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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

## 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.

## The Teachings of Buddha

Sabbapāpassa akaraṇaṃ  
 kusalaṣṣupasaṃpadā  
 sacittapariyodapaṇaṃ  
 etaṃ Buddhāna sāsanaṃ.  
 “Not to do anything evil,  
 To do everything good,  
 To purify the mind,  
 These are three important points,  
 according to the Teachings of Buddha.”

## NCC Commission will scrutinize papers presented by NCC Work Committee for laying detailed basic principles at coming National Convention

## National Convention Convening Commission holds 4/2006 meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June— The National Convention Convening Commission held its 4/2006 meeting at the meeting hall of NCCC in Nay Pyi Taw this afternoon.

Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered a speech.

Also present were Vice-Chairmen of NCCC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and members.

Joint Secretary-2 of the NCCC Director-General of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies.

The Secretary-1 said at the National Convention held from 5 December to

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NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses Meeting 4/2006 of National Convention Convening Commission in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Make lasting peace for greater progress

Now, the entire nation is enjoying the taste of stability and peace in addition to the fruitful results of development.

Kayin State, part of the Union, has, like other states and divisions, a brighter future with regional progress. The government has built large bridges in the region such as the Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an), the Gyaing River-crossing (Zathabyin) Bridge, and the Gyaing River-crossing Bridge (Kawkareik). The Attayan River-crossing Bridge and the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) were built on the same route in Mon State. So, there emerged Hpa-an-Mawlamyine Road and Myawady-Kawkareik-Hpa-an-Mawlamyine Road. Kayin State is enjoying economic and social development thanks to the easy access to Bago Division, Mon State and Tainthay Division.

As regards the basic education sector of Kayin State, national local youths are pursuing education in 1,288 basic education schools. The region has also been served with Arts and Science University, Government Technological College, Technological College, Computer College and Education College for the convenience of local youths in studying higher education subjects in peace in respective regions.

In olden days, Hpa-an consisted of only over 600 houses. Now, it has been upgraded to a city possessing characteristics of a city with modern buildings, markets and parks including universities, colleges and a 200-bed hospital. And its population has increased to more than 50,000.

Nevertheless, Kayin State cannot enjoy stability and peace fully owing to the fabricated stories and instigation of the stooges who are turning a blind eye to the truth and internal and external destructionists as well as terrorists acts.

It is time the insurgents placing too much reliance on alien assistance realized well that their acts are having adverse effects on their own people and harming the interests of Kayin State. Only when KNU members focus on stability and peace and choose the path of lasting peace, will the entire Union including Kayin State be more prosperous and developed.



### The 8th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (21-6-2006)



### The 2nd ASEAN+3 Health Ministers Meeting (22-6-2006)

### The 1st ASEAN+China Health Ministers Meeting (23-6-2006)

- \* 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

## Commander meets departmental personnel in Pungpakyem

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at the office of General Administration Department in Pungpakyem Town, Monghsat District, on 9 June.

Town Administrator U Kyaw Khaing reported on regional development tasks. Chairman of Monghsat District PDC Lt-Col Aung Htay gave a supplementary report.

The commander instructed them to work in concert for ensuring local food sufficiency, undertaking of agricultural and livestock breeding tasks, growing of physic nut plants to meet the target and carrying out of re-



Commander of Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and wife present exercise books and K 200,000 to Headmaster U Hmwe Kyu of Pungpakyem BEHS. — MNA

gional development. Patron of Shan State (East) Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Shan State MCWSC Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented cash assistance to the two organizations. The commander inspected construction of

Pungpakyem Hospital (16-bed). Next, the commander attended the ceremony to present exercise books and stationery to students for 2006-07 academic year.

The commander and wife presented exercise books and stationery

to students and K 200,000 donated by Shan State (East) WAO and MCWSC to the school through the headmaster. At the local station, the commander met with officers, other ranks and family members and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

## Workshop on census of family and young people for 2004 held



Minister for Population and Immigration Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe speaking at the workshop on census of family and young people for 2004. — MNA

YANGON, 17 June — The Workshop on census of family and young people for 2004 was held at the Population Department on Maha Bandoola Street in Kyauktada Township this morning, with an address by Minister for Population and Immigration Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.

With the assistance of the UNFPA, the Population Department conducted tasks of census at the end of 2004.

In his speech, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe said that there are about 2,000 million of youth between 15 ad 25 years old in the world. In Myanmar, one-fifth of the population is young people. The workshop will be held with a view to having facts about youth and their society, basic social affairs of their families, economic matters, youth behaviors, concepts and their qualifications. The minister invited suggestions from representatives of departments and organizations.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Population and Immigration Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, directors-general and deputy directors-general and officials. — MNA

**CASH DONATED:** Daw Khin Khin Sein and family of 58, Tayokekyang Street, Sangyoung Township, recently donated K 100,000 to the medical fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged in memory of the late Captain Min Lwin. Treasurer U Aung Than of the Home Administrative Board accepts the cash donation. — H



# China, Russia agree to enhance cooperation within SCO

SHANGHAI, 16 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Thursday vowed to enhance cooperation within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, implementing the consensus reached at the SCO summit and bolstering the organization's development.

The two countries have witnessed fruitful cooperation within the framework of the SCO and ensured the SCO summit meeting a success, Hu told Putin, who is in the Chinese economic hub for the summit meeting on Thursday.

China and Russia have carried out substantial and active cooperation in all fields and close coordination in international affairs, hence bilateral relationship is unprecedented, Hu said during his talks with Putin. "I'm satisfied with the new progress made in bilateral relations," Hu said. "China and Russia should

strengthen support and strategic coordination when the international and regional situation is becoming increasingly complex." China will join hands with Russia to enhance political trust, support each other and deepen beneficial cooperation, Hu noted.

Putin said the frequent meetings between Russian and Chinese leaders in the past years have stimulated the development of bilateral ties and the two sides have witnessed remarkable fruits of cooperation. He said the two countries could further cooperate in trade, energy, electronics, machinery and environmental protection.

The two presidents expressed the hope of meeting again in St Petersburg this July when there will be dialogues between the Group of Eight and developing countries.



STS-121 Mission Specialist Piers Sellers, who was born in England, is shown after taking his turn at driving an M-113 armored personnel carrier at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 15 June, 2006. The crew of the space shuttle Discovery is taking part in a dress rehearsal for launch which is scheduled for 1 July. The M-113 could be used as an escape vehicle by the astronauts.—INTERNET

## Gunmen kill four worshippers in Iraqi mosque

TIKRIT (Iraq), 16 June— Gunmen opened fire and threw hand grenades at a Sunni Arab mosque near the Iraqi town of Tikrit on Thursday, killing four worshippers and wounding up to 20 others, a police source and a local resident said.

A nephew of one of those killed, citing witnesses, said seven masked gunmen in traditional Arab clothes opened fire as people left the mosque in the small town of Alam after morning prayers, killing

one person immediately. He said the attackers hurled hand grenades at the worshippers fled back into the mosque, followed them inside and killed three others, including his uncle Dawod al-Khalid. Residents blamed the attack on outsiders, he said, adding Alam was a peaceful and quiet place.

"It is the first such incident in Alam," the nephew, Mohammad al-Khalid, said by phone. "People are very angry." Such attacks are not common in or near Tikrit, 175 kilometres (110

miles) north of Baghdad in a predominantly Sunni Arab area and the home town of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. MNA/Reuters

MNA/Xinhua

## US high energy cost may slow eco growth, raise inflation

WASHINGTON, 16 June — The growth of US economy may slow down as energy prices continue an upward trend and push inflation higher, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Thursday.

"A significant increase in energy prices can simultaneously slow economic growth while raising inflation," Bernanke spoke to the Economic Club of Chicago. A copy of his speech was distributed in Washington.

"In the short run, sharply higher energy prices create a rather different and, in some ways, a more difficult set of economic challenges," Bernanke said. The US economy has been "remarkably flexible" with regard to the continued spike of energy prices, he said. The US economy, which grew by 5.3 percent in the first quarter of this year, is expected by analysts to slow down in the second quarter.

He said that the

cumulative increases in energy and commodity prices have been large enough that they could account for some of the recent pickup in core inflation. For the first five months of this year,

consumer prices were advancing at an annual rate of 5.2 per cent, compared with the 3.4-per-cent gain for all of 2005, according to the government data.

Excluding volatile energy and food, core prices

are rising at a 3.1-per cent pace so far this year. That compares with a 2.2-per cent increase in 2005, indicating that the price of lots of other goods and services are going up.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hawaiian islands become world's biggest marine reserve

HAWAIIAN, 16 June — The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, a coral-fringed swath of the Pacific, came under US environmental protection, becoming the world's biggest protected marine reserve.

With a stroke of a pen, US President George W Bush gave immediate protection to an area that stretches across 2,250 kilometres, covering nearly 362,600 square kilometres, edging out in size Australia's Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

"We will protect a precious natural resource," Mr Bush said at a White House ceremony where he declared a string of Pacific islands and submerged volcanoes a national monument. "We will show our respect for the cultural and historical importance of this area and we will create an important place for research and learning about how we can be good stewards of our oceans and our environment."

The monument de-

signation, Mr Bush's first, means a marine area greater in size than 46 of the 50 US states will be sheltered from overfishing, while allowing Hawaiians to use the area for traditional purposes. The protected area starts about 260 kilometres west of the inhabited Hawaiian island of Kauai and stretches nearly 1,900 kilometres from Nihoa Island in the east to Kure Atoll in the west.

Internet



A litter of four young bat-eared foxes have begun emerging from their birthing den at the San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park, California on 15 June, 2006.—INTERNET



Visitors watch a performer at the auditorium in the ancient city of Caral, a complex of stone temples, altars and dwellings which dates back to before 2,600 BC, in a desert valley 110 miles (177 km) north of Lima in Peru on 15 June, 2006.—INTERNET

## Cholera death toll reaches 1,700 in Angola

LUANDA, 16 June — At least 1,727 people have died of cholera in Angola, out of 45,133 cases notified countrywide since the outbreak was declared on 13 February this year, according to local media reports on Thursday.

The capital Luanda has recorded 291 deaths out of 22,549 cases, followed by Benguela, which has reported 502 deaths out of 7,971 cases.

The drop in cases and deaths is owed to an awareness campaign carried out by Angola's Health Ministry, said a source from the sector.

According to Deputy Minister of Health Jose Van-Dunem, Luanda used to record 500 cases a day, but thanks to the campaign, the number has dropped to 50 cases.

MNA/Xinhua

# Vietnam rejects US Human Rights Watch report

HANOI, 16 June — Vietnam opposes a recent report of the US Human Rights Watch which accused it of mistreating ethnic minority people in the Central Highlands (Tay Nguyen) Region, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported on Thursday.

"The report of the Human Rights Watch based on totally fabricated information slandered Vietnam with bad intention of smearing Vietnam's policies to ethnic minority people in Tay Nguyen," the paper quoted the spokesman of the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Le Dung, as saying.

Vietnam has facilitated improving material and

spiritual life of people in Tay Nguyen, he said, noting that there is no repression of ethnic minority people, or religious groups in the country, and that nobody has been detained for religious reasons.

"Vietnam respects and protects the rights of people to adhere or not to adhere a religion or belief," he said.

Regarding local ethnic minority people who

illegally crossed borders to Cambodia, Dung said Vietnam has maintained consistent policy of ensuring the returnees not to be punished.

They are not prosecuted, punished or discriminated against for their activities in the past. Moreover, they have received assistance from the local authorities to stabilize their lives.

Vietnam has organized many tours for represen-

tatives of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, embassies and international organizations to Tay Nguyen to witness the government's efforts in promoting the socioeconomic development in the region in general and for ethnic minority people in particular, Dung said.

MNA/Xinhua

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China's Li Na returns a shot to Russia's Maria Sharapova during a third round match in the Birmingham Classic tennis tournament on 15 June, 2006. Sharapova won 2-0.—INTERNET



Photo taken on 15 June, 2006 shows the stage performance of *Fantasies* by Kyrgyz artists at the evening gala in celebration of the 5th anniversary of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Shanghai, east China on 15 June, 2006.—INTERNET

## Chavez orders probe of "imperialist" TV channels

CARACAS, 16 June — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Wednesday said he had ordered a probe into licences of private

television channels after accusing them of waging a "psychological war" against his government.

The Venezuelan leader has come under fire from

Press watchdogs for his clashes with the country's private media and television news channels, most of which have been openly hostile to his socialist government.

Chavez, who remains popular and faces an election in December, has often accused local television stations of backing a short-lived 2002 coup against him and of spreading lies in an attempt to topple his government. "I have ordered a review of the licences given to television stations," Chavez told troops at a ceremony.

"We must act to ensure the Constitution is fulfilled... to protect the people, national unity, because everyday there are messages of hate, disrespect of the institutions, rumours, psychological war to divide the nation," he said. — MNA/Reuters



A woman walks past a shop damaged by Thursday night's car bomb attack, which killed three and wounded 13 others, in Baghdad, on 16 June, 2006.—INTERNET

## Yemen asks US to probe Guantanamo detainee death

SANAA, 16 June — Yemen called on Thursday for a further investigation into the death of a Yemeni detainee at Guantanamo who the US military said committed suicide.

The state news agency *Saba* quoted an official source as saying the death "reflects the inhumane condition of detainees in Gitmo (Guantanamo)".

The US military had identified the Yemeni as Ali Abdullah Ahmed and

said he and two Saudi detainees had hanged themselves with clothes and bedsheets in their cells.

They were found dead on 10 June, the first prisoners to die at the base in Cuba since Washington

began sending suspected al-Qaeda and Taleban captives there in 2002.

The Yemeni authorities asked the United States to conduct another probe into the incident, the official source said.

MNA/Reuters

## Indonesian rescuers struggle to free two trapped in valcano bunker

JAKARTA, 16 June — Indonesian rescuers Thursday were struggling to evacuate two people trapped inside an underground bunker which was buried by volcanic debris on the slope of Merapi mountain in Yogyakarta Province.

The two were believed to seek shelter in the bunker shortly after the volcano belched hot clouds over a distance of seven kilometres from the crater, reported the national *Antara* news agency.

However, volcanic materials blocked

entrance, making it difficult for the evacuation effort, a rescue worker was quoted as saying.

Evacuation was also hampered by hot ash and sand.

"Actually, drinking water and oxygen are available in the bunker. But I am afraid they cannot

use it," said Susilo, member of natural disaster mitigation task force.

Volcanic activities of the 3,000-metre volcano have calmed down but on Wednesday officials again announced the highest alert status after it spewed hot clouds to nearby villages. — MNA/Xinhua

## Green tea may help lower cancer risk

SYDNEY, 13 June — While smoking is a well-known cause of heart disease and lung cancer, the rates of these diseases have remained inexplicably low in Asian countries where smoking is common.

But researchers say there is growing evidence that green tea is one piece of the puzzle.

Writing in the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, Yale University researchers detail the body of evidence linking green tea to better heart health and a lower risk of cancer.

No one is suggesting that smokers ignore the danger of the habit and simply drink green tea.

But research indicates the tea's high concentration of antioxidants called

catechins may offer a range of health benefits, Dr Bauer E Sumpio and his colleagues at the Yale University School of Medicine in Connecticut say.

### Antioxidants

Antioxidants help quench molecules known as oxygen free radicals that, in excess, can damage body cells and potentially lead to disease.

Free radicals are natural byproducts of normal body processes, but they are also generated by external sources like tobacco smoke.

In Japan, China and other Asian countries, it is a social custom to drink green tea, which is less processed and richer in catechins, than the black tea commonly consumed in the West.

Internet



A general view during an open-air beatification ceremony of the Dutch priest Humberto van Lieshout (in portrait), nicknamed 'Eustaquio priest' at the Mineirao Stadium in Brazilian city of Belo Horizonte, on 15 June, 2006.—INTERNET

## Iraqi presidency calls for US withdrawal timetable

**BAGHDAD, 16 June** — Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said on Thursday that he supports Sunni Arab Vice-President Tariq al-Hashimi's recent call for a timetable for US withdrawal from Iraq.

The presidential office said in a statement that Hashimi presented his demand during a meeting with US President George W Bush on Tuesday in Baghdad when Bush paid a surprise visit to Iraq.

"Mr Hashimi asked President Bush to put a timetable for the multinational forces to withdraw from Iraq, and

I supported his demand," the statement quoted Talabani, a Kurd, as saying.

It said that Bush, for his part, asserted that the Americans also wanted to withdraw their about 130,000 troops from the country, but this should occur when the Iraqi security forces be ready.

As for the ongoing security operation, the statement said that Talabani and Hashimi have some reservations about the operation, including that the operation should include all Baghdad districts, not only some of it.

"We want the security operation to include all Baghdad districts to let people realize that the operation is not against one party, but it is against all kinds of terrorists," the statement said.

It referred to that the

operation is go wild only in the mainly Sunni districts, who widely believed to be the backbone of insurgency against the US troops and US-backed Iraq Government.

The Iraqi security forces intensified presence in the capital since Wednesday, starting "Operation Forward Together" aimed at curbing violence and insurgency in Baghdad.

More than 40,000 Iraqi security forces, backed by coalition forces, have deployed in Baghdad, home of some seven million people.

Hashimi also said "we have pledges from the Americans to release 3,500 detainees within a period ending in 26 June, 2006", according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fungus kills three cancer centre patients

**MELBOURNE, 15 June**—The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in East Melbourne has revealed three patients have died from a fungal infection in its intensive care unit.

The trio have died from aspergillus, a natural airborne fungus, that affects people with low immunity.

The head of infectious diseases, Dr Monica Slavin, says the specialised unit has been thoroughly cleaned and it is now safe for patients.

"We don't have any indication there is a problem and on repeated testing after the cleaning, again there is no indication of any problem," Dr Slavin said.

"Certainly if there was an ongoing problem, we would be looking at different aspects but at the moment there is no indication that this is an ongoing problem."

Victoria's Health Minister Bronwyn Pike says the hospital has acted responsibly by informing the public about the fungal infection. She says she is confident the hospital has a robust infection control system in place.

"They are being extremely cautious, they have voluntarily notified the coroner even though this is not a notifiable disease," she said.

"The coroner is looking at the three cases and seeing if there is a connection or a pattern between all of them."—Internet



*Jewelry specialist Helen Molesworth holds the Poltimore Tiara estimated to fetch 150,000- 200,000 ( \$US 275,000-370,000 Dollars, 220,000-290,000 Euros) in front of the Portrait of Princess Margaret at Christie's London in this Friday, 9 June, 2006 file photo. Both items are part of a collection of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret that will be auctioned later this month in London.—INTERNET*

## Lightning strike kills 11 in northeast China

**SHENYANG, 16 June** — Eleven people have been killed by lightning strikes in northeast China's Liaoning Province since the beginning of June, says local observatory on Thursday.

The death toll went up by five in comparison with that for the same period last year, information from Liaoning Provincial Meteorological Observatory says.

According to the information, eight of the killed were farmers tilling the land as the bolts of

lightning struck.

The observatory has advised local farmers not to ride bicycles, drive motor bikes or tractors while tending the farmland during stormy weather, or to take shelter atop mountains or below trees when it rains. — MNA/Xinhua

## Rainstorm affects 1.41 million people in central China

**CHANGSHA, 16 June** — Three days of torrential rains in central China's Hunan Province have caused flash floods and rivers to burst their banks, leaving two people dead, one missing, and affecting the lives of 1.41 million people.

The Hunan Provincial Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said on Thursday that the rains covered 198,000 square kilometres in the province, with the maximum daily precipitation of 183.8 millimetres in some areas.

The heavy rainfall raised many sections of Xiangjiang River, the largest in the province, to

the danger level, causing flooding in 204 townships in nine counties, affecting 1.41 million people, said a source with the headquarters.—MNA/Xinhua

## 58 killed, 45 injured in Sri Lanka bus attack

**COLOMBO, 16 June** — Fifty eight civilians were killed and 45 were injured in a bomb explosion which hit a passenger bus in Sri Lanka's North Central Province Thursday morning, said the military.

A claymore mine blast carried out by suspected Tamil Tiger rebels hit the bus at around 7:45 am local time (0215 GMT) at Viharahalmillewa, a rural area about 250 kilometres north of Colombo, military spokesman Prasad Samarasinghe said.

The powerful explosion had thrown the bus off the road to a distance of about 20 meters, said the military in a

statement, adding that the passengers included school children.

Samarasinghe blamed the Tamil Tigers for the attack, adding that this was the most serious attack after the government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) signed a ceasefire agreement in 2002.

However, Samarasinghe said the military has no plan to retaliate the attack at the moment.

The attack came shortly after the LTTE delegation returned to the island on Wednesday after aborted talks in Oslo meant to the future role of the Nordic truce monitors. — MNA/Xinhua



A child plays with oil installations abandoned in the creeks of Iko, near Eket in South eastern Nigeria, on 16 June, 2006. —INTERNET

## Regional workshop on tsunami warning system held in Thailand

**BANGKOK, 16 June** — Over 130 experts from over 20 Indian Ocean rim countries and representatives from United Nations gathered in Bangkok on Thursday for a workshop on mitigation, preparedness and development for Tsunami Early Warning Systems in the Indian Ocean region.

During the three-day workshop, organized by International Strategy of Disaster Reduction (ISDR), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP) and other regional partners, participants will share experiences of good practices and lessons learned from different countries in their efforts to integrate early warning systems into development process.

The meeting aims to identify how to integrate tsunami early warning systems into disaster risk reduction and

development planning, clear guidance on prevention strategies for governments and to reach a concrete agreement on how to coordinate action in the regions concerned.

Out of the pain of the 2004 tsunami which killed over 200,000 people, we have launched a dynamic programme of UN interagency programmes, with good progress, said Kim Hak-Su, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP and Under Secretarygeneral of the United Nations.

MNA/Xinhua



*Paintings appear on the wall of an ancient tomb near the central Italian town of Formello on 16 June, 2006. The Italian government unveiled on Friday a new archaeological site that experts say houses the oldest paintings in the history of western civilisation.—INTERNET*

## China releases state reserve to stabilize sugar price

**BEIJING, 16 June** — The Chinese Government is to release another 552,000 tons of sugar on to the market to stabilize rising prices, a news report said on Wednesday.

The *China Securities Journal* said the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Finance and the

Ministry of Commerce jointly issued a circular on Tuesday announcing the release of 368,000 tons of the state sugar reserve and 184,000 tons of imported Cuban sugar.

The sugar will be released on to the market through auction.

The sugar from the government store, which

has an auction base price of 3,800 yuan (475 US dollars) per ton, would be released at 92,000 tons a month from June to September, said the report.

The Cuban sugar would be auctioned after being processed in China, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua



*A young mahout plays on the trunk of an elephant in the ancient Thai capital Ayutthaya, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok, on 17 June, 2005.—INTERNET*

## Singapore researchers develop nanofibre material

**SINGAPORE, 16 June** — Researchers from the National University of Singapore (NUS) have

developed a new material using nanofibres, which can not only absorb but also detoxify chemical

agents.

According to Channel NewsAsia report Thursday, protective suits interwoven with such material are expected to have enhanced protective functions and be 50 to 70 per cent lighter as compared with the conventional ones filled with activated carbon.

The nanofibre material can also improve the porosity of protective suits to make users feel more comfortable.

Having been used in other labs in the NUS, this nanofibre technology is also planned to be used in making protective masks, as well as in water and air purification treatment, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

## Brazil begins construction of petrochemical plant

**RIODE JANEIRO, 16 June** — Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Wednesday inaugurated the construction of a petrochemical complex in the state of Rio de Janeiro. In a speech at the inguaration ceremony, Lula said his country had all the conditions to become an energy power in the world.

"Brazil will be the largest producer of renewable energies on Earth," he said.

The plant, to be built by Brazil's state-owned oil company Petrobras in the city of Itaboraí, will start operating in 2012 with an initial capacity to process 150,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

The Brazilian Government intends to invest 6.5 billion US dollars in the project. The construction work will create more than 200,000 jobs. Under the project, Petrobras will also build a training centre in the region to provide able workers for the plant.

## Colombian Army seizes three tons of cocaine

**BOGOTA, 16 June** — The Colombian Army has seized nearly three tons of cocaine and destroyed a guerilla base in the southeastern department of Narino, on the border with Ecuador, Army authorities said Wednesday.

During the operation which an Army soldier was killed, nine members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), including a girl aged 13, were captured, said Hernando Perez, commander of the Army's Third Division.

The rebel base was made up of seven camps, where the Army found

guns as well as tons of coca paste and a ton of cocaine in a hospital, said Perez.

The Army said they also seized a lab used to manufacture cocaine, and seized five tons of drugs in an operation in the southeastern department of Valle del Cauca.

Separate government reports said that FARC camps had been dismantled in the northeastern department of Caldas and the central western department of Tolima. The FARC, with 17,000 members, is the largest guerilla group in Colombia and has been operating since the 1960s. — MNA/Xinhua



*A firefighter prepares to put out a fire after a blast hit a chemical factory in Longquan in east China's Zhejiang Province on 15 June, 2006. Two people, including a 38 year-old man and a 42-year-old woman, were missing and another one was injured in the blast in the Longxin Chemical Plant, Xinhua News Agency reported.—INTERNET*

# GNU could not be Kayin people

Maung Po Than

To the extent of my understanding, GNU (the GNU members) do not represent Kayin people or in other words, GNU are not Kayin. GNU are totally different from the Kayin people I am familiar with. They are the black sheep of the Kayin nationalities. I think that the GNU do not have the sincerity and honesty which is called real Kayin blood. Because GNU are totally void of sincere characteristics of the Kayin people I have honoured and adored.

While I was at university, I made friend with a Kayin girl named Barbara Khin Than Kyi. She was like a beautiful flower with many admirers, and my friends and I were her protectors. As for us she was like our little sister. We always accompanied her when she returned home from university to Kayin Chan in Ahlon. She always treated us well in every Kayin New Year. We always saved our pocket money for the bus fare to send her home and to buy snacks for her. Those were my unforgettable days as a university student.

After I completed university education, I attended Army Officers Training School for nine months during which I made friends with Chin nationals Hon Ngaing and Kamkyin Lyan, a Shan national Sai Naw Hsai, and Kayin nationals Saw Thaug Shwe, Saw San Lin, Saw George Lakaru Htoo and Kyi Thein. Saw Thaug Shwe and I were in the same hostel, same section and same platoon. My bed was next to his. After our studies at night both lying in bed, he usually explained to me the Kayin traditions and culture and customs, and Kayin musical instruments including the Hpa-si (frog drum). He was not an eloquent speaker. He always spoke plainly and to the point. I loved his way of speaking candidly.

Saw Thaug Shwe always acted with sincerity in every case. But we never regarded his innocence and sincerity as annoyance, but as an amusement. It was during the assault drills that he showed his never-changing purity of heart. All the ten members of every cadet section had to try their best to perform well in the assault in the most shortest possible time to be honoured as heroes. In some cases we had to cross to the other bank of a stream first and then relayed our guns to that bank. The guns we held during the drill had their own specific numbers. There was something wrong with our section after crossing a stream. Saw Thaug Shwe was complaining that the gun he was carrying was not his.

We all told him that we would give back his gun when we reached the destination. But he was still insisting the return of his own gun, saying that he would stop taking part in the assault if not. So we had to stop our assault for few seconds; examined the numbers and gave him back his gun. In consequence, because of that very few seconds we had spent to change our guns, we missed the opportunity to be honoured as heroes. He made another unforgettable moment for us during the long range penetration (LRP) drill. During the exercise, he cooked a Kayin traditional cuisine (talapo) prepared with rice, bamboo shoots he had collected in the forest and mollusks he caught in the streams by adding green chilli and leaves. We had a very delicious meal that day.

After the training course, I was posted to Kengtung Region in Shan State. The one with whom I had to discharge defence duties in the platoon was sergeant Saw Tin Win. Just as I learnt his name, I knew he must be a Kayin national. He was a little short with sun-tanned complexion. He always used laconic sentences when he spoke. The two things he always brought wherever he went were his gun and a chopper. He regularly sharpened his chopper. If we had to move in the jungle, he always led the others and cleared the thorny bushes and wild plants with his chopper along the route. When we were stationed in a jungle, his chopper was very useful for building a shelter. He could build a shelter for four of us in a short time. He was good at cutting down trees and splitting bamboo into thin strips. I enjoyed staying in the shelter he built with tree branches and bamboo and felt refreshed by the wind getting into it through the wall made up of tree branches. During wakeful nights at five-star hotels while I was in foreign countries on duty, I remembered the shelter built by sergeant Saw Tin Win. He was also good at hunting. He always hunted animals for meat for our whole platoon. So, I loved him as my father.

I witnessed his bravery in the battles. Helping me control and command the platoon members, he crushed the insurgents with his carbine. I once asked him how he would earn his living after he retired from the army. He said that he would return to his native place in Bago Yoma and would earn his living by cultivating crops. He added that he could support his family members if he had an additional chopper. After retiring from the army, he brought together with him his pension book, gratuity and his choppers along with his family members. That was the last time I met him.

He will always be particular to me as an exemplary Kayin national.

I came across with kind-hearted Kayin national Barbara, honest and frank Kayin soldier Saw Thaug Shwe and straightforward Kayin soldier Saw Tin Win. So, I have to say, GNU members are not real Kayin nationals.

We protected Barbara from being disturbed by the ones who tried for her favour and whom she did not like. Watching news on TV on 15 May 2006 evening, I learnt from the admissions of local people from Thantaunggyi Region that GNU members viciously attacked the villages of Kayin nationals using assorted arms and torched the houses. I felt very sorry when I heard the words of honest local residents. Instead of protecting and safeguarding members of its own nationals, GNU showed no mercy to Kayin nationals. That is why I say that GNU members are not real Kayin nationals.

Many regions in Kayin State were reverberating with cries of the children, the voices of elderly Kayin nationals asking for help, the sounds from the houses ablaze, the sounds of heavy treads of villagers running for their lives, and the thunder of the shells of heavy and small weapons fired by the GNU, instead of lively music of Don and bronze drum, the Kayin traditional musical instrument. I had my sympathy for the sufferings of Kayin nationals. The carbine of sergeant Saw Tin Win was used for crushing insurgents. But, shockingly, arms of GNU have pointed at Kayin nationals.

I am sure that the GNU is not equipped at all with honesty and sincerity that was demonstrated by Kayin national Saw Thaug Shwe taking part in the assault drills heartily and speaking upright. From the evening news on TV broadcast on 15 May 2006, I learnt that the dwellers in the so-called refugee camps at the border are actually the families of GNU insurgents and they were relocated by GNU leaders by force. When compared with Saw Thaug Shwe who always tells the truth, GNU members are not real Kayin nationals as they never tell the truth but lies.

We enjoyed the Kayin traditional dish prepared by Saw Thaug Shwe. We liked the meal that much, and so, without doubt Kayin nationals will surely like it much more than we do. I felt inconsolable that Kayin nationals cannot have the dish they like. I also felt very sad to learn that GNU had planted land mines around the villages with the intention that local people in Mone Village-tract dare not go around their villages to forage mollusks, fish, frogs, bamboo and vegetables for their meals. They have to lead a miserable life due to lack of the traditional dishes they like and a good sleep.

Sergeant Saw Tin Win hunted in the jungle for the meals of the whole platoon, but never shot the cattle of local people. However, according to local residents, GNU members preferred to kill cattle of the villagers for their dish. Sergeant Saw Tin Win brought his gratuity, pension and choppers to his native place. GNU robbed the villagers and took the latter's money earned honestly. The GNU also asked the villagers for extortion money. So, it is fair to say that GNU members are not real Kayin nationals.

The chopper of sergeant Saw Tin Win was used for clearing the thorny bushes and wild plants. According to a local, GNU's knives were used to cut the throats of Kayin national youths. It is a great difference between the attitude of Kayin nationals and that of GNU members. That is why I say that GNU members are not real Kayin nationals.

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**NCCC Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. — MNA**



**NCC Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung. — MNA**



**NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe. — MNA**

**NCC Commission will scrutinize papers presented by NCC Work...**

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31 January 2005 that the next session of the National Convention would resume towards the end of the year 2006 when there was less agricultural work. The meeting was held for coordination of the next session of the National Convention, he said.  
At the previous National Convention detailed basic principles for shar-

ing of executive and judiciary powers to be included in drafting the State Constitution were laid down. Moreover, clarifications of the National Convention Convening Work Committee for laying down the detailed basic principles on chapter regarding the legislative functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and

Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the legislative chapter in drafting the State Constitution, chapter regarding the fundamental rights and responsibilities of citizens and the role of the Tatmadaw were reported at the previous session of the National Convention. The group discussions of eight groups in connection with the findings of the Work Committee were held, proposal papers were compiled, the

papers of the delegate groups were approved and proposal papers were read at the sessions of the National Convention, he said.  
In accord with the procedures of the National Convention, panel of alternate chairmen of the National Convention Plenary Session is holding the meeting for submitting the proposals of the delegate groups to the plenary sessions of the National Convention, he said.

the detailed basic principles are to be submitted to the National Convention Convening Commission, he said.  
He said the National Convention Convening Management Committee is to supervise the maintenance of the hall of the National Convention and the delegate groups and hostels, sanitation work in the compound and growing of flowery trees.  
Measures of the Work Committee and Management Committee and matters relating to the National Convention for which the NCCC will make decision will be discussed at the meeting.

and financial matters.  
Next, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe reported on tasks carried out after the adjournment of the convention.  
Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung reported on keeping of the things used by the delegates at the Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, fire preventive measures, maintenance of the buildings and greening tasks.  
The Work Committee reported on the papers to be submitted to the forthcoming National Convention. Members of the commission led by the Secretary-1 took part in the discussions.  
The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the Secretary-1.—MNA

**Clarifications of the National Convention Convening Work Committee for laying down the detailed basic principles on chapter regarding the legislative functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the legislative chapter in drafting the State Constitution, chapter regarding the fundamental rights and responsibilities of citizens and the role of the Tatmadaw were reported at the previous session of the National Convention.**

**Health education talks held at Mayangon BEHS No 3**

YANGON, 17 June — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the talks on health education at

BEHS No 3 in Mayangon Township yesterday. It was attended by CEC members Daw Tin Tin Mya, Daw Khin Nwe

Nwe, Dr Than Oo, Staff Officer U Kyaw Min of No 3 Basic Education Department, members of Yangon Division and Yangon West District MCWSCs, officials, teachers and students.

CEC member Daw Tin Tin Mya explained the purpose of holding the talks. Member of Yangon Division MCWSC Dr Daw Khin Thet Myaing and MMCWA CEC member Dr Than Oo gave lectures on health knowledge. Next, CEC member Daw Khin Nwe presented prizes to outstanding students. Later, Headmistress Daw Myint Kyi expressed gratitude.



**MMCWA CEC member Daw Khin Nwe Nwe presents prize to an outstanding student of Mayangon BEHS No 3. — MCWA**

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The National Convention Convening Commission will scrutinize the papers presented by the National Convention Convening Work Committee for laying the detailed basic principles at the coming National Convention. The findings of the National Convention Convening Work Committee regarding the remaining chapters for laying down

of Myanmar, the delegates

**Vice-Mayor inspects tax-free markets**



**Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspects Shwepyitha Tax-free Market. — YCDC**

YANGON, 17 June — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials inspected the sales of tax-free markets in Yangon Division this morning.

The vice-mayor and party went to the tax-free markets in Kamayut, Shwepyitha and Hlinethaya townships and inspected the sales of vegetables, meats, rice, oil, eggs and other household

goods at the markets.  
The vice-mayor later visited Annawa Hlwan Co Ltd in Industrial Zone Part -6 in Hlinethaya Township and inspected production process of fishery products and preparation for the distribution of the products to local and foreign markets. The vice-mayor discussed matters on sales of the fishery products at the tax-free markets with the responsible personnel of the company. — MNA

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## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects...

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physic nut plantations of the battalions and local people. In Yenangyoung, they attended the ceremony to cultivate physic nut saplings of departments concerned. They also viewed thriving 12,000 physic nut saplings of the local battalion on Magway-Kyaukpadaung Road.

In Yenangyoung Industrial Zone, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on matters related to automobile products and parts presented by local authorities and entrepreneurs.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected tasks of Mya Lake Greening Project at the foot of Tuywin Hill in NyaungU Township and irrigation facilities at Lawkananda River Water Pumping Project.

They viewed thriving summer paddy plantations near Shwetwin Village. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected 6,500 physic nut plants at five acres of NyaungU District Women's Affairs Organization. — MNA

**Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects motorbikes assembled at Shwena Industrial Supercub Motorcycle Factory.**

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## Only with improvement of productivity, will Rakhine State...

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example for others. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander pre-

sented clothes, blankets, sports gear and toys and dolls to the villagers.

They attended the

providing of cash and kind for the villagers of Gandama Village at the basic education primary

school. They presented cash and king to the villagers through officials.

They met with service personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders. Chairman of Township PDC U Khin Maung Soe reported on education, health, social and economic sectors of the region. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the government is implementing the plans in respective regions for economic development, calling for exceeding the targets for national eco-

nomical development and raising the standard of living. Rakhine State places reliance on agriculture and livestock breeding for its economic development. Only with the development of productivity, will the region enjoy economic development with higher per capita income. He called for production of surplus paddy. He called on the officials to put the entire May Yu mountain range under pepper. He also called for extended growing of pepper and physic nut.

He spotlighted the importance of cooperation of officials, service

personnel and local people in carrying out regional development tasks.

Next, he held a meeting with officers and other ranks and their families at Maha Bandoola Hall in Buthidaung Station. He urged them to implement the five rural development tasks in collaboration with local residents. The commander dealt with matters related to the requirements of the region.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted the soldiers and their family members. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents gifts to a villager of Ingyinmyaing Model Village of Buthidaung Township. — MNA

## Organizing under-12 painting contest of ASEAN and Japan discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — A coordination meeting on organizing the under-12 painting contest of ASEAN member countries and Japan with the theme of kindness was held at the Ministry of Culture in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

It was attended by officials of Education Planning and Training Department, ASEAN Affairs Department, the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture.

Each ASEAN member

country is to send 20 best works of painting contests to painting exhibition to be held in Singapore.

The entries are to be sent to the Chairman of Myanmar-ASEAN COCI, Department of Cultural Institute, the National Museum, 66/74, Pyay Road, Dagon Township, not later than 7 July.

Those wishing to take part in the painting contest may contact their respective schools to study rules of the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winners for their works. — MNA

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

**The second best time is now.**

## YMBA opens Abhidhamma course

YANGON, 17 June — The Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) opened the 38th Abhidhamma Course in conjunction with the ceremony to honour those who contributed to the YMBA centennial celebration at its office at No 77, Yegyaw Road, Pazundaung Township, this morning.

Chairman of the association U Bo Ni gave a speech.

Responsible persons presented gifts to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasami (Kyauktan), U Sein Hla Aung and U Myo Thein who examined answer papers of the 57th Mingala Examination, Clerk U San Tin who made well preparations for the examination, composer Kyauktan Myint Than Lay who composed the

song to mark the YMBA centennial celebration, 28 persons who contributed services for the centennial celebration and two persons who kept the accounts of the celebration; and prizes to the winners in the poem

and article contests in commemoration of the celebration.

Next, the responsible persons provided cash assistance to three Abhidhamma course instructors and one clerk. — MNA



YMBA Chairman U Bo Ni (Retired Ambassador) presents certificate of honour to Vice-Chairman U Khin Aung. — H

## Industry-1 Minister visits Natmauk

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — Secretariat member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and officials visited Lay Khin Taung dam near Gway Gone village in Natmauk Township yesterday and inspected inflow of water into the dam.

They visited Gway Gone Yapayy Monastery in the Gway Gone village. The minister and the Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council later attended a ceremony to open a dispensary in the village. They went to Basic Education Middle School in the village.

Secretary member of USDA Minister U Aung Thaung accepted a total of 1,500 membership applications



**USDA Secretariat Member U Aung Thaung presents exercise books to students of Gwaygon Village BEMS to a villager. — INDUSTRY-1**

of USDA from seven village-tracts. He presented a hundred dozens of books to the students of the village.

Afterwards, the minister and party proceeded to Thaphankan village in the township, met the locals and

presented fifty dozens of books to the students of the village. He also donated 95 dozens of books to the students of Pin Myo village.

Minister U Aung Thaung visited Dipinkara Monastery in Natmauk and donated alms to the

Sayadaw of the monastery.

The minister met with secretary, executives and organizers of Natmauk Township USDA and called upon them to participate in physic nut plant growing drive. — MNA

## Physic nut plant growing ceremony held in Lewe

LEWE, 17 June — Lewe Station of Nay Pyi Taw Command held the physic nut plant growing ceremony in the compound of No 4 Basic Education High School of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Tactical Operations Commander Col Khin Maung Htoo, Lewe Station Commander Lt-Col Aung Lwin, officers, other ranks and family members of regiments and units, Chairman of Lewe Township Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung Thet and officials.

First, Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin explained benefits of growing physic nut plants and earning of more family income. Next, the commander presented physic nut saplings to regiments and units. At the ceremony, 12,000 physic nut plants were cultivated.

The commander and party viewed the demonstration on running of 10 power-tillers with the use of physic nut oil and the ploughing ceremony at Hngetpyawdaw Village in Lewe Township.

At Shweyoelay Village, the commander met with local farmers and left instructions on agriculture and regional development tasks. — MNA

## SMS Shootout 2006 Contest to be held

YANGON, 17 June — Trials are being held as of 3 June 2006 for SMS Shootout 2006 Contest in which GSM phone owners can participate. The contest is organized by Myanmar Information Technology Pte Ltd (MIT).

In the trials messages to be sent by participants to Phone No 095002745 will appear on projector screen. Those who can send the quickest and the most correct messages are to participate in the final contest. Prizes will be awarded for every trial and K 150,000 plus Nokia and BenQ handset worth K 750,000 will be awarded for the final contest by MIT, Mobilemate Telecommunication Co and Queen Star Co. Quizzes will also be held weekly and those who can give the correct answer will be awarded immediately.

The other three trials will be held at MK Fashion Square of Yankin Centre on Sundays at 3 pm beginning 18 June. Anyone can take part in the contest without admission fees.

Those interested can contact MIT (Ph: 668779, 650124, 652303). — MNA

## Basic Computer Course, GPS Short Course open

YANGON, 16 June — A Basic Computer Course and GPS Short Course No 1/2006, conducted by Settlement and Land Records Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was opened at Central Land Records Development Training School in Taikyvi this morning.

Director-General of the department U Win Kyi made a speech. Altogether 20 trainees are attending a one-month course. — MNA



**Opening ceremony of Basic Computer Course and GPS Short Course of Settlement and Land Records Department in progress. — MNA**

## Mandalay Mayor inspects developments of Mandalay city



**Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han speaking at the meeting to beautify Mandalay Port. — MNA**

YANGON, 17 June — Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, accompanied by officials inspected earth work of Myitnge-Htonebo (Dual) short cut built by Asia World Company on 6 June and left instructions there.

The mayor and party also inspected physic nut saplings in No 1 Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Farm in Yaytagon Taung region.

The Mandalay mayor attended a coordination

meeting on beautifying Mandalay Port at MCDC office on 8 June.

At the meeting, the mayor stressed the need for the elimination of crimes at the port and called upon the officials to make efforts for beautifying the port.

The Mandalay mayor inspected work being done for the maintenance of Mandalay circular road on 9 June.

The mayor and party looked into measures being taken for greening Mandalay Hill. — MNA

## MMPO to provide cash assistance

YANGON, 17 June — A cash presentation ceremony for children of members of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization will be held at MMPO Hall at 1 pm on 24 June 2006.

Members wishing to take out cash assistance may submit applications in line with rules and regulations to MMPO at 16, Winkaba Street, not later than 22 June 2006. — MNA

## ASEAN should be prime force in EAC

**KUALA LUMPUR, 17 June** — The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) should be a prime force and mover in the development of the East Asia Community (EAC), Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said on Friday.

Najib made the remarks when asked if Japan has more rights to spearhead the development of the EAC at a news conference in Tokyo, according to local media reports.

Japan has an important role to play, but the ASEAN is in a better position to be the prime mover, given the fact that ASEAN has rich experience and that the EAC is an ASEAN initiative, Najib said at a news conference on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum on East Asia in Tokyo, Japan.

The Malaysian leader

urged the ASEAN to sharpen its competitive edge to better play its role in the EAC, saying ASEAN must continue with its efforts to strengthen its internal policies as a single political and economic group.

Meanwhile, Japan

should be more responsive to the opening up of its market to the export products of Malaysia and other ASEAN member countries, said Najib.

The forum, themed "Creating a New Agenda for Asian Integration", kicked off Thursday in Tokyo. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Vietnam to produce small satellites

**HANOI, 17 June** — Vietnam will design and manufacture small-sized satellites by itself by 2020, local newspaper *Youth* reported on Friday.

Under a national strategy on research and application of space technology until 2020 recently approved by the government, Vietnam will master technologies and techniques regarding production of small satellites, launching equipment, and earth stations in the 2011-2020 period.

## New WHO report highlights environmental causes of disease

**GENEVA, 17 June** — Nearly a quarter of global diseases are caused by exposure to avoidable environmental hazards, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a report on Friday.

Environmental exposures cause as much as 24 per cent of all diseases, and more than 33 per cent in children under the age of five, said the report, titled "Preventing disease through healthy environments — towards an estimate of the environmental burden

of disease."

Well-targeted interventions could prevent much of this environmental risk, saving as many as four million lives a year, mostly in developing countries, the report added.

WHO said the new report was the most com-

prehensive and systematic study yet undertaken on how preventable environmental hazards contribute to a wide range of diseases and injuries.

By focusing on the environmental causes of diseases, and how various ones are influenced by environmental factors, the analysis breaks new ground in understanding the interactions between environment and health, the Geneva-based organization said.

The report estimated that more than 13 million deaths annually are due to preventable environmental causes. Nearly one third of deaths and diseases in the least developed regions is due to environmental causes.

More than 40 per cent of deaths from malaria and an estimated 94 per cent of deaths from diarrhoea could be prevented through better environmental management, the report said.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*Dancers from the Moscow State Ballet Opera of Russia perform in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 16 June, 2006. The Moscow State Ballet Opera gave a ballet performance here on Friday. —INTERNET*

## Average American has very high risk of diabetes

**WASHINGTON, 17 June** — Body mass index (BMI), the ratio of body weight to height, is tightly linked to lifetime risk of diabetes mellitus, researchers reported at the Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association. "On average, every American has a very high risk of diabetes," CDC investigators told conference participants.

Using the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) data, Dr K M Venkat Narayan and associates at the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, calculated the lifetime risk of diabetes according to BMI for subjects between 18 and 84 years old.

A BMI between 20 and 25 is considered normal, whereas values above or below this range represent being under and overweight, respectively. Obesity is typically defined as a BMI of 30 or greater.

For a normal-weight 18-year-old man, the average lifetime risk of diabetes is 19.8 per cent. The risk increases to 29.7 per cent for overweight men, 57 per cent for obese men and 70.3 per cent for very obese men.

For normal-weight women at 18 years of age, the lifetime risk is 17.1

per cent; for overweight women it is 35.4 per cent, for obese women it is 54.6 per cent and for very obese women it is 74.4 per cent.

"Clearly, intervening to reduce obesity as early in life as possible is our best tool to reduce the risk of diabetes," Narayan told meeting attendees.

CDC co-investigator Dr Desmond E Williams presented NHANES data from 1999-2002 on 3,030 individuals without diabetes at the start of the study. The purpose of the study was to investigate an association between early abnormalities in blood sugar levels, also known as "pre-diabetes", and the risk of developing high blood pressure, obesity and high cholesterol.

The rate of high blood pressure was 48.3 per cent in those with pre-diabetes compared with 31 per cent of those without pre-diabetes. — *MNA/Reuters*

Between 2006 and 2010, Vietnam will intensify application of space technology in four main spheres, namely communications, hydrometeorology, natural resource and environment, and satellite-based positioning.

Under the strategy, by 2010 space technology should be widely applied in the fields like posts and telecommunications, radio and television, meteorology, agriculture and transport.

In May, US firm Lockheed Martin Commercial Space Systems won a bid to build and launch Vietnam's first communication satellite.

The Vietnamese Government has selected in May 2008 as the deadline for launching the medium-sized satellite coded Vinasat which will span its coverage over Vietnam, other Southeast Asian countries, Japan, the Korean Peninsula, eastern Oceania and South China Sea. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Residents near Philippine volcano advised to remain vigilant

**MANILA, 17 June** — The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) on Friday warned residents near the river and stream channels around Mountain Bulusan in Sorsogon, central Philippines, to be careful about possible sudden volcanic flows.

Phivolcs said ash and other volcanic deposits from the upper slopes may be remobilized and stream into the impact areas near the four-kilometre Permanent Danger Zone imposed by the government.

Sulfure dioxide emission rate of the volcanic plume was measured Thursday at 9.19 tons which is considerably above the normal level, said Phivolcs, adding that this could possibly indicate influx of new magma that will lead to more energetic activity.

People are also advised not to venture inside the permanent danger zone to avoid bearing the brunt of sudden steam ash explosions.

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo directed one week ago the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) as well as other concerned agencies to be ready for any eventuality as the Bulusan Volcano in Sorsogon, central Philippines, kept spewing ashes since March.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*A train runs on the Hete Bridge, a section of the Qinghai-Tibet railway, in the suburb of Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, recently. —INTERNET*

## Thousands without power in south NZ

WELLINGTON, 16 June—Thousands of properties in Canterbury, south New Zealand, were still without electricity Thursday, four days after a heaviest snowstorm for more than ten years.

Defence Minister Phil Goff announced Thursday the Army and Air Force were on stand-by after a request from Civil Defence coordinators worried about further icy weather forecast for the weekend.

Teams of volunteers have been out helping farmers with snow raking, forcing tracks through the snow to reach trapped livestock and give them access to feed.

Helicopters have been brought into help locate stock and get the snow rakers to them.

People were urged to stock up with essentials, such as fuel for heating and cooking, food and water for an extended

period, mobile phones and means to recharge them from car batteries, and battery operated radios.

Canterbury Civil Defence is predicting that some back country areas, still cut off by snow, may have to wait a week or more to have their power restored.

More snow and ice predicted for the weekend may add to the woes of Cantabrians who are still waiting for this week's snow to melt.

Local forecaster Blue Skies says another two cold snaps are likely to bring snow to low levels across the region in the next few days.

MNA/Xinhua

## EU, US "partners in crime" on CIA flights

BRUSSELS, 16 June—Amnesty International urged European states on Wednesday to stop being "partners in crime" with the United States over the alleged kidnapping of terrorism suspects and their transfer to countries that use torture.

In a report and a letter addressed to EU leaders meeting on Thursday and Friday in Brussels, the human rights group backed accusations that the CIA ran secret transfer flights known as "renditions", and that European countries were aware of them.

"There is irrefutable evidence of European complicity in the unlawful practice of renditions," Amnesty said in the letter.

"The European Council must therefore put a resolute stop to the attitude of see no evil, hear no evil that has prevailed so far," Amnesty said, referring to the EU summit.

The human rights group urged EU leaders to say in their meeting this week that the so-called rendition flights were "unacceptable" and to make sure their airspace and airports were not used for such flights in the future.

It asked EU leaders to raise the issue with US President George W. Bush when they meet him in Vienna on June 21, saying the bloc's credibility was at stake.

The Council of Europe

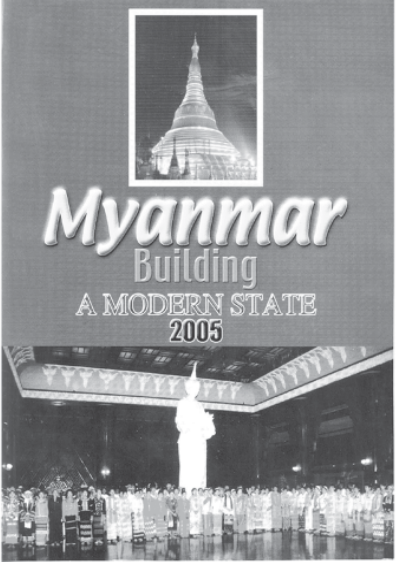
report said more than 20 mostly European countries colluded in a "global spider's web" of secret CIA jails and flight transfers of terrorist suspects that stretched from Asia to Guantanamo Bay.

In a new report published on Wednesday, the Council's Secretary-General Terry Davis said additional information from member states confirmed that many countries lacked adequate safeguards against human rights violations by foreign agents.

"Very few countries appear to have adopted adequate and effective procedures to monitor whether aircraft transiting through their airspace are used for purposes incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights," it said.

Amnesty reported on six suspected cases of abuses by the US Central Intelligence Agency in which it said seven countries — Germany, Italy, Sweden, Britain, Bosnia, Macedonia and Turkey — were involved.

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## Khamenei vows not to bend to Western pressure on N-programme

TEHERAN, 16 June—Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei vowed on Thursday that his country would not bend to Western pressures over its legal nuclear programme, the state television reported.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will not give in to those pressures and the continuation of our nuclear programme is the country's basic right," Khamenei was quoted as saying when delivering a speech to experts of the Iranian Nuclear Energy Organization.

He stressed that achieving nuclear technology was much more important than exploring oil in the oil-rich country.

"I must tell you that achieving nuclear technology is more important than exploring oil," said Khamenei.

Meanwhile, Khamenei said that "achieving nuclear technology by Iran's youth is a historical landmark for the country", adding "advance should be undertaken in other scientific areas".

"We have a key to promote the nation's power, progress and happiness, I tell you the key is science and

technology," said Khamenei. "If we want to determine our fate, we must find the key," he added.

It was not immediately clear that such remarks mean Iran's implicit rejection of a six-nation package aimed at resolving Iran's nuclear issue.

It was the first time for Khamenei to comment on the package since Iran received it from EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana on 6 June.

Earlier in the day, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said that his country was optimistic about the proposal.—MNA/Xinhua



**Former Japan national soccer team head coach Philippe Troussier of France attends a news conference at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan in Tokyo, on 16 June, 2006. Japanese players need to go overseas and become more individualistic, a vital character lacking in the team that suffered a shocking defeat to Australia in its World Cup opener, Troussier said on Friday.—INTERNET**

## Anti-terrorism should not allow double standards

SHANGHAI, 16 June—Anti-terrorism has become a consensus of the international community and there should not exist double standards, said a Chinese official here on Wednesday night.

Liu Jianchao, spokesman for the Chinese delegation to the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) slated for Thursday, said at a news briefing in the media centre of the summit.

"Under the current international situation, a single nation can hardly accomplish the fight against terrorism. The international community should join hands to combat terrorism," Liu said.

One major function of the SCO is to fight the "three evil forces" of terrorism, separatism and extremism, he said. "All security measures for the summit are necessary to ensure a smooth proceeding of the meeting and the safety of all participants."

Asked to comment on the SCO's anti-terrorism achievements, Liu said that over the past five years all SCO member states have made close communication in fighting the "three evil forces" and good cooperation in law enforcement, information exchange and joint military exercises.

MNA/Xinhua

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### Snow leopard tracked on “Roof of the World”

XINING, 16 June — Chinese scientists have photographed two rare snow leopards in northwest China’s Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, a region known as the “Roof of the World”.

After two months of tracking the elusive animals, Chinese researchers captured two leopards on film on the Burhan Budai Mountain, a branch range of the Kunlun Mountains, located on the northeastern part of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

“Sightings of snow leopards show that the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau boasts a complete ecological system and

indicates that there could be more of the endangered animals living elsewhere on the plateau,” said Jiang Zhigang, a research fellow with the animal research institute of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

The site where the two snow leopards were photographed is about 4,700 metres above sea level. It is very hard to track snow leopards down as they live at high

altitudes and usually only come out after dark, said Jiang.

The pictures of snow leopards were taken between March and May this year on the Burhan Budai Mountain in Dulan County, Qinghai Province.

Two different snow leopards were visible in the eight clear shots the researchers were able to gather, Jiang said.

MNA/Xinhua



A visitor inspects Proton’s new model ‘Satria Neo’ on display at a showroom in Shah Alam, on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 16 June, 2006. The 3-door compact Satria Neo, powered by 1.3 and 1.6-liter, are priced from US\$11,780 to 13,970.

INTERNET

### Rare ancient coin returned to Greece

ATHENS, 16 June — An extremely rare ancient coin minted in 42 BC is to be returned to Greece from a well-known London coin dealer on June 26, Greece’s semi-official ANA-MPA reported on Thursday.

The coin bears a portrait of Brutus, one of the notorious conspirators that murdered the ancient Roman general and statesman Julius Caesar.

The silver coin is one of 50 that exist throughout the world and were minted in Philippi, a city in ancient Greece.

There are currently only two held in Greek museums, while the rest are owned by private collectors.

The particular specimen had been sold by Greeks to the London coin dealer for 18,000 pounds (26,163 euros), but the Greek Culture Ministry and the Greek Embassy in London secured its return to Greece, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua



Full size cardboard portraits of the members of the German national soccer team are placed around the Mercedes-Benz R class in Berlin on 16 June, 2006.—INTERNET

### WWF says chemicals harming polar bears, belugas, seals

GENEVA, 16 June — Toxic chemicals are harming Arctic animals including polar bears, beluga whales, seals and seabirds, the environmental group WWF said on Thursday.

It said pollutants such as flame retardants, pesticides and fluorinated chemicals made Arctic wildlife vulnerable to health problems including immune suppression and hormone disturbances.

“We can no longer ignore the proof that chemicals are damaging the health of wild animals,” said Samantha Smith, director of the Swiss-

based group’s international arctic programme.

The WWF, formerly known as the World Wildlife Fund, said the chemical contamination of the Arctic threatened the survival of many of the region’s animal species, who also faced possible habitat and food supply loss due to climate change. It appealed for “urgent and significant

strengthening” of European Union legislation designed to protect people and the environment from the adverse effects of chemicals found in products like paint, detergents, cars and computers.

MNA/Reuters

### Archaeologists unearth oldest Basque inscriptions

BILAO, (Spain), 16 June — Archaeologists have unearthed inscriptions in the Basque language that could date from as early as the third century, a find Basque linguists hailed as extraordinarily important.

Basque, or euskera to its speakers, is considered to be one of the oldest languages in Europe and scholars have long wondered whether it is derived from African, Caucasian or Etruscan tongues, or if it developed in isolation.

Until now, a text written by a monk in both Castilian Spanish and Basque had been the oldest written example of the language, dating from the year 1040.

The new inscriptions were found at a Roman site near the Basque town of Vitoria in northern Spain, and included the names of colours, verbs and references to God, Christianity and the Holy Family etched into bricks,

bones and pieces of glass.

The head of the excavation, Eliseo Gil, said the pieces would not be dated exactly until October or November, but members of the Academy of the Basque Language, Euskaltzaindia, said the find was extraordinary.

Among the words inscribed were the colours “urdin” (blue), “zuri” (white) and “gorri” (red), verbs “edan” (drink) “ian” (eat) and “lo” (sleep), the excavation team said.

Another piece read “Iesus, Ioshse ata ta Miriam ama” (Jesus, the father Joseph and the mother Mary) while another had the greeting “Geure ata zutan” (May the Father be with you).

MNA/Reuters

### China to remain “kingdom of bicycles”

BEIJING, 16 June — China’s Vice-Minister of Construction, Qiu Baoxing, has lashed at city authorities for making it harder for cyclists to get around, saying the country should retain its title as the “kingdom of bicycles”.

He made the remarks here Wednesday at the first International Conference on China’s City Planning and Development, which his ministry, the Chinese Society of Urban Studies, organized.

Qiu noted that the number of motor vehicles on China’s roads rose 20 times between 1978 and

2004 and their numbers could increase five fold again by 2020. In 2004 there were 27 million motor vehicles in the country and that number could reach 130 million in 15 years, he said.

The explosion growth of motor vehicles has caused severe traffic jams in major Chinese cities and

is posing a grave challenge to the country’s energy security and urban development, he said.

Qiu said while some Chinese cities are cutting back on bicycle lanes in order to make more room for cars, some Western cities are beginning to build more of cycling paths.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian Artist Sudarsan Pattnaik works on his soccer sand sculpture at the 4th International Sand Sculpture Festival Sandstation in Berlin, Friday, on 16 June, 2006.—INTERNET

# SPORTS

## WORLD CUP FIXTURES

Sunday, 18 June 2006  
 Japan v Croatia, 19:30 MST  
 Brazil v Australia, 22:30 MST  
 Monday, 19 June 2006  
 France v South Korea 01:30 MST

## Frustration for Ivory Coast after cup exit

STUTT GART, 17 June—Ivory Coast captain Didier Drogba expressed his team's frustration at being knocked out of the World Cup after a 2-1 defeat by Netherlands on Friday.

As in their opening loss to Argentina by the same score, the Ivorians played well but went two goals down before pulling one back in a vain attempt to get themselves into a Group C game.

"It's a huge disappointment, because we wanted to put on a really big performance and beat the Dutch," Drogba told reporters at the Gottlieb-Daimler-Stadion.

"We saw that they had a few weaknesses but in the end they won it — just like Argentina did last week.

"Everyone says we play well but it's not the most important thing -- playing well is a bonus. The result is always going to be the most important, as we've learned today.

"We are very frustrated because we had chances to come back," added the Chelsea striker.

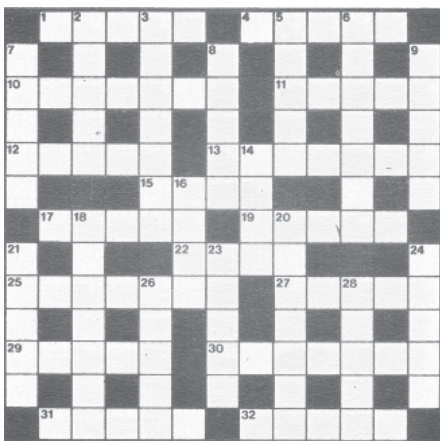
Considering it was his strife-torn nation's first appearances at the finals, he added:

"I just look at my team and I can say I'm proud of them — because we did something fantastic for our country."

The team's French coach Henri Michel also found their exit hard to digest.

"We came here with ambition but unfortunately the two matches ended up being similar -- we concede two goals in the opening stages and then we are chasing the game," he said. — MNA/Reuters

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Retail outlets
- 4 Lubricated
- 10 Wed
- 11 Horrify
- 12 Scence of combat
- 13 Completely
- 15 Weary
- 17 Avarice
- 19 Regretful
- 22 Tardy
- 25 Amused
- 27 Discourage
- 29 Heath
- 30 Peewit
- 31 Wrath
- 32 Stage-whisper

### DOWN

- 2 Steed
- 3 Archbishop
- 5 Unsuitable
- 6 Large British moth
- 7 Daub
- 8 Smell
- 9 Excoriates
- 14 Examination
- 16 Lazy
- 18 Rumpus
- 20 Solver of Sphinx's riddle
- 21 Precipitous
- 23 Grown-up
- 24 Boasts
- 26 Depart
- 28 Attempted

## Rodriguez hits two in 6-0 Argentine rout

GELSENKIRCHEN, 17 June— Argentina produced the performance so far of the World Cup to soar into the second round in scintillating style with a 6-0 battering of Serbia & Montenegro on Friday in Group C.



Argentinian midfielder Esteban Cambiasso (5) fires home as Serbia and Montenegro's forward Mladen Krstajic looks on during the FIFA World Cup 2006 group C match. Argentina have underlined their World Cup threat with a 6-0 drubbing of Serbia-Montenegro, propelling them to near certain qualification from the "Group of Death". —INTERNET

Winger Maxi Rodriguez scored twice, Esteban Cambiasso and Hernan Crespo rounded off two other brilliant goals before substitutes Carlos Tevez and wonderkind Lionel Messi completed the demolition with super individual finishes.

Argentina went ahead with their first chance of the match when Rodriguez fired home from the left after

Javier Saviola, fed by Juan Pablo Sorin with a back heel on the left wing, steered a square ball into the box.

With playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme closely marked by Albert Nadj, creation came from all sectors of the Argentine side, notably in a superb second goal just past the hour, netted by substitute Cambiasso.

Argentina moved the ball about in the Serb half from wing to wing before Saviola fed Crespo who stepped over the ball and backheeled it for Cambiasso to fire into the roof of the net past a static Dragoslav Jevric.

Coach Jose Pekerman had been forced after only a quarter of an hour to revert to his starting line-up from Argentina's 2-1 win over Ivory Coast last weekend, bringing Cambiasso on when Luis Gonzalez, the only change in the line-up, looked like he pulled a muscle.

Rodriguez made it 3-0 before halftime when Saviola robbed the ball from Mladen Krstajic out on the right wing and ran into the box to shoot low. Jevric got a hand to the ball but it ran free for Rodriguez to tap in at the far post for his second.

Argentina brought on Carlos Tevez for Saviola and just past the hour Mateja Kezman was sent off for a two-footed tackle on Javier Mascherano.

To great acclaim from a vast majority of Argentines in the capacity 52,000 crowd, Pekerman sent on Messi in the 74th minute for his World Cup debut.

MNA/Reuters

## Dutch win 2-1 to eliminate Ivory Coast

STUTT GART, 17 June—Netherlands secured their place in the last 16 of the World Cup on Friday, withstanding a powerful Ivory Coast onslaught for a 2-1 victory in Group C.

The Dutch seemed to be cruising after goals from Robin van Persie and Ruud van Nistelrooy put them 2-0 in front by the 26th minute. But they were made to fight all the way by the Africans, who are now eliminated.

A cagey opening barely hinted at the fireworks to follow, with an Ivory Coast penalty claim the main talking point of the first quarter when Giovanni van Bronckhorst wrapped an arm around Emmanuel Eboue.

The Dutch had hardly posed a threat but then produced two moments of quality to leave the Ivorians reeling.

After 23 minutes van Persie's burst towards the area was brought to a clumsy end by Kolo Toure and the Arsenal striker picked himself up to slam an unstoppable free kick past the flailing arms of goalkeeper Jean-Jacques Tizie. Worse was to follow for the Africans when Arjen Robben teased the defence before slipping a reverse pass for van Nistelrooy to curl a first-time shot past Tizie.

The Ivorians refused to let their World



Dutch players Edwin van der Sar, left, and Phillip Cocu celebrate at the end of the Netherlands v Ivory Coast Group C soccer match at the World Cup Gottlieb-Daimler stadium in Stuttgart, Germany, on 16 June, 2006. The Dutch won the match 2-1. —INTERNET

Cup hopes sink under the orange tide and rocked the Dutch back on their heels before halftime.

First Didier Zokora shook the frame of the goal with a venomous right-foot blast, then the diminutive Bakary Kone halved the deficit with a contender for goal of the tournament. —MNA/Reuters

## Angola keeper only has eyes for Iran

HANOVER, 17 June— Angola goalkeeper Joao Ricardo was more worried about beating Iran in the World Cup next week than the fact he was without a league team.

Ricardo has been unemployed in club football since he was laid off by Portuguese side Moreirense two seasons ago. He was named man of the match in Friday's 0-0 draw with Mexico after a brave, acrobatic display kept Angola in the game despite being down to 10 men for the last 11 minutes.

The draw means victory over Iran in their final Group D game in Leipzig on Wednesday could give the Africans a place in the second round at their first World Cup.

MNA/Reuters

## Angola hold Mexico in drab goalless draw

HANOVER, 17 June — Angola held Mexico in a dull 0-0 draw on Friday, leaving both teams still with a chance of qualifying for the World Cup second round from Group D.

Mexico striker Omer Bravo almost broke the deadlock with two minutes left but his close range shot from the right of the area hit the outside of the post. The Mexicans also hit the woodwork in the first half and had an effort cleared off the line.

Angola had to play the last seven minutes without midfielder Andre Macanga, who was sent off for a second bookable offence after unnecessarily handling the ball, but they hung on.

MNA/Reuters



Vijay Singh, of Fiji, left, shakes hands with Shingo Katayama, of Japan, on the 10th tee during the second round of the U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club on Friday, on 16 June, 2006, in Mamaroneck. —INTERNET



Heavily-armed government military officers guard the Baidoa-Mogadishu highway from local militias who erect illegal check-points near the southern city of Baidoa, 250km (155 miles) northwest of the Somalia capital Mogadishu on 15 June, 2006. —INTERNET

## Floods kill 16, displace 500,000 people in India

NEW DELHI, 17 June — The Assam State of India on Friday sounded an alert as floods overnight rose the death toll to 16 and displaced nearly 500,000 people in the northeastern region of the country, according to the *Indo-Asian News Service*.

"We have alerted the Army, paramilitary, police and civil officials, including healthcare workers, to move to flood-hit areas in the shortest possible time when summoned," Bhumidhar Barman, Assam Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation Minister was quoted by the *Service* as saying.

The floods in Assam started from 31 May. Roads and rail communications have been hit in many parts of the state with floodwaters overtopping highways and breaching rail tracks.

"Thirteen of the 27 districts in Assam State are hit by floods with an estimated 485,000 people

displaced so far. A total land area of about 55,000 hectares has been submerged," the statement said.

According to a Central Water Commission bulletin, the Brahmaputra River was flowing above the danger level in at least seven places in Assam.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two trapped in bunker by Indonesia volcano found dead

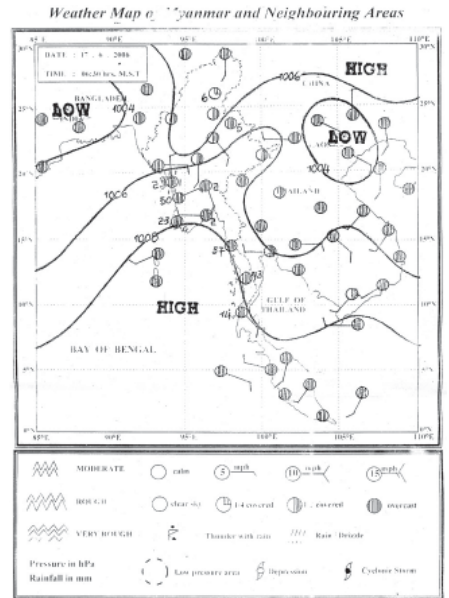
JAKARTA, 17 June — Two men trapped in a bunker by volcanic debris from Indonesia's Mount Merapi Volcano have died, disaster management officials said on Friday.

"The first person was in a singed condition because of hot steam," Widisutikno told Elshinta news radio, while the second person's body was intact when found early on Friday morning.

Mount Merapi has been spilling molten lava and spewing clouds of hot gas and ash sporadically for weeks, but had one of its heaviest discharges yet on Wednesday.

Another disaster official, Susilo Purwanto, told *Reuters* by telephone the men were trapped when they sought shelter that day as searing clouds swept through villages 6-7 kilometres from Merapi's top, leaving a trail of damaged buildings and neighbourhoods covered with grey ash.

MNA/Reuters



### WEATHER

Saturday, 17 June, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, Bago Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (3.62) inches, Gwa (2.40) inches, Dawei (2.24) inches, Thandwe (1.97) inches, Myeik (1.69) inches and Shwebo (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 16-6-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 17-6-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 17-6-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 16-6-2006 was (2.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 17-6-2006 were (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (21.50) inches at Mingaladon, (29.37) inches at Kaba-Aye and (33.31) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 16-6-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 18-6-2006:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Weak monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 18-6-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 18-6-2006:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 18-6-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

## Radio Myanmar

Sunday, 18 June

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -My baby love loving... Cook & Green away
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Sugarbabylove... Bickerton... Waddington
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Back in back... La Bella Epoque
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar -Myanmar & Ivory sculpture
- 9:20 am Music: -Love for sale Boney M
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Children's delight -Story for children "The one who faced someone's life" -Songs for children
- 9:00pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music -Lullaby... Mandah
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Sunday, 18 June  
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ ဗဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာဠာပုဂ္ဂိုလ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအရဟံသာဝရ၊ ဇောတိတ၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိကာ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမိတ္တာသာရာဝတီဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၀)ပြာ မင်္ဂလာ

8:00 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. ဆိုင်းဒါးတံတား (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)

8:20 am

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Say it in English

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"

11:55 am

5. မရမ်းကုန်း ရေတိန်းတံခါး

12:00 pm

6. Myanmar video feature "ထူထွက်စွမ်း" (ဝေဠုကျော်၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အေးကျော်)

2:00 pm

7. Musical programme

2:10 pm

8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:15 pm

9. "မျှော်လင့်မော့ဆရာရင်" (စိုးသီဟ၊ ဆာပန်ထွာ၊ နန်းကလျာပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောဇွာလှိုင်)

2:30 pm

10. လမ်းတံတား

2:45 pm

11. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အခေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

4:45 pm

4. Song of national races

5:00 pm

5. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းအမွေ

5:05 pm

6. Musical programme

5:15 pm

7. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. Discovery

6:45 pm

11. Agricultural source of country's development

6:55 pm

12. ကျေးလက်တစ်ခွင် တိုးတက်စဉ်ပင်

7:05 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူစင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm

14. News

8:05 pm

15. International news

8:10 pm

16. Weather report

8:15 pm

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိမြို့ဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်း-၅၄)

8:20 pm

18. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိမိတ္တာသာရာဝတီဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဏ္ဍာဝဘနာပွားများပြားတရားတော်

8:25 pm

19. The next day's programme

# Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects irrigation facilities, physic nut farms in NyaungU District



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects water supply facilities of Lawkananda River Water Pumping Station. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Magway Division

Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials, donated Waso robes to members of the Sangha from monasteries at Maha Withutayama in Magway on 15 June morning.

At the hall of Magway Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on regional development,

farming tasks and cultivation of physic nut plants to Tatmadawmen.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended the physic nut plants growing ceremony at the local battalion.

While in Magway, he inspected thriving (See page 9)

# Only with improvement of productivity, will Rakhine State enjoy economic development with higher per capita income

YANGON, 17 June— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, together with Rakhine State PDC Chairman Western Command Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein and Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence, inspected the 20-acre rubber plantation of Township War Veterans Organization in Nwayondaung Village-tract in Maungtaw Township on 13 June.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than called for nurturing of rubber plants and systematic tapping of rubber to raise the income of families of war veterans.

He also inspected the nursery of the Forest Department in Maungtaw. Officials reported on the nurturing of saplings of teak, pyingadoe (ironwood tree) and 6,000 physic nut saplings, and other plantation.

He looked into the growing of pepper as mixed crop on 100-acre field at the teak plantation of May Yu protected forest. He viewed thriving teak trees along



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence meets departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at U Ottama Hall in Buthidaung. — MNA

Maung-taw-Buthidaung Road in the protected forest. At the physic nut plants growing ceremony held in Gandama model village, Buthidaung Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than called for extended growing of physic nut from which bio-diesel can be extracted.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander presented physic nut saplings to departments and social organizations.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein and Maj-Gen Aung Thein planted saplings and en-

couraged the service personnel and social organization members growing 2,400 saplings.

At the meeting with soldiers and their members of Buthidaung Station at the station, Lt-Gen

Khin Maung Than called for joining hands with local people in carrying out the five rural development tasks, livestock breeding on a commercial scale, and supervision of education,

health and welfare services.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with local people of Ingyinmyaing model village. Officials reported on requirements of the village. The com-

mander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than instructed the officials to carry out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks as a good (See page 9)

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Many regions in Kayin State were reverberating with the cries of children, the voices of elderly Kayin nationals asking for help, the sounds from the houses ablaze, the sounds of heavy treads of villagers running for their lives, and the thunder of the shells of heavy and small weapons fired by the KNU, instead of lively music of Don and bronze drum, the Kayin traditional musical instrument.

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