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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

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Republic of Italy

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2009. — MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends felicitations to Prime Minister of Republic of Italy

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2009. MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Shwemyay Thayar Rubber Farm to cover Tachilek District with white gold

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

In the morning of 18th May, the news crew of the Kyemon Daily continued on a 102-mile long trip from Kengtung to Tachilek.

During the trip, we stopped over in Mongphyat and Tahlay townships. At 3 pm when we turned to Bogyoke Road from the end of Kengtung-Tachilek

Road, we saw a signboard bearing "Welcome to Tachilek" at the entrance to the town.

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Thriving rubber plants seen in a row at the farm.

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 2 June, 2009

Create tobacco-free environment

Smoking is harmful not only to smokers themselves but also to those who inhale the smoke exhaled by them. The habit of smoking is rampant like a pandemic all over the world.

Smokers are prone to lung cancer and other health hazards such as paralytic stroke and heart-related diseases. According to the World Health Organization, consumption of tobacco and tobacco products kill about five million people yearly all over the world.

The World Health Organization designates 31 May as the World No-Tobacco Day. The Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, observes the day by holding talks, seminars and paper-reading sessions on the danger of smoking.

Tobacco smoke consists of nicotine and cancer-causing substances. Active smoking as well as passive smoking poses a danger to health. Due to smokers, their children or their colleagues are likely to suffer the same consequences. Therefore, one should say no to tobacco.

In Myanmar, a no tobacco law has been promulgated and smoking is prohibited in public such places as hospitals, clinics, schools, cinemas, markets and stadiums as well as on transports.

It is not enough for tobacco addicts just to reduce consumption but they ought to drop their bad habit totally. And if the entire mass of people, together with health experts, government departments and social organizations, take part in the control of smoking and consumption of tobacco products with full health awareness, ours will become a tobacco-free and healthy environment.

Construction Night of PEB Steel Buildings Co Ltd in progress.

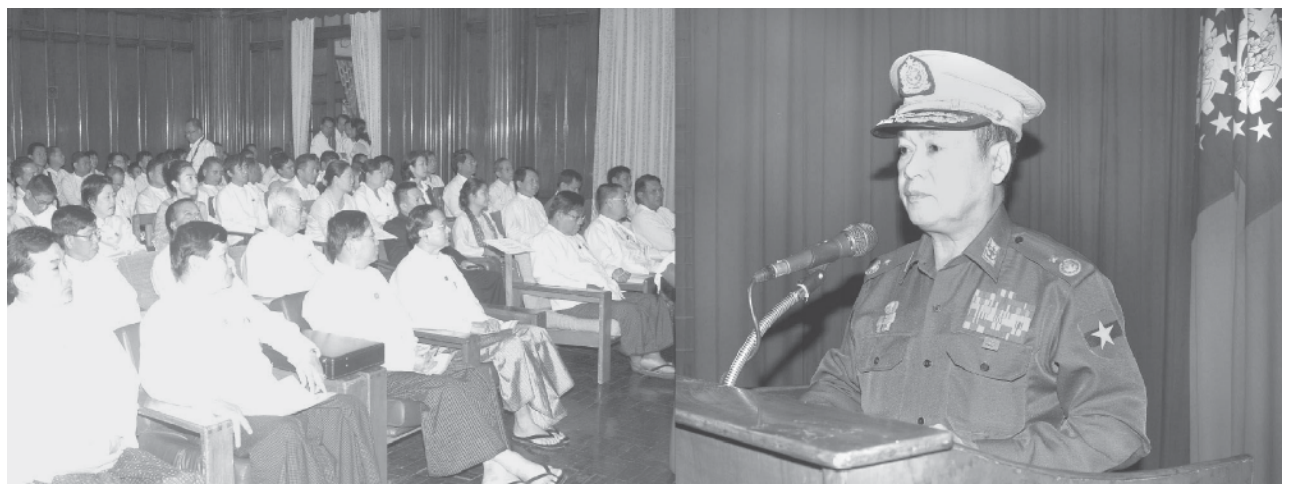
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People's Desire

- * 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

Course No.1 for Multimodal Transport and Logistics Management opens



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe speaks at the opening ceremony of Multimodal Transport and Logistics Management Course No.1—MNA

YANGON, 1 June—Myanmar Maritime University of Ministry of Transport and Myanmar International Freight Forwarders' Association opened a certificate course on Multimodal Transport and Logistics Management at a ceremony held at Myanmar Port Authority this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, departmental heads, personnel and responsible persons of UMFCCI, MIFFA, foreign Air Lines, Inland Water Transport Vessels Association, private ports, the chairman of Yangon Division Truck Transport Supervisory Committee, Myanmar Railways, scholars from Yangon

Institute of Economics and Law Department of Yangon University and trainees.

The Transport Minister said that the course is opened with the aim of undertaking tasks for human resources development out of five logistics services development scheme in Myanmar and improving the work proficiency of younger generation.

Dr Charlie Than, rector of Myanmar Maritime University explained arrangements for conducting the course. The 3-month course includes subjects for those dealing in logistics field of Asia Pacific region prescribed by UNESCAP. The similar courses will be opened continuously.—MNA

Winners in World Environment Day commemorative article and essay contests announced

YANGON, 1 June—National Commission for Environmental Conservation announced the lists of prize winners in open article contest and open essay contest held in commemoration of World Environment Day 2009. In the article contest, the first prize went to Dr Wah Wah Maung, the second to Daw Naw May Lay Thant, the third to Pho Yazar (Thazi), special prize (1) to Khin Khin Soe, special prize (2) to Dr Aye Myint and special prize (3) to Ko Thet Oo (Myawady TV). In the essay contest, the first prize went to Ma Nan Thitsa, the second to Maung Kaung Kin Oo, the third to San San Tint (Perennial Tree), special prize (1) to Su Su Khaing (Myanmar), special prize (2) to Maung Thant Zin Tun and special prize (3) to Ma Aye Mya Kyi Phyu.

Prizes will be awarded at the celebration of

World Environment Day in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 June. Prize winners are to contact NCEC of the Ministry of Forestry in Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-405383, 405386, 405390) during office hours not later than 4 June.—MNA

Introductory Reception of PEB Steel Buildings Co Ltd organized

YANGON, 1 June—The PEB Steel Buildings Co Ltd organized a reception at Signature Restaurant in Bahan Township here at 7 pm on 28 May.

The reception was attended by Chief Representative of the company Mr. Wael Elmawie, responsible persons from PEB steel, clients, end users, local construction companies and others.

At the reception, international standard steel practices, products of Pre-Engineered Buildings for factories, warehouse and mills were introduced.

The company has been supplying steel structures for factories, warehouses and mills in Asia, South East Asia and South Asia.

For further information on international standard level materials, manufactured and distributed by the company, please contact PEB Steel Buildings Co Ltd, of No.1509, 15th Floor, Sakura Tower, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. (Ph./fax: 95-1-255 102, 255 103) www.PEBsteel.com.—MNA



US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,306

WASHINGTON, 1 June—As of Sunday, 31 May, 2009, at least 4,306 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes nine military civilians killed in action. At least 3,448 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 179 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—*Internet*

Two US soldiers die of non-combat injuries

BAGHDAD, 1 June—Two American soldiers died from non-combat related injuries in separate incidents in Iraq, the US military said on Sunday.

A statement said a Multi-National Division — North soldier died on Sunday in Tikrit, the hometown of ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and the site of a major US base.

The statement gave no further details, saying the incident is under investigation.

A second soldier, assigned to the 3rd Sustainment Command, died from injuries caused by a vehicle accident in Tallil, south of Baghdad, the statement said.

The identities of both soldiers were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The deaths raise to 24 the number of American troops killed in Iraq in May, making it the deadliest month since last September when 25 were killed.

Internet

People gather at the site of a car bomb explosion in Shula, Baghdad, Iraq recently.—INTERNET

Fighting Taliban-if US patrols can find them

TATAR, 1 June—Lt Eric Schwirian speaks softly, smiles a lot and shakes many wary hands during his platoon's three-day trek deep into an Afghan valley, looking for a fight with the Taliban.

But while thousands of extra troops have poured into Afghanistan this year in an escalating conflict, this unit in the central Afghan province of Wardak has barely had a sighting of its quarry.

It's frustrating for these infantrymen to feel as though they're chasing ghosts among the villages and terraced fields, but their daily routine — patience, presence, tea-drinking and handshakes — is central to America's counterinsurgency strategy.

The platoon is part of a 3,000-strong brigade from the New York-based 10th Mountain Division that deployed in the provinces of Logar and Wardak, at

the gates of Kabul. The brigade came in after the Taliban started wreaking havoc on the roads, ambushing convoys, killing government officials and feeding a perception that the capital was under siege.—*Internet*

File photo shows an Iraqi soldier inspects the site of a suicide attack in Shula, north-western Baghdad.

INTERNET



Unclear troop number remaining in Iraq cities

BAGHDAD, 1 June—Thirty days before the deadline to withdraw US combat forces from Iraq's urban areas, it is still unknown how many troops will remain in cities as commanders determine their new roles, a US general said on Sunday.

The US military has repeatedly said it will abide by the requirements of an US-Iraqi security agreement, but has released little publicly about how it will meet the 30 June deadline or what the new distribution of its forces in Iraq will look like. "It remains to be seen what the numbers will be," Army Brig-Gen Keith Walker, commander of the Iraqi Assistance Group, told reporters during a briefing in Baghdad. Under the security pact, American troops who train and advise Iraq's security forces will stay in the cities. Walker said commanders were working to determine the number of additional forces, including some combat troops, that would be added to training teams working in Iraq's urban areas.

Walker dismissed any suggestion the US military was just renaming its combat units as trainers to get around the pact.

"It's truly not a shell game," he said. The security agreement also calls for all US troops to be out of Iraq by the end of 2011. President Barack Obama has announced plans to withdraw American combat forces from Iraq by 31 August, 2010, leaving 30,000 to 50,000 US troops in advising and training roles until the end of 2011.—*Internet*

Bomb in Baghdad market kills four and wounds 13

BAGHDAD, 1 June—A bomb planted in a vegetable market killed four people and wounded 13 in southern Baghdad on Monday, police said, the second time the market has been attacked in just over two weeks.

Police said the death toll from the blast in Baghdad's Doura district in the early hours, when farmers and merchants gather at the market, was unlikely to rise further.

On 21 May, a bomb in the same market killed three US soldiers and 12 civilians.

The number of Iraqi civilians killed by violence fell last month to its lowest level since the 2003 US-led invasion, figures from the Ministry of Health showed, but militants still launch frequent bomb attacks.—*Internet*



Six-year-old Ahmed Haider rests in his mother's laps in a hospital after he was wounded in Wednesday's car bomb blast at Shula in Baghdad, Iraq recently.

INTERNET

18 Taliban killed in western Afghanistan fighting

KABUL, 1 June—Afghan and NATO troops killed 18 Taliban militants on Sunday after militants attacked a joint patrol, while four police were killed in a separate militant ambush, Afghan officials said.

Militants attacked the troops in the western province of Farah, the site of a major battle with numerous civilian casualties in early May. Soon after the attack, the new US ambassador and President Hamid Karzai visited in an apparent effort to ease local anger.

Sunday's battle killed 18 militants in the district of Khaki Safed, said Juma Khan, a police official in Farah. Neither Afghan nor NATO troops suffered any casualties, he said.

A spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force said the battle began after the patrol was attacked with mortars.—*Internet*

Obama, in Europe, must show diplomatic style works

WASHINGTON, 1 June—US President Barack Obama makes a second foray into European diplomacy this week facing pressure to demonstrate his consensus-building foreign policy can produce results where his predecessor George W. Bush's go-it-alone style failed.

Obama travels to Germany and France after his speech to the Islamic world in Cairo on Thursday. The visit will be steeped in World War Two imagery, with stops at the Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany and the allied invasion beaches in Normandy to mark the 65th anniversary

of D-Day.

Obama has a personal interest in both sites. His great uncle helped liberate one of the Buchenwald subcamps, and the grandfather who helped raise him entered France through Normandy after D-Day as part of General George Patton's army.

The US leader will meet separately with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy for

talks that will touch on the global economic crisis, Iran's nuclear programme, the Afghan conflict and Western ties with Russia.

Analysts say while the visits to France and Germany are largely symbolic, Obama must begin to show his consultative foreign policy can produce a more unified approach to the shared problems facing the transatlantic allies.—Internet



Volunteers of Japanese environmentalist association "Greenbird", clean rubbish from paths beneath the Eiffel Tower in Paris, as part of their monthly operations to clean up Paris's legendary monuments and streets.—INTERNET



Afghans transport goods using a donkey cart through the valley near Bazaare Panjwai village in Kandahar, on 30 May, 2009.

INTERNET

Fatal shooting shows stress

risk facing US troops

COMBAT OUTPOST COBRA, 1 June—Experts say the risk of soldiers suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) goes up substantially on their third tour of duty. Sergeant Joseph Huiet is on his sixth.

The killing of five US soldiers at a clinic in Iraq two weeks ago by a comrade on his third tour, pos-

sibly suffering a stress disorder, has led to soul-searching in the US military about the effects of serial deployments.

Huiet, 28, from Modesto, California, took part in the US invasion of Iraq in 2003, just a week after completing basic training.

More than six years later, he's still here and on his second marriage.

"Dealing with the stress has been real hard," he said inside combat outpost "Cobra," on the edge of Iraq's violent Diyala Province.

"Normally, it's just something you deal with.

I smoke like a chimney and my hair's falling out," Huiet said, gesturing to a still full but thinning head of brown hair.

Internet

Children in Iraq still suffering psychologically from war trauma

BAQUBA, 1 June—Bursting into tears, Jasim came forward and embraced his six-year-old son Omer who was shivering and crying excessively with fear "they will take me and kill me," as he had already seen some heavily armed soldiers walking towards them in the volatile province of Diyala.

"My poor son is screaming, completely lost in hysteria as soon as he sees Americans or Iraqi troops," said Jasim who declined to give his full name for security reasons.

Internet

Audio tape denies capture of Iraq militant leader

BAGHDAD, 1 June—The self-described leader of an al-Qaeda front group issued a new audio tape this weekend, deepening the mystery surrounding the identity of the militants leader whom the Iraqi government claims to have in custody and whose very existence the US once questioned.

The man purporting to be Abu Omar al-Baghdadi,

the head of the Islamic State of Iraq, issued the usual litany of militant rhetoric against the West in the 40-minute tape that was posted Saturday on militant Websites.

He criticized Pope Benedict XVI's recent trip to the Middle East, including Israel, condemned the Pakistani army's offensive

against the Taleban and called President Barack Obama "a black slave and Muslim renegade."

The speaker also said the Iraqi government's claim that it had captured him was "a pure lie," adding the detainee who has confessed to being him was an impostor.

Internet

Bangladesh asks for foreign aid after cyclone

KOYRA, 1 June—Bangladesh said on Monday it was struggling to reach hundreds of thousands of cyclone victims and would seek foreign aid to rebuild scores of damaged homes and roads.

The call for help came a week after Cyclone Aila battered southern Bangladesh and West Bengal in India, killing almost 300 people.

Bangladesh's food and disaster management minister Abdur Razzak told AFP that some half a million people were still

stranded after the cyclone wiped out homes and destroyed more than 1,400 kilometres (870 miles) of embankments.

A military and civilian relief operation began soon after the cyclone hit, but many of the low-lying remote areas north of the Bay of Bengal were without drinking water.

"We are struggling to ensure supply of drinking water to the worst affected areas," he said, adding lack of shelter was also a problem.

"We don't need any

food or relief, but we are going to seek foreign aid to build embankments and cyclone shelters. We have to build the embankments immediately to protect people from salty water."

The worst affected areas were experiencing daily flooding at high tide because the cyclone had washed away levees and embankments, he said.

This was contaminating drinking water and more than a million people were suffering from diarrhoea, according to medical officials.—Internet



An Afghan family travels by bicycle past a policeman at a check point near Forward Operation Base (FOB) Masum Ghar in Kandahar Province, on 24 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Fidel Castro responds to US sentence against Cuba

HAVANA, 1 June—Cuban former Leader Fidel Castro on Sunday responded to the decision of a US court in favour of a Cuban-American who has involved in the murder of prominent revolutionary figure Ernesto "Che" Guevara.

In his "Reflections" entitled "The Justice in the US" published by local press, Castro said that the sentence of giving one billion US dollars to the Cuban-American was "the biggest one given, to the moment, against the Cu-

ban government."

The sentence made by a Miami court on Friday came in a lawsuit filed by Gustavo Villoldo for the suicide of his father in 1959. Villoldo blamed a group of people, including Castro, Guevara and other Cuban leaders, for the death of his father.

The judge acknowledged that Villoldo's father was forced to commit suicide by being threatened and tortured.

The plaintiff side said they would try to satisfy

the judgment by searching for Cuban government assets around the world.

Castro recalled that Villoldo's father, a successful businessman, "took his life with an overdose of somniferous" shortly after the guerilla took power in Cuba.

Villoldo had fled to the United States along with his family and joined the US Army and the Central Intelligence Agency. He took part in the capture and murder of Guevara in Bolivia in 1967.—Xinhua



251 children take part in an attempt at the largest custard pie fight at the Kidz Stuff Festival in Horsham, in southern England on 31 May, 2009. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China, Japan to hold second high-level economic dialogue

BEIJING, 1 June—The second China-Japan high-level economic dialogue is scheduled to be held on 7 June in Tokyo, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said here on Monday.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan and Japanese Foreign Minister Hirofumi Nakasone will co-chair the dialogue, Qin said in a press release, noting heads and senior officials of the two countries' relevant departments will attend the dialogue.

The high-level economic dialogue mechanism was jointly launched by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and then Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during Wen's trip to Japan in April 2007. The first China-Japan high-level economic dialogue was held in Beijing, China in December 2007.—Xinhua



A Bulgarian man sprays the rose perfume to onlookers during the Rose Festival in Kazanluk, famous for rose in Bulgaria, on 31 May, 2009. The Rose Festival, held in Kazanluk on Sunday, included rose picking, dance performances and parade after the election of the Rose Queen. XINHUA

All schools resume classes in Japan's flu-hit Kansai region

TOKYO, 1 June—With the last one in Osaka Prefecture resuming classes on Monday, all the schools in Japan's flu-hit Kansai region reopened on Monday.

The Kansai Okura Junior & Senior High School in Ibaraki, Osaka Prefecture, reopened on Monday after two weeks of closure as more than 100 of its students were infected with A/H1N1 influenza strain.

The school authorities said all the students have recovered by Monday. The students are believed to have been infected through inter-school contacts with a school in the neighbouring Hyogo Prefecture.

The total number of new-flu infections in Japan stood at 379, largely in Osaka and Hyogo prefectures in western Japan. The new infections have been subsiding in the two prefectures.—Xinhua

30 die in thunderstorms in northern India

NEW DELHI, 1 June — Thirty people died in thunderstorms in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh last week as most of India's Northern belt states came under heavy rains in the past few days, reported the semi-official *Press Trust of India* on Monday.

The thunderstorms also cooled Uttar Pradesh where temperatures fell appreciably at many places with the state capital Lucknow registering a low of 31.4 degrees Celsius, nine notches below normal, according to the report. In the northern states of Punjab and Haryana, the maximum stayed two to three degrees below normal in many places, while the national capital region enjoyed a minimum temperature of 21 degrees Celsius, below four notches on Sunday, said the report.—Xinhua

Ecuadorian President urges OAS nations to apologize to Cuba for isolation

TEGUCIGALPA, 1 June—Visiting Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said on Sunday that members of the Organization of American States (OAS) should apologize to Cuba for expelling the country from the organization.

During his visit to Honduras before the opening of the 39th OAS general assembly on Tuesday, Correa urged all OAS countries to apologize to Cuba for having banned it from the Washington-based organization in 1962.

The 1962 OAS resolution shut Cuba out of the group following US embargoes on the country.

While a majority of

Latin American members are expected to support Cuba's readmission at the OAS meeting, Havana says it has no interest in returning.

Correa arrived in San Pedro Sula on Sunday and was welcomed by Honduran President Manuel Zelaya. An agreement on tourism was signed by the two leaders.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 29 May, 2009 shows a 1908 Buick Model 10 in the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights, Michigan, the United States. XINHUA



Mexico City spends 10.4 m pesos on anti-flu research

MEXICO CITY, 1 June—Mexico City will spend 10.4 million pesos (about 795,000 US dollars) on A/H1N1 flu researches to improve the diagnosis methods and develop a vaccine, the mayor office said on Sunday.

According to a press release issued by the office, the grant, via Mexico City's Science and Technology Institute, will be allocated on 11 projects, five of which will be carried out at the National Autonomous University, Mexico's largest based in southern Mexico City. Meanwhile, the Mexico City funding authorities are also inviting researchers to bid for another grant of 4.7 million pesos (about 359,000 US dollars).

Xinhua

Israel carries out biggest civil defence exercises

JERUSALEM, 1 June — Israel launched its biggest home front defence exercise on Sunday, preparing soldiers and civilians for missile attacks should conflict erupt with Iran or Arab enemies.

The five-day drill, codenamed Turning Point 3, is part of an annual training routine the Israelis instituted after their costly 2006 war in Lebanon,

during which Iranian-sponsored Hezbollah guerrillas fired 4,000 rockets into northern Israel.

There have been similar attacks in the south by Palestinian Hamas fighters in the Gaza Strip, although violence has dipped since Israel waged an offensive in the territory last December and January.

The exercise is being

watched closely in the region because of speculation about a possible Israeli attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, which could provoke retaliatory missile strikes.

The drill will include the sounding of air raid sirens on Tuesday as well as simulated conventional and chemical rocket strikes.

Internet



Some Mexican children play games at a park in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 30 May, 2009. The International Children's Day falls on 1 June.—XINHUA

Syria starts freight train service to Iraq

DAMASCUS, 1 June— Syria has launched a freight train service to Iraq, official media said on Sunday, despite political differences between the two neighbours.

The 1,430 kilometres (894 mile) line between the Syrian port of Tartous on the Mediterranean and Baghdad was inaugurated on Saturday with a journey time of at least 72

hours but at half the cost of road transport, *al-Thawra* newspaper said.

Syria, which hosts hundreds of thousands of Iraqi refugees, had hoped to become a main transit hub to Iraq and played that role briefly after the 2003 US invasion.

But bilateral ties, including commerce, deteriorated with the United States accusing

Damascus of supporting insurgents in Iraq.

Iraqi and Syrian officials exchanged visits in the last few months and pledged to solve trade issues.

MNA/Reuters

Fire at Kingfisher office in Mumbai airport

MUMBAI, 1 June — A fire broke out on Monday at a Kingfisher airlines office at the domestic airport here.

Fire tenders have been pressed into service to douse the blaze, a Kingfisher spokesperson said.

Kingfisher and Air India operate from terminal 1A in the city airport."

The cause of fire is suspected to be a short circuit. We are evacuating people from the building," the spokesperson said.—Internet

Taleban commander killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 June — Afghan troops in battle with Taleban militants in the northern Kunduz Province killed the outfit's commander on Sunday, police said.

"Troops this morning succeeded in killing Taleban commander Qari Sadiquallah in a gun battle which took place in Haqtash district," Abdul Rahman, the deputy to police chief in Kunduz Province told *Xinhua*.

Two more Taleban fighters were also killed in the gun battle lasted for a while.

Sadiquallah was notorious for organizing attacks and carrying roadside bombings against government interests in Kunduz Province, the official further said.

Taleban outfit, who vowed to intensify activities this year in Afghanistan, has yet to make comment.

Internet

Parrot steals tourist's passport

Police in New Zealand said a Scottish tourist's passport was stolen by a kea, a large wild parrot, during a bus tour in the Fiordland region.

A spokesman for police in Te Anau, the nearest town to the scene of the incident, said the kea snatched a brightly colored bag containing the man's passport when the bus driver opened the vehicle's luggage compartment, Britain's *Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

The spokesman said the passport is unlikely to be recovered given the 4,600-square mile side of the alpine national park in Fiordland.



Contestants in the 40th annual Kinetic Grand Championship race their people-powered kinetic sculptures, "For Sailfish" through Arcata, California. The championship is a three-day 42-mile bicycle race over land, sand, mud and water from Arcata to Ferndale.

Man wearing only a thong charged in burglary

Deputies said a man who was caught wearing a woman's thong was charged with a burglarizing a home. Chief Deputy Mark Lucas said deputies caught the 42-year-old man only wearing panties in an abandoned farm house. The officers followed his footprints from a nearby Andersonville home where a burglary had been reported.

The man was charged with aggravated burglary, auto burglary and vandalism on Monday and was held on a \$65,000 bond in the Anderson County Detention Facility.

The Knoxville News Sentinel reported the man was released from the same jail 21 May after being arrested in Norris for property crimes.

Roommates influence interracial friendship

US college students are more likely to develop interracial friends if they are paired with a dormitory roommate of a different race, researchers said.

Study co-author Claudia Buchmann of Ohio State University said the study — which took place at a highly selective private university — found white students generally increased their number of interracial friendships during their first year of college, while black students showed a slight decrease.

Overall, the results, published in the journal *Sociology of Education*, support the validity of the saying that "birds of a feather flock together," Buchmann said in a statement.

Eating out with a diabetic child

It's easy to monitor what your diabetic child eats at home when you're the one preparing the meals. But it gets trickier when the family eats at a restaurant.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these suggestions for dining out with a diabetic child:

- * Ask questions about what's in a particular menu item, and how it's cooked.
- * Ask for healthier substitutions. For example, swap out fries for a salad or vegetable.
- * Look for dishes that are grilled, steamed, broiled or baked instead of fried.
- * Skip high-fat salad dressings, sauces and gravies.
- * Split a large dish with your child to limit portion size, or box up half and take it home.
- * Teach your child how to make healthy decisions by involving the child in the ordering process.

NEWS ALBUM



Tourists play with a turtle at the "Turtle Bay" in the submarine world of Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province.



A Pomeranian is seen dressed up with a hat and a pair of sunglasses while taking a walk with its owner at a shopping district in Tokyo.

Shwemyay Thayar Rubber Farm to cover Tachilek District with white gold

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

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The next morning, we proceeded to a successful rubber farm of a national entrepreneur in Tachilek.

Shwemyay Thayar Rubber Farm is located on 704.50 acres of

rubber strain (772/774) were planted in the farms through the 25 feet by 7 feet contour system in January 2005.

We viewed the lush and green rubber farm from a hill, and it is designed to cover Shan

states were allowed to grow paddy, soya bean, maize and other crops alternately in the first, second and third year cultivation of rubber. Moreover, necessary assistance for social, health and religious affairs

been made to grow over 23,000 rubber saplings in coming June. If the cultivation method can be applied correctly with the use of water and fertilizers, the rubber latex can be collected within seven years.

We witnessed thriving sprouts from the rubber grafts.

The news team observed the rubber farms together with owner U Sai Nyo along the mountain range. We learned that the rubber growers will cooperate to set a plan for establishment of a 30-ton rubber factory in Shan State (East). At present, the 10-acre plot was allotted for the factory in the industrial zone. Upon completion, the factory will produce the finished



“Rubber plants will be grown on all vacant and virgin lands.”

Shwemyay Thayar Rubber Farm owner U Sai Nyo.

goods from the raw materials.

On the way back from Shwemyay Thayar Rubber Farm, we firmly believed that in shaping the nation as a modern and developed one, many national entrepreneurs like

U Sai Nyo will join hands with the government to develop the economic sector by applying the sound foundation of the agriculture sector.

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A signboard bearing “White gold of Myanmar must cover Shan State (East)” seen in a rubber farm.

farmlands near Maheinlon Village, right side of Tachilek-Kengtung Road and on over 600 acres of farmlands near Wamsaukhon Village of Mongphon Village-tract.

The news crew visited the farms along the hillside roads in a car of the farm owner.

Farm owner U Sai Nyo explained that over 45,000 Indonesian rubber strain (B.P.M. 24), 20,000 Malaysian rubber strain (R.I.M.600) and over 60,000 Chinese

State (East) with white gold.

U Sai Nyo further explained that storage of spring water from the hill, supply of water from the water tank to the farm, placing of the taps for spraying pesticide, sanitation for fire prevention and guarding the farm by the local villagers.

At another hill, we met the local national races from Wamsaukhon, Tarpi and Maheinlon villages.

The local national

were provided to them.

As rubber cultivation is a long-term plan, we asked the farm owner how to earn the income before production of rubber. He explained that over 750,000 grafts of rubber were sold up to 2008 and an order was placed to purchase of over 500,000 grafts of rubber from the farm. As quality strains were imported, about 1,800 pounds of rubber latex can be extracted from each acres of farm.

He continued to say that arrangements have



Photo shows rubber saplings are ready to grow at the nursery.

Toward cheap underwater sensor nets

ROME, 1 June— UC San Diego computer scientists are one step closer to building low cost

networks of underwater sensors for real time underwater environmental monitoring.

At the IEEE Reconfigurable Architectures Workshop in Rome, Italy, on 25 May, computer scientists from the Jacobs School of Engineering presented a paper highlighting the energy conservation benefits of using reconfigurable hardware rather than competing hardware platforms for their experimental underwater sensor nets.—Internet



The underwater sensors team at UC San Diego.

Ancient volcanic eruptions caused global mass extinction

LEEDS, 1 June— A previously unknown giant volcanic eruption that led to global mass extinction 260 million years ago has been uncovered by scientists at the University of Leeds.

The eruption in the Emeishan province of south-west China unleashed around half a million cubic kilometres

of lava, covering an area 5 times the size of Wales, and wiping out marine life around the world.

Internet

Researchers believe they have uncovered evidence of a giant volcanic eruption that led to global mass extinction 260 million years ago.



Information Minister meets with local people in Pazundaung



YANGON, 1 June—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met local people at YMBA hall in Ye Kyaw Street in Pazundaung Township here this morning and fulfilled the needs for development of the township.

Present on the occasion were departmental heads of Ministry of Information, chairmen of Yangon East District and Pazundaung Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, members of social organizations, locals from 9 wards in Pazundaung Township, totalling over 1,000.

First, residents of Pazundaung Township explained progress of the township. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended to the needs and delivered an address.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan then coordinated the requirements for reconstruction of No.9 BEHS in No.9 Ward of Pazundaung Township.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan also presented K 575,000 for needy students to buy school uniforms, K 2.5 million

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gives a speech in meeting with chairmen of Yangon East District and Pazundaung Township PDCs, departmental heads, members of social organizations and locals of Pazundaung Township.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greets local people of Pazundaung Township.—MNA

for renovation of No.2 BEHS in No.2 Ward, text books and exercise books for students having difficulties in pursuing education, and publications for library in No.7 Ward of the township through personnel.

The minister then cordially greeted those present.—MNA

Yangon Airport runway extension inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected the extension of the runway of Yangon International Airport on 31 May.

At the briefing hall of the construction site, the in-charge and chief

engineer of the airport special group-2 reported to the deputy minister on progress in construction tasks and future work.

Then the deputy ministry inspected the construction site and left necessary instructions.

MNA

Blue whale discovered singing in New York coastal waters

SCIENCE DAILY, 1 June — For the very first time in New York coastal waters, the voices of singing blue whales have been positively identified. Acoustic experts at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Bioacoustics Research Program (BRP) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) confirmed that the voice of a singing blue whale was tracked about 70 miles off of Long Island and New York City on Jan. 10-11, 2009, as the whale swam slowly from east to west. At the same time, a second blue whale was heard singing offshore in the far distance.



Blue whales.

“These endangered blue whales are the largest animals ever to have lived on this planet, and their voices can travel across an ocean. It’s just amazing to hear one singing out there on New York’s ocean stage only tens of miles from Carnegie Hall and Broadway!” said Christopher Clark, director of Cornell’s BRP. “This opens a whole new universe of opportunities for all of us to learn more about and appreciate these species and the vitality of New York’s marine environment.”

New York State’s DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis added, “This is a very important moment in

the environmental history of New York State. Blue whales were almost hunted to extinction by the middle of the 20th Century, and the fact that now we’re finding them migrating not far off our shores is truly remarkable. Although whaling no longer occurs in U.S. waters, whales still face numerous threats including vessel strikes and marine debris, and this latest finding will enable DEC and its partners to develop science-based management plans to protect these magnificent creatures.”

Internet

Industry-2 Minister receives chairman of Sinotech Co Ltd

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received a delegation led by Chairman of Sinotech Co Ltd Ms Li Pi Hui at his office here this morning. The meeting mainly dealt with matters on

measures being taken by the ministry for industrial development.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, the director-general and officials.—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win felicitates Italian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Franco Frattini, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2009. — MNA

Carpentry, Mason, Steel Work Course open in Khamti

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Carpentry, Mason and Steel Work Course No.1 conducted by Education and Training Department under Ministry of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was opened at Border Areas Nationalities Youth Training School in Khamti, Sagaing Division this afternoon, with an address by Deputy Director-general of Education and Training Department Dr. Soe

Thein.

Also present were Lt-Col Ohn Thein of the local battalion, the chairman and members of the district Peace and Development Council, members of social organizations, town-sellers, course instructors and trainees. After the opening ceremony, the deputy director-general and guests viewed trainees learning in the workshop.

The course is opened with the aim of providing vocational education for the national youths in the

border areas, thereby encouraging them to set up their own businesses resulting in better socioeconomic life, nurturing skilled workers for development tasks in border regions which contributes to progress of the region.

The six-week course is being attended by Shan and Naga nationals totalling 38. Accommodations, meals, tools and equipment are provided for free during the course.—MNA

Courses for 2009-2010 academic year of UNDR opened

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—The M.E.D Course No 12, one year B.E.D Course No 19, two-year B.E.D Course

No 6 and Junior Teachership Course No 19 to be conducted for 2009-2010 academic year at

University for Development of National Races were opened at the convocation hall of the higher institution this morning.

The ceremony was attended by members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint and U Soe Oo, members of the University Council, invited guests and trainees.

First, U Aung Myint made an opening speech. Rector U Zaw Min Thein submitted the reports related to the courses. After that, U Aung Myint presented prizes to the outstanding trainees, after which the ceremony came to an end—MNA



U Aung Myint, member of CSSTB presents prize to Kyansittha company which won model company prize for 2008-2009 academic year.—MNA

Commander, deputy minister supervise regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay on 30 May morning attended the opening of a new building for Gyogyun Village BEPS (Branch) in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Division and formally unveiled the signboard of the new school building.

Next, the commander presented cash for the trust funds of the school, the deputy minister publications for the school library and well-wisher U Tin Win of Petronas Carigali Co related documents to officials concerned.

After that, they attended the opening of a new building for Ahnyasu Village BEPS where the chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council and a member of the

School Board of Trustees formally opened the new school building.

This was followed by addresses made by the commander and the deputy minister.

Later, the commander presented cash for the trust funds of the school, the deputy minister publications for the school library and the general manger of Myanaung Oil Field related documents to officials concerned.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister attended

ceremonies to present stationery to Hteinthaygyi Village Affiliated BEHS and Banbwegon Village BEPS and presented exercise books for the schools.

In the late afternoon, Vice-Chairman of Bago Division PDC Brig-Gen Sein Myint attended the opening of the Pyinnya Gonyi Library in Ywathit Township and presented cash and publications for the library.

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Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay presents publications for school library of sub BEPS in Gyogyun village in Myanaung Township through a responsible person.—MNA

Why can we talk?

BERLIN, 1 June — Mice carrying a “humanized version” of a gene believed to influence speech and language may not actually talk, but they nonetheless do have a lot to say about our evolutionary past, according to a report in

the May 29th issue of the journal *Cell*, a Cell Press publication.

“In the last decade or so, we’ve come to realize that the mouse is really similar to humans,” said Wolfgang Enard of the Max-Planck Institute for Evolutionary

Anthropology. “The genes are essentially the same and they also work similarly.” Because of that, scientists have learned a tremendous amount about the biology of human diseases by studying mice.

“With this study, we get the first glimpse that mice can be used to study not only disease, but also our own history.”

Enard said his team is generally interested in the genomic differences that set humans apart from their primate relatives. One important difference between humans and chimpanzees they have studied are two amino acid substitutions in FOXP2.

Internet



New research shows that mice carrying a “humanized version” of a gene believed to influence speech and language reveals important new insights into our evolutionary past.



General Motors was founded on 16 September 1908.—INTERNET

How oxidative stress may help prolong life

San Diego, 1 June—Oxidative stress has been linked to aging, cancer and other diseases in humans. Paradoxically, researchers have suggested that small exposure to oxidative conditions may actually offer protection from acute doses. Now, scientists at the University of California, San Diego, have discovered the gene responsible for this effect. Their study, published in *PLoS Genetics* on 29 May, explains the underlying mechanism of the process that prevents cellular damage by reactive oxygen species

(ROS). "We may drink pomegranate juice to protect our bodies from so-called 'free radicals' or look at restricting calorie intake to extend our lifespan," said Trey Ideker, PhD, chief of the Division of Genetics in the Department of Medicine at UC San Diego's School of Medicine and professor of bioengineering at the Jacobs School of Engineering. "But our study suggests why humans may actually be able to prolong the aging process by regularly exposing our bodies to

minimal amounts of oxidants." Reactive oxygen species (ROS), ions that form as a natural byproduct of the metabolism of oxygen, play important roles in cell signaling. These very small molecules include oxygen ions, free radicals and peroxides. However, during times of environmental stress (for example, ultraviolet radiation or heat or chemical exposure), ROS levels can increase dramatically. *Internet*

Vietnam has 2 more H1N1 cases, total 3

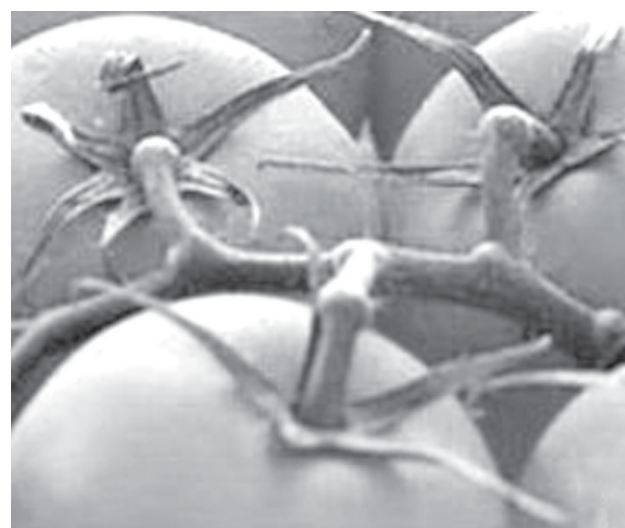
HANOI, 1 June—Vietnam has confirmed two more H1N1 flu patients, state-run television quoted health officials as saying on Monday, a day after the first case surfaced in the Southeast Asian country. VTV 1 reported a

woman and her 9-year-old child who returned from a trip to the United States on 25 May were confirmed to carry the H1N1 virus and were being treated in two hospitals in Ho Chi Minh City. The state broadcaster

quoted Health Ministry spokesman Nguyen Huy Nga as saying their condition had stabilised and fevers had subsided. On Sunday, Vietnam announced the first case of H1N1 infection after a 23-year-old Vietnamese student who returned from the United States was tested positive for the virus.—*MNA/Reuters*

Turkey confirms 2 more H1N1 flu cases

ISTANBUL, 1 June—Turkey has confirmed its third and fourth cases of H1N1 flu, two Turkish citizens who flew in from the United States, the Health Ministry said late on Saturday. The two have been put in quarantine, are under observation and are in good condition, the ministry said in a statement. Both arrived in Istanbul on Friday, one from Houston via Amsterdam, the other on a flight from New York. Both were diagnosed after going to hospital with high fever and muscle soreness. Turkey reported two cases of H1N1 two weeks ago, an American man and his mother who were flying via Turkey to Iraq. *MNA/Reuters*



Tomatoes are a rich source of lycopene.—INTERNET

Iconic US auto giant GM declares bankruptcy

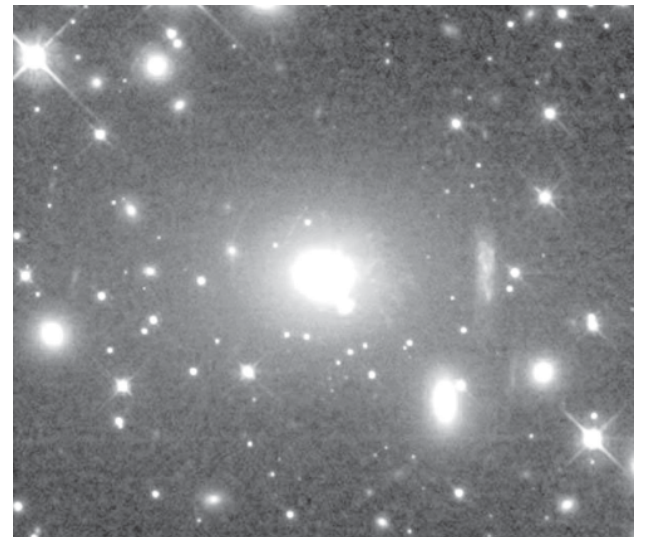
NEW YORK, 1 June—In the largest industrial bankruptcy ever seen in U.S. history, General Motors Corp., the top U.S. automaker and once the world's largest corporation, filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday. The Detroit-based company, for decades a symbol of American manufacturing supremacy, corporate culture and even lifestyle, filed a Chapter 11 petition to the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The collapse of the century-old auto giant

came at a time when the United States is experiencing the worst economic recession since the Great Depression. Just a month ago, Chrysler LLC, the country's third largest automaker, took the same path. Hoping to reemerge from bankruptcy protection as a new, leaner company within 60 to 90 days, GM will close 11 U.S. factories and idle three others to slash its operating costs. It has been looking to cut 21,000 factory jobs from the 54,000 workers it now employs in the United States. *Internet*

The GM bankruptcy, along with the previous one of Chrysler, will also lead to the loss of hundreds of dealers and suppliers as well as hundreds of thousands of jobs, dampening U.S. President Barack Obama and his administration's efforts to stimulate the slumping economy. However, an overnight statement from GM China to Xinhua said that the impact of its U.S. parent's bankruptcy "will be minimal to our China business including our operations and sales." *Internet*

First complete x-ray view of galaxy cluster

TOKYO, 1 June—The joint Japan-U.S. Suzaku mission is providing new insight into how assemblages of thousands of galaxies pull themselves together. For the first time, Suzaku has detected X-ray-emitting gas at a cluster's outskirts, where a billion-year plunge to the center begins. "These Suzaku observations are exciting because we can finally see how these structures, the largest bound objects in the universe, grow even more massive," said Matt George, the study's lead author at the University of California, Berkeley. The team trained Suzaku's X-ray telescopes on the cluster PKS 0745-191, which lies 1.3 billion



The massive radio galaxy PKS 0745-191, for which the cluster is named, appears at the center of this Hubble Space Telescope image.—INTERNET light-years away in the southern constellation Puppis. Between May 11 and 14, 2007, Suzaku acquired five images of the million-degree gas that permeates the cluster. By looking at a cluster in X-rays, astronomers can measure the temperature and density of the gas, which provides clues about the gas pressure and total mass of the cluster. *Internet*

Tomato pill 'beats heart disease'

LONDON, 1 June—Scientists say a natural supplement made from tomatoes, taken daily, can stave off heart disease and strokes. The tomato pill contains an active ingredient from the Mediterranean diet - lycopene - that blocks "bad" LDL cholesterol that can clog the arteries. Ateronon, made by a biotechnology spin-out company of Cambridge University, is being launched as a dietary supplement and will be sold on the high street. Experts said more trials were needed to see how effective the

treatment is. Preliminary trials involving around 150 people with heart disease indicate that Ateronon can reduce the oxidation of harmful fats in the blood to almost zero within eight weeks, a meeting of the British Cardiovascular Society will be told at Ateronon's launch on Monday. Lycopene is an antioxidant contained in the skin of tomatoes which gives them their red colour. But lycopene ingested in its natural form is poorly absorbed. *Internet*



Undated file photo made available by Airbus, showing an Airbus A330-200 jetliner from the French company Air France. An Air France jet carrying 228 people from Rio de Janeiro to Paris lost contact with air traffic controllers over the Atlantic Ocean, an Air France official said Monday, on 1 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Lebanon arrest two more in Israeli Spy inquiry

BEIRUT, 1 June—A Lebanese Army colonel and a senior retired customs officer have been detained on suspicion of spying for Israel, security sources said on Sunday.

The Army officer was the second colonel arrested in less than a week in an espionage investigation that has produced charges against at least 21 suspects and several confessions, the authorities say. Israel has

not commented on the arrests.

Hizbollah, the Iranian- and Syrian-backed military and political group, has called for the death penalty for all suspects convicted of spying for Israel. Hizbollah and Israel fought a 34-day war in 2006.

Investigators have displayed what they say is spy gadgetry seized in the course of the inve-

stigation. At least two spies fled to Israel last week, Lebanese authorities have said, demanding their repatriation. Senior Lebanese security officials say the arrests have dealt a major blow to Israel's spying networks in Lebanon.

They say many of the suspects played key roles in identifying Hizbollah targets that were bombed during the 34-day war.

MNA/Reuters

At least 6 killed in clashes at Kenya-Uganda border

KAPENGURIA (Kenya), 1 June—At least six people were killed after Ugandan soldiers clashed with Kenyan pastoralists over illegal guns along the two neighbouring nation's frontier, a Kenyan official confirmed on Sunday.

Pokot North District Commissioner Joseph Motari said the gun battle erupted between Kenyan Pokot pastoralists and the Ugandan People's Defence Force at Kamayor in Nakipirpirit District, east of the Ugandan capital Kampala.

He said the Kenyans had crossed into Uganda in search of water and pasture for their livestock after a severe

drought on the Kenyan side.

The Ugandan soldiers had tried to stop and disarm the pastoralists when a fierce exchange of fire ensued, said a church Minister Reverend John Lodinyo. "Sporadic shooting killed four soldiers and two pastoralists during the clash which also left dozens of soldiers wounded," Motari said.

The pastoralists grabbed four guns from the slain soldiers before fleeing. Lodinyo said tension is high at the border after the Ugandan Government sent troops to pursue the assailants.

MNA/Xinhua



A Panamanian woman sells the panama-style hats during a national handicrafts fair in Panama City, on 31 May, 2009. The five-day handicrafts fair lowered the curtain on Sunday.

INTERNET

French plane lost in ocean storm

PARIS, 1 June—An Air France plane carrying 228 people from Brazil to France has vanished over the Atlantic after a possible lightning strike, airline officials say.

The Airbus sent an automatic message at 0214 GMT, four hours after leaving Rio de Janeiro, reporting a short circuit as it flew through strong turbulence.

It was well over the ocean when it was lost, making Brazilian and French search planes' task more difficult.

Flight AF 447 left Rio at 1900 local time (2200 GMT) on Sunday. It had 216 passengers and 12 crew on board, including three pilots. The passengers included one infant, seven children, 82 women and 126 men.

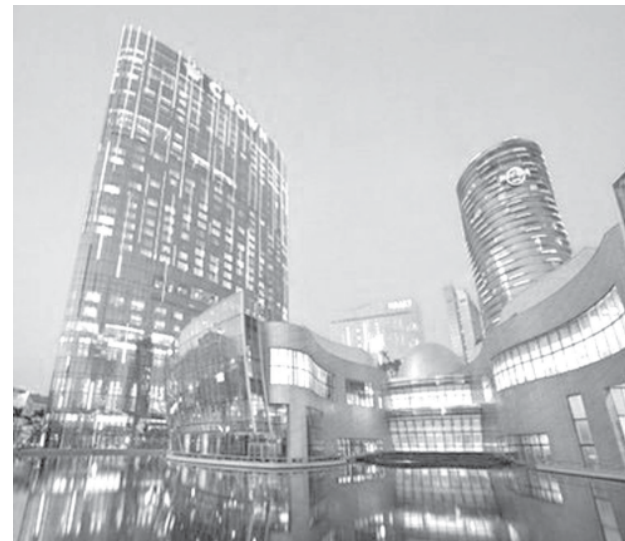
Most of those aboard were Brazilians while the others included 40 French

people and at least 20 Germans, the French government said. Six Danes, five Italians, three Moroccans and two Libyans are also believed to have been aboard.

Air France says the plane may have been struck by lightning - the cause of around a dozen major air crashes in the last 50 years - but it rarely results in tragedy. More likely lightning damaged electrical systems, possibly leading indirectly to the plane's ditching.

Air France has opened a telephone hotline for friends and relatives of people on the plane - 00 33 157021055 for callers outside France and 0800 800812 for inside France.

This is the first major incident in Brazilian air space since a Tam flight crashed in Sao Paulo in July 2007 killing 199 people.—INTERNET



The City of Dreams leisure complex in Macau. The latest giant Macau casino complex, City of Dreams, was set to open its doors, a high-stakes test of whether a reclaimed swamp in the gaming haven can avoid sinking into obscurity.

INTERNET

Iraq says 5 key militant leaders captured in Diyala

BAQUBA (Iraq), 1 June—Iraqi security forces said on Sunday that a key al-Qaeda leader and four Shiite militia leaders of Iran-backed Special Groups have been captured during the past 24 hours in the volatile province of Diyala.

A joint police and Army Force captured Mizher Lami Jemah, who is believed to be minister of agriculture in the self-styled Islamic State in Iraq, an al-Qaeda-led umbrella organization of extremist Sunni militant groups, a police source in Diyala said.

The troops raided Jemah's house in the village of Ghalbiyah near the city of Baquba, some 65 kilometres northeast

of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Separately, a joint US and Iraqi force searched villages near the town of Maqdadiyah, some 120 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, and captured 11 suspected militants, four of them believed to be leaders of the Iran-backed Special Groups, the source said.

The Special Groups in the terminology of the US military statements refer to Shiite militia extremists funded, trained and armed by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps Quds Force operatives.

MNA/Xinhua

Another Chinese-Filipino trader kidnapped in S Philippines

COTABATO (the Philippines), 1 June—Filipino gunmen on Sunday kidnapped another Chinese-Filipino woman only hours after a Chinese national was freed by his captors in the southern Philippines, local officials said on Monday.

Muslimin Sema, mayor of Cotabato city, told Xinhua by phone that the victim, Leonarda Tan, was on her way home on board a public vehicle when five armed men snatched her away at around 6: 30 p.m. on Sunday (1030 GMT).

Tan, half sister of wealthy Chinese-Filipino trader Manuel Tan who runs a hotel and several establishments in the city, was brought by her captors in the remote village of Datu Odin Sinsuat town in Maguindanao Province.

"Five men disguised as passengers ordered the driver to proceed to a remote village in Datu Odin Sinsuat town. After reaching the Datu Ping Guiaman, the men disembarked from the vehicle along with the victim and left the driver," Sema said.

MNA/Xinhua

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Last Titanic survivor dies at 97

LONDON, 1 June—Millvina Dean was nine weeks old when the liner sank after hitting an iceberg in the early hours of 15 April 1912, on its maiden voyage from Southampton. The disaster resulted in the deaths of 1,517 people in the north Atlantic, largely due to a lack of lifeboats.

Miss Dean, who remembered nothing of the fateful journey, died on Sunday at the care home in Hampshire where she lived, two of her friends told the BBC. Her family had been travelling in third class to America, where they hoped to start a new life and open a tobacconist's shop in

Kansas.

Miss Dean's mother, Georgetta, and two-year-old brother, Bert, also survived, but her father, Bertram, was among those who perished when the vessel sank. The family returned to Southampton, where Miss Dean went on to spend most of her life.

Despite having no memories of the disaster, she always said it had shaped her life, because she should have grown up in the US instead of returning to the UK. She

was fond of saying: "If it hadn't been for the ship going down, I'd be an American."

In 1985 the site of the wreck was discovered and, in her 70s, she found herself unexpectedly in demand on both sides of the Atlantic. "I think sometimes they look on me as if I am the Titanic!" she said after a visit to a Titanic convention in America. "Honestly, some of them are quite weird about it."

Internet

World's most expensive curry humble tandoori chicken will probably still draw the crowds.

INTERNET



World's most expensive curry

LONDON, 1 June — A London curry house has celebrated the DVD launch of *Slumdog Millionaire* by creating a curry that costs more than \$4000 a plate.

The Sun reports Bombay Brasserie is defying the credit crunch with the release of its Samundari Khazana, or Seafood Treasure — a mix of caviar, abalone and a whole lobster. More than \$2000 worth of edible gold pressed onto the skin of cherry tomatoes and scattered throughout the meal helps keep the bill at a premium.

"There are still people out there with money to spend and this curry is a real experience," head chef Prahlad Hegde told *The Sun*.

The Sun watched as one cook coated a \$170 Scottish lobster with gold while another hollowed out quail's eggs in order to refill them with \$800 worth of caviar. "The idea is from a basic Indian recipe I got from my mum but we are using the finest ingredients in the world," Mr Hegde said. —Internet

Nadya Suleman, the mother of octuplets.
INTERNET

California octuplets mom signs TV show deal

BEIJING, 1 June — The Southern California octuplet mom has signed a deal to star in a reality television series, her lawyer said on Sunday.

Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to the world's longest-surviving set of octuplets, agreed to be filmed for a proposed television show by 3Ball Productions, attorney Jeff Czech said. The woman says she's "excited" about filming a reality show featuring her life with 14 children. The company, which is a subsidiary of Amsterdam-based Eyeworks International, hasn't yet sold the show to any American television network, he said. The show will be modeled after a successful Eyeworks TV series in Denmark that documents the lives of four children from the day they were born until they become adults. "They came up with this idea, presented to her and she liked it because she'll get to use a camera and do some of the filming herself," Czech told *The Associated Press*. He said film crews will not follow Suleman and her children 24 hours a day, but will document certain milestones such as birthdays and special events. "It'll be less intrusive than a reality TV type of programme," Czech said. —Xinhua

US, Cuba agree to resume migration talks

SAN SALVADOR, 1 June—The United States and Cuba have agreed to resume direct talks on migration, last held in 2003, and open discussions on reestablishing direct mail service between the two countries, US officials said on Sunday.

In the latest sign of progress in President Barack Obama's effort to improve relations with the former Cold War enemy, Cuba presented a note to officials on Saturday agreeing to a US request made last week to resume the migration talks, which president George W Bush suspended.

MNA/Reuters



A Cuban-American family looks at a map of Cuba during the Cuba Nostalgia festival in Miami, Florida. —INTERNET



Cubans push a car along Havana's flooded Fifth Avenue during a heavy storm, on 28 May, 2009.—INTERNET

More bodies recovered from Zanzibar port mishap

STONE TOWN, 1 June—Divers from the Tanzania People's Defence Forces and the Zanzibar KMKM Field Force Unit recovered three more bodies from the sunken passenger boat and cargo ship at the Malindi Port of Zanzibar, authorities said on Sunday.

Six bodies have so far been recovered but authorities said the divers have confirmed that there are four other bodies still in the wreckage underwater. These bodies are pressed down by timber which was carried by the cargo ship.

The passenger boat and cargo ship capsized to sink at the Malindi Port of Zanzibar three days ago while trying to dock to the port facilities. The captain of the ill-fated passenger boat said there were 25

registered passengers on his boat which also had 13 crew staff. Earlier reports said there were at least 50 people on that passenger boat. So far 28 people have been rescued from the passenger boat.

Hamza Hassan Juma, Zanzibar Minister of State in the chief minister's office, assured the public that the rescue operation

would continue until the restoration of the passenger boat from its upside-down position to recover all bodies. The minister of state refuted the concept that the passenger boat had sunken due to overloading, saying the boat is licensed to carry 200 passengers and 300 tons of goods.

MNA/Xinhua

South Korea's Lee calls for green, free-trade Asia

SEOOWIPO, 1 June—South Korea's President Lee Myung-bak called on east Asian countries on Sunday to boost intra-regional trade and cooperation to tackle climate change.

Lee said ahead of the arrival of government and business leaders from southeast Asian countries that Asia can play a leading role in saving the world from the current economic downturn and climate change. He criticized moves in parts of the world to strengthen trade barriers as a means to mitigate domestic political pressures from the prolonged global economic downturn and called for cooperation to fight protectionism. Lee said South Korea, the region's fourth-largest economy, and ASEAN will sign an agreement during the summit on boosting investment that will become part of a free trade agreement put in force recently.—MNA/Reuters

Scientists keen to get all life online

OSLO, 1 June—Scientists have asked people around the world to help compile an internet-based observatory of life on Earth as a guide to everything from the impact of climate change on wildlife to pests that can damage crops.

"I would hope that ... we might even have millions of people providing data," James Edwards, head of the Encyclopedia of Life, said of

the 10-year project.

He said scientific organisations were already working to link up thousands of computer databases of animals and plants into a one-stop "virtual observatory" that could be similar to global systems for monitoring the weather or earthquakes.

People in many countries already log observations on the internet, ranging from sightings of rare birds in

Canada to the dates on which flowers bloom in spring in Australia. The new system, when up and running, would link up the disparate sites.

About 400 biology and technology experts from 50 countries will meet in London this week at an "e-Biosphere" conference organised by the EOL to discuss the plans. The EOL is separately trying to describe the world's species online.

Internet

Baby orangutans raised in nappies and cots in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 June—A Malaysian orangutan sanctuary where baby apes wear nappies, sleep in cots and are cared for by nurses dressed in masks and starched uniforms has drawn the wrath of environmentalists.

At Orangutan Island in Malaysia's north, tourists snap photos as they file past large win-



Baby face ... one of the orangutans in the controversial facility.—INTERNET

dows looking onto a facility billed as the world's only rehabilitation and preservation facility for the endangered primates.

Behind the glass, adorable baby orangutans like two-month-old Tuah lie swaddled in nursery sheets and cling to baby rattles." He is separated from the mother because his hands

got entangled in the mother's hair and was unable to breastfeed," says the facility's chief veterinarian D Sabapathy.

Tuah lies calmly in his cot with his eyes wide open and hands across his chest, hooked up to cables monitoring his heart beat and oxygen levels, ignoring the passing parade.

Internet

Thirty-two new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 1 June—A European health agency said on Sunday that 32 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 15 were confirmed in Britain, six in France, five in Germany, two in Belgium, and one each in Sweden, Cyprus, Ireland and Finland, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of

confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries rose to 557, with 167 cases in Spain and 244 in Britain, 32 in France and 28 in Germany, the ECDC said. Cyprus reported its first case. A woman who traveled from New York to Cyprus through London on 27 May developed flu-like symptoms during the leg from London to Cyprus, the ECDC noted.

The ECDC publishes a

daily situation report about A/H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.—Internet



Argentina reports 100 cases of A/H1N1 flu

BUENOS AIRES, 1 June—Argentine Health Minister Graciela Ocana confirmed on Sunday that there are now 100 confirmed patients of A/H1N1 flu in the country. Ocana told a local radio

station that in the last 36 hours, "the Institute Malbran confirmed 20 new positive cases."

The Institute Malbran is responsible for testing all the samples taken in the country.

Meanwhile, in Buenos Aires, another school decided to suspend classes after one reported that its students presented

flu-like symptoms. So far five local schools have decided to suspend activities for fears of the spread of the new flu.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 50 countries and regions have reported over 15,500 confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu, including 99 deaths.

Internet

The relatives of patients are forbidden for visiting their diseased beloved one at the Pablo Soria Hospital in Jujuy Province, Argentina, on 31 May, 2009. A 29-year-old patient died here recently and he was suspected of having A/H1N1. At present, Argentina has 115 confirmed cases of A/H1N1.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Berto easily retains welterweight title

HOLLYWOOD, 1 June—Andre Berto retained his World Boxing Council welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Colombia's Juan Urango on Saturday night. The undefeated Berto's quickness frustrated Urango throughout their bout at the Hard Rock Live Arena.

Preferring to keep his distance, Berto landed repeatedly with lead left jabs to the head, and also was effective with rights to the head. Urango continued to pursue Berto, but only found quick lefts and rights to the head for his strategy. Berto, of Winter Haven, Fla., won on two judges' scorecards 118-110 and 117-111 on the third.—*Internet*



AC Milan's David Beckham heads the ball during the season-ending Italian Serie A soccer match against Fiorentina in Florence on 31 May, 2009. AC Milan clinched the third automatic Champions League place after comfortably winning 2-0 at fourth-placed Fiorentina on a day of goodbyes for Serie A on Sunday.—*INTERNET*

Brazil's 12 host cities for 2014 World Cup confirmed

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 June—Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia are among the 12 Brazilian cities selected as host cities for the 2014 World Cup, soccer's world governing body FIFA said on Sunday.

Brazil was originally scheduled to pick 10 host cities. However, after a strong campaign by the Brazilian government and the Brazilian Confederation of Soccer, FIFA agreed to increase by two.

Without any big sur-

prises, the official host cities are: Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Porto Alegre, Curitiba, Brasilia, Cuiaba, Salvador, Recife, Fortaleza, Natal and Manaus.

Brazilian Confederation of Soccer president Ricardo Teixeira said that the benefits will not be restricted solely to the host cities.

"The question is not about whether or not to be a host city, but rather about participating. The jobs and investments that

Barcelona eclipse dream team with historic treble



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MADRID, 1 June—The 2008/09 season will live long in the memories of Barcelona fans as Pep Guardiola guided the club to a unique league, Kings Cup and Champions League treble in his debut season. Barcelona had gone two years without a trophy but swept all before them to seal a historic treble that no Spanish team, not even the great Real Madrid, had previously managed.

With Spain's Euro 2008 heroes Xavi and Andres Iniesta feeding the striking trio of Lionel

Messi, Samuel Eto'o and Thierry Henry, Barcelona destroyed teams at home and abroad with a scintillating brand of football that harped back to Johan Cruyff's 'Dream team'.

Every Barca side since has been measured against Cruyff's great side, captained by Guardiola, that won four successive league titles between 1991 and 1994 along with the 1992 European Cup. However, Guardiola wrote his own history by guiding Barcelona to the treble, leaving Real Madrid and Manchester United in their wake.—*Internet*

Soderling knocks Nadal out of French Open

PARIS, 1 June—Sweden's Robin Soderling pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Grand Slam tennis, ending four-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal's perfect record at Roland Garros with a 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 7-6 (2) win.

"I didn't want him to make me run. I tried to be the one that made him run," said the 24-year-old Soderling. "I worked good with my forehand, and my backhand worked well, as well. I worked my backhand flat and tried to go around and hit my forehand."

Nadal had never lost at Roland Garros, heading into the match with a 31-0 record and four titles to his name, and Soderling was unable to win a set during their two previous meetings. Nadal's shock exit boosted Swiss star Roger Federer's chance of winning his first Roland Garros tournament.

Federer, seeking a record-equalling 14th grand slam title, takes on Tommy Haas of Germany in Monday's fourth-round match, while next on Soderling's path will be Russian 10th seed Nikolay Davydenko, who thrashed Spanish eighth seed Fernando Verdasco 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.—*Internet*

Injury forces Henry out of France friendlies

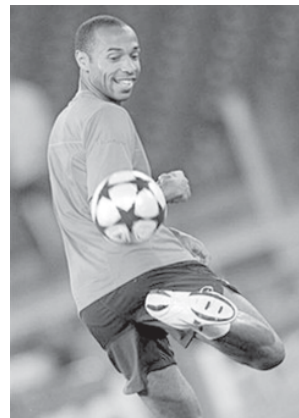
PARIS, 1 June—Barcelona striker Thierry Henry has been ruled out of France's forthcoming friendly matches against Nigeria and Turkey due to a knee injury, France coach Raymond Domenech revealed on Sun-

day. France have not yet decided to call up any replacements for the home games against Nigeria on 2 June and Turkey three days later.

Henry, 31, played in Barcelona's 2-0 victory over Manchester United in

the Champions League final in Rome on Wednesday, having overcome a knee ligament injury sustained in the Spanish champions' 6-2 thrashing of Real Madrid on 2 May.

"I expected it a little bit," Domenech said on the French Football Federation website on Sunday. "It makes sense, Thierry didn't play for three weeks. He had to force himself to play in the Champions League final. I understand that, I would have done the same, anyone would have done the same, he didn't play at 100 percent.—*Internet*



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Perez to take reins at Real Madrid again

MADRID, 1 June—Spanish construction magnate Florentino Perez will be sworn in as president of Real Madrid again later on Monday as no other candidate stood against him before the deadline, the club said. The 62-year-old will be sworn in at the Real's Santiago Bernabeu stadium at 1 pm (1100 GMT), the club said in a statement posted on its website shortly after the deadline of midnight (2200 GMT) on Sunday had expired.

Several challengers who had been expected to oppose him pulled out or were not able to lodge a bank guarantee of 57.4 million euros (81.1 million dollars) required by the club to be able to run for president. Perez last led Real, Spain's historically most successful team and the world's richest football club by revenues, from 2000 to 2006.

Under his rein Real earned the nickname "Los Galacticos", winning the Primera Liga twice and the European

Champions League with such stars as Zinedine Zidane, Ronaldo, Luis Figo and David Beckham. He officially presented his candidacy on Thursday under the slogan "the dream is back" and said the team he would help build would be world beaters.—*Internet*



Former Real Madrid football club president Florentino Perez will be sworn in once again as president of Real Madrid on Monday since no other candidate stood against him before the deadline for applications of midnight (2200 GMT) on Sunday, the club said.—*INTERNET*

Forlan wins second pichichi crown

MADRID, 1 June—Atletico Madrid striker Diego Forlan won the 'pichichi' crown for the Spanish league's top-scorer after finishing the season with 32 goals as his side finished fourth to secure Champions League football.

Uruguayan international Forlan, 30, finishes two goals above long-time leader, Barcelona's Samuel Eto'o, to lift his second pichichi title having won it in Villarreal's colours in 2005. "I'm very happy because we qualified for the Champions League for the second consecutive year and because I won the pichichi in a very strong Spanish league," said Forlan.

Forlan, a 21-million-euro signing from Villarreal in 2007, hit a real purple patch scoring in eight consecutive games to top the charts and become the first player to score 30 goals in a season since Brazilian great Ronaldo netted 34 goals with Barcelona in 1997.

The goalscoring exploits of the former Manchester United man have reportedly attracted interest from several clubs but Forlan has insisted he is happy at Atletico where he is contracted until 2011.—*Internet*



This photo shows a bonsai tree of Bonsai Mura.

INTERNET

S. Korea, Thailand agree to deepen bilateral ties

SEOUL, 1 June—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and Thailand's Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva exchanged views on economic cooperations and agreed to strengthen their bilateral ties in all areas. During their meeting in South Korea's southern scenic island of Jeju, Thai Prime minister Abhisit sought to deepen bilateral economic ties, asking the South Korean President to allow imports of Thai fruits, according to spokesman Cheong Wa Dae. President Lee said South Korea will consider the opening of the market "as soon as quarantine issues are addressed", the spokesman told a Press briefing.

"The two leaders noted the South Korea-Thailand relationship have also developed significantly over the years and agreed to deepen their bilateral ties in all areas," the statement said. The two leaders also talked about the recent situation of Korean Peninsula, which was worsened by Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s second nuclear test last Monday.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (2.6.2009) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
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Local Transmission

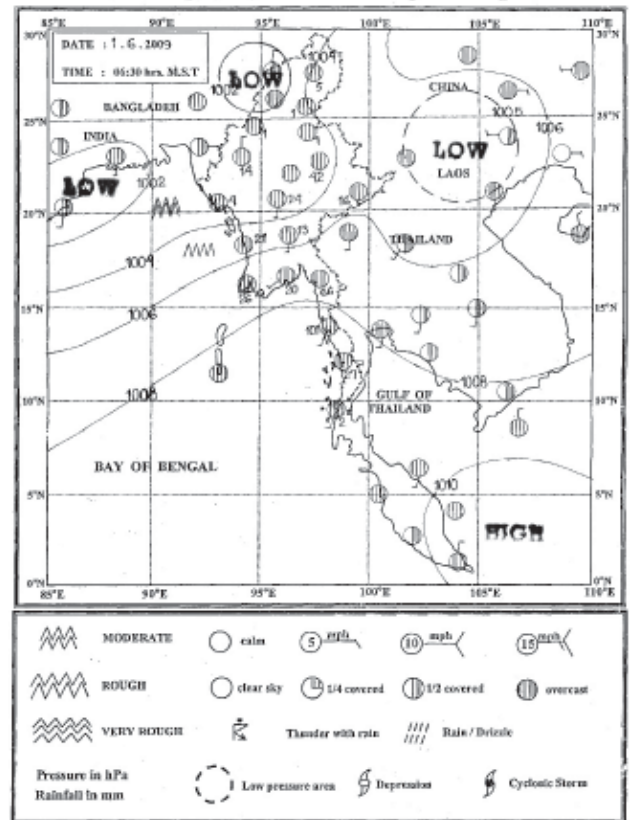
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- * Wall-hung Giant lobsters
- * Marquetry
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Myin Mu-Bagan)
- * Archaeological Museum, Pakhangyi (I)
- * Gibbon Survey (Part-1)
- * From Sandstones to Utensils
- * Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawrahta
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- * Rattan Wares and Bamboo Strip Hat
- * Archaeological Museum, Pakhangyi (II)

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 1 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in lower Mon State, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (4.22) inches, Mawlamyine (3.03) inches, Paung (2.95) inches, Pinlaung (2.52) inches, Ye (2.28) inches, and Shwebo (2.16) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-5-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-6-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-6-2009 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 31-5-2009 was (2.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-6-2009 was (1.74) inches at Mingaladon, (0.94) inch at Kaba-Aye and (2.09) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (16.42) inches at Mingaladon, (20.94) inches at Kaba-Aye and (25.71) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 31-5-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2nd June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be sacttered to fairly widespread in Kayah State, Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degee of certainly is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Nothern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Tuesday, 2 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. "စီးဆင်းပါစေမေတ္တာရည်" (မေကဗျာ၊ ဖူးဖူး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော် (ကုမုဒြာ)]

8:05 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. လယ်ယာစီးပွားမြှင့်တင်ရေးစာပေပရိယာဇ်

8:30 am

8. International news

8:40 am

9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:50 am

10. Songs of Yester years

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of National Races

4:20 pm

3. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:30 pm

4. Musical programme

4:40 pm

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:50 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရသစာပေ အရေးအသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:05 pm

7. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

8. ပဉ္စမတီ FM ရေဒီယို

5:30 pm

9. ကြေးမုံရိပ်သွင်တေးနယုတ်

5:45 pm

10. မြေကမ္ဘာသာယာစေဖို့သဘာဝ

ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး (အပိုင်း-၁)

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:15 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမက်အလိုရှိသည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ချစ်သူသံစဉ်"

- (အပိုင်း- ၂၁)

Non-interference in internal affairs of a nation is a fundamental principle of United Nations, ASEAN and regional organizations

As Myanmar does not interfere in internal affairs of others, it opposes interference in its internal affairs

Myanmar reaches crucial and last step of transition to democracy

Matters of an individual should not overshadow that process

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint addresses the 17th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attended the 17th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 27 and 28 May.

Also present on the occasion were representatives from ten ASEAN member countries, 27 EU countries and European Commission and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

At 5 pm on 27 May, leaders of representatives from ASEAN member countries held an informal meeting. At the meeting, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Chairman of ASEAN, voiced his concern over putting up a case against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by Myanmar and stressed the need to forge national reconciliation in Myanmar.

In response to the statement of the Thai Foreign Minister, Leader of Myanmar delegation Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint said that the matter was discussed at the ASEM Ministers' Meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam, and it had already been explained by the Myanmar Minister for Foreign Affairs. And it is assumed that the matter no longer needs to be put on the agenda of the ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting again. Each and every nation has its own internal problems. Taking action against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for her offence is a matter of internal legal proceedings. As Myanmar is a sovereign nation, it is not fair and proper to interfere in its internal affairs. Myanmar has already fostered national reconciliation through the successful holding of the National Convention five times in four years from 2004 to 2007. Over 1,000 delegates from all walks of life participated in the National Convention with the exception of the NLD party although it had been invited to participate in. The National Convention is none other than a dialogue, for it has successfully built national reconciliation. The Myanmar government is in the process of implementing the seven-step Road Map. Only now, it is impossible to forge national reconciliation from the start. Actually, it is Thailand that needs to forge national reconciliation. Thailand saw year-long demonstrations in which different groups in red, yellow and blue made an attempt to oust the government and jeopardize the ASEAN summits. Therefore, it is compulsory for Thailand to forge national reconciliation, and it should not impose pressure on Myanmar and interfere in its internal affairs.

The 17th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting was held at Hotel Inter-Continental Grand Ballroom from 9 to 9.30 am on 28 May and it was jointly chaired by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign

Minister H.E. Mr Hor Namhong and Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Mr Jan Kohout of Czech Republic. Britain and Spain criticized Myanmar at the meeting.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, leader of the Myanmar delegation, said that he would like to explain the prevailing internal affairs of Myanmar to the colleagues from European countries, that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi let Mr John William Yettaw, a US citizen who intruded into her house, stay for two days, had a talk with him and fed him, that it was against the law and that a lawsuit had to be unavoidably filed against her.

The deputy minister continued that, in accordance with the law, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had the right to defend herself by asking services of lawyers, that the government had taken all the necessary measures to meet her food and shelter needs and provide health care to her on humanitarian grounds, that Myanmar, like any other sovereign nation, had its own judicial system, that it was based on the British judicial system, that there was an independent administration of justice in Myanmar, that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Mr John William Yettaw and her two housemaids were being sued by the police for breaking the existing law, that all the defendants were allowed to consult with their respective lawyers in private and the government allowed representatives from embassies in Yangon who were interested in the case to attend the hearing twice.

The deputy minister went on to say that non-interference in the internal affairs of a nation was the basic principle of the United Nations, ASEAN and regional organizations, that, in accordance with its long-practised non-aligned policy and independent foreign policy, Myanmar had never interfered in the internal affairs of other nations and would not like them to meddle in its domestic affairs, that some neighbouring nations were unreasonably interested in the hearing the case of Mr John William Yettaw but it should not be like interfering in the internal affairs of a nation and that the UN Security Council, in its press statement on Myanmar, recognized the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Myanmar and the fact that the future of Myanmar lies in the hands of Myanmar people only but it was regrettable to learn that these were not mentioned in the press statement of Thailand, Chairman of ASEAN.

Myanmar's democracy transition was in its crucial and final stages. At such a time, the matters of a person should not overshadow the democratization process. Anyhow, the time had come near for Myanmar's democracy Road Map to meet with its success, he said.

Lessons had been taken from the fact that

world's countries were not able to make democratic changes overnight and they have encountered numerous hardships and chaos. Myanmar was preparing for holding the free and fair multi-party democracy general election, the fifth step of the Road Map, in 2010. Political parties would be allowed to be registered and organized systematically in accord with the election law, said the deputy minister.

The international community itself should best assist Myanmar by encouraging all parties to participate in Myanmar's political process without infringing the seven-step Road Map. The lawsuit against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was the internal legal issue, not political or human rights issue. Therefore, any pressure and interference from abroad would not be accepted. It was also hoped that EU nations would understand Myanmar more.

The morning session of the meeting ended at 1 pm. Then followed a working lunch of the leaders of the delegations. At the lunch also, the leaders of delegations from Britain, EC, Slovakia, France, Norway and Czech Republic voiced their concern over Myanmar's political situation and the action being taken against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and urged the soonest release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Myanmar delegation leader, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that within Myanmar's territory, action would be taken against anyone who violated the existing laws in accord with the law of Myanmar. The matter of releasing or not releasing Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was the matter of the court and it was not concerned with the government. In Myanmar there was an independent administration of justice, elaborated the deputy minister.

The delegate of Netherlands said he believed that the case was the internal legal issue as stated by the Myanmar side. Therefore, there should be no interference in its internal affairs.

After the ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting, matters were coordinated to issue a joint communiqué. In the paragraph featuring the issue of Myanmar, EU took measures to recognize the activities of its representative to Myanmar Piero Fassino. However, the Myanmar delegation leader said Myanmar did not recognize the appointment of the EU representative as well as his activities. The current issues are the internal affairs of Myanmar. The non-interference policy is the one that is being exercised by the UN, ASEAN and many countries, he said. The Myanmar side discussed matters related to focusing on continued implementation of the seven-step Road Map. —MNA