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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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon)

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on 17 June inspected the construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) linking Sagaing and Mandalay and gave instructions for timely completion of the bridge.

The four-lane bridge being built across Ayeyawady River is designed to bear loads up to 60 tonnes and will in have a clearance of 700-foot in width and 40-foot in height.

The bridge is 5,614 feet long and 49 feet wide and its walkway is 6 ft wide.

During the inspection tour along with Chairman of Mandalay

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress in construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).—MNA

Myanmar Government will continue to strive diligently in building a better future and to bring development to its citizens

It will also continue to exert utmost endeavours to combat trafficking in persons

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June— *The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar today issued a press release concerning the US State Department's annual Trafficking in Persons Report-2006 issued in June. The following is the full text of the press release:*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs regrets that the US State Department's annual Trafficking in Persons Report-2006 issued in June once again un-

justifiably classified Myanmar in the list of countries assessed as neither complying with the minimum standards nor making significant efforts in combating trafficking in persons.

The proposed action of economic sanction based on this false classification is not only unethical and contradicts with international law but also affronts sovereignty and independence of states. Myanmar, therefore, rejects such kind of unjust unilateral measures.

The narrative in the report on Myanmar is contradictory. While it alleges that Myanmar does not comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking in persons and is not making significant efforts to do so, it also acknowledges that Myanmar has made efforts to combat trafficking in persons with regard to prosecution and protection as well as preventive measures.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive to boost the yeilds of crops

The agriculture is the main pillar of the national economy. For agricultural development, it is necessary to give special attention to high yield of ten major crops, especially paddy. As it is the staple food of the nation, farmers are to carry out the task of boosting rice production as a national duty.

Ceremonies to transplant special high-yeild Hsinshweli paddy on 100 model acres, to start the ploughing season and to present prizes to those who achieved good harvest of summer paddy were held in Meinlon village, Muse Township, Shan State (North), on 14 June. The first prize went to U Sai Aik Aye of Naungsant village in Namhkam Township, who produced 255.65 baskets of summer paddy per acre.

Agricultural industry is flourishing in Muse District, Shan State (North) and it is due to concerted efforts of regional authorities, departmental personnel and local people including farmers. Moreover, use of quality strains and practice of systematic cultivational methods are also among the factors that contribute to the success of the region's agriculture sector.

Doing double and mixed cropping in addition to the cultivation of monsoon paddy can increase the income of local farmers, thus enhancing their social and economic status. For the success of the agriculture sector, it is required to try to meet the target yields of various crops and to keep abreast of the changing agricultural technologies.

We would like to call on the entire mass of farmers to try as hard as they can to be able to boost the yield of crops not only to meet growing domestic consumption but also to promote export.

Oppose those Destroying

- * 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

Sanitation task carried out in General Hospital of North Okkalapa

YANGON, 19 June — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day, a sanitation task was carried out in the compound of General Hospital in North Okkalapa Township on 17 June.

Members of Women's Affairs Organizations, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Union Solidarity and Development Association and staff of the hospital collectively took part in the task. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin encouraged those participating in the sanitation task. The commander, Vice-President



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win waters a physic nut plant at General Hospital in North Okkalapa. —YCDC

Daw Khin Thet Htay of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division WAO and officials grew physic nut plants in the

compound of the hospital together with those present.

Later, the commander and officials met blood donors. Deputy Director-General of Health De-

partment Dr Tin Nyunt, Dr Hla Myint and Medical Superintendent Dr Mya Thaug accepted K 5,963,000 donated by the wellwishers.—MNA

PPE's printing course concludes



Managing Director U Aung Nyein presents a prize to a trainee at Printing Course No1/2006.

MNA

YANGON, 19 June — The printing course 1/2006 of Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information concluded today at the GTC press here.

A total of 41 trainees participated in the six-week course. Concluding certificates were pre-

sented to the trainees by Managing Director U Aung Nyein of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise, on behalf of the information minister.

Managing Director U Aung Nyein delivered an address on the occasion.—MNA

Cash donated to U Hla Tun Cancer Foundation

YANGON, 19 June — Old medical students from 1981 to 1986 of Mandalay Institute of Medicine donated cash to U Hla Tun Cancer Foundation, in commemoration of the first respects paying ceremony at the foundation, Patheingyi Township on 10 June.

On behalf of the old students, Dr Daw Me Me Htwe (Ayethiri Specialist Clinic) presented cash donation of K 100,000 to the patients undergoing medical treatment at U Hla Tun Cancer Foundation and officials accepted the donation. Next, the old students comforted the patients at the hospital.

The old students also donated K 100,000 towards Aye Yeik Mon Orphanage School for Women, K 50,000 to Children's Hospital (Cancer Department) and K 100,000 to the library and K 100,000 to a water purifier at Mandalay Institute of Medicine.—MNA

Dr Daw Me Me Htwe presents cash donation of K 100,000 to the patients undergoing medical treatment at U Hla Tun Cancer Foundation.—MNA



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)

Corrigendum

Please read Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe addresses the Dissemination Workshop on Country Report of 2004 Family and Youth Survey in the news and caption of the photo which appeared on page-2 of this paper issued on 18-6-2006.—Ed

Hu Jintao calls for building harmonious Asia at CICA summit

ALMATY (Kazakhstan), 18 June —Chinese President Hu Jintao called for the building of a harmonious Asia of enduring peace and common prosperity, at the second summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) being held here on

Saturday. "Asia is a continent of great diversity. ... Solidarity and coordination of the Asian countries and peoples are crucial for the success of Asia," Hu said at the one-day summit.

The Chinese President urged Asian countries to increase mutual trust and coordination to build a

new type of security architecture.

"We should respect every country's right to safeguard national unity, pursue its development strategy and formulate domestic and foreign policies independently," he said.

As Asian countries are diversified in culture and

civilization, Hu called on different nations to "respect the diversity of human civilizations and encourage their mutual exchanges and mutual enrichment"

While calling for strengthened cooperation within regional organizations such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, ASEAN and CICA, President Hu also urged Asian nations to uphold multilateralism and strengthen cooperation internationally to create favourable conditions for the development of Asia as a whole.

MNA/Xinhua

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A Russian-built Proton booster with KazSat 1 satellite aboard takes off in the Central Asian nation of Kazakhstan, on 18 June, 2006. The satellite is designed to provide TV broadcasts and communications for Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and part of Russia.—INTERNET



Marco Werner of Germany steers his Audi No 8, during the 74th edition of the Le Mans 24 Hour endurance race, on 18 June, 2006 in Le Mans, western France. Frank Biela and Marco Werner of Germany and Emanuele Pirro of Italy drove the Audi No 8 to victory, a first for a diesel-driven car at Le Mans. It was a fourth Le Mans victory for Pirro and Biela, and a second for Werner.—INTERNET

Tourism boom poses risk to Antarctic wilderness

EDINBURGH, 13 June —A boom in tourism to Antarctica is putting pressure on the world's last great wilderness and must be carefully managed, polar scientists say.

Opening an international meeting in Edinburgh on the threats to the frozen continent, they noted tourism had quadrupled to 32,000 in the past eight years.

"This meeting will be looking at the whole issue of tourism in Antarctica and how it is managed," Tony Press said, head of the Antarctic Treaty's committee for environmental protection.

"We're particularly looking at introducing measures to guide tourist activities at particular places to ensure there are minimal impacts on the environment," he said.

He noted that the greatest number of tourists

visited Antarctica by ship, raising environmental and safety issues.

There was also a threat of alien species moving in. Kim Crosbie, environmental operations manager for the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators, told Reuters the association imposed strict requirements on its members within Antarctic Treaty guidelines.

These included inspections and briefings before, during and after trips. Most tourists reach Antarctica by ship, with most travelling from South America but some voyages cross the Southern Ocean from Hobart or New Zealand's South Island.

During the 10-day Antarctic Consultative Meeting in the Scottish capital, about 300 scientists, diplomats and

government advisers will discuss risks to Antarctica not only from tourism but also from global warming and commercial exploitation.

They hope the meeting will spur governments to pledge money for research during the International Polar Year covering the Arctic and Antarctic which starts on 1 March, 2007.

"Recent evidence indicates that regional melting, north and south, is taking place at a worrying rate, and faster than we thought," Professor Chris Rapley, director of the British Antarctic Survey, told reporters.

"The consequence for the future of mean sea level alone justifies the polar regions as the subject of special scientific attention," he said.

Internet

Austria's Haider says Bush is a war criminal

VIENNA, 18 June — Austrian right-wing populist Joerg Haider called US President George W Bush a war criminal on Saturday, days before Austria's government hosts Bush and European leaders in Vienna.

Haider, whose group is part of Austrian Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel's government coalition, said Bush's meeting with his European peers on Wednesday was pointless as he did not expect the US President to pay attention to what

Europe had to tell him.

"He is a war criminal. He brought about the war against Iraq deliberately, with lies and falsehoods," Haider said in an interview with Austrian daily newspaper Die Presse.

"The Iraqi population is suffering terribly. Bush took the risk of an enormous number of victims," said Haider.

Maverick Haider is a personal friend of Libyan leader Moammar Kadaffi and visited Iraq's former President Saddam

Hussein shortly before the US-led invasion started in 2003. Austria's attitude towards the United States has worsened over the last three years, Die Presse reported separately, citing a Eurobarometer poll.

The poll showed 62 per cent thought the United States played a negative role for world peace, up from 56 per cent in the same poll in 2003, Die Presse said, and 49 per cent found the US role in fighting terrorism negative.

MNA/Reuters

Teheran slams US for preventing EU compromise on its N-issue

TEHERAN, 19 June—Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi Sunday blamed the United States for its activities to prevent the Europe Union (EU) from offering a compromise on Iran's nuclear dispute.

"Obviously, the US is trying to bring the Europe to a place where the nuclear case cannot be resolved," Asefi told reporters.

Washington always imposed preconditions on the nuclear negotiation, which has reduced the possibilities to hold talks and added more difficulties for all parties to come to an agreement, denounced the spokesman. Referring to the purported time limit for Iran to respond to the six-nation package, Asefi stressed "the Americans said they had given us a time deadline to respond, but it's not correct and not appropriate".

"We are studying the package carefully now, and we will tell Europe our opinions after we finish the research process," he added. Meanwhile, Asefi also referred to the possible talks between Iran and the US on the Iraqi issue, saying direct talks between the two sides is not on Iran's agenda now.— MNA/Xinhua

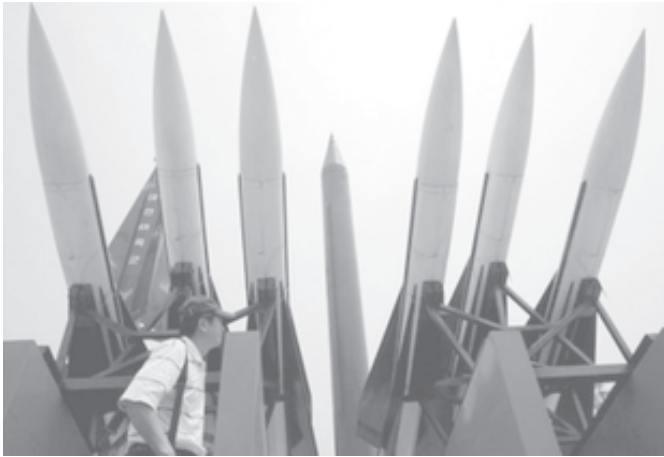
Gas explosion kills two in Moscow

MOSCOW, 18 June—At least two people were killed and six others injured in an explosion in a Moscow apartment building early Friday, an Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman said.

The blast occurred in an apartment building in Moscow's southwestern Vnukovo District at 06:50 am Moscow Time (0250 GMT) where renovation was made and new gas supply equipment was connected, Viktor Beltsov was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.—MNA/Xinhua



The photo taken on 18 June, 2006 shows lotus blossoms at an exhibition in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province. The 20th National Lotus Exhibition opened here on Sunday. The one-month exhibition displays over 10,000 jars of lotus in over 200 varieties from China, Japan, Thailand, Russia and Australia, etc.—INTERNET



A tourist walks by displays of models of Korea's Scud-B missile, centre, and other South Korean missiles at Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul, on 19 June, 2006. —INTERNET

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Russia says enrichment offer part of Iran proposals

Moscow, 18 June — Russia's offer to create a joint venture with Iran to enrich uranium on Russian territory is part of a six-power package of proposals made to Iran, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Friday, local media reported.

"This proposal remains

on the negotiating table. It is a part of the package which was agreed by the six countries. Iran is continuing to look at this package," Lavrov said in the Kazakh city of Almaty, RIA news agency reported.

Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States on 1 June agreed a package of incentives and penalties aimed at persuading Iran to curtail its nuclear programme.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Friday said the proposals were a positive step but gave no sign on when Teheran would give its response.

Russia made a proposal late last year on joint enrichment in Russia, but received mixed signals from Teheran. Moscow says the plan would provide Iran with nuclear fuel but not the high-grade material that could be used to make a bomb.

Iranian President MNA/Reuters

Poll shows most Labour members want Blair out next year

LONDON, 18 June — Almost three-quarters of Labour Party members want Prime Minister Tony Blair to stand down before September next year, a poll showed on Saturday.

Pollsters YouGov found that 71 per cent of Labour members want Blair to leave office before the ruling party's 2007 annual conference at the end of September.

More than one third of those polled want him to leave in the next three months, before this year's conference.

Blair said in 2004 he would not run in the next election, expected in 2009, but he vowed to serve a full fourth term.

Since then, his sliding

popularity — partly due to anger over the Iraq war and its aftermath — and damaging headlines over government sleaze and incompetence have sparked growing calls from parts of his party for him to go much sooner.

Many Labour parliamentarians now expect Blair to hand over the

party leadership to his likely successor Finance Minister Gordon Brown mid-next year after a decade in the job.

Blair loyalists, however, suggest he may stay until 2008.

The Iraq war proved a thorn in the side for many members with 52 per cent saying taking part in the

conflict was the party's worst policy mistake since Blair came to power in 1997.

Fifty-three per cent of those questioned said the United States and Britain were wrong to go to war against Iraq in 2003 while 37 per cent backed the invasion.

MNA/Reuters

Flash flood death toll in south China hits 52

BEIJING, 18 June — The death toll from flash floods in southwestern China's Guizhou Province has risen to 52, with another 20 still missing, the official Xinhua news agency said on Friday.

South China is regularly hit by floods and typhoons in the summer, but state media reports say this year's rainfall has been unusually high. Guizhou was lashed by rainstorms on Monday night that led to

flash floods. The nearby provinces of Guangdong, Fujian, Guangxi and Jiangxi had taken the brunt of the rainstorms since late May, with floods, landslides and house collapses killing about 100 people and forcing the evacuation of hundred of thousands. While floods hit the southern provinces, where rain is forecast until late June, northeast China has been suffering from a prolonged drought.

MNA/Reuters



A 92-year-old Britain woman slides down safely to the ground from the top of a 67-metre building with a rope tying around her waist on 11 June 2006, which makes herself the oldest person in this kind of action. And her sliding height is 15 metres higher than the original world record. —INTERNET

Gunmen kill Pakistani women aid workers, daughters

PARACHINARP (Pakistan), 18 June — Gunmen shot dead two Pakistani women aid workers and two daughters of one of the women on Friday in a remote area near the Afghan border, a government official said.

The two women ran a community centre that taught village women vocational skills in the conservative Orakzai tribal area, where hardline Islamists, who call themselves Taliban after the Afghan militants, have been growing in strength.

"There has been opposition to NGOs in the area," said district government official Abdul Kamal Khattak, referring to non-governmental organizations. The gunmen fired through a window of the community centre, killing

the two women and the two girls, Khattak said.

Conservative Islamists in Pakistan and neighbouring Afghanistan sometimes see voluntary

workers, especially those who promote women's education, as a Western-inspired threat to traditional ways.

MNA/Reuters



Acrobats try to balance during training at a local acrobatic circus in Hefei, east China's Anhui Province, on 19 June, 2006. The young acrobats normally train for 7 years before they perform on the stage, local media reported.

INTERNET

US hunts missing soldiers south of Baghdad

WASHINGTON, 19 June — A White House spokesman said that the United States had no news about two US soldiers apparently captured by Iraqi guerillas, but was trying to find them.

The two US soldiers were abducted in an ambush south of Baghdad on Friday which left another soldier dead.

They were attacked at a traffic control point southwest of the town of Yusufiyah, the US military said in a statement.

"There are efforts under way to try to locate them," White House Press Secretary Tony Snow said in an interview with Fox News Sunday.

"Everybody's following it carefully. We've just been in contact with Baghdad and there's no news." Asked whether Washington had information on whether the soldiers were still alive, Mr Snow said: "None either way. I don't want to try to create the impression that they're dead or alive," he said.

"We're just simply trying to find them and we're hoping that they're alive," he added, calling on the guerillas to "give them back".

Internet

WHO completes bird flu study on biggest cluster death in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 June — The World Health Organization (WHO) had completed a month-long investigation of Indonesia's biggest cluster death of bird flu in Karo regency, North Sumatra, but declined to reveal any results, local media reported here on Saturday.

WHO spokesperson Sari P Setiogi said that the organization had ended its investigation of the death of seven blood-linked

people in Karo last week but the conclusion was not publicized due to Karo residents' objection.

"The threats from the Karo residents have nothing to do with the WHO team's investigation. The investigation was completed last week so the team had to leave Karo," she was quoted as saying by the *Jakarta Post*.

When asked about the results, she declined to comment, saying the WHO had submitted the

results to the Indonesian Health Ministry which was authorized to issue such a statement.

Dozens of residents staged a protest on Wednesday at the North Sumatra governor's office, demanding that the WHO team to leave the area within three days. They were threatening to personally tell the team to leave Karo if the government took no action by Friday.

MNA/Xinhua



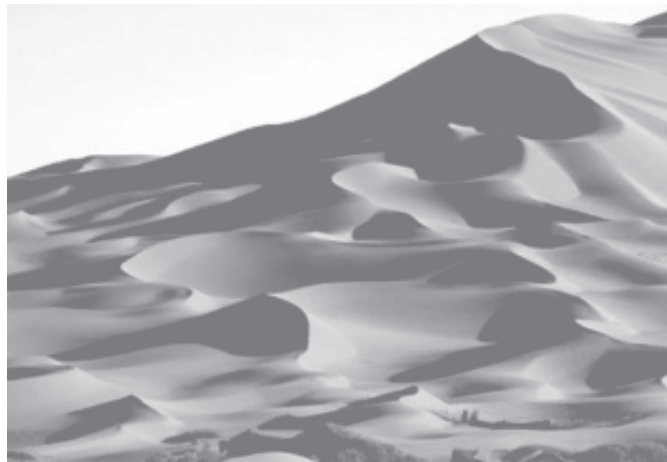
Lew Robinson offers fresh roses at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, during a Father's Day ceremony to remember the fathers who were killed during the Vietnam War and still missing in action, on 18 June, 2006, in Washington. Robinson was two-and-a-half when his father William Cahill was killed in Vietnam. —INTERNET

Greece orders two UAVs from France

ATHENS, 18 June — The Greek Armed Forces have ordered two additional *Sperwertactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)* systems from Sagem Defence Security, local news media reported.

Two initial systems were delivered at the end of 2004 and the beginning of 2005, said the report, adding that both of them have been in use by the Greek Army.

The *Sperwer* systems' configuration has been adapted to the mountainous terrain in Greece by adding aerial relay functions, carried out by a second UAV. This allows a direct link to be maintained with the aircraft ahead, up to a distance of 200 kilometres, while preserving the high resolution of images. —MNA/Xinhua



A general view shows the Badain Jaran Desert, North China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 13 June, 2006. The Badain Jaran Desert is the fourth largest desert in the world and covers an area of over 49,000 square kilometres. —INTERNET

Pakistan minister expresses grief over journalist's brutal murder

ISLAMABAD, 18 June — Pakistani Interior Minister Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao on Friday expressed shock and grief over the brutal killing of a journalist, whose body has been found in northwestern Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region, state media reported.

The Pakistani Government has been making all possible efforts to trace Hayatallah Khan since his abduction on 5 December, 2005 by armed militants, the minister said, according to *Associated Press of Pakistan*.

Hayatallah Khan's killing is a dastardly act involving the same elements who are responsible for terrorist activities aimed at creating chaos and obstructing the development process in the tribal territory, Sherpao was quoted as saying.

Authorities will step up the investigation to trace the perpetrators of the murder and bring them to justice, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

Six killed in explosion in Baghdad market

BAGHDAD, 18 June — An explosive charge went off at a crowded market in central Baghdad on Saturday, killing six people and wounding 11 others, an Interior

Ministry source said.

The attack occurred at about 10:15 am (0615 GMT) in the Haraj market, where dozens of shops opened at the busy area, killing six people and wounding 11 others, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast also damaged several cars and nearby shops, the source said.

Earlier, mortar rounds hit another popular market in the northern Baghdad district of Kazmiyah, killing two people and wounding 14 others.

Violence has mounted despite the formation of a new unity government in the war-torn country in late May. — MNA/Xinhua

Air China signs deal with Airbus for buying 24 "A 320" planes

BEIJING, 18 June—Air China inked a deal with Airbus for buying 24 *Airbus A320* planes, Shanghai Securities News said on Friday.

Under the 1.744-billion-US-dollar deal signed between the two sides on Thursday, the China national carrier will pay Airbus cash in installment. The planes are expected to be

delivered to China between 2007 and 2010.

Air China said the joining of the *Airbus A320* airplanes will help upgrade its carrying capacity and cement Beijing's position as a communication hub. It will launch more domestic routes from Beijing, it said.

The report said the deal is part of the nearly 10

billion US dollars agreement signed by China Aviation Supplies Corp and Airbus last December.

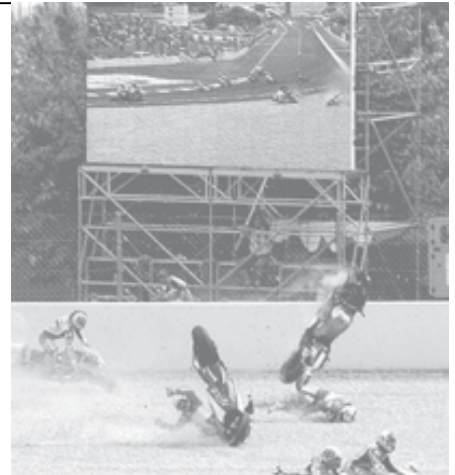
The corp has ordered 150 *Airbus A320* planes, which will be distributed to Air China, China Eastern Airlines, Sichuan Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Shenzhen and Hainan Airlines.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese (Taipei) supermodel Chiling Lin poses for a photo at the opening ceremony of the Shanghai International Film Festival at the Shanghai Concert Hall, on 17 June, 2006. —INTERNET

In this photo released by the Ducati Press Service, Italy's Marco Melandri, bottom, left, compatriot Loris Capirossi, top centre, and Spain's Sete Gibernau, top right, crash out of the first lap of the Moto GP race, at the Catalunya Motorcycle Grand Prix at the Montmelo circuit, just outside Barcelona, Spain, on 18 June, 2006. —INTERNET



Arroyo orders quick measures to fend off volcano eruption

MANILA, 18 June — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Saturday ordered disaster managers to speed up preventive measures, especially the evacuation of local residents, in Sorsogon Province, where the Bulusan Volcano, 388 kilometres southeast of Manila, would possibly come into an eruption.

President Arroyo asked for “zero casualty” in the event of an eruption of Bulusan, when she was told by experts that a major eruption by the restive volcano could threaten the lives of at least 20,000 people.

Arroyo arrived in Sorsogon on Saturday to meet with disaster management officials as Mount Bulusan continued to display volcanic activity.

In a joint meeting in Juban, Sorsogon, the President directed Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) Chairman and Sorsogon Governor Raul Lee to make sure that the river streams within the four-kilometre permanent danger zone be declared

off-limits to people, especially during heavy downpour or ash explosions.

“The rivers should be off-limits during rains and explosions. Nobody should be allowed to enter the area,” President Arroyo said.

Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology Director Renato Solidum said rivers experiencing minimal lava flows are very hazardous to any habitat. He advised the provincial government strictly enforce the off-limits areas in the meeting.

“Zero casualty is attainable with proper and timely evacuations,” Solidum told Arroyo. The official confirmed that there is magma

movement in the Bulusan Volcano and a magma eruption can be expected only if the activity of the volcano intensifies further. The President said that donated used clothes, shoes and canned goods will be distributed in the evacuation centres.

MNA/Xinhua



The restive Mount Bulusan volcano spews ash into the air in Sorsogon Province, south of Manila, on 18 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Hong Kong construction delegation visits Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 18 June — A Hong Kong construction delegation left here Saturday after a two-day visit to seek cooperation with their Cambodian counterparts.

The delegation comprises 25 senior executives and professionals from 24 reputable enterprises and organizations covering a wide range of businesses including real estate

development, construction services and professional services.

During their stay, the delegation met with the senior officials of Cambodian Commerce Ministry and Ministry of Public Works and Transport as well as leading members of construction here.

It is the first time for a Hong Kong construction delegation to visit Cambodia. The visit “is a

significant milestone forging ahead our long-term relationship in the cooperation of the construction industries among Cambodia, Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong,” said Lo Yuching, permanent secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Works) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, at a meeting Friday evening.

MNA/Xinhua

Vast areas flooded as embankment collapses in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 19 June — Vast areas of Bangladesh’s north-west Sirajganj District were flooded as the jerybuilt embankment collapsed Saturday under strong currents in the Jamuna River, a private news agency UNB reported.

“Over 100 houses were washed away by the floodwater on Saturday morning,” the report said, adding that the flood situation in Kazipur sub-district is very serious with most villages submerged by floodwater.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan to privatize public sector entities with transparency

ISLAMABAD, 18 June — Pakistani Minister for Privatization and Investment Zahid Hamid on Friday said that the government is fully committed to the privatization of public sector entities with utmost transparency, according to a *NNI* news agency report. The government is committed to the implementation of its approved privatization programme with transparency through a fair, open and competitive process with a view to ensuring maximum sale proceeds for the assets, Zahid was quoted as saying while addressing the Board of the Privatization Commission.

Privatization, deregulation and liberalization were part of the dynamic and highly successful economic reforms, which had been initiated by then finance minister now Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz and which were being widely appreciated at home and abroad, the minister said.—MNA/Xinhua



A protester throws a part of military fence he cut as soldiers hold police shields at a village near a US military base in Pyongtaek, about 80 km (50 miles) south of Seoul, on 18 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Sudanese, Ethiopian Airways agree on cooperation

KHARTOUM, 18 June — The Sudan Airways and the Ethiopian Airlines signed an agreement here Saturday and decided to carry out cooperation between the two sides.

According to the agreement, the two sides will carry out a joint operation, with cooperation in the field of external flights, maintenance of aircraft and ground handling. They will also enhance cooperation in the commercial, technical, engineering and administrative aspects.

The two sides further agreed to activate the

Agreement on Liberation of African Airspaces in order to serve their interests. The agreement stipulated that the Ethiopian Airlines allocates weekly space for 20-30 tons in its cargo flights from London for the Sudan Airways.

The two companies, meanwhile, agreed to enhance cooperation in the flights linking Khartoum,

Bombay and Beijing as well as in domains of market’s studies. Nasruddin Mohd Ahmed, General Manager of the Sudan Airways, said in a statement that the talks between the two sides also touched on possibility of organizing flights for the Ethiopian Airlines to Juba in southern Sudan and from there to other African countries.—MNA/Xinhua



Bus accident in India. At least 14 people were killed and 26 injured when a truck filled with workers plunged into a gorge in the Himalayan region of Indian Kashmir, on 18 June, 2006.—INTERNET

HAILING MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY-2006:

Exemplary mothers in Myanmar society

Khin Swe Myint (Myanmarsar)

I feel that in the world nothing can be compared to the attributes of a mother.

It is a mother that endures the sufferings of conceiving her baby for more than nine months, that gives birth her child with great pains, that breastfeeds and brings up her children, that constantly nurtures her children tenaciously to broaden the scope of their knowledge, and that makes various sacrifices to enable her children to stand tall when they grow up.

Indeed, children owe their mother a great debt of gratitude. In Myanmar society, mothers are regarded as exemplars for the fact that they are prepared to shoulder their numerous responsibilities starting from the pregnancy to their last moments for the well-being of their children.

In the books of true stories I have read, some female characters are acknowledged for their exemplary attitudes and characters. In the Vessantara Jataka, ex-queen Maddi Devi came along with her husband ex-king Vessantara to the cave of Wingapa Hill in which he practised meditation. And she supported her husband, her son Zali and daughter Kanha Zein for a long period. She devoted her whole life to look after her family members. She was the

exemplary mother in Myanmar treatises.

In the Bagan Period, Prince Raja Kumara, son of King Kyansitha, repaid the gratitude of his parents. Despite being the son of a king, he did not become the crown prince. He was given just the title of Zeya Khittaya and the authority to rule Danyawady Region. However, he never bore grudge against his father. On the dying days of his father, he, on behalf of his father, spent his jewellery to cast a gold Buddha statue. And he built the Myingapar Gupyaukkyi Temple and enshrined the gold Buddha statue in it. In addition, he donated three villages he inherited from his mother for the flourishing of the Sasana. Queen Trilawka Watanthakar Devi Oo Hsawk Pan, mother of such a very clever and thoughtful son, is the exemplary mother in the Myanmar history.

According to the stone inscription in the Bagan Period, Queen Saw Hla Wun Phwa Saw of King Nara Thiha Patae (1256-1287) poured all her deep affection for her only son Prince Yazathu. Out of loving-kindness for her son, she prefixed her name with her son's name so that her name would be Yazathu Phwa Saw. She was a good companion for her son in performing meritorious deeds. When her son was ill seriously, she,

on behalf of her son, donated offerings to the Three Gems, the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha. And when her son passed away, she donated her house and all her property and shared those merits to her son. Yazathu Phwa Saw was the exemplary mother described in the Myanmar stone inscriptions.

Similarly, there are many model mothers in the Myanmar society.

It was Daw Than, 76, of Mandalay who did not give up preparing meals and kept on sending different dishes to her married sons twice a day. She was doing the household chores of a good mother with a sense of maternal duty.

Our visit coincided with the 75th anniversary birthday of grandma Daw Hla Kyi on 30 December last year. In spite of her access to primary school education only, she managed to create a brighter future of her seven children in the education, economic and social fields. She also took all the responsibilities to nurse her husband who was suffering from paralytic stroke. She also daily offered alms-food to members of the Sangha to date. She is a mother of exemplary character.

I missed my mother who daily prepared meals for her children till just before her last days. I asked her not to prepare meals for other family members because she was nearing eighty but to no avail. The number of such exemplary mothers is high in our country.

I am deeply anxious about myself if I might be able to follow in the footsteps of above-mentioned ideal mothers.

Therefore, we women in the Myanmar society have to make increased efforts to become model mothers in the ever-challenging world in the 21st Century.

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Philippines under no terror threat despite US travel warning

MANILA, 19 June — The Philippines is under no immediate threat from terrorist attacks, despite the recent series of intimidating bombings, Defence and military officials said on Saturday, after the issuance of the latest travel advisory by the US State Department warning the visitors.

Neither the Abu Sayyaf Group nor the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) was preparing to launch attacks, particularly in the main southern island of Mindanao, the

officials told reporters on Saturday.

"There is no specific threat of attacks from terrorists... Maybe the US based its assessment on a general threat," said Philippine Defence Undersecretary Ricardo Blancaflor, who is also deputy chief of the inter-agency Anti-Terrorism Task Force.

He said the US State Department warning was "just a renewal of the travel advisory issued to about 40 countries." The US advisory warned Americans travelling to

the Philippines to "remain aware of the continued potential for terrorist attacks, including those against US citizens" since the Abu Sayyaf and the JI "continue to plan multiple attacks throughout the Philippines."

"We have no report (of specific terrorist threats)," Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesman Colonel Tristan Kison was quoted by the *Inquirer* news network as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

A performer from China's dance company "Hubei" performs during the premiere of "Las campanas de la paz" (Peace's bells) at Principe Felipe Auditorium in Oviedo, northern Spain, on 16 June, 2006.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Pipe Factory of YCDC



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects production process in Pipe Factory of Engineering Department of YCDC. — MNA

YANGON, 18 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected Pipe Factory of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee on Thukha Street in Phawgan Ward, Insein Township, this afternoon.

Head of the Department Dr Tun Than Tun reported to Lt-Gen Myint Swe on collection of raw materials, pipe production process and extension of the factory.

YCDC member U Kyaw Soe also reported on requirement of pipes for supply of water at Phugyi water supply project, and manufacturing 16-inch, 24-inch and 36-inch pipes at the factory.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on extension of the factory for manufacturing 60-inch and 66-inch pipes and arrangements being made for meeting the demand.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected production process of the factory. Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials conducted Lt-Gen Myint Swe round the sections of the factory.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe instructed officials to strive for producing quality pipes to meet the target.

The Pipe Factory is manufacturing 60-inch and 66-inch pipes to be used at of Ngamoeyeik Water Treatment Plant of YCDC that will supply 45 million more gallons of water to the city.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of Ayeyawady...

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Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected paving of road on the main bridge and its approach bridges.

At the briefing hall, senior engineers of the project and the commander reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on construction tasks of approach roads and bridges linking with the main bridge.

Steel frames have been installed on the bridge and the motor road is being constructed.

On his way back to Mandalay, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected development tasks and greening tasks in the region. — MNA

I & P Ministry holds coord meeting

YANGON, 19 June — Ministry of Immigration and Population held its work coordination meeting at the Population Department here today.

At the meeting, Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe urged officials of the ministry to strive for serving the interests of the State.

The meeting was participated by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, the directors-general, deputy directors-general and directors of the ministry, heads of state/division immigration and population departments and officials.

After hearing reports of officials, the minister gave necessary instructions.

MNA

Commerce Journal Vol 6 No 11 comes out

YANGON, 19 June — The latest issue of the Commerce Journal is in circulation today.

The journal features news of international standard, fruits and vegetables exported by Sun Tree Company, ginseng thriving in Thanlyin, marketing of Myanmar mango, rubber market, second high gold price in China, articles written by Maung Su San, Maung Taing Pin, Kyi Shawn, Aung Thin, Maung Hsu Shin, Kyi Min, Maung Pa Soe Gyan, Han Tha Tun, Thein Mya Thein and local and foreign market news, border trade, humors and films.

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Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe addresses the work coordination meeting of Ministry of Immigration and Population. — MNA



Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) which is nearing completion. — MNA

Myanmar Government will continue to strive diligently in building a better future...

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With regard to **prosecution**, the report acknowledges that in September 2005, the Government of the Union of Myanmar passed an anti-trafficking in persons law that covers sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery, servitude and debt bondage. The anti-trafficking law applies to international and external trafficking and carries penalties of 10 years, minimum to life imprisonment. Penalties for sexual and labour exploitations are the same. In 2005, the Myanmar Government prosecuted 426 traffickers in 203 cases under the new law and identified 844 victims; an indeterminate number of these cases actually involved severe forms of trafficking in persons.

The report also notes that during the reporting period, the government expanded the Police Anti-Trafficking Unit from 40 to 65 officers

stationed in Yangon and in border towns to monitor trafficking.

With regard to **protection**, the report acknowledges that the Myanmar Government provided basic reintegration assistance to victims, and the Central Police Training Institute has developed a teaching curriculum on trafficking. The report notes the government's continued cooperation with the NGOs and international organizations providing protection for victims of trafficking, including a repatriation centre on the Thai-Myanmar border, yet criticizes the limitations and restrictions posed on NGOs and international organizations.

With regard to **prevention**, the report notes the measures adopted by the Myanmar Government to prevent trafficking for sexual exploitation, which includes publicizing the dangers in border areas via government-sponsored discussion groups, distribution of printed materials, and media programming. While acknowledges the training for law enforcement officers on the new anti-trafficking law and awareness workshops at the national and local levels on the dangers of trafficking for the purposes of labour and

sexual exploitation conducted by the government, but criticizes that efforts to prevent trafficking remained inadequate.

Although Myanmar has demonstrated its willingness and determination to combat this crime and achieving tangible results in combating trafficking in persons, it has continued to be listed in Tier 3 of the US State Department's unilateral classification of countries that are deemed to have failed to comply with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of the US Congress. Myanmar, therefore, totally rejects the US State Department's placement of Myanmar in Tier 3.

Nevertheless, the Myanmar Government will continue to strive diligently in building a better future and to bring development to its citizens. It will also continue to exert utmost endeavours to combat trafficking in persons regardless of negative views and responses from those who blindly refuse to recognize the on-going commendable efforts of the Government of the Union of Myanmar.

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Minister inspects construction of cement plant (Tatkon)

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and officials yesterday inspected Natmar limestone mountain of cement plant project (Tatkon), 16 miles of Tatkon, Mandalay Division.

Managing Director of Myanmar Ceramics Industries U Soe Yi reported on conditions of Natmar mountain and its limestone deposits.

Deputy Director-General of Geology Department of the Ministry of Mines U Soe

Thiha reported on geological survey.

The minister gave instructions on the geological survey and arrangements for transport of limestone. He went to the second site for construction of the plant near Koekway Creek.

Myanma Ceramics Industries conducted a survey on limestone for establishment of a cement plant in the eastern part of Pyawbwe, Yamethin and Tatkon in Mandalay Division in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than

Shwe. Six limestone deposits were discovered.

The minister and party proceeded to the site of pharmaceutical factory project (Tatkon) and inspected 1,652.88 acres of land. Managing Director of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries U Than Shwe reported on the project.

This morning, the minister spoke at the opening of basic computer course No 1/2006 for office staff held at the training hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects growing of rubber in Kyauktaw station. —MNA

Minister U Aung Thaung addresses the opening ceremony of basic computer course No 1/2006 for office staff. —INDUSTRY-1



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than...

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So far, Kyauktaw Station has put 500 acres of rubber against the target of 1,500 acres.

They met with departmental officials, social organization members and local people at Thazin Hall of BEHS in Kyauktaw. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on facts about the township and regional development tasks presented by Township PDC Chairman U Myo Htoo Kyaw.

Assistant Director U Tin Maung Aye of Irrigation Department presented reports on implementation of Pyaung Creek Dam Project. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than instructed them to supply water to 1,000 acres of summer

paddy this year and extend water supply tasks to 4,000 acres next year.

Pyaung Creek Dam is of earthen embankment. It will be 800 feet long and 116 feet high. On completion, the dam will irrigate 5,000 acres of farmland. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the Government is implementing the plans for equitable development of all the regions of the nation.

The agriculture and livestock breeding sector plays a pivotal role in growth of the State economy. Therefore, Rakhine State is to extend agriculture and livestock breeding tasks as soon as possible. Furthermore, it is necessary to cultivate 10 main crops, rubber and pepper and physic nut plants for meeting the target.

In addition, officials are to make field trips to grass-roots level to undertake five rural development tasks. After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted those present. Later, they spent the night in Kyauktaw.

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ASEAN senior officials' Meeting held

YANGON, 19 June — ASEAN senior officials' Meeting No 3/37 was held at Sedona Hotel today.

Present on the occasion were delegates to ASEAN member countries, the under-secretary general of ASEAN Secretariat and officials and senior officials of different ministries.

During the meeting, the Laotian senior official presided over the meeting. The meeting focused on measures for beefing up ASEAN economic community with added momentum, integration of ASEAN's priorities, coordination on ASEAN cooperative measures in economy, implementation of free trade area between ASEAN and dialogue partners and economic cooperation and preparation for 38th ASEAN Economic Ministers'

Meeting and 12th ASEAN Summit.

The meeting continues up to 21 June.

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Paddy husk-fired engine factory, transformer factory inspected

YANGON, 19 June — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and responsible personnel went on an inspection tour of paddy husk-fired engine factory in Hlinethaya Township yesterday.

Executive director U Soe Tint Aung briefed on saving fuel by using a mixture of diesel and paddy husk gas. Next, the minister and party inspected production process of engines.

Afterwards, the minister looked over 180-HP engine and engine



Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects transformer factory in Shwepyitha Township. — MNA

test run by diesel and paddy husk gas. U Soe Tint Aung reported to the minister on 20 per cent reduction of cost of diesel according to tests. Upon

arrival at a transformer factory in Shwepyitha, executive director U Tun Lin Thaung reported to the minister on control system of paddy husk gas

volume and production process of transformers. Regarding the reports, the minister gave necessary instructions and left there. — MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 June— The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Andreas Zenonos as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cyprus to the Union of Myanmar, in succession to Mr Andreas G Skarparis.

Mr Andreas Zenonos was born in 1957 in Athienou, Cyprus. After graduating from the Lanition Gymnasium (Limassol) of Cyprus in 1975, Ambassador Andreas Zenonos pursued further studies at the University of Aix-En Provence in France, with specialization in Sociology and History of Development. Then he took the military service from 1975 to 1977. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus in 1991 and served in various capacities at different departments of the Ministry and at Cyprus Embassies in New Delhi, Paris and Beijing.

Mr Andreas Zenonos is currently serving as the High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus to the Republic of India. He will be concurrently accredited to Myanmar with residence in New Delhi.

Mr Andreas Zenonos speaks Greek, French and English. He is unmarried.

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Ministry of Mines offers 'soon' to members of Sangha of State Sasana University

YANGON, 19 June— Ministry of Mines offered soon (day meal) to the members of the Sangha in State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) here today.

At the ceremony to offer soon held at the university, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented K 415,000 for a day meal to Director of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana Daw Aung Kyi.

The minister and employees of the ministry received the Five Precepts from the rector Sayadaw of the university and shared merits gained.

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Winds gust in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 19 June — Strong winds hit a monastery and a school in Ale village in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division at 4.30 pm yesterday.

The gust of wind blew off 14 corrugated iron roofs of Aungzaya Parahita Monastery and it destroyed No 1 Basic Education Primary School as well.

A total of 31 houses in the village was hit by the gust of wind. It left 135 people homeless and loss of property worth K 1 million.

Officials of Township PDC rushed to the winds-hit village and measures are being taken for providing relief supplies to the victims.

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Workshop on biosafety framework opens

YANGON, 19 June — Workshop on Identification of Key Components of National Biosafety Framework was opened here with an address by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint.

The workshop is a part of the Development of National Biosafety Framework Project in Myanmar being jointly implemented by the Agricultural Planning Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and United Nations Environment Programme.

The opening ceremony of the workshop was participated by



Responsible persons pose for documentary photo at Workshop on Identification of Key Components of National Biosafety Framework.

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departmental heads, officials of United Nations Environmental Programme and Global

Environment Facility and participants of the workshop.

The Ministry of

Agriculture and Irrigation has organized three workshops on biosafety so far. — MNA



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France's Fabien Barthez (2nd R) fails to stop South Korea's Park Ji-sung's shot from going into the net as France's William Gallas (R) and South Korea's Ahn Jung-hwan (L) watch during their Group G World Cup 2006 soccer match in Leipzig on 18 June, 2006. — INTERNET

Iran says positive atmosphere helps atomic dispute

TEHERAN, 19 June — Iran said on Sunday a "positive atmosphere" had been created that could help resolve a dispute over Iran's nuclear programme but did not say when Teheran would respond to an offer made by world powers to end the standoff.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki also said any deal would need talks with the five permanent members of the UN Security Council — the United States, China, Russia, Britain and France — plus Germany, which originally presented the package.

The six states offered Iran incentives to halt uranium enrichment, a process the West believes Iran is using to make atomic weapons despite Iranian denials. Teheran faces possible sanctions if it rejects the deal that was offered on 6 June.

Western officials fear Iran may stall a decision past an unofficial July deadline to buy time to perfect enrichment tech-

nology and expand the programme to make it a fait accompli.

"The positive atmosphere that has been created... could create the best opportunity to pave the way to reaching an understanding," Mottaki said in comments about the atomic dispute, broadcast on state television.

Senior Iranian officials, including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, have recently made more upbeat comments about the package but have not given any indication that Iran is ready to give up enrichment, the crux of the proposal. Some officials have suggested only that Iran might be ready to negotiate over plans for industrial-scale enrich-

ment.

"We want negotiations without any preconditions," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told a weekly news conference. The term "precondition" usually refers to the demand that Iran stop enrichment as a prerequisite for talks.

"It is America which has put a precondition and has the illogical demand which limits the scope of the negotiations," Asefi said.

Under Iran's system of clerical rule, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the final say in state matters and last week he said making nuclear fuel remained Iran's objective. —MNA/Reuters

Expert says global arms shipments out of control

LONDON, 19 May — Governments who cut their Armed Forces end up relying on private suppliers to transport their weapons with few controls, Amnesty International said.

As these logistics networks proliferate in conflicts across the globe, international arms control rules are floundering, the human rights group said in a report urging tough government action to re-impose control.

"Arms supply chains are becoming increasingly sub-contracted and completely out of control," Amnesty's arms expert Brian Wood told Reuters. "They are talking about curbing brokering but they haven't even got round to transport.

"Brokering is increasingly common, with main contractors sub-contracting supply, transportation and collection in an ever lengthening and in-

creasingly opaque chain," he added as his report "Dead on Time — arms, transportation, brokering and the threat to human rights" was published.

Not only were governments exploiting the poor controls to hide their activities, but increasingly armed opposition groups and organized crime rings were taking advantage of the murky markets to obtain their weaponry, he said in an interview.

The report, published ahead of a United Nations meeting on 26 June on small arms trafficking, says that increasingly weapons are either destined for or diverted to countries under arms em-

bargoes or to insurgent and criminal groups.

The financial arrangements for these shipments have become increasingly complex, with large sums of cash changing hands or arms and ammunition being bartered for narcotics or natural resources like gems, oil and timber, it said.

The report called for governments to re-establish control over the arms trade, especially the brokerage and transport firms.

"All these controls are inadequate and antiquated. There must be proper systems of vetting and licensing," Wood said. —MNA/Reuters

Pakistan to hold judicial inquiry for slain journalist

ISLAMABAD, 19 June — Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz announced on Sunday a judicial inquiry will be held and a compensation of 500,000 rupees (about 8,333 US dollars) will be paid for the slain journalist Hayatullah Khan, the state-run APP news agency reported.

Hayatullah was found shot dead about six months after he had been reportedly abducted by armed militants last December. Days before his missing, he had reported on a US airstrike which targeted an al-Qaeda figure. Pakistan took the decision on the judicial inquiry last evening, said Aziz, while addressing a meeting on Sunday in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, APP reported.

There is no substitute to the human life, but

it is a token gesture on the part of the government for the family of the late Hayatullah Khan, the Prime Minister was quoted as saying.

Aziz said the government would bear the education expenses of the children of late Hayatullah up to college level, APP reported.

Pakistani Interior

Minister Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao said on Friday the government had been making all possible efforts to trace the journalist Hayatullah Khan since his abduction last December, and will step up the investigation to trace the perpetrators of the murder and bring them to justice.

MNA/Xinhua

Five youths dead in New Orleans shooting

NEW ORLEANS, 19 June — Five teenagers were shot to death early on Saturday morning in New Orleans in one of the worst mass killings in the history of the city, police said.

A 16-year-old, a 17-year-old and three 19-year-olds were found shortly before dawn in and near a sport utility vehicle surrounded by semi-automatic handgun shell casings, said police spokesman John Bryson.

"The carnage and the number of deaths appear to be leading toward (a motive) of retaliation and or drug related. I don't think we have ever in the history of the city had five people gunned down inside a vehicle," he said.

The central city area where the youths were killed has also been the scene of previous drug-related arrests, he said.

But no weapons or drugs were immediately found on the victims, and neither the motive nor number of assailants were clear. —MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh floods kill 9, make many homeless

DHAKA, 19 June — The death toll from floods in Bangladesh has risen to nine over the past week, as three more people died in a boat sinking, officials said on Sunday.

The boat capsized late on Saturday in a lake in Sylhet, 350 kilometres (220 miles) northeast of the capital Dhaka. Other victims have died in house collapse and snake bites.

More than 10,000 people have been made homeless, while another one million have been

marooned by the floods.

Crops in some 100,000 acres (40,000 hectares), mostly rice, were damaged in the affected areas, officials said after a quick assessment. Rural road networks, telephone connections and power supply have been severely damaged or disrupted.

Floods kill hundreds of Bangladeshis and displace thousands of families during the June-September monsoon every year. —MNA/Reuters



Villagers carrying grass walk through a street covered with ash from the Mount Merapi volcano in the village of Babadan, outside the city of Magelang in central Java on 17 June, 2006. —INTERNET

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UN to help Iraq get political, financial support

UNITED NATIONS, 18 June — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan agreed on Friday to help Iraq get political and financial support in response to a request by Baghdad's new prime minister, the United Nations said.

Annan received a telephone call from Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki earlier this week,

while Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari spoke to the Secretary-General in New York on Thursday on the launching of an "International Compact for Iraq."

Under the plan, Baghdad would commit itself to a series of yet undefined political, economic and security steps in exchange for international aid and

political support.

Annan "agreed to the Iraqi request for the UN to provide strong support in developing the international compact," UN associate spokesman Farhan Haq said. "The Secretary-General looks forward to receiving more details from the Iraqis on the compact and on the role they would wish the UN to play."

Annan has assigned Mark Malloch Brown, the UN deputy Secretary-General, and Asraf Qazi, the chief UN envoy in Iraq, as coordinators for the programme.

On Wednesday, US President George W Bush

told a news conference he would send Deputy Treasury Secretary Robert Kimmitt and State Department Counselor Philip Zelikow to the United Nations and abroad in an effort to help Iraq develop the compact.

Zebari, a Kurd, who has served in three Iraqi governments since 2003, on Friday told the Council on Foreign Relations the next six months were crucial for the newly formed Iraqi government and the future of the US-led foreign troops. He also said neighbouring countries could do more to help Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

China, Egypt sign outline for deepening strategic ties

CAIRO, 18 June— Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazef on Saturday signed an implementation outline for deepening strategic and cooperative relations between the two countries.

The document said that Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao paid an official visit to Egypt on June 17-18 at the invitation of Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazef, and during the trip, the two countries had an in-depth exchange of views and reached consensus.

According to the outline, the two sides are satisfied with bilateral fruitful cooperation in all areas and reiterated that they will continue to work to enrich and deepen Sino-Egyptian strategic and cooperative ties.

They agreed to keep constant high-level

exchanges of visits and other kinds of contact in order to strengthen consultation and coordination on bilateral ties and major regional and international issues, it said.

It said that they will work to perfect the Sino-Arab Cooperation Forum and are willing to keep consultation on the buildup of the Sino-African Cooperation Forum in order to create all conditions for a complete success of the third ministerial-level meeting of the Sino-African Cooperation Forum to be held in Beijing in November this year, especially following Sino-African summit.

The two sides believe that realizing peace and stability in the Middle East serves the basic interests of the people of all regional countries and is also

conducive to world peace and development, it said, adding that the Chinese side is willing to continue to work with Egypt to safeguard regional peace and stability.

It said that the two sides support the UN's reform to strengthen its role and authority, and they believe that such a reform should be carried out through in-depth and extensive discussions in order to seek consensus.

The outline said that the Egyptian Government reaffirms its adherence to the one-China principle and will not have any official ties with the Taiwan authorities, and Egypt opposes Taiwan's independence in any form and Taiwan's entry into regional and international organizations where statehood is required, adding that Egypt supports China's efforts to achieve reunification.

The Chinese side speaks highly of such stances of Egypt, the outline said.

MNA/Xinhua

Two killed, one critically injured in Polish rally

WARSAW, 19 June — Two people were killed and a third suffered serious injuries on Sunday, when a car went out of control at a rally in southwestern Poland, police said.

"A young man and woman died on the spot and a third woman is in hospital in serious condition after being

struck by a rally car which failed to negotiate a bend and left the track," Robert Harhala, police spokesman in the town of Strzelin, told Reuters by telephone.

"The driver and his navigator were not injured but are in a state of shock following the crash."

MNA/Reuters

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

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Survey shows brain tumour patients motivated to exercise

NEW YORK, 18 June — A “relatively high” percentage of brain tumour patients are exercising — before and after diagnosis and treatment — at the recommended levels, a much higher percentage than patients with other forms of cancer, suggest the results of a survey of 106 brain tumour patients treated at the Brain Tumour Centre at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

According to Dr Lee W Jones and colleagues, prior to diagnosis, 42 per cent of patients reported engaging in at least 150 minutes of strenuous or moderate exercise each week.

Thirty-eight per cent said they exercised at this level while undergoing treatment while 41 per

cent did so after the completion of treatment. “Given the aggressive nature of (treatment) in any cancer population, decreases in exercise behaviour during this time are not surprising,” note the authors in the medical journal *Cancer*.

Brain tumour patients appear to represent a “proactive” group when it comes to exercise, Jones and colleagues report. It has been estimated, for example, that only 5 to 16 per cent of patients with other cancers, such as breast cancer and colon cancer, exercise at the recommended levels during treatment, and only 20 to 31 per cent exercise during off-treatment periods. The relatively young age of brain tumour patients may have

something to do with their high levels of exercise, the authors note. The average age of the patients in the current survey was 44 years. “The take home message,” Jones said, “is that...brain tumour patients appear capable and motivated to engage in exercise during their cancer treatment.”

MNA/Reuters



A worker cleans the roof of the disk-shaped Shanghai South Railway Station in Shanghai, in east China, on 19 June, 2006.— INTERNET

Beijing to renovate Great Hall of People for energy saving

BEIJING, 18 June — The Great Hall of the People, one of the best known buildings in Chinese capital will be renovated to make it more energy-efficient, the *Beijing Daily* said Saturday.

Kong Xiangyi, the deputy director of the Administration of the Great Hall of the People, said experts are currently examining the mammoth building in preparation for the renovation work.

The renovation work may take three or five years and could reduce its energy consumption by 20 per cent, he said.

The renovation of the Great Hall of the People is part of an ambitious programme that will see the reconstruction of existing private and public buildings to make them more energy efficient.

By 2010, the

government plans to reconstruct 25 per cent of the buildings in big cities, 15 per cent in medium-sized cities and 10 per cent in small cities for energy saving.

As the first step, the reconstruction of buildings involving major departments of the central government has already begun. With half of the world's new buildings

built in China every year, the government is attaching greater importance to energy efficiency of buildings.

Located in the Tian'anmen Square in central Beijing, the Great Hall of the People is the place where Chinese leaders meet foreign leaders and the National People's Congress holds its annual sessions.

The construction of the Hall began in October 1958 and was completed in August 1959. It was hailed as a miracle at that time. Several rounds of refurbishment have been done to it since then.

The Hall has a total floor area of over 170,000 square metres. The biggest chamber in the Hall has around 10,000 seats.

MNA/Xinhua



An African Ngil Fang mask from Gabon, part of a collection belonging to French collectors Pierre and Claude Verite, is shown in this 15 June, 2006 file photo in Paris. — INTERNET

Turkey to inaugurate key oil pipeline

ANKARA, 18 June — Turkey is to inaugurate a key oil pipeline in the south on 13 July with a number of world leaders expected to attend the ceremony, local media reported on Friday. The ceremony will mark the start of operation of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) oil pipeline, also known as “the project of the century” in Turkey.

Turkish authorities have invited a number of world leaders including US President George W. Bush, Russian President Vladimir Putin and British Prime Minister Tony Blair

to attend the inauguration ceremony.

So far, six presidents including Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Georgian President Mihail Saakashvili, nine prime ministers and 23 energy and foreign ministers have confirmed that they will attend the event to be held in Ceyhan town of the southern Turkish province of Adana, according to Turkey's semi-official *Anatolia* news agency.

The 1,760 kilometre-long pipeline, which kicked off in September 2002, has a daily transport capacity

of one million barrels of oil and will transport crude oil from the Azeri-Chirag-Guneshli oil field in the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean Sea area.

The pipeline lies across 445 kilometres of Azerbaijan, 245 kilometres of Georgia and 1,070 kilometres of Turkey.

After the pipeline becomes operative, 8 per cent of commercial oil in the world will pass from Turkey and Ankara will garner an annual income of nearly 300 million US dollars from the line.

MNA/Xinhua

Canadian PM announces new transportation safety measures

OTTAWA, 18 June — Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced on Friday new transportation safety measures worth 254 million Canadian dollars (229 million US dollars) in a bid to boost the country's capacity to confront the threat of terrorism.

The money will be spent over two years to bolster the security for Canada's land, sea and air travel networks and to better co-ordinate the anti-terrorism efforts of various agencies responsible for

transportation safety.

“As experience has shown around the world, the risk is often domestic and we have to be vigilant, that's why Canada's new government is conducting a thorough review of our country's anti-terrorism legislation, improving security at our borders and now introducing new measures to better protect our transportation systems,” Harper told reporters at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

“We need to ensure that

Canada does all we can to prevent terrorism at home and that we are able and ready to respond should a terrorist attack occur on Canadian soil,” Harper said.

Under the plan, Ottawa will invest 26 million Canadian dollars (24 million US dollars) to improve existing cargo screening measures at airports, 133 million Canadian dollars (120 million US dollars) to deal with increasing passenger volumes and subsequent workload.

MNA/Xinhua

A pedestrian walks past an advertising board of the 4th Changsha Modern Art Exhibition in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 17 June, 2006. The 4th Modern Art Exhibition entitled "Dining Table of Regions" opened here on 16 June. It is expected to last a week.—INTERNET



SPORTS

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

Tuesday, 20 June 2006

Costa Rica v Poland 20:30 MST

Ecuador v Germany 20:30 MST

Wednesday, 21 June 2006

Sweden v England 1:30 MST

Paraguay v Trinidad and Tobago 1:30 MST



French midfielder Zinedine Zidane (L) is challenged by South Korean midfielder Kim Nam-il during the World Cup 2006 Group G football game France vs South Korea, at Leipzig Stadium on 18 June, 2006. The match ended 1-1.—INTERNET

Brazil rely on toil as much as style

MUNICH, 19 June—Brazil's 2-0 victory over Australia on Sunday, securing their place in the last 16 of the World Cup, was as no table for dogged persistence as it was for artistry.

Not until Ronaldo set up the first goal for Adriano in the 49th minute did the champions begin to show any of their usual verve or confidence.

Brazil then showed flashes of the attacking flair absent in the early exchanges against Australia and throughout the 1-0 win over Croatia in their opening Group F game.

Stifled in midfield by Australia coach Guus Hiddink's decision to play 4-5-1, the five-times winners had been frustrated, collecting two first-half cautions and appearing to run out of ideas before the interval.

Tough, bold and sticking to an effective plan, Australia enjoyed plenty of possession as Brazil toiled to find inspiration.

Ronaldinho, shackled by Brett Emerton, was rarely able to conjure chances. The Australians were quick and strong in the tackle but hardly the rugged physical opponents the Latin Americans feared.

German referee Markus Merk gave Brazil's players generous protection, too, with several decisions upsetting Australian fans.

Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, agitated on the touchline, looked perplexed and shrugged as Hiddink stood 20 metres away and pondered his next move like a chess grand master.

Three-times former World Player of the Year Ronaldo, mocked by the Australian fans for his clumsy errors in the opening period, produced one flash of skill



Brazil's Ze Roberto, right, ducks as Australia's Marco Bresciano, left, kicks a ball during the Brazil vs Australia Group F soccer match at the World Cup Stadium in Munich, Germany, on 18 June, 2006. The match ended 2-0 for Brazil. The other teams in Group F are Croatia and Japan.—INTERNET

four minutes into the second half to effectively settle the outcome.

Receiving the ball on the edge of the penalty area, he did two of his famous step-overs, momentarily mesmerizing Emerton and Lucas Neill before passing square to co-striker Adriano.

MNA/Reuters

France end goal drought but held by Korea

LEIPZIG, 19 June—France were held to a 1-1 draw by a dogged South Korea side on Sunday that left Group G wide open after the former champions missed a series of late chances.

France ended a worrying goal drought at World Cup finals thanks to an early goal from Thierry Henry but Park Ji-sung grabbed Korea's equalizer in the 81st minute.

The 1998 champions, who had started with a dull 0-0 draw with Switzerland, stepped up a gear in a bid to keep alive their chances of reaching the knockout stage.

Henry gave them a ninth minute lead with a cool left-foot finish after a Sylvain Wiltord shot took a deflection and broke into his path. It was France's first at World Cup finals since they beat Brazil 3-0 in the final in Paris eight years ago.

Les Bleus, the 1998 champions, went out in the group stage in 2002 with-

out scoring and would have matched Bolivia's unwanted record of five World Cup matches without a goal had they not scored on Sunday.

An ageing France team certainly did not look like title contenders on a dry, mild evening in Saxony and are still not sure of avoiding another embarrassing early exit.

South Korea were lively as ever but looked also naive and harmless against opponents a lot tougher than Togo, whom the 2002 semifinalists had beaten 2-1 in their opening match.

Looking a lot fresher and more aggressive than in their opening match, France benefitted from a convincing World Cup debut by midfielder

Florent Malouda, who had missed the match against the Swiss suffering from haemorrhoids.

France had threatened after seven minutes with a close-range effort by Wiltord which Korean goalkeeper Lee Woon-jae managed to kick out.

The French contingent in the Zentralstadion shouted for a goal after 32 minutes when a header from a corner by Patrick Vieira appeared to cross the line before Korean keeper Lee Won-jae pushed it out.

MNA/Reuters

Adriano, Fred sink battling Australia

MUNICH, 19 June—Goals from Adriano and Fred gave Brazil a 2-0 win over battling Australia and sent the world champions into the last 16 of the World Cup on Sunday.

Adriano notched his first goal of the tournament four minutes into the second half after the South Americans had endured a frustrating first-half against Guus Hiddink's men.

Substitute Fred wrapped up the win in the 89th minute, rolling home a rebound after a Robinho shot came back off a post. Australian substitute Harry Kewell had missed a great chance to equalize a minute after coming on in the 56th minute, shooting over an empty goal after keeper Dida dropped the ball.

Striker Ronaldo played poorly and was substituted for the second game running in another generally unconvincing performance by Brazil, who beat Croatia 1-0 in their opening game.

Australia, who face Croatia in their last game, have three points while Japan

and Croatia have one each in Group F.

Brazil's best first-half move came in the third minute.

Ronaldo controlled the ball on his chest and flicked the backwards to Kaka who volleyed wide from the edge of the penalty area.

If the ball had gone in, the game could have taken a completely different course. Instead, Australia packed the midfield and hustled Brazil out of their stride with tenacious marking and tackling.

Brazilian pair Ronaldo and Ronaldinho were both subdued with only Kaka's penetrating runs offering any threat.

Ronaldo, who had a dismal match against Croatia, was again out of sorts and at one point had a heated argument with coach Carlos Alberto Parreira on the touchline.—MNA/Reuters

Croatia miss penalty in Japan stalemate

NUREMBERG, 19 June—Croatia missed a penalty and were held to a 0-0 draw by Japan on Sunday, leaving both sides with a chance of World Cup survival.

Darijo Srna's 22nd-minute penalty miss proved costly for Croatia, who largely controlled a Group F showdown both teams were des-



Croatian forward Ivan Klasnic (R) and Japanese defender Yuji Nakazawa vie for the ball during the World Cup 2006 Group F football match Japan vs Croatia, at Nuremberg Stadium. The match ended 0-0.—INTERNET

perate to win after opening defeats.

Croatia, beaten 1-0 by Brazil in their opener last week, take on Australia in a must-win game on Thursday. Japan face the daunting task of having to beat world champions Brazil in their final group game after their 3-1 defeat by Australia.

Striker Atsushi Yanagisawa missed Japan's best chance six minutes into the second half after superbly being fed by Akira Kaji with goalkeeper Stipe Pletikosa out of position but fluffing in front of an open goal.

Croatia came straight back with Niko Kranjcar poking just wide but they failed to capitalize on their territorial advantage in a scrappy second half. The Croats, who beat Japan 1-0 on their way to the semi-

finals of the 1998 World Cup, had the better of the first half with Kranjcar stinging the hands of Japan goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi early on.

But the game burst into life in the 21st minute when Japan captain Tsuneyasu Miyamoto conceded a penalty for a clumsy trip on Croatia striker Dado Prso.

However, Kawaguchi produced a brilliant save to keep Japan level, plunging low to his left to turn away Srna's firmly struck kick. Kranjcar headed the resulting corner into the side-netting and the same player then lashed a right-foot shot against the bar in the 28th minute, compounding Croatia's frustration.

MNA/Reuters

Zhang Ning wins 3rd straight title at Malaysia Open

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 June—China's Olympic badminton champion Zhang Ning claimed her third straight Malaysian Open title after defeating England's Tracey Hallam in the women's singles final on Sunday.

Zhang, 31, defeated Hallam 21-12, 21-13 at Stadium Perpaduan in Kuching, capital of the Sarawak State. Malaysia's top shuttler Lee Chong Wei matched Zhang as he outclassed China's Lin Dan 21-18, 18-21, 23-21 to win the men's crown for the third time here in a row.

Lee beat Lin Dan twice in their five encounters.

In the women's doubles final, world number one Gao Ling and Huang Sui of China downed compatriots Du Jing and Yu Yang 9-21, 21-16, 21-17.

MNA/Xinhua

China says wooing Africa, S America no threat to US

CAIRO, 19 June — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Sunday that China's wooing of African and Latin American countries in a bid to expand trade and energy cooperation posed no threat to US interests.

Speaking at a news conference in Cairo at the start of a tour of seven African nations, Wen said China's foreign policy was based on mutual benefit, adding that his country would not interfere in internal matters such as human rights.

"This attempt and efforts to develop relations are not directed at entering into any alliance, and will not compromise the interests of any other countries. I am confident that the US Government also recognises this," Wen said.

MNA/Reuters

Bulusan Volcano in Philippines spews huge cloud of ash

MANILA, 19 June — Mount Bulusan, the active volcano in Sorsogon Province in the central Philippines, on Sunday afternoon spewed huge volumes of ash again, as local residents were being evacuated by authorities, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Sesimology (PHIVOLCS) said.

The Bulusan Volcano erupted this time with a column of ash two kilometres high that drifted towards the west, a GMA TV report quoted an official of the PHIVOLCS as saying.

A huge, dark-gray column of ash was rising above the clouds, blanketing Bulusan's upper slopes, the GMA news footage showed.

The explosion, which occurred at 3:53 pm on Sunday, was Bulusan's eighth and strongest activity since late March this year, according to the report.

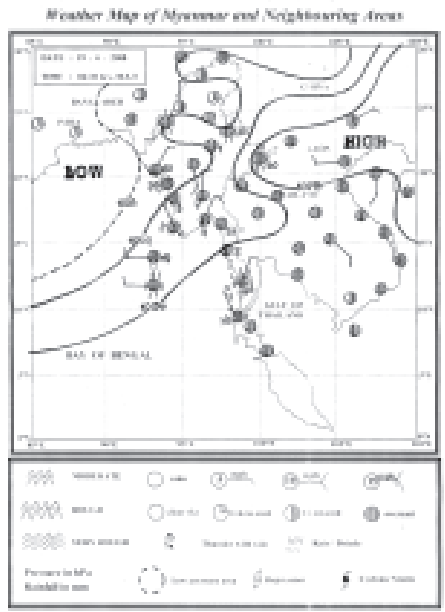
Earlier on Sunday, the PHIVOLCS said they recorded four volcanic quakes over the last 24 hours but that Bulusan's steam emissions appeared to have weakened.

The PHIVOLCS also warned about the possibility of more explosions in the coming days, the report added. The authority maintained the Alert Level 2 it had raised over Bulusan and warned people against staying within

the four-kilometre permanent danger zone.

Another TV report said that the Army was conducting "clearing operations" within the danger zone around Bulusan in advance of massive evacuations scheduled for Monday.

An estimated 50,000 people in six towns of Sorogon Province would be evacuated in the event of a big eruption that may cause mudslide, according to the Office of Civil Defence. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 19 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Shan, Kayah, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (2.56) inches, Pyapon (1.57) inches, Loikaw (1.50) inches, Lashio (1.30) inches and Nay Pyi Taw (0.78) inch. Maximum temperature on 18-6-2006 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 19-6-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-6-2006 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 18-6-2006 was (2.8) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 19-6-2006 were (0.07) inch at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (21.57) inches at Mingaladon, (29.53) inches at Kaba-Aye and (33.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (16:00) hours MST on 18-6-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak to moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 20-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, Bago Division, scattered in Kachin State, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama and off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of general increase of rain in Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 20-6-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 20-6-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 20-6-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Russia's Maria Sharapova returns a shot to Jamea Jackson during their semi-final match at the Birmingham Classic tennis tournament in Edgbaston, central England, on 17 June, 2006. — INTERNET

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TV Myanmar

Tuesday, 20 June
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ဓမ္မာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မောဟာရဋ္ဌရူပ၊ အဘိဓမ္မောဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မစ္ဆာဏှာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
5. ကျားပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am
6. အထီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am
7. Song of yesteryears

8:15 am
8. အထမြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am
9. တံတားအလှပန်းလောင်း

8:30 am
10. International news

8:45 am
11. Let's Go

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm
4. အစေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရှုကွဲအေး) (ရှုကွဲအေး)

5:00 pm
5. Dance of national races

5:10 pm
6. ခံစားနားဆင် တေးဇာတ်ဝင်

5:20 pm
7. "သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁) (ဝါးမယ်မေ့မောင်၊ တုန်းလှနု၊ မြတ်ဆော်အောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးနီ၊

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5:30 pm
8. Sing and Enjoy

6:00 pm
9. Evening news

6:30 pm
10. Weather report

6:35 pm
11. The mirror images of the musical oldies

6:50 pm
12. သားငါးဖွဲ့ခြင်း ပြည့်အကျိုး

7:00 pm
13. ဖွဲ့ခြင်းဖွဲ့ရုံလင် ခံပြုကျေးဇူးမင်းတိုင်ဝင်

7:05 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုလိုင်နီနီနီ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm
15. News

8:15 pm
16. International news

8:30 pm
17. Weather report

8:45 pm
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအိပ်မက်လှပ" (အပိုင်း-၄)

9:00 pm
19. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Tuesday, 20 June
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
 -Price you gotta pay...Mr Big

8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
 -In the city... Eagles
 -This is how we do it...Solid Base

8:50 am National news & Slogan
9:00 am Music:
 -Too soon to say goodbye... Gareth Gates

9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
 -I think about you...CollinRaye
 -Don't look any further... M People

1:30 pm News & Slogan
1:40pm Lunch time music
 -Song for the asking... The Simon & Garfunkel
 -I can wait forever... Air Supply
 -Tell it to your heart...MLTR
 -Between you and me...Jennifer Paige
 -Next to you... Paula Abdul

9:00pm English Speaking Course Level (I) Unit (12)
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure
 -Season in the sun...TerryJacks
 -That is love... Tokyo Square
 -Look away... Chicago
 -I love you to want me... Lobo
 -Do that to me once more time... Captain

9:45 pm News & Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Sittway, Kyauktaw

YANGON, 18 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence attended the physic nut plant growing ceremony of Sittway Station on 15 June morning.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein and officials presented physic nut saplings to regiments, units and social organizations of Sittway Station. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein and Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station planted physic nut saplings.

Sittway Station has put 10 acres of physic nut plants against the target of 900 acres in 2006-07.

At the construction site of Kyauktan Bridge crossing Mingan Creek on Yangon-Sittway Highway, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on timely completion of the project meeting the set standards and inspected progress of tasks.

The bridge will be 452 feet long and 32 feet wide. It will have 24 feet wide motorway flanked by four feet wide pedestrian



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Minchaung Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Highway. —MNA

way. The bridge is of reinforced concrete and it can withstand 60-ton loads.

They inspected maintenance tasks at Minchaung Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Highway.

At Nawarat Hall in Kyauktaw Station, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers, other ranks and family members. He inspected rubber plantation of Kyauktaw Station.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects display of Special Sales of Jade, Gems and Pearl for 2006

YANGON, 19 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected display of Special Sales of Jade, Gems and Pearl for 2006 in Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this evening.

On arrival at MCC, Lt-Gen Myint Swe was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Patron of Central Committee for organizing the special sales Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Secretary Managing-Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and

committee members.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe first looked into quality jades on the ground floor of the centre, then mosaic painting booths and finished jade booths at the first level, and then jade lots on the premises of the centre. Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and officials conducted him around the display of the special sales.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the minister also inspected the display of jade, gems and pearl at Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

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I missed my mother who daily prepared meals for her children till just before her last days. I asked her not to prepare meals for other family members because she was nearing eighty but to no avail. The number of such exemplary mothers is high in our country.

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