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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks, physic nut plantations in Bagan-NyaungU, Myingyan Districts



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Ngathayauk River Water Pumping Station. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, viewed the stone plaque on renovation of ancient pagodas in Bagan Archaeological Region at Bagan Archaeological Museum in Bagan on 16 June.

While in Bagan, they inspected construction of Arimaddanapura Bagan Golden Palace of King Anawrahta. Deputy Director-General U Aung Kyaing of Archaeology Department and officials reported on construction matters.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected 6,000 physic nut trees on five acres cultivated by NyaungU District Maternal and Child Welfare Asso-

ciation. They made cash donations at Shwezigon Pagoda.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected physic nut plantations and summer paddy plantations in NyaungU Township and land preparations for growing monsoon paddy and thriving pre-monsoon long staple cotton plantation.

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Rakhine State to grow 1.2 million acres of monsoon paddy this year

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects progress of Rathedaung Township

YANGON, 18 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence and officials, left Buthidaung for Rathedaung by boat on 14 June morning.

They inspected Rathedaung Township Hospital and presented K 200,000 to the fund of the hospital to Medical Superintendent Dr Naing Lin Bo.

At Rathedaung BEHS, they inspected progress in construction of the new school building. The build-

ing is 222 feet long, 78 feet wide and 12 feet high. The building will have 18 classrooms. On completion, not only present middle and high school students but also

primary school children can receive their education at the school. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donates K 200,000 to Rathedaung Township People's Hospital. — MNA

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Taking necessary security measures to prevent the nation and the people from the acts the KNU has been perpetrating is just and fair. And the government has to discharge duties to restore security, peace and stability of the motherland and protect the people and public property.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Blood donation, noble deed

Blood is the life of man. Blood donation is a noble deed. Making efforts for donation of blood and increasing the number of blood donors is also a noble deed.

Blood transfusion started in 1939 in Myanmar and the blood bank was established at the Yangon General Hospital. In 1962 the blood bank was reconstituted as Central National Blood Bank and in 2003 it was also reconstituted as the National Blood Centre under the Blood and the Blood Products Law.

The National Blood Centre collects blood donated by voluntary blood donors and carries out blood transfusion service for patients who need blood. It is a noble deed to donate blood which can save a patient's life, the number of blood donors is increasing day after day these days. Social organizations that organize those who want to donate blood are now on the increase and there are over 20 such organizations.

Some 200,000 bags of blood are needed in Myanmar annually. The National Blood Centre can provide only 65 per cent of the blood needed.

The centre can provide cent per cent distribution of blood to the patients if the number of blood donors reaches 15,000 every four months.

Donation is a noble tradition and saving one's life by transfusion of safe blood is one of the noblest deeds. Increasing number of blood donors and those who donate cash and kind and equipment can contribute to the saving of many people's lives.

Oppose those trying to destabilize the State

- * 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

On-job training course of Immigration and Population Ministry concludes

YANGON, 18 June — The On-job training course No 18 of the Ministry of Immigration and Population concluded at Central Fire Services Training School in PyinOoLwin Township on 16 June, with an address by Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Aung Kyi.

Also present on the occasion were Rector of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) U Aung San Win, Principal of Central Fire Services Training School U Thaug Zin and heads of department.

A total of 98 trainees from National Registration and Immigration Department attended the six-week course. — MNA

Mayor inspects growing shade trees, physic nut saplings

YANGON, 18 June — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by officials concerned, arrived at Nyaughnapin Camp in Yangon North District yesterday morning.

YCDC Secretary U Tin Soe and Committee members welcomed the mayor and reported on growing shade trees, flowery plants and physic nut saplings.

Next, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin grew a Seinpan (Poinciana regia) and physic nut saplings near the gymnasium of Nyaughnapin Camp in Hmawby Township. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Aung Kyi speaking at the concluding ceremony of On-job Training Course No 18. — IMMIGRATION

Falcon Oil Co hosts dinner to mark success of sales



Commercial Sales Manager of Falcon Oil Co Mr Sohail Mujtaba presents prize to a sale agent. — MNA

YANGON, 18 June — A dinner to mark the successful completion of the 2006 sales of Falcon Super Lubricants, organized by Han Myanmar Import and Export Enterprise, was held at Dolphin Restaurant in Bahan Township, yesterday evening.

Managing Director U Thein Naing of Han Myanmar Import and Export Enterprise and Director of Falcon Oil Co Mr Iqbal M Sajwani extended greetings.

Commercial Sales Manager of Falcon Oil Co Mr Sohail Mujtaba explained matters related to import and export items of the company.

Later, responsible persons presented prizes to outstanding sale agents. — MNA

Chairman of MES attends meetings in Singapore, the Philippines

YANGON, 17 June — Chairman of Myanmar Engineering Society U Than Myint attended the 47th ASEAN Coordinating Meeting on Services held on 5 to 6 June 2006 in Singapore. Representatives of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam also took part in the meeting.

At the meeting, Ir P E Chong of Malaysia presided over the meeting and U Than Myint acted as secretary.

U Than Myint also attended AFEO Mid-Term Meeting of ASEAN Engineers in the Philippines on 9 June. — MNA



In memory of the late mother Daw Sein Sein, her family of Room No 8, Building 135, Ward 4 of Yankin Township recently donated K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi. — H


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

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

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

China, Pakistan vow to strengthen ties

SHANGHAI, 17 June — Chinese and Pakistani presidents agreed on Friday the two countries will strengthen strategic partnership by enhancing mutual trust, expanding exchanges and intensifying reciprocal cooperation.

High-level visits and frequent contacts between their leaders on bilateral and multilateral occasions will help enhance political trust and promote cooperation in diverse fields, said Chinese President Hu Jintao during a meeting with his Pakistani counterpart Pervez Musharraf in Shanghai.

Hu proposed China and Pakistan speed up their joint study on a five-year plan for economic and trade cooperation and reach a Sino-Pakistani free trade deal at an early date.

It is also necessary to speed up reconstruction of Pakistan's quake-hit areas and reach timely agreements on the renovation of the Karakoram Highway and a number of projects with aid from China, including the building of

schools, hospitals and an earthquake monitoring network in Pakistan's quake-ravaged areas, said Hu. He also proposed closer cooperation in the security sector — both traditional and untraditional and implementation of existing documents

signed between the two sides. Echoing Hu's proposals on closer ties, Musharraf said more exchanges and cooperation in political, trade and economic sectors between his country and China have brought tangible benefits to the two countries and

their peoples.

Musharraf said Pakistan is willing to make concerted efforts with China to add new vitality to bilateral relations and continually push forward their strategic partnership.

MNA/Xinhua



Nicole Kidman (C) poses for the media with Chinese ethnic minorities during a promotional event in Shanghai on 17 June, 2006. INTERNET



An aerial view shows the Western Sayan Ridge in the Yergaki national park, some 620 km (385 miles) from the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, on 17 June, 2006. The natural park, situated in the Altai-Sayan mountain region that is largely untouched by men, was created in 2005 by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Krasnoyarsk region's authorities to protect rare animals and create a tourism industry in adherence with ecological guidelines. —INTERNET

Two US soldiers missing, one killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 17 June — Two US soldiers were missing and one was killed after their team was attacked at a traffic-control point southwest of Baghdad, the Pentagon said on Friday.

After hearing small arms fire and explosions in the vicinity of the checkpoint southwest of Yusufiya, a quick reaction force responded to the scene, a Pentagon statement said out of Baghdad.

"Coalition forces have initiated a search operation to locate and determine the status of the soldiers," the statement added, saying the incident occurred about 7:55 pm local time. — MNA/Reuters

Chavez says Venezuela to offer free eye treatment to 6 mln people

CARACAS, 17 June — A total of 6 million people in Latin America and the Caribbean will receive free eye treatment thanks to Venezuela's Mision Milagro (Miracle Mission), President Hugo Chavez said on Thursday.

"Throughout history over thousands of years, I doubt there has been a humanitarian operation on this scale," Chavez told a gathering of thousands of so-called "missionaries": the people who will care for the people suffering from eye problems.

Mision Milagros, a joint Cuban-Venezuelan organization offering free

eye treatment to needy patients, began by serving only Venezuelans but is now available to all Latin Americans.

It is one of the social projects launched alongside Mision Habitat, Mision Ribas, Mision Milagro and others to boost standards of living, education and health.

MNA/Xinhua

Bolivia unveils anti-poverty plan

LONDON, 17 June — The government of Bolivia has announced a radical plan to reduce poverty and create employment in the poorest country in South America.

Almost \$7bn (£3.8bn) will be invested in ambitious public works programmes.

The economic plan announced by Planning and Development Minister Carlos Villegas aims to create 100,000 jobs a year for the next five years. It is the latest measure in

a series implemented by President Evo Morales since taking office in January.

The people of South America, and especially Bolivia, have often heard their leaders promise to reduce poverty and create jobs. But President Morales appears to mean it

and many Bolivians believe what he says.

The money will come from the recently nationalized gas industry, supplemented by international lending and foreign investment.

The plan, presented in the presidential palace in La Paz, also aims to deliver

more basic public services such as school meals and better access to clean water.

Since he came to office, Evo Morales, a former coca leaf grower, has launched a number of ambitious projects to reduce poverty and close the gap between rich and poor in Bolivia.

He cut wages in the public sector, including his own, and sent troops in to take control of oil and gas installations after he nationalised the industries. He has forged links with Venezuela and Cuba and worries Washington.

Internet



The ABN AMRO ONE sails into the port of Goteborg for victory in the 2005-2006 Volvo Ocean Race in Goteborg, Sweden on 17 June, 2006. INTERNET

Iran bans "Economist" magazine over 'Gulf' map

TEHERAN, 17 June — Iran has banned distribution of the Economist magazine after it published an article and a map that referred to the "Gulf" instead of the "Persian Gulf".

Iran insists on calling the water along its southern coast the "Persian Gulf". The body of water also touches Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain, and many people in these states refer to the waters as the "Arabian Gulf".

Some news organizations use "Gulf" as a compromise term.

Alireza Shiravi, head of foreign correspondents section at the Culture and Islamic Guidance Ministry, told Reuters the magazine was banned after an article and a map "mentioned the 'Gulf' instead of 'Persian Gulf'".

"When they correct their mistake, it will be no problem (to distribute the magazine in Iran). It will depend on the Economist," he said. — MNA/Reuters

Indonesia, Singapore to establish special economic zones

JAKARTA, 17 June — The leaders of Indonesia and Singapore will meet later this month for further talks on the establishment of special economic zones, a report said on Friday.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will meet Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Long on Batam Island on 26 June to discuss the establishment of special economic zones in border areas between the two

countries, reported the Detikcom news website, quoting the foreign minister. Both leaders will revitalize the 1990 agreement in which Indonesia and Singapore agreed to enhance economic development

cooperation on Batam, Bintan and Karimun islands, Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said late Thursday. Wirajuda said the draft agreement on special economic zones has been signed by the two countries.—MNA/Xinhua

Blind Cuban to work on software for blind people

HAVANA, 17 June — Roberto Perez de Paz, the first totally blind Cuban to graduate with a software engineering degree, told local television on Friday that he would work on programmes to help blind people make use of computer technology.

Perez, who studied for five years in the Jose Antonio Echeverria Polytechnic in Havana, said it was necessary to extend the use of information technology so that blind and partially

sighted people could break down barriers in using computers.

Perez' successful thesis "An accessible Internet: what the disabled need" made him the first blind engineering

graduate in Cuba. As part of his research he surveyed Cubans with visual difficulties who also used the web, to pinpoint their accessibility challenges.

The only techniques widely available in the country were web readers -- which read out what is on the screen and devices that make images larger.

His survey also revealed that the Cuban associations for the physically disabled and the deaf do not have web pages.

MNA/Xinhua

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Strong quake jolts central Sulawesi, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 17 June — A strong earthquake rocked the northern part of Central Sulawesi at 11:10 am local time (0410 GMT) on Friday but there was no information from the Meteorological and Geophysics office on its exact magnitude.

The tremor occurred twice and was so sudden and intense that it caused the provincial capital city Palu's residents to rush out of their homes in panic, Antara news agency reported.

The tremors were felt most strongly in Buol, capital of Buol District. There were no immediate reports of casualties, the agency said.

Earlier in the morning it was reported that a 5.7 on the Richter Scale earthquake shook

Gorontalo Province at 10:56 am local time (0356 GMT) but there was no immediate report of casualties or material damage.



A boy and girl push a boat loaded with crops through floodwaters in Charai Chopori, about 300 kilometers (190 miles) east of Gauhati, India, on 17 June, 2006. —INTERNET

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Cashing in on World Cup: Two "football babes" pose to promote house sales at a real estate show in Wuxi, east China's Jiangsu Province on 16 June, 2006. An estate company, hoping to cashing in on the World Cup fever, invited the "football babes" to the show in order to attract more visitors, and hopefully, more home buyers.—INTERNET

Dozens die in wave of Baghdad attacks

BAGHDAD, 18 June — At least 36 people were killed on Saturday in Baghdad in a string of attacks around the capital, police say.

Four of the attacks came between 10 and 11 a.m. (0600 and 0700 GMT), one in the early afternoon and two more in the evening, despite a major

security crackdown against guerrillas in the city.

The two deadliest attacks were car bombs, one of which targeted an Iraqi army-police patrol in central Baghdad around 11 am.

Eleven people, including one Iraqi soldier, were killed and 15 people were wounded, including eight soldiers and three police.

An evening car bombing killed 12 and wounded 36 at a police checkpoint in the al-Maalef Shiite district of southwest Baghdad, police said.

Also in the evening, guerrillas bombed an Iraqi police patrol, killing one officer and wounding four in the Dora neighbourhood of southern Baghdad.

Two markets were bombed during the busy mid-morning. Around 10 am Saturday, four mortar rounds slammed into Sarabadi market in the Shiite neighbourhood of Kadhimiya in north-western Baghdad, killing two and wounding 14 others.

A bomb exploded in Haraj market in central Baghdad at 10:30 am, killing five people and wounding 25.

One person was killed and five were wounded when a car bomb detonated near the National Theatre in central Baghdad at 10:40 am.

Another incident took place around 1:15 pm in a Shiite neighbourhood in southeastern Baghdad.

Internet

Iraqi group kidnaps Turk technician, sets demands

DUBAI, 17 June — An Iraqi group has kidnapped a Turkish technician and demanded that Turkey withdraw its envoy from Baghdad and press for the release of Iraqi prisoners in US and Iraqi jails, Al Jazeera television said on Thursday.

A video from the Imam Ali Battalion aired by the satellite station showed a middle-aged sitting next to a wall as a militant pointed an assault gun to his head. The man held up an identification card bearing the name Hasan Eskimutlu.

Al Jazeera said the group gave Turkey one

week to meet its demands, which also included banning Turkish companies from transporting supplies to US bases in Iraq.

"The group demanded in the video that the Turkish Government pressure the Iraqi Government to free Iraqi women and men from

American and Iraqi prisons ... and to withdraw the Turkish Ambassador from Baghdad," Al Jazeera said.

It said the group, whose names implies it is Shiite Muslim, said it abducted the Turkish man and his translator north of Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters



A three-month-old White Faced Monkey rests with another monkey in the National Zoo of Managua, Nicaragua, on 15 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Japan, India to boost investment cooperation

Tokyo, 17 June—Japan and India decided on Thursday in Tokyo on a plan to encourage Japanese small- and medium-sized enterprises to invest in India.

The plan “marks a remarkable start for further activating Japan-India economic exchanges” and will help “internationalize technologies of Japan’s small- and medium-sized enterprises”. Toshihiro Nikai, Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Minister said at a news conference.

Visiting Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath said that Japan’s advanced technology and India’s workforce “can be synergized into a win-win

situation for both countries”.

The two ministers held talks on the sidelines of

World Economic Forum on East Asia which began Thursday in Tokyo.

MNA/Xinhua

Tiny jet crashes near Ottawa

OTTAWA, 17 June— One of only six examples of the world’s smallest jet plane crashed at an airport just west of Ottawa, Canada’s capital, on Friday, killing the pilot, local media and police said.

The *BD5J Stinger* jet, just 12 feet (3.6-metre) long and with a 17-foot wingspan, was practising

ahead of a weekend show when it hit the ground at Carp Airport and burst into flames. The *Stinger*, which was featured in the 1983 James Bond movie “Octopussy”, weighs just 450 pounds (205 kilos).

MNA/Reuters



Two models present creations from the Carlo Pignatelli bridal wear collection at the Pasarela Gaudi Novias (BCN Bridal Week) in Barcelona on 16 June, 2006.—INTERNET

US House rejects setting deadline for Iraq pullout

WASHINGTON, 17 June— The US House of Representatives on Friday approved a resolution that rejects any timetable for pulling US troops out of Iraq.

The bill was passed on a 256-153 vote after nearly 14 hours of impassioned debate.

During the debate, Republican House Speaker Dennis Hastert accused Democrats of “supporting the troops but not the mission”.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi then accused the Bush Administration and the Republicans of misleading Americans at various stages, and asserts Democrats are united on Iraq.

Democratic Con-

gressman John Murtha, who called last year for US forces to begin pulling out of Iraq, led the opposition.

“Rhetoric does not answer the problem... Only the Iraqis can solve the problem in Iraq. They’re fighting with each other,

and our troops are caught in between, and I say it’s time to redeploy,” he said.

Republicans responded by citing threats to US security since the 11 September terror attacks, as well as successes such as the killing of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Iraq, and national elections in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the end, the resolution was passed due to the Republican dominance in the House.

The debate came at a time when Republicans are moving quickly to capitalize on good news and trying to force Democrats on the defensive in the wake of Zarqawi’s death and US President George W Bush’s surprise trip to Baghdad.

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.—INTERNET

Bomb blast injures 3 people in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 18 June — Three people were slightly injured in a bomb attack in the eastern Turkish Province of Van on Friday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The remote-controlled bomb, which was left in a trash can, exploded in Baskale town of Kurdish-dominated Van Province, leaving three people injured, and several

buildings were damaged in the blast.

The bomb attack occurred one day after militants suspected of affiliation with the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) set off a small bomb inside a trash container in Turkey’s largest city Istanbul on Thursday, injuring four people. The PKK, listed as a terrorist group by Turkey, the European Union and the United States, has launched an armed separatist campaign in the mainly Kurdish south-eastern Turkey in 1984, sparking decades of strife that has claimed more than 30,000 lives. — MNA/Xinhua



Actress Katrina Kaif performs with Akshay Kumar at the 7th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards in Dubai on 16 June, 2006.—INTERNET

‘Hijack’ drama on S African plane

LONDON, 17 June— A passenger on a South African Airways flight has apparently tried to stage an armed hijack, the airline says.

He tried to get into the cockpit but was overpowered, said airline spokeswoman Jacqui O’Sullivan. The type of weapon used has not been disclosed.

The plane had just taken off from Cape Town bound for Johannesburg when the drama unfolded, said Ms O’Sullivan. No-one was injured.

The flight returned to Cape Town where a 21-year-old man was held by police.

“It appears a passenger threatened a

crew member with some sort of weapon demanding access to the cockpit,” Ms O’Sullivan said.

“The passenger was subdued and no-one was injured.”

A passenger on the plane told *Reuters* news agency the man was believed to be a foreign national, but it was not clear what was behind his actions.

The type of weapon involved was not known, said Ms O’Sullivan.

Internet

Philippines optimistic about Chinese investment in garments, textile

MANILA, 17 June — The Philippine Government remains optimistic that more Chinese companies will invest in the Philippine garments and textile, said the *Philippine News Agency* (PNA) on Friday.

This was indicated in the great interest expressed by Chinese companies in the recently-concluded investment mission on textiles in Guangdong Province, China, which was led by Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) senior under secretary Thomas Aquino and DTI Special Consultant on Textiles and Garments Serafin Juliano.

Also present at the

mission were more than 70 Filipino textile businessmen who are members of the Federation of Philippine Textile Industries Inc, said the PNA report.

“Investment prospects are high as shown in keen consideration of Chinese textile firms to invest in the country as well as the high-level of support to Philippine textile companies from the Guangdong provincial

government,” PNA quoted Emmanuel Ang, DTI Commercial Attache to Guangzhou, as saying in a report to Philippine Trade Secretary Peter Favila.

According to Ang, a cooperation memo between Philippine textile firms and Guangdong Province was signed during the mission.

“The memorandum of understanding will serve as the enabling platform

for all future business cooperation between Chinese and Philippine textile firms,” Ang said.

Garments and textiles is the Philippines’ second top export product, accounting for 6.23 per cent of total exports in the first quarter of 2006.

It reached 677.86 million US dollars in the first quarter of 2006, according to data from the Bureau of Export Trade Promotion.

MNA/Xinhua



Colombian singer Shakira performs during her concert at Coruna’s Coliseum Centre, Spain, on 16 June, 2006. —INTERNET



Firemen hose down burnt vehicles after a car bomb attack in Baghdad, on 17 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Malaysian manufacturers hope FTA to boost exports

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 June — Malaysian manufacturers said here on Friday that they hope the Malaysia-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which is under negotiation, would help to boost exports of Malaysian goods to the United States.

The US tariffs on some products of interest to Malaysian manufacturers are still relatively high, such as footwear, textiles, apparel and ceramic tableware, the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) said in a Press release issued here.

Meanwhile, Malaysia’s exports of textiles and clothing to the United States almost remained unchanged in recent years, the federation said.

The FTA would enhance Malaysian manufacturers’ competitiveness over competitors which are

provided low-cost products, it said, adding “the lowering of tariffs under the FTA creates additional opportunities for Malaysian exports with regard to market access”.

Malaysia and the United States signed the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) on 10 May in 2004, which laid the foundation for the launching of the FTA negotiations between the two countries.

The first round of Malaysia-US FTA negotiations, which started on Monday in Pinang, northern Malaysia, was expected to close on Saturday. The two countries hoped that they could complete their talks on the FTA by the end of this year.

The United States was Malaysia’s largest trade partner. In 2005, trade between the two countries recorded 160.95 billion ringgit (42.35 billion US dollars). — MNA/Xinhua

Organizers to increase exhibition space for Singapore Airshow

SINGAPORE, 17 June — Organizers of the Singapore Airshow will increase the exhibition space by 10,000 square metres to cater for the robust demand, *Channel News Asia* report said Friday night.

The originally-planned exhibition hall of 30,000 square metres has been fully booked, the report quoted organizers as saying, adding that the massive space might also be used for events like boat shows and construction equipment exhibitions in between the biennial airshow.

The inaugural Singapore Airshow will be held in February 2008 to replace the Asian Aerospace exhibition, which had been held in the city state for 13 times until February this year. A major difference between the Singapore Airshow and other similar events, said the report, is that visitors may enjoy the aerial displays in chalets with roof gardens and 360-degree unobstructed views. — MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia to offer two-year tax free for textiles

PHNOM PENH, 17 June — Cambodian Government Friday announced a grant of a two-year profit tax free to garment factories to encourage investment.

Under the decision made during Friday’s Cabinet meeting, factories applied the licences before 14 March, 2005, will enjoy the preference.

The aim of the decision is “to maintain the country’s political and socio-economic stability, and the sustainability of the jobs got by 300,000 workers as well as their families,” according to a government statement.

Up to two million Cambodians have benefited from the wages earned by garment workers, mainly female.

There are more than 300 garment factories operating in Cambodia.

Garment industry is Cambodia’s first largest foreign exchange earner.

In 2005, Cambodia exported garments worth 2.17 billion US dollars, almost 10 per cent growth compared to 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai textile exports continue to grow despite oil price surge

BANGKOK, 17 June — Thailand’s exports of textiles and garments are likely to grow 4-5 per cent this year although rising fuel prices have affected production cost, according to the Textile Industry Development Institute. Virat Tandejanurat,

director of the institute, said on Friday that in the first quarter of this year, the country’s textile and garment exports increased by around 9-10 per cent from that of the same quarter of last year. He was confident that the country’s textile this year would continue to expand by 4-5 per cent from the total value of 6.7 billion US dollars last year.

The institute shared a common view with the private sector that the state sector should step up efforts in pushing forward the signing of the proposed free trade area (FTA) pact between Thailand and Japan as soon as possible.

The implementation of the Thai-Japanese FTA would help increase the country’s textile exports by 50 per cent from the annual value of 10 billion baht (263 million US dollars) at present, said Virat. Currently, Japan imports around 93 per cent of textiles from China and 7 per cent from many other countries, including Thailand. The signing of FTA with Japan would definitely help boost Thailand’s exports of textiles to the Japanese market, added Virat. — MNA/Xinhua



Police officers search a man as more than 300 police officers take part in Operation Clean House in the historical neighbourhood of El Chorrillo and San Miguel, to try and bring down the crime rate, drugs and arms trafficking in Panama City on 16 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Duties for restoration of stability and peace of the State and raising socio-economic life of people

Ye Yint Tint Swe

I think Kosovo incident that occurred at the end of the 20th Century is still fresh in the mind of world people. That was a modern war waged in the late 20th Century by the US and its allies of Nato bloc under the pretext of toppling the regime of Slobodan Milosevic who passed away a few months ago. That was also the war launched unilaterally by the world super power and during the period of more than 60 days, sophisticated air-to-ground weapons were fired every day. In consequence, hundreds of thousands of Serbian refugees entered neighbouring countries. Eventually, the war ended due to the peace offer of the ruling government of Kosovo. However, it is said to be doubtful till now that warfare experts cannot identify the cause that brought the war to an end — air attacks, possible attacks of ground troops or a political cause.

It is also stated that reconstruction tasks for the losses and ravages owing to the attacks of Nato and its allies will not be completed till 2020. But, the statement does not include mental rehabilitation of the people. Kosovo war that occupied the front pages of newspapers in the 1990s no longer receives any media coverage in the 21st Century. However, there is no specific follow-up news about whether the people of that country are enjoying real peace and progress and whether its successive governments continue to discharge duties with stability or not. The war that cost many civilians and a lot of cultural heritage has taken place.

Afghanistan war that broke out in the beginning of the 21st Century is the knowledge of the entire world people, and it is known as the war launched by the US and its allies on the pretext of Operation Infinite Justice. That was conceived by the September 11 incident. It was waged overnight in retaliation for a great deal of bloodshed of Americans in the US on 11 September 2001. Just a few hours after that incident in which the World Trade Centre in New York was levelled, a number of Tomahawk rockets from somewhere were exploding in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. In such a way, the US launched the Afghanistan war. After the 39-day bombing, the US in collusion with the predominant rebels in the northern part of Afghanistan launched ground attacks. In consequence, the entire nation

was ravaged and that led the downfall of Taliban government. It might be considered that the Afghan people were independent and happy. The newspaper coverage of the assistance of international community did not last long. Now, the Afghanistan affair has sunk into oblivion. And news and articles about the prevailing conditions of Afghanistan have not received media coverage for several years. In addition, it is not available how the US is taking measures for mental rehabilitation for the casualties of Afghanistan people in the war and the massive influx of Afghanistan refugees that entered Pakistan.

The last war in the 21st Century is the Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the operation, it took only three weeks to occupy Baghdad. But, in reality, the war has not ended yet. Nowadays, if there is a breaking news story in the international TV news programme in which about two digits of people are killed, surely it must be the incident that has broken out in Iraq. The number of war refugees that went to Syria was very high. The US had to be content with the ouster of the Saddam Hussein administration. However, in the pragmatic world, it has been hardly seen that reconstruction tasks are being carried out to remedy the physical and mental sufferings of Iraqi people. Therefore, some senior officers in the US armed forces have made a widespread comment that reconstruction tasks and development tasks to be carried out on a small scale in Iraq would be more beneficial than the use of weapons in the war. Whatever it may be, the Iraq invasion has gone down in the annals of the world history. The US is responsible for the losses and sufferings of the Iraqi people. It is doubtful if the effort of the US to develop Iraq is effective and based on goodwill.

Actually, the three above-mentioned wars are unjust and unfair wars unacceptable to the majority of the world nations and that were launched due to the disagreements of the ruling governments under the pretexts of freedom, democracy and human rights of respective peoples and regional stability. The country that started the wars is responsible for mental and physical sufferings and the loss of cultural heritage, restoration of peace and stability of respective war-torn countries. But, when we raise a question if the country that started the wars is taking measures for the

war-torn countries to return to normalcy, the answer would be uncertain.

Today, the conditions of Myanmar do not pose any threats to regional security or security of neighbouring countries. She is free from civil war. She is making strenuous efforts to gain national reconsolidation, or further cementing of national unity. And she is making a good progress in this regard. In fact, the KNU is just an armed group of a handful of members that has come into existence since 1949. It is common knowledge that since then, the Tatmadaw has launched just operations for safeguarding and defending the motherland and the people against the dangers being posed by internal insurgents. It also had to eliminate the insurgents of the Burma Communist Party (BCP). The 40-day Kunlong battle was known to the people. At that time, the US praised Myanmar for the latter's crushing of the BCP. And it wanted to provide Myanmar with arms. But, Myanmar did not accept any US military assistance. When the Cold War ended and the BCP met its tragic end, the unipolar world came into being. When Myanmar Tatmadaw had to launch operations against the KNU of a handful of insurgents to see that the latter would not be in a position to harm the Myanmar people, the US, that started to be against Myanmar, regarded the nation as its enemy. The terrorist acts the KNU has been committing for many years such as kidnaps, bomb blasts, collection of extortion money, forced conscription, sexual violence and torching villages are on a par with the level of terrorist acts designated by the world nations.

So, taking necessary security measures to protect the nation and the people from the acts the KNU has been perpetrating is just and fair. And the government has to discharge duties to restore security, peace and stability of the motherland and protect the people and public property.

In fact, the wars in which big nations invaded other weaker nations, interfered in the internal affairs of targeted nations with the use of force but did not want to take any responsibilities for the ravages have brought precarious conditions to the world in the 21st Century. These harmed regional and world security and made a huge number of people of respective nations war refugees. The accusations made under the pretext that they had to flee the nation as refugees because they dislike the measures for safeguarding the nation and the people and for ensuring prevalence of law and order and peace and tranquillity, are designed to gain political benefits and to give a lame excuse militarily. The terrorist acts the KNU has been committing are indeed a bitter pill for local people who are suffering evil consequences to swallow. Thus, I would like to urge KNU to stop being national traitors without taking into consideration the interests of the nation and the people, not to give priority to the interests of its own, but to have sympathy for their own people. I write this article to enable KNU members to distinguish between unjust war and just war with clear outlook.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks, physic...

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At Ngathayauk River Water Pumping Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed water facilities.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with agricultural supervisory committee members of Myingyan District and Myingyan and Taungtha Township at Myingyan District PDC Office. He gave instructions on cultivation of physic nut, monsoon and summer

paddy and edible oil crops for meeting the target production.

At the local battalion and villages in Myingyan Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected physic nut nursery, groundnut and summer paddy plantations.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with departmental personnel and social organization members at the office of Ngazun Township PDC. He explained

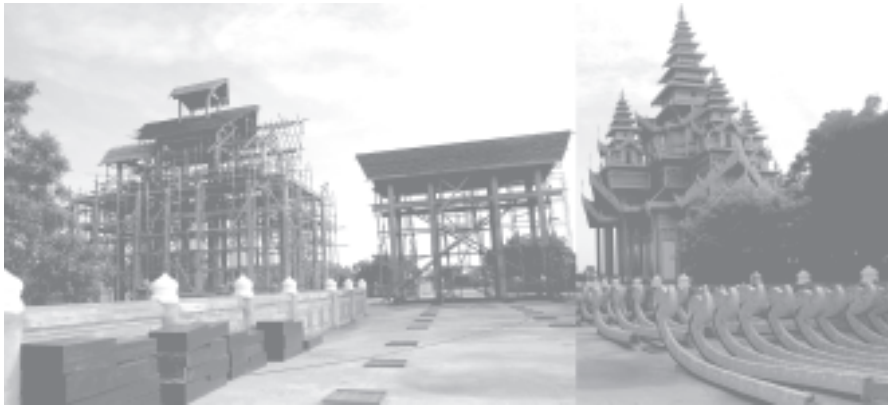
cultivation of physic nut plants, local food sufficiency and regional development tasks.

He oversaw No 2 Pump Station of Kyauktalon River Water Pumping Project in Ngazun and functions of water supply. Furthermore, he inspected three acres of Manawthukha paddy plantation in Ywathit Village. In the evening, they arrived Mandalay. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of Bagan Golden Palace of King Anawrahta.

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Construction of Arimaddanapura Bagan Golden Palace of King Anawrahta in progress in Bagan. — MNA

Rakhine State to grow 1.2 million...

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Tatmadawmen and family members at the hall of the local battalions and gave necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, they met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at Mayyu Hall in Rathedaung. Chairman of the Township PDC U Myint Than reported on agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health, social and economic matters of the township. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the plan is being implemented in Rakhine State to grow 1.2 million acres of monsoon paddy this year. Despite having local food sufficiency, Rathedaung Township is to extend cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy as well as edible oil crops and pulses and beans. He stressed the need to put rubber and physic nut plants on Mayyu Mountain Range. With regard to livestock breeding, he urged them to carry out fisheries, prawn breeding and poultry farming tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted those present. They left Rathedaung and spent the night in Sittway. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects completion of the new building at Basic Education High School in Rathedaung. — MNA

Saw Mill, Wood Finishing Factory of MISC Industry open

YANGON, 18 June — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, together with officials concerned, attended the opening ceremony of Saw Mill and Wood Finishing Factory of MISC Industry Co Ltd in Dagon Myothit (East) Industrial Zone yesterday morning.

First, Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Win Tun, Deputy Director-General of Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung and Managing Director of the factory Daw Tint Tint Aung formally opened the factory.

The minister unveiled the signboard of the factory.

Next, the minister

and party inspected production process of the factory. At the briefing hall, Daw Tint Tint Aung reported to the minister on establishment of the

factory and its production matters.

The factory invested about US\$ 0.3 million and K 500 million for the factory. The factory

will manufacture various items of furniture made of teak and hardwood and export them to Singapore, Indonesia, Korea, and European countries. — MNA



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung oversees products of MISC Industry Co Ltd in Dagon Myothit (East) Industrial Zone. — FORESTRY

Minister for Education meets faculty members of Yangon East University

YANGON, 18 June — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein met with the rector, the pro-rector and professors (heads of department) and professors at the meeting halls of Yangon East University this morning.

Rector of the University Dr U Win reported on the brief history of the university, majoring courses, student numbers, multi-media rooms, strength of staff and convenient transport for students.

The minister gave instructions on lectures to be given for improving quality of pre- and post-graduate students, discipline enforcement, conducting tests, keeping subject-wise records, research works and other academic matters.

Professors (Heads of Department) reported on teaching and conducting tests.

After the meeting, Minister Dr Chan Nyein and party inspected practical labs of Botany, Zoology, Physics and Chemistry Departments of the university, and left necessary instructions. — MNA

MWAF holds extempore talks hailing Myanmar Women's Day



MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and party attend extempore talks hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July. — MNA

YANGON, 18 June — Hailing the Myanmar's Women Day which falls on 3 July, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the extempore talks at the town hall of Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning.

First, MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay gave an opening address at the ceremony and Daw Saw Mon Nyin explained matters related to the talks.

Members of the Panel of Judges Dr Ma Tin Win, Daw Cho Cho Tin (Ma Sanda), Rector Dr Daw Than Nu Swe of Institute of Medicine-2, Professor (Retd) Daw Mya Mya Win of Myanmar Department, Professor (Retd) Daw Khin Thein of Department of Oriental Studies, Professor Dr Daw Win Win Mya of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department and Professor

Daw Mo Mo Thant of History Department supervised the talks. MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay presented awards to the winners in the competition.

Also present at the ceremony were CEC member of MWAF, Yangon Division WAO and MCWSC, the rector of University of Culture (Yangon), pro-rectors, chairman and members of Yangon East District and Township PDCs, USDA members and responsible persons. —MNA

MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay presents prize to a winner in extempore talks.

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Myanmar delegation leaves for Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — A Myanmar delegation led by U Aung Myint, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force and member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, left here by air yesterday afternoon to attend the ministerial level information and communication meeting to be held in Singapore on 19 and 20 June.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by member of CSSTB U Kyaw Aung and officials.

Member of CSSTB U Aung Myint was accompanied by U Zaw Tint, Chief Engineer of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

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Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force and CSSTB member U Aung Myint being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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Philippine Undersecretary of Health arrives

YANGON, 18 June — Undersecretary of Health Usec Ethelyn P Nieto of the Republic of Philippines arrived here yesterday evening by air to attend the ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting to be hosted by Myanmar.

The Philippine Undersecretary of Health was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Rector Dr Myo Myint of Institute of Medicine-1 (Yangon), Rector Dr Than Nu Shwe of Institute of Medicine-2 (Yangon) and officials, and officials of the Philippine Embassy.

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A Myanmar Girl Is....

- * Cherish Only Myanmar Myanmar girl.
- * Safeguard Myanmar tradition Myanmar girl.
- * Elevate Myanmar's honour Myanmar girl.
- * Only work in Myanmar's interest Myanmar girl.
- * If born on Myanmar soil Only if you work in Myanmar's interest Only if you elevate Myanmar's honour Only if you cherish Myanmar's tradition Myanmar people will put you Down in history as such If you want to depend on what's alien "You won't be regarded As Myanmar girl" by Myanmar people And always be frowned upon For the provision of a lesson This is gift for Each and every Myanmar girl.

Ma Thiri (Yankin) (Trs)
(Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day 3 July, 2006)

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Pakistan urged to investigate reporter's death

ISLAMABAD, 18 June — An international Press freedom group has called for a full investigation into the killing of a Pakistani journalist, abducted last year after reporting that an al-Qaeda leader had been killed by a US missile.

The journalist, Hayatullah Khan, was found dead on Friday. He had been shot in the back of the head, probably on Thursday, and dumped in mountains outside the town of Mir Ali, in the North Waziristan Region on the Afghan border, an official said.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) called on the Pakistani Government to find those responsible.

"The abduction and killing of Hayatullah must be fully explained," the group's executive director, Ann Cooper, said in a statement.

"We hold Pakistani authorities fully responsible for carrying out a vigorous investigation, and prosecuting the perpetrators of this terrible crime," she said.

MNA/Reuters



A Romanian woman holds her dog during a canine beauty contest in Bucharest on 18 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Endangered antelopes adapt to Qinghai-Tibet railway

XINING, 18 June — Endangered Tibetan antelopes are getting used to the Qinghai-Tibet railway scheduled to open to tourists on 1 July, said officials with the Hoh Xil National Nature Reserve Administration.

A first batch of 67 pregnant antelopes from the eastern part of the reserve crossed Wubei bridge of the Qinghai-Tibet railway on 16 May to give birth in the hinterland, according to Gelai, head of Wudaoliang station in the Hoh Xil reserve.

About 1,000 antelopes have crossed the railway via special passages so far, Gelai said.

"Tibetan antelopes started migrating earlier this year than the past few years. They no longer hesitate and cross the railway with ease," said Cega, director of the reserve administration in Qinghai Province.

China has put environmental protection on the top of its agenda in the construction of the Qinghai-Tibet railway, Cega said.

Workers built 33 passages for animals along the railway, the first time in China's history of railway construction.

Rangers and volunteers in the Hoh Xil reserve also stopped vehicles on highways when they found antelopes were crossing.

The 1,956-kilometre-long Qinghai-Tibet railway is the world's highest and longest plateau railroad and also the first railway connecting the Tibet Autonomous Region with other parts of China.

MNA/Xinhua

South Asia seeks for textile hub of world

ISLAMABAD, 18 June — Pakistan, India and Bangladesh can make South Asia a well-built textile hub for the world if the three countries join hands for multilateral corporation and trade, according to local media reports quoted a Pakistani official as saying on Saturday.

Haroon Farooki, President Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), made the remarks after inaugurating the seventh South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Trade Fair 2006 in Pakistan's southwest port city Karachi.

The SAARC countries must collaborate with each other to survive in this era of globalization, he said, adding "we (SAARC countries) should bolster each other instead of seeking support of European countries. Exchanging of technologies, sharing of expertise and offering of available resources could strengthen the economics of the region."

"Although SAARC was formed 20 years ago its objective could not be achieved by its member countries so far," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Animal studies suggest vegetables may reduce hardening of arteries

WASHINGTON, 18 June — There is another reason vegetables may be so good for us. A study in mice found that a mixture of five common vegetables reduced hardening of the arteries by 38 per cent compared to animals eating a non-vegetable diet, according to research reported in the latest issue of the *Journal of Nutrition*.

"While everyone knows that eating more vegetables is supposed to be good for you, no one had shown before that it can actually inhibit the development of atherosclerosis," said Michael Adams, lead researcher from Wake Forest University. "This suggests how a diet high in vegetables may help prevent heart attacks and strokes."

The study used specially bred mice which were prone to rapidly develop atherosclerosis. Half of the mice in the study were fed a vegetable-free diet and half got 30 per cent of their calories from a mixture of freeze-dried broccoli, green beans, corn, peas and carrots.

After 16 weeks, the researchers

measured two forms of cholesterol to estimate the extent of atherosclerosis. In the vegetable group, plaques in the blood vessels were 38 per cent smaller than those in the mice fed vegetable-free diets. There were also modest improvements in body weight and cholesterol levels in the blood.

Adams said it was not clear exactly how the high-vegetable diet influenced the development of plaques in the artery walls. "Although the pathways involved are uncertain, the results indicate that a diet rich in green and yellow vegetables inhibits the development of hardening of the arteries and may reduce the risk of heart disease." —MNA/Xinhua

Canadian PM rejects "puppet" suggestions

OTTAWA, 18 June — Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has rejected suggestions that he was a "puppet" of George W Bush because he supports the US President's positions on some international matters, local media reported on Friday.

"I see from time to time that the Liberals and members of the Bloc say that I am George Bush's puppet and other things like that," Harper said in a television interview with Radio-Canada that will air

Sunday.

"Even if I think that people don't always agree with me, they understand that I'm nobody's puppet," Harper told the French-language programme Les Coulisses de pouvoir.

The Conservative Prime Minister has been criticized by opposition parties and some commentators for being too cosy with Bush on issues such as the Kyoto Protocol and Afghanistan.

On the issue of terrorism, Harper said too many Canadians did not understand that terrorism was a global threat.

"I think that a lot of people in Canada are naive," he said. "The reality is that the terrorism threat is worldwide. We cannot escape it by closing our eyes."

MNA/Xinhua



Hong Kong actors Chiu Man-Cheuk, first left, Jackie Chan, second left, Joey Yung, second right, and Emperor Group's Chairman Yeung Sau Shing, right, attend the opening ceremony of the 9th Shanghai International Film Festival at the Shanghai Concert Hall in Shanghai, China, on Saturday, 17 June, 2006. The 9th Shanghai International Film Festival will run from 17th June to 25th June. —INTERNET



Japan's Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi saves Croatia's Darijo Srna's penalty kick during their Group F World Cup 2006 soccer match in Nuremberg on 18 June, 2006. —INTERNET

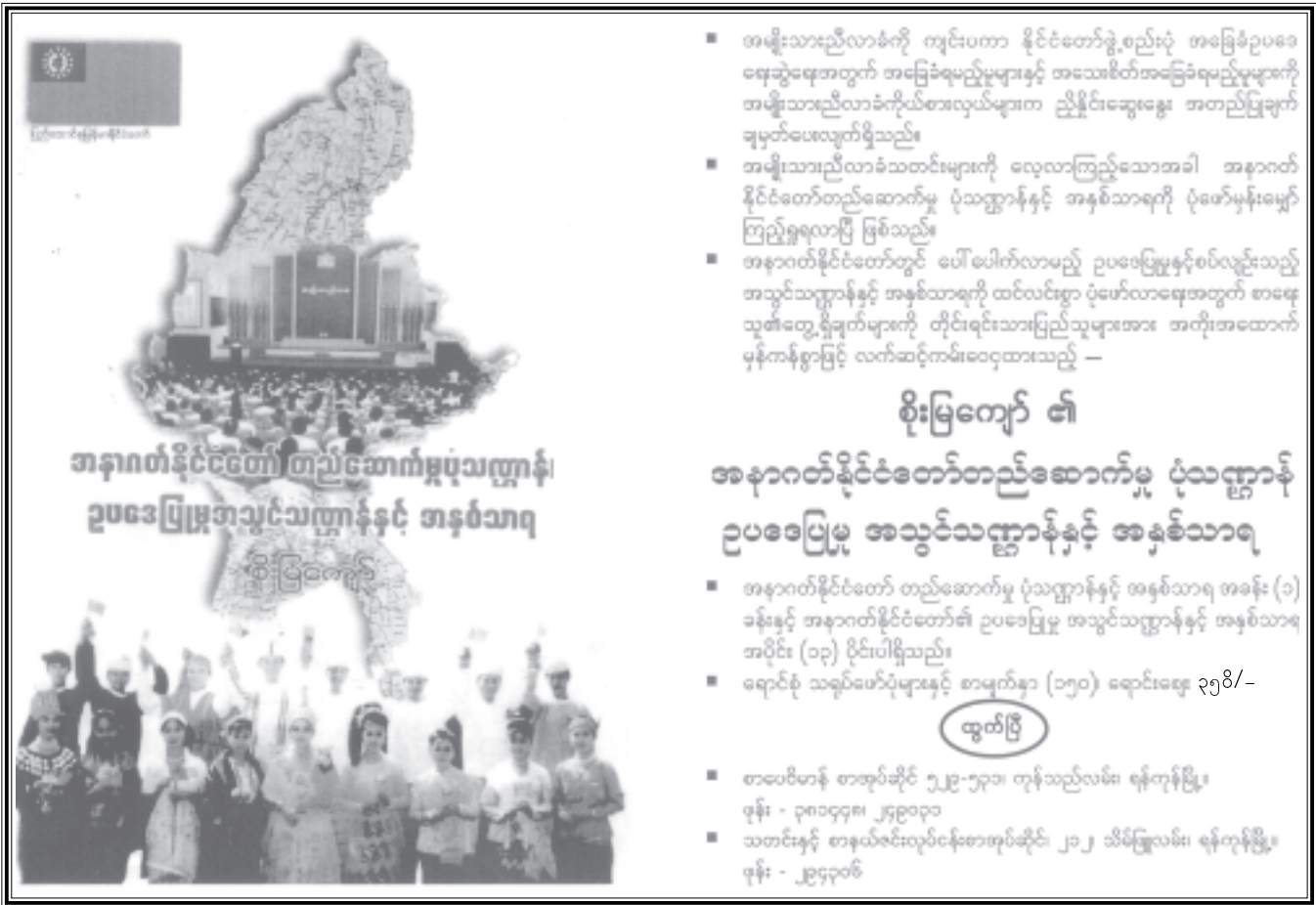
Australia says nabs Vietnam Air pilot in drug case

HANOI, 18 June — Australian police have asked Vietnam to help investigate a drug trafficking case, saying they have detained a Vietnam Airlines pilot in connection with a gang, state media said on Saturday.

Australia said Vietnamese pilot,

Tran Dinh Dan, was detained at Sydney airport on 3 June with around 500,000 US dollars and had testified he was carrying the money for members of the gang, the Saigon *Giai Phong* (Liberation Saigon) newspaper said.

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Report details detainee abuse by US forces in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 18 June — US special operations troops kept some Iraqi detainees chained in a room with a diet of bread and water for as long as 17 days, according to a US military report made public on Friday under a court order.

The report by Army Brigadier General Richard Formica, dated 8 November, 2004, but withheld by the Pentagon until now, examined in the wake of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal the treatment of detainees in Iraq by US special operations troops.

The heavily redacted report was turned over by the US Government to the American Civil Liberties Union under court order as part of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

It also described detainees being kept in very small cells, including one who was naked "because he continually urinated on himself and his clothes", and exposed to loud music to prevent them from communicating and sleeping.

"The government's own documents demonstrate that the abuse of detainees in Iraq, Guantanamo Bay and Afghanistan was widespread and systemic.

"It shows that special operations task forces were repeatedly involved in de-

tainee abuse incidents and they continued to escape scrutiny," said ACLU lawyer Amrit Singh.

"The US policy is to treat all detainees humanely," said Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Ballesteros, a Pentagon spokesman.

The report, Ballesteros added, "covers prior events — they are not new abuses — and we have undertaken significant steps to investigate, hold accountable and change our operations as appropriate."

The report described special operations troops, at a temporary holding facility in April 2004, keeping detainees in a room on a 3- or 4-foot (0.9-1.2-metre) chain, with a diet chiefly of bread and water, for up to 17 days.

But it concluded this diet was not intended as punishment and that, for short periods, eating just bread and water "is sufficient to maintain good health and prevent the onset of nutritional deficiencies".

"In my judgment, if true as alleged in the case of the one detainee, 17 days with only bread and water is too long", the report stated, but said he "appeared in good health"

MNA/Reuters.

Over 2,400-year-old tombs discovered in central China

WUHAN, 18 June — Archaeologists in the central province of Hubei have discovered 47 tombs that date back more than 2,400 years in Yunxian County.

They have unearthed two of the largest where they found a dozen intact objects including a copper cooking vessel, copper dishes, a dagger, bronze swords and arrowheads and carved pieces of jade, said Huang Fengchun, a research fel-

low with the Hubei Provincial Archaeological Research Institute.

In the second tomb jade items and hair clasps were unearthed leading archaeologists to believe it is the tomb of a woman, said Huang.

Huang said the people interned in the two tombs were each accompanied by a servant who was likely buried alive with the dead.

He said the two tombs contain the remains of nobles of the Jun Kingdom which flourished during the Spring and Autumn Period (770 BC-476 BC).

Huang said the dead were buried following rites that had been passed down from the Shang Dynasty (1600 BC-1100 BC).

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia's Surabaya to become sister city of China's Xiamen

JAKARTA, 18 June — Surabaya, capital city of East Java Province, will establish a sister city relationship with Xiamen in east China, a spokesman of the Surabaya municipality said on Saturday.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the sister city cooperation between Surabaya and Xiamen will be signed by Surabaya Mayor Bambang Dwi Hartono and a Xiamen representative here on 23 June, Sukanto Hadi said.

So far, Surabaya has signed Memoranda of Understanding on sister city cooperation with Guangzhou of China, Seattle of the United States, Busan of South Korea and Kochi of Japan, Antara news agency reported. Cooperation with Xiamen will cover economic, trade, science, technology, education, cultural and health sectors, the spokesman said in Surabaya.

"We have initiated the establishment of a sister city with Xiamen since three years ago by signing a Letter of Intent (LoI) on 8 September, 2003. And after going through a long process which involved the legislators, the Foreign Affairs Ministry, the Home Affairs Ministry and the State Secretariat, we will finally manage to sign the MoU," he said.—MNA/Xinhua



Hong Kong singer Gigi Leung appears at a promotion event for a charity in Hong Kong on 17 June, 2006.—INTERNET

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Tetanus kills 21 quake survivors in Indonesia

JAKARTA/ GENEVA, 17 June— Tetanus has killed at least 21 earthquake survivors in Indonesia out of at least 60 known cases of the infection there, the Health Ministry said on Friday.

The World Health Organization had earlier said the disease has killed 18 of 53 known tetanus cases.

Indonesian health workers and the United Nations agency had been conducting vaccination campaigns against tetanus and measles after the 27 May quake around Yogyakarta that killed more than 5,700 people and left tens of thousands homeless.

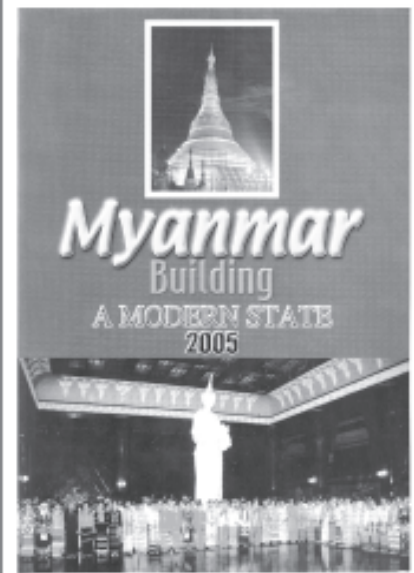
The ministry sent 12,400 anti-tetanus vials to Yogyakarta and Central Java a day after the earthquake. The ministry said 37 people were

undergoing treatment in hospital and another two had been cured.

"The disease emerges as people are going home to clean debris and rebuild their houses. Most of them are elderly men," Health Minister Siti Fadilah Supari told reporters. "We think that (the anti-tetanus vials) are sufficient at the moment," she said.

Sanitation has emerged as a major concern for Indonesia's earthquake survivors, many of whom are poor labourers now living under plastic sheets and tarpaulins and in donated tents.

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China Animal Disease Control Centre opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 17 June— The China Animal Disease Control Centre (CADC) opened in Beijing on Friday, in an effort to upgrade scientific research on animal disease control.

The CADC is affiliated to the Veterinary Bureau of the Agriculture Ministry, which is responsible for the prevention, control and treatment of animal diseases in China.

Yin Chengjie, Vice Minister of Agriculture, said at the inauguration ceremony that the operation of the CADC marks a great improvement in China's reform on veterinary management and the development of its animal disease control technology.

According to Yin, China has established a complete state-level animal disease control system composed of the Veterinary Bureau of the Agriculture Ministry, the CADC, China Institute of Veterinary Drug Control and four branches of the China Animal Health and Epidemiology Centre.

Zhang Zhongqiu, dean of the CADC, said the centre is capable of diagnosing 64 kinds of animal diseases, including foot-and-mouth.

About 645,000 epidemic observers from villages across China have registered with the CADC to provide the center with timely reports from any corner of the country, said Zhang.

The spread of infectious diseases among animals, especially bird flu across the world, has exerted great pressure on China's weak veterinary management system. China's State Council issued a circular in May last year, urging the acceleration of national

veterinary management reform.

Officials with the Ministry of Agriculture told *Xinhua* that currently the central-level reform of the veterinary system is to end soon, and the next target will be local governments. By the end of last month, 19 provinces had submitted their reform plans on local veterinary systems to the central government.

MNA/Xinhua

Five killed, 3,500 injured in rainstorms in S China region

NANNING, 17 June— Five people were killed and more than 3,500 injured in the past three days' torrential rains in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The regional bureau of civil affairs said the rainstorms has hit 37 of Guangxi's districts and counties and triggered mudflow and devastated about 10,000 hectares of crops.

The bureau said the most hit areas were Pingguo County, Dahua and Du'an Yao Autonomous Counties.

The bureau has earmarked 21 million yuan (about 2.6 million US dollars) for disaster relief.—MNA/Xinhua

Man charged after wife's head flies from truck

SALMON (Idaho), 17 June — Police are charging an Idaho man with killing his wife after her severed head flew from the bed of his pickup truck during a crash that also claimed the lives of another woman and her child, officials said on Friday.

Alofa Time, 51, of Nampa, Idaho, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Theresa Time. He was also charged with two counts of second-degree murder stemming from the head-on collision in Boise,

which police said they believe was intentional.

Authorities said the impact of the crash, which killed 36-year-old Samantha Murphy and her young daughter, caused Theresa Time's already severed head to tumble

from the pickup. The discovery led police to Time's home, where they discovered his wife's headless corpse.

"It's the most heinous crime I've ever seen," said Nampa Police Lieutenant LeRoy Forsman.

Boise police investigating the wreck said Time crossed the centre line and appeared to aim for Murphy's Nissan Sentra.

"This so much resembles a bad horror movie that you have a hard time believing it. This is about 9.5 on the horrific scale," said Boise Police Lieutenant Ron Winegar.

MNA/Reuters



A staff member of a newspaper group wears a dress bearing patterns of newspapers during a promotion activity at the 2006 Shandong International Culture Exposition in Jinan, capital of eastern China's Shandong Province on 16 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Malaysia to host UN meeting on ICT technology

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 June— Malaysia will host the inaugural meeting of the United Nations-sponsored Global Alliance for Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Development, an official said on Thursday.

The meeting, slated for next Monday, will allow nations to discuss the powerful impact of ICT as a tool for people and communities rather than just for business, said Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Jamaluddin Jarjis. —MNA/Xinhua

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China steps up spending on tuberculosis control

BEIJING, 17 June — The Chinese Government is to allocate 378 million yuan (47.25 million US dollars) for control of tuberculosis (TB) this year, Vice-Finance Minister Wang Jun said on Thursday.

The government had spent 730 million yuan (91.25 million dollars) on TB control in the past five years, while local governments have spent 1.3 billion yuan (162.5 million dollars).

This year's expenditure represented a rise of 25.4 per cent over last year, Wang told a national tele-conference on TB prevention and control.

The fund would be used to provide free drugs

to TB patients throughout the country, conduct epidemiological research and improve the epidemic reporting network, he said.

The central government would also budget 45 million yuan (5.6 million dollars) to purchase drugs on behalf of international aid agencies for regional projects.

The country has about five million TB patients, 80 per cent of whom live in the

country, according to figures from the Ministry of Health.

By the end of 2005, the detection rate of new TB cases had reached 79 per cent and the recovery rate 91 per cent, a significant rise from previous years, said Vice Health Minister Wang Longde. A total of 2.05 million lung tuberculosis (TB) patients were offered free treatment in the past five years, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Teenage boys look over movie posters at a theatre in this file photo taken recently, in Singapore. 'Brokeback Mountain' is nominated in the drama trailer category, and in other categories, in the 35th annual Key Arts Awards. The awards, which honour the marketing folks who lure movie audiences through posters, trailers and advertising, presented on 16 June in Hollywood.

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Japan calls for establishing East Asian free trade agreement

TOKYO, 17 June — Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Toshihiro Nikai on Thursday called on East Asian countries and territories to establish a free trade region to promote further economic development.

Nikai put forward the idea on the opening day of the World Economic Forum on East Asia held in Tokyo.

"It is important to set up systems that would help flows of people, products and money in the region so as to improve the East Asian economy," Nikai said when addressing a session, adding that the regional market can attain further growth by setting up Free Trade Agreements. He also urged East Asian economies to improve the environment for the exchange of human resources and nurture them to "act as a bridge between regional neighbours".

MNA/Xinhua



Children play with masks handed out by authorities near the restive Mount Bulusan volcano in Sorsogon Province, south of Manila on 17 June, 2006. Bulusan volcano in the Bicol region has recorded seven minor eruptions since March, spewing tonnes of ash that covered farming towns around its northern and eastern slopes.—INTERNET

S'pore building common services tunnel to boost development

SINGAPORE, 17 June — Singapore is building an underground common services tunnel to boost the development of the Marina Bay area, the central business district extension, according to Channel News Asia report Friday.

Said to be the second of its kind in Asia after Japan, the tunnel will house telecom cables, power lines, water pipes as well as provision for pneumatic refuse collection pipes.

Besides, it will be convenient to add and change services in the

tunnel without having to dig up the roads, the report quoted Minister for National Development Mah Bow Tan as saying when he toured the recently completed first phase of the infrastructure Friday.

The 1.4-kilometre phase one of the tunnel

has cost about 81 million Singapore dollars (about 51 million US dollars) while the 1.6-kilometre phase two, which is under construction and scheduled to be ready in 2009, will cost 137 million Singapore dollars (about 86 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Husky Energy makes natural gas discovery in South China Sea

BEIJING, 17 June — Husky Oil China Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Canada-listed Husky Energy Inc, said it made a significant natural gas discovery in the South China Sea.

Liwan 3-1-1, which was drilled in a water depth of 1,500 metres on Block 29/26 in the Pearl River Mouth Basin, is estimated to contain a potential recoverable resource of four to six trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

It would be one of the largest natural gas discoveries offshore China, according to the company's website.

Liwan 3-1-1, which is the deepest water well drilled offshore China, confirms the existence of a new

hydrocarbon province, the website report said.

The block is located approximately 250 kilometres south of Hong Kong.

Husky has been actively exploring offshore China, in collaboration with CNOOC (China National Offshore Oil Corporation) since 2002.

Husky signed the Production Sharing Agreement for Block 29/26 in August 2004, with a commencement date of October 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippine President grants full power to airport authority

MANILA, 17 June — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has affirmed the powers of the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) over all operations in the premises of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) as means to strengthen the fight against terrorism.

"NAIA is critical infrastructure in the war against terrorism. To ensure that security requirements for NAIA are fully addressed, it is imperative that the MIAA general manager be given

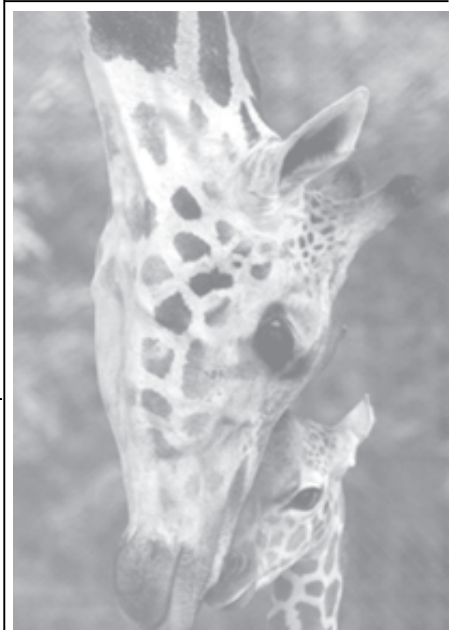
jurisdiction over terrorists and violators of the law who might avail themselves of the services of, and facilities in, government agencies operating in NAIA," Arroyo said quoting an

administrative order.

Arroyo authorized MIAA general manager to hold, stop, or prevent the entry or exit of persons or things considered to be posing a danger to the public security.

Security measures have always been very tight at the NAIA where all passengers are strictly searched before being allowed to board their planes.

MNA/Xinhua



A one-week-old giraffe calf is touched by its mother at the zoological gardens in Kolkata on 16 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Volcano continues to spew glowing lava in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 June — Coughing Mount Merapi, which is located between Yogyakarta and Central Java Province, Indonesia, continued to spew hot clouds and glowing lava in the southerly direction toward Gendol River on Saturday.

"From the Babadan observation post, it was monitored that Mount Merapi expelled two hot clouds over a maximum distance of 1.5 kilometre in the wee hours on Saturday," Antara newsagency quoted head of the Merapi Section of Yogyakarta's Volcanological and Technology Development Centre (BPPTK) Subandriyo as saying.

Glowing lava was also expelled for 15 times stretching over a maximum distance of three kilometres toward Krasak

River, and for 34 times sliding down the slope toward Gendol River over a distance one kilometre.

The Centre's seismograph, however, recorded 38 hot clouds, 176 multiphase tremors, 304 trails, two shallow volcanic quakes, and five tectonic quakes during that morning.

The volcano also sent thick sulfurous gas 350 metres into the sky above the mountain's top with moderate pressure.

Just about 24 hours after downgrading the

volcano's alert status, the authorities restored its highest caution status on 14 June, following expulsion of massive hot clouds stretching over a distance of seven kilometres and killing two persons.

The 2,965-metre-high Mount Merapi had erupted several times in the past, of which the most deadly took place in 1930 killing 1,370 people. It also erupted in 1994, claiming the lives of at least 66 people.

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Mount Merapi volcano spews smoke, as seen from the Indonesian city of Yogyakarta, on 17 June, 2006. —INTERNET

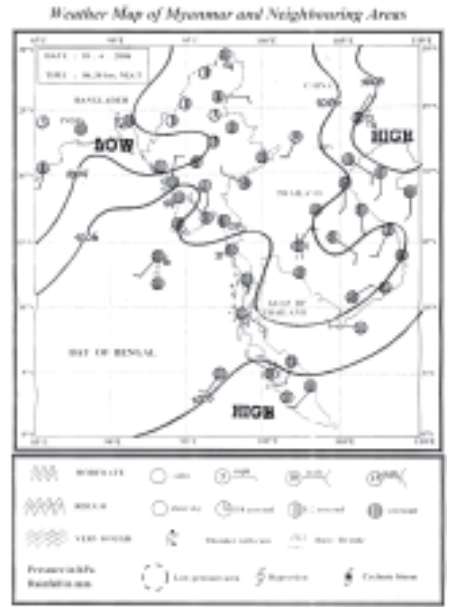
Fruits from ASEAN countries take root in S China

NANNING, 18 June — Chinese residents here have become connoisseurs of weird-shaped fruits from the Southeast Asian countries helping the sector to bloom over the past few years.

Durian, mangosteen, lemons and many other tropical fruits are no longer rare in South China's wholesale fruit markets. "The prices of these fruits have dropped by two thirds in the last three years," said Liu Xiaman, a customer at a fruit market in Nanning, capital city of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The imports are the result of preferential import measures for some countries of ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations). For Guangxi it meant a radical increase in fruit imports in the first half of this year, said Customs sources in Guangxi.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 18 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Ayeyawady Division, Chin and Kayah States and rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (1.97) inches, Mawlamyine (1.85) inches and Dawei (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-6-2006 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 18-6-2006 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-6-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 17-6-2006 was (2.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 18-6-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (2) mph from Northwest at (21:30) hours MST on 17-6-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kayin State, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Shan States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. 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 19-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-6-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 19 June

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Tell me how to make you smile... Aaron Carter
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Witch Doctor... Cartoons
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Have you ever seen the rains... Bonnie Tyler
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Mind machine... ATC
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Vincent... Don Mc Clean
- Everyday is a winding road... Sheyl Crow
- 9:00pm Spotlight on the star... Cocolee
- I will be your friend
- All tied up in you
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Women Affairs -M y a n m a r women's role compatible with Myanmar history
- 9:35 pm Vocal gems
- Put your arms around me... Natural
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Monday, 19 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. ဆေးရုံရှမ်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတ ရာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတအဖွဲ့ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ 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. Song of national races

8:00 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. Cute little dancers

8:15 am

8. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

9. ရောင်းမကြီး (ပို့လှ) ရေလှောင်တစ် (ဝဲခူးတိုင်း)

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အစားသင့်တော့သလိုပညာရေး ရှင်မြင့်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ခုတီယနစ် (သရုပ်အထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)

5:15 pm

6. Dance variety

5:20 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:35 pm

8. Song and dance of

national races

5:45 pm

9. "နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ" (မင်းအုပ်စိုးညီတော်၊ ဝင်းစိန်စိန်) (ဒေါက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

5:50 pm

10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. Musical programme

6:50 pm

14. သာကြောင်း မာကြောင်း၊ ရွာအကြောင်း၊ မြေလိုက်ပုံတင် (အပိုင်း-၁)

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုင်းတွဲ "စုလိုက်နုနက်စင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုင်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအိပ်မက်ထုလှ" (အပိုင်း-၃)

20. The next day's

programme

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

Three-storey Pyaesayaye hall dedicated to Seintayama Monastery in Bahan Township

YANGON, 18 June — A ceremony to share merits for donation of three-storey Pyaesayaye hall was held at Seintayama Monastery in Bahan Township this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and guests received the Five Precepts from Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Aungmye Bonsan Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotica Bhaddanta Pañindabhivamsa. Members of the Sangha recited Metta Suttas.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials presented offertories to the members of the Sangha.

Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Osadabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

The hall was constructed with the contribution of over K 55 million by 162 wellwishers.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence offering alms to a Sayadaw at the ceremony to share merits for the three-storey Pyaesayaye building for Seintayama Monastery in Bahan Township. — MNA

NLD (Central) has no specific political way, no unity among leaders

13 members resign from NLD, will participate in regional development tasks hand in hand with local authorities

YANGON, 18 June — Thirteen members of Waingmaw Township National League for Democracy including Vice-Chairmen U Maw Han Sin and U Yan Kway in Myitkyina District, Kachin State, resigned of their own volition from the party and sent their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

The 13 members of NLD presented their letters of resignation to Waingmaw Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission on 15 May.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Waingmaw Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission and members and local authorities.

Executive U Than Aung of Township NLD acted as master of ceremonies.

On behalf of the members Joint Secretary of Township NLD U Htaw Shin Khaung Lwan explained that they were fed up with the disunity among the NLD leaders and NLD (Central) had no specific political way.

The NLD (Central) was unable to contribute towards the implementation of the regional

development tasks. They said they have learnt and witnessed the government's efforts for development and national solidarity in the interest of the nation and the people in all parts of the country.

They also said they would participate in regional development tasks hand in hand with the local authorities and organize the people to do so.

They said they no longer took interest in the NLD that tried to gain power for their own interest. That was why they resigned from the NLD.

Vice-Chairman U Yan Kway on behalf of the members presented the letters of resignation to the Chairman of Waingmaw Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission.

The executive committee of Waingmaw Township NLD was formed with 19 members. The chairman and the secretary resigned before and four executives passed away.

The remaining 13 members have now resigned from the party. Therefore there is no activity of the NLD in the township.

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Weather Forecast for (19-6-2006)

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