report said.

Four suicide bombers killed 52 commuters and injured some 700 in attacks on three trains and a bus in the capital during the morning rush hour on 7 July, 2005.

Richard Barnes, chairman of the committee which wrote the report, said police, fire and ambulance crews had been “in-

credibly brave” but that lessons needed to be learned after their communications broke down.

An over-reliance on mobile phones was exposed when police in the City of London financial district ordered the temporary shutdown of part of the network without checking with those leading the response.

“We actually had someone acting outside the command structure on July 7 and that was not necessarily helpful,” Barnes told BBC Radio. The failure to provide survivors with a central place to gather after the bombings to get help and give their details was another key mistake, he added.—MNA/Reuters



Patisserie Kikujiro Yoshida holds a soccer ball made of chocolate in Tokyo on 6 June, 2006, before the upcoming World Cup in Germany. The soccer ball is made from white and bitter chocolate.—INTERNET

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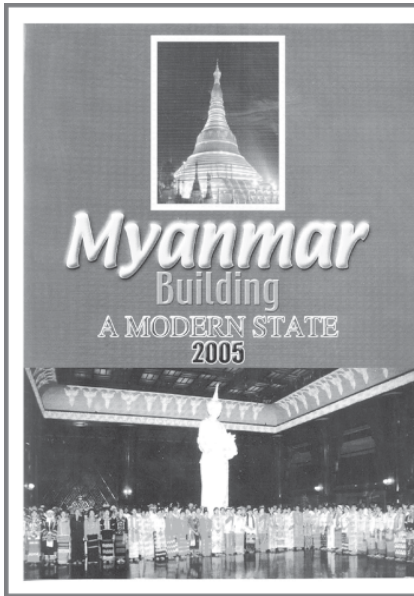
**China quickens pace of preparation
for listing financial futures**

BEIJING, 5 June—China's top securities regulator said China would step up its research and creation of financial futures to prepare for the listing of the financial products at an opportune time, *Shanghai Securities News* reported Saturday.

Shang Fulin, chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, was quoted on Saturday by the newspaper as saying China would strongly push forward the expansion of the country's futures sector in a stable and healthy manner in the coming few years.

Shang made those remarks at a national meeting held on Friday by the country's futures association.

He urged futures companies to improve their corporate governance and stockholders' structure, boost their operating capability, improve their risk control mechanism so as to make good preparations for listing financial futures products. Meanwhile, China would also continue its efforts to consolidate and expand its commodity futures sector, said Shang.—*MNA/Xinhua*



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**Mubarak-Olmert summit focuses
on stalled M-E peace process**

CAIRO, 5 June—Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak held talks with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Sunday in Egypt's popular Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh over stalled Mideast peace process.

The Mubarak-Olmert summit, first of its kind since Olmert became Israeli prime minister on 4 May, also discussed Olmert's controversial convergence plan and a future three-way summit that will also involve Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

At a joint Press conference after the summit, Mubarak said that Olmert's visit to Egypt is a good chance for peace in the troubled Middle East

region. Egypt and Israel have been carrying out "good cooperation" in solving the Palestinians-Israeli conflicts, said Mubarak, adding that an eventual peace would be achieved no matter how hard it might be. For his part, Olmert said that he would meet with Abbas for the resumption of negotiations on the roadmap peace plan.

Without giving a specific date for his meeting with Abbas, Olmert said that Israel is willing to negotiate with the Palestinians on the internationally-backed roadmap peace plan. The first priority was to negotiate with the Palestinians based on the roadmap plan, said Olmert who has been advocating his convergence or realignment plan. According to the plan, Olmert vows to draw Israel's final borders with the Palestinians by 2010 by evacuating around 70,000 Jewish settlers from isolated settlements in the West Bank while keeping major ones with or without peace talks with the Palestinian side.

However, Olmert did not rule out the possibility of resuming talks with the Palestinians this time, but insisted that the Palestinian side should meet the requirements set in the roadmap plan before resuming the negotiations.

MNA/Xinhua

World Bank says less than \$300m spent on bird flu

WASHINGTON, 5 June — Just 286 million US dollars has been spent to fight bird flu out of nearly 1.9 billion US dollars pledged last January by nations and organizations that said they wanted to make a "massive effort" against the virus, according to a World Bank report. Only Japan, Switzerland and the Czech Republic have fully spent the money promised at a meeting of big donors in Beijing last January, according to the report, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters.

Africa in particular needs more money, the report said. "Japan has fully committed its pledge in Beijing of 158 million US dollars to a range of countries and

organizations at the regional and global level," the report reads. Switzerland pledged and has spent 4.7 million US dollars while the Czech Republic promised and has spent 200,000 US dollars.

The report, prepared for a meeting of senior officials in Vienna on June 7, also singles out the United States, which pledged and committed 334 million US dollars, but which has spent 70.95 million US dollars. Of 500 million US dollars in loans promised by the World Bank, just 113 million US dollars has been committed and only 1.97 million US dollars sent out.

Since that meeting in January, the H5N1 avian influenza virus has spread out of Asia, across Europe

and into Africa. It has not always affected commercial poultry but has killed or forced the culling of tens of millions of more birds. In January, the virus had killed 79 people, all of them in Asia. Now it has infected at least 224 people in 10 countries, and killed

127 of them, according to the World Health Organization. "...We agree to take vigorous prevention, mitigation, emergency preparedness and rapid response measures..." the donors said in their pledge in January.

MNA/Reuters

**Kuwait sends first relief aid to
quake-hit Indonesia**

KUWAIT CITY, 5 June—Kuwait sent its first planeload of humanitarian aid to Indonesia, the *Kuwait News Agency* (KNA) reported on Saturday.

The 40 tons of relief supplies, valued at four million US dollars, include tents, blankets, baby milk, medicaments and medical supplies, said the report.

The relief package, supplied by the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS), was aimed to help victims in the quake-stricken areas in the Java Island in Indonesia, KRCS officer Yousef Al-Mi'raj was quoted by KNA as saying.

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Teenage boy shot five times in Manchester

LONDON, 5 June — A 15-year-old boy was in a serious condition in hospital on Sunday after being shot five times during an incident in Manchester in which another teenager was also shot, police said.

The two victims were with a group of youths in the Ardwick Green area of the city shortly before midnight on Saturday when a silver car with four or five men inside pulled up beside them.

“One of the men then got out of the car and fired shots towards the group,” a Greater Manchester Police spokeswoman

said. The 15-year-old local boy was hit in the chest, back, groin, buttock and thigh. He is in a serious but stable condition in hospital.

A 13-year-old boy from nearby Longsight suffered a bullet wound to his left leg and is in a stable condition in hospital.

“This incident is

obviously very serious,” Superintendent Gerry McGowan told reporters.

“The early indications are this is not a random attack. However what we cannot say is whether the two young men who received bullet wounds were the intended victims of the attack.”

Gun crime has been on the rise in Britain in recent

years, often blamed on drugs.

Recent high-profile incidents include the killing of female police officer, Sharon Beshenivsky, following an armed robbery in Bradford last November, while in Nottingham in 2004 Danielle Beccan, 14, was gunned down in an apparently motiveless attack.

The government has introduced tougher sentences for anyone caught in possession of a firearm although campaigners have called for more to be done.

MNA/Reuters



Movie star Vince Vaughn of the US arrives at the Australian premiere of his latest movie “The Break Up” in Sydney on 5 June, 2006.—INTERNET

China-US cooperative industrial park project starts in C China

ZHENGZHOU, 5 June — A China-US cooperative industrial park project “California Industrial City” has started construction in Zhengdong District of Zhengzhou, capital of central Henan Province.

The project lies in the southeastern part of Zhengzhou, between the Beijing-Guangzhou Railway in the west and the Beijing-Zhuhai Expressway in the east. The project will be built in three phases, to accommodate industries such as aerospace, pharmacy, new materials, building materials, automobiles and electronics.

The project is sponsored by

Zhengzhou State-owned Assets Management Company and California Industrial City Development Corporation. The overall investment in the project will be higher than two billion US dollars, with the infrastructure to be finished within three years. Foreign companies and some joint-venture companies will be introduced to the industrial park. — MNA/Xinhua

Thailand prepares to become regional electronic hub

BANGKOK, 5 June — Thailand will produce more semi-skilled and skilled technicians in the electronic sector in preparation for the country to become a regional electronic manufacturing hub in the future, a local media reported on Sunday.

According to Thai Labour Minister Somsak Thepsuthin, his ministry, in cooperation with agencies concerned and the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI), had targeted to produce 100,000 semi-skilled and skilled technicians each year over the next five

years, from around 20,000 a year currently.

A Labour Ministry committee will be set up to coordinate with the Ministries of Education, Industry and Commerce, as well as all other agencies concerned to work out curricula and measures supporting the production

of the semi-skilled and skilled technicians so that it meets the targeted figure, Somsak said.

Thailand is now facing acute shortage of up to around 50,000 semi-skilled and skilled technicians a year in the local electronic sector, according to the FTI.— MNA/Xinhua



Models parade fashions made out of recycled materials in Beijing on 4 June, 2006, on the eve of the World Environment Day. More than 100 pieces of garments, all from recycled materials, are designed by famous designers in a bid to call on all people to pay more attention to environmental protection.—INTERNET

China reports 68 collapses of reservoir dykes every year

BELING, 5 June — The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters of China has called for more attention to be paid to the safety of reservoirs following reports that 68 dykes collapse every year, causing casualties and economic losses.

From 1954 to 2005 dykes collapsed at 3,486 reservoirs across China, said Secretary-General E Jingping, who is also Vice-Minister of Water resources. There are 85,160 reservoirs in the country.

“A dyke collapse may kill more people and cause more losses than a tsunami or a strong earthquake,” he said.

He said 26,000 people were killed when dykes collapsed at Banqiao and Shimantan reservoirs in

central China’s Henan Province in August 1975.

The official also attributed the dyke collapses to the poor quality and management of reservoirs and their personnel’s lack of responsibility.

MNA/Xinhua

Chavez opens Venezuela studios to counter Hollywood

CARACAS (Venezuela), 5 June — Lights, camera and... revolution. Signalling from a director’s chair, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez inaugurated a film studio complex on Saturday on the outskirts of Caracas to counter the cultural “dictatorship” of Hollywood movie giants.

“For Venezuela, action,” Chavez called out as the cameras rolled and a harp and guitar band strummed traditional folk music on the set of a film in production.

Allied with Cuba and flush with oil cash, Chavez has clashed with Washington as he pushes a socialist revolution to rival US influence. Top US officials call him an oil-rich autocrat threatening

regional stability.

Chavez brands President George W Bush a terrorist, attacks US free-market policies and derides American consumer culture. He has even urged Venezuela children to ignore US heroes like Superman and forget Halloween celebrations.

Last year, he launched Telesur, a regional television news station meant to compete with

networks such as CNN. His critics dismissed the channel as a vehicle for Venezuela to promote Chavez’ left-wing agenda overseas.

The Film Villa Foundation was opened with an investment of 9 million US dollars for two studios that organizers hope will promote the production of independent local and South American movies.

MNA/Reuters



A Cambodian man leads an elephant in a march to mark the collaboration ceremony of national and World Environment Day in Phnom Penh on 5 June, 2006. The placard reads, ‘Against deserts and desertification’. — INTERNET

SPORTS

FIFA plans new ethics committee to fight corruption

MUNICH, 6 June—FIFA plans a new independent ethics committee and the introduction of professional referees in a bid to fight widespread corruption.

Sepp Blatter, president of soccer's world governing body, said on Monday that the creation of the committee would be proposed at the 56th FIFA Congress in Munich on June 7 and 8.

"This will be our main proposal," he said.

FIFA already has an ethics committee but the new independent body will have a far wider brief to include investigations into serious off-field transgressions such as illegal betting and bribery.

It will also act independently of the all-powerful FIFA executive committee, which largely runs the game in most other areas.

Blatter mentioned several scandals that had affected the game, including those involving a German referee found guilty of match-fixing last year and others in Brazil, Belgium, one in the Balkans and most recently Italy. "Every time, where you see circles drawn, you know that the referee is at the heart of it," he said.

Blatter added that it was imperative for professional referees to be introduced for all of the leading leagues.

"A man who is professional is more difficult to intimidate," said Blatter.

Every player, referee and official at the World Cup has been asked to sign a pledge against racism and "insider" betting and to ensure that no-one in their families places any bets.—MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Martina Hingis plays a shot to Israel's Shahar Peer during the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris, on 5 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Ballack misses training with calf strain

BERLIN, 6 June — Germany captain Michael Ballack missed training as a precaution on Monday, four days before the start of the World Cup, after straining his right calf muscle.

Ballack remained at the team hotel for a solo fitness session, a spokesman for the German Football Association said.

"It's a precautionary measure because the players will be doing sprints in the main session," the spokesman said.

Germany play Costa Rica in the opening match of the World Cup in Munich on Friday. Ballack has scored 31 goals in 65 internationals and his form and fitness are crucial to Germany's chance of a home success in the tournament, which runs until July 9.

The 29-year-old midfielder was also forced to miss training for several days at the squad's recent camp in Geneva.

The problem then was an ankle strain and he was unable to play in the friendly against Luxembourg, although he returned to face Japan and Colombia in the final two warm-up games.

MNA/Reuters

Iran team want to leave politics out of World Cup

RAVENSBURG (Germany), 6 June—The Iranian team say they want no part in their country's row with the West over its nuclear ambitions.

Feelings over Iran are running high as European leaders have stopped short of banning President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad from visiting the World Cup but have signalled he would face a frosty welcome.

Ahmadinejad has questioned whether the holocaust, during which the Nazis and their allies killed six million Jews, actually happened and has made inflammatory remarks about Israel in the past.

Ahmadinejad has left open whether he will go to the World Cup. Denying the holocaust is a crime in Germany, punishable by up to five years in prison.

While such comments and the country's nuclear spat with the West keep leaders around the globe on their toes, Iranian players just want to get on with their sport.

"We almost don't talk about it. We sometimes make jokes about it but this is all business on the fringes that we do not care about," midfielder Ferydoon Zandi told reporters.—MNA/Reuters



The referees of the soccer World Cup 2006 pose for a picture in Neu Isenburg, near Frankfurt, central Germany, on 5 June, 2006.—INTERNET

World Cup referees to clamp down on serious foul play

FRANKFURT, 6 June—Referees will clamp down on elbowing, dangerous tackles and diving to allow World Cup matches to flow, they said on Monday.

Sometimes criticized for failing to adequately punish serious foul play, referees are under instructions from soccer's world governing body FIFA to ensure such problems do not spoil the tournament in Germany, which starts on June 9. "Protecting skillful players is the main thing," English referee Graham Poll told reporters at a referees' open day.

"You want to see the best players playing the best football at the world's biggest sporting event. And referees have got to play their part in making sure they have the opportunity to do that."

The men with the whistles can go largely un-

noticed for most of a match until they make a controversial decision and suddenly the centre of attention. This happened a number of times at the 2002 World Cup when some referees were criticized for making highly contentious decisions that cost teams vital goals.

Referees have been given recordings of matches played by the teams they will be in charge of so they can become familiar with the different playing styles

and formations.

"What is important is not to prejudge players or teams, not to go in pre-conditioning your mind to 'this is a very physical team' or 'this is a very cynical team'," said Poll. "But we must be prepared, for example, so that if a team that gets a free kick in the defensive third always hits a long ball, there is no good you loitering around the defensive third saying: 'Can we have it on that blade of grass, please!'"—MNA/Reuters

Ukraine Under-21 International suspended for doping

KIEV, 6 June—Ukraine Under-21 international Dmitry Nevmyvaka has been temporarily suspended by UEFA after acknowledging he had used a banned substance, the country's soccer federation said on Monday.

Nevmyvaka had "encountered periodic problems with blood pressure and took, on the advice of his local doctor, without advising team doctors, the well-known drug tenorik," a federation statement said.

It said the drug contained a diuretic and was included on a list of banned substances because it can be used to mask the use of other prohibited items. A final decision on the defender's future would be taken at a meeting of a UEFA disciplinary committee.

Nevmyvaka was a member of the Ukraine squad that finished runners up in the European Under-21 championship after losing Sunday's final 3-0 to the Netherlands.

MNA/Reuters

FIFA launch probe into Paraguay ticket sales

MUNICH, 6 June—FIFA has launched an investigation into claims that World Cup tickets designated officially to Paraguay have been put on general sale.

General secretary Urs Linsi confirmed on Monday that following "rumours and reports", he had written to the Paraguay

federation.

He said FIFA had also asked Ernst & Young, one of the world's leading audit and investigation companies, to compile a report.

Linsi said that he did not know of any "hard evidence" to prove any wrongdoings but had launched an inquiry into the claims that official Paraguayan tickets had been offered to fans.

Speaking at a news conference following a meeting of FIFA's executive committee on Monday, Linsi said he was aware of the reports and rumours but refused to give any further credence to them than that.

The tickets are said to be for two of Paraguay's matches; against England in Frankfurt on June 10 and Sweden in Berlin on June 15.

Linsi said that he had no more reason to believe that the claims about Paraguayan official tickets were true than he had when similar stories surfaced in recent weeks about official tickets designated to the Ivory Coast.

He said that following an investigation those claims were proved to be without any grounds, or solid evidence, at all.

"We have no idea how long this investigation will take," he told reporters. "With the Ivory Coast, we found no evidence at all at the end of the day."—MNA/Reuters



US Golfer Michelle Wie hits her tee shot on the second hole as she plays in the 36 hole US Open Sectional Qualifying Round at Canoe Brook County Club in Summit, New Jersey, on 5 June, 2006. Wie is attempting to become the first woman in history to qualify for the US Open Championship.—INTERNET



The opening of free-clinic and monastic education school in Pantapwintaung Tawya religious region in progress. — MNA

Gifts for Pantapwintaung Tawya religious region in Taikkyi Township

YANGON, 6 June— A ceremony to open the monastic education school for 2006-2007 academic year was held in conjunction with the opening of a free-clinic in the Pantapwintaung Tawya religious region in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Chief Patron of the religious region Presiding Sayadaw of the monastic education

school Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pannasara, members of the Sangha and teachers, the Secretary of the Hmawby Township, Union Solidarity and Development Association and members, the Chairman of Phugyi village PDC and guests.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw of the monastic education school Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pannasara, and

well-wishers presented medicines and cash donations to the Sayadaw.

This was followed by the opening of the clinic.

Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannasara, Dr Saw Win, Physician Dr Maung Maung Ohn, Medical Superintendent of Wa Netchaung Hospital Dr Win Min Thiri and Secretary of Hmawby Township USDA U Hla Oo formally opened the clinic.—MNA

UN warns of conflict risk from growth of deserts

ALGIERS, 6 June— The United Nations used World Environment Day on Monday to warn that land turning to desert is a growing obstacle to ending poverty and a threat to peace.

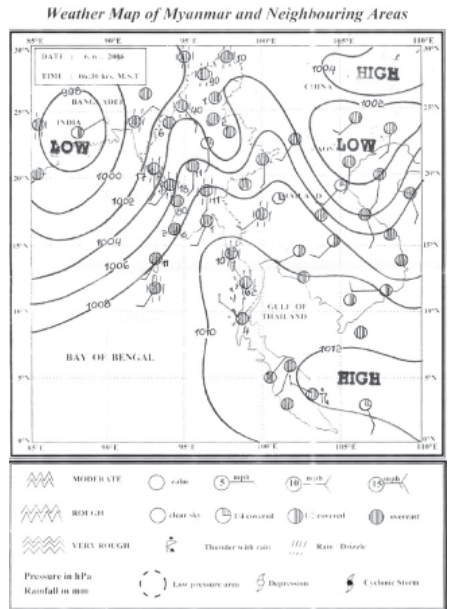
To mark the day under the slogan "Don't desert drylands!", environmentalists were planting trees to slow erosion, cleaning cities, going on marches and holding special lessons in school.

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, whose largely-desert country was officially hosting the campaign, urged the adoption of a World Charter on Deserts to help achieve a Millennium Goal of halving poverty by 2015.

He said destruction of natural ecosystems and desertification "aggravate conditions of poverty across the world, deepening the crisis".

The United Nations says almost a quarter of the world's land surface is already desert, and the share is growing.

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 6 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (6.58) inches, Kyauktaw (4.49) inches, Thandwe (3.15) inches. Theinzayat (3.03) inches and Myeik (2.95) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-6-2006 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 6-6-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 6-6-2006 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 5-6-2006 was (1.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 6-6-2006 were (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.07) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (17.05) inches at Mingaladon, (21.81) inches at Kaba-Aye and (23.42) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (21:40) hours MST on 5-6-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in Andaman Sea generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-6-2006: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, and Mgway Division, scattered in Shan States and upper Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Kayin States widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-6-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-6-2006: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 7 June
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်အစီအမံမဟာရဋ္ဌရုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာသဒ္ဓန္ဓာတော်က၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မာသတ္တဝါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am 6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:20 am 8. ဂုံညင်းတန်းတံတား
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Practice in reading
- 4:40 pm 4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm 5. အစားတင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:10 pm 6. Song of national races
- 5:25 pm 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm 8. Classical song
- 5:45 pm 7. "တန်ခိုး" (ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ လှိုင်မြူဖြူထွက်) (ခါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

- 5:50 pm 10. ရုဗွယ်စုံလင် အာဝိယံအစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 13. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာတ်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm 14. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:15 pm 15. Musical programme
- 7:30 pm 16. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 7:45 pm 17. အမြင်သစ်အသွင်သစ်ကျေးဇူး (ရမ်းပြည်နယ်တောင်ပိုင်း၊ လဲရွာမြို့နယ်၊မယ်လန်းကျေးရွာ)
- 8:00 pm 18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. "စာအုပ်အတွင်းမှ သိရင်းများ" (ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင် စီစဉ် တင်ဆက်သည်)
- 20. The next day's programme



Wednesday, 7 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Cross my heart
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -It's in his kiss
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -You lean
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Moving on
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music -Now begining -Miss you -In the life -I've nothing
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune -Etunal Flame
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request -Back at once -I knew I love you -I seeyou
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June — Mrs Merete Fjeld Brattested, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Union of Myanmar, presented her credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, 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, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. —MNA



Mrs Merete Fjeld Brattested, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway, (R) presents her credentials to Senior General Than Shwe. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives Mrs Merete Fjeld Brattested, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Union of Myanmar.. — MNA

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At the farewell dinner, MCWSC Secretary Dr Sai Hkam Hlaing said, "Patients will be happily thanking the medical team every time they look their face in the mirror." Those who made the programme possible were also happy for what they had done. They have freed those children from their sufferings. After the successful completion of all operations the 121 children and their parents will be smiling.

Weather Forecast for (7-6-2006)

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