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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to the Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—On the occasion of the 108th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2006, a message of felicitations has been sent from Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar to Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Russian President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 JUNE—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vladimir V Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2006.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development work in Taungdwingyi, Aunglan Townships



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Yanpe Dam in Taungdwingyi Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of SPDC Office and departmental officials, on 10 June morning arrived at mile post (44) at the edge of Magway Division. They were welcomed there by Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe and department officials.

On arrival at mile post (18/7), Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report by Assistant Director U Bo Bo Win of Magway District Forest Department on cultivation of teak. Lt-Gen Ye Myint stressed the need for measures to be taken for protection of teak plantations and for prevention against illegal logging. Asia World Co and Dagon International Ltd grew 162,000 teak plants on the 300-acre land at block No (31) in 2004 and more 800 acres of land were put under teak plants in 2005.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy in Payatkye Village at mile post (26/4) on Yangon-Pyay-Magway Road. He urged farmers to use power tillers and grow physic nut for bio-diesel.

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Kyaukme Township enjoying economic, social, health and education development

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence inspected the existing Goktwin bridge and the new bridge under construction on Nawngkhio-Kyaukme road on 9 June.

Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials explained salient points of the project. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win spoke of the need to complete the project in time according to the specific standard and ensure work site safety.

The existing bridge is a 150-foot-long and 34-foot wide bailey bridge. The new bridge is a reinforced concrete facility, 190 feet long and 34 feet wide.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win views machines run by physic nut oil.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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For further development of border areas

As the Union of Myanmar is home to various national races, it is of utmost importance to strengthen national unity and bring development to all regions of the Union. With this end in view, all-round development plans are being implemented especially for border regions that were left behind others.

To be able to give top priority to the development of border regions, special efforts have been made since 1989 to gain peace and stability. Social and economic infrastructures have been built in those regions. It is necessary to maintain peace, stability and development.

Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges have been opened in Yangon and Mandalay in year 2000 in order that national youths can pursue higher education. These two colleges are training and nurturing national youths for human resource development in the border regions.

The graduation ceremony for the academic year 2005-2006 of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) was held at the hall of the college in Dagon Seikan Township and B.A. and B.Sc. degrees and AGTI diplomas were conferred on 66 students the other day. Altogether 90 students have also graduated from Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Mandalay) in the academic year 2005-2006.

Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges in Yangon and Mandalay have produced 574 graduates since they were opened in 2000. Now these graduates are with various ministries and some outstanding students are studying for M.A. and M.Sc.

The graduates of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Colleges will have to work as management personnel in the education, administration, agriculture and construction sectors in border regions and at the same time they are required to do community welfare work. We believe that social and economic status of the national people in the border regions will improve only if the graduates of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Colleges put their energies into their work in friendly atmosphere with local people.

“သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်”

- (က) မိုးရွာစဉ် ယာဉ်မောင်းလျှင် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များ သတိပြုပါ။
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 - (၈) ရေသုတ်တံပါရှိရမည်။ ကောင်းမွန်ရမည်။
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- (ခ) မြေသယ်ယာဉ်၊ အုတ်၊ သဲ၊ ကျောက်သယ်ယာဉ်များ မိတ်စင်မှု မရှိစေရန် လုံခြုံစွာ တင်ဆောင်ပါ။
- (ဂ) အထက်ပါစည်းကမ်းချက်များအားမလိုက်နာ၍ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု၊ ယာဉ်တိမ်းမောက်မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည်။

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Oppose External Elements

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

Swift transport of commodity will directly benefit consumers



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials waving at passengers of the maiden voyage of Widuya. — MNA

YANGON, 12 June—A ceremony to launch the special cargo service of the Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport was held at the Mawtin Jetty on Strand Road here at 1 pm today, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.

The ceremony was also attended by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, heads of department under the Ministry of Transport, managing director of IWT, departmental officials and guests. First, Managing Director of IWT U Soe Tint reported on matters related to extension of the transport schedule.

Next, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein

Swe made a speech, saying that the new cargo special (express) service, which will contribute much to proper evolution of market-oriented system being practised in the nation, swift commodity flow and stabilization of commodity prices, is launched in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State.

Afterwards, the commander, the minister, the mayor and officials proceeded to Lanthit Jetty where the extended special cargo service is to be launched and formally opened the cargo service.

Later, the commander, the minister, the mayor and officials greeted passengers on a board 'Widura' cargo vessel that will be on maiden voyage.

With a view to ensuring smooth and secure transport, the schedule included Yangon-Labutta transport route and Yangon-Bogale transport route and it will be cheaper than land route.—MNA

PBANRDA Minister tours Hpa-an

YANGON, 12 June — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt on 9 June inspected departments and training schools under the ministry in Hpa-an Township.

He went to Kayin State Development Affairs

Office and Hpa-an Township DAO in Hpa-an and gave instructions on development tasks in the region for 2005-06 fiscal year. During his tour of inspection, Minister Col Thein Nyunt also went to vocational training schools under the ministry and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Deputy Foreign Minister arrives back from Korea

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air after attending the 10th ASEAN-ROK Dialogue held in Seoul from 7 to 10 June.

The meeting was co-chaired by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trades of Republic of Korea Mr Yun Byung-se. During the meeting, matters relating to the regional situation, ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations, Result of the 8th ASEAN-ROK JPRC Meeting, Follow-up to the 2005 ASEAN-ROK Summit and Preparation for the 2006 ASEAN-ROK Summit were discussed.

At the invitation of Mr Yun Byung-se, Myanmar delegation participated in the meeting.

Before starting the meeting, U Kyaw Thu met with Mr Yun Byung-se and discussed the matters relating to the provisional agenda of the 10th ASEAN-ROK dialogue. After the meeting, Myanmar delegation attended the dinner hosted by leader of the Korean delegation Mr Yun Byung-se in honour of the delegations who attended the 10th ASEAN-ROK Dialogue.—MNA

USDA provides desks to Dawbon No 8 primary school

YANGON, 12 June— Union Solidarity and Development Association donated 30 desks to Dawbon Township's No 8 Basic Education Primary School today. At the donation ceremony held at the school, CEC member of USDA Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa handed over the facilities to the headmistress of the school.

USDA has made arrangements to provide desks to schools in Yangon Division, said the mayor at the ceremony.

Director of No 3 Basic Education Department U Ye Lwin Aung spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Myanmar, Pakistan discuss boosting trade

YANGON, 12 June — A meeting between Medical Entrepreneurs Association of Myanmar and Trade delegation of Pakistan took place at Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel this morning.

Executive members of Medical Entrepreneurs Association and 15 members of Pakistani Trade delegation took part in the meeting. They discussed matters on boosting bilateral trade.—MNA

China expedites construction of land transport links to ASEAN

KUNMING, 11 June — A leading Chinese official of communications says a network featuring land transport links connecting China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) via Pan Pearl River Delta Region (PPRDR) of China will be completed by 2020. Weng Mengyong, Deputy Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Communications, believes the transport linking network will help bring China closer to the international market in an efficient manner.

Weng was here in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, attending a forum featuring regional cooperation and development of PPRDR.

PPRDR encompasses one fifth of China's territory, and one third of the country's population.

China shares land border with Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam, all member states of ASEAN, at Yunnan Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and there are now 11 trade ports along the borderline.

China also has a deep-rooted relationship with ASEAN because of one international river known as Mekong, or Lancang River in Chinese, which has bound Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam together.

China, Laos and Thailand have agreed to build a

1,818-kilometre international highway which will start from Kunming, capital of Yunnan, and end at Bangkok of Thailand.

PPRDR highway network can be expanded into ASEAN via the three main international highways: the Sino-Myanmar highway (Yangon-Mandalay-Kunming), the Thailand-Laos-China highway, and the Sino-Vietnamese highway (Hai Phone-Hanoi-Kunming), according to Xu Rongkai, governor of Yunnan. In the meantime, China is also stepping up construction of a railway scheme that link up China and ASEAN via Yunnan.

A feasibility study has completed for construction of the China section of the proposed Pan-Asian Railway that will run from Singapore, through Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar before reaching China's Yunnan Province. The new 340-km railway section will connect Dali, a well-known scenic site in Yunnan Province, southwest China, to Ruili, another Yunnan town on the Sino-Myanmar border. The proposed 2,600 km-long Pan-Asian Railway will start in Singapore, pass through Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, Thailand's capital Bangkok, Yangon in Myanmar, and terminate in Kunming, capital of Yunnan.—MNA/Xinhua



Alexis LaClair, foreground, smiles as she dances at the Bavarian Festival in Frankenmuth, Mich, on 10 June, 2006.—INTERNET



Iraqis gather at the scene of a bomb blast targeting a police patrol which killed three civilians and wounded 28 others in a market in Baghdad, on 10 June, 2006.—INTERNET

British police criticized over "chemical bomb" raid

LONDON, 11 June— Muslim groups and a body which oversees policing have accused British police of making a series of errors in a dramatic counter-terrorism raid in London last week during which they shot one of two men arrested.

Police freed 20-year-old Abul Koyair and 23-year-old Mohammed Abdul Kahar without charges on Friday and have admitted that they did not find the bomb which they said was the focus of the dawn raid on the house in east London.

Murad Qureshi, one of the Metropolitan Police Authority's 23 members said British police had to learn from "a series of mistakes" made in the raid.

"They cover everything from the collection of intelligence and how you corroborate that ... through to how the suspects are actually dealt with, particularly in this case how we find ourselves with one of the brothers shot," he told BBC radio.

The Authority is charged with ensuring that London's police are accountable for the services they provide to people in the capital and is comprised of people appointed by the Mayor of London, magistrates and the Cabinet minister in charge of British law enforcement.

MNA/Reuters



Workers chant slogans at a protest against a free trade agreement (FTA) between the US and South Korea and imports of US beef in Seoul, on 11 June, 2006. The sign (front) reads, "mad cow".—INTERNET

Kalashnikov inventor laments proliferation

MOSCOW, 11 June— Mikhail Kalashnikov says he designed the assault rifle that bears his name to fend off the German invasion of the Soviet Union. But six decades later, he laments its transformation into the worldwide weapon of choice for terrorists and gangsters.

"Whenever I look at TV and I see the weapon I

invented to defend my motherland in the hands of these bin Ladens I ask myself the same question: How did it get into their hands?" the 86-year-old Russian gun maker said.

"I didn't put it in the hands of bandits and terrorists and it's not my fault that it has mushroomed uncontrollably across the globe. Can I be blamed that they consider it

the most reliable weapon?" he said.

Sturdy, simple and cheap, firing 600 bullets a minute, the world's estimated 100 million Kalashnikovs account for up to 80 percent of all assault rifles. In Africa's civil conflicts or in violence-ridden Latin American nations, it sells for as little as \$15.—Internet

Loaded vessels sinks in Bangladesh, all crew rescued

DHAKA, 12 June — A fertilizer-carrying vessel of inland water route sank at Swandip Channel of the Bay of Bengal in Bangladesh's Chittagong District, 224 kilometres southeast of Dhaka Saturday, the official news agency BSS reported.

Control Room of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) and the owner of the vessel was quoted as saying that all the 16 crew of the vessel were rescued by a Bangladesh Navy ship, which rushed to the spot immediately after the accident. "The vessel, MV SUMI-3, sank but the crew are now safe and they are being brought to shore by the Navy ship," said Jamal Hossain, owner of the vessel.

Sources said the vessel loaded with 700 metric tons of fertilizers lost balance and sank after falling in heavy rolling in the sea at about 7 am (0100 GMT) The crew sent SOS signal to the owner and

CPA, and the Navy ship rushed to the spot to carry out rescue operation following the information

from the CPA.

Efforts are on to rescue the vessel, the sources said.

MNA/Xinhua



A Dell notebook is displayed in Hollywood, on 31 May, 2006. A US appeals court on Friday upheld the government's authority to force high-speed Internet service providers to give law enforcement authorities access for surveillance purposes.—INTERNET

Andamans in "losing battle" with poachers

KOLKATA, 11 June—The fragile maritime ecology of the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago is under threat from widespread illegal fishing, poaching of rare species and the collection of rare coral, a top official said on Friday.

The navy and coastguard have detained nearly a hundred poachers this year, as they step up a battle with an increasing number of boats from nearby Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka using dynamite and other explosives in search of handsome rewards.

Environmentalists say it's a fight they are losing. "The navy and coastguards already have too much to do in terms of the security of the region," said Samir Acharya, secretary of the Society for Andaman and Nicobar Ecolog.

"Only a coordinated effort with the police and local administration can

make any difference. It's a losing battle." The list of prey is long: tuna and other species of prized fish, sea cucumbers that fetch \$100 a kilogramme in Japan, China and Thailand where they are prized for their supposed medicinal properties, rare turtles, and salt-water crocodiles whose skins sell for \$25,000.

The 91 people arrested so far this year, many of whom were armed, marks a dramatic rise from the 26 who were taken into custody last year, said Arun Kumar Singh, a navy commander in charge of maritime security in the region, 1,200 km to the east of the Indian mainland.

But at least as many are thought to be getting away. "They dive into the sea to get rare sea cucumbers and corals which are sold at exorbitant prices in other countries. This is destroying the ecology," Singh said.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands, home to some of the world's most isolated tribes whose territory is off limits to outsiders, were badly hit by the 2004 Asian tsunami. Thousands of people were killed and considerable damage done to the region's rich marine life.—Internet

IAEA reports Iran resumes uranium enrichment work

VIENNA, 10 June—Iran has resumed its controversial uranium enrichment activities, *Austria Press Agency* (APA) quoted an IAEA report as saying on Thursday.

The cooperation between the Iranian Government and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was "insufficient", according to the secret report, submitted to the IAEA's 35-nation board of governors by Mohammed ElBaradei, chief of the UN watchdog.

Iran did not make any reactions to the recent inquiries put forward by the IAEA, said the report.

The report also indicated that Iran had resumed feeding uranium gas into 164 centrifuges in Natanz on Tuesday, and was setting

up more cascades of centrifuge enrichment machines.

Moreover, Iran disallowed the IAEA inspectors to install monitoring facilities.

Uranium enrichment activities refers to the process of transforming the raw material of uranium hexafluoride gas, or "UF6", into enriched

uranium through centrifuges.

The enriched uranium, with different concentrations, can be used for civil nuclear purposes as well as for producing nuclear weapons.

The board of governors of the UN nuclear watchdog is set to discuss the report next Monday.

MNA/Xinhua



Xiao Yang, 22-year-old and weighing 150 kilograms (331 pounds), rests after performing a dance to mark the founding of a club for obese people in Beijing, China, on 10 June, 2006.

INTERNET

S Korean jet lands with no nose, no radar, no view

SEOUL, 11 June — A South Korean jet with 200 passengers on board landed safely after hailstones blew off the plane's nose, destroyed its radar and shattered the front cockpit windows, airline officials said on Saturday.

Asiana Airlines Flight 8942 was pelted with hailstones late on Friday while flying to Seoul from the southern resort island of Cheju, a spokesman at the country's second-largest carrier said by telephone.

"Hailstones took off the plane's nose and cracked the cockpit window," said the spokesman. The hail wrecked the housing for the main radar system and also punctured its engine covers.

"Our pilots had to land

the jet manually without a view of what was ahead of them," the spokesman said.

The cockpit windows of the *Airbus 321* jet were made

of safety glass and remained in place after shattering, but it was nearly impossible to see through the glass.

Small side windows in

the cockpit remained intact. The spokesman said hail can cause enormous damage to a plane flying at high speeds.

MNA/Reuters



Mary Davis, trainer for a day programme participant, gets a kiss from a dolphin at the Mirage hotel-casino in Las Vegas recently.—INTERNET



Singapore pop singer Tanya Chua poses with the Best Female Mandarin Artist Award at the 17th Golden Melody Awards in China (Taipei), on 10 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Armenian "mercenaries" arrested in Kenya

NAIROBI, 10 June— Kenyan police on Friday arrested two Armenian brothers whose swaggering lifestyle turned them into celebrities after they were accused of being mercenaries involved in a controversial police raid on media offices.

There have been repeated allegations that the wealthy Armenians, known for their fleet of luxury cars and flashy jewellery, were protected by powerful political allies in Kenya. Police seized a Mercedes car with government plates during a raid on the heavily guarded home of Artur Margaryan and Arthur Sargsian (Eds: correct) in a ritzy Nairobi suburb early on Friday. A lesser known brother, Arman, was also arrested. Police sources said they made the arrests after the brothers roughed up Customs officials at Nairobi Airport. They have not made public any exact charges.

"They were supposed to pay for some items they were carrying, and they got into a scuffle before leaving. They were followed home," said a police official speaking on condition of anonymity.

The sources said later the brothers were at the airport on Friday awaiting deportation. The private Citizen television station showed police seizing a dozen car licence plates, including some supposed to be issued only to diplomats, during the raid. Among more than 10 luxury cars at their home, a Lexus truck could also be seen with red and blue police lights in the grille. The police official said guns, machetes and bulletproof vests were recovered. — MNA/Reuters

Elephant kills its keeper in Shanghai Safari Park

SHANGHAI, 10 June — A 46-year-old animal keeper was killed accidentally by an elephant in a safari park in Shanghai, east China, on Thursday, sources with the safari park confirmed on Friday. Li Guohua, the animal keeper, was suddenly thrown away by an Asian elephant using its trunk when he was helping veterinarians to treat this ill elephant at about 8:00 pm on Thursday. Li was thrown onto the guardrail in the safari park and died, an official in charge of the Shanghai Safari Park told *Xinhua*.

The official said that the elephant was born in the Shanghai Safari Park in 1999 and has been taken care of by a group of keepers headed by Li ever since then.

The elephant is about 3.2-metre tall and weighs about five tons. Cause of the accident is being investigated. — MNA/Xinhua

S'pore President hosts state banquet in honour of Japanese Emperor

SINGAPORE, 10 June — Singapore President SR Nathan on Friday night hosted a state banquet in honour of visiting Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko at the Istana, the President's official residence.

The President said in a toast that bilateral economic cooperation between the two countries has broadened over the years and that Japanese companies continue to play a critical role in Singapore's economic well-being.

"Today, more than 2,200 Japanese firms are here and cumulative Japanese investment in Singapore stands at 37.6 billion Singapore dollars (about 23.6 billion US dollars)," the President said.

Citing electronics, chemicals, engineering, medical science, digital

media, education and intellectual property as areas for bilateral collaboration, President Nathan noted that there exist "greater opportunities for cooperation and exchanges in the years ahead".

Japan ranked Singapore's sixth largest trading partner in 2005 with bilateral trade exceeding 52 billion Singapore dollars (about 33 billion US dollars).

Earlier on Friday, the Emperor and the Empress were given a state welcome by President Nathan at the Istana.

Singapore's Prime

Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew called on the royal couple in the afternoon and Premier Lee also hosted them a lunch at the Arts House.

The royal couple arrived in Singapore on Thursday for a three-day state visit at the invitation of President Nathan.

MNA/Xinhua



Mount Bulusan volcano spews ash during its 'phreatic eruption' in Sorsogon Province, about 390 kilometres (244 miles) southeast of Manila, Philippines in this 31 May, 2006 file photo handed out by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS).—INTERNET

China recovers 3,000-year-old bronze vessel

BEIJING, 10 June — A huge round bronze ding, or three-legged bowl, dating back more than 3,000 years, has returned to China after being lost overseas for about 60 years.

The vessel, with the inscription "Zilong", is the largest of its kind from the Shang Dynasty (1600-1100 BC) ever discovered.

"This is no doubt one of the most important bronze vessels of the Shang Dynasty. It's a classical work representing the bronze-making technology of ancient China," renowned historian Li Xueqin said on Friday.

Experts believe the 1.03-metre-tall vessel is on a par with the famous square-shaped "Simuwu" ding, the largest ancient bronze vessel found in China.

The ding was a kind of cooking vessel with two loop handles and three (sometimes four) legs. Bronze dings were common during the Shang and Western Zhou (1,100 BC - 771 BC) dynasties and were still used in the Qin (221 BC - 206 BC) and Han (206 BC - 220 AD) dynasties, symbolizing the power and prosperity of a state or country.

Li said the Zilong ding was unearthed early in the 20th Century, but experts are uncertain as to the exact location of the discovery.

It is believed the vessel was unearthed in Huixian County in central China's Henan Province in the 1920s and then lost to Japan in the 1940s.

MNA/Xinhua



Schoolgirls, in traditional 'ao dai' dresses and wearing masks to protect their faces against heat and dust, ride their bicycles on a street in Vietnam's central Hue city on 10 June, 2006. —INTERNET

NZ Air Force rescues four people from sharks

WELLINGTON, 10 June — Four people were rescued from shark-infested waters near the South Pacific Tonga by a New Zealand (NZ) Air Force Orion aircraft Friday afternoon.

"The plane left New Zealand early this morning to respond to an emergency beacon signal," an NZ Defence Force spokesperson said.

The fishing vessel the *Pacific Sunrise* had lost battery power, and the Air Force helped coordinate a rendezvous with another fishing boat, the spokesperson said, adding that on its way back to New Zealand the *Orion* was diverted by another emergency signal and found four people in the water.

The group, with no lifejackets, was clinging to debris and the *Orion* captain reported seeing sharks near the group. A life raft was dropped from the plane, which then stayed in the area until the people were picked up by a local fishing boat, the spokesperson said. — MNA/Xinhua

Ortega says US aims to block his return

MANAGUA (Nicaragua), 11 June — Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega told regional observers on Friday the US and Nicaraguan governments were working together to try to disqualify him from November's presidential election.

Ortega, a former president and leader of Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista revolution, is seeking to return to power and has clashed in recent months with the US envoy and the country's main right-wing parties.

"We see a coordinated action between the United

States Government and the government of President (Enrique) Bolanos, both of whom want to disqualify the Sandinistas," Ortega said after a meeting with Organization of American States observers.

A spokeswoman at the US Embassy in Managua

declined to comment on Ortega's remarks. Nicaraguan Government officials were not immediately available for comment.

US Ambassador Paul Trivelli has repeatedly criticized Ortega, who many think could return to power and end the 16 years of pro-Washington government that followed his 1990 defeat. In April, Trivelli met with right-wing parties to discuss forming an alliance to oppose Ortega in the 5 November election.

The United States has a controversial history of involvement in Nicaragua.

Recent polls have shown solid support for the Sandinistas, which in the 1980s led a Soviet- and Cuban-backed government that battled US-funded Contra rebels.—MNA/Reuters

Teenage girl, boy die in British shooting

LONDON, 11 June — A 15-year-old girl and an 18-year-old boy have died in Greater Manchester in northern England in a shooting incident, police said on Saturday.

The pair are believed to have been in a relationship which ended recently.

Police found the girl dead and the boy still alive at an address in Salford following reports of shots being fired around 10 am (0900 GMT) on Saturday.

The boy was taken by ambulance to hospital but died a short time later.

"It is being treated as a murder inquiry and officers will continue to follow all lines of inquiry," a police spokeswoman said. The BBC reported the girl had been discovered outside the property with gunshot wounds to her head. — MNA/Reuters



A huge round bronze "ding", or three-legged bowl, dating back to more than 3,000 years, has returned to China after being lost overseas for about 60 years.—INTERNET

Bhumibol calls for unity at his Diamond Jubilee

BANGKOK, 11 June — Revered King Bhumibol Aduljadej called for national unity on Friday at joyous celebrations of his Diamond Jubilee.

King Bhumibol told a crowd in Bangkok's Royal Plaza — estimated by police at one million and many millions more glued to their televisions around the country — to think and act in good faith and work for the good of the nation.

"As long as Thais can still synchronize their thoughts, minds and behaviours for the good of the country, we can be assured the nation will continue to prosper," the bespectacled monarch said from a balcony of the Ananda Samakhom Throne Hall.

"Therefore I would like to ask everyone here to keep this good virtue and continuously pass it on for the prosperity of

the country," said the 78-year-old King, clad in an ornate coat of gold thread, 60 years after his coronation.

When he finished his five-minute speech, the genuinely adored monarch was rocked by a wave of sound as the crowd, which stretched 3 kilometres (2 miles), shouted "Long Live His Majesty".

Some broke down in tears as the King, Queen Sirikit alongside him, was moved visibly by the sound from the crowd, many of whom arrived in the early hours to stake out a good place to see him.

"This is a very auspicious opportunity," said Chom Taenglek, 75, who arrived at dawn. "I would like to see all Thais

sacrifice and do good for the country and our King, whom everyone should follow as a role model."

Like almost everyone else in Bangkok, Chom wore a yellow shirt, the colour of the King's birthday.

From Friday, Thais prepared for a four-day holiday weekend and with royalty from 25 nations heading to help celebrate the jubilee.

MNA/Reuters



Drivers turn their lights on in heavy rainfall as the effects of Tropical Storm Alberto pass over Miami Beach, Fla on 11 June, 2006. Alberto is the first named storm of the 2006 Atlantic hurricane season which developed Sunday from a poorly organized tropical depression in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.—INTERNET

Toxic grain claims 22 lives in Kenya

NAIROBI, 11 June — At least 22 people have died and several others have been admitted to hospitals in the past two

months after eating mould-contaminated grain in famine-prone eastern Kenya, a medical official said on Friday.

"A total of 22 people have died in the past two months as a result of aflatoxin.

Twenty-seven cases and 10 deaths have been reported in Kitui while 12 deaths and 22 cases have been reported in Makueni District," a top physician at the Ministry of Health told *Xinhua* by telephone.

"This problem started in early April. Several others are currently undergoing treatment in clinics and the situation is slowing getting under control," the medical official who sought anonymity said.

"We have, however, delivered medical supplies to dispensaries in the region and asking people to stop eating contaminated food," he said. Officials said food

shortages in the area, a chronic problem, forced hundreds of families to eat grain contaminated with aflatoxins, molds that grow as a result of improper storage.

Kitui lawmakers have asked the government to facilitate an elaborate scientific research to establish why the district in particular had been so susceptible to the aflatoxin food poisoning.

Last year, at least 30 people died and several hundred others sickened after eating similarly contaminated grain. Similar problem also claimed more than 100 lives in 2004.

Exposure to large amounts of aflatoxin over a short period causes acute liver damage and death, while the ingestion of small amounts over a longer period can cause liver cancer.

MNA/Xinhua

China floods kill 93, half a million evacuated

BEIJING, 11 June — Flooding from two weeks of heavy rain in southern China has killed 93 people, a further 11 are missing and more than half a million people have been evacuated to higher ground, the official *China Daily* said on Saturday.

"Nearly 12 million people in nine provinces, regions and municipalities have been affected by the weather," the newspaper quoted the Ministry of Civil Affairs as saying.

At least 560,000 people have been evacuated and direct losses from the heavy rains have reached 7.66 billion yuan (956 million US dollars, said the ministry.

Mudslides remained a danger, the daily said.

Fujian Province, the hardest-hit area, was given 40 million yuan by the central government for relief work, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



Men show their spirits as they carry a portable shrine at a procession, marking the coming summer in downtown Tokyo, on 11 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Thames Water seeks drought order

LONDON, 11 June — Millions of people in London face restrictions on their water use after Thames Water said on Friday it will apply to the government for special powers to cope with a drought in southern England.

If granted, the drought order would ban the washing of cars with a hosepipe, filling private swimming pools and watering parks and sports grounds.

Thames Water, owned by German utility RWE, said groundwater levels remained low, despite the wettest May in 27 years.

"We simply don't know how much rain we will get in the rest of the summer," the company's Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Pelczar said in a statement. "If the weather is unusually hot and dry we will need to restrict

water use more than we are at present."

The company's five million customers in London would be covered, while three million more in the Thames Valley will be exempt, he added.

Last July, Thames Water was criticized by regulator Ofwat for losing 915 million litres of water a day through leaks.

The company says that since November 2004 there has been below-average rainfall in the southeast in every month except one and that last year was the third-driest on record.

MNA/Reuters

Cambodian King leaves to attend Thai King's anniversary

PHNOM PENH, 11 June — Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni left here Sunday morning for Bangkok to attend the grand celebrations to mark the Thai King's 60th year on the throne.

It is the first time for Cambodian King to attend the grand events of Thai royalty since the early 60s, according to local media. Royalty from 25 nations will attend the celebration.

King Sihamoni will return home on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



Emergency workers attend the scene of a parked car bomb which hit the Karradah neighbourhood in Baghdad, killing at least four people and wounding 16 — the second strike in two days against the busy shopping district in Baghdad, on 11 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development work in ...

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He also attended a collective physic nut growing ceremony in the village at which 6,000 plants were grown on 5-acre land. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited Yanpe Dam in Taungdwingyi Township and instructed officials to strive for meeting the target of cultivating 10,000 acres of paddy. Yanpe Dam project is being undertaken in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. It can irrigate 10,000 acres of farmland.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint proceeded to the maize product factory project (Yanpe) in Payatkye Village. He was conducted round the factory by officials. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the physic nut plantations in the compound of the factory and gave necessary instructions to officials. Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited the 3-acre physic nut plantation in Lattat village in Taungdwingyi Township, attended a physic nut growing ceremony in Aunglan Township and inspected Kyayni Creek Bridge at mile post (226/2). — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects the maize product factory (Yanpe) of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries. — MNA

Kyaukme Township enjoying economic, social, health and education development...

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At Sakhantha village, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attended ceremony to

grow physic nut plants where departmental personnel and social organizations will put 575 acres

of land under physic nuts.

Accompanied by the commander and officials, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win observed generators, millers, power-tillers and vehicles run with physic nut oil.

At the regional bat-

tion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with Tatmadawmen and families, urging them to take part in nation-building tasks with might and main. He presented gifts to them.

He then met with departmental personnel,

social organizations and local people. The commander and officials presented reports on regional development.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that Kyaukme Township is enjoying economic, social, health and educa-

tion development. Departments and local people should make harmonious efforts for exceeding the targets set by the government. With the strength of the entire nation, the government has been ensuring peace, progress, prosperity and the rule of law.

Service personnel on their part should make physical and intellectual efforts for further development of the nation which in turn will help raise their living standard. They should regard the regions they are working as their native place and should organize and educate the locals for regional development. They will have to make harmonious efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets officers and other ranks and their families of Kyaukme Station. — MNA

No 7 Workshop on procedures to be followed for sale of medicines concludes

YANGON, 12 June— A conclusion ceremony of No 7 Workshop on procedures to be followed for the sale of medicines conducted by Myanmar Medical Entrepreneurs Association

was held at Myanmar Accountants Association in Puzundaung Township this morning.

Dr Maung Maung Lay of MMEA and Dr Mi Mi Ko spoke on the occa-

sion.

Later, trainees were given completion certificates and the ceremony ended. No 8 Course will be opened on the last week of June.—MNA



Dr Maung Maung Lay speaks at the conclusion of No 7 Workshop on procedures to be followed for the sale of medicines. — HEALTH

USDA SG receives Japanese high ranking official



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo meets Chairman of the Executive Council of Liberal Democratic Party of Japan Mr Fumio Cuma. — MNA

YANGON, 12 June — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo today met with Chairman of the Executive Council of Liberal Democratic Party of Japan Mr Fumio Cuma at the headquarters of USDA here.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on promotion of Japan-Myanmar friendship and mutual cooperation.

U Htay Oo also clarified the objectives and tasks of USDA and its participation in development tasks of the country.

Mr Fumio is also a member of the House of Representatives and an adviser to the Association of Japan-Myanmar Mutual Cooperation.

Also present at the call were CEC member of USDA U Maung Pa and officials of the headquarters.—MNA



Ambassador of Russian Federation Mr Oleg V Kabanov and wife welcome Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife at the reception to mark Russian Federation's National Day.—MNA

Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to the Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June — On the occasion of the 108th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Honourable Alberto G Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines. —MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergei V Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2006. —MNA

Ambassadors, diplomats, representatives of UN Agencies, local and foreign journalists visit Mon, Kayin states

YANGON, 12 June — A study group comprising ambassadors and diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon, representatives of UN Agencies and local and foreign journalists, accompanied by officials made a study tour of Mon and Kayin states in South-East Command from 8 to 10 June.

Laotian Ambassador Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane, Cambodian Ambassador Mr Hul Phany, Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr D M M Ranaraja, Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito, Korean Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum, Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Tran Van Tung, Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr Mohammed Khairuzzaman, Malaysian Ambassador Mr Shahrudin bin Md Som, Brunei Ambassador Pehin Daru Indorasugara Brig-Gen (B) Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Yusuf bin Adu Bakar and Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong, Charge d' Affaires a. i of Embassy of Serbia and Montenegro Mr Dragan Janekovic, Deputy Chief of Mission Ms Catherine Firth of British Embassy, Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Helal Helal Ibrahim of Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, First Secretary Mrs Deng Qinghua of Embassy of the People's Republic China, Second Secretary Mr Dennis D. Tidwell of Embassy of US, Attache Mr Abdulsalam A . A I Enzi of Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Deputy Representative Ms Akikosuzaki of UNDP, Chief Planning Session Ms May Pascual of UNICEF and Head of Office Ms Isbeele Bouan of IOM (TCB), President of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Sao Kai Hpa and members and others totalling 60 were members of the study tour. —MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and party on Thanlwin River Bridge (Mawlamyine).—MNA

Diplomats, Journalists visit...

(from page 16) the over 2,392-foot-long bridge will contribute to the development of the region, he added.

Afterwards, diplomats and journalists visited the construction site of the bridge linking Bago Division's Waw Township and Mon State's Kyaikto Township. Construction of the bridge in-

cluding 28-foot wide motorroad and 6-foot wide walkways is expected to be completed by 2007. During the tour of Mon State, they also visited Kadaik Dam project in Paung Township.

Construction of the dam is 75 percent complete and Construction Group-6 of the Irrigation Department is imple-

menting the project on Kadaik Creek in Paung Township. The dam will be 134 feet high and 5,210 feet long with a water storage capacity of 56,000 acre feet, and on completion, it will irrigate 10,000 acres in summer.

Crop fields were facing annual floods as the volume of water came down from the many mountains of Mon

State was large. The government built Azin dam in 1990, Wapa dam in 1994, Shwenattaung dam in 1996, and Winphanon dam in 2001. It is striving to complete the Kataik Dam Project in 2007-2008.

The minister and party visited Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) Project in Mottama, Paung Township. They (See page 9)



The magnificent Thanlwin River Bridge (Mawlamyine), the longest in Myanmar.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explains salient points of the Thanlwin River Bridge. — MNA



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were welcomed by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, officials, social

and Yangon Divisions that is helping further enhance love and amity among the national races. The government spent K 18,920 million for the main structure and K 11,533 million for the approach structures totalling K 30,453 million. Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint said that the bridge was built

by Myanmar engineers and workers without taking any foreign assistance. Officials answered the questions raised by the members of the expedition.

The expedition team studied the grandeur of the bridge, one of the great accomplishments of Myanmar engineers, and the traffic on it. From the bridge they enjoyed the sun set view of Khaungse island and Mawlamyine.

At Mawlamyine Railway Station, the expedition members heard a report on the government's plans for transport facilitation.

Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win hosted a diner in honour of the expedition members at the Mon State Hall in Mawlamyine.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Deputy Commander Col Zaw Min, senior military officers, and ambassadors, UN officials, departmental officials, members of Information Committee, the president and members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and local journalists who were members of the expedition and guests attended the dinner. Musical programmes were staged before and during the dinner. Mon State and Kayin traditional and cultural troupes performed variety dances after the dinner. Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted all those who attended the dinner.

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The expedition meets faculty members of Hpa-an University. — MNA

organizations and national races cultural troupes.

At the project briefing hall, the minister said that the bridge is built at the convergence where Thanlwin, Attaran and Gyaing rivers meet. He explained the engineering methods and technology applied in building the bridge.

Officials explained the social and economic benefits of the bridge linking Mon State and Bago

Information Minister attends cash donation ceremony in commemoration of MWJA Fourth Literary Conference

YANGON, 12, June — The second cash donation ceremony was held in commemoration of the Fourth Literary Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Road here this afternoon.

It was attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, heads of department, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members, donors and guests.

First, the minister accepted K 3 million donated by Dr Daw Khin Khin Yi (Shine Hope Co); K 100,000 by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation; 20 books and K 100,000 by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association; K 200,000 by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon; K 100,000 each by Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Traditional Handicraft Asiayon; and periodicals and cash donations by other wellwishers.

Myanma Radio and Television Director General U Khin Maung Htay, Printing and Publishing Enterprise Managing Director U Aung Nyein, Vice Chairman-1 of MWJA U Tin Kha also accepted cash and periodicals donated by wellwishers.

Today's donations were K 3,470,000 and 3991 books on various subjects.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepting cash donation from a well-wisher. — MNA

MWJA Literary Conference can contact Sarpay Beikman Building, No 529, corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street (Ph: 254173/252417).

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Before 1954, 200-bed People's Hospital in Hpa-an was a dispensary and it was upgraded to 25-bed hospital in 1954, 55-bed one in 1955, 100-bed one in 1959 and 150-bed one in 1962. It was upgraded to 200-bed hospital under the present government in 1991. Health care service is being provided to local people by specialists.

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Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and Laotian Ambassador Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane presented bouquets to members of the cultural troupe.

The commander presented gifts to the ambassador.

The diplomats and the journalists attended the inauguration of Government Computer College in Hpa-an on 10 June.

The members of the study group visited 200-bed People's Hospital where they were welcomed by Head of Kayin State Health

specialists.

He also spoke on number of in-patients, the medical funds, the ratio of patients and doctors.

The medical superintendent replied to queries raised by the journalists.

The study group led by Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan arrived at Hpa-an University. The journalists raised questions on academic matters.

There are 193 faculty members and 3,000 students at the university.

The study group arrived back here in the evening.

MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win hosts dinner in honour of the expedition led by Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. — MNA



Members of the expedition led by Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan enjoy a Kayin traditional dance. — MNA

Department Dr Htay Naung, Medical Superintendent Dr Hla Myint, specialists and health staff.

Medical Superintendent Dr Hla Myint reported on the history of the hospital. He said before 1954, it was a dispensary and it was upgraded to 25-bed hospital in 1954, 50-bed one in 1955, 100-bed one in 1959 and 150-bed one in 1962. It was upgraded to 200-bed hospital under the present government in 1991. Health care service is being provided to local people by



Kataik Dam under construction in Paung Township, Mon State. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses annual meeting of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone. — MNA

Annual meeting of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone held

YANGON, 12 June — The annual meeting of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone was held at the meeting hall of MMPA on Wingaba Road this evening.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan spoke on the occasion. He said five objectives for development of the film world were laid down and it is necessary to undertake the 12 basic points that lead to the realization of the objectives.

He said cooperation and investment are necessities in producing a film of high standard and quality.

Chairman of MMPA U Kyi Soe Tun extended greetings. Joint Secretary-2 U Maung Maung Oo (Snow White) submitted the annual report of the executive committee. — MNA



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Deputy General Manager U Myat Lin of Myanma Railways replies to queries raised by diplomats, Representatives of UN Agencies and journalists. — MNA



Progress in construction of Sittoung Bridge (Moplin). — MNA

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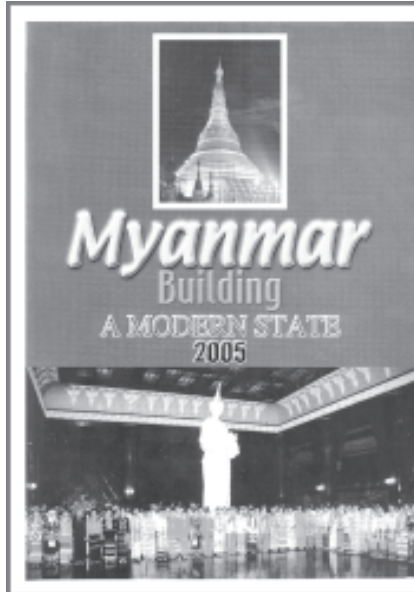
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Tanzanian bus plunges into river, killing 54

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 11 June— Fifty four people were killed and 20 others injured when a bus plunged into a river in northern Tanzania on Friday, a senior regional official said.

Abbas Kandoro, the Arusha regional commissioner, said the bus was carrying 74 people — almost three times the legally allowed 26. "There were some (people) that were standing, plus cargo

on top," he said. "It is not allowed within the law because the bus's capacity is 26 passengers."

He said the bus plunged around 9 metres into the Mererani River. "The bus was carrying 74 passengers. Fifty four people have died," he added.

The accident happened near Arusha, about 300 miles northwest of Dar-es-Salaam.

MNA/Reuters

Three miners rescued 50 hours after S-W China colliery flooding

CHONGQING, 11 June — Three miners were saved Saturday morning more than 50 hours after they had been trapped in a flooded coal mine in southwest China, but seven others remain missing, local authorities said.

The three people, identified as Zhang Mingwei, Meng Shihuai and Shen Shihua, were rescued at 4:50 am Saturday and were rushed

to the local Nanchuan City People's Hospital.

The three miners were feeble when they were lifted to the ground but all with clear consciousness and normal signs of life, and now, they are out of danger, doctors said.

The Houshan Colliery in the city of Nanchuan was flooded at around 2:15 am Thursday, about 10 minutes after a blast to facilitate

excavation. Eighteen miners were working in the pit and eight of them escaped.

Zhang and the two others were working at a relatively higher location underground when the accident took place, which increased chances of being rescued, said Li Chenggang, chief engineer with the Nanchuan City Bureau for Coal Mine Work Safety.

MNA/Xinhua



Villagers watch thick smoke from the Mount Merapi volcano as seen from Gondang Arum village in the district of Sleman, near the Indonesian city of Yogyakarta, 440 km (273 miles) east of Jakarta, on 11 June, 2006. —INTERNET

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Two killed in building collapse in N Lagos

LAGOS, 11 June— Two persons lost their lives in the Sari-Iganmu area of Lagos, the commercial capital of Nigeria, when a two-storey building collapsed, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer Olubode Ojajuni said here on Friday.

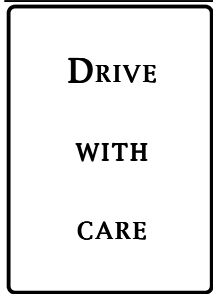
He said the corpses of the deceased had been retrieved from the scene

and removed by policemen to a local public mortuary for autopsy.

The collapsed building which was constructed in the late 1970s, housed eight tenants believed to be traders. It had developed several cracks on its foundation and ground floor walls before finally giving way on Thursday.

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Nepal to ratify anti-tobacco pact

KATHMANDU, 10 June — Nepali Speaker Subash Nemwang has said the government will support the campaign against tobacco by endorsing the Frame Work Convention of Tobacco Control (FCTC), the Himalayan Times reported on Friday.

“The government will not go against the people and will get the FCTC ratified by the Members of Parliament,” the speaker was quoted by the newspaper as saying while addressing a seminar on FCTC and its ratification, which was organized by the Nepal Cancer Relief Society. He assured that the campaigners will not have to go to the extreme of filing writ petitions against the government seeking ratification of the FCTC.

Margarita Rondeors, residential representative of the World Health Organization, said WHO supports countries in saving lives.

Tobacco Control Act, after the endorsement by the Parliament, will enable the implementation of the FCTC that will help make a ban on advertising tobacco complete along with finding measures that will help save the lives of many.

Rajendra Baral, medical director at

Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital, said there are 40 factories that manufacture cigarettes and tobacco and 4 per cent of the total income of an individual is spent in tobacco consumption.

Nirakar Man Shrestha, chief specialist at Ministry of Health and Population said the Health Ministry will submit a proposal for a Cabinet decision soon.

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Golfer Michelle Wie of Honolulu, Hawaii, waves after teeing off on the eighth 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

Mt Mearapi's eruption to weaken

JAKARTA, 10 June — An Indonesian geologist predicted that Mt Merapi's later eruption would be weak as it has already exhausted its energy so far.

Suparkah, a geologist from the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), told newsmen here on Thursday “as it has already exhausted its energy, its eruption later will certainly be weaker”.

It seemed the volcano's eruption later would be weak in view of the huge hot clouds it had spewed on Thursday, Antara news agency on Friday quoted the geologist as saying.

The hot clouds of ash produced by the mountain at around 9 am on Thursday went as far as five kilometres away to the south, burning some forest area north of Kaliadem in Sleman, Yogyakarta.

Suparkah, who was promoted as a professor that day, said that the tectonic quake rattling Yogyakarta and some parts of Central Java on 27 May had affected the lava dome at Merapi's summit.

“The magma below Merapi was certainly shaken so that it would seek a balance by producing energy.

The energy collected by Merapi could not be released at once,” he said.—MNA/Xinhua



Sir Elton John performs to the crowd during his open air concert which is part of his summer tour at the Riverside, Chester Le Street, Durham, England, on 10 June, 2006. —INTERNET

China issues new warning over milk powder

BEIJING, 10 June — China's top food safety office has issued a warning about unsafe milk powder, two years after fake milk formula led to the deaths of at least 13 babies.

Several categories of milk products, including milk for the elderly, were found to have “almost no protein”, the state-run Beijing News said, quoting the State Food and Drug Administration.

“The potential for danger is very high,” the newspaper said, naming one brand and two companies involved in the manufacture.

An official at the administration confirmed it had issued a warning and said it had not received any complaints from consumers so far. — MNA/Reuters

Two Canadians accused of being Nazi guards

OTTAWA, 10 June — Two Canadian men in their 80s went on trial on Thursday in Canada's Federal Court after being accused of working as Nazi guards during World War II.

Josef Furman, 85, from the western city of Edmonton and Jura

Skomatchuk, 83, of St. Catharines in the eastern Ontario Province,

appeared in court for a citizenship revocation hearing, Canadian

media reported. They could both have their Canadian citizenship revoked and be deported if they lose their cases.

The hearing began after documents allegedly detailing the men's work histories were ruled admissible by the judge, the report said.

Historian Johannes Tichel told the court that Skomatchuk's name appeared on transfer lists several times, suggesting he was trained as an armed guard at the Nazi Trawniki camp before being transferred to serve at a number of concentration camps.

The court also heard from former concentration camp prisoner Jack Terry, who described the inhuman conditions of living in captivity, including details on some of the places where the two accused allegedly worked. — MNA/Xinhua

New power plant to benefit over 130,000 in S Central Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 June — A new

hydropower plant went into operation in Brazil's central state of Minas Gerais on Thursday, providing electricity for about 132,000 customers in the north of the state.

The Irape water power plant, built on the Jequitinhonha River in the northern region of Minas Gerais state in south central Brazil, has a generating capacity of 360 megawatts, local media reported.

Inaugurated by the Minas Gerais State Energy Company on Thursday, the plant is expected to benefit about 132,000 people in 10 towns of the Jequitinhonha Valley, north

Minas Gerais.

The plant, with an investment of 415 million US dollars, has three power turbines.

The company plans to use only one initially, with the second and third to be put into operation in August and October respectively.

The construction of the plant is part of the local government's latest efforts to develop the Jequitinhonha Valley.

Minas Gerais is relatively a wealthy state in Brazil, but the valley, a dry region, historically lags behind the rest of the state.

MNA/Xinhua



Storm clouds gather over the US Federal Reserve Building before an evening thunderstorm in Washington on 9 June, 2006. —INTERNET

SPORTS

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

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 South Korea v Togo, 19:30 MST
 France v Switzerland, 22:30 MST
 Wednesday, 14 June 2006
 Brazil v Croatia, 01:30 MST



Jamaica's Asafa Powell (L) sprints for the line ahead of British duo Mark Lewis Francis (C) and Dwayne Chambers, equalling the World Record for the 100 metres, during the British Grand Prix athletics meeting in Gateshead, northeast England, on 11 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Torino beat Mantova to win promotion to Serie A

ROME, 12 June—Torino won promotion to Serie A on Sunday when they beat Mantova 3-1 in the second leg of their playoff to draw 5-5 on aggregate. With the scores level at the end of extra time, the victory was awarded to Torino by virtue of their better league standing. The seven-times Italian champions, who dropped out of the top flight at the end of the 2002-03 season, finished third in Serie B last month behind Atalanta and Catania, who took the two automatic promotion places. Mantova were fourth. Torino, cheered on by 60,000 fans at Turin's Stadio delle Alpi, made sure of the win five minutes into the first period of extra time when Davide Nicola headed in from a corner — a goal that left their opponents needing to score twice to prevent Torino going up. —MNA/Reuters

Ivory Coast hammer local amateurs

TROISDORF (Germany), 12 June—Ivory Coast took out their World Cup frustrations on a German amateur team on Sunday, thrashing them 9-0 in a practice match. Following their 2-1 defeat to Argentina in Group C on Saturday, Ivory Coast fielded a second string side on Sunday against Sportfreunde Troisdorf, with Bonaventure Kalou the only man to start both games. Arouna Kone and Bakary Kone, both substitutes on Saturday, led the front line on Sunday, with Arouna grabbing four of the goals and Bakary two. —MNA/Reuters

Answers for 11-6-2006 Crossword Puzzle

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Pauleta goal sees Portugal past Angola

COLOGNE, 12 June—Portugal secured a 1-0 win over Angola on Sunday as the African World Cup debutants overcame a nervous start to hold their own against their former colonial masters. Pauleta almost scored after 12 seconds and did so after four minutes as the Euro 2004 runners-up threatened to run away with their opening Group D clash in a one-sided first 20 minutes. But Angola overcame their jitters, created a few chances of their own and walked off the pitch with their heads held high at the end of an emotional encounter.



Portuguese forward Luis Figo (L) fights for the ball with Angolan defender Delgado during the 2006 World Cup match Angola vs Portugal in Cologne, Germany. Portugal won 1-0.—INTERNET

Angola gained a bloody independence from their opponents in 1975 after 400 years of colonial rule but relations between the two countries have thawed since and eight of the Angola squad play their club football in Portugal.

The European side, unbeaten winners of a tough World Cup qualifying group, warmed to their task immediately as Pauleta skidded a shot just wide when they broke straight from kickoff.

He did not have to wait long to find the net though as three minutes later Luis Figo collected the ball in acres of midfield space, easily skipped past Kali and pulled the ball back for the striker to tuck in his 47th goal in his 83rd international.

The Angolans looked in disarray as Pauleta ran free on to another long ball before hooking over the bar but they eventually settled and enjoyed a flurry of half-chances.—MNA/Reuters

Mexico beat Iran 3-1 in World Cup Group D opener

NUREMBERG, 12 June—Striker Omar Bravo scored twice as Mexico beat Iran 3-1 in their World Cup Group D opener here on Sunday.

The 26-year-old put Mexico ahead in the 28th minute after slotting in a pass from Guillermo Franco. He scored the second in the 76th minute to give the Mexicans a 2-1 lead after the match had been deadlocked at 1-1. Iran gave Mexico

some nervous moments soon after the kickoff. Striker Vahid Hashemian could have given the Asian side the lead.

Hashemian first missed when trying to back-heel a cross into the net, then seconds later forced a flying save from

Oswaldo Sanchez with a well-directed header.

The Mexicans, with a captain in Barcelona player Rafael Marquez at the back, settled quickly and found the net first through Bravo.

But defender Yahya Golmohammadi produced an almost immediate reply for the Iranians, prodding high into the roof of the net after Oswaldo Sanchez flapped at a corner and the ball fell at the defender's feet in the six-metre box.

Iran, who recorded only one win in their two previous World Cup finals, displayed an aggressive performance after the interval, pressing the Mexicans from the start and looked very strong from dead-balls.

Ricardo La Volpe's side was shocked as striker Jared Borgetti was forced off with a hamstring problem. The leading scorer in qualifying was replaced by Francisco Fonseca.

Mexico, competing in their 13th World Cup,

upped the tempo again and skipper Marquez pulled their strings in the middle of the park.

In the 58th minute, Marquez was at the centre of a fabulous passing move, playing two brilliant one-twos before falling under a heavy challenge from Golmohammadi in the box, but referee Roberto Rosetti incredibly waved off their plea for a penalty kick.

La Volpe was frustrated at the bench as time went by and a draw was far from enough from his side in Group D, which also consists of Portugal and Angola.

Bravo rose to the occasion to help Mexico to retake the lead and only three minutes later, Antonio Zinha sealed the win with a bullet header from 10 metres out from Mario Mendez' right-wing cross.

Iran captain Ali Dae said that two mistakes in five minutes cost their point from the games. —MNA/Xinhua



Mexico's Omar Bravo (R) scores past Iran's Ebrahim Mirzapour (L) for Mexico's second goal during their Group D World Cup 2006 soccer match in Nuremberg on 11 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Inspired Robben drives Dutch to victory

LEIPZIG, 12 June—The Netherlands made a fine start to their World Cup on Sunday with a goal from the inspired Arjen Robben giving them a 1-0 victory over Serbia & Montenegro.

Marco van Basten's side confirmed their status as serious contenders for the title, dominating possession and combining patient build-up play with neat, quick passing in their opening Group C game.

Robben, comfortably the game's outstanding player, gave the Dutch the lead in the 18th minute with a cool left-footed finish after he raced clear of the Serbian defence to latch on to a pass from Robin van Persie.

The winger could have doubled his tally four minutes later with a fierce shot, which produced a spectacular one-handed save from Dragoslav Jevric.

Robben's pace consistently caused problems for Serbian stand-in right back Nenad Djordjevic, starting as part of a defensive reshuffle caused by centre back Nemanja Vidic's suspension.

Serbia & Montenegro coach Ilija Petkovic was forced to take Djordjevic off before half time, bringing on Ognjen Koroman. His side threatened more in the second half but could not find the killer touch in front of goal.—MNA/Reuters



The Netherlands' Ruud van Nistelrooy jumps during their Group C World Cup 2006 soccer match against Serbia and Montenegro in Leipzig on 11 June, 2006.—INTERNET

92-year-old Zambian convicted for cultivating marijuana

LUSAKA, 12 June — A 92-year-old headman of Zambia has been convicted for cultivating marijuana, *Times of Zambia* reported on Saturday.

The old man in Southern Province has been ordered to pay 1.8 million kwacha (about 529 US dollars) or in default serve a two-year jail sentence for cultivating 2.4 tons of marijuana.

The 92-year-old man was arrested last year after a tip off from the public that he had a marijuana plantation near his village.

He was found harvesting the psycho tropical substance on the same day he was arrested.

Passing judgment, magistrate Kevin Limbani after taking into account the mitigation of the convict being the first offender and old age to survive the poor state of the prison conditions, said the offence committed was a serious one hence the need to punish the offender to deter the would-be culprits from committing the similar offence.

He expressed worry at the increasing tendency of cultivating marijuana in the southern African

country and called for an immediate halt because the trend is negatively af-

fecting society and the country's economy.

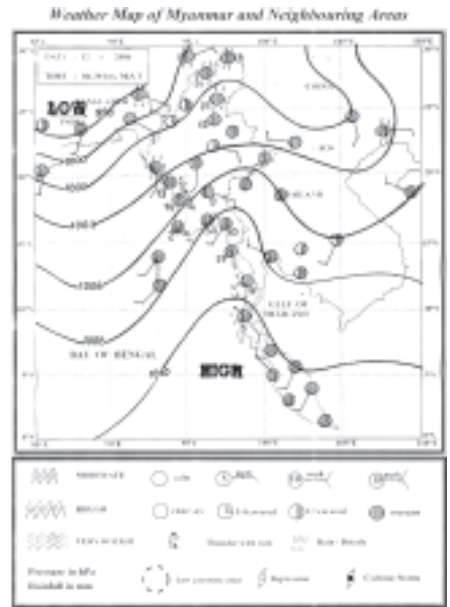
MNA/Xinhua

Briton nabbed working illegally in Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 12 June — A British national has been detained in Tanzania for working illegally in the country despite explanations and warnings from the country's immigration department, according to reports reaching here on Saturday.

The Briton, identified as Clifford Len Hunt, was held for working with a road construction firm using a tourist's visa. The detention was made on Friday at Clifford's office.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 12 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State and Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yaw (2.40) inches, Bago (2.05) inches, Kyauktaw (1.85) inches, Dawei (1.58) inches and Katha (1.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 11-6-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 12-6-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-6-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 11-6-2006 was (4.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 12-6-2006 were (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (1.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.86) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (19.53) inches at Mingaladon, (27.56) inches at Kaba-Aye and (30.51) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (14) mph from Southwest at (14:20) hours MST on 11-6-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls are likely in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-6-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).




Competitors flex their muscles during the 'Men's 70kg or below Championship Final' at the Hong Kong Bodybuilding Championship in Hong Kong on 11 June, 2006.—INTERNET

WORLD CUP 2006	
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Italy	2
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Tuesday, 13 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -You got it... Bonnie Raitt
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -I take you with me... Mellissa Etheridge
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Dream The Caranberries
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -My kind of girl... Collin Raye
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
- In the air tonight... Phil Collins
- Love hurts... Nararath
- New kid in town
- 9:00pm English speaking course level (I) Article (II)
- 9:20pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30pm Music for Your Listening Pleasure -Experienced Steps
- If you love me Ronan Keating
- Everybody hurt REM
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



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Tuesday, 13 June
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<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ဂျပန်နိုင်ငံ မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် ယံသာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော် ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးသည့်အခမ်းအနားအား အားပေးအကူအညီပြုပေးခြင်း၊ တီထွင်ရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းအား အားပေးအကူအညီပြုပေးခြင်း</p> <p>7:15 am</p> <p>2. တီထွင်ရေး ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်များ အဖွဲ့အစည်းအား အားပေးအကူအညီပြုပေးခြင်း (တီထွင်ရေး ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်များ အားပေးအကူအညီပြုပေးခြင်း)</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>7:55 am</p> <p>6. ကျောင်းပညာပေး</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>7. အထွေထွေ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>8. Song of yester years</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Let's go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song for uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. English for everyday use</p> <p>4:40 am</p> <p>4. အဆောင်အယောင်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခြင်း</p> <p>4:55 am</p> <p>5. Dance of national races</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>6. ခံစားနားဆင် တေးဂီတ</p> <p>5:20 pm</p> <p>7. "အနိုင်အရှုံး" (မိမိ၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ခါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နီနီနီ)</p>	<p>5:25 pm</p> <p>8. ခြုံငုံဖော်ပြ ဝေဖန်ပြောဆို</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>9. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>10. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>11. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ</p> <p>6:50 pm</p> <p>12. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည့်အကျိုး</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>13. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:10 pm</p> <p>14. မြန်မာ့ဝန်းဆယ်ဖွံ့ဖြိုး</p> <p>7:15 pm</p> <p>15. "သင်္ဘောစုန်းစုန်း" အမျိုးသမီး ဂုဏ်ရည်</p> <p>7:30 pm</p> <p>16. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>17. စီးပွားတိုးတက် ပြောင်းလဲမှု</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>18. News</p> <p>19. International news</p> <p>10. Weather report</p> <p>21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအိမ်ကော်လံ" (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p>22. The next day's programme</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

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to the Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June— On the occasion of the 108th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2006, a message of felicitations has been sent from General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar to Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines. —MNA

Prime Minister felicitates Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mikhail Fradkov, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2006.

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Diplomats, Journalists visit Mon, Kayin States, witness regional developments including Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine)



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan briefing on the Sittoung Bridge (Moplin) construction project. —MNA



YANGON, 12 June — Chairman of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, ambassadors, diplomats, representatives of UN agencies and journalists on 8 June visited bridge and dam construction projects in Mon and Kayin States.

Members of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Director-General of Myanma Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, diplomats, officials of UN agencies and journalists

first visited Sittoung Bridge, an old one built in 1907, linking Bago Division and Mon State.

Afterwards, they went to Sittoung Bridge (Moplin) project in Kyaikto Township, Mon State, where Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Commander of South-East Command Col Zaw Min and officials of the Public Works welcomed them.

Transportation among Taninthayi Division, Mon State, Yangon and Bago divisions will improve

with the opening of the new rail-cum-road bridge across Sittoung River, said Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, bridges are built across the country to narrow the development gap, said Senior Engineer of the Sittoung Bridge (Moplin) project U Kyaw Lin. Upon completion,

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