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Graduates continuously produced from university and colleges in Kayin State and human resources have already been in better position

Government has already made arrangements to open high schools according to the situation of villages in far-flung areas

Government has kept open door to peace to be free from terrorists and to have national reconsolidation, stability of State and development of nation



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses opening of the main building at Government Computer College (Hpa-an). — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an opening address at the inauguration ceremony of Government Computer College (Hpa-an) this morning after planting a tree to mark its opening ceremony.

Accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein left Nay Pyi Taw yesterday noon by special aircraft and arrived at Mawlamyine Airport in the afternoon.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command

Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, senior military officers and departmental officials.

Next, the Secre-

tary-1 and party proceeded to Hpa-an by car and inspected thriving paddy plantation along both sides

of the road and regional development. They arrived at Zwegabin Yeiktha in the evening.

This morning, the Secretary-1 attended the ceremony to inaugurate Government Computer

College (Hpa-an) in Hpa-kat Model Village in Hpa-an Township. (See page 8)



The newly opened main building of Government Computer College (Hpa-an). — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar women with fine tradition

Myanmar society was formed on the basis of parents and offspring who have been living in unity and amity for life. Mother takes charge of the management affairs on equal terms with father in every Myanmar family.

Myanmar women enjoy equal rights in education, health, social and economic sectors. In Myanmar society, there have been the traditions of mutual trust, mutual understanding and mutual respect between men and women.

In the course of Myanmar history, Myanmar women took part in the national affairs at the risk of their lives. And they promoted national prestige and integrity and preserved and safeguarded cultural heritage and national character.

Myanmar women not only enjoy equal rights with men but also have had a fine tradition of working shoulder to shoulder with men in serving the national interests since yore. Educated and cultured Myanmar women are models where preservation of their race and national character is concerned. They have safeguarded the nation and enhanced its image in successive eras.

Out of Myanmar population of over 54 million, the number of Myanmar women is over 27 million. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation represents the entire mass of Myanmar women. It was formed with the aim of developing their life, and at present it has more than 2.2 million members. And its new membership is now on the increase all the more.

In cooperation with the government, social organizations and the people, the MWAF is taking the lead in improving the social and economic status of women while they are engaged in development of education and health sectors as well as preventing violence against women and rehabilitation.

Myanmar women under the leadership of the MWAF are serving the national interest with Union Spirit, nationalism and spirit to serve the interest of the people.

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Oppose Those Relying

- * 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

Freshers welcomed to ITBMU for 2006-2007 academic year



Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gives Ovadakatha at the graduation ceremony for 2005-06 academic year and fresher welcome ceremony for 2006-07 of ITBMU. — MNA

YANGON, 10 June — The International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University held its seventh ceremony to confer diploma (Buddha Dhamma) for 2005-2006 academic year along with fresher welcome for 2006-2007 academic year at the university in Mayangon Township, this morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Chancellor Sayadaw of the university Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and members of the Sangha.

It was also attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, adviser to the ministry U Arnt Maung, Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, Pro-Rector (Admin) of the university Dr Myint Kyi, guests and officials.

In his speech, the Magway Sayadaw said that now the university has opened Buddha Dhamma

Diploma courses, BA (A), BA (B), MA (A), MA (B) and MA (Thesis) courses. The Sayadaws (Academic) and professor Sayadaws are making efforts to open PhD course. So far, 455 students have completed diploma course and 208 students, BA (Buddha Dhamma).

Now, necessary measures are being taken for the university to be on a par with an international level university, he said.

He called for sustained and collaborative efforts to ensure sustainable progress of the university.

Rector Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Dr Nanda Malabhivamsa presented diploma certificates to the students. He also presented velvet fans stated with the university emblem to fresher monks and nuns, and towels to fresher lay persons.

The rector Sayadaw delivered Ovadakatha and Sammodaniya Sandesakatha.

MNA

Sales drive of Brand's Chicken Essence, Bird Nest Soup marked



A staff of Brand's Chicken Essence and Bird Nest Soup presents lucky draw prize to Ma Yi Yi Win. — MNA

YANGON, 10 June — A ceremony to mark the successful sales drive of Brand's Chicken Essence and Bird Nest Soup was held at Sedona Hotel, here, this evening.

Invited guests, sales agents and merchants attended the ceremony.

A lucky draw programme took place and the winners were given prizes.

TV advertising of Brand's Chicken Essence was explained to those present at the ceremony. It was followed by entertainment programme and dinner party. — MNA

APC of Japan meets UMFCCI responsible persons

YANGON, 9 June — Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Thaug Tin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members and executives of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met a 15-member Investment Mission led by Assistant Director Mr Santoshi Sadatani of the ASEAN Promotion Centre (APC) and party at its office on 7 June morning.

They held discussions on boosting trade, investment and tourism industry, close cooperation in computer studies and information technology, and opportunities for garment industry. They coordinated matters related to pulse and beans exports.

MNA



UMFCCI responsible persons meet with Japanese guests. — UMFCCI

China calls for positive response to proposals on Iran N-issue

BELING, 9 June — China on Thursday called for positive response to the proposals agreed by the five UN Security Council permanent members and Germany on solution to Iran's nuclear issue.

"We hope the proposals will receive positive response from all the parties concerned so that negotiations will be resumed soon," Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao told a news briefing, describing the

proposals as an "important foundation" for the issue's solution.

Meanwhile, Liu confirmed at the briefing that Iran's President Mahmud Ahmadinejad will come to China to attend the Shanghai

Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit slated for June 15 in Shanghai.

Iran, together with Mongolia, Pakistan and India, are SCO observers.

Liu said Hu will hold bilateral meetings with the presidents of the SCO member states and observers on the sidelines of the summit, including Ahmadinejad. The spokesman said China had discussed Iran's nuclear issue with the country in the past and will continue to do so in the future to improve mutual understanding.

"China will continue to make positive efforts to help peacefully solve the Iran nuclear issue through negotiations," Liu said.

MNA/Xinhua

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The Suphannahongse Royal State Barge cruises past the Grand Palace on the Chaophaya River in Bangkok, Thailand during the final rehearsal of the Royal Barge Procession on 9 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Security alert at British Parliament after powder thrown

LONDON, 9 June — The British Parliament was briefly sealed off in a security alert on Wednesday after a man

threw powder in a public area of the building, police said. "A man spread an unidentified substance in the central lobby. He has

been detained at the scene while inquiries continue," police said in a statement.

Doors to the historic building were briefly sealed while police investigated, but the alert was called off within an hour after police decided the substance was harmless.

One police officer said there had been fears the powder was anthrax but a member of Parliament said later he had heard it was flour.

"Somebody we think had a grievance threw some powder in the central lobby. No one is allowed in or out while we check this," a uniformed police officer on duty at Parliament told Reuters during the security alert.

MNA/Reuters



Yuri Shirahane performs as Queen Marie-Antoinette during the Takarazuka theatre's "The Rose of Versailles" final rehearsal in Tokyo in February 2006. The Takarazuka Revue, which has performed for nearly a century starring young single women, has drawn generations of devoted, yet decidedly mild-mannered, fans. —INTERNET

US cargo plane crashes onto runway at Colombian airport

BOGOTA, 9 June — A US cargo plane crashed onto the runway on Wednesday while taking off from an airport in Colombia's northwestern province of Antioquia. No casualties were reported.

The Boeing 747 plane was badly damaged from the crash which was caused by engine failure at the Rionegro Airport, but none of the five crew members was injured, Colombian aviation officials told reporters.

The airport was closed for several hours after the accident involving the US Trade Wind Cargo plane, which was carrying flowers and destined for the US city of Miami. It was the second such incident with a US cargo plane in the past two years. A fully loaded DC-20 cargo plane of the US Arrow Airlines crashed on takeoff at Nicaragua's capital airport on 4 June, 2005, also with no casualties. — MNA/Xinhua

Minister wants patriotism lessons for Polish children

WARSAW, 9 June — Polish Education

Minister Roman Giertych wants to introduce mandatory patriotism lessons to school children to help reduce the flood of Poles leaving home for higher-paying jobs in richer European states.

"People will be proud of being Polish, so that they will want to live and work in Poland, not abroad. And so they will be willing to make sacrifices for their nation," Giertych was quoted as saying on Wednesday by right wing daily Nasz

Dziennik.

Giertych leads the fringe nationalist party League of Polish Families that joined the government in May.

Since Poland joined the European Union in 2004, estimates show as many as a million Poles — roughly 5 per cent of the population — have left for work in richer EU states, attracted by higher wages and the lack of job prospects in Poland where unemployment runs at 17 per cent.

MNA/Reuters



Early morning smog shrouds cooling towers of a power plant in the coastal South African city of Cape Town before dawn on 8 June, 2006. Industrial pollution, winter fires and vehicle emissions combined with a lack of cleansing winds are thought to contribute to the city's seasonal brown haze.

INTERNET

Austria confiscates illegal cigarette factory

VIENNA, 9 June — The Austrian judicial authorities confiscated an illegal cigarette factory in the suburb of Salzburg, Austria, local media reported on Wednesday.

The equipment of the illegal factory has been captured and the ringleader of the criminal group has been arrested. "It's the first time in Austria to find the illegal cigarette factory," the judicial authorities was cited as saying by local media.

Engaged in illegal production for at least one year, the factory has produced about 4 million cartons of cigarettes.

The group smuggled the illegal cigarettes into Britain, France and Germany.

MNA/Xinhua



Indonesia's Mount Merapi volcano spews thick smoke near the ancient city of Yogyakarta on 9 June, 2006. —INTERNET



Sean Connery (L) and wife Micheline arrive at the American Film Institute's 'AFI Life Achievement Award, A Tribute to Sir Sean Connery' taping in Hollywood on 8 June, 2006. The show that honored Connery's long career will be telecast on the USA Network cable channel on 21 June. — INTERNET

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Laos elects State President, PM, NA Chairman

HANOI, 9 June — The National Assembly (NA) of Laos on Thursday elected General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Choummaly Sayasone new state president, and member of the party's Political Bureau Bouasone Boupavanh Prime Minister.

At the first session of the 6th NA which opened

Thursday morning, delegates also elected the bureau's member Thongsing Thammavong the chairman of the 6th tenure NA, according to Laos' news agency KPL.

The delegates elected a Vice-State President, four deputy prime

ministers and two vice-NA chairpersons. They approved the structure of the Lao Government, which includes 16 ministries and agencies equivalent to ministries, and elected the NA's nine-member standing committee.—MNA/Xinhua

Canada slams "ignorant" US comments on security

OTTAWA, 10 June — Canada's Government and main opposition party united on Friday to condemn "completely uninformed and ignorant remarks" by a US member of Congress who said Canada was a breeding ground for terrorists.

Last week police in and around Toronto arrested 17 Muslim men, five of whom are under the age of 18. Several of them are charged with plotting bombings in major Canadian cities and training militants.

John Hostettler, chairman of the House of Representatives subcommittee on immigration and border security, said on Thursday that Canada "hosts an abundance of terrorists and as many as 50 terrorist organizations".

Bill Graham, head of Canada's main opposition Liberal Party, asked in Parliament what the government was doing to "stand up to these unjustified and abusive attacks on Canada, making sure that the American media and the politicians understand and speak the truth?"

Jason Kenny, parliamentary secretary to Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper, described Hostettler as misinformed and called on him to withdraw the comments.

"I join with the leader of the opposition in repudiating those completely uninformed and ignorant remarks that we heard yesterday," he replied.

Hostettler also lashed

out at "South Toronto", which he said was "the type of enclave that allows for this radical type of discussion to go on".

Toronto is Canada's largest city, but there is no area known as "South Toronto". Crimes rates in the southern part of the city — which lies on the north shore of Lake Ontario — are relatively low.

Hostettler's comments alarmed Canadian

politicians, who are trying to persuade US lawmakers to delay a law that would require all Canadian citizens crossing into the United States to carry a passport or a sophisticated identity card.

Canadian and US communities along the border fear the rules — due to come into effect on 1 January, 2008 — could damage a lucrative cross-border trade.

MNA/Reuters



Corey Rossi, district supervisor for the US Department of Agriculture's wildlife services in Alaska, right, and Gail Keirn collect fecal samples to test for bird flu from geese hunted by Alaska Natives in Barrow, Alaska, on 5 June, 2006.

INTERNET

Sleepy workers costing billions in Japan

TOKYO, 9 June — Japan's corporate warriors aren't getting enough sleep — and it's costing the country billions. In the country that gave the world the word "karoshi," or death from overwork, drowsy employees turning up late, taking days off or struggling to stay awake on the job are causing economic losses of some \$30 billion a year, according to a survey.

"The idea is to raise awareness of the problem," said Makoto Uchiyama, professor and chairman of the department of neuropsychiatry at Nihon University School of Medicine, who conducted the survey.

"Not everyone who is sleepy at work is lazy. It's hard to tell your boss that you are sleepy, but ignoring the problem can lead to losses in the long run."

Japanese routinely work long hours, as much from cultural constraints on leaving before colleagues as from volume of work. Suited salarymen napping, often standing up, are a common sight on crowded commuter trains. The survey questioned some 3,075 workers at a chemical company on their sleeping and working habits for a month. —Internet



Rescue crew look for two missing workers at a construction site which collapsed in Xiuning County, east China's Anhui Province on 8 June, 2006.

INTERNET



An Indian model in Brazilian flag colored outfit takes part in a fashion show at the screening of the first match of World Cup football at the German Embassy in New Delhi, India, on 9 June, 2006.

INTERNET

2,492 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 9 June — As of Friday, 9 June, 2006, at least 2,492 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 1,960 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is four more than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 am EDT.

The British military has reported 113 deaths; Italy, 32; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, Denmark three; El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, one death each.

Internet

Bangladesh ferry sinks in storm, 17 dead

DHAKA, 9 June — An overloaded ferry sank during a storm in the Bay of Bengal on Thursday, killing at least 17 people, Bangladeshi police said.

They said the wooden vessel was carrying about 60 people when it went down off the Chittagong coast.

"The ferry MV *Imrul Kais* was overloaded with passengers and cargo when the storm struck on its way to Chittagong from the Swandwip Island," said a police officer in Chittagong, 300 kilometres (187 miles) from the capital Dhaka. Some people managed to swim ashore but the search was continuing for 15 missing, he said. —MNA/Reuters

Respiratory virus cases on rise in western US

NEW YORK, 9 June — Between January and March of this year, health departments from Arizona, New Mexico, North Dakota, Texas, and Washington State reported an increased incidence of a respiratory viral infection, called human hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS).

Human hantavirus infection follows exposure to the virus in rodent saliva or feces.

Previous experience with early increases in hantavirus infection suggests that the total number of cases will be high throughout 2006, according to a report in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, published by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr D Engelthaler, from the Arizona Department of Health Services, and associates confirm that nine cases of human HPS were documented between January and March, six of which occurred in Arizona and New Mexico.

The years 1994 and 1999 were also characterized by

a higher incidence of HPS during the first quarter, and subsequent increases in human HPS cases. During those years, increased rainfall during the previous year had caused increased vegetative biomass, which in turn promoted increased rodent populations susceptible to Hantavirus.

MNA/Reuters



Grotty, a ten-week-old penguin, leaves the water after its first swim at London Zoo on

8 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Iran says threats will not work in any atomic talks

TEHERAN, 9 June — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Thursday threats would not work in solving a dispute over the country's nuclear programme but Iran was ready to clear up misunderstandings with the world.

Ahmadinejad's televised speech was his first public comments since proposals backed by six world powers with the aim of defusing the nuclear standoff were presented to Iran this week.

"Negotiations should take place in a fair atmosphere. If they (the international community) think they can threaten and hang a stick over the head of the Iranian nation and negotiate at the same time, they should know the Iranian nation will reject such an atmosphere," he told a rally.

"The Iranian nation will never negotiate about its certain rights with anybody," he said without specifying those rights.

Ahmadinejad and other Iranian officials have previously insisted that Iran would not give up uranium enrichment, the main demand in the package of proposals, because they say it is a national right.

MNA/Reuters

South Korea takes tough stance over US beef imports

SEOUL, 9 June — South Korea's Agriculture Minister said on Thursday his country was taking a tough stance with the United States over the resumption of beef imports, saying US processing plants must meet Seoul's standards.

South Korea pushed back its plan to resume US

beef imports to what once was the third largest market for the American product from this week until what may likely be next month, Agriculture Minister Park Hong-soo told reporters on Monday. US Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns told reporters in Washington on Wednesday it was likely a matter

of days or perhaps weeks before South Korea resumes US beef imports.

South Korea has said it cannot resume imports until US meat processors planning to send beef to South Korea can be checked by Seoul to make sure they meet safety standards set by South Korea. "We're taking a tough stance on the issue of resuming US beef imports," Park told a local radio programme on Thursday.

"I also made this clear when I met the US ambassador that South Korea cannot reopen its market to the US until all US plants meet standards required by the government," he told a KBS radio show. The ministry said on Monday its inspection of 37 US meat processors last month revealed problems, delaying the planned lifting of the ban on the import of American beef for at least a month. South Korea put the ban on US beef imports

in place in December 2003 after a reported outbreak of mad cow disease in the United States.

MNA/Reuters

Indian woman has identical quadruplets

NEW DELHI, 9 June — A 26-year-old Indian computer software programmer has delivered identical quadruplets that have thrived despite being born 10 weeks early, a news agency reported Friday.

Shruthi Vivekanandan, from the southern city of Madras, delivered the naturally conceived baby girls Aditi, Aakriti, Akshathi, Aapthi on 25 April, *Press Trust of India* said. The births were only reported Friday.

The babies weighed between 29 ounces and 34.5 ounces, said Dr Meena Thiagarajan, a neonatal expert at Apollo Hospital where the deliveries took place.

Despite being born only 29 weeks and three days after being

conceived, the babies are now healthy and swiftly gaining weight, said Dr. Siyamala, the hospital's medical services director, who uses a single name.

Identical quadruplets are exceedingly rare.

In Vivekanandan's case, the rarity was greater, the doctor said — all four umbilical chords shared the same placental vessels.

"In this medical condition, the mother carries the risk of fetal loss of all four babies at the same time," said Dr Siyamala.—Internet



Residential buildings are flooded in Minqing County, east China's Fujian Province on 7 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Hydrogen and hybrid vehicles latest better-mousetrap efforts

NEW YORK, 9 June — Six years after it unveiled its EV1 electric vehicle in 1996, General Motors hauled the cars off to an Arizona desert and pulverized them.

Why did GM crush EV1? The firm said it couldn't make any money on the product.

Critics said GM carmakers didn't want the vehicle to succeed, since a big success could so radically alter the car industry, the car parts industry, the car maintenance industry and the energy industry.

The company said it spent \$1 billion on the product. GM built just 1,134 EV1s, which it leased; 4,500 people were on a lease waiting list when GM crashed the project, says Chelsea Sexton, an EV1 sales manager at the time. The EV1 is a symbol of the obstacles faced when bringing radical inventions to market. Those obstacles are in play today as automakers develop hybrid vehicles that run on gas and electricity, or fuel-cell engines that run on hydrogen.

The internal combustion engine is 220 years old. But rising fuel prices, political uncertainties in oil-producing nations and the belief there is a finite amount of oil make alternative vehicles an important option.

"There's been incremental improvements in alternative vehicles," said Jack Plunkett, chief executive of auto industry tracker Plunkett Research. "But we need better technology."

California sparked interest in electric cars in 1990, when it mandated that 2% of vehicles sold must have zero emissions by 1998 and 10% by 2003. The state has since changed the mandate to include hybrids and alternative-fuel cars. California even installed electric charging stations to move things along. Hydrogen fuel-cell cars, meanwhile, remain in test phase. No one can say when they'll go on sale.

Hydrogen is the most abundant element, found in water, fossil fuels, methanol and natural gas. Getting energy out of it requires an electrochemical device — a fuel cell — that produces electricity. But the technology is proving to be more stubborn than hoped. At issue is how to create, transport and store the hydrogen, says Plunkett. — Internet



Astronaut Dan Tani (R) of the US undergoes a splashdown landing training session in Ukrainian Black Sea city of Sevastopol, on 9 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Bangladesh to exploit using sugarcane fibres to produce power

DHAKA, 9 June — Bangladesh's energy experts suggested immediate measures to exploit potentials of the country's 15 sugar mills to produce power alongside sugar saying they can generate nearly 200 megawatt electricity using sugarcane fibres or bagasse with minimal investment.

"The per unit production cost of power will be only 1.5 taka (one US dollar equals to about 68 taka) compared to 8 to 10 taka from diesel run plants," renewable energy expert M Fazlur Rahman was

quoted by local newspaper *The Independent* Thursday as saying.

Rahman termed the sugar mills as a "great energy resource" particularly for the energy starved northwestern region since all the 15

sugar producing units were installed in the region and they could be turned into cogeneration units with little engineering restructuring and financial involvement.

Through the cogeneration, he said, the country would save nearly four billion taka in foreign currency required to import diesel for power generation.

MNA/Xinhua



Cappuccinos made with Guatemalan coffee are served at a cafe in Guatemala City on 8 June, 2006. Growers from this Central American country expect an improved harvest one year after Hurricane Stan.—INTERNET

S Korea confirms crash of "F-15K" fighter jet

SEOUL, 9 June — South Korean Defence Ministry and the Air Force confirmed Thursday that a South Korean *F-15K* fighter jet, missing during a solo training flight Wednesday night, was found to have crashed in the East Sea (Sea of Japan).

"One *F-15K* jet, which left a Daegu air base at 7:45 pm (1045 GMT), suddenly disappeared from the Air Force radar while carrying out a nighttime mission at 8:20 pm (1120 GMT)," said a statement from the Defence Ministry and Air Force.

Wrecks of the fighter were found in the sea off the eastern coastal city of Pohang, some 350 kilometres southeast of Seoul, during a search operation by the Navy, said the Defence Ministry and the Air Force.

The two pilots onboard were still missing, the statement said.

The *F-15K*, valued at about 105 million US dollars, has been designed as South Korea's next-generation mainstream

fighter jet by the US Boeing Co.

The Boeing Co said it will cooperate with the South Korean Air Force in investigations into the crash. — MNA/Xinhua

Two foreigners sentenced to imprisonment in Ghana for drug dealings

NAIROBI, 9 June — A 52-year-old German businessman was on Wednesday sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment with hard labour by Ghana's Greater Regional Tribunal for dealing in cocaine, reported the Ghana News Agency.

Eugene Guther Bruno Frit Schellhardt pleaded not guilty to possessing

narcotic drugs without lawful authority, but the court found him guilty

after an eight-month trial.

The report said that powdery substance that tested positive of cocaine in a field test conducted in the presence of Schellhardt was found to be compressed in the sole of his shoes when he arrived at the Kotoka International Airport (KIA) in Ghana's capital of Accra on 5 October, 2005 to board British Airways flight to London. In another development, the same court convicted a 45-year-old Nigerian trader to 10 years in prison with hard labour for possessing 292 grammes of heroin. Morenkeji Nofisat Hammed pleaded guilty.

MNA/Xinhua



Indonesian workers carry stones on their heads while ash rain from mount Merapi volcano falls in Keteb village on 9 June, 2006. — INTERNET

Britain checking whether forces killed Iraqi teen

LONDON, 9 June — Britain is checking whether its troops killed a 13-year-old Iraqi when soldiers fired rubber bullets at a stone-throwing crowd in the south of the country, a Defence Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

British troops fired seven rubber bullets at a crowd of 100 people that gathered and threw rocks at troops trying to disarm a suspected roadside bomb in Maysaan Province on Wednesday, the spokesman said.

He said the troops had reported that they had hit two Iraqi youths, one aged 15, the other 16, neither of whom was killed. The troops have since heard reports that another youth, 13, had been killed.

"We are checking to see if the report is true," the spokesman said.

MNA/Reuters

Indian team begins scientific research in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 9 June — An Indian scientific exploration team has begun its research in Zimbabwe, sources with the team said on Thursday.

The team, which is on a 35,000-kilometre expedition to study seismic activity in the Indo-African region, arrived in this southern African country on Tuesday from Zambia.

The expedition team has already covered more than 19,000 kilometres on its four month whirlwind-tour passing through India, Iran, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Malawi and Zambia, the team leader Akhil Bakshi said.

The Zimbabwean Minister of Science and Technology Olivia Muchena received the 10-

member team on Wednesday in the country's capital city of Harare, saying that the Indian expedition team had come at a time when Zimbabwe had been hit by low intensity earthquakes.

Indian Ambassador to Zimbabwe Ajit Kumar said the tour strengthened the bilateral relations between the two countries, particularly in the field of science where there was a growing need for closer collaboration of scientists from the both nations.

From Zimbabwe, the team will tour Mozambique, Swaziland and South Africa.

MNA/Xinhua

China's total power installed capacity reaches 531 gigawatts

BEIJING, 9 June — China's total power installed capacity has reached 531 gigawatts, and more than 70 gigawatts of newly installed capacity is expected to be put into production this year, a senior Chinese official said here Thursday.

In the second half of the year, China's power supply and demand will be basically balanced, and retort the tight situation that has continued since June 2002, said Zhang Guobao, Vice-Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

According to Zhang, about 250 gigawatts of power station projects are under construction in

China. The newly installed capacity amounted to 22.39 gigawatts from January to April this year, and a total installed

capacity of 29.55 gigawatts projects were approved from January to May.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi woman inspects a burnt vehicle after a car bomb attack which killed six civilians and wounded 13 others in a market east of Baghdad on 9 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Child restraints safer in a crash than seat belts

NEW YORK, 10 June — In a car crash, toddlers and other young children are less likely to be killed if they ride in a booster seat or use some other type of child restraint system rather than just a seat belt, new study findings show.

“Parents should feel confident that using an age-appropriate restraint for their young child is the best thing they could do to minimize their child’s risk of death,” study co-author Dr Dennis R Durbin, of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, told *Reuters Health*.

Previous studies have found that child restraint systems are associated with a lower risk of non-fatal injury as well.

In their investigation, Durbin and his colleagues looked at national data representing nearly 965,000 children, aged two through six years, involved in two-way crashes from 1998 to 2003, in which the vehicle was afterwards non-drivable. About one of every 1,000 children died.

Fewer than half (45 per cent) of all children were in rear- or forward-facing child car seats, booster seats or other child restraint systems, the investigators report in the

Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Aftertaking the children’s seating position into consideration as well as other factors, Durbin and his team found that kids in child restraint systems had a 21-per-cent lower risk of dying than those who only used seat belts.

Further, when cases in which the child restraint system or seat belts were seriously misused were excluded from the analysis, there was an even greater benefit of child restraints: a 28-per-cent reduction in the risk of death in comparison to seat belts alone, the report indicates.

MNA/Reuters

Study shows climate change modifying animal genes

LOS ANGELES, 10 June — Evidence is piling up that climate change has led to genetic modifications in a diverse range of animals including birds, squirrels and mosquitoes, scientists said on Thursday.

These genetic changes are a result of altered seasonal events, not to the expected direct effects of increasing temperatures, according to William Bradshaw, a professor at the University of Oregon, and Christina Holzapfel, a research associate at the university.

Their findings were published on the 9 June issue of the journal *Science*.

Global warming is proceeding fastest at the most northern latitudes, resulting in longer growing seasons while simultaneously alleviating winter cold stress without imposing summer heat stress.

In short, northern climates are becoming more like those in the south, the researchers said. Because of this, animal species are extending their range toward the poles and populations have been migrating, developing or reproducing earlier, they said.

These expansions and changes have often been attributed to “phenotypic plasticity”, or the ability of individuals to modify their behaviour, morphology or

physiology in response to altered environmental conditions.

However, “phenotypic plasticity” is not the whole story. Over the past several decades, rapid climate change has led to heritable, genetic changes in animal populations, they said.

The researchers provided a number of examples of these changes: Canadian red squirrels reproducing earlier in the year; German blackcaps are migrating and arriving earlier to their nesting grounds; and North American mosquitoes living in the water-filled leaves of carnivorous plants are using shorter day lengths to cue the initiation of larval dormancy.

No studies have found genetic changes in animal populations due to the generally expected direct effects of increasing temperature, said the researchers, but over evolutionary time such changes should appear, following the genetic shifts in the timing of seasonal events, the researchers added.

MNA/Xinhua

China defends eco cooperation with Africa

BEIJING, 10 June — China’s Foreign Ministry on Friday refuted reports suggesting China’s economic cooperation with Africa is prompted by the continent’s oil resources, calling the criticism “one-sided”.

Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister He Yafei made the remarks at a Press briefing for home and overseas journalists on Premier Wen Jiabao’s upcoming offi-

cial visits to seven African countries.

Wen will pay official visits to Egypt, Ghana, the Republic of Congo, Angola, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda from 17 to 24 June.

“Some people think that energy, the import of oil, is China’s sole purpose in developing economic ties with Africa. This view is erroneous and one-sided,” He said.

China and Africa

have very comprehensive economic and trade ties. “We’ve even taken some political measures to help the African nations, including subsidies for imports to balance bilateral trade, He said.

“It fully reflects China’s sincerity,” he added.

China’s cooperation with African countries has helped improve their people’s living standards, and brought benefits to both sides, He said.

This will be Premier Wen’s second visit to Africa since he participated in a China-Africa forum in Ethiopia in December 2003. — MNA/Xinhua



An Indian army soldier from Daredevil group displays his motorcycling skill, at a defence show to celebrate 200 years of Secunderabad city, India, on 10 June, 2006. — INTERNET

17 suspected drug traffickers arrested in Colombia

BOGOTA, 10 June — Colombian anti-drug police said on Thursday they had arrested 17 suspected traffickers in a three-city operation targeting smugglers sending drugs to the United States and Europe.

The suspects, who were arrested in

Cartagena, Medellin and the capital city of Bogota, were part of a network who used human mules to send drugs on commercial flights, mostly from Bogota’s El Dorado Airport.

One of the suspects was a foreigner, who ap-

peared to be the head of the US arm of the smuggling operation.

The operation was coordinated by the country’s Attorney General’s Office. None of those captured were wanted for extradition.

MNA/Xinhua



Russian designer Valentin Yudashkin speaks at his workshop during a special fashion show for the media in Moscow, 9 June, 2006.

INTERNET

FDA approves first cervical cancer vaccine

WASHINGTON, 10 June — The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the United States on Thursday announced the approval of Gardasil, the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer.

The vaccine, which also prevents precancerous genital lesions as well as genital warts due to human papilloma virus (HPV) types 6, 11, 16 and 18, has also been approved for use in females aged between nine and 26.

Gardasil was evaluated and approved within six months under FDA’s priority review process — a process for products with potential to provide significant health benefits.

“Today is an important day for public health and for women’s health, and for our continued fight against serious life-threatening diseases like cervical cancer,” said Alex Azar, Deputy Secretary of US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The HPV is the most common sexually-transmitted infection in the United States. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 6.2 million Americans become infected with

genital HPV each year and that over half of all sexually active men and women become infected at some time in their lives.

On average, there are 9,710 new cases of cervical cancer and 3,700 deaths attributed to the disease in the United States each year.

Cervical cancer, the second most common cancer in women worldwide, is estimated to have more than 470,000 new cases and cause 233,000 deaths each year.

For most women, the body’s own defence system will clear the virus, and infected women do not develop HPV-related health problems.

However, some HPV types can cause abnormal cells on the lining of the cervix that years later can turn into cancer. And other HPV types can cause genital warts.

MNA/Xinhua



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils bronze plaque at the opening ceremony of the main building of the Government Computer College (Hpa-an). — MNA

In building a new nation, it is important for each citizen, the public and the government to do their bit in carrying out the national development tasks

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Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, ministers, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, deputy ministers, heads and diplomats of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies, media personnel, national race leaders, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, members of social organization, local national races, the Rector of Yangon University of Computer Studies and faculty members,

Principal of the college Dr Thin Thin Khaing and teachers, students, and local people.

First, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung formally opened the main building of the college.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party had a documentary photo taken together with guests, diplomats, faculty members and students in front of the main building.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Minister

U Thaung, ministers, heads and diplomats of foreign missions, and resident representatives of UN agencies planted Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) and star flowers trees at the designated places.

The Secretary-1 unveiled the bronze plaque of the main building and sprinkled scented water on it.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Minister U Thaung and officials also sprinkled scented water on it.

The ceremony to mark the opening of the GCC (Hpa-an) was held at the hall on the third floor of

the main building.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said:

May I greet, with best wishes, to responsible persons of the State, invited distinguished guests, the diplomats, the representatives from all sorts of organizations, people from all parts of Kayin State, teachers and students who have attended this ceremony "to be the auspicious time and to have peaceful and happy feeling with the development of the State.

Today, as the new splendid main building can

be opened at Hpa-an Government Computer College, there are now altogether the Hpa-an University, the Government Technological College and the Government Computer College which have been established in Kayin State. To be the highly-qualified universities and colleges with new and splendid buildings, modernized aids and curriculum for teaching, teachers and students must be in the continuous alert and active co-operation.

It is also needed that the people of our country have to create and perform the fully-qualified human resources with the existing basic educational sources, peaceful, stable, good environment and prosperous and fine economic foundations.

This is also not only

a very broad and deep part of duty for each and every citizen to their own States and the Nation but also the wish to construct their own State, their own division and their own college unremittingly and with effort in their co-operation, dutifulness from each and every person.

In building a new nation, it is important for each citizen, the public and the government to do their bit in carrying out the national development tasks.

The government that is leading the country and its people has already done its duty for the development to keep abreast of other nations by making required changes and creative construction with effort. To alter a new system and a new era smoothly, every effort is made for the progress of the political affair, the economy, the education, the health, the transportation, etc., which are the basic needs.

In doing so, the goal for the development is always pursued without discrimination against or for any single national race. It is also done according to the guidance of the Head of State who has affection onto all the ethnic groups and who wants to have the equitable development of all states and divisions and to narrow the differences in rich and poor among the regions. Therefore, it is known to all that the development of Kayin State is also brought about without fail and without missing.

Our hope for the new nation is to stand tall as an independent and sovereign nation among other nations and to have enough strength in political, economic and social sectors.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung formally open main building of GCC (Hpa-an). — MNA

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To become a new nation as we have expected, it is believed that only the effort based on peace and tranquillity, the effort of developed economy based on the business of the nationalities, the highly-qualified patriotism and the effort of human resources with Union Spirit can structure it.

That is why, our nation is constructed with our own effort in accordance with the combination and co-operation of the short and long-term plans of national economy and those of education, health and social sectors systematically.

All of these developments can be seen and observed in the exact and stable numbers as well as in the condition that cannot

specialist hospital of at least 200 beds is established in 24 special development zones existing in states and divisions.

Concerning the educational sector, in 1988, there were 33,747 basic education schools and over 5 million students, but now there are 40,525 schools and 7 million students. In the border areas, schools could not be constructed due to the lack of tranquillity.

But now, 85 primary schools, 90 middle schools and 92 high schools have already been established in those areas.

At the higher education sector, there were 32 universities and colleges in the past and there are now 156 universities and colleges, including Myanmar Maritime University, Myanmar Aerospace Engi-



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects classrooms of Government Computer College (Hpa-an). — MNA

Take part in building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic State

be refused.

In doing the 5-year short-term plan for the strength of the national economy, that of the nation has annual progress. Last year, the third of 5-year short-term plan has the progress of 12.8%. With this progress, the fourth of the 5-year short-term plan in 2006-2007 is performed as in the previous ones.

The progress of basic constructions from 1988 to up-to-date can also be seen. There are 186 dams, 215 bridges of over 180 feet length and over 5,300 miles long new roads. Concerning health sector, 631 hospitals, over 1,300 sub-rural health centres and over 11,000 doctors in 1988 are now raised into 826 hospitals, 1,456 sub-rural health centers and 17,564 doctors.

Moreover, it is arranged to fulfill and uplift the qualification of the specialist hospitals of 300 beds, the hospitals for teaching and learning, the diagnose which is kept abreast of other nations and the apparatus for operation and treatment. Especially, each

neering University, and University of Computer Studies.

In the previous period, as you have already known, Kayin State was full of inauspiciousness seen with terrorism, having no reign of laws and the people in this State had lived in the unpeaceful condition.

In the border areas of this State, schools were ruined and the entire education system had been in the lost situation. So, children were in the condition of having no chance to attend schools and to have education. Even the schools at towns were only the schools and there were no chance for children to be educated in the whole area of Kayin State.

In the recent situation, there are the gradual prevalence of law and order, stability and community in Kayin State, and so the Government has established and expended schools.

Now, there are primary schools in all the villages of Kayin State and

the children of different ethnic groups are in a position to gain education.

Therefore, nowadays, there are 1,154 primary schools, 22 post-primary schools, 77 middle schools and 35 high schools in Kayin State.

The Government has already prepared to open and expand high schools according to the situation in the villages of the border lines.

Now, not only Arts and Sciences University but also Technological College, Computer College and Education College have been established in Kayin State. Although Hpa-an in Kayin State is only about 30 miles far from Mawlamyine and it can be reached within a short time, the universities and colleges have been established and opened for youths of different ethnic groups in this area. It is the genuine affection of the Government to them in order that they can learn higher education in peace and dignity.

On account of the

goodwill of our Government and the good results, the chances to learn education have been developed. In 1988, there were 179 undergraduate students at Hpa-an College and now there are over 2,000 students of undergraduate, honours, qualifying and master courses at the University of Hpa-an.

Similarly, there are about 530 students who are doing ME degree, BE degree, B Tech degree, AGTI Diplomas and the other modules at the Government Technological College and there are about 430 students who are attending master, honours classes, including qualifying and post-graduate classes.

Hence, graduates are continuously produced from the university and colleges in Kayin State and the human resources have already been in the better positions.

From 2002 to 2006, there are about 1,200 who have been graduates including 68 students who have already gained Masters degrees and 18 students who have got Honours degree from the Hpa-an University. From the Hpa-an Technological College, 878 graduates and diploma students, including BE degree and B Tech degree. The Government Computer College of Hpa-an has also produced 754 graduates and diploma students, including B.C.Sc (Hons) and BCTech (Hons).

I would like to say

that it is the genuine kind and affection of the Head of State which lead to such good result in Kayin State.

Concerning the transportation sector, there are 5 bridges, including Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an), Gyaing (Zar-tha-byin) Bridge, Gyaing (Kawkareik) Bridge. Continually, the Attaran Bridge and Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) have been constructed so the transportation has developed until to go to Hpa-an-Mawlamyine, Myawady-Kawkareik-Hpa-an-Mawlamyine.

With this progress of transportation, Kayin State has the continual communication with Bago division, Mon State and Taninthayi Division. So, its economy and social sectors have also been developed.

Nowadays, Hpa-an has been a standard modernized city with (11,600) houses and over (50,000) population and there are the university, colleges, 200-bed hospital, modernized and standard buildings of houses, offices, markets, parks, etc, in spite of having over 600 housing, once.

Such progress has been vivid by the people of this Kayin State. However, pessimists feel jealous on those progresses and ignore them. They say that the Kayin State is declining and the Kayin nationalities are trying to flee because they are being murdered until their

race is ruined, the female nationalities being raped and human-trafficked, etc, in order that the other nations might have the false information and illusion.

In practice, developments can be vividly seen. So, the fabrications and the fact are quite obvious.

In reality, it is obviously seen that Kayin State is not developed due to the ill attempts to sow discord among national brethren and destabilize the region by internal and external elements.

It is unpleasant to see that the Kayin State is still under developed and in the hesitation to develop though the whole country is in peace and tranquillity in each region as possible as it can afford.

The terrorists are still keeping pressure onto the Kayin nationalities and those living in Kayin State. So, the State cannot be developed as much as it can.

It is time to understand the real situation for the terrorists that they are not ones who are effective for the nation as well as the nationalities and they become weaker and weaker day by day.

At the same time, it is needed to analyze the conditions of other border areas which are practically striving for their development under the peaceful political atmosphere.

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Take part in building...

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Looking at the other nations, there are examples of worse condition on account of the ill-treatment and blood-poisoning, the murdering of each other, etc.

Therefore, the Government has kept open the door to peace to be free from terrorists and to have national reconsolidation, the stability of the State and the development of the Nation.

Nevertheless, the anti-government groups are contacting with local and foreign organizations and making accusations on the Government with

make-up stories continuously in order to destabilize the country. They ignore the interests of their own nation and nationalities.

I would like to urge the people in Kayin State to strive in unity for the development, the peace and tranquillity of your own State under the kind and straight guidance of the Government.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all the nationalities in Kayin State to strive for the construction of your own State to be in peace and tranquillity, to produce the educated persons continuously from the developing basic

education, including the Hpa-an Government Computer College. Moreover, I also want to urge you all to take part in building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic State without fail.

Rector Dr Nilar Thein of Yangon University of Computer Studies reported that there was no university and college in Kayin State in 1988. In September 2001, Government Computer College (Hpa-an) was opened. The college has been combined with Yangon University of Computer Studies with the aims of turning out computer technicians from Kayin State and enabling them to serve the interest

of Kayin State.

In addition, the Technical High School was opened in September 1993, and Government Technical Institute (GTI) in August 1998, and Government Technological College in December in the year 2000. There were about 4,000 students in 1988, and over 70,000 students are pursuing education in 2006. All the faculty members are PhD and master degree holders.

On behalf of the students, post-graduate student Ma Ei Mon

Khaing of GCC (Hpa-an) expressed gratitude.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party visited the main building of the college.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party cordially greeted the faculty members and students.

The main building of the newly opened GCC (Hpa-an) measuring 491 feet by 238 feet has 35 lecture halls. It is a three-storey building at which about 3,000 students can pursue education.

The Secretary-1 and party left Mawlamyine by air and arrived back Yangon in the afternoon.

Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo. CEC members Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with executives and members of Kayin State USDA at its office in Hpa-an yesterday evening. — MNA

Factories inspected in Kyaukse

YANGON, 10 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited Winthuza shop in Meiktila and inspected the sale of products of the Ministry of Industry-1 yesterday.

The minister told officials concerned to supply goods and store them. He went to No 4 weaving workshop of Wundwin Textile Mill and inspected the production process.

The minister met officials and staff. Factory manager U Kyaw Zin Thein

reported on affairs of service personnel and financial matters.

The minister discussed realization of the targets and for the personnel to be loyal to the State. He inspected the quartzite, a kind of sandstone, in Yinzwetaung in Kyaukse.

According to the feasible study, bottles and glass can be made from quartzite. The minister also inspected plastic factory and vest the factory (Kyaukse). — MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects Plastic Factory in Kyaukse. — INDUSTRY-1

Indonesian earthquake Charity Golf Tournament 18 June

YANGON, 10 June — An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale hit Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 27 May morning killing about 6,500 people, injuring over 20,000 and leaving over 200,000 homeless.

The Embassy of Republic of Indonesia in cooperation with Hotel Union in Yangon will organize a Charity Golf Tournament at Pan Hlaing Golf Estate in Hlinethaya, Yangon, on 18 this month to support and assist the earthquake victims. The funds raised by the tournament will be used for providing relief aid to the victims.

The most immediate need for the victims are waterproof tents, food, storm lamps, electricity generators and sanitation facilities.

The Indonesian Embassy welcomes any assistance or donations which can be rendered by participating in and supporting the tournament. Donations by individuals not participating in the tournament are also welcome.

Those wishing to take part in the tournament and wellwishers may contact Mr Philemon Arobaya, Mr Elvis Haroenir Suheri and U Ko Ko Maung of Indonesian Embassy, or dial 01-254465 or 01-254468 or e-mail: kuk@kbriyangon.com.mm.

Pan Hlaing Golf Estate, Nikko Hotel, Strand Hotel, Kan Daw Gyi Hotel and Myanmar Tourism Board are sponsors, of the Charity Golf Tournament.

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Regional development inspected...

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made in Momeik. He urged officials and local people to try to reach the level on which the State relies in the economic sector as the region has rich natural resources.

He spoke at length on cultivating industrial crops, physic nut and rendering assistance to the local people and participating in the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the command-

ers visited the People's Hospital in Momeik and provided health staff with uniforms.

They also inspected development of Momeik, airfield and extension of the runway. The commanders gave supplementary reports. They attended the physic nut cultivation held at township regional battalion and Padan Village. They inspected construction of Kim Creek Bridge, inflow of water in the creek and repair of the road.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party spent the night in Mandalay. — MNA

Minister visits Hlawga Gas Turbine, power plant, District & Township MEPE

YANGON, 10 June — Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and officials, visited Hlawga Gas Turbine. Manager U Thein Zaw reported on arrival of imported machine parts and measures being taken for repair of No 1 machinery and power supply in July.

In giving instructions to officials, the minister stressed the need for timely completion of repair of the machinery and maintenance of all the machinery and parts. On arrival at Hlawga natural

gas supply camp, the minister heard a report by an official on exploration of gas from Nyaungdon and extension of off-shore gas pipe lines. After inspecting the control room, the minister went to CNG filling station No (004). There, he told officials about full supply of electric power and inspected filling of CNG.

Later, the minister and party visited Khayabin Yeikmon (2) Power Plant in Mingaladon Township and North District Myanmar Electrical Power Enterprise and Insein Township MEPE and left instructions there.

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Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint views machine parts to be used at Hlawga Gas Turbine. — MNA

Yangon Children's Hospital extends new units

YANGON, 10 June — A ceremony to open Blood Disease Unit, Renal Unit and Cancer Unit of Yangon Children Hospital was held at intensive care and outpatients unit this morning, with an address by Deputy Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of the Department of Health under the Ministry of Health.

Medical Superintendent Dr Chit Ko Tin and Head of Child Health Department Professor Dr Aye Maung Han cut the

ribbon to open the building for the units.

The building was constructed with the contributions of the public and the Health Ministry in accord with the instruction of Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

It was attended by the directors, medical superintendents, heads of departments and child specialists, wellwishers and guests.

The deputy director-general and guests inspected the newly-opened departments.

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Talks on prevention of infectious diseases held in Pynmana, Lewe Townships

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 June — With the sponsorship of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central), talks on prevention of infectious diseases were held at Kandaw Mingala Hall in Pynmana yesterday morning.

It was attended by Vice-Chairperson of MMCWA (Central) Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members, wife of commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of Pynmana District Peace and Development Council, chairman of Pynmana Township PDC, members and secretary of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, departmental officials, members of the Township Women's Affairs organizations and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, health staff, education staff and others.

Vice-Chairperson of MMCWA (Central) Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint made an opening speech on the occasion.

Next, Dr Tin Tin Aye of the Ministry of Health gave talks on diarrhoea and Assistant Director Dr Khin Mon Mon on diseases infected through mosquitoes.

CEC member of MMCWA (Central) Daw Aye Aye presented K 500,000 and necessary items for construction of fly-proof latrines, Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha medicines and medical equipment, and Assistant Director Dr Khin Mon Mon tablets to be used in treating mosquito nets for Pynmana Township through executives.

Next, Vice-Chairperson Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC member met with expectant mothers and members of the Township MCWA at the office of the Township MCWA and gave talks on health care services for expectant mothers.

In the afternoon, the vice-chairperson and executives proceeded to Lewe where they gave talks on infectious diseases.



CEC member of MMCWA Daw Aye Aye presents K 500,000 to Pynmana Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Myint Htay.

RAILWAYS

On arrival at Thirimingala Hall in Lewe, CEC member of MMCWA (Central) Daw Aye Aye presented medicines and medical equipment, CEC member Daw Khin Than Win K 500,000 and necessary items for construction of fly-proof latrines and Assistant Director Dr Khin Mon Mon tablets to be used in treating mosquito nets through responsible persons.

At the office of Lewe Township MCWA, they met with members of the Township MCWA and expectant mothers, and gave talks on health care services for expectant mothers and education and health of pre-primary school children.

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Ceremony to mark telecasting of 2006 World Cup held

YANGON, 10 June — A ceremony to mark telecasting of the fixtures of 2006 World Cup Germany on Myawady TV sponsored by Yangon Entertainment was held at Traders Hotel this evening.

Managing Director U Hla Win of Yangon Entertainment extended greetings. Admin Manager U Ko Ko Oo explained the broadcast of the matches.

Co-sponsors of the broadcast are Lolane Hair and Skin Care (Grand Wynn Enterprise Ltd) and Gold Roast Coffee Mix (Myanmar Distribution Group).

Those wishing to put commercials on the Myawady TV are to contact Yangon Entertainment Co Ltd, No 40, 67th street, Botahtaung Township, (Tel: 294045, 290170, 291318. — MNA



Managing Director U Hla Win of Yangon Entertainment extends greetings at the launching of TV coverage on 2006 World Cup Germany. — MNA

The Pride of Our Myanmar Women

- * The strength of our Myanmar solidarity
Has been organized in strength
In the history of our Myanmar
We take pride with tradition
Each with her fortitude
With hands joined for journey ahead
Pay attention to solidarity
- * For the progress of life of Myanmar women
We give strength through encouragement
Various forms of culture
Health and economics
We think ahead and lead
We do not hesitate
- * For prevention of terrorism
We add strength and act
Women mass enjoined
Thus we've raised human stand
The pride of Myanmar
We must raise and safeguard
With patriotic fervour
Good omen spreads far and wide
- * The tenure is ten
Yet history stands anew
With hand held unbroken
The link is ever widened
The hold is ever grand
The base of marker is strong
Hands joined in solidarity
In urgency blood speaks
The strength of solidarity
Must be boosted and honoured

Hmwe Nge Nge (Trs)
In honour of Myanmar Women's
Day, 3 July 2006

Prizes distributed to sales agents



A staff of Unique Innovative Trading Co Ltd gives prize to an outstanding sale agent.

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YANGON, 10 June — A ceremony to distribute prizes to the sale agents who sold most the Jotun Paints developed by Unique Innovative Trading Co Ltd took place at Shan Kan Restaurant in Kandawmingalar Garden at noon today.

Director U Ko Ko Lay of Unique Innovative Trading Co Ltd awarded one tical gold coin each to sale agents U Aung Kyaw Khin (Mawlamyine) and U King Aung (Taungoo). Managing Director U Zaw Hein presented K30,000 each for the welfare fund and medical fund for journalists to responsible persons. It was attended by the employees of the company, journalists, sale agents and guests.

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Belgium to forbid sale of guns to people without licence

BRUSSELS, 9 June— No firearm can be bought over the counter by people without a licence in Belgium as from Friday, when a new firearm law is to come into force. The new legislation got a speedy approval in the national Parliament following the racially motivated killings last month in Antwerp when a 18-year-old man killed two people and wounded another with his newly-bought gun.

The draft law was drawn up by Belgian Justice Minister Laurette Onkelinx and intends to tighten the firearm legislation in the country.—MNA/Xinhua

EU chief diplomat ready for more talks with Iran

POTSDAM (Germany), 9 June— EU chief diplomat Javier Solana said on Wednesday that he is ready for more talks with Iran on the six-nation proposals presented to Iran a day earlier aimed at diffusing the months-long standoff over the country's nuclear crisis.

"I am ready to visit Teheran again," said Solana in eastern city of Potsdam after meeting German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Solana said he is waiting for a swift signal from Iran, noting that talks with Iranian leaders on Tuesday were "good" and "very constructive".

"I am now much more optimistic than a month ago," said the diplomat after visiting the Potsdam-based operation headquarters of the EU's mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Merkel said this is a "really important chance" to solve the conflict through diplomatic solutions and urged Iran to respond positively.

Solana, who arrived in Teheran on Monday, has presented a package of incentives, agreed last week between five UN Security Council permanent members, Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States, plus Germany, in exchange for Iran's suspension of uranium enrichment.

MNA/Xinhua

Victoria Falls Bridge linking Zambia, Zimbabwe to reopen soon

LUSAKA, 9 June— The 101-year-old Victoria Falls Bridge that links Zambia and Zimbabwe over the Chambezi River will be reopened on June 15 after being closed to heavy traffic last year for repair work, an official said here Wednesday.

Minister of Communication and Transport Abel Chambeshi told Parliament that the emergency repair works which were being carried out on the bridge have been completed and trucks weighing 56 tons or below are now permitted to travel over it.

Chambeshi said the bridge was closed last year following recommendations by two foreign companies that the structure undergo emergency repair works after they carried out studies in 1992 and 2005 respectively. The two companies found that the bridge was excessively vibrating every time heavy trucks passed through it.

The 152-metre bridge, put into use in 1905 with life span of 100 years, was reconfigured in 1929 to take vehicles weighing up to 46 tons. The minister said the reopening of the bridge would decongest two other entry points,

Chirundu and Kazungula, where traffic congestion was experienced when the bridge was closed.

He said the emergency repair works were financed by the World Bank and another 1.7 million US dollars would be required for major repair works.

Located just below the Victoria Falls, the bridge was designed by Ralph Freeman, the same engineer who designed the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

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China to build commercial fast reactors by 2035

BEIJING, 9 June— Fast reactors are expected to enter the Chinese nuclear power market by 2035, a leading scientist has said.

Wang Naiyan, member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and director of the CAS Atomic Energy Institute, said Wednesday at an annual national conference of the academy that China would develop commercial fast reactors in about 30 years and fast reactors are expected to develop steadily by 2050 and become a major force in nuclear energy.

"Thanks to advanced technology, the Chernobyl nuclear disaster won't happen again," Wang said. "While upgrading our thermal reactor technology, we should take every opportunity to develop the fast reactor technology, known as an industry for tomorrow."

He said the fast reactor system included a series of complicated techno-

logical and engineering issues as mixed oxide fuel (MOX) technology and fast reactor fuel fabrication.

The only fissile material found in nature is uranium-235, which makes up less than 1 per cent of natural uranium. While some fissile plutonium is produced in

a thermal reactor, it is not enough to replace the uranium-235 used. In a fast reactor, however, enough plutonium can be produced and fissioned to more than make up for the uranium-235 used.

In addition, many of the long-lived actinide elements that cannot be fissioned in a thermal

reactor can be burned in a fast reactor, so the fast reactor is capable of destroying the major source of long-life radiotoxicity in spent fuel. Thus, the fast reactor can create new fuel and destroy long-life nuclear waste and plutonium while it produces electricity.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam garment, agriculture firms to face WTO challenges

HANOI, 9 June— After Vietnam joins the World Trade Organization (WTO), hopefully in late 2006, its garment and agriculture enterprises will face harsh competition, local media reported on Thursday.

Upon Vietnam's accession to the WTO, competition on the domestic market will become fiercer as levies against imported garments and textiles are to be lowered to 10-15 per cent from current 40-50 per cent, according to the Vietnam Textile and Garment Association (Vitas), a Vietnam News

newspaper said. The local garment and textile industry currently has to import almost fabrics, garment-making accessories, machines, technologies and chemicals, all at high costs, while Vietnam has decided to abolish state subsidies to the industry to comply with requirements for the

country's entry to the WTO.

"When Vietnam becomes a member of the WTO, difficulties imposed on domestic garment makers would likely outweigh opportunities," the newspaper quoted Vitas chairman Le Quoc An as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Soldiers takes part in a military exercise in La Guaira, about 30 km (20 miles) outside Caracas on 8 June, 2006. The exercise for unconventional warfare and resistance is meant to repel a possible foreign invasion and defend Venezuela's territory and sovereignty, officials said.—INTERNET

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Ugandan pygmies tribe faces extinction

KAMPALA, 9 June — Alarming high infant mortality rate could wipe out the pygmies along with other indigenous communities worldwide, including those of less than 4,000 in Uganda, a recent study warned.

The researchers found while the infant mortality rate among the general population in Uganda was about 70 per 1,000 live births, it was as high as 250 per 1,000 among the local pygmies, mostly known as Batwa, according to an article published on the latest British medical journal Lancet.

According to the United Nations, the Batwa, characterized by their short height of about a metre, are among the most discriminated people in the world, which the

researchers also blamed for their situation.

The Batwa people, living mainly in the mountainous Kabale, Kisoro and Rukungiri districts in southwestern Uganda make up the majority of the pygmies, 1,771 in 403 households. There were between 3,000 to 3,700 pygmies in Uganda, accounting for some 0.02 per cent of the total population.

The biggest concern of the researchers, led by Dr Carolyn Stephens from the London School of Hygiene

and Tropical Medicine, was that the health of indigenous people does not register on world statistics at all. "Globally, indigenous peoples represent a demographic minority and they are among the world's most disenfranchised peoples," said the report.

Though the current priority in development funding is to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the report says, "MDGs could be achieved even if indigenous peoples disappeared from our world." —MNA/Xinhua



Newly wedding couple Huay Yeow, left, dresses Brazil team jersey with his wife Winnie Teh on France team jersey pose outside the marriage registration office in Penang Island, Malaysia, on 9 June, 2006. Huay and Winnie met each other in Penang during the 1998 world cup held in France, as today they both tied their knot in conjunction of the opening World Cup match in Germany. —INTERNET

Hispanic respond well to blood pressure meds

NEW YORK, 9 June — People of Hispanic ethnicity with high blood pressure have a better response to blood pressure-lowering drugs than do their non-Hispanic counterparts, according to the results of a new study.

"We have shown that in patients of Hispanic ethnicity, it took fewer drugs to lower blood pressure adequately, and in doing so, Hispanic patients had fewer strokes and fewer heart attacks than their Black or Caucasian counterparts," Dr Rhonda M Cooper-DeHoff from the

University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, told Reuters Health.

Cooper-DeHoff and colleagues evaluated blood pressure control and

risk of adverse outcomes in 8,045 Hispanic patients and 14,531 non-Hispanic patients, all with coronary artery disease and high blood pressure.

MNA/Reuters



Photographers Mike Meadows (L) and Al Simmons are silhouetted as they photograph lightning strikes near Searchlight, Nevada as the first storm of the season passes through the western deserts of the United States in the early hours of 8 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Tiny dinosaur species discovered in Germany

LONDON, 9 June — German researchers have discovered a new species of dinosaur that measures barely more than six metres, the British science magazine Nature reported on Thursday.

Researchers of the University of Bonn unearthed the remains of at least 10 individual dinosaurs at a quarry near Hannover in northern Germany and found after examination that the new species, Europasaurus Holgeri, measured barely more than six metres from snout to tail, in comparison to its more famous relative Diplodocus measuring a

mighty 27 metres.

When the researchers found the bones, they thought they were from juvenile dinosaurs, but examination revealed that the bones had a structure like those of adult dinosaurs, and that in the largest dinosaur, which measured 6.2 metres, the bones were fully developed.

MNA/Xinhua

Scientists say upper body exercises may help beat leg pain

LONDON, 9 June — British scientists have discovered that simple arm exercises could help beat a crippling leg condition.

This is the first large-scale trial of its kind to show that a regular workout of the upper body can help ease the chronic leg pain associated with peripheral vascular disease (PVD).

Scientists of Sheffield Hallam University, along with staff at the University of Sheffield, found in a study that upper body aerobic exercise helped in the battle against PVD, a blood circulation problem, which causes severe leg pain and leaves patients struggling to walk even short distances, New Scientist reported on Wednesday on its website.

The study funded by

The British Heart Foundation found that exercising the upper body by arm-cranking, stationary cycling using the arms, improved cardiovascular fitness over a 24-week period and enabled patients to walk for longer without experiencing pain.

More than 100 patients with PVD aged between the age of 50 and 85 were recruited from the Sheffield Vascular Institute at the Northern General Hospital, whose pain tolerance levels were measured in a series of walking tests at six-weekly intervals and the total improvements were calculated at the end of the 24 weeks.

By the end of the study, the patients' average maximum walking distance increased by

nearly 29 per cent, equal to an extra 100 metres. They could also walk for 50 per cent longer before the onset of leg pain.

The scientists who conducted the study said the cardiovascular function and walking ability of the patients with PVD have both been improved after the arm exercises, the onset of their leg pains was delayed during walking, and they could push themselves further beyond the pain barrier to achieve improvements in maximum tolerable walking distance.

The advantage of exercising the arms for patients with PVD is that the patients do not generally encounter pain during this type of physical activity, which helps to increase their

motivation and enthusiasm for exercise, the scientists said.

MNA/Xinhua



Space Shuttle Discovery Commander Steve Lindsey (R) speaks during a NASA media briefing with the seven-member STS-121 crew at the Johnson Space Center in Houston on 8 June, 2006. The crew for the scheduled on 1 July, 2006 launch are (L-R) Thomas Reiter of Germany, Piers Sellers of Britain and Stephanie Wilson, Lisa Nowak, Mike Fossum and pilot Mark Kelly, all of the US. —INTERNET

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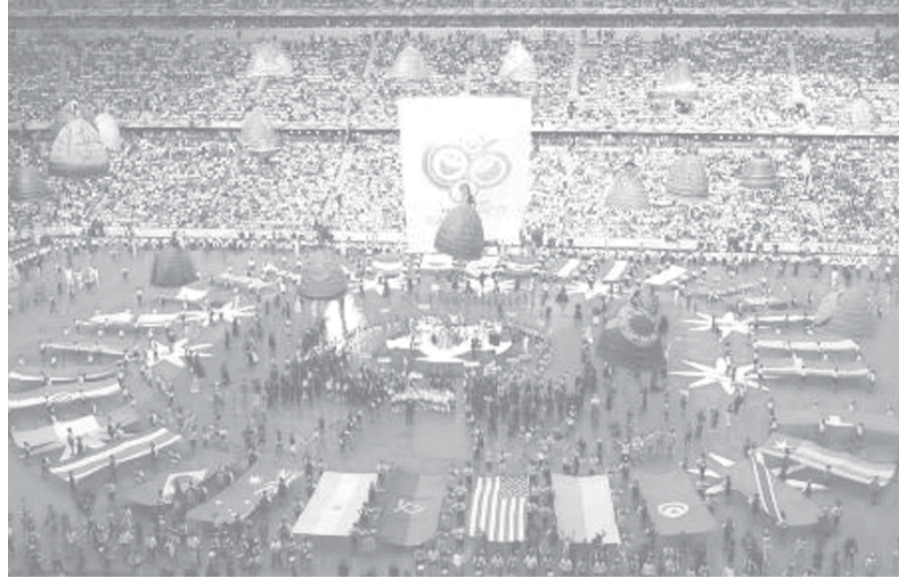
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Ronaldo upset with President's question

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 June — Brazil's national football team striker Ronaldo said he is upset with President Lula's question about his weight and said the team was instructed not to ask questions.

"I also had several questions to the President, but we were told not to ask him anything. We were prohibited to ask," said Ronaldo about the President's comments during yesterday's video conference with Brazilian team technical staff and captain Cafu.

MNA/Xinhua



Artistes and participants attend the World Cup 2006 opening ceremony in Munich on 9 June, 2006.—INTERNET



Golfer Michelle Wie of Honolulu, Hawaii, puts on the sixth hole during the second round of the McDonald's LPGA Championship in Havre de Grace, Md, on 9 June, 2006. Wie finished the day at -5 under-par. INTERNET

Klose double leads Germany past Costa Rica

MUNICH, 10 June — Miroslav Klose struck twice on his 28th birthday to lead Germany to a 4-2 win over Costa Rica, getting the World Cup off to an explosive start on Friday.

The goal total broke the record for the most in the first match of a finals tournament.

Full back Philipp Lahm curled in a right-footer from the edge of the box to give Germany a sixth-minute lead in the Group A match played before a 66,000 sellout crowd at the Allianz Arena.

Paulo Wanchope equalized before three-times former champions Germany, missing injured captain Michael Ballack, regained the lead in the 17th minute through Klose.

The Polish-born striker then made it 3-1 when he fired into the roof of the net in the 61st.

Wanchope added his second goal with 17 min-

utes to go before Torsten Frings grabbed Germany's fourth with a stunning long-range drive in the 87th.

The opening goal was

a brilliant piece of work from Lahm. The 22-year-old hared forward to meet a loose ball near the right touchline and cut back inside.

That step was enough to bamboozle the covering defender and Lahm seized his chance to arrow a shot into the far corner, in off the top of the post.

Coach Juergen Klinsmann leaped for joy but he was soon howling at a defensive blunder.

Arne Friedrich dithered as the defence pushed out and Wanchope gratefully took a pass from Ronald Gomez to score.

Germany kept their heads and within five minutes they were in front again.

Bernd Schneider cut the ball back from the right for Bastian Schweinsteiger and the winger set up Klose, who scored a hat-trick in Germany's first match of the last World Cup.

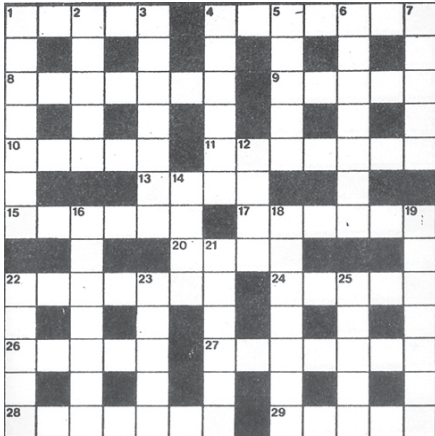
Danny Fonseca planted a free header wide from a corner early in the second half for Costa Rica.

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Costa Rica's Danny Fonseca, left, and Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger challenge for the ball during the Germany v Costa Rica Group A soccer match at the World Cup stadium, Munich, Germany, on 9 June, 2006. Germany won the match 4-2. INTERNET

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- 19 Rushing stream
- 21 Guard against attack
- 22 Quoted
- 23 Male relative
- 25 Suspension of war

Ecuador shock Poland with 2-0 win

GELSENKIRCHEN, 10 June — Ecuador produced the first shock of the World Cup in the tournament's second match when they beat Poland 2-0 with goals in each half by Carlos Tenorio and Agustin Delgado in Group A on Friday.

After Tenorio scored in the 24th minute Ecuador, ranked fourth among the South American qualifiers and competing in the finals for the second time, had to show terrific defensive fortitude to hold off the Poles in the second half.

Delgado then settled it with 10 minutes remaining to put Ecuador alongside Germany at the top of the group on three points after the hosts beat Costa

Rica 4-2 in the tournament's exciting opening match earlier on Friday in Munich.

It was only Ecuador's second competitive win away from the rarefied atmosphere of Quito since the last World Cup but if they repeat it against Costa Rica next week they could reach the second round even if they lose to Germany in their final game.

For Poland it was a repeat of four years ago when they opened with a 2-0 defeat by hosts South Korea and failed to progress to the last 16. They seem set for another early flight home having failed to score in their opener for the fifth time.

It was not a situation

that looked likely in the first 20 minutes as the Poles looked confident and controlled. —MNA/Reuters

Ecuador's Agustin Delgado (L) scores past Poland's Artur Boruc during their Group A World Cup 2006 soccer match in Gelsenkirchen, on 9 June, 2006. INTERNET



Gorbachev warns against new nuclear power plants

LONDON, 10 June — Countries building new nuclear power plants to tackle global warming should think again, Mikhail Gorbachev, whose time in office as Soviet leader included the world's worst nuclear accident, said on Thursday.

From Japan to the United States governments seeking an alternative to burning fossil fuels for power are reviewing the de facto ban on building new nuclear plants that followed the explosion at Chernobyl nuclear station in Ukraine in April 1986.

"Think again, think seven times again before you leap and start construction of new nuclear power plants," Gorbachev told a meeting of British lawmakers at London's Houses of Parliament, speaking through an interpreter.

"With my experience

of Chernobyl I know what is involved. The explosion of one reactor required a superpower country to spend tens of billions of roubles. Still there was the longer pollution of the soil, the deaths of a number of people and consequences that will be far reaching," he added.

Nuclear advocates, who argue that nuclear power emits little of the major greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, reject comparisons with Chernobyl.

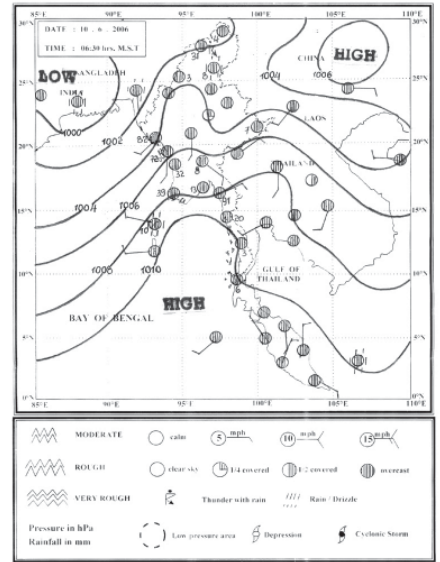
They say the Chernobyl design was flawed and the plant badly run, and that the accident could not be repeated with new designs, failsafe mechanisms and technology.

But Gorbachev said climate change could only be stopped through a combination of developing new energy sources like solar and wind and increasing efficiency of energy usage.

New predictions being studied by UN scientists for a report next year point to average global temperatures rising by three degrees Celsius this century, melting ice caps and causing floods, storms and famines putting millions of people at risk.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 10 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain have been isolated in Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan, Chin, Kayin States, upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (3.38) inches, Sittwe (3.27) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.83) inches, Hmawbi (2.36) inches, Bago (2.08) inches and Patheingyi (1.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-6-2006 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 10-6-2006 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-6-2006 was (85%). Total sunshine hours on 9-6-2006 was (5.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 10-6-2006 were (0.47) inch at Mingaladon, (0.52) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.30) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (18.70) inches at Mingaladon, (25.20) inches at Kaba-Aye and (27.84) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (21) mph from Southeast at (16:15) hours MST on 9-6-2006.

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 11-6-2006: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State, fairly widespread in Kayin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. 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: Strong monsoon.


Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 11-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 11-6-2006: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 11-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Germany's Torsten Frings (R) scores his team's fourth goal past Costa Rica's Christian Bolanos during their Group A World Cup 2006 soccer match in Munich, on 9 June, 2006.—INTERNET



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<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ရော့ကရိုက် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်အောင်စီမံမဟာရဋ္ဌရူ၊ အင်္ဂါအထွေထွေအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော်၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘုရား၊ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:15 am</p> <p>2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>3. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>4. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>5. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>6. ယဉ်ကျေးစိတ် (၃၈)ဖြာ ဖက်လာ</p> <p>8:05 am</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>8. အရာတော်ဆရာတော်တံ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>10. International news</p>	<p>8:45 am</p> <p>11. Say it in English</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>11:10 am</p> <p>2. Musical programme</p> <p>11:25 am</p> <p>3. Round up of the week's international news</p> <p>11:40 am</p> <p>4. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"</p> <p>11:55 am</p> <p>5. ရော့ကရိုက် (မြို့လှ) ရေလှောင်တံ (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)</p> <p>12:05 pm</p> <p>6. Myanmar video feature: "မင်္ဂလာရီသောဇေ" (နိုင်ငံ၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်) ဒါရိုက်တာ (မောင်မောင်ဦး-ဇနီးနီနီ)</p> <p>1:40 pm</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>1:50 pm</p> <p>8. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား အိပ်မက်တံတား</p> <p>2:05 pm</p> <p>9. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>2:15 pm</p> <p>10. "အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင် တေးဂျင်း" (လှမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)</p> <p>2:30 pm</p> <p>11. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>2:45 pm</p> <p>12. International news</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p>	<p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈)ဖြာ ဖက်လာ</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. အဆောင်တူညီသံယဉ်ကျေး ရုပ်ပြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. Dance of national races</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. Agricultural source country's development</p> <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>7. Sing and enjoy</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>8. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>9. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>10. Discovery</p> <p>6:50 pm</p> <p>11. မရမ်းကုန်း ရေထိန်းတံခါး</p> <p>6:55 pm</p> <p>12. ဘက်စုံဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စည်ပင် ရှမ်းပြည်မြောက်ဒေသကျေးလက် တစ်ရွာ (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p>7:10 pm</p> <p>13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဖြူစင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၄)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>14. News</p> <p>8:05 pm</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>8:10 pm</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>8:15 pm</p> <p>17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်း-၅)</p> <p>8:20 pm</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p>
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<p>8:30 am Brief news</p> <p>8:35 am Music: -Stomp...Steps</p> <p>8:40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8:45 am Music: -You know what's up... Donell Jones</p> <p>8:50 am National news & Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music: -Tell him</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar - Myanmar lacquerware</p> <p>9:20 am Music: News & Slogan</p> <p>1:30 pm Children's delight -Story for children "Helping other brings success" -Songs for children</p> <p>9:00pm Weekly news review</p> <p>9:10pm Article</p> <p>9:20pm Music/Latest hits / Let's improve English through songs - Lullaby... Mandah</p> <p>9:45 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>10:00 pm PEL</p>
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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

Regional development inspected in Momeik Township

YANGON, 10 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments met officials, members of social organizations and



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence meets departmental personnel, social organization members and local people in Momeik. — MNA

townselders in Momeik on 8 June. Chairman of Momeik Township Peace and De-

velopment Council U Khin Maung Kyi and officials reported on regional situation, develop-

ment and implementation of the projects. Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut extended

greetings. Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented cash and kind for hospital, schools and rural library.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said agricultural and regional development has been (See page 10)

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends ceremony to grow physic nut plants

YANGON, 10 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence this morning attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, and the physic nut plant growing ceremony near Mindhamma Exhibition Grounds of Yangon City Development Committee. In the compound of MCC, Lt-Gen Myint Swe planted a star-flower tree to mark the ceremony. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win grew a Gangaw tree (Mesua ferrea) and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, a star-flower tree.

Departmental officials and those responsible from social organizations and employees of Park and Playgrounds Department participated in growing 69 star-flower trees, 66 Gangaw trees and 230 flowery plants, totalling 653 in the compound of the Myanmar Convention Centre.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe proceeded to the ground for horticultural exhibition of YCDC at the corner of Mindhamma and Tawwin Roads. He planted a physic nut sapling there. The commander and the mayor also grew physic nut plants.

Those from social organizations and workers of Park and Playgrounds Department collectively took part in growing 1,500 physic nut plants in the ground. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence plants a star-flower tree at Myanmar Convention Centre. — MNA

NLD on collision course with the government, launching anti-government activities

Member of Yaksawk Township NLD organizing committee resigns

YANGON, 10 June — U Ba Kyu, member of the township organizing committee of Yaksawk Township National League for Democracy in Shan State (South), resigned of his own volition from the party and sent his letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 4 May.

In his letter, U Ba Kyu said he joined the NLD on 19 September 2002. Although he initially had

interest in party politics, he got fed up with his duties later as NLD was not doing sincere party politics but sticking to the policy of taking a collision course with the government and launching anti-government activities, he stressed. That was why, he said, he no longer wished to work for the party and resigned of his own accord from NLD and as member of the township organizing committee. — MNA

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