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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Daewoo International Corporation Chairman and party

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Tae-yong Lee and party at Paunglaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw at 3.15 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and Director-General Col Thant Shin of

the Prime Minister's Office.

The Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation was accompanied by Mr CM Rim, Mr KH Choi,

Mr JH Kim, Mr GS Roh, Mr PS Kim and Mr YC Kang.

They discussed mutual cooperation in economic matters.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win greets Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Tae-yong Lee.

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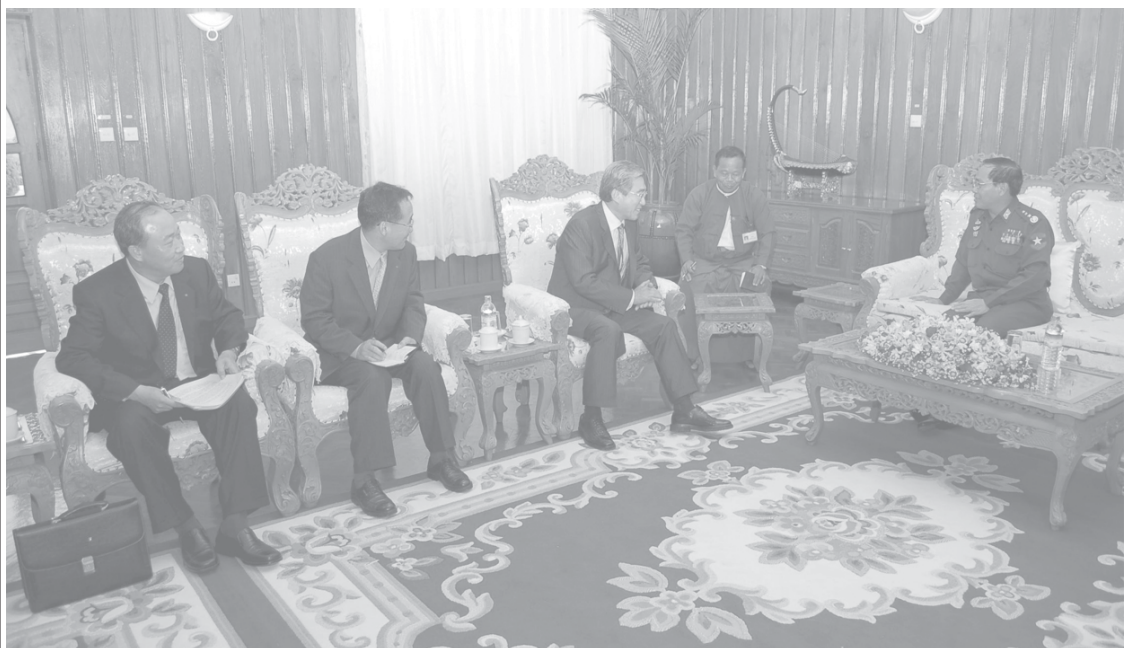


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The Myanmar Women's Day is held with a view to enabling the entire women to inherit the fine traditions from their ancestors. The population of Myanmar women of about 30 million makes up more than 50 per cent of the nation's population of over 54 million. The Myanmar Women's Day is the day on which the role of about 30 million women is enhanced.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Regional countries to address health problems in harmony

Myanmar is systematically implementing national level health plans for raising the health standard of the nation and providing better and more health care for the people.

In the process, the government has been opening hospitals, health care centres and specialist hospitals, appointing more physicians, surgeons and nurses, and installing sufficient number of modern medical equipment in the medical facilities across the nation including border areas.

The Ministry of Health is actively cooperating with the World Health Organization, UN agencies, relevant ministries and social organizations for control of the three major diseases — AIDS, malaria and TB. In addition, it is enlarging the horizon of cooperation with ASEAN members and regional countries to address the health problems and control new diseases.

Myanmar hosted the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 21 and 22 June. The meeting focused on measures for prevention and combating infectious diseases inclusive of new diseases and AIDS occurring in ASEAN region and around the world, precautionary steps for prevention of possible spread of bird flu and subsequent possible outbreak of human influenza pandemic, wider health care services and improvement of traditional medicine and health and nutrition tasks.

As health problem does not occur only in a single nation or region, ASEAN regional countries as well as global countries are taking cooperative measures to cope the challenges on health problem.

By enhancing cohesion and setting up strong networks of continuous collaborative measures in the ASEAN countries including Myanmar and regional countries to take approach to health problems, the nation can prevent and control possible health problems, health emergencies and epidemics.

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Robes Offering Ceremony

- * 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

Donors invited to Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 23 June — The Shwephonepwin Pagoda Board of Trustees will organize the 49th ceremony to offer Waso robes to Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the pagoda and members of the Sangha from monasteries in the precinct of the pagoda in Pazundaung Township on Fullmoon Day of Waso, 9 July. Wellwishers may donate one set of robes worth K 3,000 to the Pagoda Board of Trustees, Tel: 290425.

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Moegaung Association (Yangon) to donate Waso robes

YANGON, 23 June — Moegaung Association (Yangon) invited its members to participate in the association's 2nd Waso robe offering ceremony to be held at Kyaukseintwin Dhammayon on Shwedagon Pagoda Road on 15 July.

Those wishing to donate offertories at the ceremony may contact Ph 241723, 503198, 095164598, 519529. — H

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 22 June — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Ministry of Defence	Director-General Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(b) Col Htay Lwin Ministry of Defence	Director-General Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(c) U Myat Thu Deputy Director-General Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development	Director-General Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. — MNA

Books, magazines donated to self-reliant village libraries

YANGON, 23 June — Wellwisher U Kyaw Nyunt (Kyaw Nyunt Yi)-Daw Wah Wah Kyaw and family donated books and cash altogether amounted to K 2.74 million including 400 books worth K 0.44 million, 650 copies of Pynmana magazine worth K 1.3 million and K 1 million for self-reliant village libraries at Information and Public Relations Department at 22/24 on Pansodan Street, here, this afternoon.



U Kyaw Nyunt-Daw Wah Wah Kyaw donate books for self-reliant village libraries to IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing. — IPRD

Director-General of IPRD U Chit Naing accepted the donations and expressed thanks.

Also present on the occasion were retired SAT U Tun Aung Khaing from Pynmana BEHS No 1 and No 2,

retired professor U Tun Aung Zan of Institute of Paramedical Sciences and

General Manager U Tint San of Kyaw Win Co Ltd.—MNA



U Ye Win - Daw Yin Nwe and family of 4, Gandama Road, Ngwekyaryan Yeiktha of South Okkalapa Township recently donated K 100,000 to Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board. — H

9th Founding Anniversary of Pantapwinttaung Tawya 27 June

YANGON, 23 June — Under the aegis of President Nayaka Pantapwinttaung Tawya Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññasara, a ceremony to mark the ninth anniversary of Pantapwinttaung Tawya in Taikkyi Township will be held at Dhamma Thukha Beikman of the Tawya on 27 June noon. At the ceremony, K 5,000 each will be provided to 50 outstanding students and K 2,000 each to 360 students from the cultural training courses.

The meditation course will be opened from 28 to 30 June. Wellwishers wishing to donate a dawn 'soen' worth K 150,000 and a day's meal worth K 30,000 may contact the Weyawutsa Group, Tel: 055-20259, U Aung Myo, Tel: 095015520 and 203497 and Daw Tin Tin Win, Tel: 640181. — MNA

Russia, Italy agree to open energy markets

Moscow, 22 June — Russian and Italian leaders said on Tuesday their countries will open energy markets to each other's investors.

Following talks in the Kremlin, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi agreed on access by Russian energy companies to the Italian market in exchange for access by Italian companies to oil and gas extraction in Russia.

"In fact, we are implementing the Energy Charter's supplementary protocol without formally

ratifying the document in Parliament," Putin was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

Despite European pressure, Russia has not ratified the Energy Charter, a document that would require it to open its export pipeline network and other energy assets to foreign investors.

Prodi said Italy and Russia have opened "a new phase of energy

cooperation".

"We no longer have the relations of a seller and a buyer. Russia will be present on the Italian market in the production of electric power," the Italian leader said.

The two leaders also witnessed the signing of an agreement between Russian aircraft maker Sukhoi and Italian aerospace and defence company Finmeccanica on cooperation in a civilian aircraft project.

MNA/Xinhua

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Ancient painted potteries are on display at Liuwán Pottery Museum in Liuwán Village, about 80 kilometres away from Xining, capital of southwest China's Qinghai Province on 21 June, 2006. The village boasts over 2,000 ancient tombs dating back to the New Stone Age and the Bronze Age. Some 40,000 relics have been unearthed in the village, including over 20,000 painted potteries. —INTERNET



Miss Kenya presents traditional dresses during the finals of Miss Tourism Queen International 2006, which is held in Chongqing, southwest China, on 22 June, 2006. —INTERNET

EU's Barroso warns on US "protectionism"

LONDON, 22 June — European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso has warned that a rising tide of protectionism could endanger European investment in the United States, the *Financial Times* reported on Wednesday.

Barroso said he had spoken to US President George W Bush, several times about the risk of introducing new barriers on investment because of worries about globalization or terrorism.

"We want to make sure that the security concerns that we respect can be dealt with in a manner that is not detrimental with our overall political relations, specifically on trade and investment," he told *FT*

Deutschland, the German sister paper of the *Financial Times*. "We deplore all decisions when there is — because of a security concern — the restriction of the free flow of capital," he said.

Bush and Barroso are attending an EU-US summit in the Austrian capital Vienna on Wednesday.

Barroso said a backlash against globalization was stoking protectionist tendencies in the United States and elsewhere.

"The current administration — generally speaking — is fighting these tendencies," he added.

Barroso was concerned about Washington's refusal to grant visa-free access to the United States to citizens of new EU member states.

He said the US position on the visa-waiver scheme treated people from these states "as second-class citizens" even though they hailed from countries that were "very pro-American".

MNA/Reuters

Brazil launches \$5b plan to help farmers

BRASILIA, 23 June — The Brazilian Government on Wednesday launched a five-billion-US-dollar plan to help small- and medium-sized farms for the 2006-2007 harvest season.

The plan, announced at the third Family Agriculture and Reform Fair, will offer 300 million US dollars in credit to cooperatives and farmers who need to borrow between 2,500 and one million dollars.

The plan also creates an organization called the Brazilian Technical Assistance and Rural Extension programme, which will send 20,000 experts to 4,000 rural regions.

Agriculture Minister Guilherme Cassel said the government's plan, part of the National Family Agriculture Reform Programme (Pronaf), would make its first disbursements in July.

"We can proudly say that those who did not have money, now have money," Cassel said.

"Our idea is that by the end of the 2006-2007 harvest season, we will be able to make expert help universally available, and that all of Pronaf's farmers will receive qualified and guaranteed help, as well as the loan," he added.

Brazil's main family farming organization Via Campesina (Peasant Road), praised some aspects of the plan, such as agricultural insurance, technical assistance and a government promise to buy some of the food produced by the farmers. — MNA/Xinhua

Auckland rated one of world's most courteous cities

WELLINGTON, 22 June — Auckland, the biggest city of New Zealand, was rated one of the most courteous cities in the world, according to a survey released Tuesday.

A *Reader's Digest* survey conducted in 35 various cities across the globe analyzed and tested the politeness and helpfulness of people in each urban centre. More than 2,000 separate tests of behaviour were conducted to fix the world's most courteous place.

New York City topped the list and was closely followed by Zurich, Toronto and Berlin.

Auckland ranked 7th. The South Pacific city gained a 97-per-cent pass rate in the shop assistant

test but only 45 per cent of people held the door open for someone else.

MNA/Xinhua

"Big Brother" All-Stars revealed, really

SYDNEY, 22 June — Julie Chen kicked off the seventh season of *Big Brother* Wednesday night with a casting special that revealed the identities of the 20 returning housemates who will vie for a chance to be in *Big Brother: All-Stars*.

Of course, CBS com revealed the same names earlier this month, effectively rendering last night's reveal a bit anticlimactic. In April, the network announced that this season of the house-arrested reality series will be an all-star version, with viewers being able to vote for which blasts from the past will make it into the house. CBS and show producers said they would whittle down the six

seasons of contestants into a pool of 20, from which viewers will be able to give between 12 or 14 of the housemates a second shot. The 20 will vie for the audience's vote by campaigning on the CBS Early Show and various other outlets, including personal Websites.

The contestants who comprised the 20 finalists were warned not to do anything to reveal their identities prior to

last night's casting special. Unfortunately, CBS com didn't get the memo. —Internet

A scenic road sign stands amid burnt forest while firefighters conduct a burn out along the scenic route of Highway 89A in Oak Creek Canyon as the Brins Fire threatened the area near Sedona, Arizona, on 21 June, 2006. —INTERNET





Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) holds a welcoming ceremony for Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 June, 2006.—INTERNET

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Wen Jiabao signs pacts with S Africa, Angola

CAPE TOWN, 22 June— China secured a series of agreements with South Africa and Angola on Wednesday to strengthen political ties and bolster trade relations with the key African nations. The pacts, ranging from cooperation on

nuclear energy, minerals and bilateral trade, were sealed during stops on a seven-nation African tour by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao.

Wen arrived in South Africa on Wednesday from Angola and had talks with President Thabo Mbeki in Cape Town.

China has agreed to extend more than 2 billion US dollars in credit to Angola to help the oil-producing nation rebuild its war-ravaged economy, adding to the 3-billion-US-dollar credit line Beijing has already agreed with Luanda.

It will also cap textile

and clothing exports to South Africa to help the country's industry to develop, following criticism from local trade unions that cheap Chinese goods are costing jobs.

"We are willing to take self-restrictive steps and measures to restrict the export of Chinese textiles to South Africa in order to ensure the stability of the textile market in this country," Wen told reporters.

The pact will significantly cut Chinese imports into South Africa for a range of goods, particularly clothing and textiles.—MNA/Reuters

Study says southern California vulnerable to earthquake

LONDON, 22 June —An earthquake may occur in southern California soon caused by the movement of a fault in the area, a study has said.

The San Andreas fault runs through almost all of western California from north to south. The land on the western side of the fault is moving north while the land on the eastern side down south,

according to a study to be published on Thursday in the weekly journal *Nature*.

The friction caused by the opposite movements of the plates may trigger huge earthquakes, if the

pent-up energy is not released by minor movements, known as creep, Yuri Fialko, a seismologist with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, was quoted as saying.

Fialko conducted the study by using satellite imaging and data from Global Positioning System (GPS) monitors from 1985 to 2005.

According to his study, the energy accumulated from the slips, the opposite movements of plates, is substantial and is not being released by creep.

In conclusion, the

scientist warns that an earthquake may soon strike. A major earthquake rattled San Francisco in 1906.

MNA/Xinhua



California's Antelope Valley freeway passes near folded layers of sediment above the San Andreas Fault near Palmdale, California, on 22 June, 2006.—INTERNET



Maritime affairs departments and vessels from the armed police hold an exercise on the Yangtze River course on 21 June, aiming to prevent the danger that out-of-control ships collide with the dams.—INTERNET

Former senior official says Iraq may ask US to go

CANBERRA, 22 June— Former US deputy secretary of state Richard Armitage has said that the level of violence in some areas of Iraq is worsening dramatically, and US forces may soon be asked to leave by the Iraqi Government.

The Australian daily on Wednesday quoted Armitage as saying in an interview that the most optimistic scenario following a US withdrawal would be that Iraq would become a loose federation with a weak central government.

He said he hoped there could be a draw-down of US and other coalition troops in Iraq in the next 12 to 18 months.

He believed that Iraq is still a big drag on Republicans in the United States, saying "many Republicans are running away from the President (George W. Bush)" as they prepare for the forthcoming mid-term congressional elections.

Armitage is equally gloomy about Afghanistan, especially in the south part of the country, where violence is worsening. "Five years

after the overthrow of the Taliban, the ordinary people don't see much change in their lives," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Parents pinch pennies from piggy banks

SYDNEY, 23 June — One in four Australian parents regularly "borrow" money from their children's piggy banks to pay for anything from bread to luxury holidays, a survey said on Wednesday.

Mums are more than twice as likely to raid their children's savings than dad, with 35 per cent of mothers confessing to the crime compared with 16 per cent of fathers.

But almost nine out of 10 still believed they were setting a good example of financial management for their tiny tycoons.

Fund management

firm Bankwest surveyed almost 400 parents or guardians of children aged 17 or under.

"I am guilty of the crime myself," Paul Vivian, Bankwest's head of retail deposits, told *Reuters*.

"If you can't find any money, you know the one place you can always rely on is the kids' piggy banks. But my wife

always makes sure I put it back — with interest," he said. Of those who admitted to raiding piggy banks, more than half said they used the money to buy essentials such as petrol, milk and bread. Another 20 per cent said they needed the money to pay off water and electricity bills and other utilities.

MNA/Reuters

Expert says Brazilian snake venom helps treat heart attack patients

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 June — Tests made at the Brazilian Federal University of Sao Carlos (UFSCar), in Sao Paulo State, showed that a protein found in the venom of the Brazilian snake *Urutus* can help heal and regenerate injured tissue, such as the damaged tissue found in heart attack victims, a professor of UFSCars said on Tuesday.

Professor Heloisa Sobreiro Selistre de

Araujo, from UFSCar's Physiological Science Department, explained that depending on the poison's concentration level, ALT-C, the name given to the poison's protein, could increase or inhibit the formation of new blood vessels.

In low concentrations, ALT-C can promote the formation of new blood vessels, Araujo said. This makes the protein a possible base for drugs that treat conditions caused by inappropriate vascularization, like heart attacks, diabetic wounds and even erectile mal-

functions.

In high concentrations, the protein produces the inverse effect, inhibiting the creation of new blood vessels, an effect potentially useful for the treatment of cancer.

Although both effects were tested by UFSCar scientists in mice, Araujo said they would focus their research on the tissue regeneration possibilities presented by the protein. These possibilities seemed to be more promising, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

China committed to partnership with Bangladesh

BEIJING, 22 June — A senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official said here Wednesday that China values ties with Bangladesh and is committed to promoting the two countries' comprehensive partnership.

"China and Bangladesh are friendly neighbours and the bilateral cooperation in politics, economy, trade and cultural fields have produced fruitful results over the past 31 years," said Luo Gan, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC

Central Committee, in a meeting with Mohammed Abdul Jalil, general secretary of the Bangladesh Awami League.

In 2005, China and Bangladesh announced the forging of a long-term and mutually beneficial comprehensive partnership. Luo expressed his appreciation to Jalil for Bangladesh's support for China on issues including Taiwan and human rights.

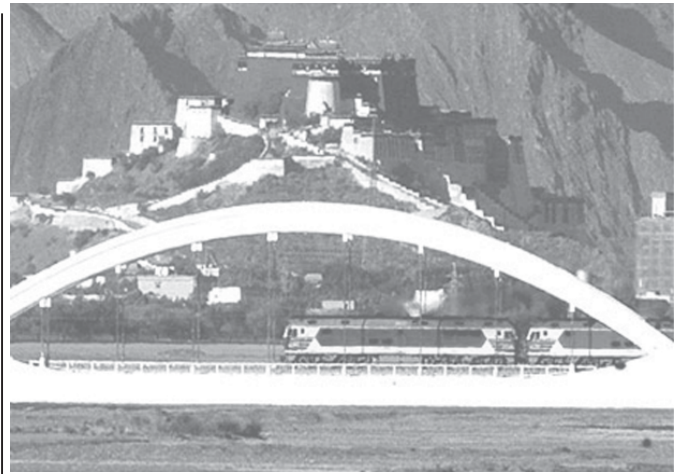
"China is ready to work with Bangladesh and continue to expand bilateral reciprocal cooperation to

continuously enrich and promote the China-Bangladesh comprehensive partnership," Luo said. Luo said the CPC valued friendly relations with Bangladesh's parties including the Bangladesh Awami League. He said he hoped such friendly inter-party relations would promote bilateral ties.

Jalil said his country firmly abided by the one-China policy.

He also expressed his appreciation to China for its long-term assistance.

MNA/Xinhua



A train chugs on the railway bridge across Lhasa River with the Potala Palace in the background in Lhasa, capital of northwest China's Tibetan Autonomous Region, on 20 June, 2006. —INTERNET

New landslide technology may save lives

LONDON, 22 June — A pioneering new technique designed by Loughborough University in Britain to help predict landslides could save hundreds of lives worldwide, if trials prove successful.

The Acoustic Real-time Monitoring System gauges the stability of slopes by listening to soil movement. It is hoped that this radical new system will be more sensitive to slope changes and more robust than traditional methods, a Press release by the University said on Tuesday.

Dr Neil Dixon, Senior Lecturer in Geotechnical Engineering at Loughborough University, said: "Around the world, lots of people are killed every year in landslides. Slopes are not always monitored but, if there is an indication that a slope may fail, instruments like this may

help to give early warning. "Slope stability can reduce rapidly in a matter of hours or even minutes. A warning five or 10 minutes earlier than is currently possible might be enough to evacuate a block of flats or clear a

road — and save lives in the process," said Dixon.

The device uses a tube inserted into the slope, with a sensor on top to pick up the high frequency sounds that come from moving soil particles underground.

MNA/Xinhua



Drivers manage their vehicles forward in the flooded street with caution in Xuchang, a city in central Henan Province, on 22 June, 2006. Heavy downpours in the early morning brought waist-deep floodwater on some of the city's streets, causing great inconvenience to the local residents. —INTERNET

16 bodies found, 40 still missing in N China mine flooding

TAIYUAN, 22 June — Rescuers have recovered the bodies of 16 miners trapped in a flooded North China coal mine for more than a month, but 40 others are still missing, the disaster-relief headquarters said Wednesday.

The flooding occurred on May 18 in the Xinjing colliery in the county of Zuoyun, Shanxi Province.

Rescue workers have pumped 403,517 cubic metres of water from the shaft, lowering the water level by 24.5 metres.

A total of 266 workers were working under the shaft when the accident took place, but only 210 managed to escape.

The rescue operation encountered difficulties after the owner of the mine destroyed all the design drawings and other important documents.

The pumping was continuing despite slim hopes for the survival of the trapped miners.

MNA/Xinhua

More women than men hospitalized for asthma

NEW YORK, 23 June — Women are significantly more likely than men to go to the emergency department because of asthma-related symptoms and to be admitted to the hospital, a Canadian study shows. It is not that women have more severe asthma, the researchers say. Rather, it seems that women perceive their asthma symptoms as worse than men do. Sex bias on the part of healthcare professionals may also factor in to the higher admission rates for an asthma attack among women.

To investigate sex differences in hospital admission rates for asthma, Dr Akerke Baibergenova from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario and colleagues reviewed the records of 31,490

asthmatics between 18 to 55 years of age who visited Ontario emergency departments during a recent 1-year period.

Women not only made up the majority of all emergency visits (62.2 per cent), they also accounted for a greater percentage of hospitalizations (7.4 per cent versus 4.5 per cent for men), the researchers report in the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*.

These differences could not be explained on the basis of asthma rates or severity in men and women. Even women with low asthma severity scores were still more likely to be hospitalized than men with moderate scores, Baibergenova's team reports.

MNA/Reuters

Israel charges US settler with arms smuggling

JERUSALEM, 22 June — Israeli police said on Wednesday they were holding a US citizen from a Jewish settlement in the West Bank on suspicion he tried to smuggle a sniper rifle into Israel for attacks on Palestinians.

Shmuel Gefrayset, 39, from California, was

arraigned by an Israeli court on charges of illegally importing the rifle, ammunition and bullet-making equipment. Gefrayset said he had intended to give the weapon to the Israeli Army.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said Gefrayset was arrested 10 days ago at the Israeli port of Haifa where he tried to release a container, shipped from the United States, that held the weapon and ammunition,

which he had not declared to Customs authorities.

Given the suspect's support for the late anti-Arab rabbi, Meir Kahane, police had "reason to believe he intended to carry out attacks, possibly against Palestinians", Rosenfeld said.

"I never thought about hurting Arabs, but I'm not saying that it never crossed my mind," Gefrayset said on Israel Radio. "Every time you see a suicide attack, it crosses your mind." — MNA/Reuters

Thailand forecasts season of storm and flood

BANGKOK, 22 June — People across Thailand are advised on Wednesday to closely follow weather forecasts by the Meteorological Department, as throughout this year's rainy season devastating tropical storms might

occur.

Heavy downpours and rainstorms are forecast throughout the country from June through November, with torrential flows of rainwater expected in Thailand's northern valleys, inundating urban areas, and storm waves rising 2-5 metres high in the Gulf of Thailand, department officials said.

Several tropical storms are anticipated to form in South China Sea, near the Philippines, and move toward the shores of Vietnam before hitting Thailand's upper regions between August and September, the official *Thai News Agency* said.

Rainstorms are expected to affect lower Thailand in October and November.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese customers check meat packs at a Tokyo meat shop on 21 June, 2006. Japan's agriculture minister has dismissed as "nonsense" threats by US lawmakers to impose up to 2.7 billion dollars in sanctions unless Tokyo quickly resumes imports of US beef.—INTERNET

Over one-third EU population have no basic computer skills

BRUSSELS, 22 June — Over a third of people in the European Union (EU) aged between 16 and 74 had no basic computer skills in 2005, said Eurostat, the statistical service of the EU, on Tuesday.

Overall, 37 per cent of the people in this age bracket have no basic computer skills. The percentage was slightly higher for women (39 per cent) than for men (34 per cent). The survey also showed notable differences between member states, between age groups and between different education levels, said Eurostat.

Among the 17 member states for which data are available, e-literacy rate was less than 50 per cent in six countries: Greece, Italy, Hungary, Cyprus, Portugal and Lithuania. In five other countries, less than a quarter of the population were non e-literate: Denmark, Sweden, Luxembourg, Germany and Britain.

Among older people the non e-literacy proportion was higher. In the EU on average, 65 per cent of people aged 55 to 74 had no computer skills. This percentage ranged from 27 per cent in Denmark and Sweden to 93 per cent in Greece.—MNA/Xinhua



Trade show visitors look at a compact Swedish suitcase satellite system on display at the CommunicAsia 2006 exhibition in Singapore on 21 June 2006. East Asian countries lead the world in embracing digital home products, led by high-tech powerhouses Taiwan and South Korea, a US research firm said.—INTERNET

Iraq speaker demands US probe in new deaths

BAGHDAD, 22 June — The speaker of Iraq's Parliament asked the US Ambassador on Wednesday to investigate the killing by US troops of "many innocent people" at a poultry farm in a village northeast of Baghdad.

The US military, in the spotlight over murder charges it has brought against troops accused of killing Iraqis, said all 15 people killed in Tuesday's raid near Baquba were gunmen.

Aides to parliamentary speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani said in a statement that he had asked US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad to launch a "quick and transparent investigation".

"The speaker demanded the US forces stop such... mistakes," it said. "The Iraqi leadership

should not fail to take action in order to stop the bloodshed of... Iraqis."

Mashhadani is a Sunni Arab, elected in April to an office reserved for the minority under power-sharing conventions to distribute posts among Sunnis, Kurds and majority Shiites.

On Tuesday, the US military said its forces hunting Sunni guerillas linked to al-Qaeda killed 15 gunmen in simultaneous raids. Residents of Qaduri Ali al Shahin village 13 kilometres (nine miles) north of Baquba

said the dead were employees of a poultry farm.

The Sunni Muslim Scholars Association, which is sharply critical of the US occupation, condemned "this crime".

MNA/Reuters

Australian scientists develop vaccine for blood flukes

CANBERRA, 22 June — Australian scientists have developed a vaccine for parasitic worms, known as blood flukes, that affect 200 million people worldwide. The vaccine works by stimulating the immune system to help the body detect the worm and in trials has reduced the rate of infection by more than 60 per cent, Australian Associated Press reported on Wednesday.

Blood flukes, which are found in the still, fresh waters of the tropics in developing countries, cause bladder cancer, renal failure, liver fibrosis and even death. Head of the Helminth Biology Laboratory at the

Queensland Institute of Medical Research Alex Loukas was quoted as saying that his team's vaccine could save thousands of lives because it was a more practical solution than the existing treatment. "There are drugs available that do kill this parasite, but the problem is that people have to keep taking those drugs their entire life and

in developing countries you just can't do that," he said. "(The vaccine) might protect people for five or ten years instead of having to treat them every few months." The team is awaiting funding confirmation before it can proceed with clinical trials for the vaccine which, up until now, has been trialled on animals.

MNA/Xinhua

Microsoft sees future in robots

LOS ANGELES, 22 June — Software giant Microsoft Corp sees the future and it is robots.

The Seattle-based company on Tuesday previewed a set of new software tools that aims to give developers a simpler way to design robots and to create and test programmes that operate a wide range of machines — from toys to floor sweepers to those used in factory production lines.

"We believe this is a key part of the future of computing," said Microsoft Robotics Group general manager Tandy Trower, who called robots the next evolution of the personal computer.

While the fragmented robotics market is now in its infancy, Trower said forecasts call for the industry to grow into a multibillion-dollar market in the next five to 10 years.

The group's first product, called Microsoft Robotics Studio, is designed for hobbyists, students or commercial developers, who have had to reinvent the wheel each time they use different hardware to build a robot.

MNA/Reuters

Earthquake jolts southern Gansu

BEIJING, 22 June — Chinese seismological network has monitored that an earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale struck southern Gansu Province in northwest China at about 0:52 hours (Beijing Time) on Wednesday.

The epicentre was determined to be located at 33.1 degrees North Latitude and 105 degrees East Longitude, about 30 kilometres east to the seats of Wenxian and Wudu counties, both in southern Gansu. There has been no immediate casualty report.—MNA/Xinhua

Pentagon confirms two bodies found in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 22 June — The Pentagon said on Tuesday that two unidentified bodies were found south of Baghdad but did not confirm they were the US soldiers who were abducted by Iraqi guerillas late last week, CNN reported. An Iraqi defence official said earlier the soldiers who went missing were killed and their bodies were found in an area south of Baghdad where a group linked to al-Qaeda said it had abducted them.

MNA/Reuters

One in 10 British children has mental health disorder

LONDON, 22 June — One in 10 children below the age of 15 in Britain has a mental health problem and the prevalence of mental disorders is on the increase, doctors said on Tuesday.

The British Medical Association warned in a report that with an estimated 1.1 million children needing access to specialist mental health help, services are struggling to cope. "These problems have a huge impact on families and carers as well as on the individual," it said. Children from poorer backgrounds, those in care,

the children of asylum-seekers and those who have witnessed domestic violence are all at a higher risk of developing mental health problems, the BMA said. Those problems could range from sleep disorders, temper tantrums and eating disorders to behaviour problems or depressive and obsessive disorders.

Vivienne Nathanson, head of BMA Ethics and Science, told a news conference it was vital to give children access to high quality mental health care tailored to meet their needs.—MNA/Xinhua



Washington Capitals' Alexander Ovechkin of Russia kisses the Calder Trophy for rookie of the year during the National Hockey League Awards in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 22 June, 2006.—INTERNET

Hailing Myanmar Women's Day — 2006:

3rd July represents genuine Myanmar Women's Day

Mi Khin Thant

Myanmar women continuously preserve Myanmar characteristics, culture, traditions and customs. In Myanmar society, there are many sayings that demonstrate the dignity of women. Being brought up under the religious teachings, and exhortations of elderly persons, Myanmar women are exemplars in terms of politeness and gentleness.

Myanmar women keep abreast of men in the education, economic, social and political sectors. For what Myanmar women can take pride most is that they are imbued with nationalistic spirit with which they preserve their own lineage. According to the Singalovada Sutta, there are five duties of children to their parents — to support their parents, to perform their duties owing to them, to be worthy of their inheritance, to offer alms and share the merits with their parents, and to preserve their family lineage.

Myanmar women are ideals in preserving their lineage. However, there might be black sheep. Such women are branded as those who bring dishonour to own lineage. Women who are married to foreigners due to poverty or covetousness are indeed those who tarnish the prestige of their own lineage. And such women become an object of ridicule.

The Myanmar women who got married to Fascist Japanese soldiers, who occupied Myanmar during the period of World War II, came under harsh criticism. With reference to Sein Kyi, wife of a Japanese officer, other Myanmar wives of Japanese officers were billed as Sein Kyi. Such women were criticized widespread for their marriages to Japanese soldiers.

Just after the Second World War when Japan surrendered, British, American, French, Australian and American Negro troops entered Myanmar bringing together with them US-made Jeeps. Some Myanmar women brazenly sitting side by side with American officers on Jeeps in a state of ecstasy were branded as Jeep ladies or lady Jeeps. After the return of the Americans, the lives of lady Jeeps or Jeep ladies were the same as that of Sein Kyi.

Mrs Benazir Bhutto became prime minister in Pakistan. Mrs Golda Meir became prime minister in Israel. Mrs Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga became prime minister and president in Sri Lanka. Mrs Indira Gandhi became prime minister in India. Mrs Corazan Aquino became president in the Philippines. The Philippine President at present is Mrs Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. Mrs Margaret Thatcher is former British prime minister. Now, German Chancellor is Mrs Angela Merkel. And there are many female state leaders in the world especially in Asia. I notice that all those female leaders are those

who preserve the lineage concerned and get married to men of their own peoples.

After the ouster and assassination of former Pakistani President Ali Bhutto, his daughter Benazir Bhutto had to take refuge in England. Just after she learnt that she could grab the opportunity to enter politics in Pakistan, she returned home and got married to a Pakistani man. In an interview, correspondents asked why she got married just after she had returned home for political purpose. She said that she was going to enter politics, and she would have to take organizational measures and to carry out tasks together with men. She said she had to get married to avoid being criticized. If she planned to lead a married life, she would have to choose a man of same people, she said.

In the Myanmar history were also many exemplary women such as Bhadda Nuwati of Tagaung, Malar Sandi of Srikestra, Princess Pantra of Beikthano, Shin Saw Pu of Hanthawady, Queen Phwar Saw of the Bagan Period, Princess Rusiyapaba of the Inwa Period, Nanmadaw Shin Min Nu of the Konbaung Period, Queen Hsinbyushin, Queen Sakkyā Devi and Queen Su Phaya Latt. Queen Su Phaya Latt once said that she would send a Kyaukpyin (flat circle stone used for producing traditional cosmetics) and a sarong to a minister who was objecting the preparations to repel the attacks of the British.

When the British waged the Third Anglo-Myanmar War in 1885, women and men patriots from hilly regions and plains fought back the invaders. In their documentary record, the British praised the Shan women for their participation with bravery in Wethigan Battle. Pinya Secretary's daughter Pin Khin Khin who bravely fought the intruders hand in hand with Shwe Dah Bo U Min Po in the battle in Natmauk region, the wife of Bagan Bo Cho, Monywa Khin Lay Gyi, and Chin female nationals who made supreme sacrifices in the Shei Lone Fortress in Chin Mountain Range such as Lam Kyaim, Loi Wun Hwe Nam, Wun Ninh, Owun He Nayan Kyaim, and Dim Nyit demonstrated their brilliant performance that went down in the annals of the nation's history.

It will need a lot of pages if a list is to be compiled with the names of national workers, farmers, students, and educated youth patriots who took part in the battles at risk to their lives against the British for regaining independence. Thakinma Daw Aye, Thakinma Daw Aye Khin, Thakinma Daw Hse, Daw Mya Mya, Daw May Khin, Daw Aye Kyin, Daw Khin Si, Daw Saw Mya, Daw Hninzi, Daw San San (Chauk), Daw Ngwe Khin, Daw Yin Shwe, so on and so forth who took part in the Anti-

Fascist Resistance showed their heroic sacrifices in the anti-colonialist battles.

In fact, the role of Myanmar women has been compatible with the nation's history. And the entire Myanmar women have played an active role in the independence struggles, safeguarding and protecting the motherland in order that independence will not be lost again, measures for restoration of peace in the nation, the drive for building a modern developed nation, and the fights against internal and external common enemies, those inciting mass demonstrations, and neo-colonialists. They are also serving the interests of the people.

They are members of the Myanmar Women Affairs Federation that has taken a solemn vow to take part in the drive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. The MWAFF that has millions of members celebrates the Myanmar Women's Day that falls on 3 July. Holding commemorative ceremonies, the federation also lays down resolutions yearly to enable the entire womenfolk to translate their goodwill into reality in the interests of the nation. The World Women's Day is marked worldwide. Respective nations celebrate their women's day nation-wise. Myanmar has designated the 3rd of July as Myanmar Women's Day and the day is celebrated yearly. The Myanmar Women's Day represents the entire women, but not a single woman.

It is because women of the world including Myanmar women love and cherish respective motherlands and peoples, and want to enjoy peace, stability and progress and to exert collaborative efforts to raise the life of the mass of women. The Myanmar Women's Day is held with a view to enabling the entire women to inherit the fine traditions from their ancestors. The population of Myanmar women of about 30 million makes up more than 50 per cent of the nation's population of over 54 million. The Myanmar Women's Day is the day on which the role of about 30 million women is enhanced.

Nowadays, there is a loud brazen shout that the birthday of a single woman is designated as the Myanmar Women's Day. That woman stayed abroad for long, got married to a foreigner, who is serving as a lackey of the colonialists, who has been attempting to manipulate Myanmar's affairs after arriving in Myanmar unexpectedly, who is resorting to various means to have the motherland exploited by foreign countries and to undermine the stability, peace and progress of the nation, who has received 82 international prizes plus millions of US dollars, and who fails to be equipped with the anti-colonialist spirit and the spirit of independence handed down by her forefathers.

The 3rd of July is unlike the 19th of June. The 19th of June represents the birthday of an ordinary woman, whereas the 3rd of July is the Myanmar Women's Day designated as a gesture of honouring the mass of Myanmar women who are fully armed with Myanmar spirit. To the liking of the colonialists, the woman is inciting mass protests, taking confrontation course the government designed to defy the laws, and calling on the international community to impose sanctions against the nation. However much she is making pious voices, her deeds have depicted that she is just a trickster. Therefore, the 3rd of July is the Myanmar Women's Day that indicates the patriotism, and the spirit of preserving own lineage inherited by Myanmar women.

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Bago Division striving for cultivation...

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plans of the Government and five rural development tasks by making field trips to the grassroots level.

He noted that Bago Division is striving for cultivation of monsoon paddy to meet the target of 3 million acres. Therefore, Kyaukkyi Township is to put 80,000 acres of land under monsoon paddy. In addition, all are to grow new crop items pepper and physic nut including 10 main crops on a manageable scale and commercial scale. Furthermore, domestic pedigree poultry is to be raised at every house and duck

breeding is to be extended on a commercial scale. As such, township economy and per capita income of local people will rise. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged all to carry out beautifying and sanitation tasks in the town.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted those present.

Next, they viewed ploughing and nurturing of monsoon paddy along the road of Kyaukkyi and returned to Nay Pyi Taw.

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Sanitation tasks carried out in Yangon City



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect repaving of Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township. — MNA

YANGON, 23 June — 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 inspected dredging of drains along Thanlyatsun road in Botahtaung Township this morning.

On arrival at Water Treatment Plant in Thanlyatsun, the commander and the mayor heard

reports on process of water treatment in the plant and gave instructions.

The commander and the mayor also inspected unblocking of drains in Kamayut and Hline Townships and repaving of Mindhamma road with asphalt in Mayangon Township, and left instructions there.

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Royal Gold Luxury Soap sets foot in Myanmar market

YANGON, 23 June — Royal Gold Luxury Soap Factory in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-2 has marketed its quality soaps with a pleasant smell.

The 80-g soap enriched in Pnul Kernel Oil Leather and can prevent the damage of skin and kill bacteria.

The natural organic

soaps of six colours — violent, red, blue, green, pink and black — also make fair complexion. The black colour soap is enriched with vitamin-E.

Royal Gold Luxury Soap Factory uses raw materials from Europe, Singapore and Malaysia and Japanese technology to produce its new products.



The advertisement of Royal Gold soap produced by Royal Gold Luxury Soap Factory.

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



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International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
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**မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး မပေါ့ဆနှင့်
DRUGS ARE NOT CHILD'S PLAY**

Delegations visit downtown Yangon



Delegates who attended 8th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting visit Shwedagon Pagoda.

HEALTH

YANGON, 23 June — Deputy Ministers, senior officials from ASEAN member countries, China, Japan and Republic of Korea, the Deputy Secretary-General and officials of the ASEAN Secretariat who attended the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting, the Second ASEAN+Three Health Ministers' Meeting and First ASEAN+China Health Ministers' Meeting hosted by Myanmar visited Shwedagon Pagoda, Drugs Elimination Museum and Myanma Gems Mart this morning.

Member of Pagoda Board of Trustees U Ba Shwe conducted the delegations around the Pagoda. The delegations later signed the visitor's book and posed for a documentary photo.

On arrival at Drugs Elimination Museum, Curator Police Lt-Col Htay Aung conducted the guests around the museum. Later, they went to Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. — MNA

Prizes presented to winners in contests to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

YANGON, 23 June — In commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June 2006, the prize presentation for the painting, cartoon, poster, song, essay and wall magazine competitions was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Latha Township this morning.

School girls sang the national anthem and school songs.

Headmistress Daw Khin Ohn Myint explained the purpose of holding the ceremony.

The headmistress and officials presented prize to Ma Aye Myat Thu who stood first in the central level song composing contest, first in the painting contest and third in the poster contest, prizes to winners in the essay, painting, cartoon, poster and wall magazine contest and gifts to the teachers. — MNA



Latha BEHS No 2 Headmistress Daw Khin Ohn Myint presents prize to Ma Aye Myat Thu who stood first in central level song composing contest marking International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. — MNA

Improvement of individual qualification will promote...

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according to its policy programmes. They join the association of their own volition to take part in the task to bring about development and stability to the nation. The association has been running with systematic organizational and management programmes to carry out regional development undertakings. Thanks to the public support, the membership strength has reached over 23 million.

Quantitative strength must be developed to qualitative efficiency. Improvement of individual qualification will promote the collective strength of the association. Constant learning is required to promote individual qualification.

At the course, the trainees had made wider discussions to enhance belief and conviction, qualification, leadership skill and cooperation in addition to studying national security and defence subject and national development subject to solve the current problems. The trainees will have to increase the membership strength with good leadership they have conceived. The members will be able to acquire unity in mind and work only if they are able to appreciate leadership skills and realize the aim.

Projects are being implemented to ensure stability and economic and education development the

requirements to build a new nation. The association has been implementing the future programmes to take part in the task effectively. Its future programmes are to serve the national and public interest. The members should explain the nation-building task in connection with the future programmes. Only then will the association win greater public cooperation. The association has the duty to implement the project to develop rural areas where over 70 per cent of the nation's population live.

More than 8 million member farmers and 5 million member workers are working together with the farmers and workers across the country to boost agricultural production for the improvement of their socio-economic life. The association will also contribute towards the well-being of the people. In addition, cooperation is needed to grow more physic nut plants in order to produce bio-diesel, he said. Nowadays, it can be seen that the government is not losing sight of its goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. It is implementing the seven-point Road Map. Now the association is actively participating in the successful implementation of the Road Map as well as in the mass rallies in support of the National Convention.

U Htay Oo said the State is now on the road to peace and stability and development. However, some internal and external elements and foreign media, ignoring the development of the country, are meddling

in Myanmar's internal affairs. So it is the duty of the association to guard against any forms of danger. In reality, peace and stability as well as development of a country is much wanted by its people only. Moreover, it is only the people who know the prevailing conditions of the country. Anyway, the well-being of the State is dependent upon its people only. That is why all the members of the association are urged to lend themselves to the tasks for regional development in cooperation with authorities concerned.

Later, U Htay Oo urged the trainees to be aware of the importance of their duties realizing the actual situation of the country and to try to become the ones on whom the State can rely; to try to become the ones who have confidence and conviction upholding the policies of the association; to try to inculcate true patriotism into all the national people; to strive for the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map of the State; to cultivate the habit of understanding the cause of leadership and following orders of superiors and the sense of unity; to organize the people to participate in the tasks of peace and stability of the State and regional development; and to guard against any dangers.

After the ceremony, U Htay Oo and CEC members cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 205 USDA secretaries and executives at state/division and district levels attended the course which started on 22 May. —MNA

Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field daily produces over 80 million cubic feet of gas, over 600 barrels of condensate

YANGON, 23 June — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, accompanied by officials went to Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field this afternoon.

General Manager U Aye Myint reported on successful drilling of No 33 well,

current production and distribution of gas.

The minister stressed the need for drilling of new wells in the field, conducting of geological survey and measures to be taken for domestic consumption.

The minister presented prizes to the staff

and inspected the new well N033, which produces 3.2 million cubic feet of gas and 32 barrels of condensate daily.

At present, Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field produces over 80 million cubic feet of gas and over 600 barrels of condensate daily.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects new well No 33.—ENERGY

Officials of UMFCCI meet FAO/IFAD delegation

YANGON, 23 June — The FAO: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Mission comprising four members led by Senior Consultant Economist of HJP International Ltd from England called on

General-Secretary of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing and officials at UMFCCI on 21 June.

They cordially discussed matters on programme for agricultural

tasks of the farmers in Greater Mekong region, dissemination of farming methods, conducting of agricultural training courses, production of more crops and quality strains, and seeking of market.

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68 pearl lots, 30 gems lots sold



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint meets local and foreign gems merchants.—MNA

YANGON, 23 June — The sales of gems and pearl lots to foreign merchants started today at Myanma Gems Mart and 69 pearl lots and 30 gems lots were sold in euro currency through tender and competitive bidding system.

A total of 2,243 gems merchants at home and abroad gathered at the special sales of jade, gems and pearl lots for 2006 organized by Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and 250 pearl lots and 189 gems lots were displayed today at MGM

which will last till 4 July.

Chairman of MGECC Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint visited the emporium this afternoon and greeted gems merchants.

So far, 1,415 merchants from 378 gems companies of foreign companies and 828 merchants from 351 gems companies at home have arrived.

The sales of jade lots will be held from 24 June to 4 July at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township through tender system.

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Delegation of FAO/IFAD meets with officials of UMFCCI.—UMFCCI

Wellwishers donate over K 37m to MWF



MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe speaking at the cash donation ceremony hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2006.

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YANGON, 23 June — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day, which falls on 3 July 2006, a ceremony to donate cash to Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the meeting hall of MWAF on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township this afternoon.

It was attended by President of the federation Daw Than Than Nwe, Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, CEC members and wellwishers.

The president and the vice-presidents accepted K 300,000 donated by wives of members of the State Peace and Development Council; K 3 million by YCDC; K 500,000 each by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation



MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe accepts K 300,000 donated by wives of SPDC members. — MNA

and the Ministry of Transport; K 100,000 each by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and the Ministry of Health; K 500,000 each by Union Solidarity and Development Association and Myanmar Maternal

and Child Welfare Association; K 300,000 by Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association; K 7.5 million by Major Maung Lat (Retd)-Daw Nan Yin Yin (Soe San Hostel, PyinOoLwin); K 200,000 by the Ministry of Information; K 100,000 by

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; K 1 million each by 12 wellwishers; K 550,000 each by two wellwishers; K 500,000 each by 10 donors; K 303,000 by Sandi Traditional Medicine Family; K 300,000 each by five wellwishers; K 200,000 each by seven wellwishers; K 100,000 each by Finance Department of MWAF; Brig-Gen Sithu Tin Pe (Retd)-Daw Thein Hsaing (Writer Ma Myat Lay) and 23 wellwishers; K 50,000 each by three wellwishers and K 20,000 by Ma Thiri Myint.

Certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers.

President Daw Than Than Nwe expressed gratitude.

Today's donations from 77 wellwishers amounted to K 37,123,000. — MNA



MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe accepts K 200,000 donated by Ministry of Information. — MNA

SSA-S forcibly recruiting members in Shan State (South)

YANGON, 23 June — Shan State Army-South (SSA-S) members are sticking to the acts of torturing and murdering local national people, collecting extortion money, forcibly recruiting members and producing and smuggling narcotic drugs.

Major San Khay of Brigade-360 under the council of reconstruction of Shan State, a cohort armed organization of SSA-S, sent a letter of intimidation

dated 12 June to the chairman of Wanmak Village Peace and Development Council in Maukmai Township, Shan State (South). In the letter, he said, "six recruits from Wanmak Village are to be sent to Nahi Village in Maukmai Township not later than 1 July. Otherwise, one person from each household will be forcefully recruited and punitive action will be taken against the village if they stay away", it is learnt. — MNA

POEM:

Our Myanmar Women's Day

* For the economic interest of our Myanmar
Our Myanmar women
Are alert and united.
Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation
Was established
3rd Day of the month of July
Is our Myanmar Women's Day
We shall remember that
Till eternity.

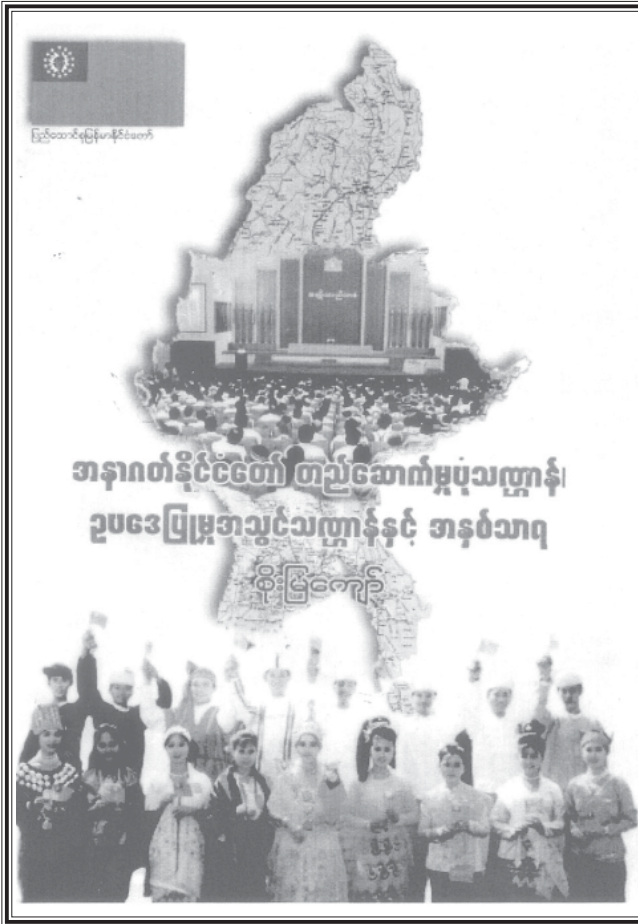
* We do not depend on strangers
Just because we are women.
We're patriots, and don't discard our kin,
We intend to keep our lineage intact
We are not grudgeful
But our women's hearts are tough
Born and bred in Myanmar.
True Myanmar safeguard our kin
Simple and straightforward.

* Our cultural heritage
Does not deviate or veer away
To rid ourselves
Of human trafficking, terrorism
We rally and strive together
With Women's Federation leading
Taking up the legal stand points
And with a wide economic outlook
Women of all ages
Keep coordinating always.

* We pay attention to education
Of our young sons and daughters
Rally around and help
To get them into schools.
Donate as much as we can
With decent hearts
Eldest daughter is mother, it's said
With that feeling and goodwill
Loving-kindness multiplies
For long-felt feeling.

* For thriving of our Myanmar economy
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Ma Shwe Aye (Heho) (Trs)
(Hailing Myanmar Women's Day— 3rd July
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စိုးမြကျော် ၏

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- အနာဂတ်နိုင်ငံတော် တည်ဆောက်မှု ပုံသဏ္ဍာန်နှင့် အနှစ်သာရ အခန်း (၁) ခန်းနှင့် အနာဂတ်နိုင်ငံတော်၏ ဥပဒေပြုမှု အသွင်သဏ္ဍာန်နှင့် အနှစ်သာရ အပိုင်း (၁၃) ပိုင်းပါရှိသည်။
- ရောင်စုံ သရုပ်ဖော်ပုံများနှင့် စာမျက်နှာ (၁၅၀)၊ ရောင်းစေး၊ ၃၅၀/-

ထွက်ပြီ

- စာပေဗိမာန် စာအုပ်ဆိုင် ၅၂၉-၅၃၀၊ ကုန်သည်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့။
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Troop withdrawal starts in southern Iraq

SAMAWA (Iraq), 23 June — The governor of Iraq's southern province of Muthanna said foreign troops formally began their withdrawal on Thursday, days after Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki announced a handover of security in the region.

"The withdrawal of the Multi-National Forces from Muthanna Province starts today. It will take more than a month to complete this withdrawal," Governor Mohammed al-Hasani told a news conference in the provincial capital Samawa.

Officers from the British-led force hitherto responsible for the largely Shiite province said, however, that the process of moving British, Japanese and Australian troops out had already begun. It would be complete by the end of July. — *MNA/Reuters*



Actress Nicole Kidman sits in the front of her car as she arrives back at her house in Sydney on 22 June, 2006. — INTERNET

More than 14% lack health insurance in US

WASHINGTON, 23 June — More than 14 per cent of Americans lacked health insurance last year, a slightly lower share than 2004, according to federal statistics published on Wednesday.

The survey, by the National Centre for Health Statistics, also found that 8.9 per cent of US children were not covered by health insurance.

The issue of health-insurance coverage is at the centre of an extended debate over health care in the United States, which relies mostly on employers to cover workers.

On Wednesday officials in San Francisco said they were pressing ahead with plans for funding health care for 82,000 residents who do not have medical insurance, at a cost of 200 million US dollars a year.

The centre's report says that in 2005, 41.2 million Americans, or 14.2 per cent of the population, were uninsured when its survey was conducted. It said 51.3 million had been uninsured for at least part of the prior year and 29.2 million, or 10 per cent, had been uninsured for more than a year. The study is based on a regular survey of more than 98,300 people.

The NCHS, part of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, found that insurance coverage varied widely among states, from 6 per cent without

health insurance in Massachusetts to more than 24 per cent without in Texas.

More than 70 per cent of adults and 62 per cent of children had private insurance coverage, while nearly 30 per cent of children and 11.5 per cent of adults had some sort of public insurance such as the State Children's Health Insurance Programme, Medicare or Medicaid. — *MNA/Reuters*

Philippine police arrest men holding \$3.2t of fake bills

MANILA, 23 June — Philippine police have arrested three men with some 3.2 trillion US dollars of fake bills in a bus terminal in southern Cagayan de Oro City, the *Philippine News Agency* reported on Thursday.

Police made the arrest Thursday after putting the three men under a month-long surveillance and the fake money could have been produced in the province of Misamis Oriental neighbouring Cagayan de Oro, the report quoted police as saying.

Police would hand over the counterfeit greenbacks to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), or Philippine Central Bank, before the filing of formal charges against the suspects for violation of law against counterfeiting, said the report. — *MNA/Xinhua*

ဂုန်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်ပင်များ အထွက်တိုးစေရေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုအခါ မိုးကြို ဂုန်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော် စိုက်ပျိုးရေးစီးချိန် ဖြစ်ပြီး ဂုန်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်များ အထွက်တိုးစေရန် အောက်ပါ အတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်ပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- ၁။ အတန်းစိုက် ဂုန်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်များကို တစ်ပင်နှင့် တစ်ပင် (၃) လက်မခြားခွာ၍ ပင်ကြပ်နုတ်ပေးပါ။ ကြပ်ပင်စိုက်ခင်း များတွင် (၆) လက်မပတ်ဝယ် တစ်ပင်နှုန်း ကျန်ရှိအောင် ထွန်ဖြင့် မွန်းပေးပါ။
- ၂။ ပေါင်းလိုက်လက်ကြားခွဲခြင်းကို (၁၅-၂၀) ရက်သားတွင် တစ်ကြိမ်နှင့် (၃၀-၃၅) ရက်သားတွင်တစ်ကြိမ်၊ အနည်းဆုံး နှစ်ကြိမ်ခွဲ၍ ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ ပေါင်းလိုက်လက်ကြားခွဲခြားတိုင်း ယူရီးယားဓာတ်မြေဩဇာကို တစ်ဧကလျှင် (၂) အိတ်နှုန်းဖြင့် (၂) ကြိမ် ကြပ်ပေးပါ။
- ၃။ အပင်ငယ်စဉ် ရေမဝင်စေရန် ဂရုပြုပါ။ စိုက်ခင်းအတွင်း ရေဝင်နေပါက ပတ်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ခြင်းများဖြင့် ရေဖောက်ထုတ်နိုင်ရေး ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- ၄။ အပင်ငယ်စဉ်တွင် ပုရစ်အန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်နိုင်ပြီး အဓိက ကျရောက်ဖျက်ဆီးသော ပိုးမွှားပင်ကုန်း၊ ခါးတွန်ဘောက်ပတ်၊ ရွက်စားဆူမွှေးရုတ်နှင့် ပင်စည်ထိုးကျိင်းတို့ဖြစ်သည်။ ဂုန်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်ခင်းများအား ပုံမှန်စစ်ဆေး၍ လိုအပ်မှသာ ဆေးပတ်ဖျန်းကာကွယ်ပါ။
- ၅။ ဂုန်လျှော်ပင်စည်ပွဲစွန်းရောက်နှင့် မြစ်ပုတ်ရောဂါ များတွေ့ရှိက အပင်လိုက်နုတ်၍ မီးရှို့ဖျက်ဆီးပါ။
- ၆။ ချဉ်ပေါင်ပင်အဖျားပိုင်းတွင် အဝါရောင်၊ အဖြူရောင် ရောင်မညီ ကွက်ကြား (mosaic) ရောဂါတွေ့ရှိလျှင် အပင်လိုက်နုတ်၍ မီးရှို့ဖျက်ဆီးပါ။
- ၇။ နည်းပညာနှင့် အကူအညီရယူလိုပါက နှစ်စဉ်ရော မြန်မာဂုန်လျှော် ပစ္စည်းလုပ်ငန်း၊ ဒေသရုံးများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ်အကူအညီရယူပါ။

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့်ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

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ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့်
သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းတို့အတွက် စက္ကူနှင့်
ပုံနှိပ်လုပ်ငန်းသုံးပစ္စည်းများ ဝယ်ယူရန် တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေး
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လိုအပ်သော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စက္ကူနှင့် ပုံနှိပ်လုပ်ငန်းသုံးပစ္စည်းများကို
ယှဉ်တွဲပါအရေအတွက်များအတိုင်း ဝယ်ယူလိုပါသည်။

(က) ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်း

- (1) Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm) ၁၅၀၀ တန်
(28 1/4", 30", 34", 40")
- (2) Woodfree Paper
 - (a) 30" (Roll) ၄၀ တန်
 - (b) 31" x 43" (Sheet) ၂၀ တန်
 - (c) 23 1/2" x 33" (A 1 Size) (Sheet) ၁၅ တန်
- (3) Art Card(260/275 Gsm)31"x43"Sheet ၂ တန်
- (4) ArtPaper (105/110 Gsm)31"x43" ၆ တန်

- (5) Web Offset Ink
 - (a) Black ၂၀,၀၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
 - (b) Yellow ၃,၀၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
 - (c) Magenta ၂,၀၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
 - (d) Cyan ၂,၅၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ

- (6) Sheetfed Offset Ink
 - (a) Black ၁,၀၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
 - (b) Yellow ၅၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
 - (c) Magenta ၃၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
 - (d) Cyan ၅၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
 - (e) Green ၁၂၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ

- (7) ပုံတူကူးဖလင် (Ortho Film) ပုံဖော်ဆေး Developer ၂၀၀ လီတာ
- (8) အရောင်ခွဲစွဲဖလင် (460mmx60m) ၄၀ လီတာ

- (9) Negative Plates
 - (a) 915x626x0.3mm ၂,၀၀၀ ချပ်
 - (b) 1035x740x0.3mm ၆၀၀ ချပ်
 - (c) 650x550x0.3mm ၅၀၀ ချပ်
 - (d) 889x609x0.3mm ၁,၂၀၀ ချပ်
 - (e) Developer (ပုံဖော်ဆေး) ၂၀၀ လီတာ

- (10) Positive Plates
 - (a) 740x615x0.3mm ၃၀၀ ချပ်
 - (b) 635x745x0.3mm ၁,၀၀၀ ချပ်

- (11) Wipe on Developer
 - (a) Coating A+B ၆၀ နံ
 - (b) Developer ၃၀ လီတာ

- (12) Binding Cloths (Assorted 6 Colour
100 Meter/Roll) ၁၀၀ လီတာ

- (13) Rubber Blanket
 - (a) 785x740x1.9 ၅၀ ချပ်
 - (b) 840x865x1.9 ၂၆ ချပ်
 - (c) 1136x770x1.9 ၅၀ ချပ်

- (14) Dampening Roller
 - (a) 180 mm ၆ လီတာ
 - (b) 230 mm ၅ လီတာ

(ခ) သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း

- (1) Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm) (30") ၁,၀၀၀ တန်
- (2) Web Offset Ink (Black) ၂၅,၀၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
- (3) Sheetfed Offset Ink (Black) ၂,၅၀၀ ကော့ဂျီ
- (4) P/S Negative Plates

- (a) 915x626x0.3mm ၃,၀၀၀ ချပ်
- (b) 889x609x0.3mm ၃,၀၀၀ ချပ်
- (c) 889x586x0.3mm ၄,၀၀၀ ချပ်

- (5) Wipe on Aluminium Plates
 - (a) 745x635x0.24mm ၂,၀၀၀ ချပ်
 - (b) 650x550x0.24mm ၁၅,၀၀၀ ချပ်

- (6) Coating A+B Set ၄၅၀ နံ
- (7) P/S Negative Developer ၁၀၀ လီတာ
- (8) Developing Lacquer ၄၅၀ လီတာ

- (9) Ortho Film (Roll) Agfa ၄၅ လီတာ
- (10) Agfa Film (Sheet) ၁၅၀ ဖူး
- (11) A3 Toner HP Laser Jet 5000 ၅၅ ဖူး

- (12) Gestetner Ink Tube (Duplicating
Ink Tube) ၂၅၀ ဖူး
- (13) Gum Arabic ၃၅၀ လီတာ

- (14) Imagesetter
 - (a) Film (55.9cmx61m) ၅၄ လီတာ
 - (b) Developer ၅၄၀ လီတာ
 - (c) Fixer ၅၄၀ လီတာ

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3. For further details please call: 291982, 291985, 201555(Ext-602,605,612)
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Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung Yangon

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Nuning, an 18-year-old orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus) holds her 1 month-old baby, not yet named, at Prigen Safari park in Pasuruan, East Java, Indonesia, on 23 June, 2006. Orangutan populations in Indonesia's Borneo and Sumatera island are facing severe threats from habitat loss, illegal logging, fires and poaching. Conservationists predicted that without immediate action, orangutans are likely to be the first great ape to become extinct in the wild.—INTERNET

Growth rate of Israeli millionaires doubles world average in '05

JERUSALEM, 22 June — The number of millionaires in Israel increased by 12 percent in 2005, nearly two times the global average, local popular newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth reported on Wednesday.

Citing latest data by the Israeli branch of investment house Merrill Lynch, the newspaper said that there

were 7,400 millionaires in Israel in 2005, who owned over one million US dollars in cash, excluding real estates, holdings in private companies and mortgaged property.

The world's millionaire population grew by 6.5 percent in 2005, reaching 8.7

million.

The high growth rate of Israeli millionaires was due to a larger number of mergers, acquisitions and capital market offerings by local companies in the past year, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

“Congo virus” kills man in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 June— A patient of suspected Congo Crimean virus died on Tuesday at a private hospital in Pakistani southern port city Karachi, a TV channel reported.

Haji Gul Kakar, a resident of Quetta and infected with Congo Crimean virus who was shifted to Karachi from Khuzdar in Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan Province for medical treatment last week, on Tuesday died at hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) due to Congo Crimean Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), Geo TV reported.

According to the report, Kahar was brought

at Aga Khan Hospital in Karachi with complaint of severe fever. His early diagnosis showed that he was suffering from malaria.

However, on rapid decrease in his blood platelets, tests were performed to ascertain whether he was suffering from any haemorrhagic fever like dengue or Congo Crimean. Tests showed that he was infected with Congo Crimean virus.

Kakar was treated with utmost care and adopting all kinds of precautionary measures, and unfortunately passed away this evening.

MNA/Xinhua

S'pore Minister says globalization, technology impact on education

SINGAPORE, 22 June — Globalization and rapid technological evolution have considerable impact on education in the 21st Century, Singapore's Minister of State for Education and Manpower Gan Kim Yong said here on Wednesday at the inauguration of the World Education Forum.

“In today's knowledge-based economies, human resources have become the key competitive advantage of many countries. The education of a country's citizens therefore becomes a critical factor in determining its future,” Gan noted. He said that as economies are becoming increasingly interdependent, countries like Singapore, which do not have abundant natural resources, need to give their people the best education they can afford so as to develop their potential to the fullest.

“We must prepare our people and encourage them to adopt a global perspective,” Gan stressed.

As for the impact of technology on education, new information and communication technologies such as Internet and multimedia player have changed the way of teaching, while students are more able to use technology as a learning tool, according to the Minister. “We must therefore

capitalize on these emerging technologies to improve the effectiveness of our education system,” he said. Themed “redefining the learning paradigm”, the three-day forum provides education policy makers, academics and practitioners with a platform to share their views and learn from each other's experience.

MNA/Xinhua



The first China made chip which is used for ground transmission of digital TV is shown on 20 June at the International Film & TV Market, one of four major activities of the 12th Shanghai Television Festival.—INTERNET

Comedian Jerry Lewis back home from hospital

LOS ANGELES, 22 June — Comedian Jerry Lewis is back home in San Diego after spending a week in the hospital undergoing treatment for a minor heart attack and a case of pneumonia, his publicist said on Tuesday.

The 80-year-old entertainer was released from the hospital on Saturday and is recuperating aboard the yacht in San Diego where he makes his home during the summer, his Las Vegas-based spokeswoman Candi Cazau told Reuters.

Lewis fell ill on 11 June near the end of a cross-country commercial airline flight from New York City and was taken to an undisclosed hospital after his plane landed in San Diego.

While hospitalized, the veteran performer underwent an angiogram

that determined he had a clogged artery, and doctors inserted a shunt, Cazau said.

However, Lewis is pressing ahead with plans to transform his classic comedy film “The Nutty Professor” into a stage production that he hopes to premiere at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego early next year and eventually take to Broadway.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore to train 5,000 toilet cleaners

SINGAPORE, 22 June— Singapore aims to train 5,000 of its 22,000 toilet cleaners by offering them relative courses, Channel NewsAsia report said on Wednesday.

Some 50 cleaners will take part in the city state's first Restroom Cleaning and Maintenance course to learn things like how to identify and get rid of

hidden urine crystals, as well as the different toilet bowl designs to effectively kill trapped bacteria.

The course costs about 100,000 Singapore dollars (about 63,000 US dollars) to organize and more such courses will be conducted at the Singapore Polytechnic, according to the report. It is expected that the efforts will help raise

both the standards of cleanliness in Singapore's toilets and the professional level, salary and morale of local cleaners.

The Singapore-based World Toilet Organization set up the world's first Toilet College in the city state last year, aiming to transform cleaners into all-round toilet managers.

MNA/Xinhua

Fire fighters and gas company workers are engaged in emergency operation at the gas leakage accident site in Hangzhou, capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 22 June, 2006.

INTERNET



SPORTS

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

Saturday, 24 June 2006

Germany v Sweden 21:30 MST

Italy go through with win over Czechs

HAMBURG, 23 June — Italy clinched top spot in World Cup Group E on Thursday, eliminating the 10-man Czech Republic with a 2-0 victory.

A 26th minute header from substitute Marco Materazzi gave the Italians the lead before the Czechs were reduced to ten men just before the break with the dismissal of Jan Polak.

Substitute Filippo Inzaghi rounded goalkeeper Petr Cech to roll home the second in the 87th minute as the Czechs threw everyone forward.

The Czechs sorely missed injured forward Jan Koller and suspended striker Vratislav Lokvenc and it was left to midfielder Pavel Nedved to provide the attacking inspiration.

Twice in the early stages former Nedved tested his Juventus clubmate, Italy keeper Gianluigi Buffon with long-range efforts.

Buffon dealt well with a dipping drive but

could only parry out another Nedved effort — although the Italy keeper did well to smother Marek Jankulovski's follow-up.

Italy's problems increased in the 17th minute when they were forced into a change — Alessandro Nesta, suffering from what appeared to be a recurrence of his troublesome muscle injury, limping off to be replaced by Materazzi.

Nine minutes after entering, the big central defender headed the Azzurri in front with his first goal for the national side leaping superbly above Polak to power a header past Petr Cech.

The Italians grip on the game got tighter just before the break when Polak was dismissed for a second bookable offence for a foul from behind on Totti.

MNA/Reuters



Italy's Marco Materazzi scores the opening goal past the dive of Czech Republic goalkeeper Petr Cech. —INTERNET

Ronaldo ties record as Brazil floor Japan

DORTMUND, 23 June — Brazil striker Ronaldo equalled Gerd Mueller's World Cup finals record of 14 goals, scoring twice in the 4-1 win over Japan in Group F on Thursday.

Ronaldo moved alongside the former West German striker when he grabbed his second goal of the game for the champions in the 81st minute.

Japan, coached by former Brazil captain Zico, took a shock lead through Keiji Tamada in the 34th minute before Ronaldo, heavily criticized for his performances in Brazil's first two games, equalized in first-half injury time.

Second-half goals from Juninho Pernambucano, Gilberto and Ronaldo again allowed Brazil to finish the group with maximum points and complete their 10th successive win at the World Cup finals.

Brazil face Ghana in the last 16 while Japan, with one point, were knocked out.

Ronaldo kept his place but coach Carlos Alberto Parreira made five other

changes.

Fullbacks Cafu and Roberto Carlos were replaced by Cicinho and Gilberto while Robinho stepped in for Adriano in attack.

For the first 20 minutes, Brazil's football flowed for the first time in the tournament as they sliced through the Japan defence.

Only goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi stood between the rampant champions and a significant lead.

Kawaguchi turned away two efforts from Ronaldo and one each from Robinho, Kaka and Juninho.

But Brazil left gaps at the back and Japan took advantage when Alex slipped the ball inside to Tamada, who fired past Dida with a first-time shot on the turn.

MNA/Reuters



Mitsuo Ogasawara pulls back Ronaldinho.

INTERNET

Ghana beat US 2-1 to earn last 16 place

NUREMBERG, 23 June — Ghana won a place in the last 16 of the World Cup with a 2-1 victory over the United States in a Group E decider on Thursday they largely controlled.

A stoppage time penalty just before the break converted by captain Stephen Appiah secured the required three points after the United States' Clint Dempsey had cancelled out Ghana's initial

goal by Haminu Dramani.

The US struck the post midway through the second half, but otherwise, with a lone striker for much of the match, caused the Ghanaian defence few problems.

The Africans, who lost 2-0 to Italy in their first match, finished second in Group E and are likely to play Group F leaders Brazil for a place in the quarterfinals but will be without midfield inspiration Michael Essien.

His crunching tackle on Reyna in the first half brought his second consecutive yellow card of the tournament.

Ghana were the more combative for most of the match, although they struggled to find their rhythm early on against a United States team miss-

ing key centre back, Eddie Pope, and holding midfielder Pablo Mastroeni through suspension.

They also lost captain Claudio Reyna towards the end of the first half.

Ghana took the lead in the 22nd minute when midfielder Haminu Draman dispossessed Reyna and strode into the penalty area to curl the

ball past a diving Kasey Keller. Reyna appeared to pick up a leg injury in the process.

Midfielder Dempsey fired the US back on level terms two minutes from the break after DaMarcus Beasley cracked in a low cross from the left following a defensive mix-up among three Ghanaians.

MNA/Reuters



Haminu Dramani of Ghana fires the ball past American goalkeeper Kasey Keller. —INTERNET

Australia grab dramatic draw to go through

STUTTGART (Germany), 23 June — Australia reached the World Cup second round for the first time after holding Croatia to a 2-2 draw in their final Group F match on Thursday.

Harry Kewell equalized in the 78th minute as Australia twice came back from a goal down to earn the point they needed to finish runners-up to Brazil. They face Italy in the last 16. Three players -- Croatia's Dario Simic and Josip Simunic plus Australia's Brett Emerton -- were sent off in a dramatic finale with Simunic appearing to be shown three yellow cards by English referee Graham Poll in the confusion.

"It feels great," said Australia striker Mark Viduka. "What a great game tonight, you could not ask for more.

with a long range shot that bobbed past Australia goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac.

Australia defender Craig Moore had scored a 38th minute penalty to cancel out a third minute goal by Croatia midfielder Darijo Srna but it was Kewell's late goal that saw Australia advance to play Italy in Kaiserslautern on Monday.

Srna caught the Socceroos napping early with a superbly taken free kick after Australia skipper Mark Viduka tripped Niko Kovac just outside the area.

Srna, who had missed a penalty in Sunday's scoreless draw with Japan, made amends when he curled the ball over the wall past Kalac to score his country's first goal of the tournament.

"It's very difficult when you cop a goal that early but we knew if we kept our composure we could do some damage. We showed we had the spirit to do it," said Viduka.

Australia regained their composure and looked to have strong grounds for a penalty when defender Simunic brought down Viduka but referee Poll ruled that there was no foul.

However, Poll had no hesitation in pointing to the spot seven minutes before the interval when Croatia defender Stjepan Tomas reached up and handled the ball in the goalmouth and Moore coolly slotted the penalty past Stipe Pletikosa.

Croatia, who needed to win to stay alive after losing 1-0 to world champions Brazil then drawing with Japan, looked to have sealed victory when Kovac scored but Kewell's instinctive reflexes from a goalmouth scramble saw them bow out.

MNA/Reuters



Mark Viduka watches Harry Kewell's equalizer go into the net.

INTERNET

"We threw on all the forwards to try and get something and thank God Harry was in the right place at the right time.

"It was such an end-to-end game, we had a little bit of luck on our side but we earned it tonight," he added.

Croatia captain Niko Kovac had put his team ahead for the second time 11 minutes after the break

Happy birthday

Wishing Haji U Than Tin a very happy 85th Birthday and many happy returns. Dear wife; Hajima Daw Khin Hla Tin. Dear children:- Nilar Than, Zaw Than+Pale, Win Win Than Dear grands:- Saint Darli, Hanezar, Rhianna, Melissa & Luther.

Daw Yin May Myat (Daisy Main) (66) years B.A B.Ed Dip in Edi Guidance (Reading University) Advanced Cert TESOL (London) MA (London)

Beloved wife of Capt JF Murphy of Langton House, St Thomas Road, Chiswick W4 London; daughter of (U Htin Main+Daw Mya Thein) of Yangon; sister of Daw Thein Thein Aye, U Maung Maung Kyi-Daw Khin Win, Daw Khin Hnin Yi, Dr Than Lwin-Daw Mya Mya Kyi, Daw Khin Hla Hla Tin (Daw Khin Mi Mi Lwin); and aunt of Ma Phyu Phyu, Maung Tun Tun, Maung Thung Tun, May Sar Lwin (living temporary in Singapore), Aye Mya May Lwin, and Pho Nyein Chan peacefully passed away on 12 June 2006 (Monday) morning. Her remains were already been cremated.

Bereaved family

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

(Issued at 15:00 hours MST, Today)

A Slight earthquake of intensity (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicentre over the sea, near Sittway about (275) miles Northwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, was recorded at (13) hrs (31) min (40) sec MST on 23rd June 2006.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

(Issued at 09:00 hours MST, Today)

A Slight earthquake of intensity (3.2) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar about (16) miles of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, was recorded at (08) hrs (40) min (40) sec MST on 23rd June 2006.

China has more than 420 million mobile users

BEIJING, 23 June — The number of China's mobile phone subscribers reached more than 420 million at the end of May, reported the Ministry of Information Industry on Wednesday.

Statistics show that the number increased by 27.39 million in five months, more than twice the increase of fixed-line users. There are 57 million more mobile subscribers than fixed-line users.

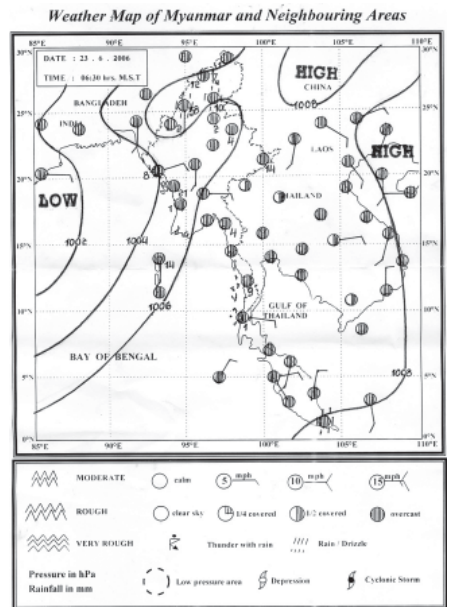
The average monthly increase in mobile users has been between three million and four million in the past year, said the ministry.

China's mobile subscribers have been growing steadily since they outnumbered fixed-line phone subscribers in October 2003.

Along with the increase in mobile phone subscribers, the volume of text messages climbed 46.3 per cent from the first five months of the previous year to 167.95 billion.

The ministry also said that in the January to May period this year China's total post and telecommunications revenue reached 287.82 billion yuan (around 35.97 US billion dollars), up 11.4 per cent on the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Friday, 23 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (2.17) inches, Gwa (1.57) inches, Katha (1.03) inches, Kayaukpyu (0.82) inch and NyaungU (0.36) inch.

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 23-6-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 23-6-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 22-6-2006 was (4.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 23-6-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (22.52) inches at Mingaladon, (30.47) inches at Kaba-Aye and (35.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 22-6-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and north and east central Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 24-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan, Kayah and Chin States and Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for last weekend of June 2006: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Yangon Division and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 24 June View on today

7:00 am

- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး အဘိဓမ္မာပာဌဒုဂ္ဂ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မစောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေ့ဘာသာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသာ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- 2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- 3. Morning news

7:40 am

- 4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- 6. ထပ်ဆင့်အောင်ပွဲ ဧရာဝတီတံတား (ဒေးဒရီ)

8:20 am

- 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

- 8. International news

8:45 am

- 9. Grammar Made Easy

11:00 am

- 1. Martial song

11:15 am

- 2. Musical programme

11:30 am

- 3. News

11:40 am

- 4. Games for children

12:05 pm

- 5. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:35 pm

- 6. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"

12:50 pm

- 7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆည်းခါး" (အပိုင်း-၄)

1:25 pm

- 8. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

1:35 pm

- 9. "အမျိုးသမီးများပြဿနာအဖြေရာ" (ကျေးဇူးပြုပေးသောဦးစိုးမိုးကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မျိုးမင်း)

1:50 pm

- 10. Dance of national races

2:05 pm

- 11. Musical programme

2:15 pm

- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားများမှ နေ့စပါးဝမ်းစာဖြိုးစေ သိန်းနီမြေ (အပိုင်း-၂)

2:25 pm

- 13. ရုရှင်ချောင်တံတား

2:30 pm

- 14. "ဓမ္မင်္ဂါပရိတ်တော်" (မင်းအုပ်စိုးကျော်လှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းနွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)

2:35 pm

- 15. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း မဟာရာဇဂျေလောင်တံစ

2:45 pm

- 16. International news

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial song

4:15 pm

- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- 3. English for Everyday Use

4:40 pm

- 4. Musical programme

4:50 pm

- 5. အဆောင်အယူသို့လုပ်သော ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ပထမနံပါတ် (ဒီပီအေအယ်အားလုံး) (ဇာတုဇော)

5:05 pm

- 6. နားဝင်ပီပီ သူ့လက်သံ

5:15 pm

- 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:25 pm

- 8. Musical programme

5:35 pm

- 9. Games for children

6:00 pm

- 10. Evening news

6:30 pm

- 11. Weather report

6:35 pm

- 12. Discovery

6:50 pm

- 13. Musical programme

7:05 pm

- 14. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတော်စား နားခံစံပြကျေးဇူး

7:15 pm

- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူစင်ဇေဇာ" (အပိုင်း-၇)

8:00 pm

- 16. News

8:15 pm

- 17. International news

8:30 pm

- 18. Weather report

8:45 pm

- 19. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "နောက်ဆုံးတံလွှာ" (အပိုင်း-၁) (ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ တင့်တင့်ထွန်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်တင်ဦး)

9:00 pm

- 20. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသာ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘဝနာပွားများဖြင့် တရားတော်

9:15 pm

- 21. The next day's programme



Saturday, 24 June

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: -Play that funky music... Wild Cherry

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -Good times... Chic

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music: -Best of my love... Emotions

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music: -Young heart run free... CandeStaton

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40pm Request -Crazy little party girl... Aaron Carter

-We are young... The Moffatts

9:00pm ASEAN news review

-Interview in 8th HMM

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

-Pegu, as an urban and commercial centre, under Myanmar kings Part I

9:30 pm Souvenirs

-I love you... Paul Anka

-A love song... Anne Murray

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Bago Division striving for cultivation of monsoon paddy to meet the target of 3 million acres

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development of Kyaukkyi Township



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence meets departmental personnel and local people in Kyaukkyi. — MNA

YANGON, 23 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the SPDC Office, left for Yeni of Bago Division on 21 June morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than proceeded to Kyaukkyi and met with Tatmadawmen and family members at the hall of

Kyaukkyi Station.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at the hall of the local station. He heard reports on development of the township presented by local authorities.

After attending to the need, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the State Peace and Development Council is implementing the border areas and national races development plan, the 24 special regions plan and five

rural development tasks for equitable development of all regions of the nation. Development of the plans reflect progress of the entire nation including border areas.

He added that only when peace and stability and prevalence of law and order prevails, will the region develop. Therefore, locals are to join hands with officials for ensuring peace and stability of the respective regions. Likewise, service personnel are to undertake (See page 8)

Improvement of individual qualification will promote USDA's collective strength

USDA concludes Advanced Management (Special) Course

YANGON, 23 June — Union Solidarity and Development Association concluded its Advanced Management (Special) Course No 1 for executives at USDA training school in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this morning.

Delivering the opening address at the ceremony, Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo said that the USDA was formed with youths, who will serve the national duty with sincerity and energy, as the pillar. It is an honour to the association to witness its members taking part in the endeavours to ensure national stability and development during the 12 years. It will always stand as the national forces serving the country's interest.

The national goal is the emergence of a peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo speaking at closing ceremony of Advanced Management (Special) Course No 1. — MNA

democratic state. The members who are people within the people are joining hands with the public to reach the goal according to correct and objective programmes.

The country should be built with true national strengths — the government, the Tatmadaw and the people. Our Three Main National Causes —

non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — has been laid down as the national policy. The 12 objects are the base to implement the national policy. The results for the three strengths have produced sound foundations for the nation. All the developments are

heading towards the goal — a peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic state.

The members do not emerge from a different class, but from within the people of all regions. They are to join the association with the noble mind to discharge the national duties (See page 9)

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