

The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

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

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Order No 2/2008

2nd Waning of Nayon, 1370 ME
(20 June 2008)

Reassignment of Duty of Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has reassigned duties to Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin as Minister for Immigration and Population with effect from today.

By order,
Sd/ Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo
Lieutenant-General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Order No 3/2008

2nd Waning of Nayon, 1370 ME
(20 June 2008)

Appointment of Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to Vice-Admiral Soe Thein as Minister for Industry-2 with effect from today.

By order,
Sd/ Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo
Lieutenant-General
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Matriculation examination results announced

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—The results of matriculation examination held in March 2008 were announced at 6 am today.

The examination results were simultaneously announced at the examination centres in respective townships, states and divisions.

Besides, the examination results of the states and divisions except Yangon Division were also announced at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Insein Township, No. 1 Basic Education High School in Yankin Township, No. 3 Basic Education High School in Kamayut Township, No. 1 Basic Education High School in Lanmadaw Township, No. 2 Basic Education High School in Dagon Township and No. 1 Basic Education High School in Thingangyun Township, it is learnt.—MNA

Power-tillers distributed to villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township

YANGON, 20 June—Relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction committee of Mawlamyinegyun Township is providing necessary assistance to storm-hit villages. The

committee distributed 10 power-tillers to Natmu village; 5 power-tillers to Kyunchaung village and 8 power-tillers to Kyatshar village by Win Sein (1) vessel this morning.

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Let's nurture the sapling of democracy (2)

It is high time NLD participated in the democracy transition processes to provide impetus for them.



USDA members of Group-3 cleaning a lake in Hsincheya Village of Labutta Township.

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PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 21 June, 2008

Strive for getting schools free from mosquitoes

Another academic year has started, and students of all basic education schools are now attending classes. Teachers on their part are trying their best for nurturing their students to become qualified human resources.

All are to actively participate in the school health activities while striving for putting the classrooms in place, fulfillment of textbooks and exercise books and supply of potable water to schools.

As mosquitoes breed most in the rainy season, the risk of causing mosquito-related infectious diseases is high. Man can develop Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever if he is bitten by *Aedes aegypti* a kind of mosquito that usually hides in dark places during day time. Other mosquito species can cause malaria, meningitis and elephantiasis.

Therefore, steps are to be taken to get rid of mosquito larvae in stored clean water. Meanwhile, efforts are to be made to keep wards, compounds of houses and schools and drains always clean.

Moreover, the extensive use of water purifiers, toilets and fly-proof latrines is to be introduced in schools while exercising chlorination in some schools without water purifiers.

We firmly believe that as the Ministry of Health and relevant organizations, teachers and parents are extensively engaged in sanitation activities in order to get rid of various kinds of mosquitoes, each and every school child will be free from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe accepts US\$ 2,000 for storm victims donated by Dr Cham Prasadh, (Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce of the Kingdom of Cambodia) at the Central Bank of Myanmar on 20 June.—MNA

People's Desire

- * 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

Minister attends cash and power-tillers donation ceremony in Pyapon Township

YANGON, 20 June —Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing together with Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye and officials inspected progress in repairing religious buildings of Aung Thayar village monastery and offered provisions to the presiding Sayadaw of the monastery on 17 June.

The minister and party looked into ploughing of farmlands by the road in a motorcade. At BEHS in Thameinhtaw Kondan model village and No. 2 BEPS in Thein Kon, the minister and party oversaw progress in repair of school buildings and teaching of school children and attended to the needs. So far, 236 schools in Pyapon Township and 196 in Kyaiklat Township

have been opened. Next, they inspected durability of bridges and roads along the road in a motorcade and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards they arrived back at the village and attended the ceremony to donate cash to basic education schools and power-tillers to villages in Pyapon Township. Wellwisher Daw Than Than Lay (China Airlines) presented K 5 million for repair of basic education schools in Pyapon township and 30 power-tillers for six villages and U Tin Aye, K 100,000 for repair of village BEHS to officials.

Next, the minister inspected progress in repair of village dispensary and giving health care and fulfilled the requirements. —MNA

6th Meeting of Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June —A Vietnamese delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Dao Viet Trung left Yangon by air yesterday evening after attending the 6th Meeting of Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation held from 16 to 18 June in Nay Pyi Taw.

The opening session of the 6th Meeting of Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation kicked off on 16 June at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting was attended by the Myanmar delegation comprising senior officials from various ministries led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and the Vietnamese delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Dao Viet Trung. The meeting was inaugurated with the opening addresses made by the two deputy foreign ministers and discussed a wide range of bilateral issues on mutual interests for further promoting friendship and



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Deputy Minister Mr Dao Viet Trung sign the minutes of Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Commission Meeting.

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cooperation between the two countries.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu hosted a dinner in honour of the Vietnamese Deputy Minister Dr Dao Viet Trung and his delegation at Royal Kumudra Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony to sign the agreed minutes of the 6th Meeting of Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation was held on 17 June at Royal Kumudra Hotel and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Deputy Minister Mr Dao Viet

Trung signed the agreed minutes.

Afterwards, a representative from Petrovietnam Company accompanying the

Vietnamese delegation donated US\$ 30,000 to the Nargis Cyclone victims and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu accepted the donation. —MNA

Fisheries Department to build fishing boats

YANGON, 20 June — Under the arrangement of Fisheries Department, in Kyaukhmaw village in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division, those who are expert in shipbuilding from Mandalay and Sagaing

Divisions and Rakhine State are building 20 fishing boats a day starting from 17 June. A total of 1000 boats will be built and fishermen are to pay for the boats by installment.

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Chavez threatens to block oil over EU rule



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, right, greets Paraguay's President-elect during a meeting in Caracas, on 19 June, 2008. —INTERNET

CARACAS, 20 June— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez threatened on Thursday to punish European countries that apply controversial new rules for deporting illegal immigrants by denying them oil and blocking their investments.

The EU Parliament passed new guidelines Wednesday seeking to

standardize the process by which member nations deport illegal migrants. While the rules do not lay the groundwork for workplace raids like in the United States, they contain contentious measures such as providing for long detention periods.

Chavez said in a televised speech that the measure shows "signs of fascism," and predicted that countries would have to "build concentration camps" to hold millions of immigrants.

"Our oil shouldn't go to those countries" that adopt the policy, he said.

Venezuela sells most of its oil to the United States despite political tensions between the two nations, but is only a minor supplier to Europe. Some European companies operate in Venezuela, including France's Total and Norway's Statoil.—Internet

Guantanamo prisoner details sleep deprivation

GUANTANAMO (Cuba), 20 June—A Guantanamo prisoner testified Thursday that US troops made loud noises, kept the lights on in his cell, and frequently moved him around the prison to deprive him of sleep. Mohammed Jawad, an Afghan detainee charged with attempted murder, told a military court he does not know why he was subjected to the military's "frequent flyer" sleep deprivation program in May 2004, nearly 17 months after he was arrested.

"Day and night, they were shifting me from one room to another,"

Jawad said.

His testimony came in a pretrial hearing at the US war crimes court. Lawyers and human rights groups have accused the military of using sleep deprivation to "soften up" Guantanamo detainees for questioning, but this was the first time a prisoner testified about such treatment.—Internet



Former Abu Ghraib detainee Ali Shallal al-Qaisi, who served 6 months in detention, in 2003 in Abu Ghraib Prison, poses at a book stall in downtown Amman, Jordan, on 18 June, 2008.—INTERNET

India politician son 'kidnapped'

NEW DELHI, 20 June —The son of a former chief minister of India's north-eastern state of Arunachal Pradesh has been kidnapped by unidentified gunmen, officials said.

Getam Apang, son of former chief minister Gegong Apang, was kidnapped from the state capital, Itanagar, early on Thursday. The police said Mr Apang's car was recovered on the outskirts of Itanagar. They suspect the abductors could be political rivals of Gegong Apang or suspected militants.—Internet

Afghan suicide attacker kills 10

KABUL, 20 June—A suicide bomber has blown himself up in southern Afghanistan, killing 10 civilians, Afghan police have said.

The attacker detonated his explosives as a convoy of foreign troops was passing through Gereshk district in Helmand province, an official said.

Helmand has seen some of the worst violence of the Taliban-led insurgency.

The attack comes a day after Nato and Afghan forces said they had driven

Taliban fighters from areas close to the southern city of Kandahar.

There is no word on any military casualties in the latest attack.—Internet



Obama gives up public campaign money

WASHINGTON, 20 June— Democrat Barack Obama said Thursday he was forgoing more than 80 million dollars in public financing for his White House campaign, leaving him free to tap unlimited private cash against John McCain.

The Democrat had pledged last year to work "aggressively" with the Republicans on a deal to preserve public financing, under which candidates limit their spending in

return for matching funds from the federal Treasury.

"It's not an easy decision, and especially because I support a robust system of public financing of elections," said the Illinois senator, who becomes the first presidential candidate to forgo Treasury money for the general election.

Obama has raised a stunning 265.4 million dollars so far in his bid for the presidency, smashing all records for this stage of



the race, fueled by more than 1.5 million small donors who have given repeatedly over the Internet.

There was no immediate comment from the McCain campaign.

Internet

Hundreds indicted in US mortgage fraud

WASHINGTON, 20 June— US officials on Thursday indicted more than 400 people in a major operation aimed at derailing mortgage fraud.

The Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced the national crackdown to identify mortgage fraud perpetrators and charge them.

Separately, two senior managers with the Bear Stearns Hedge Funds were charged with conspiracy, securities fraud and wire

fraud for misrepresenting the value of their funds to stave off investor withdrawal. "Mortgage fraud and related securities fraud pose a significant threat to our economy, to the stability of our nation's housing market and to the peace of mind of millions of American homeowners," said Deputy Attorney General Mark Filip. The 1 March - 18 June Operation Malicious Mortgage "and our other mortgage-related enforcement actions demonstrate the Justice Department's commitment and determination to combat these criminal schemes, hold their perpetrators accountable and help restore stability and confidence in our housing and credit markets," Filip said.

The crisis in the subprime mortgage market — loans to high-risk borrowers with patchy credit histories — has played a key role in fueling the spike in the scams, authorities say.

The International Monetary Fund said in April that worldwide losses stemming from the US subprime mortgage crisis could hit 945 billion dollars as the impact spreads in the global economy.—Internet

Russia urges US to delay missile plan

MOSCOW, 20 June — Russia's foreign minister urged the US on Friday to postpone the planned deployment of missile defense sites in Europe and called for a delay of NATO's eastward expansion to mend frayed ties.

Sergey Lavrov said the level of trust in Russian-US relations is now lower than during the Cold War. He warned that by ignoring Russia's objections, the US and its allies would further damage already tense relations.

"It's very important to take a break and freeze all that," Lavrov said in a speech at a conference. "All these projects must stay where they are."

Internet

Survey says 500,000 Iraqis fled fighting in 2007

WASHINGTON, 20 June— A half-million Iraqis fled their embattled country in 2007, the third consecutive year more Iraqis were displaced than any other nationality, a survey of the world's refugees reported Thursday.

As before, most went to neighboring Syria, and some fanned out into other neighboring countries, the survey by the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants said. It said the United States accepted few, just over half the 3,000 it had promised to resettle by the end of September.

The report said the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees had referred 10,000 Iraqis for US resettlement.

It said the Iraqi exodus "from the violence and instability of their homeland" constituted "the largest refugee crisis of 2007."—Internet



Cheerleaders wait for the start of the Xinjiang leg of the Olympic torch relay at the Peoples Square in Urumqi, Xinjiang Province, recently.—XINHUA

Thailand hosts EAS workshop on biofuels

BANGKOK, 20 June— Experts from 16 East Asia Summit (EAS) member countries attended a workshop on biofuels which opened here on Wednesday to exchange expertise.

The two-day workshop, as well as the ASEAN+3 Forum on Nuclear Energy Safety held Monday and Tuesday, demonstrated efforts

by Thailand to highlight the energy and climate change issues as proposed priority agenda in ASEAN.

Thailand takes the rotating chairmanship of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), now under the leadership of former Thai Foreign Minister Surin Pitsuwan, from this August.

Participants — from the 10 ASEAN countries and other EAS members China, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India, have affirmed the great potential for the development, production, consumption and commercialization of biofuels as an alternative energy amid surging oil prices.

Speakers also discussed balancing the impact of biofuels development on food security, another hot debate issue in the world.—Xinhua

First Chinese leisure travellers arrives US

WASHINGTON, 20 June — First groups of Chinese leisure travellers to the United States arrived Tuesday night at Dulles International Airport in Washington and found themselves surrounded by Jazz music, smile and hospitality.

About 40 Chinese visitors walked through airport alley with banners on both sides saying “welcome to the US capital.”

“It is so exciting and makes me looking forward to this tour,” said Mrs Xing, a 70-year-old visitor from Beijing, adding that she felt very honoured to be among the first leisure groups to the US.

Their 11-day tour marked the implementation of a memorandum of understanding to facilitate outbound tourist group travel from China to the United States signed on 11 December, 2007, a milestone in the history of US-China tourism and economic cooperation.

Chinese citizens travelling to the US spent more than 6,000 US dollars on average in 2006 according to the US Department of Commerce.

The US Department of Commerce has arranged special activities for the first six Chinese leisure groups, including a planned meeting with Secretary Carlos Gutierrez at the White House, a tour to the Capitol Hill and a grand reception ceremony at a boat sailing along the Potomac River. —Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



A nurse wraps up a newborn baby girl, who was born to earthquake survivor Zhang Xiaoyan, at a hospital in Urumqi, in China's western Xinjiang region on 18 June, 2008. Zhang, who was rescued on 14 May after being trapped for more than two days in a collapsed building in Dujiangyan, in Sichuan Province, gave birth to a 3.3 kilogram girl on Wednesday.—XINHUA

S Korea to export training aircraft parts to Pakistan

SEOUL, 20 June— South Korea has reached a preliminary deal with Pakistan to export 1.3 billion (1.2 million US dollars) worth of parts from decommissioned military training aircraft, the Defence Ministry said.

The agreement between the Air Force of-

officials of the two countries will allow South Korea to export engines and other parts of its T-37 training aircraft, the ministry said in a statement.

“The contract will help enhance the ties between the Air Forces of the two sides,” said Han Sung-joo, who oversees South

Korea's military supplies.

T-37, a twin-engine jet aircraft, went out of service in 2004 after being used in South Korea's Air Force for over three decades.

Pakistan is the only country in the world operating the aircraft, the Defence Ministry said.

Xinhua

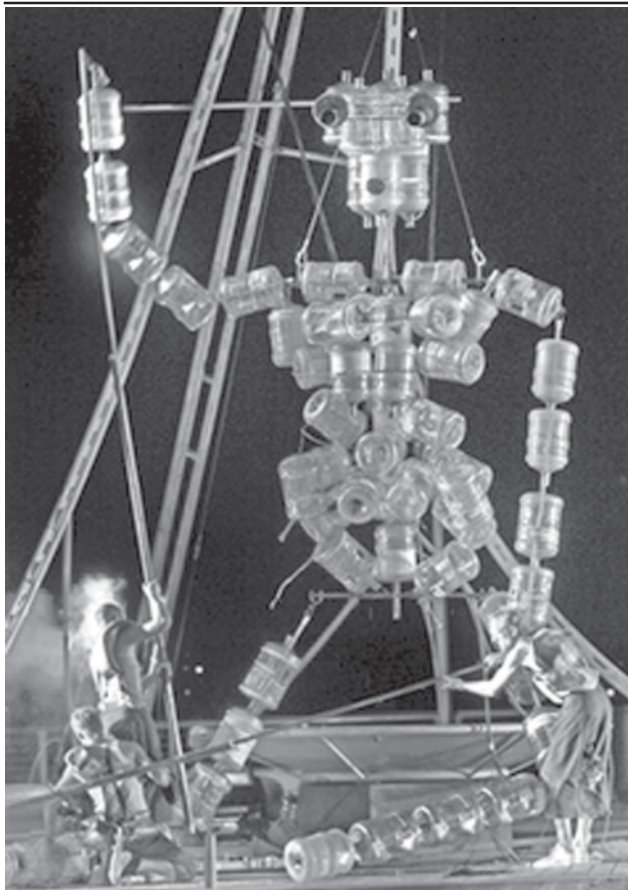
SIA to offer Beijing Olympics news on flights

SINGAPORE, 20 June — Customers will enjoy the latest news from the Beijing Olympic Games when they fly with Singapore Airlines (SIA) during August this year.

SIA announced Wednesday that starting from 11 August, customers on all flights can relive the excitement of the Olympics, with the key highlights on the latest winners and best moments provided weekly during the Games on KrisWorld, SIA's advanced inflight entertainment system.

The new KrisWorld inflight entertainment system offers more than 1,000 entertainment options, office productivity applications, and even the option to enjoy the personal audio and video content from their iPods or iPhones.

Xinhua



Performers from the Dutch theatre group The Lunatics perform a scene from their play entitled 'Hydro Sapiens', at a water reserve during the annual Singapore Arts Festival on 19 June, 2008, in Singapore. INTERNET

Morocco jails US pilot on drug trafficking charges

RABAT, 20 June— A US pilot, who was arrested in early May in western Morocco as he landed his twin-engine aircraft to pick up drugs, was sentenced Tuesday to seven years in jail on international drug trafficking charges, state MAP news agency reported on Wednesday.

The man, identified as Wilson James

Douglas, was arrested on 7 May when the twin-engine Cessna 337 aircraft he was piloting landed in a makeshift airstrip to pick up a load of drugs near the town of Kenitra, 40 kilometres north of Rabat.

Two Moroccans involved in the case were sentenced to six and four years in jail on similar charges, while another two were acquitted. —Xinhua

Philippines to import 600,000 metric tons of Vietnam rice

MANILA, 20 June—The Philippines is set to import some 600,000 metric tons of rice from Vietnam through a government-to-government agreement, Philippine agriculture chief said Wednesday.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap told reporters that his government has “successfully completed negotiations to purchase 600,000 MT rice

from Vietnam through a government-to-government basis”.

The deal was inked during a meeting of the Cabinet-level interagency committee on rice procurement, chaired by Trade and Industry Secretary Peter Favila.

According to reports, the freight inclusive price of the rice is set at 940 US dollars per ton, down from

the 1,140 US dollars average in April’s rice tender. Yap said the government already has enough rice to fill the domestic production-demand gap but intends to import more to augment the buffer stockpile.

He said it is the government’s obligation not only to maintain adequate supplies, but also to make food prices affordable to the public, especially the poor.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman sits near tomatoes for sale on a roadside in Nairobi, on 19 June, 2008. Africans must unite to demand an immediate end to Western trade barriers that are worsening the impact of a global food crisis on the world’s poorest continent, Kenya said on Thursday.—INTERNET



People reach to grab lettuce, as free fruit and vegetables are distributed by farmers on strike, during a protest in central Madrid on 19 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Singapore’s non-oil domestic exports down 11% in May

SINGAPORE, 20 June—Singapore’s main exports fell by 11 per cent in May from a year earlier, compared to the 5.3 per cent gain in April, government data showed on Tuesday.

The figures released by International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore), Singapore’s trade promotion agency, showed that it was due to a fall in both electronic and non-electronic exports.

Electronics shipments fell 8.5 per cent in May from a year ago, while exports of drugs fell nearly 49 per cent.

While the non-oil domestic exports (NODX) to Indonesia and Chinese Taiwan grew, that to the rest of the top 10 markets decreased in May, said IE Singapore.

The largest contributors to the NODX contraction were the European Union, the United States and Thailand.—MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong, Singapore top trade-enabling index

GENEVA, 20 June—Hong Kong and Singapore topped a new index that assesses how successfully economies encourage and assist trade, the World Economic Forum said on Wednesday.

The two East Asian countries were followed by two Nordic economies—Sweden and Norway—then by Canada, and then two more Nordic countries—Denmark and Finland, the business think-tank said in a report.

The survey looked not

only at conventional barriers to trade such as tariffs, but at factors such as the time taken to cross borders and transport conditions.

“The index will be particularly useful for policy-makers interested in benefiting from trade,” Robert Lawrence, professor of trade and investment at Harvard University and co-editor of the report, said in a statement.

“By integrating and benchmarking the full range of factors that affect trade, both at and behind the border, it provides meaningful guidance on what their priorities should be.”—MNA/Reuters

Indonesian flag carrier teams up with Turkish Airlines

JAKARTA, 20 June—Flag carrier Garuda Indonesia on Wednesday forged partnership with Turkish Airlines to expand their market network in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Under a agreement signed on Indonesia’s Bali resort island, the two companies will jointly launch promotion to boost

people traffic between Turkey and Indonesia, reported leading news website Detikcom. The agreement signed by Garuda president Emirsyah Satar and Turkish Airlines president Candan Karli-tekin also calls for co-operation in plane maintenance and overhaul.

Since there are no direct flights between Indonesia

and Turkey, air passengers heading for Indonesia will use Turkish Airlines planes and switch to Garuda planes during the transit in Singapore. “This cooperation has great potentials to boost passenger traffic between the two countries because it offers unique and valuable tourist attractions,” Emirsyah said.—MNA/Xinhua

China says overly weak dollar bad for world economy

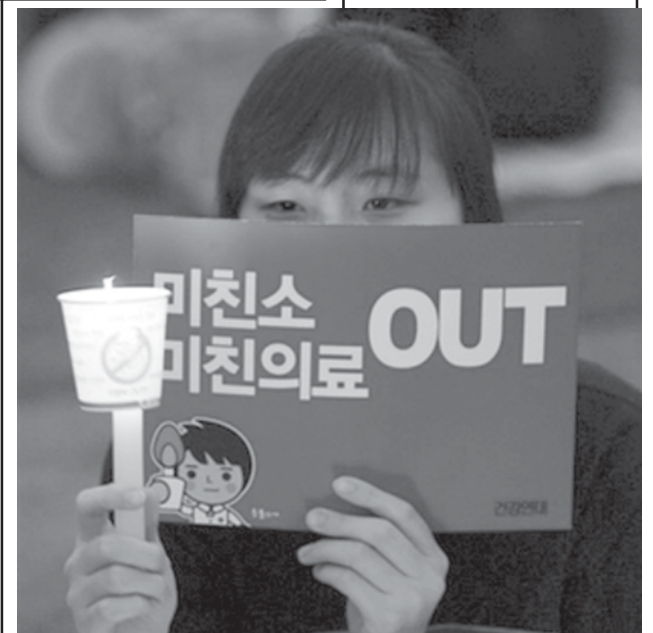
WASHINGTON, 20 June—Any excessive fall in the dollar’s value is not in the interests of the United States or the global economy and China hopes the United States will take effective steps to address that issue, a Chinese Finance Ministry official said on Wednesday.

“We hope that the United States will take a responsible stance to the issue of the dollar’s exchange rate. That’s in the interest of the United States and is necessary for the stability of the global system of foreign exchange,” Assistant Finance Minister Zhu Guangyao told reporters.

Speaking after the conclusion of a two-day session of economic talks

with the United States, Zhu reiterated that China would continue to carry out reform of its exchange-rate regime, but according to the principles of “self-initiative, gradualism and control.”—MNA/Reuters

A woman holds a candle during a candlelight rally against US imported beef in Seoul, South Korea, on 19 June, 2008.—INTERNET



GM, Ford sign contracts with China for more exports

BEIJING, 20 June—The US motor giants General Motors Corp and Ford Motor Co signed 1.8 billion US dollar contracts with China for more exports, Xinhua learnt from the two companies’ Beijing branches on Tuesday. According to the deals separately signed in Washington on Monday, GM will export one billion

US dollar worth of component kits, machinery, equipment and fully assembled vehicles including the luxury Cadillac brand to one of its Chinese partners, Shanghai General Motors, through 2010.

Ford will sell more than 30,000 North American-built vehicles and will supply transmission components and parts to its

joint venture, Changan Ford Mazda Automobile Co Ltd as of 2009, in a deal worth 800 million US dollars.

The two contracts were signed on the eve of the fourth round of Sino-US Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED), a biannual meeting aiming to discuss long-term strategic issues in bilateral trade relations.—MNA/Xinhua

Pantapwinttaung Sayadaw to be honoured

YANGON, 20 June — Lay persons are invited to participate in a ceremony to honour Presiding Sayadaw of Pantapwinttaung Monastery in Taikkyi Township Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Bhaddanta Paññasara at Maha Thadithuka Monastery in Tamway Township on 5 July.

An honorary title of Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara was conferred on the Saydaw by the State Peace and Development Council by the notification No 1/2008. — *NLM*

Educative talks held at Yankin Education College

YANGON, 20 June — The Culture Sub-Working Group of the Social and Culture Working Group of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held an educative talk at Yankin Education College, here, yesterday afternoon.

Leader of the Social and Culture Working Group Dr Daw Sanda Aung made a speech.

Deputy Leader of Organization Department Daw Thein Thein Nyunt gave talks on flourishing cultural heritage.

Principal of the college Daw Cho Cho spoke words of thanks.

Later, Leader of the Culture Sub-Working Group Professor Daw Khin Thein presented gifts to Daw Thein Thein Nyunt. — *MNA*



Ngatantaya Basic Education Primary School seen after being repaired.

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Trade Fair, Market Festival organized in PyinOoLwin

PYINOOLOWIN, 13 June — A Trade Fair and Market Festival took place at the town hall of PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Division yesterday.

Chairman of District Peace and Development Council U Min Lwin and U Aung Phone Myint formally

opened the trade fair and market festival. Those present viewed the stalls opened there.

Commander of PyinOoLwin Station Rector of Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Zeya Aung and wife Daw Thuza Wai, Commandant of Tatmadaw Administration School Brig-Gen Zani Win and wife, Commandant of No 1 Military Hospital (700-bed), local authorities and members of social organizations were also present.

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Matriculation examination results of some examination centres with poor transport to be on air

YANGON, 20 June — The matriculation examination results of some examination centres in states and divisions which are of difficult access will be on air by the Nay Pyi Taw Radio Myanmar through 41.75 metre wave, 520 and 505 metres medium waves on 21 June (Saturday) after the news section.

Those examination centres are Tanai, Machanbaw, Putao, Nagmon, Phakant, Sumprabum and Chipwe of Kachin State, Papun, Kya-in-Seikkyi and Kamamaung of Kayin State, Kanpetlet, Matupi, Mindat and Paletwa of Chin State, Gwa, Kyeintali, Zayatkonkhin and Manaung of Rakhine State, Momeik, Namsang (North), Monghsat, Mongkai, Kunlong, Mongton, Mongpyin, Mongyaung, Maukmei, Mongyaung, Kehsi Manhsam, Kunhing, Hopang, Mongkhat, Mongpan, Mongphyat, Mabein, Mongshu, Tonghon, Mantung and Laukkai of Shan State, Palaw, Bokpyin and Pala of Taninthayi Division, Pauk, Htilin, Saw, Laungshay, Kyaukhtu, Sedoktara and Ngaphe of Magway Division, Nanyun, Leshi and Lahe of Sagaing Division and Cocogyun of Yangon Division. — *MNA*



Dr Daw Sanda Aung of MWAF makes a speech.

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Express vessels to ply on Monywa-Hkamti route

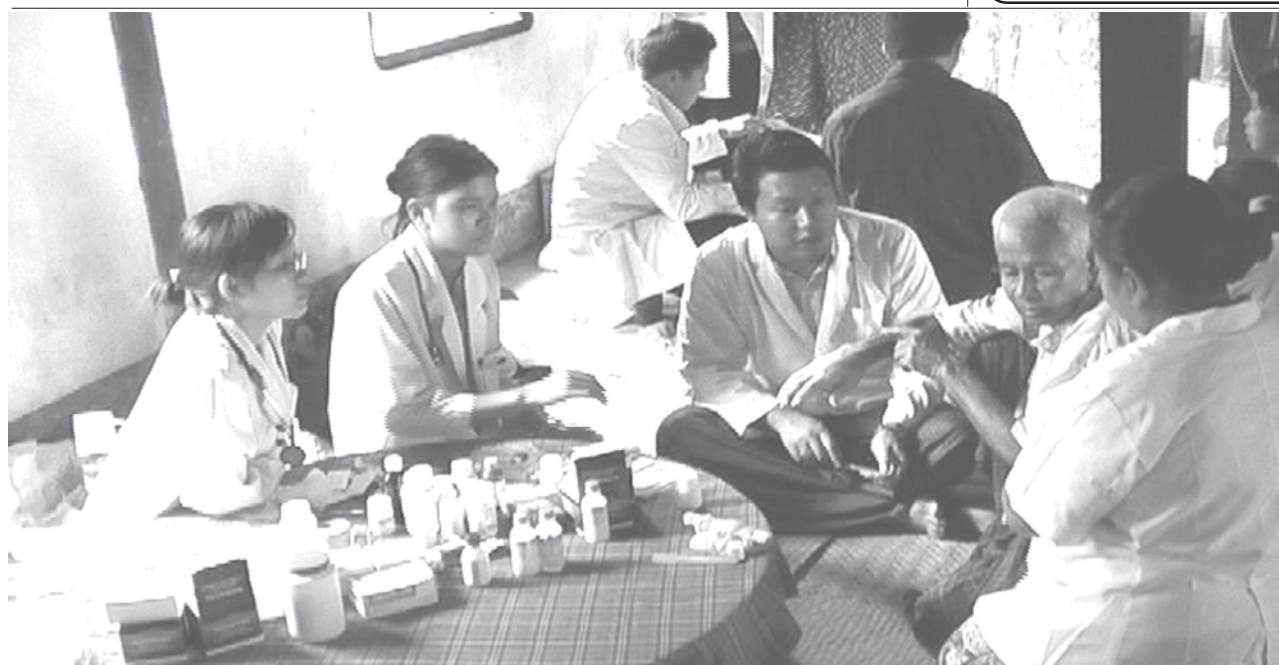
YANGON, 20 June — Owing to the rise of water level of Chindwin River, Chindwin Branch of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport will run the express vessels named Thalawady, which ply every year on Monywa-Hkamti route as from 28 June. — *MNA*

Storm survivors in Kungyangon Township receive health care

YANGON, 20 June — A medical team comprising house surgeons of the University of Medicine-2 has carried out health care services in storm-hit villages in Kungyangon Township.

The team was divided into groups and the group-1 was supervised by Dr Saw Kalyar of the Health Department in Kungyangon Township and led by Dr Ye Tun Min of the University of Medicine-2. The 9-member group went to five villages in the township and gave medical treatment to patients there. They provided health care to over 300 patients and gave educative talks on infectious diseases.

The group-2 comprising five house surgeons was led by Dr Ohn Ma Nyunt Tin and camped at a basic education primary school in Taunggon Village on 16 June. They provided health care to over 300 storm survivors. — *MNA*



Medical team giving health care to patients in Tawkayan (East) village, Kungyangon Township. — MNA

Let's nurture the sapling of democracy (2)

Kyaw Min Lu (Shwepyitha)

(Continued from yesterday)

In the 1990 election, NLD won 392 seats, more than 300 of which were reduced due to transforming themselves into independent representatives-elect, demise, resignation, disqualifications, violation of existing laws, and other reasons. So, the number of remaining representatives-elect of the party stands at only nearly 80. The representatives-elect total around 120 if the number of NLD representatives-elect is added to that of other parties and independent representatives-elect. So, it is safe to say that NLD representatives-elect make up 24 per cent of the total number of representatives-elect.

According to the constitution, the quorum of representatives-elect to call for a hluttaw (parliament) session is one-third of the total number of representatives-elect. The 1974 constitution says, "The Council of State shall convene a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw as soon as possible if 34 per cent of all the members of the Pyithu Hluttaw so requisition". Apparently, the demand made by about 80 remnant NLD representatives-elect for convening a hluttaw session does not meet the norms of our country and other countries. Furthermore, the term of a hluttaw is designated four or five years, so the term has expired for many years. We have to leave past experiences in the past. A person cannot dream continuously the whole life. It will be over when he wakes up. If a past experience is no longer reasonable, we cannot use it at present and in future. I wish both NLD and experienced politicians would notice about that point.

Anyhow, NLD should no longer stick to the 1990 election results. It was just in the past. It has to make its history, while trying its best and taking lessons from the past experiences and creating a brighter future.

So, it has to correct its mistakes if it has made some. If it persists in doing wrong instead of correcting its mistakes, it will never escape from consequences of doing wrong. It is impossible that it will not get back on the correct path automatically. There is a saying that goes, "Attahi Attano Natho" which means that the person on whom one can rely is he himself. Therefore, NLD has to mend its ways.

Among the political policies, democracy is endowed with essence and it can shape the future of a nation and the people. However, in this regard, it is required to exercise democracy correctly. If not, we cannot benefit from the exercise of democracy. As mentioned above, although 235 parties work in alliance to introduce democracy, the nation's goal will never come to fruition if the parties are vying for power and a party is anxious to monopolize the power due to its arrogance just after winning the votes of only one-third of the eligible voters.

In a bid to practise democracy correctly, all the parties and the entire people have to be convinced of that notable point. Here, the people have to take time till they are mature enough to exercise democracy. In the process, we have to take steps according to the prevailing situations, and we should not ignore the prevailing situations. If we persist in ignoring the prevailing situations to implement the processes, we will face evil consequences, rather than fruitful results. I would say, we should have patience in nurturing the people and we have to suppress the desire of enjoying fruits of our labours immediately. Only then, will it be possible for us to enjoy democracy in a correct way.

It is easier said than done in exercising democracy. Indeed, democracy by nature is very fascinating, but we can suffer a lot if we are not capable of exercising it correctly. And the situations will go from bad to worse if egoism, personality cult and selfishness are common. Our country once exercised the parliamentary

democracy in the post-independence period. Owing to conflicts and the sectarianism between political parties such as AFPFL, BCP and Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta, national unity broke up and armed conflict was raging, and the whole nation was close to ashes. To make matters worse, the nation went through the hell of internal armed insurgency for more than 40 years. So, as for Myanmar people, democracy had a bitter taste. It was not because of democracy, but because of those who implemented democracy, and those who were desperate to come to power with egotism, attachment to the party concerned, and selfishness, and those who bore jealousy and disturbed others. We should not forget that the nation was paralyzed with a variety of problems and the people had to live in a state of panic, following the conflicts between politicians and intra-party conflicts.

In most countries, there is no country where the number of political parties is as many as over 200 and no country where the number of parties that stand for election, is as many as over 90. On average, a nation has two major parties—the ruling party and the opposition party, or three or four parties. In general, they have different policies and stances. However, while the winning party is in office, the opposition party does not oppose or criticize whatever the winning party does. The opposition party supports and cooperates for prudent acts, and objects to and gives suggestions about imprudent acts of the winning party. Whatever it may be, the two parties give priority to the national interest and work together with the sense of democracy. So, irreconcilable disagreements and harsh criticisms are very rare between the two parties. Only when the two major parties are knowledgeable enough about democracy, can the nation and the people enjoy the essence and benefits of democracy. It is required of the major parties to serve as an exemplar exercising mature and fine democracy traditions if they are pursuing the democracy goal.

The approval of the new constitution puts an end to the 1990 election results, however I do not want NLD to consider itself to be defeated. In the past, it pointed out lack of timeframe for many times. The 2010 election has a timeframe. Therefore, I would like to suggest that NLD should not take the 1990 election results into consideration and should prepare itself for the 2010 election. If so, the party will accept that the new constitution is the fundamental factor for its success. This constitution is not a rigid one. It took long for the democracy countries to enjoy the democracy rights at the present level. With political and economic development, and more knowledge of democracy, the people will be able to enjoy better democracy rights. When it is opportune, amendments can be made to the constitution as necessary after holding discussions in line with the provisions. So, I would say there is no need to worry to that degree.

Furthermore, the people have gained much more education, knowledge, concept and stances if compared with theirs in the 1990s. The babies at that time have cast 'yes' vote for the constitution. Thus, the party should have given up unreasonable demands, sticking to the results of 18 years ago. It is high time NLD participated in the democracy transition processes to provide impetus for them.

As a matter of fact, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw had to sacrifice a lot of time and labour and used good opinions to complete up to the fourth of the seven-step Road Map. So, it is not wise to restart the seven-step Road Map and demand discussions for the Road Map. Moreover, the constitution has bestowed the people with the rights to all eligible persons to participate in the remaining steps. **If NLD and veteran organizations abide by the law, they will all have the rights to take part in the remaining steps. At a time of very delicate situations for transition to democracy,**

peace, stability and development are necessary for the nation and the people. So, NLD and veteran organizations have to take great care in addressing any cases that might harm national interests. And they should not accidentally tarnish the image of the nation and the people. Really, I hope win-win solution to the issues without infringing the seven-step Road Map.

Surely, a political party is knowledgeable to an extent about delicate situations in the political and racial affairs. If they give priority to short-term interests, they will face a similar experience in which a stupid crow lost its life riding the carcass of an elephant floating in the sea.

It is easy to destroy things, whereas difficult to build things. It is many times more difficult and complicated to repair and reconstruct the ravaged things. Today, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in collaboration in an effort to achieve the common goal. **Now, the nation has potential for development. It is imprudent to destabilize the nation on the basis of the strong desire to come to power and to enhance the domination of the party concerned. It is time they worked hard to achieve their goal by effectively applying the good circumstances and unique opportunities.**

As mentioned above, approval of the constitution means creating a good opportunity for all political parties. They should not miss this golden opportunity. NLD has risen constantly against the government, but the government has been showing its benevolent attitude and understanding them. So, it has made clear that **it is not too late for NLD to grab the golden opportunity.**

So, they should have reduced the momentum of their anti-government acts. They should not even plan in complicity with CRPP to form a parallel government. And they should no longer cling on to the mandate or the 1990 election results. They should no longer dream about a hluttaw session. They should no longer try to launch political attacks on the government under the pretext of Nargis. They should make positive offers for cooperation instead of releasing anti-government announcements. **Why should not they make preparations to stand for election in accordance with the approved constitution in the 2010 multi-party democracy general election? What I expect is all positive situations.**

To put it in a nutshell, the new constitution has been approved by the mandate of the people. The 2010 multi-party democracy general election is waiting to provide seats to the winning party. When hluttaws at different levels are formed with the people's representatives to be elected in the elections, the genuine discipline-flourishing modern developed democratic nation has come into shape. So, the democracy goal aspired by the entire people is within our reach. We are now close to our goal and our efforts are making good headway.

Here, I would like to make a positive suggestion that NLD prepare itself for standing for election in conformity with the laws in the 2010 election for its survival. **Making preparations for the forthcoming election is the best and most appropriate choice. The election is the most suitable path with minimum harms for the nation and the people.** I expect they will mend their ways as soon as possible before it is late to choose the correct path.

As for me, I would very much like to see NLD and its followers getting on the correct path and nurturing the sapling of democracy with the democracy and national concepts for the nation and the people.

Translation: MS

Ministry of Health, Organizations under UN rendering health care service in Ayeyawady Div

YANGON, 20 June—Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein of Health Department (Disease Control) under the Ministry of Health and party encouraged specialists led by Dr Ni Ni Hlaing who are rendering medical treatment to storm victims at Bogale People's Hospital in Ayeyawady Division on 16 June.

They went to Kyonku village in which FXB, an NGO which is renovating lakes destroyed

in the storm and building intake structures in collaboration with Health Department and gave advice to them.

Next, he proceeded to Pyapon People's Hospital where he consoled the patients and looked into storage and distribution of medicines donated by Ministry of Health, organizations under UN and other donor countries and coordinated work. In the evening, he coordinated supply of purified water and

environmental conservation jointly carried out by organizations under UN and NGOs, health care service and immunization tasks being carried out by the head of Dedaye Township Health Department and staff in their assigned wards and villages. At Dedaye People's Hospital, mobile medical team led by Dr Thet Thet Tun and other volunteer specialists are giving health care to the storm victims.—MNA



Tents at a relief camp in Pyinsalu.

MNA

Women costume show on 26, 27 June

YANGON, 20 June — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, Myanmar women costume show will be held at the National Theatre in

Dagon Township on 26 and 27 June.

Under the supervision of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Yangon Division Women Affairs

Organization will organize the show. Actors, actresses and artistes will present creations and tickets for the show can be bought at the National Theatre in advance. — MNA

Health care for domestic animals, rehabilitation of livestock breeding work

YANGON, 20 June — In order to facilitate the recovery of agriculture sector in the storm-hit regions, draught cattle from states and divisions are being provided and up to 19 June, 803 heads of cattle were distributed to Labutta, 296 to Pyapon, 321 to Bogale, 175 to Dedaye and 60 to Mawlamyinegyun totaling 1655.

One hundred and twenty tons of cattle feedstuff donated by WSPA is being distributed under the arrangement of FAO, WFP and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Eighteen special teams of veterinary surgeons from states and divisions of the Livestock Breeding and veterinary Department of the

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in collaboration with veterinary surgeons of WSPA and local staff are carrying out vaccination against animal disease. Over 17000 heads of cattle have been vaccinated and over 1200 have been given treatment. In addition, tonic for animals donated by Fortune International Ltd is also being distributed.

Under the arrangement of FAO and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, cattle, pigs and poultry and medicines and feedstuff for animals will be provided and a cattle breeding zone will be established in Ayeyawady Division.

MNA



Managing Director of Polymer Co Ltd U Maung Maung Thaung presents 100 beds and 20 pillows to Dr Hla Hla Kyi, Head of Bogale Township Health Department. Those beds and pillows donated by Polymer Co Ltd will be used at People's Hospital in Bogale Township. — NLM



Power-tillers and paddy seeds to be distributed to farmers in Ngwezinyaw Village. — MNA

Work coordination meeting for printing and publishing text books held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June — The committee for printing and publishing text books held the work coordination meeting No 1/2008 at the Ministry of Information here today.

Chairman of the committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address at the meeting.

In his address, the minister said the meeting was held to assess the printing and publishing of text books for the 2008-2009 academic year and to discuss matters on preparation for printing and publishing of textbooks for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Head of State gave guidance on the printing and publishing of text books. According to



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses work coordination meeting of the committee for printing and publishing text books.—MNA

the guidance, officials concerned are to make efforts for distributing text books to students timely, sales of text books at reasonable prices, improvement of the quality of text books, minimizing of loss and

wastage in printing the text books, printing text books at the State-owned press and encouraging the practice of handing down text books from one student to another, the minister said. The minister also discussed matters

related to circulation and distribution of text books.

Afterwards, Secretary of the committee Managing Director of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein read out the minutes and resolution of the previous

meeting, and tasks which have been carried out and reported on printing and distribution of text books to students. Afterwards, Chairman of Subcommittee for distribution of the text books Deputy Minister for Education

Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min reported on tasks carried out last year and plans for distribution of text books for the coming year.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. —MNA

Prescribed book for translation genre on sale

YANGON, 20 June — Manuscripts have already been invited for the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2007. The book entitled Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions/Folklore has been prescribed as the

translation genre for 2007. The book is available at K 200 at Sarpay Beikman Bookshop, No 529-531 on Merchant Street. Application forms and disciplines can get at a price of K 100 at the editorial section of Sarpay Beikman. Those from

countryside may order the books and application forms at a cost of K 350 through money order. The manuscript must be submitted to the Chief Editor, Sarpay Beikman Board, No 529-531, Merchant Street, not later than 31 August. —MNA

Nepali Ambassador presents cash donation for relief and rehabilitation works

YANGON, 20 June — On behalf of the Government of Nepal Federal Democratic Republic, Ms. Guna Laxmi Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal, presented US\$

40,000 for the relief and rehabilitation works to the people and regions affected by the cyclone Nargis, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today. Chairman of the

Tripartite Core Group (TCG) Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu accepted the donation and conveyed the message of thanks to the ambassador. —MNA



Ms. Guna Laxmi Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal, presents US\$ 40,000 for relief and rehabilitation in storm-hit areas to Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu.—MNA

Sony introduces Smile Shutter Function

YANGON, 20 June — TMW Enterprise Ltd organized a ceremony to introduce Smile Shutter function of Sony Cyber-shot camera at Traders Hotel today.

Firstly, Managing Director of TMW Enterprise Ltd U Wai Lwin extended greetings and Mr Spencer Low of Sony Singapore explained facts about Smile Shutter and they unveiled the display of Sony Cyber-shot cameras and accessories.

Next, they explained innovation of advanced technologies,

applications of different kinds of cameras, technologies of Sony Cyber-shot cameras and demonstrated process of applying Smile Shutter Function to those present.

Smile Shutter Function is a significant invention of Sony, which can automatically take pictures of smiling faces

facing the camera without escape.

Smile Shutter Function-installed cameras such as DSC-T 300, T70, T2, W300, W170, W 150, W130, W120, W110, H50, H10, S 750 and S730 models are available at Sony showrooms in Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi. —MNA

More relief supplies arrive

YANGON, 20 June — International community has been providing relief aid to storm-hit regions. A total of 35.864 tons of relief supplies donated by Thailand-based WFP, 32.77 tons by the US and 40.4 tons by UAE-based UNHCR arrived at Yangon International Airport today. —MNA



Managing Director of TMW Enterprise Ltd U Wai Lwin extends greetings at ceremony to introduce Smile Shutter function of Sony Cyber-shot camera.—MNA

Members of Bago Division (East), Kachin State and Ayeyawady Division USDAs taking part in reconstruction tasks in Dedaye Township

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Group Leader of Kachin State USDA Joint-Secretary U Myo Win of Mohnyin Township USDA.

Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, that always cooperates with the State, the people and the Tatmadaw in undertaking nation-building tasks and public welfare activities, are taking active part in reconstruction tasks in storm-hit Ayeyawady Division.

We, the media group, made a trip to Dedaye on 19 June to cover the news on active participation of USDA members in reconstruction tasks of the township, joining hands

with the officials.

On arrival at Dedaye, we met members of Bago Division (East) USDA who were carrying out sanitation tasks in the downtown area. In an interview, Group Leader of Bago Division (East) USDA Joint-Secretary U Aye Win of Kawa Township USDA, said, "Our group comprises 100 USDA members from 14 townships of Bago Division (West). We arrived at Bogale on 8 June and at Dedaye on 11 June. After coordinating with the township authorities, we performed necessary tasks such as carrying of agricultural equipment sent by the Agricultural Mechanization Department to the respective places and undertaking of sanitation and proper flow of water at drains daily. We all are actively taking part in the reconstruction tasks with sympathy for the people of storm-hit Ayeyawady Division."

Group Leader of Kachin State USDA Joint-Secretary U Myo Win of Mohnyin Township

USDA explained, "Our group is formed with 60 members and arrived at Dedaye on 14 June. Beginning 15 June, we undertook sanitation task in Dedaye and carried 3,000 baskets of paddy provided by the



Group Leader of Ayeyawady Division USDA Reserve Executive U Tin Hla of Danubyu Township.

government for the storm victim farmers to the respective places. In addition, the arrangements are being made for carrying of 10,000 baskets of paddy."

He added, "Members of our group are farmers, service personnel and university students from Myitkyina,

Mohnyin and Bhamo District USDAs. By showing sympathy for storm victims of Ayeyawady Division, we will make our utmost efforts for timely completion of reconstruction tasks there."

Group Leader of Ayeyawady Division USDA Reserve Executive U Tin Hla of Danubyu Township USDA said, "Our group formed with 30 members arrived at Dedaye on 13 June. Members of our group are from Nyaungdon, Pantanaw and Danubyu Township USDAs and they all are

farmers. Therefore, we are participating in reclamation of farmlands of storm victim farmers of Dedaye in addition to driving power-tillers and ploughing work. Up to 19 June, we have ploughed 45 acres of farmlands. The farmers are pleased with our works."

In the evening, we left Dedaye. On our return, we witnessed progress of rehabilitation tasks being undertaken along both sides of the road.

The River Ayeyawady is always flowing.

Likewise, the participation of USDA in public welfare tasks



Group Leader of Bago Division (East) USDA Joint-Secretary U Aye Win of Kawa Township USDA.

joining hands with the government will be going on.

Translation: TTA



USDA members undertaking sanitation task in Dedaye Township.



USDA members carrying agricultural equipment provided by Agricultural Mechanization Department for farmers of Dedaye Township.



A motorcyclist passes through a checkpoint on 19 June, 2008 between Kandahar and Arghandab district. Canadian and Afghan forces pounded Taliban fighters back from villages along the Arghandab river with the help of aircraft and superior weapons on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Floods leave 300,000 homeless in India's east

BHUBANESWAR (India), 20 June — Indian soldiers evacuated thousands of stranded people from submerged villages on Wednesday, as floods triggered by heavy monsoon rains swept across the country's east and northeast.

More than 300,000 people have lost their homes so far, and are scattered between camps, highways and makeshift

shelters on higher ground, officials said. Rising river waters have broken through mud embankments and flooded vast areas. "Flood waters have submerged thousands of acres of land, disrupted electricity, roads and rail communication in many districts," S Barai, a senior state government official told *Reuters* in Bhubaneswar, capital of the eastern state of Orissa.

Hundreds of people are camping on highways and authorities have asked them to move to higher ground, saying the weather could worsen in the next few days.

MNA/Reuters

PM warns of impact of gas crisis in W Australia

CANBERRA, 20 June — Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on Wednesday warned of the impact on the national economy caused by the Varanus Island gas plant explosion.

Western Australia (WA) has been experiencing a gas crisis since the explosion in a Varanus Island gas plant on 3 June.

The accident cut off 30 per cent of WA's domestic gas supply, causing thousands of workers being either laid off or forced to take annual leave until supplies are resumed.

Rudd said in the Parliament that it was important for the federal government to work closely with its state counterpart to help manage the impact of the gas outage.

The loss of gas supplies in the west could also impact on the rest of the Australian economy, he warned.

"There is a significant impact on WA economic activity and on growth, and on exports in that state," Rudd said.

Several WA mining and industrial companies, including exporters, have been forced to scale back production because of cuts to gas supplies.

MNA/Xinhua

Barge traffic sits on the Mississippi River in Missouri on 19 June, 2008. The Mississippi River surged past levees and spilled into farms, small towns and parkland on Thursday, adding to billion-dollar losses that have ignited global food inflation fears.—INTERNET

California's economy expected to remain weak

LOS ANGELES, 20 June — Mainly due to the housing market slump, California's economy will remain weak through the end of the year and into 2009, according to a report published on Wednesday.

Overall, California "will weather the slow-down of economic growth based on its diversified

economy, its Pacific Rim export orientation and surging agricultural industry", said the report presented by the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA).

But the Los Angeles area's strength in exports of goods and services will help counteract the housing industry slump, the report

said. "Though you still hear talk of recession these days, it does not appear that California will exhibit the kind of job loss that typically goes with a national recession," economist Jerry Nickelsburg of the UCLA Anderson Forecast wrote in the quarterly assessment.

MNA/Xinhua

Laos strives to ensure economic stability

HANOI, 20 June — Amid global economic difficulties, Laos is trying to maintain its economic stability, and ensure that production will increase, electricity expansion continue, and petroleum prices remain affordable, Lao newspaper *Vientiane Times* reported on Wednesday.

The Lao Government remains strongly committed to achieving its economic growth target of 8 per cent this year, the newspaper quoted Lao Prime Minister Bouasone Bouphavanh as saying.

The government will maintain economic stability

by improving administration, implementing policies to encourage business growth, and making it easier for small and medium enterprises to access loans.

Laos will improve infrastructure like irrigation networks, boost food production and establish a rice bank to ensure food security.

The future rice bank can also be used to help control price fluctuations by releasing rice into the market during time of shortages.

Bouasone said the government had encouraged farmers to grow rice on 94,500 hectares throughout the country, and the current rice crop was now being harvested with expected output of 400,000 tons.

MNA/Xinhua



Palestinian children play with kites on a building destroyed in recent years of conflict with Israel in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, on 19 June, 2008.

INTERNET

Picasso painting breaks Australia art sale record

SYDNEY, 20 June — An abstract portrait by Pablo Picasso on Wednesday smashed the record for an artwork sold in Australia, netting 6.9 million

Australian dollars (6.1 million US dollars) at an auction in Sydney.

The 1954 painting "Sylvette", which clearly showed the ponytail and

young face of model and later successful artist, Sylvette David, amid bright swathes of red, yellow and green, was sold to an unidentified phone bidder.

"Sydney is the New York of the art market in the southern hemisphere," Deutscher-Menzies Galleries spokeswoman Marie Geissler told *Reuters*, adding the sale proved Australian galleries could sell works internationally.

The Picasso easily broke the country's previous record of 3.48 million Australian dollars, paid for a work last year by Brett Whiteley, the late wild-haired bad boy of Australian Art.—*MNA/Reuters*



Hotel explosion injures 11 in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 20 June—An explosion that occurred at a hotel in the eastern Mexican city of Cancun injured 11 people on Tuesday, police said.

The explosion took place at the kitchen of the Royal Caribbean Hotel early in the morning. A preliminary investigation showed that the blast was caused by the accumulation of natural gas in a workers' dining-room near the kitchen.

MNA/Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV VASCO DA GAMA VOYNO (101)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (101) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.6.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Official thinktank says quake costs China \$73b

BEIJING, 20 June—Direct economic losses from last month's Sichuan Province earthquake could reach 400 to 500 billion yuan (58 to 73 billion US dollars), according to a major state thinktank.

The overall impact on the national economy, however, was likely to be minor, said the State Information Centre, a thinktank under the National Development and Reform Commission, the country's top planning agency.

The centre said in a

report published Wednesday that the quake might reduce China's economic growth by just 0.1 percentage point. And the losses well might be offset by the huge costs of rebuilding, which could raise fixed asset investment growth by 1.1 percentage points and help the economy grow 0.4 percentage points faster.

Most of the damage wasn't covered by insurance, as awareness of such products is low in remote areas, analysts said. Indeed, as of Sunday, insurers had paid out only

316 million yuan for 249,000 quake-related claims, according to the China Insurance Regulatory Commission.

Of that amount, 179 million yuan was for life claims and 137 million yuan for property claims, the industry regulator noted.

It cited preliminary statistics showing that 16,500 life insurance policy holders were killed in the magnitude 8.0 quake on 12 May, with another 2,474 injured. Further, 149,000 insured houses collapsed in the quake.—MNA/Xinhua

Afghans say start anti-Taleban offensive in south

ARGHANDAR (Afghanistan), 20 June —Helicopter gunships and troops with small and heavy arms blasted a valley in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday as local and NATO forces launched a huge offensive against hundreds of Taleban insurgents, many of whom broke out of jail last week.

Some 600 Taleban fighters on Monday took over villages in Arghandab, on the northern outskirts of Kandahar City, days after freeing hundreds of inmates in an attack on the city's main jail, according to the Taleban and an Afghan official.

Taleban spokesman Qari Mohammad Yousuf said militants had set their sights on Kandahar itself, the movement's birthplace, which lies about 20 kilometres (12 miles) from Arghandab.

After massing troops, Afghan Army and NATO-led forces have now started an offensive to flush out the Taleban from the villages, while stepping up security in Kandahar City and imposing a night curfew. The developments in Kandahar come amid rising violence in the past two years, the bloodiest period since Taleban's removal from power in 2001 in Afghanistan.—MNA/Reuters

Iran says demand to halt enrichment "illegitimate"

TEHERAN, 20 June—Iran will never surrender to an "illegitimate" demand by major world powers that it halt uranium enrichment, Iran's state radio on Wednesday quoted the country's envoy to the UN atomic watchdog as saying.

"Iran will never give in to the illegitimate and illegal pressure of the West (to freeze its uranium enrichment)," said Ali Asghar Soltanieh in a speech in London about the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The EU's top diplomat, Javier Solana, presented Teheran on Saturday with a new package of economic incentives designed to persuade it to curb its nuclear work,

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EU Parlt endorses tougher vehicle safety standards

BRUSSELS, 20 June—The European Parliament on Wednesday endorsed the European Commission's proposal for tougher vehicle safety standards aimed at safeguarding pedestrians.

The new standards relate to a number of performance tests that vehicles are required to pass, and the compulsory introduction of brake assistance systems (BAS).

The proposal will now be discussed by the European Union (EU) Council of Ministers.

The European Commission, the EU's executive body, welcomed the Parliament's endorsement. "The agreement in the European Parliament is a big step forward in ensuring and increasing the safety of all road users, especially vulnerable groups like pedestrians and cyclists. Now the EU member states will have the final say and I hope for their support," said European Commission Vice President Gunter Verheugen.—MNA/Xinhua

Turkey seizes 102.8 kilos of heroin

ANKARA, 20 June—Turkish Customs police confiscated 102.8 kilos of heroin at Pendik and Ambarli ports in Turkey]s biggest city of Istanbul, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Tuesday.

Acting on a tip-off, the anti-drug police searched a trailer at Ambarli Port and found 62.4 kilos of heroin, said the report.

In another operation staged at Pendik Port in Istanbul on Tuesday, the police found 40.4 kilos of heroin when searching a truck which was going to leave for Germany by a ro-ro ship, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



A young Iraqi boy peers through a gate as an Iraqi national policeman stands guard during the beginning of combat operations in Amarah, 320 kilometers (200 miles) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq on 19 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Thailand, Cambodia sign communique on Preah Vihear Temple

BANGKOK, 20 June — Thailand and Cambodia on Wednesday signed a joint communique on the ancient Preah Vihear Temple to pave way for Phnom Penh's application to list it as a World Heritage Site.

The Thai-Cambodian Joint Communique was signed behind closed doors on Wednesday after Thai Cabinet endorsed on

Tuesday a new map drawn by Cambodia delineating the historic site of the disputed temple, *Thai News Agency* reported.

Cambodia will present the new map as a key document to experts of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at a meeting in Quebec, Canada next month.

Thai Foreign Minister Noppadon Pattama and other senior officials told reporters after the signing that the new map delineating the temple ruins, as well as its application to UNESCO to list it on the World Heritage List "did not affect each country's rights on surveying and demarcating the common border". —MNA/Xinhua



Cars drive along a road in central Brussels. Insurers are developing new ways to help commercial customers adapt to emerging climate change risks, a panel of experts said on 18 June, 2008.—INTERNET

China, US sign 10-year energy, environment framework

WASHINGTON, 19 June — China and the United States signed a 10-year energy and environment cooperation framework here Wednesday after the two nations concluded their fourth round of Strategic Economic Dialogue, or SED.

Speaking to reporters before the signing ceremony at the US Treasury Department, visiting Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan said the deal was "a major achievement of the meeting", which will influence future bilateral economic cooperation and contribute to the sustainable development of the world.

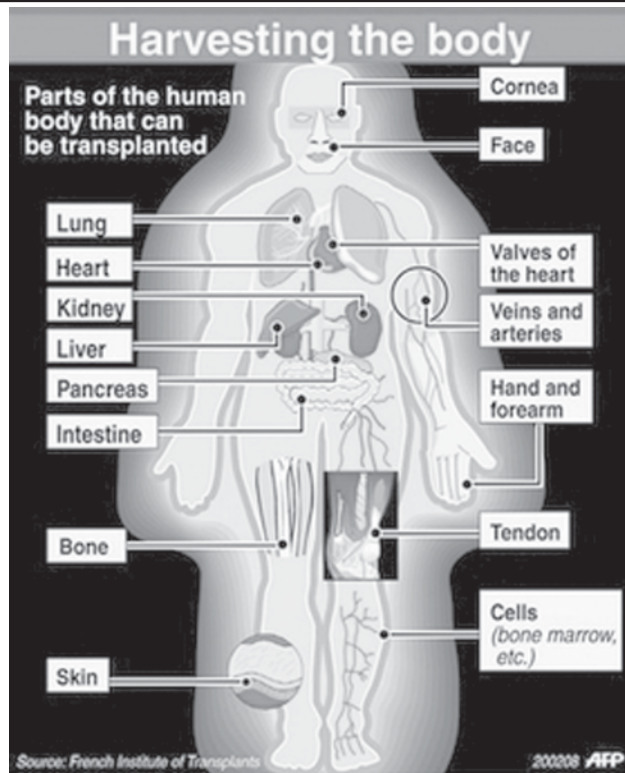
The framework also highlights the great importance and strategic influence of the SED mechanism, he added.

US Secretary of Treasury Henry Paulson said through the framework, "we will address some of the most important and difficult challenges facing our nations and the world today — energy security, environmental sustainability and climate change".

He said interests of China and the United States in this area are "very aligned".

"We seek energy security — which is so vital to our economic security — while taking the necessary steps and making the necessary technological advances to preserve the health of our planet," said Paulson.

MNA/Xinhua



Graphic showing parts of the body that can be harvested for organ transplants. A member of an organ trafficking ring has been sentenced to 27 years in prison for illegally harvesting organs from more than 1,000 bodies including that of former BBC personality Alistair Cooke.—INTERNET

UK claims top position in global arms trade

LONDON, 20 June — Britain was the world's biggest arms seller last year, accounting for a third of global arms exports, the government's trade promotion organization said on Tuesday.

UK Trade and Investment said British arms exporters had added 19 billion US dollars in new business last year, giving them a larger share of global arms exports than the United States.

"As demonstrated by this outstanding export performance, the UK has a first class defence industry, with some of the world's most technologically sophisticated companies," the govern-

ment's minister for trade and investment, Digby Jones, said.

UKTI said the British figures were boosted by orders for *Eurofighter Typhoon* jets from Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest arms buyer, which imported 31 billion US dollars in weapons over the last five years.

The United States still tops the world for the last five years with 63 billion US dollars in total arms exports. —MNA/Reuters



Garbage spills down a hillside along the coast in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 18 June, 2008. Prosecutors sought a 30-year prison sentence on Tuesday for British ex-military officer Simon Mann, accused of masterminding a failed coup plot in the Central African nation of Equatorial Guinea.—INTERNET

Study says 1 in 3 Australian diabetics dead in 10 yrs

CANBERRA, 20 June — Alarming new diabetes research predicts almost one-third of Australians with diabetes disease will die in the next decade, *Australian Associated Press* reported.

The figures, presented at an international diabetes conference on Tuesday in Sydney, are the first to forecast the mortality and morbidity in Australia due to type two diabetes, and the picture is grim.

From a nationally-representative sample of diabetics, 13 per cent would die in the next five years and 31 per cent would be dead within a decade. One in five will have a heart attack by 2018, and

one in 12 will suffer stroke or other complications like amputation, blindness and renal failure.

About 700,000 Australians have diabetes, with about 85 per cent diag-

nosed with the type two, a lifestyle form of the condition which is triggered by poor diet, lack of exercise and resulting weight gain.

MNA/Xinhua

Eight feared drowned as bus plunges into river in B'desh

DHAKA, 20 June — Eight passengers were feared drowned as a bus plunged into the Jamuna River, one of the three major rivers in Bangladesh, in northwestern Pabna District Tuesday afternoon.

Witnesses were quoted by private news agency UNB as saying the bus tumbled into the river at about 5:15 pm local time as its driver lost control over the steering while taking a turn.

Locals said the bus had some eight passengers when it plunged into the rain-fed river as its other passengers got down from it earlier.

But police said the bus only had its helper and the driver when it went down the river. — MNA/Xinhua

Cyprus battles huge forest fire

NICOSIA, 20 June — A raging forest fire forced the evacuation of six villages in southwest Cyprus on Wednesday and the water-starved island sought aid from Greece.

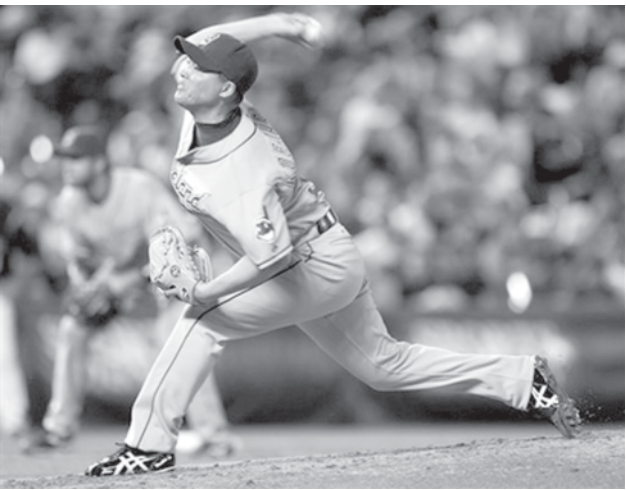
Facing one of the worst droughts on record, the island had to use scarce water reserves to battle a blaze which destroyed at least three holiday homes and burned orchards and farms. Authorities said it was difficult to calculate the extent of the fire as thick plumes of smoke covered the semimountainous region between the cities of Limassol and Larnaca.

"It's an environmental disaster," said Neoclis Sylikiotis, the Cypriot Interior Minister.

Six sparsely populated villages were evacuated as a precaution.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS



Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Masa Kobayashi, of Japan, delivers a pitch to Colorado Rockies batter Willy Taveras in the seventh inning of the Rockies' 6-3 victory in an interleague baseball game in Denver on 19 June, 2008.

INTERNET

Germany reach semis after thrilling win

BASEL, 20 June—Germany finally gave notice they are serious contenders to win a fourth European Championship by beating Portugal 3-2 in a captivating quarterfinal on Thursday to match their billing as pre-tournament favourites.

Bastian Schweinsteiger, returning after suspension, scored the first goal and set up two more as the Germans stepped up a gear after some unconvincing performances in the group stage.

It was another outstanding match in an already excellent tournament and Germany, having failed to get past the group stage since they were crowned European champions 12 years ago, have now clawed their way into the semifinals.

"I'm so happy we won," said man of the match Schweinsteiger. "We're in the top four. We've got the best team in my eyes. We saw that we can... fight and the German virtues are still there."

They will meet the winners of Friday's game between Croatia, who beat Germany 2-1 in the group stage, and Turkey. Thursday's match at St Jakob Park stadium burst into life midway through the first half after Portugal had dominated the early exchanges and wasted three good scoring chances. —MNA/Reuters

Italy's Donadoni defends tired strikers

BADEN, 20 June — Strikers are finding Euro 2008 more difficult than defenders because of the demands of a long season, Italy coach Roberto Donadoni said on Wednesday.

The world champions beat 10-man France 2-0 in their final Group C game on Tuesday to set up a quarter-final with Spain on Sunday in Vienna.

So far none of Donadoni's strikers have scored but the coach is refusing to come down hard on Luca Toni, Antonio Cassano, Alessandro Del Piero or Antonio Di Natale.

"I believe we are in the period of the season where it is not easy. After a long, hard season, it is a lot easier for defenders than attackers," he told a news conference. The 44-year-old acknowledged that his assertion may not hold true for Spain, whose forwards have been flying with David Villa scoring a hat-trick in their opening 4-1 win over Russia. —MNA/Reuters

Ronaldo says strong chance of joining Real

BASEL, 20 June — Cristiano Ronaldo said on Thursday there was a strong possibility he would leave European champions Manchester United for Real Madrid.

"The possibilities (of going to Real) are big but it doesn't depend on me and because of that I don't want to talk about it," the 23-year-old winger told reporters after Portugal's 3-2 quarter-final defeat by Germany at Euro 2008.

Asked if there had been an offer from Real, he said: "I think so, I don't know. In the next few days we'll see if we reach an agreement."

"Everyone knows what I want. But in the next two or three days you'll have something new."

Asked when he had made the decision about his future he said: "Some time ago, before this competition. I didn't want to say anything because we were in competition and these are important decisions."

Ronaldo also revealed he had been playing with a foot injury for three months and would need an operation to correct it. —MNA/Reuters

Woods to have more knee surgery, out for season

LOS ANGELES, 20 June—Tiger Woods will have reconstructive surgery on his left knee that will sideline him for the rest of the 2008 season, the American world number one said on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old defied jabbing pain all week before clinching his 14th major title at the US Open on Monday, winning a 19-hole playoff against compatriot Rocco Mediate.

It was his first tournament in two months since having surgery to clean out cartilage in the knee two days after the US Masters in mid-April.

Woods outlined that he would have reconstructive surgery on his anterior cruciate ligament, which he tore 11 months ago after last year's British Open at Carnoustie. —MNA/Reuters



Cristie Kerr waves to the gallery after finishing the first round on the ninth hole of the LPGA Wegman's International golf tournament at the Locust Hill Country Club in Rochester, NY, on 19 June, 2008. Kerr was tied for the lead after shooting a four-under-par 68. —INTERNET



(20 June 2008)

Quarterfinal

Croatia 2 - 4 Turkey



Croatia's Ivica Olic, left, hits the bar during the quarterfinal match between Croatia and Turkey in Vienna, Austria, on 20 June, 2008.

INTERNET



Turkey's Hakan Balta, left, and Croatia's Darijo Srna challenge for the ball during the quarterfinal match between Croatia and Turkey in Vienna, Austria, on 20 June, 2008.

INTERNET

Croatia's Rakitic fit and raring to go

VIENNA, 20 June — Midfielder Ivan Rakitic is fit to return after a knee injury for Croatia's Euro 2008 quarter-final with Turkey on Friday.

"I am 100 per cent. I came through training without any problems and I can't wait for the match to begin," he told reporters on Thursday. "We know what we are capable of and we want to prove our worth against the Turks," added Rakitic, 20, who shone in the 2-1 win over Germany and the 1-0 victory over Poland after being left out of the opening 1-0 Group B triumph over Austria.

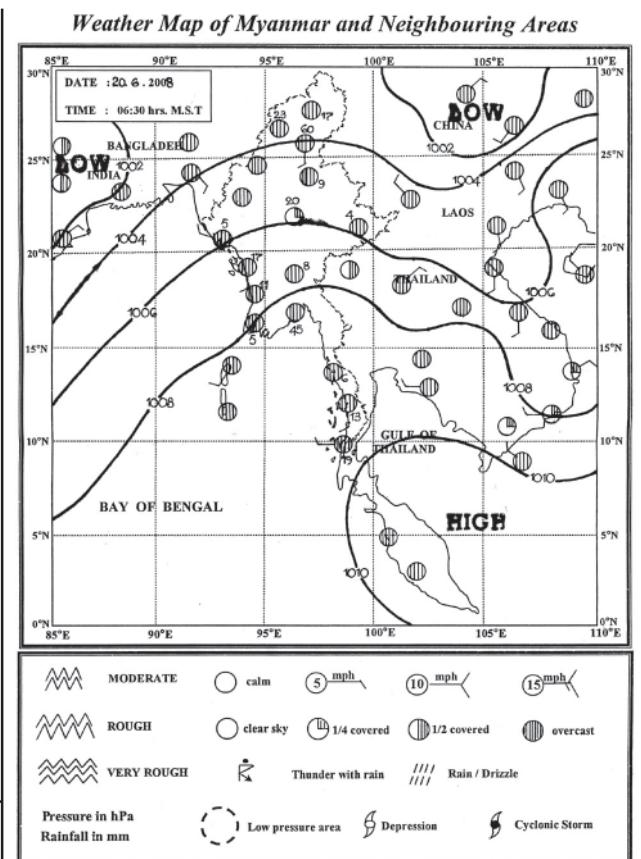
"We are looking forward to a historic chance of emulating the success of the 1998 squad that finished third in the World Cup in France and we are very confident we can do it."

Coach Slaven Bilic declined to name his team but with Rakitic and winger Darijo Srna back to full fitness, Croatia are likely to use the 4-4-2 formation they employed against Germany before nine regular starters were rested against Poland. —MNA/Reuters

သဘာဝဘေးအန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်သောဒေသများရှိ ပြည်သူများအတွက် ကျန်းမာရေးသတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



WEATHER

Friday, 20 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
 During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.18) inches, Thaton (3.42) inches, Kyauktaw (3.19) inches, Myitkyina (3.07) inches, Mawlamyine (2.13) inches, Pyinmana (2.08) inches, Sagaing (2.04) inches, Maungdaw (1.93) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.81) inches, Yamethin and Sittway (1.34) inches each and Meiktila (1.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-6-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 20-6-2008 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-6-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 19-6-2008 was (3.2) hours (approx).
 Rainfall on 20-6-2008 was (1.14) inches at Mingaladon, (1.81) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.86) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (37.91) inches at Mingaladon, (46.81) inches at Kaba-Aye and (57.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from West at (16:40) hours MST on 19-6-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening 21-6-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States and Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of thesea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-6-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-6-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather Outlook for forth weekend of June 2008: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be in fairly wedspread in Yangon Division, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

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သောက်သုံးရေနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍ သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- * မသန့်ရှင်းသောသောက်ရေ၊ သုံးရေများကြောင့် ပြည်သူအများ ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါ အန္တရာယ် ကျရောက်နိုင်ပါသည်။
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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Saturday, 21 June
View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
 2. ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပဋိတော်
- 7:25 am**
 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
 5. အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ

- 7:55 am**
 6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:05 pm**
 7. Musical programme
- 8:30 am**
 8. International news
- 11:00 am**
 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
 3. Game for children
- 11:55 am**
 4. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:15 pm**
 5. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ(၃)ရက်နေ့၊ မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများအထိမ်းအမှတ် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးစံ၊ မှုပြပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၁)

- 1:15 pm**
 6. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ(၃)ရက်နေ့၊ မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများအထိမ်းအမှတ် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးစံ၊ မှုပြပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 2:30 pm**
 7. Dance of National Races
- 2:45 pm**
 8. International news
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
 2. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:25 pm**
 3. Musical programme
- 4:40 pm**
 4. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:50 pm**
 5. မြန်မာလေ့ရိုးရာလက်စွဲ
- 5:10 pm**
 6. Game for children

- 5:30 pm**
 7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm**
 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
 10. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm**
 11. စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်မြှင့်မား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 7:10 pm**
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:00 pm**
 13. News
14. International news
15. Weather report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မာယာထောင်ချောက်" (အပိုင်း-၃၁)

Make donations to the storm victims

- Everybody may make donations freely.**
- Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.**

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

- **Certain internal and external anti-government elements, self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video.**
- **Storm victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of the self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements.**

- ☆ **Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation**
- ☆ **BBC lying**
- VOA deceiving**
- RFA setting up hostilities**
- ☆ **Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers**

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

Head of Office	Ph: 067 404021 and 067 404022
Deputy Head of Office	Ph: 09 860 1002