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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Laotian President

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Choummaly Sayasone who was elected as President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of congratulations to LPDR

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Bounnhang Vorachith who was elected as Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Development projects under close supervision in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, inspected development tasks and agricultural projects in Magway District on 13 June.

They inspected the five-acre physic nut plantation in Dagundaing model village, Natmauk Township.

They attended the growing of physic nut plants by service personnel at Layein village on Natmauk-

Ywamon-Pyawbwe Road. Lt-Gen Ye Myint grew a sapling, and inspected the growing of physic nut saplings by departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people.

Chairman of Magway District PDC Lt-Col Kyi Tun reported on progress in planting physic nutsaplings. Departments in Natmauk Township so far has put 25,028 acres out of the target of 40,925 acres under physic nut.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into the seven-acre physic

nut plantation on Natmauk-Ywamon Road in Kywema Village of Sitha Village-tract.

On arrival at Natmauk People's Hospital, he inspected wards, medical store, X-ray room and new operation theatre and gave instructions.

He inspected the construction of a bridge across the Yin Creek on Taungdwingyi-Myothish-Natmauk Road. On completion, the 300-foot-long facility will link Natmauk and Myothish.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint has a meeting with service personnel from Myothish and Natmauk townships, social organizations and townselders in Myothish Township.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for improvement of women's lives

Myanmar people have their own culture, customs and traditions and have been living on their own land with their own dignity. Since the time of their forefathers, they have promoted national prestige and integrity and preserved cultural heritage and national character.

It is very important for Myanmar people to strive for the perpetuation of their nation and safeguard their culture. Therefore, they ought to defend their motherland not only with their sweat and blood but also with the wall of culture. To be able to do so, they must have a strong spirit of loving and cherishing their own race.

As love for care of their own race is related with women's dignity, strength and value, they should value and preserve their own attributes.

Over half of the population of Myanmar is women. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation has been formed to ensure the improvement of women's lives. Now the MAAF is constantly working for security and development of women's lives, their protection and rehabilitation and enhancement of their social and economic status.

As the Federation is rendering support and assistance for improvement of women's lives, there have emerged outstanding women entrepreneurs in the political, economic, education and health sectors. And they are shouldering national duties like men.

Myanmar women are a good example in promoting and preserving their own nationality and national culture. Throughout the different periods of the history of Myanmar, they have served the best interests of the nation wherever they are assigned. We believe that Myanmar women will always strive for improvement of their lives while preserving their dignity and attributes in accordance with the national traditions and customs.

“သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်”

ခရီးသည်တင် ဖော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတိမှတ်ခေါက်ရေနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေးထားပြီးဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတိမှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်စောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက် တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြကြောင်း ကြားသိရပါသည်။ ယင်းသို့ ယာဉ်စီးခပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိထိ ရောက်ရောက် အရေးယူနိုင်ရေးအတွက် အောက်ပါဖုန်းနံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း ၁၉၉
- (၂) ကြီးမဲ့ကြေးနန်းနှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူးရုံး ၂၉၁၅၅/၂၉၁၅၄
- (၃) ဖော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

Oppose Those Relying on External Elements

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

Foreign Minister sends message of congratulations to LPDR

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Dr Thongloun Sisoulith who was appointed as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

Cricket coach calls on Sports Minister

YANGON, 15 June — Bangladeshi Senior Coach Mr Fahim who will coach Myanmar selected cricket team which is going to participate in Asian Cricket Council Trophy 2006 to be held in Kuala Lumpur during August called on Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint in National Indoor Stadium-1 yesterday.

Also present at the call were President of Myanmar Cricket Federation Actor U Nyunt Win, Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw, the president of tournament organizing and rules enforcement committee and responsible personnel. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Bangladeshi Senior Coach Mr Fahim and officials seen. — MCF

Sri Lanka, Myanmar to boost bilateral trade

YANGON, 15 June — Sri Lankan commerce delegation met with officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers Commerce and Industry on 12 June here and sought ways for investment opportunities in Myanmar and boosting of bilateral trade and tourism industry.

At the meeting, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry was led by its vice presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin while the 11-member Sri Lankan delegation was headed by Mr Kingsley Bernard of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

They also cordially discussed study tour of industry zones in Myanmar by Sri Lankan businessmen and meetings of businessmen of the two sides. — MNA



UMFCCI officials meeting with Sri Lankan commerce delegation.

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 15 June — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Officer on Special Duty of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thuang (Retd) as Director-General of the Construction Inspection Department under the Ministry of Construction on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

MNA

U Tin Win presents credentials to President of Poland

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June — U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Poland, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Lech Kaczynski, President of the Republic of Poland, on 23 May 2006, in Warsaw. — MNA

Doe Kyay Ywa journal appears

YANGON, 15 June — Doe Kyay Ywa journal, Volume 3, No 12, has come out today.

It covers a variety of features ranging from agriculture and poultry rearing to change of global warming and supply of safe drinking water to rural areas. Short story, humour, cartoon, poem and news are also included.

The journal can be purchased at the offices of Information and Public Relations Departments.

Those wishing to put manuscripts and commercials in the journal are to contact No 22-24, Pansodan Street, Tel (371340, 371342).

MNA

Intellectual property course to be opened

YANGON, 15 June — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will conduct the General Course on Intellectual Property DL-101, an on-line course of WIPO, on every Sunday.

Graduates are eligible to do the course to be held at UMFCCI's training centre in Pabedan Township from 15 June to 30 September.

Application forms are available at UMFCCI, No 61, in Kyauktada Township, Ph 246975, 243151, 381285 and are to be sent to UMFCCI not later than 14 June.

MNA

Putin hails SCO as new mode of international cooperation

Moscow, 14 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin has hailed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as introducing new patterns for successful international cooperation.

Putin made the remarks in an article published on the eve of the SCO's 2006 summit to be held on Thursday in Shanghai, China. The summit will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the group's establishment.

Terming the SCO as an "influential regional

organization," Putin said the SCO, which groups Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, has become an important factor for maintaining stability in Eurasia since its establishment five years ago.

Countries in the region have long realized the importance of joining forces to meet new challenges faced by them, Putin said. Only on the basis of multilateral cooperation and through their own efforts, can

peace and economic development in the region be guaranteed, he said.

Reviewing the SCO's achievements in resolving the border problems among members, Putin elaborated on the organization's successful cooperation in a number of areas, including security, economy and culture. Facing the menace of "the three evil forces" of terrorism, separatism and religious extremism, members of the SCO had had discussions on the importance of joining

efforts in fighting terrorism and begun practical work on it long before the 11 September terrorist attacks on the United States, Putin said. The member states already have effective means to counter the threat of terrorism, separatism and extremism, the president said, adding that the next move will be coordination and cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking.

MNA/Xinhua

Record heroin seized in southern Sweden

HELSINKI, 14 June — Police in the southern Swedish town of Ljungby seized a record amount of heroin of 15 kilos at weekend, according to a report reaching here Tuesday. Three men — all of them in their 30s and from the former Yugoslavia — were detained during the operation, and the drug haul has an estimated street value of nearly 18 million kronor (2.4 million US dollars). A fourth person, a 33-year-old woman, was released on Monday, but she is still involved in the investigation.

MNA/Xinhua



Leaders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states meet representatives of entrepreneurs of SCO countries at the Xijiao State Guesthouse in Shanghai, China on 14 June, 2006. Shown in rear, from left: Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Chinese President Hu Jintao, Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, Tajikistan President Emomali Rakhmonov. —INTERNET

ထိုက်တန်ဒီလ်စ်စ် ဝိုင်းမြင့်ကြ



Thai Princess Sirindhorn (R) escorts Japan's Empress Michiko (C) and Emperor Akihito (R) at the military airport in Bangkok, on 15 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Dollar, gold fall in Europe

LONDON, 14 June — The US dollar fell against other major currencies in European trading Wednesday. Gold prices also were lower.

The euro was quoted at \$1.2589, up from \$1.2541 late Tuesday in New York. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro fetched \$1.2625.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday, included 114.89 Japanese yen, down from 115.27; 1.2324 Swiss francs, down from 1.2389; and 1.1116 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1124.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.8430, up from \$1.8335. In midday New York trading, the dollar bought 114.70 yen and 1.2280 Swiss francs, while the pound was worth \$1.8475.

Gold traded in London at \$567.25 bid per troy ounce, down sharply from \$576.30 on Tuesday.

The bid price of gold in Zurich was not available. The metal traded at \$606.95 late Tuesday. In Hong Kong, gold fell \$25.50 to close at \$566.80.

Silver traded in London at \$11.30, unchanged.

Internet

A group of Australian tourists hover in a special plane during a zero gravity flight near Moscow, on 14 June, 2006. INTERNET



London terrorism raid man "shot without warning"

LONDON, 14 June — A British man shot by anti-terrorist police during a pre-dawn raid on an east London house said on Tuesday the officer gave him no warning before pulling the trigger.

Mohammed Abdul Kahar, 23, who was shot in the shoulder, said he thought he was going to die during the operation.

Police said they had "very specific intelligence" about a chemical device from a tip-off and were left

with no choice to mount the 2 June raid.

"We both had eye contact — he shot me straight away," Kahar told a news conference. "I just saw an orange spark and a big bang. I flew into the wall, slipped down. There was blood coming down my chest. I knew I was shot." Conflicting reports have emerged about how he was shot, with some newspapers saying there had been a struggle. Police have said only that a shot

was fired and an inquiry is under way.

Kahar and his brother Abul Koyair, 20, said they believed their house in Forest Gate was being burgled, because the police did not identify themselves. "I thought one by one they are going to kill us," said Kahar, his right arm in a sling. "I thought I was going to die. "My whole upper body was just burning. It seemed like I was on fire. I was just screaming, saying 'please,

it's burning'. The pain was just killing me."

His brother said he was woken up by the sound of smashing glass and thought he must have been dreaming. "They tried to murder my brother," Koyair said. "They dragged me away from my brother and they dragged me down the stairs and they were hitting me." The pair were released without charge last week after being arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000.

MNA/Reuters



Actress Kate Beckinsale poses as she arrives at the premiere of her new comedy film "Click" in Los Angeles, California, on 14 June, 2006. —INTERNET

China refutes Amnesty International's slams on arms trade

BEIJING, 14 June—China has been exporting conventional weapons properly in the light of international rules, which is reasonable, legal and unimpeachable, Chinese expert said on here.

Teng Jianqun, a researcher with the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, told *Xinhua* that China has always put its limited arms export under strict control and surveillance, denouncing Amnesty

International's slams on China's arms trade as irresponsible and groundless. "The charge comes out of nowhere, as China always abides by related international conventions and imposes rigid self-control in terms

of arms export and transfer of military technologies," Teng said.

He noted that China adheres to three principles in arms trade: it should help enhance the self-defence capability of import countries, should not impair regional and global peace, security and stability, and should not be used to interfere with other countries' internal affairs. "China's attitude has been widely applauded in the world, and its weaponry sales haven't jeopardized regional peace or caused any human rights disasters," he said.

Statistics from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute show that from 2000 to 2004, the export by the United States was estimated at 25.9 billion US dollars. Weaponry exported by China in this period valued 1.4 billion US dollars, only 5 per cent of that of the United States, the statistics show.

MNA/Xinhua



Colombian singer Shakira performs during her concert, "Oral Fixation World Tour 2006", at Zaragoza Exhibition Centre, Spain, on 14 June, 2006.—INTERNET

ဝက်ဟွမ်အား ခေတ်တော်လွှား



An Airbus A380 performs a test flight over the Paris Air Show in Le Bourget. Delays in planned deliveries of the Airbus A380 superjumbo wiped a third of the value off parent EADS on 14 June, 2006 as the European aerospace giant battled to head off an investor and airline revolt.—INTERNET

India supports basic SCO principles

NEW DELHI, 14 June—India supports the basic objectives of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and is interested in participating in economic and anti-terror cooperation within the SCO framework, an Indian External Affairs Ministry official has said.

"India is keenly interested in participating in all activities focused on socio-economic development," PV Rao, director of the ministry's External Publicity Division, told

Xinhua in an interview by fax.

India was admitted as an observer at the SCO Astana summit on 5 July, 2005. "We have indicated interest to participate in the meeting of the SCO Business Council, the SCO Development Fund, Inter-Banking Agreement, Economic Forum and related bodies," Rao said. Rao expressed India's desire for working together with the SCO to fight terrorism and drug trafficking.

Rao said India supports the basic objectives of the

SCO that are focused on strengthening mutual trust, good neighbourhood, friendship and co-operation, maintenance of regional peace, security and stability, and assistance for economic and social development in the region.

VR Raghavan, director of New Delhi-based Delhi Policy Group, said India is happy to see the encouraging development of the SCO, hoping the organization will play an active role in maintaining regional peace and stability.

MNA/Xinhua

Chile approves Andes gold project

CHILE, 14 June—The Chilean authorities have given approval for a proposed \$1.5bn (£800m) gold project in the Andes despite opposition from environmental groups.

International mining company Barrick Gold wants to start extracting gold and silver from the area by 2009.

The company says the project known as Pascua Lama will adhere to strict rules to avoid destruction or contamination of glaciers and water sources.

Opponents say the mine will have a devastating impact on the environment.

"As with all of its other operations around the world, in Chile Barrick will maintain its philosophy of responsible mining," Barrick's Chile director Jose Antonio Urrutia said in a statement.

Chile's National Environmental Commission, Conama, gave

final approval on Tuesday, hearing just two of 46 complaints filed against the Pascua Lama project.

The proposed mine is located across the Andes, approximately 150km (93 miles) south-east of Vallenar in Chile and 300km (186 miles) north-west of San Juan in Argentina.

A final decision is still

due from the authorities in Argentina, where opposition is much less vocal, correspondents say.

Opponents argue that the Pascua Lama operation will lead to the destruction of glaciers, so contaminating pure water sources and affecting the livelihood of indigenous farmers.

A recent report drawn

up by Chile's Diego Portales University warned that the project could have devastating consequences for community water rights and for indigenous farmers in the area. Barrick argues that the planned mining pit will not lead to the destruction of glaciers as alleged.

Internet

Five blasts kill 16 in Iraq's Kirkuk City

BAGHDAD, 14 June—At least five bombing attacks in Iraq's northern oil-rich Kirkuk City on Tuesday killed at least 16 people, including two attackers, and wounded 35 others, local police chief told *Xinhua*.

A series of bombs, including two suicide car bombings, went off in Kirkuk around 7:30 am (0330 GMT), killing 16 people and wounding 35 others, said Colonel Burhan Sayid Taha.

Some 11 civilians, three policemen and two suicide bombers were among the killed, he said, adding the police also defused a sixth explosive-packed vehicle in the centre of the city.

Colonel Taha explained in details that an explosive-packed car parking near the house of Police Colonel Taher Salah al-Din, killing one of his bodyguards, wounding him and damaging his house.

Another explosive charge went off in a popular market in the Tisaen neighborhood, Taha said.

A third car bombing caused no human casualties when exploded near a headquarter of a leading Kurdish party, the Kurdistan Patriotic Union, which is headed by the Iraqi President Jalal al-Talabani, he added.

A suicide bomber drove his explosive car into a police convoy carrying Major General Torhan Abdul Rahamn, a provincial deputy police chief, while he was heading to his work in the Kirkuk police directorate, according to Taha.

A fifth car bombing went off near a police patrol in the Wasiti neighbourhood.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi residents stand near the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad on 14 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Bangladesh's national flag carrier to introduce e-ticketing

DHAKA, 14 June — Biman Bangladesh Airlines, the national flag carrier, will introduce e-ticketing system as part of its modernization process to ensure effective coordination with modern airlines, private news agency *UNB* reported on Tuesday.

Under the new system, there will be travel schedule, ticket notice and a number on the ticket, which will be preserved in the airlines data system.

An agreement to this effect between Biman and Society D International Telecommunications and Aeronautics (SITA) was signed Sunday.

Managing Director (Sales) of Biman Mohammad

Sha Newaz and client director of SITA Steve Burner signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

The International Air Transport Association, a regulatory organization, made it mandatory for all airlines of the world to introduce e-ticketing before December 2007.

Biman authorities expected that they will be able to introduce the new system by June 2007, six months before the deadline. Biman will experimentally introduce the e-ticketing system on some suitable routes by December 2006. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Yemeni family disputes Guantanamo son suicide

SANAA, 14 June — The family of a Yemeni man US officials said killed himself at the military prison camp at Guantanamo Bay denied on Wednesday his death was a suicide, saying he had been murdered.

"This idea of suicide is a lie. My son wouldn't commit suicide. My son was among those who memorized the Koran and was committed to his religion," said Ali Abdullah, father of a Yemeni detainee found dead at the US prison on 10 June.

"He was assassinated by American soldiers and I call on the Yemeni and American governments for an international investigation," he told Al Jazeera television. The US military has identified the Yemeni who died at Guantanamo as Ali Abdullah Ahmed but the Al Jazeera interview identified the father by that name and the son as Salah Ali.

The US military said two Saudis and a Yemeni hanged themselves with clothes and bedsheets in their cells, the first prisoners to die at the base in Cuba since Washington began sending suspected al-Qaeda and Taliban captives there in 2002.

The deaths renewed criticism of the base, which many human rights groups and some governments say should be closed. Nearly all the prisoners at Guantanamo are being held without charge and some have been detained for more than three years. — *MNA/Reuters*



US actress Jennifer Aniston on her arrival for the British Premiere of her film, *The Break-Up*, in London's Leicester Square, on 14 June, 2006.

INTERNET

Thousands of NZ residents still in blackout

WELLINGTON, 14 June — Thousands of residents in South Island of New Zealand are still living without power Tuesday because of storm, as local power companies struggle to deal with the outages problem.

Orión, a major local electricity supplier, said it has restored power to 1,000 people Tuesday, but another 3,000 remain in the cold. — *MNA/Xinhua*

At least one killed in US traffic accident in Kabul

KABUL, 14 June — At least one Afghan has been killed in a road accident involved by a US military vehicle on Tuesday morning in Kabul, said authorities.

"A US-led coalition vehicle heading from Bagram to Ghazni this morning was involved in a motor vehicle accident approximately seven kilometres north of Kabul," said the military in its latest statement. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Flash floods leave 19 dead, 31 missing in S-W China province

GUIYANG, 14 June — Flash floods caused by rainstorms left at least 19 people dead, 31 others missing in an ethnic minority prefecture in southwest China's Guizhou Province on Tuesday.

Sudden downpours hit Wangmo County, Qianxinan Bouyei and Miao Autonomous Prefecture around 10:00 pm Monday, and continued for four hours, causing several flash floods in the mountainous region.

MNA/Xinhua

Traffic accident kills three in eastern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 June — Three persons including a couple and their son were killed Tuesday in a traffic mishap in Pakistan's east Punjab Province, private Geo TV reported.

A Lahore to Pasroor bus hit a motorcycle at Daska road, 80 kilometres northeast of Lahore, on Tuesday crushing three persons to death.

Eight passengers of the bus were also injured as the bus turned turtle after hitting the motorbike.

Three seriously injured passengers were sent to Sialkot Hospital, while other wounded were admitted in Pasroor Hospital. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Patrick Kennedy pleads guilty to driving on drugs

WASHINGTON, 14 June — Representative Patrick Kennedy, a member of one of

America's most famous political dynasties, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to driving under the

influence of prescription drugs when he crashed his car near the US Capitol last month.

Kennedy, 38, a Rhode Island Democrat, is the son of Massachusetts Democrat Senator Edward Kennedy and a nephew of former President John F Kennedy.

He has publicly acknowledged a long struggle with drug dependency and bipolar disorder and was treated at the Mayo Clinic last month after the 4 May crash. He returned to work in Congress last week after completing his treatment. Kennedy pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of prescription drugs before Magistrate Judge Aida Melendez in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

"I've always said that I wanted to take full responsibility for my actions. Today in court I

did just that," Kennedy told reporters outside the courthouse, adding that he was looking forward to "moving on to the next chapter of my life."

MNA/Reuters



A woman shouts slogans as protesters stage a picket outside the court house, on 14 June, 2006 in the financial district of Makati, south of Manila, Philippines, during hearing on the rape case filed against four US Marines. — INTERNET



Gold necklaces are displayed at Ginza Tanaka jewellery store in Tokyo, on 14 June, 2006. Gold slipped below \$550 an ounce on Wednesday for the first time since late March on continued selling by investment funds who are shifting out from the yellow metal after a recent widespread commodities sell-off. — INTERNET

Sinopec in bid for Russian oil company

BEIJING, 14 June — China PetroChemical Corporation (Sinopec), China's second largest oil producer, is in a bid to takeover a Russian petroleum company, a news report said Monday.

The Shanghai Securities News reported that Sinopec had joined Rosneft, Russia's state-owned oil company, to bid for Udmurtneft, a subsidiary of TNK-BP, Russia's second largest oil company.

The outcome of the sale will be decided in July. If successful, Sinopec would have access to 26 oil fields in Russia with its partner,

said Shanghai Securities News.

Sinopec, together with Rosneft, proposed their offer in May, according to the newspaper.

TNK-BP's key production enterprise in the Udmurtia Republic, Udmurtneft produced nearly six million tons of oil annually, accounting for over 60 per cent of production in Udmurtia.

The major rival in the

bid for Udmurtneft is ONGC, India's state-owned oil company, said the newspaper.

Through its subsidiary ONGC Videsh, ONGC and Itera, a subsidiary of Russian gas giant Gazprom, made a joint bid.

The highest offer to date was 3.5 billion US dollars, but the offer of Sinopec was unavailable, the Shanghai Securities News reported.

MNA/Xinhua



Armed policemen carry relief goods to a flash flood area in Wangmo County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 14 June, 2006. Thirty-one people are missing and 23 have died due to the heavy rain in Wangmo, China Daily reported. —INTERNET

SCO conducive to maintaining regional, world peace

ISLAMABAD, 14 June — Pakistani Foreign Office spokesperson Tasneem Aslam has said that the founding and development of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is conducive to maintaining peace in the region and the world at large.

Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf will represent Pakistan, an observer of the SCO, in the 2006 SCO summit slated for June 15 in Shanghai, China.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Aslam said that Pakistan was "very happy" that the president has been invited to the summit. She said that Musharraf is expected to hold talks with Chinese leaders on the sidelines of the summit.

Aslam said the SCO has an indispensable role in promoting regional security and fighting terrorism. Attiya Inayatullah, chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee

of Pakistan's ruling party Pakistan Muslim League, said that the SCO is playing a unique role in Central and South Asia, an area with rich culture.

MNA/Xinhua

Badawi says cheap oil era over

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June — The era of "cheap oil" is over and the oil prices are likely to reach as high as 100 US dollars in the near future, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Monday here.

It is realistic to accept the fact that the period of cheap oil was practically over and the world is

unlikely to see the crude oil prices retreating from the current 70 US dollars per barrel to 20-25 US

dollars four years ago or even to the 45-50 US dollars two years ago, Badawi said at the opening ceremony of the 11th Asia Oil and Gas Conference.

"On the contrary, what we have been hearing is not pleasing at all, as some market analysts and observers predict that it is possible for oil prices to reach as high as 100 US dollars per barrel or higher in the near future," Badawi warned. He attributed the high oil prices to rising global demand, bottlenecks in the supply chain, speculative trading and political uncertainties.

On the global scenario, oil consumption is projected to increase to

some 84 million barrels per day from about 67 million barrels in 1990 while consumption of natural gas will increase from 73 trillion cubic feet in 1990 to over 95 cubic feet presently, said Badawi.

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Zimbabwe poverty datum line surges

HARARE, 14 June — Zimbabwe's poverty datum line for the month of May has gone up to 52 million Zimbabwe dollars from 37.9 million dollars in April, local media reported on Tuesday.

The Central Statistical Office announced on Monday the surge represented a 38.17-per-cent increase in the figure. The continued increase in the food basket leaves most families below the poverty datum line. In Zimbabwe, one US dollar equals about 101,000 Zimbabwe dollars at the official exchange rates, but is an equivalent of over 300,000 Zimbabwe dollars in the parallel market, or black market. The increase of poverty datum line is attributed to low wages and salaries, which the average Zimbabwean takes home per month.

While on average prices of basic commodities go up at least twice a month, workers hardly get salary increases, the office said. The lowest paid workers, with the majority of them in the agricultural sector, are being paid less than two million Zimbabwe dollars a month.

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A view of the Portuguese Opel factory in Azambuja near Lisbon, on 14 June, 2006. INTERNET

Nigeria to invest \$254m in power project

ABUJA, 14 June — Nigeria is to invest 33 billion naira (about 254

million US dollars) into the National Integrated Power Project to improve investment environment, a high-ranking official has said.

Speaking at the opening of a stakeholders' workshop organized by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) on Monday, Minister of State for Power and Steel Alhaji Ahmed Abdulhamid said the investment would increase existing power generation capacity to 10,000 megawatt by 2007.

According to him, seven new power stations will be constructed and 2,811-kilometre-long 330 kilovolts and 132 kilovolts transmission

lines before the turn of the decade.

Other facilities to be established are 4,367 kilometres of distribution lines and 15 billion naira (about 115.4 million dollars) gas pipeline as well as associated transmission infrastructure.

He said the first phase of the project would be completed in July next year while the second phase would end by November 2007.

Power supply is a big headache in Nigeria's economic construction and development as its current power generating capacity can only meet one fourth of the nation's demands.

MNA/Xinhua



A Sikh boy plays at the village well in Pawala on a hot summer day in the northern state of Punjab, on 14 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on inspection tour of ...

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On his inspection tour of the 105-mile border gate near Muse, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with officials of the Border Trade Department and discussed matters on trading at the border and tax collection. He also called for speedy flow of commodity and elimination of corruption in trade services.



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects poppy-substitute maize plantation near Manmaw village, Shan State (North).

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Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut proceeded to Sathmu Village in Muse and the village's small-scale refinery to produce physic nut oil and inspected production

process of physic nut oil to be used as bio diesel. As the region sees abundant supply of physic nut, the production of physic nut oil can result in the booming of the region's economy, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said at

the meeting of the officials of the refinery.

During his tour, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also met with officials of Shweli Hydel Power Project at Muse and assisted in the tasks project. He also called for timely

completion of the project and sufficient supply of electricity.

Shweli Hydel Power Project is being implemented 17 miles South-East of Namkam in Shan State (North). Four 100-MW genera-

tors will be equipped at the project and upon completion, the project is expected to generate 3,022 millions of kilowatt hours per year to supply throughout the country.

The project is be-

ing implemented by the Hydro-electric Power Department of the Ministry of Electric Power-1 and Yunan Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Corporation (YMEC).

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Pyinmana Station grows 36,000 physic nut plants

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — A collective cultivation of physic nut plants at Pyinmana Station of Nay Pyi Taw Command took place on 11 June and a total of 36,000 physic nut plants were grown at the station.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Officers and other ranks and families of the station, employees of Pyinmana District General Administration Department, departmental officials and social organizations participated in the physic



Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspects physic nut saplings. — MNA

nut cultivation ceremony. Physic nut oil derived from physic nut

seeds can be used as bio-diesel. Cultivation of the plants on commercial

scale can generate income.

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MMCWA (Central) holds the educative talks on health

YANGON, 15 June — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) held the educative talks on health yesterday at No 3 Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit North.

CEC Member of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Mya Win and Dr Than Oo gave talks on health. CEC Member of MMCWA Daw Tin Tin Mya awarded students who have general knowledge on personal hygiene and health.

The educative talks were also participated by members of Dagon Myothit North township MCWA and teachers.

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CEC Member of MMCWA Daw Tin Tin Mya presents a prize to a winner. — MNA

Congress on Marine Science and Technology concludes

YANGON, 15 June — The 12th Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology PACON 2006 from 12 to 15 June ended with reading of papers at Traders Hotel here.

It was participated by experts and officials of Ministry of Transport, Myanmar Maritime University, PACON in Myanmar, PACON International and universities in Hawaii, resource persons and students.

Rector U Thein Tun of MMU made a speech. And Dr Lorenz Magaard of PACON International, Dr Yoshifusa Yamada, Dr Kenji Hotta, Dr Friedhelm Schroeder and Dr Jerry Comcowich also spoke on the occasion.

The conference concluded with concluding remarks by PACON Past President Dr Kenji.

Experts from PACON International also discussed matters related to marine science and technology at the last day session of the workshop.

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PACON Past President Dr Kenji delivers an address at the conclusion of The 12th Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology PACON 2006. — MNA



**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.**

Development projects under close ...

(from page 1)

He inspected the one-acre physic nut plantation near Kyahtoo Village, Natmauk Township, the 10-acre plantation at mile post No 25/7, and the six-acre plantation near Kanthalay Village.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with officials of Myothit and Natmauk Township PDCs, social organizations, and townselders at Myothit Township PDC office. The township chairmen reported on economic, social and administrative sectors, and those present, on requirements. Col Phone Maw Shwe gave a supplementary report.

In response, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the

needs, and spotlighted the importance of regional development tasks, and meeting the targeted acreage of monsoon paddy and physic nut.

He inspected the 100-acre paddy cultivated with the water from Palin Dam in Palingyi model village. He looked into Satone Creek Bridge in Taungdwingyi Township.

On arrival at Taungdwingyi, he met with officers and other ranks and their families of Taungdwingyi Station at the local regiment.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint saw over staff quarters, plantations of crops, Manawthukha strain paddy fields, plantations on either side of the road,

physic nut plants and nursery.

Next, he inspected the renovation of Aungmyin Zeya Rakhine Pagoda in Taungdwingyi and made cash donations to the trust funds of the pagoda. He inspected the five-acre physic nut plantation of the Myanma Agriculture Service in the township.

At the Magway-Thityarkauk-Koebin-Aunglan short cut project, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report by Magway Division Public Works Superintending Engineer U Tint Lwin on Koebin-Sanmagyi-Thityarkauk Road Project.

The shortcut is 22 miles and two furlongs long and 30 feet wide.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Satone Creek Bridge in Taungdwingyi Township.

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The original road was 58 miles and two furlongs long. — MNA

Signboards hailing Myanmar Women's Day erected



Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin The Htay unveils the signboard to mark the Myanmar Women's Day. — YCDC

YANGON, 15 June — Signboards hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July were erected in front of City Hall in Kyauktada Township and at the roundabout in Bahan Township today.

Dr Daw Khin San Nwe of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Daw Mar Mar Wai, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization, formally opened the ceremonies to

erect the signboards.

Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin The Htay unveiled the signboard.

Similarly, signboards hailing Myanmar Women's Day were erected in Sangyoung, Kamayut, Mayangon, Insein and Tamwe Townships today.

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Medical students visit MMCWA (Central)

YANGON, 15 June — Students of Final Part (A) from Institute of Medicine (1), Yangon, led by the faculty members visited Multi-Purpose Building of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) this morning.

Joint-Secretary (1) Dr Daw May Malar of MMCWA elaborated on the association and its functions. The joint-secretary and Prof. U Tun Yi replied to queries raised by the expedition. The medical students later viewed round the building. — MNA



Joint-Secretary (1) Dr Daw May Malar of MMCWA explains facts about MMCWA to students of Final Part (A) from Institute of Medicine (1).

MMCWA

Way Shown by King Kyansit

- * Pagodas, Dazaung, rest houses
Dams, irrigation and good crops
Throughout nation, with endless sight
He was strong, his stature prominent
Took the throne in Bagan period
In the new city state these thrived
During the reign of King Kyansit.
- * Within the grandeur of Bagan
Princes Shwe Ein The there was an affair
Involving man of a foreign land
And while they were sharing love thus...
- * King Kyansit who loved the land and people
Did proper reckoning that
Should he assent to marrying an alien
It'd set precedent for future generations
There'd be mixed blood and non-patriotism
And fretted it would result in loss of identity.
- * To ensure lineage continuation
Gave Shwe Ein The's hand in marriage
To Prince Saw Yun, of same blood
And thus shared love, in wedded life
Giving hand for continuity
- * We, Myanmars ever since ancestral times
Practised the rule of safeguarding lineage
To ensure that no mixture
Exercising patriotism, inner strength
We prevented, safeguarding as in
Way shown by King Kyansit
As evinced by history
Espouse, continually by generations

Aye Khin Khin Hlaing (Trs)

(Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day, 3 July 2006)

Shan State (North) WAO holds educative talks on health

YANGON, 15 June — Jointly organized by Myanmar Medical Association, Shan State (North) Women's Affairs Organization held educative talks on health in Lashio on 4 June.

Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing, an orthopedic specialist of the Institute of Medicine-1, gave talks on bone disease in women and Associated Professor Dr Win Myaing of Mandalay General Hospital on prevention of brain damage. Members of Shan State (North), Lashio District and Township WAOs, social organizations, faculty members of Lashio Degree College, Computer Science and Technical College and nursing trainees attended the talks. — MNA

HAILING MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY-2006:

The attributes of Myanmar women in history

Dr Ma Tin Win (Institute of Education)

During childhood, we were taught again and again, that Myanmar people have had their own traditional traits since yore. When I became a teacher, I also taught my pupils about it again and again. India and China enjoy a very high level of cultural civilization. India is the place where a number of thoughts, beliefs and religions originated, and China is the country where various professions of arts and academics emerged.

Lying between the two great countries is Myanmar that has established political, social and cultural relations with them. But Myanmar people have never copied others' lifestyles or traditions and culture. They always make changes based on their own traditions and culture.

China has a comprehensive and grand historical record of a visit of Pyu cultural delegation from Myanmar to her in the early AD. The record mentions in detail the mode of dress, language and the type of dances and songs of the Pyu people. The record states that the cultural team had 22 kinds of musical instruments; that songs were translated into Chinese; and that the dances and songs were significant. Hair styles, the beads the Pyus wore and the colours of the costumes are also stated in the record.

No sentence or phrase in the record said that Pyu and Chinese cultures had similarities. Chinese were interested in the significance of Pyu culture.

Myanmar has strong link concerning religion with India. Buddhism spread to Myanmar from India. But Myanmar built religious edifices in accord with their own designs and styles. Architectural designs have been changed since the time of Srekestra throughout the successive eras, but according to Myanmar styles.

Despite the inclusion of Pali words in Myanmar language, it is a separate branch of language. Although they were adopted from Indian alphabets, Myanmar alphabets are not like India's. All in all, Myanmar lifestyle is totally different from those of the neighbouring nations. Myanmar people set up their own country with their own traditions and culture which they have handed down from one generation to the next.

In this world today nations that fail to stand firmly on their own traditions and culture fall into

abject poverty. While reading news about those nations, I felt gratitude to our forefathers who handed down to us the traditions and culture that ensured us to live on our own soil till today.

If our soil is our great prestige, who has preserved and safeguarded it? We should think about it seriously. The work of developing the motherland is that of promoting human civilization. In addition to promotion, preservation is also required. Lives, blood and limbs we have been sacrificing for the perpetuation of our territory since olden times are not enough to protect and preserve our traditions and culture.

"So, with what are we going to protect our traditions and culture?" I would like to ask. What I am going to say in this article is based on the virtues of our nation. Vitalization of patriotism is as important as the lives and blood in this cause.

Our ancestors deeply upheld that point. The people from the Bagan Period to the present period can be categorised into three groups — those who unified, who safeguarded, and who destroyed the motherland. King Kyansittha, who came to the throne after King Anawrahta, the founder of the Bagan Emperor, and another king, protected and safeguarded the nation. He had to remedy the conditions of political deterioration that had occurred since the time of King Sawlumin, to restore stability across the nation, and to fulfil the requirements of the people in various sectors. While discharging national duties, King Kyansittha had to sacrifice the heart of Shwe Ein The, his daughter, for the mother country.

She was born of King Kyansittha and Queen Apel Yadana. She fell in love with a young man, one of the foreigners who made themselves at home in thriving Bagan. The king did not allow his daughter to marry him.

Princess Shwe Ein The had to get married to Saw Yun, a grandson of King Anawrahta, and son of Sawlumin who never showed mercy to King Kyansittha. It can be deduced from the decision of King Kyansittha that he put nationalistic spirit in the fore.

Actually, Prince Saw Yun was a member of the Anawrahta family. The prince, who was born to King Kyansittha's daughter and Saw Yun and would be King Alaung Si Thi, was of great royal dignity. His coming to power drew the satisfaction of those who wanted to see a member of Anawrahta family ascend

the throne. And those who wanted to see an offspring of King Kyansittha capable of safeguarding the nation to be on the throne could take pride for that. In addition, the entire people took pride for the strong spirit of Princess Shwe Ein The who upheld nationalistic fervour and understood the arrangements of her father.

The first Shwe Ein The was daughter of King Kyansittha. The second Shwe Ein The was the daughter of King Narapati Si Thu and got married to Naga Tha Man, grandson of Thaton King Makuta (Manuhar). Naga Tha Man was son of King Atthat Wut Dhamma. The purpose of the arranged marriage was to promote the stability of the State. So, it can be said that Mon nationals and Bamar nationals at that time were ancestors of present Myanmar nationals. In fact, Myanmar is a national race that derived from mixed parentage of national races.

Marriage of people of national races is in accord with a Myanmar proverb "If something is to be given, give it to a relation".

I once made a complaint to a senior woman regarding women's responsibilities. I said women were primarily responsible for preservation of culture as well as nationalistic spirit. I asked her if men were also responsible for that, then.

Wearing a smile, she said, "What a welcoming question! Just as I heard your words, I felt as if I was asked to reflect the role of women. It is because naturally men can make love to women and maybe they would leave their partners. Unlike the nature of men, women have to conceive and to give birth. So, we, women are responsible for reproduction, that is unavoidable.

"If women do not indulge themselves with sensual pleasure, it will mean they preserve their lineage. And preservation of lineage is safeguarding the motherland", she said.

I was well brought up to become the one who is grateful to my ancestors who have handed down the soil to me and helped me to be equipped with such fine dignity. Among them are monks, teachers and my parents. Preservation of lineage also known as nationalistic spirit is dignity and strength of women. And women's attributes can be assessed only through such fine dignity and immense strength.

Translation: TMT + MS

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Aunglan's fertilizer factory renovated to boost production

YANGON, 15 June — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi gave instructions on boosting of production of Fertilizer Factory (Kyaw Swa) No 3 of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise in Aunglan Township on his inspection tour of the factory on 13 June.

The factory is being renovated in a bid to increase its production and all employees of it are to make efforts for exceeding the production target of the factory, the minister said in his address at the meeting with officials of the factory.

During his tour, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi also inspected repairing of the secondary reformer, compressor and other production process. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meets with service personnel at the assembly hall of No 3 Fertilizer Factory (Kyaw Swa).
ENERGY



Physic nut plants growing ceremonies held

YANGON, 15 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the ceremonies to grow physic nut plants held in the stations under Yangon Command in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District, yesterday.

At the physic nut plants growing ceremony held at Wanetkon Village in Hlegu Township, the commander planted saplings and inspected



the growing of physic nut plants by members of social organizations and

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents a physic nut sapling to a social organization member.—MNA

local people.

He also attended similar ceremonies held in No 77 LID and in Bago Station.

Next, he attended the opening of tailoring course organized by Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee at Wanetkon model village, Yangon Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Mar

Mar Wai accepted 1,000 membership applications.

The commander addressed the physic nut plants growing ceremonies in Indaing Station and Yangon Station.

He inspected progress of constructing refectory in the precinct of the Vajirapabhasa Pagoda in Thabeikkon Village, Hlegu Township. —MNA

BCP Po Thangyoung, son of writer Ludu Daw Ahmar spreads fabricated news through foreign broadcasting stations

YANGON, 15 June — The government is marching towards the emergence of a democracy-flourishing modern developed nation in accord with the Seven-Step Road Map and it officially announced the Road Map to the world and implemented it phase by phase to some extent.

National traitors, axe-handles, those with negative views, expatriates, insurgents and neo-colonialist imperialists from abroad are hampering the implementation of the tasks for emergence of a modern developed nation and undermining the progress of the nation with three-pronged attacks such as above-ground, under-ground and expatriate attacks.

BCP Po Thangyoung, son of writer Ludu Daw Ahmar in Mandalay, uploaded data on the website regarding the Myanmar political reforms such as the removal of the government with the use of foreign forces, armed struggle of the opposition groups and organizing and persuading some Tatmadaw members to be in league with them. Such fabrications were broadcast by some foreign broadcasting stations.

All the national races realize the trickeries of the BCP well according to the experiences of the past historical events. The people accept that their instigation can produce no effects.

BCP Po Thangyoung is an expatriate who has been spreading fabricated news and committing destructive acts for breaking up the Union. The eldest son of Ludu Daw Ahmar was also a BCP and he was killed in the jungle under the dismiss-expel-kill method of the BCP. —MNA

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT DONATED: Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin donates furniture, desks and benches to the post-primary school on Saw Maha Street in Ward 12, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, on 15 June 2006. YCDC



Anti-whalers say Japanese no longer like whale meat

TOKYO, 15 June — The Japanese public no longer likes eating whale meat and Tokyo's argument that whaling should be maintained to meet consumer demand is a fabrication, a conservationist group said on Tuesday.

Reflecting falling demand, domestic stockpiles of whale meat have been increasing, said the Tokyo-based Dolphin & Whale Action Network in a report written by freelance journalist Junko Sakuma.

"The Fisheries Agency continues to carry out whaling based

on a fictitious public opinion," Sakuma told a news conference, showing data released by

the agency pointing to an increase in stockpiles of whale meat.

"Many people think

the Japanese like whale meat and therefore continue whaling. That's not true." —MNA/Reuters



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DRUGS ARE NOT CHILD'S PLAY

UNICEF says 1 in 3 sick babies dying in Gaza

GENEVA, 15 June — One in three sick Palestinian newborns are dying in Gaza hospitals due to poor care and lack of basic medicines, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Tuesday.

The agency said it was nearly tripling its appeal for the occupied territories to 22.7 million US dollars from the previous 8.4 million US dollars as the Palestinian Authority was unable to provide essential health and education services.

The United States and the European Union have cut aid and Israel has suspended tax revenue transfers to the Hamas-led government, which won elections in January. The Islamist militant group is sworn

to destroy the Jewish state.

Most teachers and health workers have not received salaries for three months due to the financial crunch, making it difficult to motivate them and reducing the quality of services, UNICEF spokesman Damien Personnaz said.

"One baby in three is at risk of dying in the hospitals of Gaza simply because there are no more medicines and essential drugs ...," Personnaz told a news briefing.

"They are dying of very basic diseases because they don't have access either to a proper health facility, or to proper treatment, a proper doctor or proper medicines. It is something which has been happening for two months already."

He said: "The situation in the occupied territories is very alarming and the civilian population, especially women and children, are the main victims of the conflict."

Hospitals lack basics such as aspirin or antibiotics while mobile health clinics lack fuel or functioning vehicles, a UNICEF appeal update sent to donors on Tuesday said.

"Central stocks of critical medicines were at or near zero levels in May.

There is an urgent lack of supplies and equipment, particularly for newborn care," it said.

MNA/Reuters

China-made Tamiflu approved for production

BEIJING, 15 June — A Chinese company has been approved by the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) to produce the anti-flu drug, Tamiflu, sources with the SFDA said on Tuesday.

Tamiflu is an anti-viral drug which is considered the most effective treatment available to counter the H5N1 strain of bird flu.

Tests showed the domestic Tamiflu was as effective and safe on humans as the imported version, said an official with the SFDA.

It would be used to treat type A and B flu in adults and children over the age of one, and to prevent type A and B flu in adults and youngsters over the age of 13.

Buyers must have a doctor's prescription and take the drug under guidance, the official said.

Swiss pharmaceutical firm Roche Swiss granted a sub-licence for the production of Tamiflu to the Shanghai Pharmaceutical Group in December. Clinical studies on the effectiveness of Tamiflu began in March.

Tamiflu was invented by US-based Gilead and licensed to Roche in 1996. Roche, based in Basel, now has exclusive world-wide rights for the manufacturing and marketing of the medicine.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese police arrest 17 in alleged fake drugs gang

HEFEI, 15 June — Police have cracked a ring involving at least 26 people, which they allege has been a major dealer in counterfeit pharmaceuticals in Fuyang City, east China's Anhui Province.

In a joint operation with the city's Food and Drug Administration, police arrested 17 alleged members of the ring and seized 339 items of counterfeit drugs worth more than three million yuan (370,000 US dollars).

The drugs, including some made of domestically-produced raw materials but bearing foreign brand names, were discovered on sale at an underground store.

The drugs were said to have been disguised as clothing and toy packages before being transported from Guangdong and Henan provinces late last year.

Police are still seeking nine other suspected members of the ring, said a spokesman for Fuyang Public Security Bureau.

Eight of those arrested have been charged.

MNA/Xinhua



Residents look at water gushing out from the Xiaolangdi Reservoir into the Yellow River in China's Henan Province, on 15 June, 2006. About 3,000 cubic metres of water will gush out of the reservoir per second in the next 15-20 days to wash the sands in the river into the sea, China Daily reported. —INTERNET

Greece vows to crack down on sports violence

ATHENS, 15 June — Greece on Tuesday vowed to put sports hooligans into jail in a bid to crack down on sports violence after a series of widely-publicized incidents.

"Violence at sports

stadiums has become a real plague," Greek Justice Minister Anastasios Papaligouras said after meeting with Deputy Sports Minister George Orfanos.

"This is a situation that the state will no longer tolerate," he added. He said a draft bill would ensure adult hooligans face prison, rather than suspended sentences or fines, when convicted.

The draft bill on hooliganism is expected to be debated in Parliament

on Thursday.

Hooliganism and damage to property have become common at major domestic football and basketball matches.

In May, AEK Athens soccer supporters rioted aboard a passenger ferry that was bringing them back from the island of Crete after the Greek Cup final, won by Olympiakos.

The ferry boat was damaged by the hooligans with an estimated loss of 150,000 euros.

MNA/Xinhua

PSA International handles 20.17 mln TEUs worldwide

SINGAPORE, 15 June — PSA (Port of Singapore Authority) International, a global port operator based in Singapore, handled 20.17 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) worldwide in the first five months of 2006, up 31.3 per cent year-on-year.

According to preliminary figures released by the company Tuesday, its overseas terminals reported a 69.2-per-cent surge in container volumes handled from January to May this year to reach 10.73 million

TEUs.

Meanwhile, its terminals in Singapore moved 9.43 million TEUs, up 4.5 per cent from a year ago.

Currently, PSA International operates 20 ports in 11 countries including Singapore, China, India, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Brunei, Belgium, Italy, Holland and Portugal. In 2005, Singapore surpassed Hong Kong to be the world's busiest container port by cargo volume for the first time since 1999.

MNA/Xinhua



Citizens view a 2.5-metre-high bronze sculpture of diabolo in Xuanwu District of Beijing, capital of China, on 12 June, 2006. As a kind of traditional Chinese game, diabolo playing was designated on the China's Intangible Cultural Heritage List. —INTERNET

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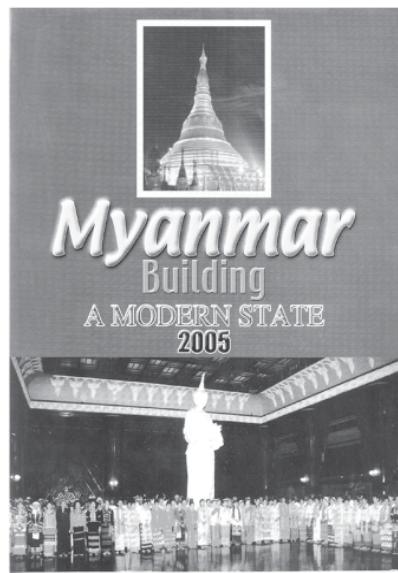
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ROAD TRANSPORT

Japan to offer Indonesia three patrol boats

TOKYO, 14 June—Japan's Cabinet approved on Tuesday a plan to donate three patrol boats to Indonesia to "help fight terrorism and piracy" and exempted the move from Japan's ban on arms exports. The exemption is made on conditions that the vessels are to be used in limited purposes including fighting terrorism and piracy and that they are not to be transferred to a third country without Japan's consent, Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe said in a statement, according to *Kyodo News*.

The three patrol boats, each with a length of 27 metres, can sail at a speed of 30 nautical miles per hour, are worth 1.92 billion yen (16.84 million US dollar) in total. The boats are considered "vessels for military purposes" as they are equipped with bulletproof glass and are heavily armoured and would normally fall within the scope of Japan's ban on arms export.

MNA/Xinhua

Cheating students using Web to buy coursework

LONDON, 14 June — Cheating students are using outsourcing Web sites where bidders compete to write their coursework for them, researchers have found. They have labelled the new twist on Internet plagiarism contract cheating and warn it could jeopardise the value of university degrees.

"What we have identified is a new type of cheating where students put their coursework out to tender and suppliers bid to complete the work," said Dr Thomas Lancaster of

the University of Central England in Birmingham.

Offenders use legitimate outsourcing Web sites, normally used by businesses offering freelance project work to skilled professionals, and submit work which has been written to order for them. Lancaster and Principal Lecturer Robert Clarke looked at one particular software solutions outsourcing site and found that one in 10 of all bid requests were from students.

"This type of cheating

is cost effective for students, because many of the suppliers are internationally based and can complete the set assignments for a few dollars a time," Lancaster told *Reuters*.

The most he has seen a student pay for coursework is 50 US dollars (27 pounds) and the least 5 US dollars.

"The ballpark figure is roughly 20 US dollars, which is not a great deal of money for such a task," said Lancaster.

MNA/Reuters

Earthquake inflicts \$3b loss to Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 June — The financial loss from the 27 May devastating earthquake in Central Java and Yogyakarta is estimated at 29.2 trillion rupiah (around 3.1 billion US dollars), an Indonesian official said Tuesday.

However, the government has not determined the fund needed for the post-disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation in the affected areas as the damage assessment has not been finalized yet, according to State Minister for National Development Planning Paskah Suzetta.

"We hope to finalize

the assessment as soon as possible because rehabilitation and reconstruction programme will commence in July," he was quoted by the Detikcom news website as saying. The magnitude-5.9 quake killed more than 5,800 people and injured some 20,000 others. It also displaced around half a million people in the two provinces. MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam eyes economic growth of over 8% in 2007

HANOI, 14 June — Vietnam has targeted gross domestic product (GDP) growth of more than 8 per cent next year, local newspaper *People* reported on Tuesday.

Under a government instruction issued on Monday, the country will strive to post industrial

and agricultural production growths of over 15 per cent and 4.3 per cent, respectively, in 2007. Meanwhile, it has eyed export earnings growth of over 16 per cent.

To this end, Vietnam will focus on boosting production and export,

improving quality of goods and services for export, and intensifying fight against corruption and wastefulness, said the instruction.

Vietnam, which posted GDP growth of 8.43 per cent last year, achieved economic growth of 7.2 per cent in the first four months of this year. In 2005, its GDP stood at 53 billion US dollars, or GDP per capita was 640 dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysians urged to take less sugar

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June — Malaysian Health Minister Chua Soi Lek on Tuesday urged his countrymen to take less sugar and live in a healthier lifestyle.

People in Malaysia are consuming more than double amount of sugar required for a healthier style everyday, Chua said.

A person needs only 50 milligrammes of sugar every day but a study conducted revealed

Malaysians' daily consumption averaged 125 milligrammes, said the minister who has been relentlessly promoting a healthy lifestyle in his country.

"A healthy food style is to take less sugar, fat and salt and plenty of vegetables and fruits but this does not go down well with the Malaysian social etiquette," he told reporters after opening a health seminar.

The Cabinet dis-

cussed the sugar supply situation in the country and decided that people should reduce sugar consumption, said Chan.

Malaysia is currently coping with a reported shortage of sugar supply in this country.

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Discovery of Siberian tiger crossing could protect species

CHANGCHUN, 14 June — Chinese zoologists claim to have discovered the secret passages through which wild Siberian tigers have migrated between border areas of China and Russia, a finding that could help protect the extremely endangered species.

A 25-kilometre section between Xitong and Xilinzi in northeastern Heilongjiang Province, on the west bank of the Wusuli River, the boundary between China and Russia, was used by Siberian tigers most frequently to travel

between the two countries, said Sun Haiyi, deputy head of Heilongjiang Provincial Wildlife Research Institute in northeast China.

A group of zoologists headed by Sun has been monitoring movements of the tigers in the border areas since January 2004.

The area to the east of Mount Wanda and the range of Mount Laoye in

northeastern Heilongjiang shares a border of 600 kilometres with Russia. Sun said the tigers crossed the border on the iced-over Wusuli River during winter and swim across during other seasons. Based on monitoring results, Sun said there could be other crossing points for individual animals.

MNA/Xinhua

Kuala Lumpur to hold arts festival to attract tourists

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June — The Malaysian Government will hold an arts festival here throughout July this year in a bid to turn the capital city of the country into a centre of culture and make a new attraction for foreign tourists.

Malaysian Culture, Arts and Heritage Minister Rais Yatim said on Monday that the festival will be held each year, starting this year, in an effort to turn the federal capital into a centre of culture, arts and heritage.

Cultural performances will be staged by various ethnic groups during the month around the city as part of the activities to be held during the festival entitled "The KL Fest 2006", he told reporters here.

Local media said that the festival is jointly organized by the Malaysian Culture, Arts and Heritage Ministry, the Tourism Ministry, the Information Ministry, and Kuala Lumpur City Hall. Malaysians need to appreciate their own arts, culture and heritage in their own city, Rais added. —MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia to work with India on space technology

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June — Malaysia is expected to formalize several agreements with India on the use of satellite applications and space technologies, local media reported Tuesday.

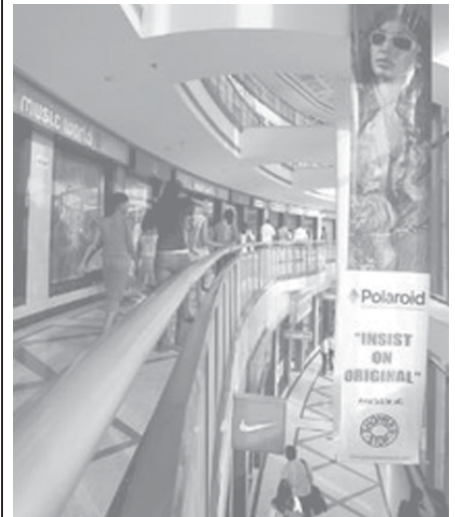
"We are looking at initiating a formal cooperation with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in various areas," said Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

Najib made the remarks Monday when winding his week-long visit to India in Bangalore, the information technology hub.

Malaysia is set to use satellite technology in education, agriculture,

fisheries and telemedicine, to further improve incomes and the quality of life of the Malaysian people, especially those in rural areas, said Najib, who is also Defence Minister. The government will also consider

cooperating with Bharat Electronics Limited, an Indian state-run company, to make use of India's missile technology, radar systems, defence communication systems and support hardware, said Najib. —MNA/Xinhua



People wander around a shopping mall during the evening in New Delhi on 14 June, 2006. —INTERNET



A Slender Loris (*Loris tardigradus*) perched on a branch reaches out for the hand of Sharath Babu of the People For Animals (PFA) at a shelter for animals on the outskirts of Bangalore, India, on 14 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Gore to train messengers to spread word about climate

NEW YORK, 14 June — Al Gore hopes to train 1,000 messengers he hopes will spread out across the country and present a slide show about global warming that captures the essence of his Hollywood documentary and book.

The former vice president, a Democrat, said on Monday that by the end of the summer he would start a bipartisan education campaign to train 1,000 people to give a version of his slide show on global warming featured in the film "An Inconvenient Truth" and book of the same name.

"This moment cannot be allowed to pass," Gore told reporters in New York. "I have seen and heard times

before when the awareness of the climate crisis has peaked and then a few months later it's gone. I think this time is different, but I have to say I'm not certain of that."

The book is an expanded version of the film. Both are based on a slide show he has given more than 1,000 times over the past 30 years on the dangers of global warming. He says climate change is a crisis that has become a moral issue. —MNA/Reuters

Vietnam eyes bigger electronics export by 2010

HANOI, 14 June — Vietnam has targeted an annual earnings growth of 27 per cent in exporting its electronic products between 2006 and 2010 with the revenue reaching 4.7 billion US dollars in 2010, a local trade agency said Tuesday.

Vietnam will increase its share for electronic goods, including computers, in the ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) market to over 5 per cent in 2010, up from 2.2 per cent in 2005, said the Trade Information Centre under the Trade Ministry.

The country will also strive to earn over one billion dollars from shipping the goods to Japan in 2010, gaining a market share of more than 3 per cent.

Vietnam's electronics exports in the European Union (EU) accounted for only 0.03 per cent of the

block's electronic import turnovers in 2005.

Now, the ASEAN and the EU annually imports, respectively, some 25 billion dollars and 484 billion dollars worth of electronic goods from other countries, the centre noted.

MNA/Xinhua



Jim Clouse, of Steinhatchee, Florida, walks on a pier along the Steinhatchee River that is about to go underwater from the rising tide and the storm surge from Tropical Storm Alberto, on 13 June, 2006. —INTERNET

SPORTS

<p>WORLD CUP FIXTURES Friday, 16 June 2006 Argentina v Serbia & Montenegro, 19:30 MST Holland v Ivory Coast, 22:30 MST Saturday, 17 June 2006 Mexico v Angola, 1:30 MST</p>

Late goal earns Tunisia 2-2 draw

MUNICH, 15 June — A stoppage time header from Radhi Jaidi earned Tunisia a 2-2 draw with Saudi Arabia after a thrilling finish to their World Cup Group H opener on Wednesday.

Saudi substitute Sami Al Jaber scored in the 84th minute to put his team 2-1 ahead and seemingly on their way to a comeback win in the all-Arab clash.

Al Jaber, who has played for the Saudis in three previous World Cups, tucked the ball home just two minutes after coming on as a substitute.

The Tunisians, seeking to win a World Cup game for the first time since they beat Mexico in their first appearance in 1978, led at halftime thanks to a Ziad Jaziri strike after 23 minutes.

But after dominating the opening period, they lost their way and Saudi Arabia came back strongly in the second half, Yasser Al Qahtan levelling in the 57th minute.

Tunisia had dominated from the start and were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty after only two minutes and almost scored after eight minutes.

The Saudis produced a few counter-attacks and

forced a flurry of corners, but they finally fell behind in the 23rd minute.

From an inswinging free-kick on the right, defender Taker headed clear, but the ball rebounded off his teammate Hamad Al Montashari and, as the ball fell in space, Jaziri volleyed it beyond keeper Mabrouk Zaid from 10 metres.

Tunisia lost their sense of urgency after the break and paid for it when a revitalized Saudi Arabia levelled.

A long ball from defence set Mohamed Noor

Spain crush World Cup debutants Ukraine 4-0

LEIPZIG, 15 June — World Cup debutants Ukraine ended their debut in a 4-0 thrashing by Spain in the unrelenting heat of Leipzig on Wednesday afternoon.

Spain produced a brilliant display to outclass the Ukraine side that played most of the second half with 10 men.

Xabi Alonso headed Spain in front from a corner

only 13 minutes into the game and David Villa doubled the lead with a free-kick that deflected past Olexandr Shovkovskiy in the 17th.

Ukraine's defender

Vladislav Vashchuk was sent off for pulling back Fernando Torres and Villa added a third goal from the penalty in the 48th.

Spain saved their best for last when Torres finished off a sublime move by drilling home in the 81st minute. Two-goal hero Villa was confident his side could do well in the game. "I am very pleased with the goals and in particular the win," Villa told reporters. "We hope it will be the first step in a good World Cup for Spain. We gave our all, the fans have enjoyed themselves," he added.

It was a harsh welcome to the finals for World Cup new boys Ukraine who struggled as the temperatures again hit the 30 degrees mark as the German heat-wave continued.

Ukraine had actually gone close before the game disappeared from their reach, with defender Vladimir Yezerskiy heading a free-kick from Ruslan Rotan only just past the frame of the goal in the 5th minute. But after Alonso's goal, it was very hard for the Ukrainians to stop the Spaniards' waves of attacks.

Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin had already voiced his disapproval at having to play in temperatures of more than 32 degrees and it was clear the unrelenting heat favoured Spain.

Andriy Shevchenko had surprised no-one when he declared himself fit to lead out his nation, having played just 30 minutes of football since suffering a knee injury a month ago.

MNA/Xinhua



Spain forward Fernando Torres, right, and the Ukraine's Vladyslav Vashchuk (17) vie for the ball in the first half during the Spain v Ukraine Group H World Cup soccer match at the Central Stadium, Leipzig, Germany, on 14 June, 2006. The other teams in Group H are Tunisia and Saudi Arabia.—INTERNET

Late goal helps Germany to edge Poland 1-0

DORTMUND, 15 June — Substitution striker Oliver Neuville's late goal gave Germany a highly rated 1-0 victory over Poland here on Wednesday, almost ensuring a last 16 qualification for the hosts with two wins from as many World Cup matches in the round robin.

Neuville, who has impressed since he came on as a substitute in 71 minutes, lobbed in a David Odonkor's cross from the right on the first stoppage minute of the game with a first-time shot from five metres.

Before the decisive goal, the hosts twice hit the crossbar as Miroslav Klose headed a left cross from Philipp Lahm to kiss off the bar at 90 and Ballack followed up from close range and kicked off the bar again before Odonkor drove it offside.

With the victory, Germany, who trounced group rivals Costa Rica 4-2 in the World Cup opener on Friday, will reach the knockout phase unless Costa Rica beat Ecuador on Thursday.

The Poles, however,

is set to pack up from the tournament after losing both of their group matches having played, beaten 2-0 by Ecuador on Friday.

Before Neuville's late scoring, the German side seemed almost for sure to

settle for a goalless draw by the decided Polish team, which was cut to ten men after Radoslaw Sobolewski being sent off at 74 for a second bookable offence of bringing down Miroslav Klose.

MNA/Xinhua



Germany's Michael Ballack, centre, gets in a shot as Poland's Dariusz Dudka, left, and goalkeeper Artur Boruc look on during the World Cup, Group A soccer match between Germany and Poland, at the Dortmund stadium, Germany, on 14 June, 2006. Germany won the match 1-0. The other teams in Group A are Ecuador and Costa Rica.—INTERNET

Champion Roddick survives, Murray falls

LONDON, 15 June — Champion Andy Roddick's bid for an unprecedented fourth successive Stella Artois Championships title got off to a stuttering start with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 win over Canadian qualifier Frank Dancevic on Wednesday.

Briton Andy Murray was, however, caught cold when he was beaten 7-6, 3-6, 6-2 by unheralded Serbian Janko Tipsarevic in his rain-interrupted first-round match on a blustery and overcast day at Queen's Club.

Roddick, whose only defeats on grass over the past two years have been to Roger Federer in the 2004 and 2005 Wimbledon finals, initially came unstuck against an opponent who hones his trade on the lower Challenger circuit and is ranked 127th.

MNA/Reuters

Ukraine players promised \$2.8m to proceed

KIEV, 15 June — Ukraine's team in the World Cup will earn a bonus of 2.8 million US dollars if they make it out of their qualifying group, the head of the country's soccer federation Hryhory Surkis told Interfax Ukraine news agency on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's Maria Sharapova reacts following her victory against Ahsha Rolle of the US during the Birmingham Classic tennis tournament in Edgbaston, central England, on 14 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Six suspected terrorists arrested in eastern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 June — Police in the eastern Pakistani city of Multan arrested on Tuesday six suspected terrorists who were allegedly planning to launch suicide and terrorist attacks on religious gatherings, the state-run APP news agency reported.

The suspected terrorists were arrested from the suburb of Multan, a major city in eastern Pakistan's Punjab Province, in a surprise raid launched by local police following a tip-off given by an intelligence agency, APP quoting a police statement reported.

The six people, trained to launch suicide and sectarian attacks, have confessed to having murdered at least seven persons, and arms and ammunition have been recovered from their possession, the APP report said.

They were planning to launch attacks in southern Punjab to avenge an incident in which some 40 people were killed when a religious gathering was attacked by suspected terrorists of another sectarian outfit, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

Earthquake jolts Aceh, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 15 June — An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter Scale rocked Indonesia's Aceh Province at 07:14 am local time (00:14 GMT) on Wednesday but there was no immediate report of casualty and material damage.

The epicentre of the tremor was located 76.04 kilometres northwest of the provincial capital of Banda Aceh at a depth of 31 kilometres. Antara news agency quoted spokesman of the Mata Ie Geological Station of the Meteorology and Geophysics (BMG), Hervina as saying.

The quake was felt by people living in Banda Aceh and its environs at

between the second and third level of the Modified Mercalli Intensity (MMI), the spokesman said.

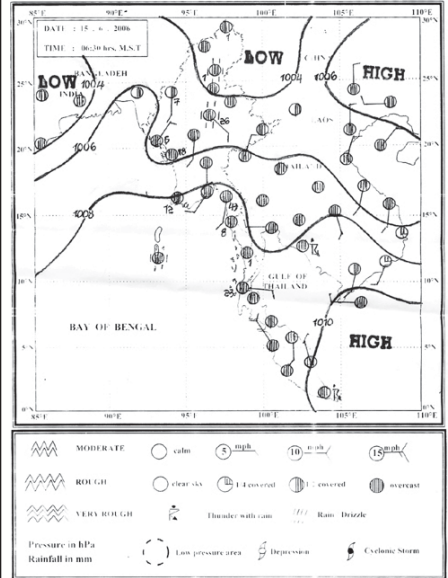
Aceh took the brunt of a 8.9 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami on 26 December, 2004 when more than 160,000 people were killed and thousands of others displaced.

Since then, an average of 10 aftershocks jolted parts of the province per day, Hervina said, adding that not all of the aftershocks were felt by human beings.

Indonesia sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", where the meeting of continental plates causes high volcanic and seismic activity.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 15 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin (2.05) inches, Thaton (1.97) inches, Mawlamyine (1.81) inches, Maungtwaw (1.73) inches, Thandwe and Ann (1.54) inches each and Mandalay (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-6-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 15-6-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-6-2006 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 14-6-2006 was (1.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 15-6-2006 were (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, Tr inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (21.38) inches at Mingaladon, (28.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (31.85) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (17:50) hours MST on 14-6-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 16-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar Water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 16-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 16-6-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 16-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Poland's goalkeeper Artur Boruc (R) lets in a goal by Germany's Oliver Neuville (C) as Poland's Bartosz Bosacki watches during their Group A World Cup 2006 match in Dortmund, on 14 June, 2006. — INTERNET

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 16 June

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -If you want to party (All Saints)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -World of our own (Westlife)
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -One or One (Myles)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Don't go away (Fun Factory)
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music -Ours (Sugar Ray)
- Easy (Lionel Richie)
- 9:00pm WOM -Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Brunei
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request -I just wanna be love -Say it again (C21)
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 16 June View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကိစ္စဆောင်ရွက်ပေး၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဒမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
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7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am

7. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း ပေါင်းလင်း ငန်းရိပ်ရေကု ရေငှာင်တံ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

1. Martial songs

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Musical programme

4:45 pm

4. အခေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရုပ်ပေးအထူးပြု) (ရုပ်ပေး)

5:00 pm

5. Song of national races

5:15 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

7. "ဟုန်သံ" (စရာရှင် ယာဉ်ထိန်း ရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

5:35 pm

8. Song of yesteryears

5:45 pm

9. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးသာယာ တိုင်းစော

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညောင်ရင်

7:05 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုက်လမ်းဆွဲ "မန်မာနားလှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုက်လမ်းဆွဲ "ရှေ့နေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

18. The next day's programme

