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Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of the Portuguese Republic

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 June—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Anibal Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June, 2006.—MNA

Successful realization of seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit stressed

Development tasks in Shan State (North)'s Momeik, Mabein inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and senior military officers, on 7 June inspected two bridges in Momeik and gave instructions on durability of the bridges.

First, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win arrived at Nammaung Bridge at Mile Post No 0/3 in Momeik. Senior Engineers of the Public Works reported to him on the maintenance of the 300-foot-long and 14-foot-wide bridge.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to Nammaik Bridge spanning Nammaik Creek in Momeik. The bridge is 376 feet long and 14 feet wide and has a clearance of 13 feet. After inspecting the maintenance of the bridge and flow of the

river, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions.

During his inspection tour, he also inspected condition of road and bridges and thriving summer paddy fields along Momeik-Myitsone Road.

During his stopover in Shwezarli Village-

tract on the way to Myitsone Village, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected thriving 160-acre summer paddy field at the village. After hearing reports, he called for the transformation from tradition farming to modern farming using agricultural machinery and cultivation of

high-yield Hsinshweli paddy strains instead of low quality strains.

At Myitsone Village on the bank of Shweli River, he gave a green light to officials of the Public Works to upgrade Momeik-Myitsone road. At the village, he also met with officials of Myanmar

Timber Enterprise and called for the systematic logging of teak and afforestation, and sustainable production of timber in the region exceeding the target.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win arrived at Mabein and attended a ceremony to cultivate physic

nut plants in the town.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut planted physic nut saplings and those present on the occasion grew physic nut plants.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win (L) inspects Nammaik Bridge in Momeik. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Wellwishers' generosity enhances knowledge of rural folks

As today is knowledge age, technologies are applied in various sectors such as productivity, education, health and social affairs.

In such a time, Myanmar needs to be able to catch up with other nations. Now, the youths in the nation have easy access to international level subjects in the nation owing to the result of the national education promotion plan.

While the youths are enjoying greater number of opportunities to pursue education, it is required to broaden the scope of the knowledge and intellectual power of the rural residents. More and more village self-reliant libraries are now being opened to fulfil such requirements.

Establishment of self-reliant libraries in rural areas helps local people enhance their knowledge and brings good opportunities to those who want to read and adult literate persons to constantly study and learn various subjects.

Mon State celebrated its successful completion of the task to establish a self-reliant library in each village in it along with the setting up of trust-funds and presenting TV sets, radios and publications at a ceremony held at Yamanya Hall in Mawlamyine on 7 June 2006. And 62 wellwishers presented cash, TV sets and radios worth more than K 6.6 million alongside publications.

So far, 54,177 of 61,949 villages across the nation have been facilitated with self-reliant libraries.

Such a considerable achievement is largely due to the three strengths — the government, local people and wellwishers. It is believed that making continued efforts with such fine traditions and goodwill will increase the number of self-reliant village libraries and widen the horizon of reasoning power and knowledge of rural people.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Oppose those Relying on External Elements

- * 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

Naval delegation of PLA concludes visit

YANGON, 9 June — Deputy Commandant Rear-Admiral Li Tiemin and party of Naval Command College of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China, accompanied by senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, visited Shwedagon Pagoda this morning and made cash donations.

The Chinese guests also paid homage to Jade Buddha Image and viewed religious buildings, the bell of King Singu, the bell of King Thayawady and the old umbrella of the pagoda hoisted by King Mindon.

Next, the guests paid obeisance to the Buddha Image at the eastern prayer hall and offered flowers and joss sticks to it.

At Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, they visited the booths.

In the afternoon, Deputy Commandant Rear-Admiral Li Tiemin and party left for home by air.

The Chinese delegation was seen off at the airport by Deputy Commandant Brig-Gen Than Maung of National Defence College, senior military officers, Chinese Military Attaché Senior Colonel Ma Shaudong and embassy staff.



Chinese military delegation seen on its visit to Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

Upgrading, sanitation tasks inspected in Mayangon, Mingaladon Townships



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin (C) supervises paving of Mindhamma Road. — YCDC

YANGON, 9 June — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win, Head of Engineering Department U Bo Htay (Road and Bridge) and officials looked into upgrading of Mindhamma Road and sanitation tasks at the underground drain for ensuring proper flow of water near the Myanmar Convention Centre in

Mayangon Township and tarmacking task on Pyay Road in front of the Mingaladon BEHS No 2.

Next, they inspected construction of the road linking Yangon West University and Htantabin Township. Engineer in-charge U Kan Nyunt and officials reported on completion tasks and future works. Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin heard reports on construction tasks and attended to the needs. — MNA

MRTV-3 New Studio Complex to be auctioned

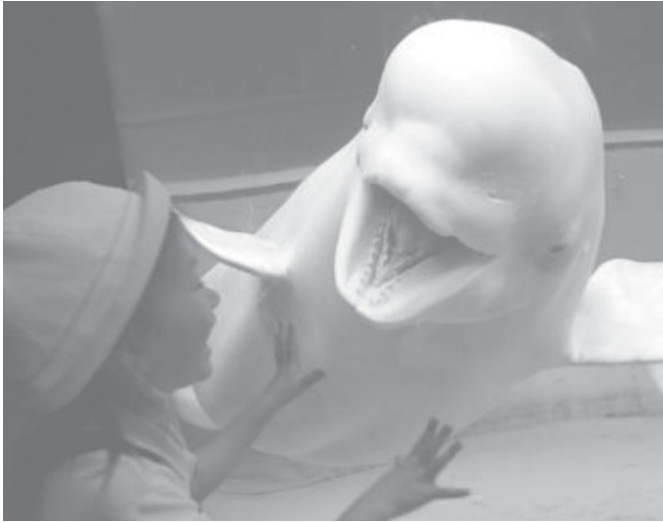
YANGON, 9 June — The 9.187-acre MRTV-3 New Studio Complex of the Ministry of Information between Kyundaw and Hanthawady Roads in Kamayong Township will be sold with reserve price K 18.56919 million through competitive bidding.

The person/organizations wishing to purchase the complex may buy proposal forms at the Privatization Commission Office, Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department, No 313, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon, beginning 14 June.

The furnished proposal forms are to be submitted to the building No 32, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development in Nay Pyi Taw, from 10 am to 4 pm on 14 July (only one day).

For further information, anyone may contact the Privatization Commission Office, Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department, No 32, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development in Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA



A white whale reacts to a young girl visitor as she admires the marine creature at the Sea Paradise aquarium in Hakkeijima, west of Tokyo, on 8 June, 2006. —INTERNET

ထုတ်ကုန်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ခြင်း

Stocks drop in Asia, Europe, Latin America

TOKYO, 8 June—Stock markets in Asia tumbled to their lowest levels in months Thursday and European shares also declined amid anxiety that interest rates hikes in both Europe and the United States will slow global economic growth.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index tumbled 3.07 percent to 14,633.03 points, its lowest in six months, while Indian

shares plunged 4.7 percent as regulators there raised rates. South Korean shares dropped to their lowest level in seven months after the Bank of Korea also raised interest rates unexpectedly, and Australia's stock market fell 2.35 percent.

London's FTSE 100 index was down 2.51 percent at 5,562, the German DAX Xetra 30 was off 2.9 percent at

5,383 and the French CAC-40 index fell 2.91 percent to 4,684. Heavy losses were seen in the commodities, oil and technology sectors.

The global selloff continued in Latin America as well, with Mexican and Brazilian markets sharply lower for the fourth straight day. Confusion about US monetary policy and doubts about US growth have hammered global markets over the last month, particularly in Asia. A slump on Wall Street has made investors jittery.

The downturn has been "largely induced by sentiment over the interest rate background and in particular the Fed's intentions," said Mike Lenhoff, chief strategist at Brewin Dolphin Securities. "If the central banks are a little too aggressive in raising interest rates, then that will impair the prospects for corporate earnings growth."

The European Central Bank raised its key interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 2.75 percent Thursday, as expected, in a move aimed at keeping inflation at bay. The Bank of England held interest rates steady at 4.5 percent. —Internet

14 Euro states colluded with US on prisons

PARIS, 8 June—Fourteen European countries colluded in a "global spider's web" of secret CIA prisons and transfers of terrorism suspects, a European rights watchdog said on Wednesday.

European states played an active or passive role in operations run by the US Central Intelligence Agency and were not merely unwitting victims of the operation, the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe said in a report on its Web site.

"It is now clear — although we are still far from having established the whole truth — that authorities in several European countries actively participated with the CIA in these unlawful activities," Swiss Council of Europe investigator Dick Marty said in the report. "Other countries ignored them knowingly, or did not want to know," he said in the conclusions

of the 65-page report that he is to present to a news conference in Paris. The report pointed the finger at a number of states for "active or passive" collusion with the network of secret flights and renditions that snared European states.

They include: * Poland and Romania on the running of secret detention centres

* Germany, Turkey, Spain and Cyprus for being "staging points" for flights involving the unlawful transfer of detainees

* Ireland, Britain, Portugal, Greece and Italy for being "stopovers" for flights involving the unlawful transfer of detainees

Sweden, Bosnia, Britain, the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, Germany and Turkey were cited in relation to cases involving specific individuals.

MNA/Reuters



A visitor looks at a sculpture made of glass and bones displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts in central London as part of its Summer Exhibition, on 7 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Red Cross triples emergency appeal for Indonesia

GENEVA, 8 June—The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on Wednesday tripled its appeal to 38 million Swiss francs (31 million US dollars) to help survivors of last month's devastating earthquake in Indonesia.

The Geneva-based humanitarian agency said it aimed to provide 325,000 people with medical care, food, drinking water, sanitation and emergency

shelter over the next year. Its initial appeal for 12.8 million Swiss francs has been fully met. The 27 May earthquake killed 5,782 people and tens of thousands were made homeless in central Java,

near the ancient city of Yogyakarta.

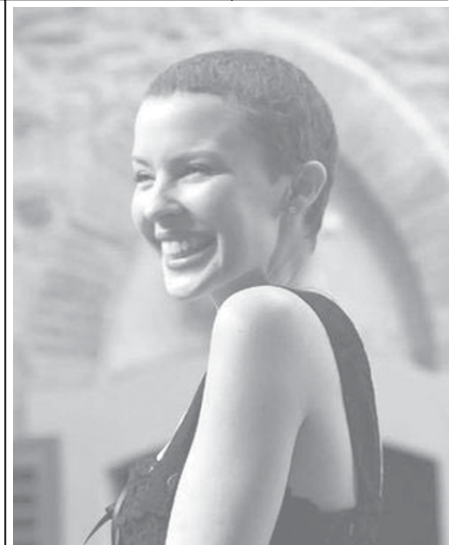
Many survivors are poor labourers and farmers with little money to buy food or other essential supplies.

MNA/Reuters

Five dead as bridge under construction collapses in east China

JINAN, 8 June—Five people were confirmed dead when an arch bridge under construction collapsed Tuesday in east China's Shandong Province, the local government said Wednesday. The accident, which happened at 11:00 am Tuesday in Wendeng, also left one person injured, said a spokesman for the city government of Wendeng. He said rescue work ended on Tuesday afternoon and investigation is still going on, giving no other details. Wendeng is a county-level city in Weihai, dubbed one of the country's most inhabitable cities on the east coast.

MNA/Xinhua



Kylie Minogue was named Woman of the Year at a showbiz awards ceremony in London on 7 June, 2006. She was honoured at the Glamour Women of the Year Awards for her battle against breast cancer. —INTERNET



Iraqis stand at the scene of a bomb attack at a crowded market that killed 13 people and wounded 29 others in Baghdad, on 8 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Annan rejects US plea that he repudiate his deputy

UNITED NATIONS, 8 June — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan refused on Wednesday a US demand that he repudiate his deputy for accusing Washington of relying on the United Nations but failing to defend it against domestic critics.

An outraged US Ambassador John Bolton, while not demanding the resignation of UN Deputy Secretary-General Mark Malloch Brown, called his remarks “a very very grave mistake”.

“Even though the target of the speech was the United States, the victim, I fear, will be the United Nations,” Bolton

told reporters after speaking with Annan.

Malloch Brown, a Briton named deputy secretary-general in March after serving as Annan’s chief of staff and head of the UN Development Programme, delivered on Tuesday what he called a “sincere and constructive critique of US policy towards the UN by a friend and

admirer”.

“The prevailing practice of seeking to use the UN almost by stealth as a diplomatic tool while failing to stand up for it against its domestic critics is simply not sustainable,” Malloch Brown told a New York political conference.

“You will lose the UN one way or the other,” he said.

Bolton accused Malloch Brown of employing “a condescending, patronizing tone about the American people” and said, “My hope is he looks at the potential adverse effects that these intemperate remarks would have on the organization and repudiate it.” Annan, however, agrees with his deputy’s views, UN chief spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

“The secretary-general stands by the statements made by his deputy. So there is no question of any action to be taken against the deputy secretary-general,” he said.

“The UN’s role is in effect a secret in middle America even as it is highlighted in the Middle East and other parts of the world,” he said.

MNA/Reuters



Shaolin monks from China’s Shaolin Temple perform at the National Palace of Culture in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia on 7 June, 2006. —INTERNET

IBM to invest \$6b in India over three years

NEW DELHI, 8 June — IBM Corporation, the world’s largest IT products and services firm, announced in Bangalore on Tuesday that it would invest six billion US dollars in India over the next three years, according to *Indo-Asian News Service*.

Addressing about 10,000 IBM employees at the company’s 2006 Investor and Influencer briefing in Bangalore, chairman and CEO Samuel Palmisano said the investment would ensure that the Indian subsidiary would make the most of opportunities to grow in the market place and enable the firm to become a globally integrated company.

In the past three years, the company had invested two billion US dollars in the country, the biggest investment by a multinational corporation in India in recent years.

The announcement was made in the presence of Indian President AP J Abdul Kalam and IBM corporate leaders.

MNA/Xinhua

Nigerian arrested with heroin in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 8 June — The Nepal police arrested a Nigerian national with 1.1 kilos white heroin in the capital Kathmandu on Monday, the Narcotic Drug Control Law Enforcement Unit (NDCLEU) said here Wednesday.

“Acting on special information, a police team from the NDCLEU arrested 33-year-old Ozol Michel, who landed at the Tribhuvan International Airport on Monday from the Q.R 352 flight of Qatar Airlines,” NDCLEU said in a Press statement. A

total of 64 pieces of plastic-coated white heroin weighing 1.1 kilos were taken out of his body after a surgery at the Birendra Police Hospital on Tuesday where he was taken for medical checkup.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia’s Merapi roars back to life, residents flee

MOUNT MERAPI, 8 June — Indonesia’s Mount Merapi has roared back to life, belching its largest clouds of hot gas and ash, sparking panic among residents already jittery from last month’s quake.

Television footage showed stunning clouds spewing from the volcano’s crater against a clear blue sky just after 9:00 am (0200 GMT). People rushed to evacuation points lower down the slopes, fearful they would be engulfed.

The vulcanology office in Yogyakarta, 30 kilometres (18 miles) south of Merapi, said the clouds reached almost five kilometres down the southeastern slope, but not as far any

inhabited areas.

The village nearest the peak to the southeast,

Kinahrejo, lies about 6.5 kilometres down the slope.



Misman, a local official in Umbulharjo village, told AFP that some residents in another hamlet seven kilometres from Merapi’s bubbling crater had panicked after being surprised by the clouds.

“There was some

panic, as people near Kaliadem saw the huge clouds, especially because it has been a long time since such clouds headed this way,” the official said.

Metro TV showed residents, including weeping women carrying their infants, waiting for evacuation by trucks and cars provided by the district governments at designated spots in the danger zone.

The video footage, taken by its cameraman with other reporters fleeing on board a speeding car, also showed several villagers running or riding motorcycles down the main road.

Internet

This picture taken from an Indonesian Air Force aircraft shows recently Mount Merapi emitting hot ash in Yogyakarta Province of Central Java. Indonesia’s Mount Merapi roared back to life, belching its largest clouds of hot gas and ash yet and sparking panic among residents already jittery from last month’s Quake. —INTERNET



Men carry a giant replica of the FIFA World Cup trophy on a street adorned with thousands of green and gold streamers to celebrate the World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, on 8 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Bus-motorcycle collision kills four, injures eight in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 8 June — Four women were killed and eight others injured in a road accident Wednesday in Bangladesh’s Rajshahi District, 270 kilometres west of Dhaka, private news agency *UNB* reported.

A bus of Rajshahi University (RU) carrying students to their campus crashed into a motorcycle in front of the university at 9:50 am local time, according to the local Police. The head-on collision left two women passengers dead on the spot and 10 others wounded and the injured were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where two more women died, the police said, adding that among the rest of those wounded in the accident, condition of three RU students was stated “critical”.

MNA/Xinhua

French farm offers hope for endangered Asian crocs

PARIS, 8 June— A French crocodile farm said it had stepped up efforts to breed one of the world's most endangered species, the Indian ghavial, with the hope of ultimately returning animals to their habitat in South Asia.

The Pierrelatte Crocodile Farm, in Pierrelatte, southern France, said it had now moved six ghavials to an artificial river, with the hope that the crocodiles will breed once they reach maturity five or six years from now.

The six reptiles were a gift from the Chitwan Nature Reserve in southern Nepal in 2000 and now measure about three metres

(10 feet) long. The slender-snouted crocodile, which grows up to six metres (20 feet) in length, inhabits muddy rivers in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar and Nepal, such as the Brahmaputra, Ganges, Indus, Ayeyawady and Mahanadi.

As few as 2,000 ghavials are now left in the wild. Their numbers have been drastically reduced by fishermen, who see the crocodiles as competitors for fish, and by the consumption of their eggs, which are laid in nests on the river banks and are harvested by villagers.

"Officially, there are about 400 ghavials in Nepal, but I would say the figure is much closer to 150," the farm's technical director, Samuel Martin, who has close ties with the Chitwan reserve, told AFP. The facility now has 500 crocodiles, from nine species, living amid tropical vegetation in greenhouses that are heated from waste energy generated by a nearby uranium enrichment plant.

Internet



A technician prepares TV screens at the media seating area for the opening match at the World Cup stadium in Munich, southern Germany, on 8 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Scientist says heavy ion, best radioactive cure for cancer

BEIJING, 8 June — A leading Chinese nuclear physicist said on Tuesday that Chinese scientists are building the country's first heavy ion therapeutic machine to be used as a radioactive cure for cancer.

Zhan Wenlong, member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), said in an interview with Xinhua, "The physical feature of heavy ion radiation makes beams of the particle the most ideal weapon to kill tumour cells while leaving healthy cells intact." Scientists from the CAS Institute of Modern Physics, which is headed by Zhan, are trying to use heavy ion beams from the Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL) to cure cancer patients.

Zhan said they were successful when tested on animals. The CAS institute is now applying for an official permit for clinical use. American, German and Japanese scientists have already

developed such equipment for cancer treatment.

Traditional medical use of gamma-rays, electron-rays or X-rays in treating cancer patients would inevitably kill healthy cells while eliminating tumors. Heavy ion is unique in concentrating its energy on the target of tumors.

Only a little radioactive elements would affect healthy human cells in the heavy ion therapy, Zhan acknowledged.

The application has been widely tested in the United States, Germany and Japan since the 1990s. German and Japanese scientists even created special heavy ion accelerators for medical

use. In the coming couple of years, Zhan said, there might be six to ten such machines in Europe and the Japanese are going to make 60 machines.

"Although the heavy ion method is effective and safe," Zhan said, "we still need to address some basic technical problems for its medical use."

MNA/Xinhua



Actress Tippi Hedren arrives at the '34th AFI Life Achievement Award: A Tribute to Sean Connery,' at the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles, on 8 June, 2006. Hedren co-starred with Connery in Alfred Hitchcock's 1964 film 'Marnie.' —INTERNET



A polar bear swims under water during the opening of a new pool for the bears in the Budapest's Zoo on 8 June, 2006. —INTERNET

S Koreans kidnapped in southern Nigeria

LAGOS, 8 June—Five South Koreans believed to be staff of Daewoo Company, South Korea, were kidnapped at 0010 on Wednesday (2310 GMT on Tuesday) in Cawthorne Channel, Nigeria's southern state of Rivers.

Jomo Gbomo, a self-described spokesman for the Movement of Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), said the fighters of the MEND "attacked the premises of the Daewoo Company, contractors to

Shell... in response to the court of appeal judgment of 6 June, 2006, on the continued detention of Asari." According to him, the five Koreans held hostages are staff of Daewoo who gave their names as: HJ Kwon, A Park, SB Kim, OK Kim, and HD Kim.

"They are in good health and have been returned to one of our bases," he said. The MEND spokesman explained that "we are of the opinion that the government may be

interested more in a prisoner exchange rather than releasing the persons whose release we have demanded."

He added that they also advised the Daewoo Company to close down its operations with immediate effect as "a second attack will bring only death."

He said similarly oil service companies in the Niger Delta which have been clamoring for contracts on the repair of pipelines they previously destroyed should rethink

this foolishness.

"Workers for such daring companies will be executed if caught at those sites," he said.

Attacks would increase with frequency with the destruction of several facilities of crucial importance to the oil industry in the next few weeks, he warned, but promised that they would not kill those captured.

He warned oil companies in the Niger Delta again to leave the Niger Delta.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran offered possibility to carry out uranium enrichment

WASHINGTON, 8 June — Iran has been offered a possibility to carry out its uranium enrichment if it meets certain strict conditions, a leading newspaper reported on Wednesday.

According to the *Washington Post*, the possibility is based on strict conditions.

European and US officials said Iran has to satisfy International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors and the UN Security Council, in line with a package proposal worked out by the United States, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany.

IAEA must determine that Teheran's nuclear programme is peaceful and the Council must be satisfied that it is not seeking a nuclear weapon, the officials told the newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to build int'l airport in northern island

HANOI, 8 June — Vietnam will build an international airport in Van Don Island in northern Quang Ninh Province after 2010, a local official told *Xinhua* Wednesday.

Under a plan on developing the Van Don economic zone in Quang Ninh recently approved by the government, the airport will be capable of annually serving 500,000-800,000 passengers in the first phase, and 3-3.5 million ones in the second between 2016 and 2020, said Nguyen Duy Hung, vice chairman of the provincial People's Committee.

"We plan to complete

the airport's design in 2010, then work out concrete schemes for the construction," he said, noting that the capital is expected to come from the state budget and local investors.

According to the plan designated to develop Van Don into a major ecotourism resort, Vietnam will also upgrade a domestic seaport in the island and build a highway linking Hanoi capital with

the province's Mong Cai Town, Hung said.

Vietnam's aviation sector served nearly 3.1 million domestic and foreign passengers and transported 50,800 tons of cargo in the first five months of this year, registering year-on-year rises of 11.8 per cent and 16.2 per cent respectively, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua



Former soccer stars and children pose on the stage after the opening of the two-day 56th FIFA congress in Munich, Germany, on 7 June, 2006. Germany has prepared to host the World Cup from 9 June to 9 July. —INTERNET

Eight people killed in Baghdad attacks

BAGHDAD, 8 June — Eight people, including six policemen, were killed and five others wounded in separate attacks in Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

An Iraqi civilian was killed and two of his children were injured when a mortar round landed at 6:00 am (0200 GMT) on their house in the Baladiyat neighborhood in eastern Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, four Iraqi policemen and a civilian were killed at 7:15 am (0315 GMT) when unidentified gunmen opened fire at a group of policemen in Baghdad's western district of Mansur, the source said.

Meanwhile, two police officers — a colonel and a major — were killed and two policemen wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their patrol in Baghdad's eastern district of Zaiyouna, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua



A child looks as a paramedic injects measles vaccine into her arm at Playen District in Gunung Kidul, near the earthquake-hit Indonesian city of Yogyakarta, on 7 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Quake batters tourism of Indonesia's Yogyakarta

YOGYAKARTA (Indonesia), 8 June — The May 27 earthquake has struck a heavy blow on the tourism industry of Indonesia's Yogyakarta, the second most popular tourist destination in the country after Bali, with officials estimating a 60 per cent decrease in the industry in the short run.

Liem Na Na, a tour

guide from the city's Nusantara Tour and Travel, said her company has seen a sharp drop of business since the quake struck Yogyakarta and surrounding areas 10 days ago, killing over 6,000 people.

"June has always been the big season (for tourism). But after the quake, many tourists, both

local and overseas, cancelled their trips to Yogyakarta. In fact, we haven't got even a single foreign tourist since then," Liem said, adding tourists were avoiding the area because they were afraid of aftershocks.

Many of the city's popular tourist attractions were also damaged by the earthquake, including the Trajumas Pavilion at Yogyakarta Palace, the Hamengkubuwono IX Museum and the Tamansari waterpark within the palace compound.

The Prambanan Hindu temple complex and other ancient temples like Plaosan and Sojiwan, which make the area better known by outsiders, also suffered damages to various degrees.

Two of Prambanan's temples sustained serious damages, with large pieces of broken columns and sculptures scattering around the shrines.

MNA/Xinhua

Millions compete in China's national matriculation test

BEIJING, 8 June — Almost nine million Chinese students flocked to hundreds of thousands of examination venues across the nation Wednesday morning for the annual national college entrance examination.

With more people sitting than any other examination in the world, 8.8 million candidates started the paper simultaneously at 9:00 am Wednesday, with many of the venues guarded by police and anxious parents waiting outside.

The Ministry of Education announced earlier that universities and colleges this year will enroll 2.6 million freshmen for a four-year higher education — just one place for every four candidates.

At 8:15 am, with 45 minutes to go, hundreds of parents were standing in front of the Beijing No 35 Middle School. Many waited till their children came out.

"I asked for a three-day leave to accompany my son," said Guo Yusen. He woke up early this morning and cooked breakfast for his 18-year-old son.

At least five policemen were patrolling the 200-metre stretch of road in front of the school, with a parked police car flashing emergency lights. The street was choked with people and cars. — MNA/Xinhua

New technique to create genetically modified chickens

LONDON, 8 June — A US biotechnology firm said on Wednesday it had developed a new technique to produce genetically modified chickens that could be used to produce treatments for human diseases.

The technology, devised by scientists at the privately-owned Californian company Origen Therapeutics and researchers at the University of California, Davis, may also lead to improved poultry production and chickens resistant to avian flu.

Origen is one of several biotech groups that have been working on new ways to produce human antibodies and proteins in eggs, milk and farm crops.

"We now have a technology to genetically modify chickens in a very precise way," Robert Kay, the president of Origen, said in an interview. He said the technology would allow scientists to alter the chicken genome in ways that could allow them to produce drugs in very large quantities and develop new therapies.

The technology is based on genetically engineering primordial germ cells, the precursor cells to sperm and eggs, in chickens. Marie-Cecile van de Lavoie, the senior scientist at Origen, said the cells were the key to introducing genetic elements into chickens and to passing them on to future generations.

The company hopes to use the technology, described in the journal *Nature*, to produce antibody-based therapies for illnesses and to overcome the problem of drug resistance in certain diseases. — MNA/Reuters



Iraqis look at the wreckage of a vehicle that was used as a car bomb and exploded Wednesday night in the Shula district in Baghdad, on 8 June, 2006, killing two civilians and wounding 12 others. —INTERNET

Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day - 2006:

Myanmar women's role compatible with Myanmar history

May Eint Darli

Myanmar is a nation where there is freedom of religious faiths and people of different faiths live in amity and harmony. It means all the men and women in the nation have access to equal rights in terms of religion.

Myanmar is home to more than 100 national races who have been living through thick and thin. Each national race has its own culture, customs and characteristics. Irrespective of race and creed, every citizen has the right to preserve, practise and develop his culture. It reflects that Myanmar is absolutely free from discrimination against or for men, women, races and colours but with freedom to follow the culture concerned.

Myanmars are, in fact, native peoples to the country. Since the Tagaung Period, Myanmars have been living in the nation with own monarchs for more than 2,500 years. According to the compelling evidences of stone tools and weapons and wall paintings, the ancestors of the Stone Age lived in the nation.

In other words, Myanmars have lived in the nation for millions of years. According to the fossils and anthropoid primates found in the additional research in Pontaung Ponnya Region, Myanmar can be proud for the fact that man originated in Myanmar, and Myanmar originated in Pontaung Ponnya Region. According to the information discovered as the results of the research done by experts of international community, the fossils and anthropoid primates of Pontaung Ponnya Region dated back about 40 million years.

Myanmars are the people who have lived in the nation from time immemorial. And Myanmar is not a nation founded by immigrants from other nations. In Myanmar, literature, music, drama and the ten traditional arts and crafts such as art of painting and sculpture, and architecture have flourished for thousands of years. Myanmar is rich

in aquatic and terrestrial resources with paddy and various kinds of precious stones in abundance. Moreover, it is blessed with temperate climates and fertile soil. These are salient points for which Myanmars can take pride. In reality, Myanmar women are fortunate to be born in Myanmar.

Myanmar women have enjoyed the rights traditionally in the religious, economic, political and social fields. Since the mid-20th Century, Myanmar women have fully enjoyed political rights or fundamental rights of citizens including the rights to vote and to be voted. Moreover, they have an access to the right to profess the religion of their choice.

They also enjoy equal rights of employment and commerce. Myanmar women can be seen shouldering duties in the fields of agriculture and defence (Tatmadaw, police forces) and religion, factories and offices.

The brilliant performances of Myanmar women went down in the annals of Myanmar history such as in the battles to fight the alien invaders while the nation lost its sovereignty and was under servitude, in the independence struggles of the organizations such as the Young Men's Buddhist Association, the General Council of Buddhist Association, Doh Bamar Asiayon, Pha-Ta-Pa-La, and the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League along with combats against the education policy designed to prolong servitude, Oil Field Uprising, Peasants' Uprising, anti-Fascist resistance, and independence struggles. Myanmar women played an important role in the drive for regaining independence.

Now, Myanmar womenfolk are cohesive and active in the measures for ensuring perpetual existence of independence and the Union as long as the world exists. Mass of women at different ages from all walks of life are participating in the nation-building tasks for ensuring peace and stability and development of the Union. They are also taking an

active part in the successful implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map for transition to a democratic nation with flourishing disciplines.

The objectives of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, which is taking a leading role in organizing the mass of Myanmar women in the national development tasks, are as follows:-

- to enhance the role of women in the reconstruction of a peaceful, modern and developed nation
- to protect the rights of women
- to ensure the economic, health, education and general welfare of women and to provide measures for their security
- to instill and foster in Myanmar women a greater appreciation for their national, cultural heritage and customs
- to systematically protect women from violence and provide means for rehabilitation where necessary
- to diminish and finally eliminate trafficking in women and children as a national task
- to collaborate with international as well as local organizations, in ensuring the rights of women in accordance with the traditions and customs of the ethnic groups.

Now, the mighty strengths, capacities and skills of the mass of women are mobilized to defend and safeguard the motherland, to raise the national economy, and to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. Naturally, women are of a weak disposition but physically and intellectually strong enough to defend and develop the mother country.

Thanks to the intellectual power and skills of Myanmar women, national prestige is flourishing, which is Union Spirit made up of true patriotism, nationalistic spirit and nationalist fervour.

I write this article to hail the Myanmar Women's Day, and wish Myanmar women all success in their effort with Union Spirit to improve the lives of the people, restore peace and stability, and to ensure perpetual existence and development and prosperity of the Union.

Translation: MS

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Myanmar women: to strive for development of Myanmar society.

Successful realization of the seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit stressed...

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Mabein Township is targeted to put 500,000 acres under physic nut plants from 2005-2006 to 2007-2008. Kyaukme District has put 3,000 acres under physic nut plants in 2005-2006 against its target of 11,000 acres. And arrangements are being made for putting the remaining acres under physic nut plants.

After that, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to the Township Hospital in Mabein where Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Myint Tun and officials conducted them around the medical ward and operation theatre.

Before presenting uniforms to nurses and doctors, Lt-Gen Kyaw

Win provided patients with eatables and spoke words of encouragement.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party met with departmental officials, members of social organizations, townseiders and local people at the Town Hall of Mabein and gave instructions on regional and national development.

Chairman of Mabein Township Peace and Development Council U Tun Tun Naing reported on development of agricultural, education and health sectors of the township.

Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut made a speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, Lt-

Gen Kyaw Win presented cash, school uniforms and stationery and a TV set for the Township Hospital, teachers and students and the village library through officials concerned.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win made a speech, saying that progress has been made in agricultural sector of Mabein Township that has enjoyed self-sufficiency in food. Departmental officials are to strive together with local people for regional development including the development of agricultural sector.

In an effort to ensure all-round national development, sound economy is of utmost importance. In this regard, efforts are being made for the development of agricultural sector that plays a pivotal role in the growth of national economy. Therefore, officials concerned are to



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gives food to a child in the hospital of Mabein Township.—MNA

make relentless efforts for successful realization of the project.

With the national development, the socio-economic life of the people will improve in all aspects, and departmental officials with Union Spirit are to organize the

people to be convinced of the goodwill and policies of the State.

Moreover, departmental officials, social organizations and local people are to make concerted efforts to meet the target of growing industrial crops, rubber and

physic nut plants in the region. At the same time, they are to do their bit for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit.

After that, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party met with the secretary of Mabein Township USDA and executives at Shweli Yeiktha and stressed the need for them to participate actively in regional development work and widely engage in farming works.

Also present at the meeting were Patron of Kachin State USDA Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Patron of Shan State (North) USDA Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and others.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party arrived in Momeik.—MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets departmental officials and social organizations in Mabein Township.—MNA

China, Myanmar sign general loan agreement

YANGON, 9 June — Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung received Vice-Chairman of China Export and Import Bank of the People's Republic of China Mr Su Zhong and party at his office yesterday.

They discussed matters on banking services. Later, a signing ceremony of general loan agreement for the special loan with low interest rates, which will be given by the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar was held at CBM on No 1 Sathmu

road here. Vice-Governor of CBM U Than Nyein and Mr Su Zhong spoke on the

occasion. And they signed the agreement and exchanged documents.—MNA



Vice-Governor U Than Nyein and Mr Su Zhong exchange documents.—MNA

CIG holds Introduction of Responsible Care Activity Guidelines

YANGON, 9 June — The Ninth Meeting and Introduction of Responsible Care Activity Guidelines, organized by Chemical Industry Group of Myanmar Industries Association, was held at International Business Centre on Pyay Road yesterday.

Chairman Dr Kyaw Htin of CIG delivered an opening speech. General Secretary U Paw Hein explained the CIG's tasks. U Sein Thuang Oo

discussed upgrading of Chemical Industry Group to Myanmar Chemical Industry Association, and U Aung Win, Responsible Care Guidelines.

Director Daw Tin Swe Aye of Cottage Industries Department, Director Dr Soe Tint of Health Department and Dr Myo Thant Tin gave supplementary reports. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by Chairman Dr Kyaw Htin.—MNA

Chairman Dr Kyaw Htin makes a speech.

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

The second best time is now.

Secure and Smooth Transport Supervisory Committee meets



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

YANGON, 9 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, who is also Chairman of Yangon Division Secure and Smooth Transport Supervisory Committee, called for enforcement of traffic rules and regulations and speedy conversion of diesel and petrol engine vehicles into CNG ones at a work coordination meeting of Yangon Division SSTSC held at Yangon Command

Headquarters this evening.

Rectors, pro-rectors and officials of universities and colleges in the division, members of the committee, departmental officials and chairmen of bus lines reported to the commander on matters related to ferrying students, road safety measures and progress in conversion of cars with diesel and petrol engines into CNG ones. In response to the reports, the commander gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Course opens to choose welfare coordinators

YANGON, 9 June — Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee today opened an instructor course No 1/2006, a part of the plan to choose coordinators for every ten households.

Chairperson of the division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai explained salient points of the course to choose coordinators among the members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

Secretary Head of Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint elucidated the method of choosing coordinators for every ten household and duties.

Forty-eight trainees after completion of the course will act as instructors of the refresher courses to be conducted in the respective districts and townships to choose coordinators.

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CEC member of MMCWA Daw Khin Nwe Nwe and party present medicines and medical equipment worth K 7.5 million to Dr Soe Tint of Health Department and Medical Superintendent Dr Mya Thuang. — MCWA

Foreign Minister felicitates Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof Dr Diogo Freitas Do Amaral, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June, 2006. — MNA

Medicines, medical equipment donated to hospitals

YANGON, 9 June — CEC member of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Nwe Nwe and party donated medicines and medical equipment worth

K 6 million to Women's and Children's Hospital in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Daw Mu Mu Nyo accepted the donation.

Daw Khin Nwe and party also donated the similar items worth K 7.5 million to Teaching Hospital in North Okkalapa Township. Director Dr Soe Tint of Health Department and Medical Superintendent Dr Mya Thuang accepted the donation and expressed thanks for the donation.

Officials concerned of Health Department, members of MCWSC and others attended the donation ceremonies.

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School Enrolment Day held in Thongwa

THONGWA, 1 June — School Enrolment Day ceremony was held at BEHS-1 in Thongwa Township on 28 May with an address by Thongwa Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Khin Maung Aye and an explanation on measures being taken for school enrolment by Township Education Officer U Than Htay. It was also attended by Township PDC members, USDA members, wellwishers, headmaster and headmistress and students.

At the ceremony, wellwishers presented school stationery and cash assistance to students.

Myanma Alin



Thongwa Township PDC Chairman U Khin Maung Aye addresses School Enrolment Day ceremony in Thongwa.

Aged receive free medical care

MAGWAY, 28 May — Magway District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and District Women's Affairs Organization on 21 May provided free medical care and donated medicines to the aged in Magway Township's Phayapyo village

The two social organizations provided the free treatment to 17 aged people and donated cash. Educational talks on health was also held at the village.

Patron of Magway District WAO Daw Mya Mya Aye made an address at the talk. Magway District MCWA Chairperson Daw Bauk Nan gave talks on measures being carried out by Magway District MCWA, In-Charge for Raising Living Standard of Myanmar Women Daw Khin Than Win, on personal hygiene, Organizing In-Charge Daw Thin Thin Yu, on traditional medicine, and Culture in-charge Daw Khin Mar Nyo, on politeness of Myanmar women. — Myanma Alin



Magway District MCWSC and WAO offer medical treatments to the aged in Magway.

Newly-built middle school opens in Hsipaw

Hsipaw, 30 May — A ceremony to open newly-built middle school for Yayhaw Monastic Education School was held at Yayhaw Monastery in Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North) on 25 May. Yayhaw Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vasawa, Hsipaw Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Myo Aung and wellwisher U Aung Win Sein formally opened the new building.

The newly-built middle school was constructed with the contribution of wellwisher U Aung Win Sein-Daw Aye Kyaing and family. It costs over K 7.5 million. Other wellwishers also donated desks and cupboards amounting to K 635,000. — Myanma Alin

WORLD CUP 2006

Countdown to FIFA World Cup opening

MUNICH, 9 June—The FIFA 2006 World Cup will open in Germany in just a few hours. The ceremony will take place in Munich, and will be followed by the first of 64 games that will end with the final in Berlin in exactly a months time.

The 66,000 seater stadium is the second biggest in Germany. The seven storey stadium cost R340 million to build, and was opened just last year by the legendary Franz Beckenbauer. Today it hosts the opening ceremony and the first match between the hosts and Costa Rica.

However, there are special places for fans to watch matches outside the stadia all over Germany. A smaller version of the Olympic stadium, the Adidas Arena, has been opened. In front of Berlin's landmark Reichstag building, the German parliament, and next door to the fan mile which has already seen

thousands of visitors, the mock stadium will provide 10,000 people with the chance to watch matches on a large screen inside.

While there has been much focus on the German team, there is plenty too on reigning champions, Brazil. Ronaldo missed Brazil's open training session, but a carnival atmosphere still filled the stands at Kickers Offenbach stadium.

An estimated 25,000 strong crowd packed the ground and some 10,000 were left outside. Both the opening ceremony and the first match will be broadcast live on SABC 1, beginning at 4pm.—Internet

Pele and Maradona to grace World Cup opening ceremony

MUNICH, 9 June—Football legends Pele and Diego Maradona along with some 170 former World Cup-winning players will show up at the opening ceremony on Friday.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter told reporters at a press conference: "Maradona and Pele will be present at the opening ceremony."

He added: "Pele will bring the World Cup trophy on to the pitch of the Munich stadium with German supermodel Claudia Schiffer."

The ceremony will be held before the opening match of the World Cup between hosts Germany and Costa Rica.

Blatter said that the presence of the 170 former world champions would create "a special atmosphere".

"They will be on the pitch at the opening ceremony," he said. "We are very grateful for them over the years."

He said that all 22 players from the 1974 final in which West Germany beat the Netherlands 2-1 here have announced they will be present on 9 June.

Internet

German President Kohler to declare World Cup open

MUNICH, 9 June—German President Horst Kohler will declare the 18th World Cup open at the Munich World Cup stadium at an half-hour opening ceremony.

The highlights of the opening ceremony will be the parade of the 158 former World Cup winners. For the first time in the 100-year plus history of FIFA, all the world champions still alive have been invited to actively participate in a World Cup opening ceremony.

The first winning squad will be the 1966 winning squad of England,

followed by 1998 World Cup winners France, 1930 and 1950 World Cup players from Uruguay. And then Argentina (1978, 1986), Italy (1934, 1938 and 1982), Germany (1954, 1974 and 1990) and Brazil (1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002).

The opening ceremony starts on 16:23 local time and ends at 17:55.—Internet



FIFA president Joseph Blatter, left, and German soccer legend Franz Beckenbauer, the president of the local Organizing Committee, applaud German President Horst Koehler, center, as he declares open the 2006 Soccer World Cup in Germany ahead of the Germany v Costa Rica Group A soccer match at the World Cup stadium, Munich, Germany, on 9 June, 2006. The other teams in Group A are Ecuador and Poland.

INTERNET

World Cup past winners, German supermodel open 2006 tournament

MUNICH, 9 June — Winners of the previous 17 soccer World Cups including Pele joined German model Claudia Schiffer, Berlin hip-hop bands and Bavarian folk dancers for the opening ceremony of the 2006 World Cup.

German President Horst Koehler officially opened the latest edition of the world's most-watched sports event, a monthlong tournament comprising 32 teams. Eight countries, including Togo and Ukraine, are playing in the competition for the first time.

"Finally it's starting," Koehler told the 65,000 spectators at the year-old Munich Arena. "We're really looking forward to four weeks of football, football, football."

Following the half-hour event at the 340 million-euro (\$439 million) stadium, Germany will play Costa Rica in the first of 64 matches that culminate in the July 9 final in Berlin. FIFA, soccer's governing body, expects 1 billion people to watch today's match live on television.

For the first time, members of the previous winning teams were invited to the ceremony.

The 158 who made the trip were led onto the field by German children.

Internet



Brazilian football legend Pele and German supermodel Claudia Schiffer take part in opening festivities at Munich's World Cup Stadium ahead of the opening 2006 World Cup match between host Germany and Costa Rica. A parade of more than 140 former World Cup winners was the centerpiece of the colourful opening ceremony.—INTERNET



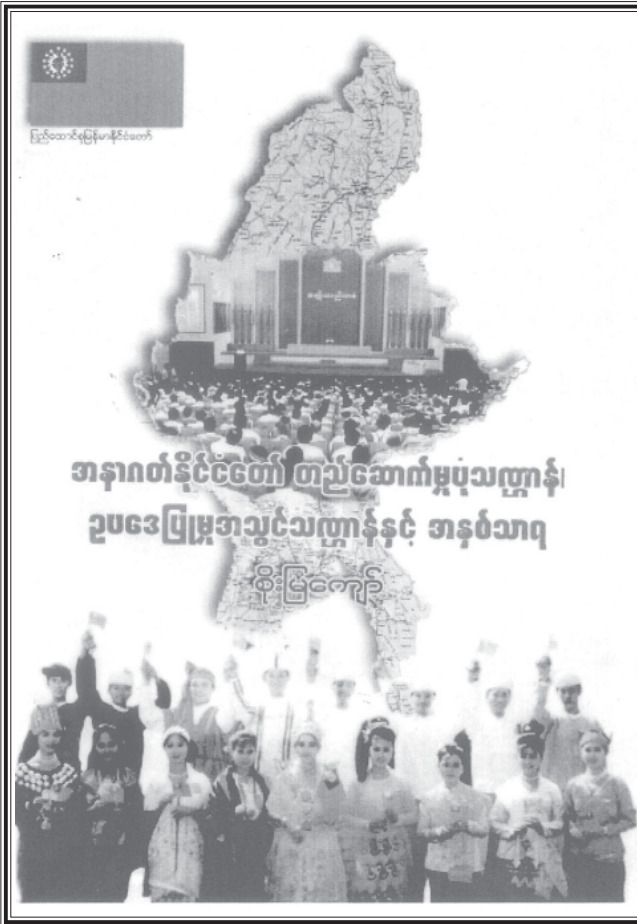
An artiste performs during the World Cup 2006 opening ceremony in Munich on 9 June, 2006.—INTERNET



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Malaysia opens new tourism info hotline

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 June — Malaysia has launched a new tourism information hotline to cater for the influx of tourists during Visit Malaysia Year 2007, local media reported on Thursday.

The new infoline, 1300-88-5050, will replace the existing 1300-88-5776, said Tourism Minister Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

The new infoline started operating on Wednesday but the old one will still be operational until 31 December, Tengku Adnan said after launching the new line Wednesday here.

He said the new infoline will connect the caller to the nearest tourism call centre at a Tourism Malaysia office or Tourism Information Centre.

“The new infoline has 21 call centres

but the old one only connects the caller to four call centres in Kuala Lumpur,” the minister was quoted as saying by *The Star*.

The infoline will provide as much information as possible about tourism programmes in Malaysia to foreign tourists, and the frontliners are all well-trained, said Tengku Adnan, adding his ministry will hire multi-lingual operators during peak holiday seasons to better serve to non-English speaking tourists.

MNA/Xinhua

Economy cars popular in China’s booming auto market

BEIJING, 9 June — Economy cars with low emission were among the best-selling cars in China in the first five months of the year.

Their popularity stems from soaring oil prices and more preferential government policies on vehicles with low emission. Statistics with China Association of Automobile Manufacturers show that Xiali, manufactured by Tianjin FAW and popular for its low energy-consumption,

topped the brand sales list in the first five months with a sale of 81,300, followed by Elantra of Beijing Hyundai with a sale of 73,900. Among the top 10 brands, five of them were cars with low emission. But there was also a significant leap in the sales of luxury cars with high emission.

The association attributed the rise to China’s new tax on luxury cars, which took effect on 1 April. It had prompted buyers to

rush to buy cars before the implementation of the new tax and expected price rises. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Laos to register 15% tourism growth

HANOI, 9 June — Laos is expected to register annual tourism growth of 15 per cent from now to 2020, Laos’ news agency *KPL* reported Wednesday.

The country is set to annually receive, on average, 1.5 million international arrivals from now to 2010, 1.8 million between 2010 and 2015, and 2.2 million in the five following years, the agency quoted deputy chairman of the country’s National Tourism Authority, Vang Rattanavong, as saying.

To this end, Laos is intensifying tourism promotion, increasing quality of tourism services and upgrading infrastructure.

The country welcomed one million foreign visitors, and posted tourism revenues of 146 million US dollars in 2005, respectively up from nearly 895,000 and 118 million dollars in 2004.

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Namibia plans mass polio vaccination campaign

WINDHOEK, 9 June — The Namibian Government said on Thursday it would begin a mass vaccination campaign to combat a deadly polio outbreak after supplies of vaccine are airlifted into the southwestern African nation later this month.

Seven people have died and another 27 have been infected with polio in Namibia in the past month. Namibia’s Ministry of Health plans to begin inoculating people on 21 June using the monovalent Oral Polio Vaccine (mOPV).

“The mOPV is currently not available in Namibia but is being airlifted into Namibia by UNICEF suppliers and ... expected to arrive in the country on 16 June 2006,” said Dr Kalumbi Shangula, a senior Ministry of Health official.

Polio, a viral disease of the brain and spinal cord that normally affects children, attacks the central nervous system, often causing paralysis, muscular atrophy and deformity. Five to 10 per cent of those infected die.

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Members of the Japanese coast guard (R) participate in a drill during the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum, which is conducted for law enforcement and search and rescue exercises by coast guards of South Korea, Japan, Russia and the US as well as delegation from China and Canada, in Pusan, about 420 km (261 miles) southeast of Seoul, on 8 June, 2006.—INTERNET

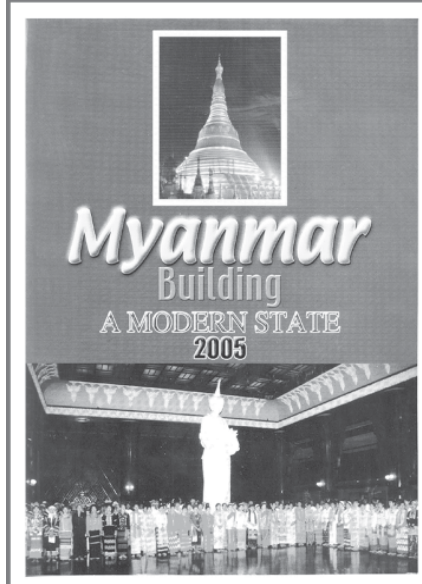
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Abbas says US will not intervene in Palestinian referendum

RAMALLAH, 8 June—
Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said on Wednesday that the United States would not intervene in a Palestinian referendum, saying that the referendum is the Palestinians' internal affair.

Abbas made the remarks at a joint news conference with US Assistant Secretary of State David Welch in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Abbas said that he would not invite any side to come and monitor the referendum.

For his part, Welch said that his meeting with Abbas focused on the difficult security situation, especially in Gaza.

He said that the United States will continue supporting Abbas to reach a two-state solution. "We will keep contacts with the quartet committee and the

Russia expresses alarm at US' arms plans

Moscow, 8 June —
US' plans to develop some of its strategic weapons could be destabilizing and dangerous since they could lower the threshold of military response, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday.

Lavrov, speaking on national security to the Lower House of Parliament, also denied foreign reports that Russian military power was in decline. "Such findings try to fit reality to what people want to think," he said, quoted by Interfax news agency.

Lavrov, echoing concerns showed by President Vladimir Putin last month, expressed alarm at US plans to develop low-powered

nuclear charges and equip strategic long-range missiles with non-nuclear warheads.

"Such plans could have a destabilizing effect, lower the threshold for use of weapons and have destructive consequences for nuclear non-proliferation," he said in televised comments.

Lavrov's remarks reflected the cool relations with Washington since US Vice President Dick Cheney on May 4 sharply attacked Russia's record on democracy and accused it of using its energy exports to blackmail its neighbours.

Kremlin officials say that Pentagon plans to put non-nuclear warheads on submarine-launched Trident missiles are

dangerous because it would be impossible to tell in flight what sort of warhead they were carrying.

Lavrov, who repeated Russia's strong opposition to former Soviet Ukraine and Georgia joining the US-led NATO alliance, expressed misgivings about US plans to station parts of its anti-missile defence system in NATO members Poland and the Czech Republic.

The United States was moving missiles to eastern Europe on the grounds of defence against Iranian missiles, he said. "There is a danger these planned anti-missile defence silos could be used for secretly stationing ballistic missile weapons."

MNA/Reuters

Banana rustlers give Australian growers the slip

SYDNEY, 8 June—
Yes, they have no bananas. Three months after a cyclone devastated

Australia's banana crop, some growers have reported a new threat — banana rustlers.

The slippery thieves have been stealing bunches off trees in the northeast of New South Wales to take advantage of sky-rocketing prices after crops further north were decimated by Tropical Cyclone Larry in March.

Police in Coffs Harbour, about 450 kilometres (280 miles) north of Sydney, are investigating several thefts in the area.

"It's basically only going to be opportunists taking advantage of the high prices," Nicky Singh, a Coffs Harbour farmer and Vice-President of the

Australian Banana Growers Council, told Reuters by telephone on Wednesday.

"They usually come in after the farmers have gone home," he said.

Growers council chief executive Tony Heidrich said there appeared to be a level of organization involved in the thefts, which would typically involve at least two people to harvest and transport their valuable booty.

Singh said bunches of bananas that would normally sell for A\$10-A\$40 (\$7.50-\$30) have been selling for between A\$150 and A\$180, depending on their size.

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Rare giraffe-like animal 'rediscovered' in Congo park

JOHANNESBURG 8 June— Delighted conservationists said on Friday that they had found conclusive proof of the existence of a rare giraffe-like creature in Congo's Virunga National Park that has defied the odds of survival in a region battered by savage conflict.

First discovered in what is now Virunga in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo in 1901, the shy forest-dwelling okapi had not been found

in the park since 1959. was known to be present elsewhere in the Congo, but there were concerns it had gone extinct in the place of its discovery because of violence and lawlessness.

But a recent survey of the area by conservation group WWF and the Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN) found 17 okapi tracks and other evidence of its presence.

No sightings of the elusive animal, which resembles a cross between a giraffe and a zebra with a striped behind and legs and a long neck, were made but its tracks were taken as absolute proof of the creature's recent activity in the park. It is only found in the secluded forests of eastern Congo and is considered the giraffe's closest living relative.

"The rediscovery of okapis in Virunga National Park is a positive sign," said Marc Languy, of WWF's Eastern Africa Regional Programme. As the country is returning to peace, it shows that the protected

areas in this troubled region are now havens for rare wildlife once more," he said.

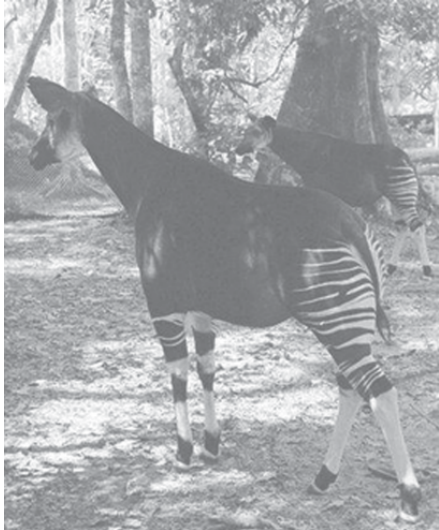
The animal's eastern Congo home has been the scene of incessant conflict including a brutal civil war that erupted in 1998 and then escalated to engulf several other African states at a cost of millions of lives.

The Congo hopes to put the bloodshed and chaos behind when it holds its first free elections in four decades next month, but marauding rebels and militia continue to fight on in the remote east.

"Except for mountain gorillas, which have shown an increase in population due to important conservation efforts, most wildlife in the park (Virunga) have heavily suffered from poaching," said WWF.

"The population of hippopotamus, for example, has dropped from 29,000 in the mid-1970s to less than 1,000 today," it said.

Internet



Okapis are seen in the Ituri forest in the Congo in an undated file photo. Delighted conservationists said on Friday that they had found conclusive proof of the existence of a rare giraffe-like creature in Congo's Virunga National Park that has defied the odds of survival in a region battered by savage conflict.—INTERNET



South Korean pop group Jewelry performs at a concert in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City, on 8 June, 2006. — INTERNET

UNESCO to help Indonesia rehabilitate temples

JAKARTA, 8 June — The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has made commitment to help funding rehabilitation of several ancient temples damaged in a massive earthquake hitting Yogyakarta and parts of Central Java Province on 27 May. "UNESCO has been committed to assisting us in seeking

fund sources to finance rehabilitation of damaged temples, especially the Prambanan Temple," Antara news agency quoted Culture and Tourism Minister Jero Wacik as saying in resort island Bali on Wednesday.

The recent quake damaged a number of temples, including the Prambanan Temple, Indonesia's biggest and most beautiful ancient Hindu temple located in Central Java, and it needs a lot of money to rehabilitate them, the minister said.

The UN body had provided financial aid for field inspection by, among other things, using X-ray to identify the extent to which the quake-affected temples had been damaged in Yogyakarta and Central Java, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Cell phone saves immigrants lost in Arizona desert

MEXICO CITY, 8 June — A group of stranded illegal immigrants facing death in the parched Arizona desert saved themselves by using a cell phone to call rescue services, the US Border Patrol said.

The group of eight Mexicans got lost in the desert southeast of Tacna, Arizona, and called for help early on Wednesday after their guides abandoned them during a two-day trek across the border from Mexico.

Disoriented and without food or water, they used a cell phone to dial 911. Rescuers dispatched helicopters and located the group shortly before dawn, the Yuma Sector of the US Border Patrol said in a statement.

President George W Bush visited Yuma on Tuesday as part of a tour to drum up support for an immigration overhaul that seeks to give millions of illegal immigrants a pathway to US citizenship and tighten security on the Mexico border.

Arizona is the principal route for mostly Mexican migrants seeking a new life in the United States. Last year more than 260 died trekking north over the desert, where summer temperatures reach highs of around 120 degrees F (49 C).

This year, the Border Patrol has stepped up flights over the scorching, cactus-strewn wastes in a bid to save more lives. So far agents have rescued 309 migrants in the Yuma area since 1 October, up from 203 in the same period a year earlier.

"This summer we are not going to be caught off guard... we are definitely better prepared," said Richard Hays, the Border Patrol's spokesman in Yuma.

The number of recorded migrant deaths in the desert state has dropped to 107 in the eight months since October from 124 in the same period a year earlier, Border Patrol figures show. — MNA/Reuters

China, Denmark launch wind energy development programme

BEIJING, 8 June — China and Denmark on Wednesday launched a wind energy programme, which will be financed by a Danish grant of 45 million Danish Kronur (about 60 million yuan) over the next three years.

In an agreement signed on Wednesday, the Danish aid will be used to help China improve its technological and management capacity in wind power development, and to help local authorities develop their own wind energy development plans. Denmark is leading the world in wind energy development. It has sophisticated wind energy technologies and windmills account for 23 per cent of its electricity installed capacity.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony, Zhang Guobao, deputy head of the China National Development and Reform Commission said China's wind energy capacity has been increasing rapidly in recent years as renewable

energy is taking greater importance in the country's energy strategy.

In 2005 alone, China's installed capacity for wind electricity increased by

500,000 kilowatts, compared to a total of 780,000 kilowatts added in the past two or three decades, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



MV Ocean Seraya, a damaged Panama-registered vessel, is seen stranded off the Karwar coast 110km (69 miles) south of the Indian state of Goa, on 7 June, 2006. An oil slick from the cargo ship that sank off India's coast is threatening popular tourist beaches in the southern resort state of Goa, environmentalists said on Tuesday. —INTERNET

SPORTS

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

Saturday, 10 June 2006

England v Paraguay, 19:30 MST

Trinidad and Tobago v Sweden, 22:30 MST

Sunday, 11 June 2006

Argentina v Ivory Coast, 1:30 MST



General view of the World Cup stadium in Munich, Germany, during sunset, on 8 June, 2006. The stadium will host the opening match of the 2006 Soccer World Cup in Germany between Germany and Costa Rica on 9 June, 2006.—INTERNET

England ready to send World Cup warning

BUHLERTAL (Germany), 9 June — David Beckham and Steven Gerrard believe England will send the rest of the World Cup a message by beating Paraguay in Saturday's Group B opener.

England, who have often struggled at the beginning of tournaments, will go into the game in Frankfurt as one of the favourites to lift the trophy on July 9. Asked about a winning

start, Gerrard told a news conference on Thursday: "It sends the right message throughout the tournament. It's important to get off to a good start, build on that and win the group.

"We need to let everyone know we're here to win it, not just to take part."

Skilful on the ball and hard to break down, Paraguay have reached the second round at the last two World Cups and will be no pushover for Sven-Goran Eriksson's men.

"I think they're going to be tricky opposition,"

Gerrard said. "They've got match winners and they're going to be very good technically. "But we've got to concentrate on what we're going to do — and we're confident we can win on Saturday.

"All the players realize there's massive expectation back home. All the supporters and the media expect us to go all the way and the players are really confident we can deliver this time round."

Beckham also believes England have the self-confidence needed to match

their fans' hopes and win their first trophy since the 1966 World Cup.

"These players can handle expectation," said the England captain. "They've done it week in, week out for their clubs and been in huge competitions and huge games — and they've all won trophies.

"We all know what the expectations are in our country and rightly so because we've got some of the best young talent and some of the best experienced players in the world.

MNA/Reuters

Jordan's shot wins greatest playoff moment

WASHINGTON, 9 June —

Michael Jordan's shot that won Game 6 of the 1998 NBA finals has been selected as the greatest moment in playoff history.

The shot, which clinched the Chicago Bulls' sixth championship, topped the fan voting on NBA.com. The results were revealed Tuesday on NBA TV. A panel of basketball experts, comprised of journalists and NBA legends, were invited to select the top 60 greatest playoff moments. The panelists' selection of the top 10 was posted on NBA.com in chronological order.

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Former FIFA President Joao Havelange (L) speaks after FIFA President Sepp Blatter confers a medal on him during the opening ceremony of the two-day 56th FIFA congress in Munich, Germany, on 7 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Spain claim 2-1 comeback win over Croatia

GENEVA, 9 June — A classy extra-time goal from striker Fernando Torres and a free kick by debutant Mariano Pernia earned Spain a 2-1 victory over fellow World Cup qualifiers Croatia in their final warm-up match on Wednesday.

Spain went behind when centre back Pablo Ibanez nodded the ball into his own net in the 14th minute.

Pernia, called up to the squad as a replacement for

the injured Asier del Horno, equalized when his miscued free kick went through a forest of defenders and crept in at the far post on 62 minutes.

Torres had a penalty saved by Stipe Pletikosa after 75 minutes before atoning with a fine individual goal in stoppage time to allow Spain to stretch their unbeaten record to 22 matches.

"I'm pleased with the way we came back from the two setbacks of the

own goal and the missed penalty," Aragonés told reporters.

"These are the sort of things that can happen in the World Cup and it shows the team is convinced it can win."

Aragonés chose not to use his preferred 4-3-3 system and solved his side's lack of punch up front by deploying Jose Antonio Reyes and Joaquin in a 4-4-2.

MNA/Reuters

Shevchenko scores on Ukraine return

LUXEMBOURG, 9 June — Ukraine captain Andriy Shevchenko gave his side a huge World Cup boost on Thursday, scoring as a second-half substitute in his first game for a month out with a knee injury.

Shevchenko, the 2004 European Player of the Year, featured for 30 minutes as Ukraine defeated Luxembourg 3-0 in their final warm-up.

The 29-year-old, one of the most feared strikers in world football, appeared to show no ill effects from the injury, sustained while playing for AC Milan, which has forced him to miss friendlies against Costa Rica, Italy and Libya.

He tapped in the easiest of chances from a deflected pass as Ukraine scored twice in the final seven minutes for a somewhat flattering victory against a team ranked 152nd in the world.

Shevchenko entered the fray just minutes after pony-tailed striker Andriy Voronin, also a substitute, had broken the deadlock after an insipid first half at the Stade Jose Barthel.

Voronin despatched a clinical right-foot shot past Jonathan Joubert to cheer a 100-strong band of Ukraine fans who had grown frustrated by their side's lacklustre opening 45 minutes.

Another substitute, Maxim Kalinichenko, added a third goal as Luxembourg tired.

World Cup debutants Ukraine open their Group H campaign on June 14 against Spain in Leipzig.

MNA/Reuters



Levi Leipheimer of the US, is followed by Denis Menchov of Russia as they climb the Mont Ventoux pass during the 4th stage of the Dauphine Libere cycling race between Tain l'Hermitage and Le Mont Ventoux, southeastern France, on 8 June, 2006. Denis Menchov of Russia won the stage and Levi Leipheimer of the US took the yellow jersey of overall leader.—INTERNET

Australia beat Liechtenstein 3-1 friendly

ULM (Germany), 9 June — Australia rounded off their World Cup preparations with a scrappy 3-1 win over Liechtenstein at the Ulmer Donaustadion in southern Germany on Wednesday.

The Socceroos were always in control of the match, dominating possession from the opening whistle, but squandered a series of scoring opportunities and needed late goals from Josh Kennedy and John Aloisi to seal victory.

The match failed to hit any great heights and provided few real clues into Australia's plans for their opening World Cup match against Japan on June 12.

Coach Guus Hiddink made six changes to the side that started last weekend's 1-1 draw with the Netherlands, resting captain Mark Viduka and substituting Harry Kewell after 53 minutes.

Hiddink will be concerned about the way in which the European minnows managed to expose problems in the Australian defence.

The Socceroos gifted Liechtenstein an own goal in the seventh minute when Lucas Neill headed a seemingly innocuous free kick past a sprawling Zeljko Kalac into the back of his own net. They almost leaked another after a mix-up between defender Tony Popovic and his goalkeeper.

Australia equalized in the 19th minute when Stan Lazaridis broke free down the left side and fired in a low cross that Mile Sterjovski was able to poke in and sealed victory with two more goals in the second half.

Kennedy, a towering striker who was a surprise selection in the squad, showed why he could loom as Australia's trump card against the Japanese when he climbed above two defenders to head a Brett Emerton cross into the net in the 74th minute.

Australia also took the aerial route for their final goal with Sterjovski providing the cross and John Aloisi heading into the corner.

MNA/Reuters

Philippines raises alert after volcano spews ash

MANILA, 9 June — The Philippines has raised the alert level on one of its most active Volcanoes and warned residents on Thursday to stay away from the mountain after its crater belched ash clouds.

Bulusan Volcano in central Philippines spewed ash nearly two kilometres (1.2 miles) high, prompting authorities to raise the alert level to 2 from level 1 ordered

in March when ash first began flowing from its crater.

"We are seeing an increasing frequency of ash explosions," Renato Solidum, director the Phil-

ippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology told Reuters.

Solidum warned residents in Sorsogon Province not to venture within a four-kilometre (2.5-

miles) zone of the 1,559-metre volcano because of fears of sudden explosions. "We raised alert level 2 last night," he said as a measure of precaution.

At level 3 an explosion is considered possible, at level 4 it is seen as likely and at level 5, the highest alert, an eruption has occurred with lava flows or ash columns reaching 6 kilometres.

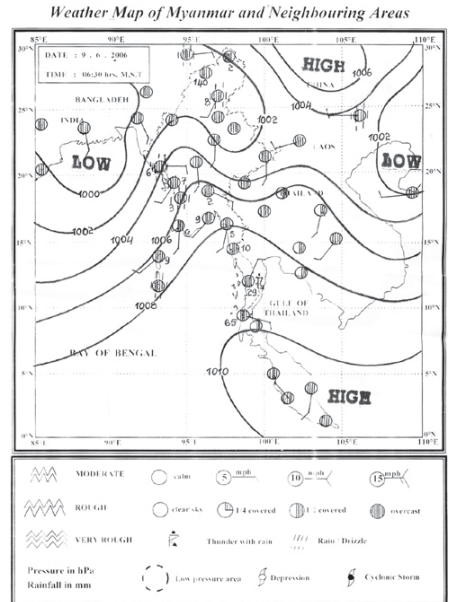
Bulusan, one of the six most active volcanoes in the Philippines, has had five ash eruptions since March.

The Philippines, like neighbouring Indonesia, lies in an area of the Pacific Basin that is vulnerable to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

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Japanese models show off World Cup mascot Goleo, showing support for their national soccer team during a campaign in Tokyo, on 9 June, 2006. Japan will play in group F against Brazil, Croatia, and Australia during the first round of the upcoming 2006 Soccer World Cup in Germany.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Friday, 9 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Chin State, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (6.38) inches, Hkamti (5.51) inches, Thaton (3.90) inches, Hpa-an (3.43) inches, Kawthong (2.56) inches and Nay Pyi Taw (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-6-2006 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 9-6-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 9-6-2006 was (85%). Total sunshine hours on 8-6-2006 was (1.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 9-6-2006 were (0.32) inch at Mingaladon, (0.35) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (18.23) inches at Mingaladon, (24.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (26.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 8-6-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the North and Central Bay and generally moderate in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10-6-2006: Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Chin and Shan States, Bago and Ayeyawady Division and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times 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: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 10-6-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 10-6-2006: One or two rain with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 10-6-2006: Likelihood isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of June 2006: Durin the coming weekend rain will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division and widespread in Yangon Division.



Saturday, 10 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -It's gootta to be you
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Anyman of mine
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Hold me
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Come undone
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music -The sound of goodbye
- Goodbye to love
- If I can't Love you
- 9:00pm ASEAN news review
- Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- Nayone, the month of religious Examination festival
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs
- He thinks I still came
- Day after day
- It's nous or never
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

<p>Saturday, 10 June View on today</p>	<p>7:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ဓမ္မဗုဒ္ဓနှင့် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော် တော်ဆောင်ရွက်အစီအစဉ်အရ အစီအစဉ်အရသာသနာတော်အား တီထွင်ရေးရာဗုဒ္ဓဘာသာဝါဒီက ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် <p>7:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. တီထွင်ရေးရာ ဓမ္မဘာသာဝါဒီက အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော် <p>7:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Morning news <p>7:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့ တွဲဖက်အဖွဲ့တော်ဆောင်၊ မကျေးတိုင်း၊ ပခုက္ကူ ခြံ၊ မဟာသီဟသူရာမထိုက်၊ ပဓာန နာယက ဆရာတော် အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဓာတ်ကဓမ္မဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစာရ ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော "ချမ်းသာ ငြိမ်းအေးအမြိုက်ဆေး" တရားတော် <p>8:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Nice and sweet song <p>8:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. International news <p>8:45 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Grammar made easy <p>11:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martial song 	<p>11:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Musical programme <p>11:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. News <p>11:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Games for children <p>12:05 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Round up of the week's TV local news <p>12:20 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon" <p>12:40 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆည်းဆာ" (အပိုင်း-၂) <p>1:20 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ပရောဇာတပဒေသာ <p>1:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. လောကနီတိ(၄) "လှပခြင်းအမိမှာယ်" (အကယ်ဒမီစင်ပိုင်၊ နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ စုချစ်စော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးခင်စော်) <p>2:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Dance of national races <p>2:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. "မနိုင်းသောအနွဲ့" (ဟတ်ကတ်၊ စင်ရဲထက်၊ နိုင်းသင်းကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အေးလမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး) <p>2:25 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>2:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. ဝိုင်ကွိုရေထိန်းတမ်း <p>2:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. International news <p>4:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martial songs <p>4:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit 	<p>4:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. ဓမ္မဗုဒ္ဓတရားအစီအစဉ် <p>4:40 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ခုတ်ယူနစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ) <p>4:55 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Musical programme <p>5:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Games for children <p>5:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. ဘက်စုံဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စည်ပင် ရှမ်းပြည်မြောက်အေဒါကျေးလက် တစ်ရပ် (အပိုင်း-၁) <p>5:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. မြန်မာ့အနုပညာလက်ရာထင်ရှား ကြည့်ရှုဖွယ်ရာ နှီးဘုရားဇာတ်ပဒေသာ <p>6:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Evening news <p>6:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Weather report <p>6:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Discovery <p>6:50 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူစင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၃) <p>7:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင် ဉာဏိသာရ၏ နယုန်လပြည့် မဟာသမယ ကြီးကျယ် ထူးခြားသည့် အခါတော်နေ့ <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. News <p>8:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. International news <p>8:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Weather report <p>8:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်း-၅၁) <p>8:55 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မတ္တာဘဝနာ ပြားပွားခြင်း တရားတော် <p>9:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. The next day's programme
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Prime Minister sends felicitations to Portuguese Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jose Socrates Carvalho Pinto De Sousa, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June, 2006. — MNA

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Locals to grow physic nut plants on vacant land on manageable scale for earning surplus income

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development of Myitta in Dawei District

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended the physic nut plant growing ceremony in Myitta of Dawei District on 6 June morning after meeting with staff officers at Dawei Station.

On the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that all the countries are seeking various ways and means to solve problems on shortage of fuel. Therefore, all the people are to place emphasis on cultivation of physic nut plants to extract bio-diesel. As physic nut seeds fetch good price at the market, the locals are to grow physic nut plants on va-



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meeting with departmental officials and townsenders at Dawei District's Myitta. — MNA

cant land on a manageable scale for earning surplus income.

In Taninthayi Division, the cultivation of physic nut plants is being carried out as a national duty. A total of 181.46 acres of land have been put under physic nut plants

in Myeik District, 337.96 acres in Dawei District, and 638.75 acres in Kawthoung District.

While in Myitta, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected development of Myitta Town and the police station.

In meeting with

departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at the office of Myitta Town General Administration Department, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that departmental personnel are to make efforts for uplift of living standard of the local people. For ensuring local food sufficiency and surplus food of the town, local people and social organizations

are to reclaim vacant and virgin lands for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, rubber, oil palm and pepper. In doing so, departmental personnel are to provide necessary assistance and technologies to the local farmers. And, emphasis is to be placed on development of Myitta Town through urbanization of Taungthonlon Village and growing of double crops

and seasonal crops on fallow and virgin lands.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented cash assistance for Myitta Station Hospital, the education officer office and the police station to Dr Aung Zaw Latt and officials.

After inspecting Myitta Town, they went back to Dawei. Afterwards, they left Dawei and arrived back Yangon in the afternoon. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents a physic nut sapling to a member of a social organization. — MNA

Germany 4-2 Costa Rica

MUNICH, 9 June—Brilliant strikes from Philip Lahm and Torsten Frings lit up the opening match of the World Cup as hosts Germany won in entertaining style.

Lahm's stunning sixth-minute drive from distance put Germany ahead, but Paulo Wanchope slid home to level.

Miroslav Klose converted from close range, then followed up his own header to put the home team 3-1 ahead.

Wanchope produced a smart finish to give Costa Rica hope, but Frings' sensational 30-yarder sealed victory. It was the perfect start for Germany coach Jurgen Klinsmann, whose side triumphed in the highest-scoring opening match in World Cup history. — Internet



Germany's Philip Lahm (R) celebrates his goal against Costa Rica with team mates Torsten Frings (C) and Bastian Schweinsteiger during their Group A World Cup 2006 soccer match.

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Myanmar women have enjoyed the rights traditionally in the religious, economic, political and social fields. Since the mid-20th Century, Myanmar women have fully enjoyed political rights or fundamental rights of citizens including the rights to vote and to be voted. Moreover, they have an access to the right to profess the religion of their choice.