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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

## Establishment of Yuzana Palm Oil Plant contributes towards satisfying edible oil requirements of the State

### Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends opening of Yuzana Palm Oil Refinery and Dry Fractionation Plant



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils bronze plaque of Yuzana Palm Oil Refinery and Dry Fractionation Plant. — MNA

YANGON, 25 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to commission Yuzana Palm Oil Refinery and Dry Fractionation Plant of Yuzana Co Ltd on Shukhintha Circular Road in Shukhintha Ward in Thakayta Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, departmental heads, chairmen of Yangon East District and Township Peace and Development Councils, the chairman and employees of Yuzana Co Ltd, members of social organizations, entrepreneurs and guests.

First Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-

Gen Htay Oo, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd Agga Maha

Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Htay Myint formally opened the plant. Lt-Gen Myint Swe

of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of the plant.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen

Thein Sein unveiled the plaque of the plant. Next, the Secretary-1 and party together with the chair-

man of Yuzana Co Ltd sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

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Newly opened Yuzana Palm Oil Refinery and Dry Fractionation Plant in Shukhintha Ward in Thakayta Township. — MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Public cooperation in fight against narcotic drugs

Narcotic drug issue came to Myanmar together with imperialism that intruded the country. After regaining the independence, successive governments made efforts for eradication of narcotic drugs.

Nowadays, the government has been implementing the projects on eradication of narcotic drugs, improvement of quality of life of the national races and development of border areas and total eradication of cultivation of opium.

The government is undertaking the border areas and national races development tasks with greater momentum. As transport, economic and social sectors have now developed, national race organizations and local people are participating in anti-narcotic drug activities with the aim of totally eradicating cultivation of opium.

The government is rendering assistance to cultivation of opium substitute crops, livestock breeding and economic undertakings fulfilling requirements on rice and other provisions. Farmers in border areas have given up opium cultivation willingly and they entrusted dry poppy bulbs and opium seeds to local authorities. These opium bulbs and seeds were destroyed 13 times.

At the same time, the government has been launching anti-narcotic drugs issue. Altogether 77,640 drug cases were exposed in cooperation with departmental officials and the people from 1988 to March 2006. The value of the seized narcotic drugs was US \$ 20,432 million.

26 June is the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. On that day, the seized narcotic drugs were destroyed and educative talks on disadvantages of narcotic drugs were held and prizes are given annually to winners of novel, article, poem, song, cartoon, painting, poster, computer graphics, poster and photo contests in commemoration of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

It is necessary for the media to inform the people of disadvantages of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances widely. All the national people are urged to take part in the anti-narcotic drug drive hand in hand with the government.



Dr Than Sein-Dr Daw Mya Than and family of 48, 1st Lane, Mingaladon Township, recently donated K 225,000 to Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board. — H

## Political Demands

- \* 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

## A&I Minister inspects Ngathayauk Dam Project



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects irrigation facilities at Ngathayauk Dam in NyaungU. — A&I

YANGON, 24 June — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and officials went to Ngathayauk Dam Project in NyaungU District, Mandalay Division on 18 June.

The minister inspected the spillway, main dam, outlet conduit and feeder canal.

The dam that will benefit social and economic status of the region is 7,550 feet long and 64 feet high.

The minister later inspected Ngathayauk Wa-

ter Pumping Project and discussed matters on production of more paddy, supply of water, using of quality strains and modern farming methods with officials of NyaungU District.

The minister and party viewed cotton plantations at the area of Latpanchepaw Water Pumping Project.

The minister went to 10 acres of physic nut plantations in NyaungU Township.

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## CEC member supervises development tasks in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 25 June — A two-storey building of Basic Education High School (Branch) was opened in Chaunggale-Theingon Village in Pantanaw Township yesterday morning.

It was attended by CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Director-General of No 1 Basic Education Department Brig-Gen Kyaw Thu, officials and local people. Minister Col Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Kyin Khaing presented one set of computer, school uniforms and exercise books to Headmaster U Khaing Hlaing.

At the Post-Primary School in Kanyin Thonhsint Village of Kyaunggon Township, the CEC member met with secretaries and ex-

ecutives of Division, District and Township USDAs and local people.

The minister attended the ceremony to put the Nyaunggon-Chaungphyay-Thayetgon gravel road into service in Einme Township.

Development Affairs Department has spent K 44.33 million on construction of the road. Thanks to construction

## Minister for Industry-1 receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thauang received General Manager Mr Wu Min and party of China National General Engineering Corporation at his office in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 June evening.

They discussed implementation of Glass Factory Project in the Kyaukse Factories Region in Mandalay Division.

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of the road, 14,733 local people from 32 villages of seven village-tracts have easy access to Einme-Dhaka Road.

While in Einme, the CEC member met

with secretaries and executives of division, district and township USDAs and local people at Einme BEHS, and attended to the needs.

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Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt attends opening of Nyaunggon-Chaungphyay-Thayetgon gravel road in Einme Township. — PBANRDA

# Chinese, Tanzanian PMs vow to strengthen bilateral cooperation

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 24 June** — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and his Tanzanian counterpart Edward Lowassa vowed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in various areas during their talks here on Friday.

Wen said that the Chinese side will focus on agriculture, irrigation and infrastructure development in its economic and technological cooperation with Tanzania, so as to meet the needs of the Tanzanian side. The Chinese Government will also encourage Chinese companies to invest more in Tanzania and carry out various kinds of cooperation with Tanzanian companies, including joint ventures, said the Chinese Premier during his official

visit to the east African country.

Wen said over the past decades, China and Tanzania have enjoyed a friendly and cooperative relationship, which is based on mutual respect, equality and win-win principles.

He pledged to cut tariff on some Tanzanian exports to China, adding that his country would try its best to help with Tanzania's social and economic development, by providing

assistance on personnel training, medical and educational infrastructure development.

While hailing Wen's visit as an important event in deepening friendship and cooperation between the two countries, Lowassa thanked the Chinese Government for providing assistance to Tanzania in areas of agricultural modernization, irrigation works, infrastructure building and popularization of education, which are the current challenges for the country.

MNA/Xinhua



*Race-goers arrive for the start of the Ladies' Day Royal Ascot race meeting in Berkshire, southern England, on 22 June, 2006. — INTERNET*

## Possibly drunk pelican hits windshield

**LAGUNA BEACH, 25 June** — The driver was sober. The bird that crashed through the windshield of his car might have been flying under the influence.

A California brown pelican probably was intoxicated by a naturally occurring toxin found in algae blooms when she hit the car on the Pacific Coast Highway in Orange County Thursday, wildlife officials said.

The driver was startled, but not hurt. The pelican needed surgery for a broken foot, and also had a gash on its pouch.

"She's hanging in there," said Lisa Birkle, assistant wildlife director at the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center in Huntington Beach.

Though toxicology tests take several weeks, the odd bird behaviour was likely the result of poisoning from domoic acid, which has been found in the ocean in the area, Birkle said.

Pelicans have excellent eyesight and are unlikely to fly into cars when sober,

Birkle said.

The center has received 16 calls of strange bird behaviour in the past week, and was holding three other birds found disoriented and wandering through yards and streets.

Internet



*A Samsung employee shows the new Ultra edition 6.9mm mobile phone at the CommunicAsia 2006 exhibition in Singapore recently. Samsung Electronics has drawn a rosy picture about its performance in the second half of this year, sending its stock up by 1.62 percent. —INTERNET*



*Visitors look at replicas of the ancient Chinese terracotta army sculptures displayed at the Schlachthof gallery in Bad Kissingen, Germany on 23 June, 2006. The original sculptures, dating 210-209 BC, were found by the farmers in China in March 1974 near the Mount Li, the place of the necropolis and tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. —INTERNET*

## UN Rights boss slams abuses in war on terrorism

**GENEVA, 24 June** — UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour, taking aim at the US-led war on terrorism, reminded all states on Friday of their duty to ban torture and give all security detainees a fair trial.

In a speech to the United Nations Human Rights Council, Arbour also voiced concern at the alleged existence of secret detention centres, saying they facilitate abusive treatment.

Her remarks — clearly aimed at the United States and its allies in their "war on terror" — launched after the 11 September attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people in 2001 — drew a quick reply from the US observer delegation.

"It is vital that at all times governments anchor in law their

response to terrorism," Arbour told the 47-member state body ahead of the UN's International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, being observed next Monday.

International human rights and humanitarian law imposed a series of

constraints on all states "with no exception", said Arbour, a lawyer who formerly served as UN war crimes prosecutor and a Canadian Supreme Court judge.

"These include the absolute ban on torture and the right to a fair trial,"

she said.

The United States is holding some 460 security detainees at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba on suspicion of belonging to al-Qaeda or the Taleban. Most have been held for years without charges.

Internet



*Anti-war and anti-US protesters chant slogans at a rally in Seoul on 24 June, 2006, demanding the withdrawal of US and South Korean troops from Iraq. —INTERNET*

## A deadly week for US forces in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 24 June** — A look at 16 deaths of American troops reported by the US military in the past week in Iraq:

- Tuesday: The US military recovers the brutalized bodies of two missing soldiers not far from where they were kidnapped four days earlier in the volatile Sunni triangle south of Baghdad. Four Marines are killed in separate attacks in Anbar province west of the capital.
- Wednesday: A soldier dies south of the capital, and another Marine is killed in Anbar Province.
- Thursday: A Marine is killed in Anbar Province and a soldier dies elsewhere in a non-combat incident.
- Friday: Three soldiers of the Multi-National Division in Baghdad are killed by roadside bombs in separate attacks. Another soldier from the same division dies in a non-combat incident.
- Saturday: A bomb kills two US soldiers on a foot patrol south of Baghdad. —Internet



Inmates listen to a daily educational remark before supper at a drug rehabilitation clinic in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China's Gansu Province on 23 June, 2006.—INTERNET

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## China urges Iran to respond to nuclear offer

**BELJING, 24 June** — China urged Iran on Thursday to respond to an international offer of incentives aimed at defusing a dispute over its nuclear programmes.

Teheran said on Wednesday it would respond by the end of August to the package but some diplomats have expressed fears that during the time before it responds, Iran could move closer to

mastering the ability to enrich nuclear fuel — a key to building atomic weapons.

“China hopes Iran can actively respond to the efforts of the international community,” Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told a news conference.

“The early resumption of talks is the aspiration of the international

community.”

Iran insists on the right to produce its own nuclear fuel, which it says is for generating electricity. But if it rejects the package of incentives and penalties proposed by Germany and permanent members of the UN Security Council, the powers could move toward stronger measures such as sanctions.

MNA/Reuters

## German citizen testifies in probe into alleged CIA abduction

**BERLIN, 24 June** — A German citizen, who was allegedly kidnapped by the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), testified before Parliament on Thursday in a probe aimed to determine the role of German officials in the case.

The Lebanon-born Khaled el-Masri said he was detained on 31 January, 2003, on the Serbian-Macedonian border on suspicion of terrorist activities and was taken by the CIA and held for five months in a detention centre in Afghanistan, where he was forced to endure abusive interrogation.

The 42-year-old German said he was only released after the CIA realized they had the wrong man.

Germany's Parliament opened an investigation to

see how much and when German officials knew about the el-Masri case and whether German intelligence played any role in el-Masri's detention.

Germany's foreign intelligence service, the BND, said one of its agents first knew about the abduction and reported it to German authorities in early 2004, earlier than the German authorities previously stated.

Former Telekom director for Macedonia Wolf-Dieter M allegedly heard about the kidnapping of el-Masri and informed

the German Embassy in Skopje in January 2004.

But until recently there was no evidence that German intelligence authorities were involved in or had inside knowledge

of the affair, said Martin Hofmann, one of the state prosecutors examining the case. Recent developments could “shed a new light on the situation”, he added.—MNA/Xinhua

## Kuwait reap record oil profit for 2005-06

**KUWAIT CITY, 24 June** — The state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC)

announced on Friday that it reaped a record 2.316 billion Kuwaiti dinars (7.87 billion US dollars) in total net profit for the past fiscal year 2005-2006.

Kuwait Energy Minister and KPC Chairman Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said in a statement that the profit of KPC in 2005-2006, which ended on 31 March, was the largest since the establishment of the corporation.

Comparing to the previous fiscal year, the operational profits of the KPC in 2005-2006 registered an increase of 544 million dinars (1,849.6 million dollars), said Sheikh Ahmad.

MNA/Xinhua



Students watch the activity of Mount Merapi volcano in Pakem village, Sleman in the Central Java Province on 24 June, 2006.—INTERNET

## Indian village heads to fight human trafficking

**NEW DELHI, 24 June** — Village heads across impoverished rural India will be asked to help fight human trafficking by keeping a register of people who leave in search of work.

The United Nations Development Project (UNDP) is also asking village chiefs to watch out for traffickers who lure villagers with promises of well-paid jobs but force them into the sex trade.

“For the first time, we are going to fight trafficking at the source,” Mona Mishra, who heads UNDP's HIV and trafficking project in India, told Reuters late on Thursday.

“Beating the traffickers requires a day-to-day, minute-to-minute surveillance that only the community itself can do.”

With the help of 40 NGOs, the UNDP will work with 15,000 village

councils — or panchayats — in 11 states over the next 10 months, the agency said.

MNA/Reuters

## 2,521 US soldiers killed in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 24 June**—As of Saturday, 24 June, 2006, at least 2,521 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 1,983 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is 10 higher than the

Defence Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 am EDT.

The British military has reported 113 deaths; Italy, 32; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, Denmark three; El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, one death each.

Internet

## Bomb kills ten in village where US killed Zarqawi

**BAGHDAD, 24 June** — A bomb killed at least 10 people outside a mosque on Friday in the same village where al-Qaeda in Iraq's leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was killed in a US airstrike two weeks ago, police and the Interior Ministry said.

The bomb was left in a bag outside a Sunni mosque in the village of Hibhib, near Baquba, 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of Baghdad. Zarqawi, a Sunni militant, was killed in the US air raid on 7 June.

MNA/Reuters



A visitor views a piece of Olympic sculpture artwork “a race between tortoise and rabbit” at Wangfujing Street in Beijing on 22 June, 2006. Nearly 300 pieces of excellent works for the 2008 Olympics were on display here.—INTERNET

## Malaysia, Sri Lanka agree to boost trade ties

**KUALA LUMPUR, 24 June**— Malaysia and Sri Lanka have agreed to enhance their trade ties, said a Press statement released on Friday by the Malaysian Foreign Ministry.

Malaysia and Sri Lanka both were satisfied with their increasing trade and agreed to work towards strengthening it by tapping opportunities both in bilateral and regional framework, said the Malaysia-Sri Lanka joint Press statement.

The two countries also agreed to further enhance cooperation in investment promotional activities for their mutual benefit.

“Malaysian investors were invited to invest in high sea fishing and aquaculture and port development,” said the statement, released at the end of Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar’s visit to Sri Lanka.

Syed Hamid arrived in Sri Lanka on Wednesday to attend the inaugural session of the Malaysia-Sri Lanka Joint Commission Meeting, which discussed various issues of mutual interest

to both sides and acknowledged the satisfactory development of relations between the two countries.

As one of the results of Syed Hamid’s trip to Sri Lanka, Malaysia signed a document with Sri Lanka to help the South Asian country to build an expressway linking capital

Colombo and ancient city Kandy.

The two countries also agreed to boost their tourism cooperation while praising their cooperation in air services, particularly in the “open skies arrangements”, which had been agreed upon recently.

MNA/Xinhua



*A photographer works with a model as the sun sets over the Pacific Ocean off of Wailua, Hawaii, on the island of Maui, on 22 June, 2006. —INTERNET*



*The Sears Tower (R) is seen with the Dan Ryan Expressway in the foreground, in Chicago on 23 June, 2006. Seven people were arrested in Miami on 22 June, 2006 for having discussed attacks on the landmark Sears Tower in Chicago. —INTERNET*

## Indonesia, Singapore join forces for special economic zones

**JAKARTA, 24 June**— Indonesia and Singapore are moving closer to the establishment of special economic zones by combining the strengths of the two countries, Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla said Friday.

The economic zones, located in Indonesia’s Batam and Bintan islands which are only 20 kilometres from Singapore, will combine

the advantages of each country for mutual benefits, he told reporters at his office here.

“Indonesia has its own advantages, and so does Singapore. We will combine them,” he said.

Singapore, he said, has the capital, marketing system, networking technology and other commercial advantages, while Indonesia offers land and workers.

The economic zones are special, in terms of fiscal, banking and taxation system, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



*An FA 18 Hornet hooks up a boom as it receives a mid-air refueling from a KC 10 Tanker of US Airforce 2nd Air Refuelling Squadron, based in Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, during the 'Valiant Shield 06' exercises in the Pacific Ocean, off Guam coast, on 23 June, 2006. —INTERNET*

## Getty Museum agrees to return contested items

**ROME, 25 June**—The J Paul Getty Museum says it has reached a tentative agreement with the Italian culture ministry to return an unspecified number of contested objects to Italy.

“The Italian Government will receive from the Getty a number of very significant objects, including several masterpieces,” a statement from the museum said. “In return, as a sign of fruitful dialogue and collaboration among the parties, Italy will provide loans of objects of comparable visual beauty and historical importance.”

The Californian museum’s directors have since Monday been involved in negotiations with Italian

cultural officials over the return of objects allegedly stolen from Italy.

The museum has not said how many objects will be returned, but the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Tuesday up to 21 objects were listed, including a marble statue of two mythical griffins, a 2,600-year-old cup and a statue of Apollo.

The institution says its “tentative agreement” with Italy is aimed at far more

than the return of art works.

The statement said “the parties expect to conclude a final agreement, which will include mutual collaboration, research and the exchange of important antiquities, in the early summer.” The Getty Museum, the only US art museum dedicated to the art and culture of ancient Italy and Greece, declared in September it did not knowingly purchase any stolen items. —Internet

*Two riders on horseback race through a cheering crowd in the Balearic town of Ciutadella during the party of Saint John on the Spanish island of Menorca on 24 June, 2006. INTERNET*



## Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 24 June**— A US Marine was killed in combat action in Iraq’s western Anbar Province, while another US soldier died of non-combat incident, the US military said on Friday.

The Marine, assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Armoured Division, was killed on Wednesday as a result of “enemy action” in Anbar Province, according to a US military statement.

Another soldier, assigned to the Multi-National Division Baghdad, died due to non-combat incident Wednesday, the military said, without giving details. —MNA/Xinhua

## Two Vietnamese-American people sentenced for drug trafficking

**HANOI, 24 June**— Two Vietnamese-American people received a 20-year imprisonment sentence each for the charge of trafficking 3,800 lab-made drug pills, local newspaper *Young People* reported Friday.

The People’s Court of

southern Ho Chi Minh City on Thursday passed the sentences on the people who bought the drug abroad and then resold in Vietnam.

Besides the two persons, four local people in the drug trafficking ring, which was detected last August, were given jail terms of 8-15

years for the same charge.

The number of drug addicts in Vietnam surged 56.8 per cent to 158,428 in 2005 from 101,036 in 2000, a recent national conference was told. The country has targeted to become a drug-free country by 2015.

MNA/Xinhua

## UNSC recommends UN membership for Montenegro

**UNITED NATIONS, 24 June—** The UN Security Council recommended on Thursday the General Assembly admit Montenegro as the 192nd member of the United Nations.

The Council passed a presidential statement unanimously at a formal meeting presided over by Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Moeller, whose country holds the Council presidency for June.

"The Security Council has decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Republic of Montenegro be admitted as a member of the United Nations," the statement said.

"The Council notes with great satisfaction the Republic of Montenegro

solemn commitment to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to fulfil all the obligations contained therein," it added.

The Council discussed Montenegro's request for a UN seat Wednesday and referred the matter to its Committee on the Admission of New Members.

The Security Council's recommendation on Montenegro's application will be forwarded to the General Assembly for action.

Montenegro's request for

admission came in a letter to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan from its president, Filip Vujanovic.

Montenegro voted in a 21 May referendum to end an 88-year partnership with Serbia, completing the breakup of the former Yugoslavia. Serbia inherited the UN seat left by the union it formed with Montenegro.

The latest country to gain membership in the United Nations was East Timor, which became the 191st UN member in September 2002.—MNA/Xinhua



*Panamanian children wave flags as they welcome Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in the colonial downtown of Panama City, at the start of Chavez's two-day visit to Panama, on 22 June, 2006. —INTERNET*

## Fentanyl-heroin cocktail kills hundreds of addicts

**B ELING, 19 June—** Fentanyl-laced heroin has killed hundreds of addicts in Detroit, Chicago and Philadelphia recently, according to local police in US Sunday.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic drug, a prescription painkiller. It is 80 to 100 times more powerful than morphine and can kill humans in small doses. "Fentanyl can be up to 50 times stronger than heroin," said Columbus Police Sgt Steve Overholser.

"The drug can be lethal just on its own, and matching it with heroin makes it even deadlier,"

said Mansfield police Sgt Mike Bammann.

According to Chicago police, a West Side gang member has been arrested. The police said the arrest will hopefully lead them to the main supplier of the

deadly heroin cocktail.

Fentanyl-laced heroin has now also appeared in central Ohio where, over the last month, three cases of heroin with fentanyl have been found.

Internet



*Indian Army personnel sit beside seized arms and ammunition in a camp in Kalarooos, 140 km (87 miles) north of Srinagar, on 24 June, 2006. Hand grenades, rifle grenades and a large quantity of other arms and ammunition were recovered by troops during a search of a separatist militant hideout in Kalarooos, an Indian army statement said. —INTERNET*

## Hepatitis E infects thousands annually in Kathmandu

**KATHMANDU, 24 June—** The Hepatitis E, also identified by the name Jaundice, infects some 10,000 to 20,000 persons in the Nepali capital Kathmandu Valley during summer and rainy season every year, an expert said here Saturday.

"Majority of those infected by this disease comprise youths between the age group of 16 to 35 years," Santosh Man Shrestha, president of Liver Foundation of Nepal (LFN), a Non-Government Organization, said in a Press conference.

The pregnant women were extremely vulnerable to the Hepatitis E virus, which put both the mother and unborn child's lives in peril, Shrestha noted, adding, "The women bearing child for the first time are even more susceptible to the disease."

About 2 per cent of the population in the valley suffers from some form of liver ailment throughout the year and the disease is spread by the use of contaminated water.

"Water pipes supplying drinking water in the valley are old, leaky and remain empty for a long time, leading to water contamination," Shrestha said.

The improvement in the quality of drinking water could largely prevent liver infection, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Millions of Indians at risk from mercury poisoning

**NEW DELHI, 24 June—** Millions of people are at risk from the unregulated use of mercury in India, which has become the world's biggest consumer after China, an environmental group said on Friday.

Researchers say India is emerging as a hotspot for trade and unregulated internal distribution of the toxic metal, which has been outlawed in many developed nations because of its effects on humans and animals. Mercury, sometimes called quicksilver, is found mainly mined in

Europe. The heavy, silvery-white liquid metal is highly toxic, and exposure can damage the brain, nervous system and developing foetuses.

"We carried out a series of studies looking at various aspects of (the) mercury trade, usage and disposal in India and the

findings are seriously worrying," Prashant Pastore of the Delhi-based Toxics Link told Reuters.

"We believe millions are at risk from poisoning and we need to regulate and monitor the use of mercury in India, just as other countries have done."

MNA/Reuters



*Children play near a burnt car on Haifa street, one day after US soldiers and Iraqi troops clashed with gunmen, in Baghdad, on 24 June, 2006. —INTERNET*

## China conducts research on side-effects of contraceptives

**BEIJING, 24 June—** The world's most populous nation is building a

national network to monitor and prevent possibly harmful side-effects of contraceptives.

About 100 monitoring stations are expected to be operating across China by 2010, Xinhua learned at a national population and family planning science and technology conference on Thursday.

The government had initiated monitoring and evaluation research on contraceptive medicines and instruments over the past five years in Anhui and Sichuan provinces and the two municipalities of Shanghai and Chongqing.

The pilot programme is expected to see a monitoring station in each of 10 counties of 10 different provinces by 2007.

Research had shown that contraceptive medicines possibly contributed to cardiovascular diseases, while some people using hypodermic medication reported headaches.

Researchers would also visit contraceptive users through the family planning network that covers almost every village in China to gather more samples.—MNA/Xinhua

# Does she really take after Mahattama Gandhi?

*Maung De Doe*

Bluntly, I should take no heed of an unimportant case and there is no need to write an article about that. However, I have to write this article in case unless somebody points out that, the failure will exacerbate the situation and the persons concerned will become more daring to commit wrong verbal actions. So, I have to remind them about their wrong actions so that they can pick up a correct conception in this regard.

I was taken aback by the contents of a pamphlet of the central women's committee of a political party that said it had set up an objective to improve the well-being of the people by ruling Myanmar.

I was also shocked by the description carried by that pamphlet that says "The Myanmar Women's Day is the birthday of General Secretary of the National League for Democracy Daw Aung San Suu Kyi". Indeed, the statement is rather extreme and based on personality cult.

According to the statement, they meant that the day they have chosen must be designated as the Myanmar Women's Day. So, it can be deduced from the statement that they have assumed that the NLD is represented by the entire Myanmar women. If openly to say, just as I read the statement, I noticed that all the NLD members wanted to launch indirectly the one-party system and individualism policy.

Many persons with such extreme ideas are included in the political party and that tarnishes the dignity of the people of Myanmar.

In this regard, there may be a question "How do they bring dishonour to the people?"

The more the external elements, who are anxious to interfere in the internal affairs and exploit the situations of the nation, know that the NLD is, in fact, formed with the extreme members who persist on what they want to gain, to tell and to be without weighing up cause and effect, the more they will flatter and abet such extreme members. Besides, with such external elements' knowledge of low intellectual power of the members who are anxious to rule Myanmar, that will automatically attract the alien people's oppression of Myanmar national people.

That is the major point that disgraces the motherland.

The pamphlet also says that the 19th of June, the birthday of the leader of the political party, has been celebrated on a grand scale as the Myanmar Women's Day for seven times.

Let it be. It has been ten years since the government of Myanmar established the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs as a non-governmental organization on 3 July 1996 to enhance the rights of Myanmar women in various sectors.

And it has been eight years since the 3rd of July was designated as the Myanmar Women's Day.

In doing so, the government did not take into consideration the birthdays of any particular person and any commemorative date. So, what is the most suitable in that regard is that the date on which the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs that represents the entire mass of Myanmar womenfolk was conceived is designated as the Myanmar Women's Day.

In the pamphlet, it is also said that in response to the designation, a late rector remarked that the NLD woman leader who abhors violence like the national leader of India Mahattama Gandhi is like Mahattama

Gandhi.

I would like to ask the NLD central women's committee if she purports to be like Mahattama Gandhi.

The name of that rector is stated in the pamphlet. But, I do not reveal his name because I do not want to see his dignity tarnished. And does the central women's committee know why we should be considerate towards the dignity of a person?

May I explain that point short and to the point.

In which points can this NLD leader be compared with Gandhi? Gandhi is the one who was able to bring about a reconciliation with leaders of different races and ideologies, who was able to solve the problems of racial and religious affairs, who strove for his country to be free from the British colonial rule, who was not awarded any gains but reprimanded by the British, who always wore his home-made dhoti.

However, this woman is just the one who attempted to disrupt the official designation of Myanmar Women's Day and who created slanders on her own country affairs by saying that there is disunity within. So she cannot be any way like Gandhi. In addition, in the propaganda pamphlet they mentioned that there did exist many women leaders in countries such as Pakistan, the Philippines, Bangladesh, India and Indonesia. In Myanmar also there were women leaders like Badda Nu Wadi of Tagaung, Malar Sandi of Srikestra, Pantra princess of Beikthano, Hanthawady Shin Saw Pu, Phwa Saw of Bagan Period, Ruzi Ya Pa Ba princess of Innwa Period, Nanmadaw Me Nu of Konboug Period, consort of King Hsinbyushi, consort of King Sakkya Deivi and Su Phaya Latt. Besides, the pamphlet says many famous, heroic women emerged in the country after the above-mentioned periods. They are Pin Khin Khin, Monywa Khin Lay Gyi and wife of Bagan Bo Cho as well as Chin nationals like Lamkyaing, Kwai Wan Twenan, Wonnin, Onhe Nayan Kyaing and Din Nyan. Many more famous women are also described in the pamphlet. These are all common knowledge and they cannot be concealed by anyone.

But, did those famous leaders from Asia and Myanmar famous leaders try with egoism to designate their birthdays as an auspicious day representing the mass of women? It was found that even the most influential and powerful Myanmar women from the period of feudalism didn't show such egocentric spirit. Their ladies-in-waiting did not do any acts either to flatter them to be famous. Even generous Shin Saw Pu did not try to be remembered by posterity. Only after centuries had passed, Shin Saw Pu Road had to be designated as a remembrance.

There is also a lop-sided statement found in the propaganda pamphlet. It said that there are those who

are trying to play down and tarnish the sector of women who dared to sacrifice for their country and the people. In fact, those from NLD Women Work Committee who wrote their one-sided statements in the pamphlet should know facts that have already gone down in the annals of history can no way be discarded. It is sure that one who sticks to one's own interest cannot be the one who has positive attitude.

The statement is also devoid of rejoicing at the success and prosperity of others. It seems to promote an individual. In fact, it holds no water.

At the end of the statement, there included a poem, entitled, permanent flower, which says certain person remains in the hearts of all. It continues to say that the person is the rose as well as the garland of jasmine that is fragrant forever.

The poem likens the person to a hawk, an eagle and a kite. It also compares the person to ruby, diamond and gems; it says that the person is the future, the permanence, and the principal. It wishes the freedom of all the political prisoners including the person.

True, it is readable.

But please answer a question. Could the person build the nation alone? Of course, without relying on the external assistance. If the foreign assistance is to be sought, they should compose a poem referring to such nations which are confronted with hardships and sufferings due to their reliance on foreign assistance.

A review of the NLD statement will show that it is totally devoid of the basic requirements of Myanmar women. It draws the conclusion expressing their demands. Here, the protest note of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, released on 7 April 2005 may be recalled.

According to the protest note, the MWAFF, on behalf of the mass of Myanmar women who constitute more than half of the population of the country, strongly protested the unjust accusations and resolutions and sanctions imposed devoid of sympathy and with intent to put political pressure on the nation. The NLD statement, on its part, is not in a position to stand by the mass of Myanmar women. In fact, the statement of the NLD central women's group is a narrow-minded one representing no one. It has been documented in history.

As they say those who try to erase history will be punished severely by history itself eventually, the words will apply to anyone guilty. Keep your words, NLD central women's group.

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## Establishment of Yuzana Palm ...

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The Secretary-1 and party inspected palm oil and raw materials. Responsible persons conducted them round the

ible oil requirements of the State. He was very pleased to know that Yuzana Edible Oil Group grows oil palm and now can produce edible oil.

tion of groundnut and sesamum. The companies including Yuzana Co grow 500,000 acres of oil palm in Taninthayi Division under the guid-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views extraction of physic nut oil. — MNA

mill.

At the hall, Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint reported on construction of plant.

The country needs about 300,000 tons of edible oil yearly but it produces only 200,000 tons. That is why edible oil is im-

ance of the Head of State.

The oil mill can produce 200 tons a day. Despite a great deal of investment in the plant, he urged the officials concerned to give priority to the welfare of consumers and to follow the guidelines by the Head of State— full operation of the factory, reduction of production cost and thrifty.

Next, U Htay Myint presented palm oil produced by the mill to departments through officials. He presented gifts to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers and the Mayor.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 signed the guests book.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed pumping of crude palm oil from the ship to the tank at Yuzana Jetty, the power control room, manufacturing of

ported annually for fulfillment of local consumption.

There have been no favourable conditions so far for extended cultiva-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein plants a physic nut sapling. — MNA

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said that establishment of the plant contributes towards satisfying the ed-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein sprinkles scented water on the stone plaque of Yuzana Palm Oil Plant. — MNA

containers and other units.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen

jetty where a vessel loaded with 3,000 tons of oil can berth was built. The plant can refine 300

of shortening, stearin, baking fat, vegetable fat and butter oil daily and 20 tons of oil for making



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Yuzana Palm Oil Plant. — MNA

Myint Swe and the ministers grew oil palm plants in commemoration of the opening ceremony.

Next, they viewed process of growing physic nut plants and extraction of physic nut oil. They also planted physic nut saplings in the compound of the plant.

Yuzana Palm Oil Plant is built on 24 acres of land. Near the plant, a

tons of crude palm oil daily and can manufacture 200 tons of edible palm oil daily.

Furthermore, the plant can produce 80 tons

soap. In addition, the plant can manufacture groundnut oil, soya-bean oil and vegetable oil of international set standards. — MNA

**The companies including Yuzana Co grow 500,000 acres of oil palm in Taninthayi Division under the guidance of the Head of State.**



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence unveils signboard of Yuzana Palm Oil Plant. — MNA





# Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends growing of physic nut plants in Yangon East District



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends physic nut plant growing ceremony of Dagon Myothit (South) Township.— MNA

YANGON, 25 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to cultivate physic nut saplings along Shukhintha Circular Road in Shukhintha Ward of Thakayta Township this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, departmental heads, local authorities, members of social organizations and local people.

First, the Chairman of the Township PDC

reported on growing of physic nut plants in the township.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented physic nut saplings to social organizations and townsenders.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the ministers planted physic nut saplings. They viewed participation of social organization members and townsenders in growing physic nut saplings.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party proceeded to the 100-acre physic nut farm being nurtured by Yangon East

District PDC at Ward 64 in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

Chairman of the District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein reported on cent per cent cultivation of physic nut saplings.

In his instructions, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that as the plan is being implemented to cultivate physic nut plants in the entire nation, departmental officials, local people and members of social organizations are to grow the plant for meeting the target.

Next, Secretary-1

Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Lt-Gen Myint Swe planted physic nut saplings in the

farm and viewed the thriving saplings. Yangon East

District has performed 103.07 per cent of growing physic nut plants. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents physic nut saplings to social organization members and local people in Thakayta Township. — MNA

## Coord meeting on extended cultivation of kitchen crops held



Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein speaking at the meeting with kitchen crops growers. — COMMERCE

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June — A coordination meeting on extended cultivation of kitchen crops was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 June. Present on the occasion were Minister

for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun and officials of the ministry, entrepreneurs from Yangon, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and local onion growers.

First, the minister

made a speech. The minister held discussions with those present on stability of onion price and extended cultivation of onion. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun took part in the discussions.

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## Greens trains entering Yangon from Pyay, Mandalay railroad sections

YANGON, 25 June — Accompanied by officials of Myanma Railways, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin arrived at Danyingon station on 24 June and inspected distribution of vegetable

carried by No 76 down train running on Pyay - Yangon railroad section. Next, Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin met with vegetable growers from states and divisions, greengrocers and sellers and fulfilled their

requirements. Afterwards, the Deputy Minister and officials inspected greens and groceries carried by No 914 down train from Mandalay-Yangon railroad section and met with merchants.

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Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin meets vegetables growers at Danyingon Station. — RAILWAYS

## Through joint enforcements measures of Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and relevant Government Departments, 10249.85 acres of poppy destroyed during 2005-2006 cultivation season that is 409.54 acres more than 2004-2005 season

Yangon, 26 June— The following is the message from the Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and the Minister for Home Affairs Major-General Maung Oo on the commemorative occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking which falls today.

Countries around the world will be commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking today. Based on the matching aims and objectives, I am convinced that similar commemorative events are also being held all throughout the States and Divisions of the Country.

The theme proclaimed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) this year for countries around the world to deal with the crisis of drugs they all are being faced with is "Drugs are not child's play".

The spirit of this message is never to try out drugs as it can have disastrous consequences on the interconnected web of individual's education, health, economic and social well being. It is not intended only for young people but for people of all ages as drugs, once addicted to it, can drag a person along the stream of peril.

In his message to the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking in 2005, the UN Secretary General highlighted that there are almost 200 million individuals who are abusing illicit drugs. To try out modern drugs with fancy and interesting names like CRACK, POP, JUNK, CRYSTAL, METH and DISCO BISCUITS that has different addictive powers, is nothing but acquiring a fast ticket to shorten our lives. That is the reason why he has urged individuals to steadfastly refuse to be caught in the vortex of drugs through the lessons learnt from those who were dragged under.

All throughout different Governments era, Myanmar has strived to combat the menace of illicit drugs using its own resources. We have launched a 15-year narcotic drugs eradication program since

1999-2000 and the first five-year phase was a success. The fact that there is an annual decline in both poppy cultivated areas and in narcotic drugs production as reported by the joint surveys on illicit crops cultivation undertaken between Myanmar and the United States and Myanmar and UNODC is a particular proof of our successes.

On the demand reduction side as well, various working groups on drug dependency treatment, on rehabilitation and on mass educational campaigns, constituted under the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control are implementing relevant programmes. With an emphasis on youth-to be void of drugs — we are organizing group discussions against the use of drugs at schools together with teacher and Myanmar Anti Narcotic Association complemented by delivering educational talks. As part of our strategy to eliminate illicit drug use, we have been encouraging students to actively participate in literary, music, painting, cartoon and poster competitions held on 26 June annually, the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking.

By the same token, 26 major drug dependency treatment centers and 40 minor treatment units have been established under the direct supervision of the Department of Health. In those townships where such centers or units cannot be established yet, respective Township Health Departments are providing treatment facilities. Those who completed treatment can take part in the rehabilitation programmes provided at 6 States and Divisional level rehabilitation camps managed by the Department of Social Welfare. The Central Committee for Drug Abuse itself is running two youth rehabilitation centers namely "Shwe Pyi Thar" and

"Shwe Pyi Aye" where both dependency treatment and rehabilitation programmes are available. These are part of our undertakings to eliminate illicit drug use in Myanmar.

The survey conducted in 2003 at States and Divisional levels indicate that there are a total of 68,230 drug addicts and compared with a total of 58,134 addicts resulting from surveys conducted in January 2006, we find that number of drug addicts decreased by more than ten thousand within this three year period.

Through the joint enforcements measures of the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and relevant Government Departments, we managed to destroy 10249.85 acres of poppy during 2005—2006 cultivation season that is 409.54 acres more than 2004-2005 season. This is due to the increased capabilities of our enforcement teams as well as the enhanced cooperation received from international organizations and neighboring countries. This also contributed towards taking legal actions against those who committed drug related crimes transnationally and are being brought back to be tried here in Myanmar.

Accordingly, I would like to caution our citizens, in compliance with 2006 theme "Drugs are not child's play", never to treat the problems of drugs lightly and to take it seriously. Nobody should try them out, regardless of age and other factors, as it can have disastrous consequences on the interconnected web of individual's education, health, economic and social well being. Let me again urge you all to join hands with the Government in eradicating the use of illicit drugs.

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### Workshop on teaching traffic rules held in Nay Pyi Taw



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin addresses the workshop on teaching traffic rules. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June — A workshop on teaching traffic rules was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in Pyinmana yesterday morning. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin delivered an address. Also present on the occasion were departmental heads and 350 teachers from 11

schools in Nay Pyi Taw. The commander presented 360 illustrated books and 60 teacher guidebooks to respective Township Education Officers.

Next, the commander handed over 15 helmets donated by Ko Min Naing of Rainbow Cycle Parts Shop on Bayintnaung Road to Chairman of the Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee Col Khin Maung Tu.

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### Daewoo Int'l Corporation Chairman calls on CPT Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw received Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Tae-Yong Lee and party at his office in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 June afternoon, and they discussed communication matters.

Also present at the call were officials from Myanma Posts and Telecommunications. — MNA

### Daewoo Int'l Corporation Chairman calls on Minister for Mines

YANGON, 25 June — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Tae-Yong Lee and party at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road, Mayangon Township, yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry. — MNA



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## THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

YANGON, 26 June— The following is the message from Mr Kofi A Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, on the commemorative occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls today:

Taking drugs or not is about making choices informed choices. Yet too many people in the world are badly informed about the potentially devastating effects of drugs. That is why we need to work for better education and greater awareness to prevent drug abuse. We need more consistent leadership from Governments. We need better examples from role models whose drug use damages more people than just themselves.

We need spread the understanding that drugs are illegal because they are a problem; not a problem because they are illegal. Drugs cause health and mental problems. When addictive, they can spell misery for users and those close to them. When taken intravenously, they can spread deadly disease — especially HIV/AIDS. When they wreak their devastation, they no boundaries of income, race, occupation or geography.

Our efforts must focus especially on young people- through outreach, peer-to- peer networks, and using opportunities such as sport to keep young people active, healthy, and confident. That also means engaging and encouraging parents and teacher to play their part in full.

Our efforts also require working to reduce supply-through law enforcement, and through working with the producing countries to give farmers sustainable alternatives to growing illicit crops. In this way, we must strive to tackle poverty and drug supply at the same time.

This International Day Against Drug Abuse is a reminder to all of us to play our part. The United Nations is here to assist you in fight. Let us arm people with the information they need to say no to drugs.— UNIC

## Beautify the land minus drugs

- \* **Drugs of any kind, any description  
Are bound to hurt your economy  
So you should avoid, as since ancient times  
And there is evidence, strong  
That Myanmar since long ago  
Have kept to the tenets unitedly  
For it is in the national interest.**
- \* **Colonial heritage was handed down  
And Tatmadawmen and citizens alike  
With united strength  
Uprooted and drove them out  
That's because its in the national interest.**
- \* **Mohein,Ngayepan and Toughteikpan to start  
Then on to Barkyan and Monkylut  
We sacrificed our lives to banish drugs.  
Citizens born of the same land  
With new strength and thought  
Practically get rid of drug strains  
With new thought and action  
Try to rid of drug menace, get higher income  
Open a new facade, with new capability  
Will move on with new slogan  
“ 2014, Free From Drugs”.**
- \* **New historic era has been opened  
Land beautified minus drugs  
Peace on the land and economically well-off  
Rich within short time, brethren all  
Village of our kin, get prosperous  
Like music in good rhythm.**

Po Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi, Trs)

(Hailing International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2006)

## Training courses of Public Works conclude



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun speaks at the conclusion of financial supervisory grade-4 course and the road construction course No 5 of Public Works. — MNA

YANGON, 25 June — The financial supervisory grade-4 course and the road construction course No 5 of Public Works concluded at the central training

school (Thuwunna) this morning, with an address by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

Also present on the occasion were heads of department under the ministry, the principal of the central training school (Thuwunna), course instructors and 71 trainees.— MNA

## Art Exhibition opens

YANGON, 25 June — To mark opening of Mandalay Association (Yangon) Yadanabon art gallery, an art exhibition was opened at the hall of Mandalay Association at the corner of Merchant and 30th Street in Pabedan Township on 25 June.

First, No 4 Military Region Commander Lt-Col Khin Maung Tun, Patron U Kyaw Nyunt and Chairman U Mya Thaug formally opened the exhibition and viewed the paintings on display at the exhibition.

Enthusiasts may come and see the exhibition which keeps open from 25 June to 8 July. A total of 264 paintings are on display at the exhibition. — MNA



Lt-Col Khin Maung Tun formally opens Arts Exhibition. — MNA

## Minister meets service personnel

YANGON, 25 June — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo arrived at Myeik yesterday.

The minister met with service personnel under the Ministry of Home Affairs, members of social organizations and townselders at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik, and explained matters related to political, economic and social progress of the State. — MNA



Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivers a speech in meeting with service personnel, townselders and social organization members. — MNA

## Dry day inspection teams checked

YANGON, 25 June — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe, Vice-Chairman Col Win Naung of Mingaladon Station, Secretary Yangon Division Police Force Police Col Hla Min, Commander of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing and committee members

checked the dry day inspection teams which were discharging duties at the main points of Yangon.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax, departmental uniforms and took actions against those who violated traffic rules.

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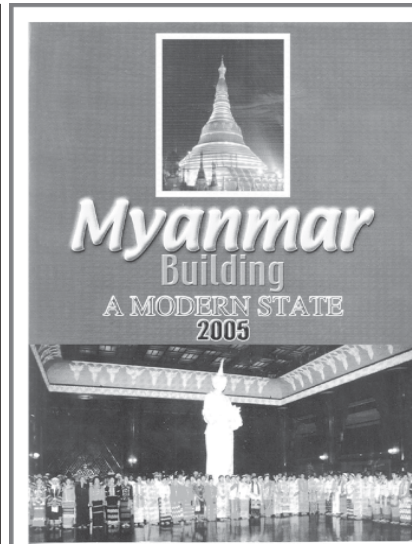
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### Venezuela open to better ties with new Mexico Govt

**PANAMA CITY, 24 June** — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a left-winger at odds with Washington, said on Friday he was willing to work to better deteriorated ties with Mexico regardless of who wins that country's 2 July election.

A self-styled revolutionary who calls Cuba his closest ally, Chavez clashed with conservative Mexican President Vicente Fox late last year in a dispute over US free-trade deals that ended with the governments withdrawing their ambassadors.

"It all depends what happens now with the new



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## Iranian negotiator says US wants to topple govt

**LONDON, 24 June** — Iran's chief nuclear negotiator said the United States is intent on toppling Teheran's Government

whatever happens in talks over its nuclear plans, Britain's *Guardian* newspaper reported on Friday.

"The nuclear issue is just a pretext. If it was not the nuclear matter, they would have come up with something else," the *Guardian* quoted Ali Larijani as saying. The United States, which suspects Iran is trying to make highly enriched uranium for nuclear weapons, says it wants a diplomatic solution but has not ruled out military action. Iran says it needs atomic technology for power generation.

Larijani accused Washington of relying on force to achieve its aims in the Middle East, and said US policies in Iraq and the Palestinian

territories had also complicated efforts to reach a deal over Iran's nuclear ambitions.

"If they continue on the same path, the price of oil will skyrocket and it will strengthen our resolve. They want to set fire to the region," Larijani said. "The American strategy is to use force to secure their interests."

The United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany have presented Iran with proposed incentives, including access to advanced civilian nuclear technology, aiming to contain its nuclear programme.

Larijani described the offer as a "sermon" and rejected suspension of uranium enrichment as a precondition for negotia-

tions, the newspaper said.

He said Iran would present extensive and detailed counter-proposals to the major powers' offer, which he described as ambiguous "from the beginning to the end of the package".

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Iran will respond to the proposals by 22 August, but Washington is pushing for an earlier reply. European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana expects to meet Larijani in the next week to explain the proposal.

Larijani denied Iran was planning to block oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz, the conduit for two fifths of all globally traded oil.

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## US secretly collects overseas banking data

**WASHINGTON, 24 June** — Under a secret Bush Administration programme initiated weeks after the 11 September attacks, US counterterrorism officials have gained access to financial records from a vast international database, *The New York Times* reported on Friday. The officials have also examined banking transactions involving thousands of Americans and others in the United States.

They are allowed to review records from the nerve centre of the global banking industry, a Belgian cooperative known as SWIFT that routes about 6 trillion US dollars daily between banks, brokerages, stock exchanges and other institutions, government and industrial officials were quoted as saying.

The records mostly involve wire transfers and other methods of moving money overseas and into and out of the United States. Most routine financial transactions confined to the country are not in the database, the report said.

The programme has played a hidden role in domestic and foreign terrorism investigations since 2001 and helped in the capture of the most wanted al-Qaeda figure in southeast Asia, the officials said.

The programme, run by the Central Intelligence Agency and overseen by the Treasury Department, "has provided us with a unique and powerful window into the operations of terrorist networks and is, without doubt, a legal and proper use of our authority", Stuart Levey, an undersecretary at the Treasury Department, told the newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua

government. We are waiting. Whatever the new government, we are willing to work to better diplomatic, trade, political and economic ties," Chavez told reporters on a brief visit to Panama.

Mexican leftist presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has a small lead over his conservative rival going into the final days of the campaign, two polls showed on Friday.

Lopez Obrador, a former Mexico City mayor who promises to fight poverty and roll back free-market reforms, had 36 per cent support. Rightist candidate Felipe Calderon trails with 34 per cent, the polls said.

A Lopez Obrador victory would strengthen a shift to the political left across much of Latin America in recent years.

Chavez, a former soldier who has become a magnet for anti-US sentiment in Latin America, has openly supported left-leaning presidential candidates in Peru and Nicaragua. But he has been more cautious in his comments about Lopez Obrador.

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## EU disappointed by lack of progress on US visas

**BRUSSELS, 24 June** — The European Union expressed disappointment on Friday at a lack of progress towards US visa waivers for new EU members and complained of a lack of transparency in the criteria used by Washington.

The United States does not require visas from citizens of 15 of the 25 EU countries but the waiver scheme does not apply to Greece or the 10 new, mostly ex-Communist, member states, with the exception of Slovenia.

The EU had hoped for progress on the issue at a summit with the United States this week in Vienna but this did not happen, EU Justice and Home Affairs spokesman Friso Roscam Abbing told a news briefing.

He said US criteria were not just strict, but not as clear as they could be. "While fully respecting their concerns

for security and otherwise, I think it is important that those who are currently excluded from the programme should have clear prospects and knowledge of what criteria they would need to meet," he said.

On Thursday, EU External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner said she and Interior Commissioner Franco Frattini had written to Washington warning the EU would have to take reciprocal steps if there was no progress on the issue.

The European Commission warned earlier this year it has the power to recommend sanctions,

such as re-quiring US diplomats to seek visas.

The United States has given no indication when the visa restrictions might be lifted.

It tightened immigration measures after the 2001 attacks on US cities and says it can waive visas only when a country fulfils clear requirements such as a low rate of citizens who over-stay the duration of their visas.

Frattini has said he would be satisfied if the United States agreed to accelerate talks on a country-by-country basis, saying some countries had made more progress than others.

MNA/Reuters

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### China population to peak at 1.5 bln in 2030s

BEIJING, 24 June — China's population will peak at 1.5 billion by the mid-2030s, and its sex ratio will remain skewed at 119 boys for every 100 girls, state media reported on Friday.

A study has found that China's population — which stood at 1.307 billion in late 2005 — will begin to gradually drop after the mid-2030s, the *China Daily* newspaper said.

The report found that China's imbalanced sex ratio had "remained stable" as measured

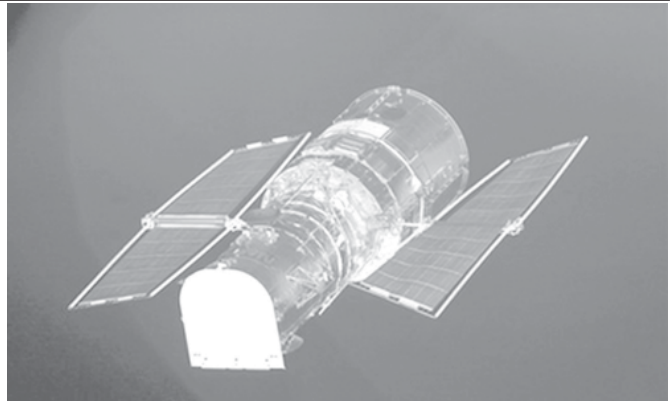
against a national census six years ago, but was "still worrying", the *China Daily* said. The internationally recognized normal ratio is 103 to 107 of one sex to 100 of the other, the paper said, but China's boy-girl ratio in 1990 was 111 to 100.

China families traditionally prefer sons—

a favouritism bolstered by the country's controversial one-child policy launched in the early 1980s to curb its population growth.

The report blamed illegal foetus gender identification and non-medical abortion for the skewed figures, but it urged the government not to change "current population policies", the paper said.

MNA/Reuters



The Hubble Space Telescope is seen as the Space Shuttle Columbia, with a crew of seven astronauts on board approached on 3 March, 2002, to latch its robotic arm onto the giant telescope. The main camera on the telescope that has revolutionized astronomy with stunning pictures of the universe has stopped working, an instrument specialist who works with the camera said on 24 June, 2006. —INTERNET

### Kenya to host global meeting on health next week

NAIROBI, 24 June — Researchers, academicians and politicians are due to meet in Kenya next week to address social factors affecting health of the world's population, Kenyan Health Ministry announced on Thursday.

The week-long Third International Commission Meeting on Social Determinants of Health, which opens in Nairobi on Monday next week, will discuss causes of ill-health, poverty, food security, social exclusion, inappropriate housing and unsafe employment conditions.

"The commission aims to lever policy change by

turning existing public health knowledge into actionable global and national policy agenda," said a statement from the Ministry of Health.

"The meeting will compile evidence on successful interventions and formulate policies that address key social determinants, particularly for low income countries," it said. — MNA/Xinhua

### Iran to halt gasoline imports, impose rationing

TEHRAN, 24 June — Iran will halt gasoline imports from 23 September, and start rationing gasoline supplies to motorists because of budget constraints, Iranian Oil Minister Kazem Vaziri-Hamaneh said on Friday.

Parliamentarians in the OPEC producer approved a budget for the year to March 2007 that cut the amount to be spent on gasoline imports to 2.5 billion US dollars from 4 billion US dollars.

This meant President

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's populist government, which draws its support from the poor, was faced with an unappetizing choice of hiking petrol prices or rationing, both potential sources of social discontent.

MNA/Reuters



Renault's Formula One world champion Fernando Alonso of Spain acknowledges fans as he stands on his car after setting the fastest time in qualifying for the Canadian F1 Grand Prix at the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in Montreal on 24 June, 2006. —INTERNET

### Zimbabwe's cotton production predicted to surge

HARARE, 24 June — Zimbabwe is expected to produce more than 300,000 tons of cotton in 2006, which would represent a significant increase from the 190,000 tons produced last year, a cotton expert said on Thursday.

The expert attributed the big jump in production to good rains as well as timely planting and improved supply of inputs. "The other contributory factor is that unlike other crops, the cotton industry is the only agricultural sector that has not been affected by the ongoing land reform programme," Obert Jiri, a former official of Cottrade, said.

He said cotton was mainly produced by small-holder farmers who are in areas where there has not been any resettlement. "The farmers produce the seed and

land is also available for them to produce cotton," he said.

The government of Zimbabwe embarked on the land reform programme in 2000 and the practice saw some tobacco, citrus and sugar cane farms being acquired for resettlement of Black people.

Production of these crops has significantly declined due to, among other factors, the disturbances associated with the acquisition process as well as lack of skills and training among new farmers. Cotton is one of Zimbabwe's major foreign currency earners.

MNA/Xinhua

### Doctors say bird flu may have been mistaken for SARS

WASHINGTON, 23 June — A Chinese man who died of pneumonia in 2003 and was at first classified as a SARS victim might have in fact died of avian influenza, Chinese researchers reported on Wednesday.

But in a confusing development, at least one of the researchers asked that the letter reporting the case

be withdrawn from publication in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Editors of the medical journal said they were trying to find out why.

The letter was available to journalists before its withdrawal, and describes the case of a 24-year-old man who died from pneumonia and respiratory distress in November 2003.

"Because the clinical manifestations were consistent with those of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and occurred when sporadic cases of SARS were described in southern China, serum and lung tissue from the patient, as

well as fluid aspirated from his chest, were examined for SARS coronavirus," the researchers wrote. "All tests were negative for SARS."

The World Health Organization said it was asking China's Ministry of Health for clarification.

"This has been signed by eight scientists from very prestigious institutions. It certainly adds weight to the information," said Roy Wadia, WHO spokesman in China. SARS first broke out in China's southern Guangdong Province in 2002 and spread as far afield as Canada before it was brought under control in

2003. It killed close to 800 people out of the 8,000 known to have been infected.

Ironically, experts at the time assumed the then-mysterious illness making people sick in China was H5N1 avian influenza, which broke out in Hong Kong in 1997 and then disappeared.

Wadia said: "It reinforces what we have known for a very long time which is that the H5N1 virus has been in the environment of this part of the world for a while and it's therefore not surprising that you would have these sort of cases".

MNA/Reuters



Flagstaff firefighter Eric Brown points to an area of the Brins fire at Slide Rock State Park in Oak Creek Canyon near Sedona, Arizona, on 22 June, 2006. —INTERNET

# SPORTS

**WORLD CUP FIXTURES**  
 Monday, 26 June 2006  
 Italy v Australia, 21:30 MST  
 Tuesday, 27 June 2006  
 Switzerland v Ukraine, 01:30 MST

## Eriksson reveals in South American record

BADEN BADEN (Germany), 25 June— England may toil against South American teams but they will go into Sunday's World Cup second round match with Ecuador knowing they have nearly always won such games under Sven-Goran Eriksson. Though England's quarterfinal exit to Brazil at the 2002 World Cup had keeper David Seaman in tears, they have won their six other matches against South Americans since Eriksson took effective charge in February 2001.

It has very rarely been easy, with England often struggling to keep possession against sides who are confident on the ball and give little away at the back.

Only two weeks ago, England needed an own goal by Paraguay captain Carlos Gamarra to make a 1-0 winning start to their Group B campaign in Germany.

In their dummy-run for that game, England had snatched a 2-1 victory over Uruguay in March after trailing 1-0 until 15 minutes from the end. Winger Joe Cole only grabbed the winner in the third minute of stoppage time.—MNA/Reuters



A soccer fan waves a German national flag in front of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche church in Berlin on 24 June, 2006. The German team won against Sweden 2-0 in a second round match of the World Cup 2006. INTERNET

## Confident Swiss target quarterfinal berth

HANOVER, 25 June— The self-belief of Switzerland's young World Cup squad has been swelled to new levels following Friday's assured 2-0 win over South Korea.

The victory, secured with goals from defender Philippe Senderos and top scorer Alex Frei, saw the Swiss finish surprise winners of Group G and moved Koebi Kuhn's men within

## Podolski double helps Germany brush Swedes aside

MUNICH, 25 June— Lukas Podolski struck twice in the first 12 minutes on Saturday as hosts Germany swept into the World Cup quarterfinals with a 2-0 win over 10-man Sweden.



Germany's Lukas Podolski (2nd L) shoots to score against Sweden during their second round match in Munich on 24 June, 2006. —INTERNET

The 21-year-old striker scored after four minutes with a deflected drive and then again eight minutes later with a precise finish from a clever pass by Miroslav Klose as the three-times champions took masterful control.

Germany, performing with great power and belief and backed by extraordinary support, will meet Argentina or Mexico in the last eight in Berlin on Friday.

Sweden were out-fought and, for spells, out-

thought. They had a man sent off and Henrik Larsson missed a second-half penalty on an afternoon they will wish to forget.

Stunned by the Germans' high-tempo opening spell, they were reduced to 10 men after 35 minutes when central defender Teddy Lucic was sent off.

The luckless Lucic, who with partner Olof Mellberg struggled to contain the movement and interchanges of Klose and Podolski, was dismissed for two yellow cards in eight minutes for fouls on Klose.

Sweden scrapped their way back into the game

before the interval when Zlatan Ibrahimovic, with a low shot on the turn from eight metres, forced an athletic low save from Jens Lehmann.

But the Germans, buoyed by their two-goal blitz, were in command and this allowed Torsten Frings and Michael Ballack to dictate the pace and shape of their game from central midfield where the Swedes were mostly outnumbered.

The opening goal was made by Klose who won a ball in the air, collected it again and turned past two defenders. His shot was blocked, but Podolski followed up and though Lucic dived to try to head clear the shot flew in.

The second came when Klose drew three defenders with a diagonal run and then played a reverse pass across the area for Podolski to fire in his third goal of the tournament.

Apart from the goals, the German fans, heavily outnumbering the Swedes in a 66,000 sell-out crowd at the Allianz Arena, enjoyed a series of near-misses by their team as they basked in warm sunshine and the 32 degrees Celsius heat. —MNA/Reuters

## Ukraine need to find quality to progress

BERLIN, 25 June— Ukraine acknowledge they need to play a better class of football than they have shown in some group matches if they are to progress any further in the World Cup.

A scrappy 1-0 win over Tunisia on Friday earned the Ukrainians a second-round match against Group G winners Switzerland, and although coach Oleg Blokhin was satisfied with the result, he was unhappy about the quality of the football.

He said his team needed to do some serious thinking before Monday's match in Cologne but was hopeful that Ukraine could progress to the quarterfinals.

"Chances always die last," he told reporters. But to get any further

they will need to do what no other team has managed in the tournament so far — score against Switzerland, the only side yet to concede a goal.

That job will fall to striker Andriy Shevchenko, European Footballer of the Year in 2004.

Shevchenko is by far the team's most skilful and well known player, but

Blokhin said football was all about the team rather than individuals.

"I don't ever single out one player (for praise or criticism) — the team either wins or loses," Blokhin said. The first European team to qualify for the finals, the Ukrainians came to Germany viewed as the dark horses. —MNA/Reuters

## Rodriguez fires Argentina into last 8

LEIPZIG, 25 June — A brilliant goal from Argentina's Maxi Rodriguez gave his country a 2-1 extra-time win over Mexico in the World Cup second round on Saturday.

Rodriguez struck eight minutes into extra time, controlling a cross-field pass with his chest and then hammering a superb, diagonal left-foot volley past Mexican goalkeeper Oswaldo Sanchez from 20 metres.

Argentina will play hosts Germany in the quarterfinal in Berlin on Friday.

The Latin American rivals had been level at 1-1 after 90 minutes, following two early goals.

Mexico took the game to Argentina from the kickoff and shocked the favourites by taking the lead with their first chance in the sixth minute.

Pavel Pardo's free kick on the right was flicked on with his head by defender Mario Mendez and captain Rafael Marquez came in unmarked on the left behind the defence to shoot into the roof of the net past keeper Roberto Abbondanzieri.

Argentina were level within four minutes when Hernan Crespo was credited with netting Juan Roman Riquelme's corner although television replays clearly showed Mexico striker Jared Borgetti heading the ball into his own net trying to clear.

The Mexicans, quick on the counter-attack, troubled the centre of the

Argentine defence time and again. Gabriel Heinze, having a poor game, was lucky not to be sent off for bringing down Jose Fonseca just before halftime.

Crespo could have had two goals midway through the first half, both times after being put through by superb passes into space from Esteban Cambiasso. —MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Ricardo Osorio (R) challenges Argentina's Roberto Ayala for the ball during their second round World Cup 2006 soccer match in Leipzig on 24 June, 2006. —INTERNET

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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one match of equalling the country's best World Cup showing.

If they can beat World Cup debutants Ukraine in Cologne on Monday, Switzerland will be through to the quarterfinals for the fourth time - and for the first time in 52 years.

"It's certainly possible for this team to reach the quarter-finals," said Kuhn, whose side were unique in coming through the group stage without conceding a goal. "We can go into the next game with huge self-confidence, knowing that our opponents will also be taking us seriously now."

With just three days separating the South Korea and Ukraine encounters, Switzerland will have less time than usual to recuperate for their next challenge.—MNA/Reuters

# Earthquake rocks Gorontalo, Indonesia

**JAKARTA, 25 June** — A tectonic earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale rocked Gorontalo province of Indonesia at 5:15 am local time on Sunday (2215 GMT Saturday).

Head of the Meteorological and Geophysics office in Gorontalo Kisnobudi said the epicenter of the quake was at 0.31 Southern Latitude and 123.48 Eastem Longitude, of some 60 km below the sea level.

The epicenter of the quake was at the Tomini Bay, Kisnobudi was quoted by *Antara* news agency as saying.

So far, no report of casualty and damage were made available, he added.

On 16 June, an earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale also rattled Gorontalo, but there was no casualties or damage.

Meanwhile, a moderate earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter Scale rocked Luwuk, Indonesia's Sulawesi Province early Sunday morning, but

there was no reports of casualties.

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

An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter Scale rattled Yogyakarta and Central Java on 27 May, killing more than 5,800 people.

*MNA/Xinhua*

# Twelve killed, three missing in Romanian floods

**BUCHAREST, 25 June** — Floods in northern Romania had killed 12 by Sunday morning and left 3 missing, authorities said.

Among the eight counties flooded, Bistrita-Nasaud was hardest hit with eight people killed.

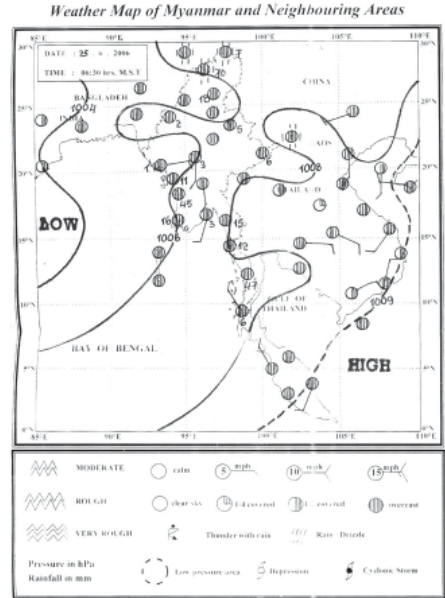
Torrents caused by heavy rains have isolated eight villages in the county, forcing the government to fly in relief supplies.

Crops in 1,200 hectares of farmland were devastated, and a further 448 hectares were partly destroyed.

The authorities have sent in troops to help with evacuation and disaster relief.

Weather forecasts say downpours are expected to continue in central and northern regions over the next several days.

*MNA/Xinhua*



## WEATHER

**Sunday, 25 June, 2006**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayah State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (2.83) inches, Myeik (1.85) inches, Thandwe (1.77) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.45) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.37) inches, NyaungU (0.82) inch and Pakokku (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-6-2006 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 25-6-2006 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-6-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 24-6-2006 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 25-6-2006 were (1.37) inches at Mingaladon, (1.45) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.93) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (24.13) inches at Mingaladon, (32.36) inches at Kaba-Aye and (36.14) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 24-6-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 26-6-2006:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Kayin States and Bago Division 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:** Moderte monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 26-6-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-6-2006:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-6-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



*Mexico's goalkeeper Oswaldo Sanchez is unable to stop a shot by Argentina's Hernan Crespo, unseen, for a goal during the Argentina vs Mexico Round of 16 World Cup soccer match at Central Stadium in Leipzig, Germany, on 24 June, 2006. — INTERNET*



**Monday, 26 June**  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -I'll be there for you... The Moffatts
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -Love you more...Steps
- 8:50 am** National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: -Crazy on dancing...Savage Ganrden
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: -Space in vaders... Hit & Hide
- 1:30 pm** News & Slogan
- 1:40pm** Lunch time music: -Words... Boy Zone
- Anywhere for you...BSB
- 9:00pm** Spotlight on the star: Dolly Parton
- Full circle
- What will baby be
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20pm** Drug! Women affairs
- 9:35 pm** Golden land melody!
- Blessed Myanmar
- 9:45 pm** News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



**Monday, 26 June**  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ ဗဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဌ ရုဂ္ဂ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဌအဖွဲ့မှ ဇောတိက၊ တီပိတုကဓရ၊ မွေ့ဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <p>5. Song of national races</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b></p> <p>6. Cute little of dancers</p>	<p><b>8:15 am</b></p> <p>7. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင် ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့ တေးများ</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <p>8. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <p>9. Grammar made easy</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>3. Practice in reading</p> <p><b>6:45 pm</b></p> <p>4. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ခေတ်ဗေဒအထူးဖြူ) (ခေတ်ဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p>5. Dance variety</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b></p> <p>6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b></p> <p>7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p><b>5:25 pm</b></p> <p>8. မြန်မာရိုးရာ တောဓလေ့ ကျေးလက် တေးသံများ</p>	<p><b>5:35 pm</b></p> <p>9. "ချစ်သောမြေ ချစ်သောရေ" (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းဆေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နီ.နီ.ဖွ)</p> <p><b>5:45 pm</b></p> <p>10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar modern music troupe)</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p>11. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>12. Weather report</p> <p><b>6:35 pm</b></p> <p>13. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင် ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့ တေးများ</p> <p><b>6:55 pm</b></p> <p>14. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးသယံဇာတ ကိုင်စီမံရေးဌာန</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b></p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စုလိုက်နံနက်ခင်း" (အပိုင်း-၃)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>16. News</p> <p>17. International news</p> <p>18. Weather report</p> <p>19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအိမ်ကလှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၅)</p> <p>20. The next day's programme</p>
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# 602 jade lots sold in euro

## Jade, gems and pearl special sales continue

YANGON, 25 June— Some 2,325 gem merchants— 1,439 foreign gems merchants from 388 companies of nine foreign countries and 886 from 376 local companies — visited jade, gems and pearl special sales for 2006 at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township from 20 June up to now.

Jade lots were sold to the local and foreign merchants through tender at 9 am today. A total of 602 jade lots were sold in euro. A total of 782 jade lots were sold through tender yesterday and today. The remaining jade lots would be sold through tender.

Moreover, 356 jade lots will be sold through competitive bidding up to 4 July. — MNA



Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales for 2006 in progress at Myanmar Convention Centre. — MNA



Local and foreign gem merchants observe jade lots. — MNA

### 31 members of YeU Township had no more interest and belief in NLD

YANGON, 25 June — Members of YeU Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division U Mya Sein, U Tin Swe, U Kyaw Tun, U Kyaw Tin, U Chit Sein, U San Ba, U Daung Yi and U Nyo Seint of Sagaing Division, of their own volition, resigned from the party on 24 May 2006, members U Sein Ya, U Soe Myint, U Tin Aung and U Sein Thin on 28 May, members U Kyaw Myint and U Soe Win Naing on 29 May, members U Than and U Shwe on 30 May, U Myint Than, U Than, U Tun Myaing and U Hla Ohn on 1 June, members U Tun Hlaing, U Thein Tan, U Khin Maung Win and U Myint Aung on 2 June, members U Nyo Win, U Kaung Aye and U Kan Nyunt on 3 June, Township NLD Chairman U Tin Maung and Secretary U Chit Hmwe on 4 June, and sent the letters of resignation to NLD headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignations sent to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they stated that they lost interest in the NLD and had no more belief in the party. Therefore, they of own volition resigned from the membership of the party.

Likewise, Vice-Chairman U Hsan and U Tun Win of YeU Township NLD, Sagaing Division, had also resigned from the party of own volition. So far, 31 persons had resigned from YeU Township NLD.

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- \* *If openly to say, just as I read the statement, I noticed that all the NLD members wanted to launch indirectly the one-party system and individualism policy.*
- \* *In designating the Myanmar Women's Day, the government did not take into consideration the birthdays of any particular person and any commemorative date.*
- \* *A review of the NLD statement will show that it is totally devoid of the basic requirements of Myanmar women. It draws the conclusion expressing their demands.*

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