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Sri Lankan President and wife to pay State Visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— At the invitation of Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa will pay a State Visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—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.

Government has practically improved all infrastructures for restoration of peace, stability and development

Commander, minister attend opening of self-reliant village libraries in Sagaing Division



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes a speech in meeting with local people from 24 Villages in Daungma Village, Sagaing Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the opening of Pyinnya Tazaung self-reliant library in Hsinmyay Village, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division,

yesterday. Local well-wishers Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Soe Naing-Daw Aye Aye Khaing (Aye Aye Khaing Gems Co), (See page 7)

Intellectual Property Rights beyond 2010

YANGON, 10 June—Organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and sponsored by Yadanakyaw Co, monthly talks (June, 2009) was held at Mingala hall of UMFCCI Office Tower (first floor) on Minyekyawswa road at 2 pm on 6 June (Saturday).

Vice-president U Tun Aung of UMFCCI made a speech. Legal advisor U Than Maung (Sittway) gave talks on Intellectual Property Rights beyond 2010 and replied the queries raised by those present.—MNA

If neighbourly relations are maintained

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E** Actually, remnant insurgents, expatriates and anti-government politicians are existing with the help and support of a foreign power and the so-called NGOs including the neighbouring country. It is true that if the neighbouring country strictly adheres to and practices the policy of non-interference in other's internal affairs as the People's Republic of China does, all these problems will come to an end and peace and stability will follow soon.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Open more village libraries for self-improvement of rural people

Now is the time when the government is working towards a modern and developed nation with the active participation of the people. In doing so, the government has placed a special emphasis on development of human resources and widening the horizons of the people.

For all people, regardless of age and qualification, to be able to learn constantly, the government has introduced formal education, non-formal education and self-education systems. Youths can now study new branches of study through information and communication technologies such as e-mail and Internet.

To enable rural people to learn constantly to be well-informed and self-educated, self-reliance village libraries are being established. By opening libraries in rural areas, the people there will develop the reading habit and those who enjoy reading and literate adults will be able to read more and more.

Thanks to concerted efforts of a local donor and Information and Public Relations Department, new libraries were able to be opened in Kywelu and Naukkyikyun villages in Sagaing township on 9 June.

So far, a total of 55,755 self-reliance village libraries have been opened. Efforts will have to be made for sustainable development of libraries already opened. It is also necessary to systematically maintain books, to make endowment for the purchase of new books and to train librarians.

Opening new libraries will enable rural people to learn constantly to widen the scope of their knowledge. Self-reliance village libraries will enjoy sustainable development if local authorities, well-wishers and respective departmental personnel work in concert.



Grandma Daw Aye May, aged 108, donates cash to mark her 108th birthday at Hninzigon Home for the Aged.

MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Ayeyawady Div



Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein delivers an address at a ceremony to disburse agricultural loans to farmers in Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

YANGON, 10 June — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein attended a ceremony to disburse agricultural loans to farmers held in Mawlamyinegyun, Ayeyawady Division on 7 June.

A total of 551 farmers from 12 villages took out

agricultural loans during the ceremony at Maw Ayeay Hall in Mawlamyinegyun.

After the ceremony, the commander and the minister went to Bogale and attended a ceremony to disburse agricultural loans to farmers by a private company.

A total of 560 farmers from 20 village-tracts took out loans and assistance from the company.—MNA

Narcotic drugs seized in Taunggyi, Lashio

YANGON, 10 June—The authorities concerned of Taunggyi Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (South) searched a house of No. 35 at Shan Yoma housing in Kyaunggyisu Ward of Taunggyi at 7.30 pm on 4 June.

They saw Maung Hla (a) Ta Hla and Daw Win Sein and seized 7940 WY brand pink stimulant tablets in four packets in

the sarong at the ladder of the house and proceeds of narcotic drugs K 7,989,000. Maung Hla (a) Ta Hla and Daw Win Sein are under investigation and the authorities are trying to arrest the related drug possessors.

At 6.30 pm on 6 June, the responsible persons of Taunggyi Police Station No. 1 of Shan State (South), acting on information, searched the house of Nai Shwe Zin (a) Kalar at Ma/308 on Cherry Street in Kyaunggyisu Ward of Taunggyi and they saw

Nai Shwe Zin and Su Su Latt (a) Mi Su and seized 904 grams of opium oil from Nai Shwe Zin. According to the investigation, Nai Shwe Zin confessed that he accepted the narcotic drugs from Myint Thein of Sa/61 in Sao San Htun Ward of Taunggyi. Nai Shwe Zin (a) Kalar, Su Su Latt (a) Mi Su and Myint Thein are under investigation. Efforts are being made to arrest the related drug possessors.

At 9.15 pm on 6 June, the authorities concerned of Lashio

Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (North) searched Chan Myae Inn on the airport field road in Ward 9 of Lashio and saw a person sitting at the settee of the reception room for reserving the room. While the authorities were searching the inn, the person managed to escape. The authorities found an suspected packet on his seat and seized 18,400 WY brand stimulant tablets from the packet and they are trying to arrest the related drug possessors.

MNA

Respects paid to oldest grandma at Hninzigon Home for the Aged

YANGON, 10 June—A ceremony to pay respects to oldest grandma Daw Aye May of 108 years old among the aged at Hninzigon Home for the Aged was held at Thiri Yadana Dhammayon of the home in Bahan

Township yesterday.

Chairman of the Hninzigon Home for the Aged Committee U Kyaw Shein explained the purpose of holding the ceremony.

Those present presented gifts and cash to

the grandma and paid respects to her.

The warden of the hostel read the biography of the grandma.

Later, the grandma donated cash to officials, older persons and staff.

MNA

Grenade kills two in Afghanistan, more than 50 hurt

ASADABAD, 10 June—A Russian-made grenade exploded in a crowd milling around a US military vehicle crash in a busy town center in northeastern Afghanistan, killing two Afghans and wounding more than 50 people, including three US troops, officials said on Tuesday. The US military and Afghanistan's Interior Ministry blamed the attack in the eastern province of Kunar on militants and said officials had photographic evidence a Rus-

sian-made grenade left over from decades of war was used.

Nevertheless, many wounded Afghans angrily accused the Americans of using a grenade. While the allegation appears to have been discredited, it shows the difficult environment US forces face in trying to win over conservative Afghan tribes that live near the Pakistan border.

A US Army vehicle carrying American troops who help train Afghan soldiers crashed into a concrete median in

Kunar's capital of Asadabad, witnesses said. One shopkeeper, Rohilla, who has a store near the crash, said five or six soldiers got out of their vehicles and tried to pull the truck out of the median with another vehicle. "Many people gathered around, then there was a blast," said Rohilla, who like many Afghans goes by one name. "It is not clear if the Americans or somebody else threw the grenade. The Americans were busy with their truck accident."—Internet



An Afghan youth who was injured in an explosion lies on a bed at a hospital in Asadabad, the provincial capital of Kunar Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 9 June, 2009. —INTERNET

US building collapses, two missing

WASHINGTON, 10 June—A building collapsed on Tuesday near Raleigh, the US state of North Carolina, after an explosion inside, leaving 21 employees injured and two others missing, according to local media reports.

According to the WRAL TV, the roof of a food plant that belongs to ConAgra Foods company partially collapsed in the morning following an explosion inside whose cause was not immediately known.

About 15 employees who were working in the plant suffered from exposure to toxic fumes from ammonia leaks and some others also suffered chemical burns, said Mayor Ronnie Williams.

"There was no warnings, no signs," he said. "It all happened very abruptly."

Jeffrey Hammerstein, a local emergency medical officer, said that authorities were still searching for two others at the plant. "We don't know if they're in the building or not, but we're going to go look for them," Hammerstein said, adding five of the injured were tagged as priority patients with serious conditions.

TV footage showed several holes in the plant's roof, and chemical liquid still spilt out of the debris.

Several ambulances and fire trucks have arrived at the scene, and employees were seen gathering outside the plant. Local authorities said that they have blocked several roads around the plant and sent hazardous materials teams to the area to contain and clean up leaking chemicals. —Internet

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 630

WASHINGTON, 10 June—As of Tuesday, 9 June, 2009, at least 630 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its figures on Tuesday at 10 am EDT.

Of those, the military reports 465 were killed by hostile action.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defence Department reports 67 more members of the US military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, three were the result of hostile action. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sudan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen.—Internet



An Afghan policeman walks past a pile of destroyed patrol cars which were blown up, at an Afghan police station in the center of Kandahar city, on 9 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Car bomb rips through south Iraq market, 32 killed



Residents and policemen gather near the wreckage of a vehicle used in a car bomb attack in Nassariya on 10 June, 2009. The car bomb ripped through a crowded market in southern Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least 32 people, and wounding 70, officials said.—INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 10 June—A car bomb ripped through a crowded market in southern Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least 32 people, and wounding 70, officials said.

Police locked down Al-Bathaa, a Shi'ite Muslim town 30 km (20 miles) west of Nassariya that has seen little violence, while hospital officials appealed for assistance from neighboring cities to help them cope with the wounded.

Colonel Aziz al-

Atabi, media director for the Iraqi army's 10th division, said 32 people had been killed and 70 wounded.

Pictures posted online by local journalists showed the charred wreck of a car the bomb was planted in, burned body parts and bloodstained rags among vegetables strewn on the floor.

Analysts

say violence is likely to rise ahead of parliamentary elections next January, which will pit not just Shi'ite parties against once dominant Sunnis and minority Kurds, but also against rival Shi'ite groups.

Internet



Taleban commander, two comrades killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 June—Three Taleban fighters including a local commander were killed as they encountered with government troops in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz Province on Tuesday, provincial governor Mohammad Omar said.

"The clash erupted afternoon when the militants attacked a police patrol in Kanam area outside provincial capital Kunduz city and police returned fire killing militant's commander Qari Abdul Malik and two of his armed men," Omar told Xinhua.

A woman also sustained injuries in the firefight lasted for two hours. This is the second Taleban commander killed in Kunduz province over the past two weeks.

Earlier, another Taleban commander Qari Sediq was killed in gun battle with Afghan security forces.

Internet

WFP warns millions face hunger in Horn of Africa region

NAIROBI, 10 June—The UN World Food Program (WFP) on Tuesday warned that millions of people in the Horn of Africa are once again facing a deadly mix of persistent drought, poor seasonal rains, conflict, and the cost of food which remains high in many developing countries.

In a statement issued in Nairobi, the UN agency said the impact of the global financial crisis was threatening to exacerbate

levels of hunger and desperation across the region.

"We are knocking on the door of a major regional crisis," said Ramiro Lopes da Silva, WFP's special envoy for the Horn of Africa.

"The situation is not getting better — if anything, we're seeing it get worse. We must all redouble our efforts to protect and assist the weakest."

Seasonal rains in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia have been weak and

erratic.

In Ethiopia, only 50 to 70 percent of land planned for planting was sown by mid-April as farmers awaited the rains.

The picture is little different in Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands, and in Somalia cattle are already reported to be dying in large numbers.

WFP is currently providing food assistance to 17 million people in the Horn of Africa region.

Internet



Two handicraftswomen display their skills in molding the Huishan clay-figurines, during the Traditional Chinese Folk Stunts Show, on the Xijindu Ancient Street of Zhenjiang City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 7 June, 2009.—XINHUA

Three children slightly injured in French kindergarten shooting accident

PARIS, 10 June — Three children were slightly injured in a shooting accident Tuesday noon in a kindergarten in east France, local media reported.

A man armed with a carbine rifle broke into the kindergarten in Dole city in Jura province and opened fire on the children. He escaped before the caretakers realized what had happened.

Fortunately, the rifle was loaded with lead pellets and only three children were shot, two in the shoulders and the other sustaining a small hand abrasion. There were altogether 130 children in the kindergarten when the accident occurred. A special panel has been set up to investigate the case.

Internet



Workers at Toyota Motors Tsutsumi Factory in Aichi prefecture recently. Hopes for recovery in the Japanese economy have been dented by data showing wholesale prices fell at their sharpest in over 22 years while machine orders also dived.—INTERNET

Oil tops \$71 after large fall in US crude stocks

SINGAPORE, 10 June—Oil topped \$71 a barrel on Wednesday, after settling above \$70 for the first time in seven months on a larger-than-expected fall in crude oil stocks and a forecast that falling oil demand may have bottomed.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) reported a deep fall of 6 million barrels in US crude

stocks in the week ended 5 June, beating analysts' expectations for a 400,000-barrel draw, and steady products inventories versus forecast builds.

US light crude for July delivery rose \$1.08 cents to \$71.09 a barrel by 0629 GMT, after ending Tuesday at \$70.01, the first settlement above \$70 in seven months.

London Brent crude

gained 85 cents to \$70.47.

"The statistics are another sign that we may have reached bottom. Relatively speaking, it seems that things are getting better and it should be bullish from there," said Tony Nunan, risk manager at Mitsubishi Corp in Tokyo.—Internet

Chevron pumping station in Nigeria on fire

LAGOS, 10 June—The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, the main rebel group in southern Nigeria, said it had set a pumping station of US oil giant Chevron on fire.

Chevron's Otunana station in Niger Delta "is currently engulfed in fire after being overwhelmed by our fighters," MEND said in a statement.

A spokesman for Chevron, Scott Walker, could not immediately confirm the claim but said the report was being investigated.

The group had warned of new attacks last weekend.

MEND has staged several attacks on international oil facilities in southern Nigeria as part of its campaign to get what

it calls a fairer distribution of the region's oil wealth to local people.

Nigeria's oil production has been cut by more than a quarter because of the militant campaign over the past three years.

Unrest in the Niger Delta region has reduced Nigeria's daily output to 1.76 million barrels compared with 2.6 million barrels in January 2006.

Nigeria, which was once Africa's biggest oil producer, was overtaken some months back by Angola.

Internet



Members of the special police put on gas masks during an anti-terrorism drill in Hohhot, capital of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 9 June, 2009.—XINHUA



Ghulam Hussain Ghumman (R, front), brigade commander of the South Kivu Brigade of the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) in South Kivu, presents medals and certificates to the engineering members of the ninth peacekeeping team from China to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in Bukavu, DRC, on 8 June, 2009.—XINHUA

Japan to announce 15% cut in greenhouse emissions

TOKYO, 10 June—Prime Minister Taro Aso is expected to announce a 15 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels as Japan's midterm target for 2020, *Kyodo News* reported Wednesday.

The cut is bigger than a previously reported target of a 14 percent reduction—equivalent to a 7 percent cut from 1990 levels for Japan, the fifth largest greenhouse gas emitter, which saw a steep rise in emissions from 1990 to 2005.

The Prime Minister is to announce Japan's 2020 greenhouse gas emissions reduction target at a press conference

later Wednesday.

On Monday Aso held talks with labour federation leaders to seek their cooperation to meet the midterm greenhouse gas emissions reduction target.

During their talks, the leaders from the electric and steel industries asked Aso to set the midterm target for 2020 at a 4 percent increase from 1990 levels.

Aso, however, stressed the government would deal with the issue so as not to cause any disadvantages to Japan though he was making final arrangements to set the figure for 2020 at a 7 percent decrease from 1990 levels.

Xinhua

China Eastern confirms merger plan with Shanghai Airlines



File picture taken on 8 April, 2009 shows aircrafts of China Eastern Airlines (L) and Shanghai Airlines (R) at the Hongqiao International Airport in Shanghai, China.—XINHUA

SHANGHAI, 10 June—A spokesman for China Eastern Airlines, a leading carrier in the country, confirmed Monday that it plans to merge with smaller rival Shanghai Airlines.

“Starting 8 June, China Eastern and Shanghai Airlines officially began their restructuring procedures,” Liu Jiangbo, a China Eastern spokesman told *Xinhua* late Monday.

He would not provide further details.

Reports about the merger of the two state-owned carriers have been circulating for months.

China Eastern, which is listed in both Shanghai and Hong Kong, issued an announcement late Monday, saying that trading in shares of the company was suspended as of June 8, because it is engaged in a “significant

restructuring plan” and an arrangement for “further reducing asset-liability ratio.”

But meanwhile, the company said in the announcement that there are still “uncertainties for related matters,” because the company needs policy consultation and argumentation.

Shanghai Airlines, whose shares are traded in Shanghai, also issued an

announcement late Monday, almost the same as that of China Eastern.

Analysts believe the merger would give the new group a 50 percent market share in Shanghai, the headquarter for the two carriers, and help the combined carrier to be more competitive over its major rivals, Air China and China Southern Airlines.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Seven Somali suspects deny piracy charges in Kenya

MALINDI, 10 June—Seven suspected Somali pirates who attempted to seize a foreign vessel in the Gulf of Aden last month denied the piracy charges in a Kenyan court on Tuesday.

The suspects who were handed over to the Kenyan authorities on Monday by Swedish Navy were arraigned before Malindi Magistrate Beatrice Jaden but denied attempting to hijack MV Antonis at the transit corridor within the Indian Ocean.

Xinhua

China offers \$88 m in subsidies for energy-saving light bulbs

BEIJING, 10 June—The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China's top economic planner, unveiled a plan Wednesday to promote the use of 120 million compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) this year, an effort aimed to boost consumption while saving energy.

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) has allocated 600 million yuan (87.8 million US dollars) to subsidize this plan, the two agencies said in a joint statement.

The energy-efficient bulbs will help save 6.2 billion kilowatt hours of electricity and cut carbon dioxide emissions by 6.2 million tonnes. They are also expected to cut electric bills by 3.1 billion yuan nationwide.—Xinhua

Bad weather blamed for helicopter crash in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 June—Poor weather has caused the crash of Army's helicopter in West Java of Indonesia on Monday, in which two officers were killed, Military Commander General Djojko Santoso said here.

“Based on the report that I received, the accident was caused by weather which was very poor in the location,” the Commander told reporters.

Santoso ruled out that the aging of the chopper and poor maintenance contributed to the fall of the helicopter.

“The evaluation on the quality of the equipments have been carried out regularly,” he said. The helicopter, which was manufactured in 1988 and belonging to the Indonesia's special armed force special unit, fell down at Pagelaran district of West Java during a regular training on Monday. Two other people on board were injured.—Xinhua

Mexico sends three burned children to US hospital

MEXICO CITY, 10 June—Mexico has sent three of the children who suffered severe burns in a deadly nursery fire last week to a hospital in the US city of Sacramento, the Mexican Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday. The children, who were not identified, will receive special care at the private Shriners Children's Hospital.

The medical facility has regularly offered services to Mexican children suffering burns, most of them from rural settlements in northern Mexico who would not otherwise receive help. Mexico's consulate in Sacramento, California, is helping the children's parents get humanitarian visas so that they can accompany their children in the hospital. A total of 43 children have died from injuries sustained last Friday, when a daycare centre in the city of Hermosillo, capital of northern Mexico state Sonora, caught fire and trapped more than 140 children and their carers.—Xinhua

Rescue workers lay water pipes to release a barrier lake caused by a massive landslide at Jiwei Mountain, in Wulong County of southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 9 June, 2009.
XINHUA



Rural epidemics most dangerous

MANHATTAN, 10 June—A US study suggests an infectious disease striking a rural area might be more disastrous than an epidemic in a large metropolitan area.

Kansas State University Associate Professor Caterina Scoglio and colleagues sought to identify optimal strategies to forecast and control disease outbreaks in rural areas.

“What are used as mitigation strategies in cities will not be so effective in rural areas,” Scoglio said. “In cities, people have a lot of informal contact with one another, but looser ties.”

She said that means during an epidemic urban residents are less likely to interact with sick neighbours and, therefore, are less likely to spread a disease.

But the scientists found 35 percent of rural residents said they would be willing to visit other people in the community during a major epidemic.

Internet

Turkish worker killed in Istanbul blast

ANKARA, 10 June—A Turkish worker died in a fire sparked by a blast in a shipyard in the largest Turkish city of Istanbul, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Tuesday.

The worker was killed by the fire which engulfed a boiler room of a ship on which employees were doing construction in the industrial zone of Tuzla district in Istanbul, according to the report.

It added that two other workers were injured in the fire. Gas compression is believed to be the cause of the explosion, the report said.—*Internet*



A truck is seen in front of shipping container cranes at the Patrick port facility in Melbourne on 9 June, 2009.

INTERNET

US coach accused of teaching boys to steal

More bodies pulled from Air France ‘sea of debris’

FERNANDO DE NORONHA, 10 June—Brazilian and French search teams recovered more bodies from a “sea of debris” where an Air France jet plunged into the Atlantic last week, killing all 228 people onboard, Brazilian officials said.

A total of 41 bodies have now been hauled up from what one Brazilian navy crewmember said was a “sea of debris” 1,000 kilometres (700 miles) off Brazil’s northeast coast.

After helping Brazil’s navy recover bodies, French teams turned Wednesday to hunting for the black boxes from the jet.

A French military nuclear submarine, *Emeraud*, was to arrive at the crash zone, 1,100 kilometres (700 miles) off Brazil’s northeast coast, in an effort to locate the homing beacons from the data and voice recorders of flight *AF 447*, which plunged into the ocean on 1 June in the worst air disaster since 2001.—*Internet*

BEIJING, 10 June—An elementary school baseball coach in Washington has been accused of using some of his players to help in a break-in, media reports said on Wednesday. Prosecutors charged 31-year-old George Spady Jr Monday with burglary.

Court documents allege he took his son, nephew and another player from the team with him when he broke into a vacant Arlington shop and took overhead lights and other items. Police say Spady’s son crawled through a vent on the back side of the store and unlocked the door for his father, who then coached the boys to grab things from inside. One boy told his stepfather who called deputies. The boys are not expected to be charged.—*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM



Alain Robert, stops to use cellphone as he climbs the exterior of the Royal Bank of Scotland building in Sydney, Australia. The French climber, known as the “Spider-Man”, has scaled over 70 skyscrapers worldwide including the Petronas Towers in Malaysia, Taipei 101, Chicago.

90-year-old ill woman gets high school diploma

A 90-year-old suburban Chicago woman who dropped out of school to help her family during the Great Depression now has her high school diploma.

Eleanor Benz left Chicago Public Schools’ Lake View High in 1936 during her senior year to take a job. Over the following decades she moved to the suburb of Gurnee and had 15 children, 54 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Benz attended night school for typing and bookkeeping, but she recently told one of her daughters that never completing high school was one of her greatest disappointments. Her children contacted Lake View, and the school approved Benz’s diploma.

Woman survives jump from 27th floor of high-rise

A woman who jumped from the 27th floor of a high-rise building in eastern China in a suicide attempt is in stable condition after treatment, doctors said Friday.

The 29-year-old woman, surnamed Chen, jumped from a window of the Haishu Shiji Plaza in Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province, at midday Thursday.

Miraculously, she survived after she landed on tree boughs and then fell onto a car.

Police said she had not landed head first, which probably contributed to her survival.

She suffered lung injuries and fractures in her left leg and she would likely survive, said a doctor at the Ningbo No 2 People’s Hospital.

Her husband said she suffered from depression two years ago when giving birth. A spokesman for Ningbo Police said there were no suspicious circumstances regarding the incident.

Store owner gives robber money, bread

An owner of a New York store, who has five open tax warrants total 137,331.28 US dollars against him, gave 40 dollars and a loaf of bread to a bat-wielding would-be robber after he claimed he was doing it because he could not feed his family.

Mohammed Sohail said he knew “how it feels to have problems with money and that my own financial woes prompted me to have sympathy for the masked would-be robber.” A video posted on Tuesday by a newspaper on its website showed a masked man a man wielding a bat as he entered a convenience store in Shirley, Long Island, just after midnight on 21 May and demanded money.

But when Sohail pulled out a rifle, the masked man dropped to his knees and appeared to beg for forgiveness.

“He said ‘I am sorry, I have no money, no job, my family is hungry,’”

“Then I feel bad for him ... I take 40 dollars for him,” said Suhail.



A folk stunt performer shows acrobatic skill of riding bicycle on the steel tube, during the Traditional Chinese Folk Stunts Show, on the Xijindu Ancient Street of Zhenjiang City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 7 June, 2009. The folk artists from around the country put on myriad of traditional Chinese folk stunt shows, to mark the 4th Cultural Heritage Day of the country, which falls on 13 June.

*Golden frogs (*Phylllobates terribilis*) embrace in a wooded area, a new section in the Explora park in Medellin.*

Government has practically...

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Deputy Head of Sagaing District Information and Public Relations Department U Ko Ko Aye and Chairman of the village PDC U Nyunt Myaing formally opened the library.

The commander and the minister cordially greeted the local people studying in the library. They inspected reconstruction of Aukchaung Bridge in Hsinmyay Village.

Next, they attended the inauguration of Pynnya Alin self-reliant library in Daungma Village. Local well-wishers Thudhamma

Manijotadhara U Soe Naing and wife Daw Aye Aye Khaing, Head of Sagaing Division IPRDU Tin Than Win and townselder U Wai Lin formally opened the library.

They held a meeting with over 12,000 local people from 24 villages. Local people reported on ongoing regional development tasks and requirements. The commander and the minister fulfilled the requirements and made speeches.

Local well-wishers Thudhamma manizawtadara U Soe Naing and wife Daw Aye Aye



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attend the opening ceremony of Pynnya Tazaung Library in Hsinmyay village, Sagaing Township.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan view jade beads produced by local people in Daungma village, Sagaing Township.—MNA



Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung makes speech in meeting with senior pilots and pilots from Myanma Airway.—TRANSPORT

Deputy Minister meets senior pilots, pilots

YANGON, 10 June—Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung met senior pilots and pilots at the meeting hall of Yangon International Airport on 8 June afternoon.

Managing Director U Tin Maung Tun of Myanma Airways

reported on organizational set up of staff and their duties and functions, and aviation tasks.

In his speech, the deputy minister said that Myanma Airways has been operating for over 60 years. Senior pilots, pilots and engineers with rich experiences are to take

measure for maintenance of aircraft before and after aviation tasks. They have to abide by rules and regulations on flights in the rainy season. He urged them to dutifully serve the passengers for their convenience in aviation transport.

MNA

Khaing made a donation of K 20 million for building Daungma Village primary school.

The commander presented K 700,000 to buy 100 bags of cement for reconstruction of Aukchaung Bridge in Hsinmyay Village, and K 700,000 to buy 100 bags of cement for construction of a bridge across the creek near Tegyi Village, and K 500,000 for renovation of Kywelu Village rural health centre to officials concerned.

The minister presented publications to the village libraries, and K 400,000 each for construction of a creek-spanning bridge on Daungma-Thabyu rural road, a bridge on the road in Hsinmyay Village, Naukyikyun-Kywe inter-village road, building benches and desks for Kywelu Village Basic Education Primary School, development of Maubin Village, and constructing a bridge over the creek near Tegyi Village.

Member of Sagaing District Women's Affairs Organization presented publications donated by the Information Department of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

The commander and the minister viewed the jade bead strings workshop of local people.

In meeting with local

Entire people are in favour of the three fundamental requirements: stability and peace; development; and earning the living in the framework of the law.

people, the commander said that patriotic fervour inspires the people to serve the interests of their regions, calling for cooperation with the government for national and regional development.

He also called for constantly upholding national cause, weighing the groundless accusations and rumours fabricated by internal and external anti-government groups.

In his speech, the minister said that the entire people are in favour of the three fundamental requirements: stability and peace; development; and earning the living in the framework of the law.

Now, the government

has practically improved all the infrastructures for restoration of peace and stability and development. So, the people on their part have to work hand in hand with the government for sustainable development, he said.

In the process, he stressed the importance of creating conditions that can guarantee sustainable development not only at present but also in future, taking lessons from the bitter experiences the people faced from 1948 to 1988 and viewing the stability of the State, community peace, and national development the nation has achieved from 1988 to date.—MNA

“External Immobilization in Orthopaedic Practice” on 13 June

YANGON, 10 June—Organized by the orthopaedic association under Myanmar Medical Association, talks on “External Immobilization in Orthopaedic Practice” will be given by orthopaedic specialists at MMA on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township from 8 am to noon on 13 June.

The association has invited general practitioners to attend the talks.

MNA

If good neighbourly relations are maintained

Kyaw Ye Min

A government is under a duty to ensure perpetuation of sovereignty and maintain independence of the nation as well as to restore community peace and the rule of law. In order to shoulder such demanding tasks, every government has to promulgate laws as necessary, and punish the offenders according to the degrees of the crimes they have committed. Some laws are designed to take action against offenders, and some, to prevent possible unnecessary consequences.

In promulgating laws and taking action against offenders in accordance with the laws, the government has no discrimination against or in favour of any particular person, but in the interest of the nation and the people. The government and the people are somewhat like the parents and their children. The parents sometimes have to restrict their children from going a particular place, eating some kinds of food. And sometimes, they have to scold and punish their children for not listening to them.

In its bid to ensure perpetuation of sovereignty, community peace and the rule of law, the government has to take measures for prevention of outbreak of crimes and punish offenders in order that they come to realize what kinds of acts are against the laws. Anyhow, it is a practice of internal laws that a government takes action against offenders. Indeed, that is just internal affairs of a country.

I notice that these days, the case, in which the government has filed unavoidably a lawsuit against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, has attracted local and global attention. Some demanded variously through broadcasts of foreign radio stations that the government release her. Thailand taking alternative ASEAN chairmanship issued an announcement on 18 May, thereby interfering in the affairs of another ASEAN member country, disregarding the principles stipulated in ASEAN Charter.

Therefore, the government categorically rejected the announcement, saying that the announcement of the ASEAN alternative chairman was not in conformity with the practice of ASEAN; that the statements were not correct in fact; and that moreover it interfered the internal affairs of Myanmar. Myanmar's announcement with the sense of good neighbourliness is merely intended to remind Thailand about the fact that the country in its ASEAN chairmanship failed to honour the prestige of ASEAN,

All countries know who is held responsible for the IDP and refugees issues. To be frank, there were a spate of insurgent groups, large and small, in Myanmar. The government has managed to make peace with any other national race armed group for national reconsolidation, but the remnant KNU troops have showed no sign of making peace with the government.

Myanmar and itself.

However, Thailand does not seem to have realized the true stance and genuine goodwill of the Myanmar government reflected in the Myanmar government's announcement. It is because there was a story on a website with a headline "Jailing Suu Kyi again not good for region: Thai FM". In the story, Thai Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya says that taking action against Daw Suu Kyi poses a threat to regional security; that the lawsuit filed against her is a serious issue in the region; and that Thailand, present alternate ASEAN Chairman, wishes to hold discussions with Myanmar. That is to say the Myanmar's internal issue hurts regional stability and peace.

After making an in-depth deduction about announcement and the broadcasts of some radio stations in combination, I have realized what the Thai government's stance on Myanmar is like. **Myanmar has five immediate neighbours, and in its capacity of a member of regional organizations such as ASEAN and BIMSTEC, Myanmar actively cooperates with its neighbouring and regional countries. Except Thailand, none of the five neighbouring countries, 10 ASEAN countries, and seven BIMSTEC member countries has considered or said that the Myanmar issue poses threats to regional security, stability and peace. They also have no reason to say so, either. It is strange that Thailand is considering and saying so.**

In reality, Thailand is self-conscious about the issues on internally displaced person (IDP) and refugees which have rooted in the Thai-Myanmar border for ages. Such unnecessary issue takes place in none of the borders Myanmar shares with other neighbouring countries. The root cause of issues on IDP and refugees in the Thai-Myanmar border is

that they accept and let the problems keep on taking place.

All countries know who is held responsible for the IDP and refugees issues. To be frank, there were a spate of insurgent groups, large and small, in Myanmar. The government has managed to make peace with any other national race armed group for national reconsolidation, but the remnant KNU troops have showed no sign of making peace with the government. Apparently, that is due to the fact that the remnant KNU members are aided and abetted, and KNU stations under the name of refugee camps are accepted. It is global knowledge that they provide fertile soils to Myanmar absconders, insurgent groups and anti-government political group. That is the reason why IDP and refugees issues persist along the border. The border Myanmar shares with any other neighbouring country has seen no such terrible problems.

The government has been trying to solve all the border problems including KNU issue. As to whether Myanmar will achieve success in addressing the issues rests on the cooperation of the neighbouring other country. To make it clear I would like to underscore the root cause of cessation of BCP troops that took a stronghold in the northeast border of Myanmar and fought the nation with strong forces around 1988-90. At that time, BCP was very strong with impressive strategies and tactics. Nonetheless, the government managed to cope with the BCP issue with three tactics.

The first tactic was to make peace through negotiation. Due to this tactic, Wa, Kokang and Kachin armed groups of BCP succeeded in making peace with the government. As these groups had already returned to the legal fold, they were able to attend the National Convention and take part in the political discussions. Moreover, they have been able to work for all-round development of their respective regions in collaboration with the government.

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Our stand is that we want to maintain the amicable relations.

If good neighbourly relations are maintained

Kyaw Ye Min

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The second tactic was to enlist the cooperation of neighbouring countries. A friendly and well-meaning neighbour, China, true to its policy of non-interference in others' internal affairs, took a definite stand on the issue of Burma Communist Party, or B.C.P for short. Therefore, the government succeeded in getting rid of B.C.P remnants. Now, the entire northeast region is enjoying peace and tranquillity and all-round development. Such widely-used words as IDP and refugee have now become obsolete. Moreover, the campaigns against narcotic drugs, menace to the entire mankind, have been carried out most effectively and successfully. One can weather any kind of hardship or difficulty if one is well-intentioned.

The third tactic was to work with good intentions for the development of national races in the border areas where peace and stability has been already prevailing. Now, 22 regions have been designated as national races development project areas and these areas have become peaceful and national races living there can lead a life of eternal peace. Moreover, for parallel development of the economic, education and health sectors in all parts of the nation, development work has been carried out in 24 special development regions. As a result, the highland regions have become as developed as the plains. These are the benefits of the three tactics.

Now also, the issues of KNU and repatriates can be settled if these three tactics are employed. The most important and necessary thing is for the neighbouring country to cooperate with the sense of good neighbourliness and good intentions.

The Tatmadaw government is trying to solve the issues of KNU and repatriates with the application of the three tactics mentioned above. It is taking necessary measures for security on one hand and trying to make peace through negotiations

Though the relations between Thailand and Myanmar were good during the time of the former prime minister, at present the relations between the two countries are under strain which had been unprecedented in the history.

on the other hand. The result is that six groups have left KNU and made peace with the government. There remain only a handful of KNU remnants and they are taking shelter at the so-called refugee camps in the neighbouring country. Then, they frequently leave their camps, secretly enter Myanmar and wage guerrilla attacks. However, the government has still opened the peace door to the remaining groups. This has been said again and again.

The most important thing in settling the issues of KNU, IDP and refugees is well-meaning cooperation of the neighbouring country.

Actually, remnant insurgents, expatriates and anti-government politicians are existing with the help and support of a foreign power and the so-called NGOs including the neighbouring country. It is true that if the neighbouring country strictly adheres to and practices the policy of non-interference in other's internal affairs as in the case of the People's Republic of China, all these problems will come to an end and peace and stability will follow soon. If those problems are wiped out, there will be no IDP and refugee for which the foreign minister of Thailand has expressed concern. But, as the IDP and refugee camps in the neighbouring country are ready to welcome more IDP and refugees, some opportunists and insurgents entered the neighbouring country easily. So, I would say that if you cooperate with us with genuine goodwill and considering yourself as a good friend, there will be no burden nor threats at your border due to internal affairs of Myanmar.

Considering the insurgents and anti-government groups offspring who left the home temporarily as they are angry with the parents, the

government of Myanmar always has a tolerant attitude towards them. As to other countries too, Myanmar shows her tolerance and maintains good relations with the sense of good neighbourliness in spite of the negative attitudes towards her. We believe that we will succeed someday due to our goodwill and correct stand.

Thai government's current stand on Myanmar shows that it is not a good neighbouring country of Myanmar. They also know their acts. In Matichon newspaper issued on 27 May, Thailand's former Foreign Minister Nappadol said the relations between Thailand and its neighbouring countries were damaged and there were also tensions between them due to reckless acts of Thai Prime Minister Abhisit and Foreign Minister Kasit. He also said that as Thailand could not maintain the good relations with Cambodia and Myanmar which are members of ASEAN while taking the responsibility of the chairman of ASEAN, the image of Thailand has been tarnished. Though the relations between Thailand and Myanmar were good during the time of the former prime minister, at present the relations between the two countries are under strain which had been unprecedented in the history.

There should be a conviction that as we are neighbouring countries we can ignore each other, but we cannot deny the fact that we are neighbours. As we are sharing a common land border we will be always neighbours till the end of the world. It is impossible to change this situation. Hence, it is specially required to show amicable relations, friendly acts and right stand. Myanmar's internal affairs will never be a threat to the region although Thailand has expressed concern. The government of Thailand should believe that with Thailand's right stand and good neighbourliness, the two countries can sort out any problems. Our stand is that we want to maintain the amicable relations.

Translation: MS+NN+AMS

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Singaporean delegation visits Mandalay, Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—The visiting Singaporean delegation led by Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong left here by air and arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 5 pm yesterday.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City

Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials.

Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe met the Singaporean Minister and party at the Sedona Hotel in Mandalay and they exchanged gifts. Next, the commander hosted a dinner in honour of the Singaporean delegation.

Singaporean Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong and party left Mandalay by air for

Taunggyi this morning. They were seen off at Mandalay International Airport by Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials.

On arrival at Heho Airport in Shan State (South) at 10.45 am, the Singaporean Senior Minister and party were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and departmental



Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong of the Republic of Singapore exchange gifts at Sedona Hotel.—MNA



Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae, Singaporean Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong and cultural dance troupe pose for documentary photo.—MNA

heads.

The Singaporean delegation visited Aye Thaya Grape Wine enterprise in Taunggyi.

Next, they went sightseeing by car around Taunggyi. They called on the commander at Taungpaw guesthouse in Taunggyi. The Singaporean Senior Minister and the commander exchanged gifts.

Next, the commander

hosted a luncheon to the delegation, and the Singaporean Senior Minister presented a bouquet to the cultural troupe that entertained them. Singaporean Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong and party left Heho by air for Yangon, and they were seen off at the airport by the commander and departmental heads.

MNA

Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway facilitates smooth transport

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)



U Min Min Lat,
Supervisor of Toll Gate.

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Nawngkhio is a fertile land for cultivation.

The town is located at an altitude of over 2700 feet.

Near Goktwin Bridge, we saw mountain ranges and teak and hardwood trees plantations. At noon, we arrived at Kyaukme, 29 miles from Nawngkhio. Due to better transport, it took about one hour.

While in Kyaukme, we had an interview with U Min Min Lat of the toll gate at the exit from Kyaukme to Lashio.

He said, "Asia World Company is giving services for secure and smooth transportation from Mandalay to Muse. The company has been undertaking maintenance services for the road since 1996. A total of 11 toll gates were opened along the road from Mandalay to Muse. The company assigns each maintenance team per 12 miles. The toll gates levy the service fee as K 100 for one ton



The motor road zig-zags near Goktwin Bridge in Nawngkhio Township.



A toll gate at the exit of Lashio.

vehicle, K 500 for 3 tons to 5 tons vehicle, K 1,000 for 5 tons to 10 tons vehicle and K 2,000 for 10 tons to 20 tons vehicle."

The distance between Mandalay and Lashio is 187 miles and the distance between Lashio and Muse, 105 miles. Asia World Company is giving services of better transport along 300 miles road.

Due to improvement

of transport facility, trucks with loads can travel between Muse and Mandalay conveniently. Better transport contributes to strengthening of the relationship between the peoples from the hilly regions and the plain areas.

Translation: TTA
Myanma Alin:
7-6-2009

Air France to replace sensors at once

PARIS, 10 June — Air France has said all its flights using long-haul Airbus jets will be equipped immediately with new speed sensors after last week's disaster over the Atlantic, a pilots' union said on Tuesday.

The pitot tubes that gauge speed have become the focus of an investigation into the crash after messages showed they provided "inconsistent" data to the pilots and might have played a role in the June 1 crash.

One Air France union urged its pilots to stop flying Airbus A330 and A340 aircraft until the old sensors were replaced and the company has since committed itself to a swift change-out, a union official said. "Air France has provided us with an extremely proactive and very accelerated replacement programme," said Erick Derivry, spokesman of the main SNPL pilots union.

"From today, all Air France A330 and A340 flights will use planes

equipped with at least two new sensors out of three (on board)," he told France Info radio. Air France, which has 19 A340s and 15 A330s, declined to comment.

An Air France A330 en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris crashed into the Atlantic last week, killing all 228 on board. The Brazilian Air Force and Navy said on Monday they had recovered 24 bodies from the Atlantic so far as well as an increasing pile of shattered debris.—MNA/Reuters



A golden monkey eats watermelons at the Jinan Zoo in Jinan, capital city of east China's Shandong Province, on 1 June, 2009, as a heat wave reaching 35 degrees Celsius hits the city.—INTERNET

Too little sleep raises blood pressure risk

CHICAGO, 10 June — Middle-aged adults who get too little sleep are more likely to develop high blood pressure, US researchers said on Monday.

The study, among the first to directly measure sleep duration in middle-aged adults, found missing an average one hour of sleep over five years raised

the risk of developing high blood pressure by 37 per cent.

It also suggests that poor sleep may explain in part why Black men have higher blood pressure risks.

"People who didn't sleep as much were at greater risk of developing hypertension over five years," Kristen Knutson of

the University of Chicago reported in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*. Adults typically need between seven and nine hours of sleep, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, but many get far less, and several studies have begun to show the health consequences.

MNA/Reuters

Russia toughens Belarus milk ban

MOSCOW, 10 June — Russia expanded a ban on milk from Belarus on Tuesday to include practically all dairy products, a top health official said. While the measure has been justified on health grounds, it comes amid diplomatic tensions with Belarus and fits a pattern of Russian trade restrictions on

neighbouring countries during political disputes.

The move came despite an announcement earlier on Tuesday that Russia and Belarus would strengthen trade ties by creating a Customs union next year with Kazakhstan.

"Today I expanded the list, and now practically all dairy products from Belarus have been banned," Gennady Onishchenko, the head of consumer protection watchdog Rosпотребнадзор, said in

an interview with state news channel Vesti-24.

He said the ban covered almost 1,000 dairy products from Belarus, a country wedged between Russia and the European Union. Only 55 or 60 milk products have not been barred, he said.

The initial ban on around 500 milk-related items was introduced on Saturday amid diplomatic acrimony between the former Soviet republics, on the grounds that the products had failed health standards.—MNA/Reuters

Iraqi prisoner release brings hope for British hostages

BAGHDAD, 10 June — Iraq said on Tuesday it had freed a senior member of a Shiite Muslim militia group, a move media reports said could hasten the release of British hostages captured in Baghdad more than two years ago.

However, the Iraqi Government said it was not negotiating for the hostages' freedom and that Laith Khazali's release was part of broader efforts to draw armed groups away from violence and into the political process.

"He was released on Sunday. The government is not part of any negotiation. His release is part of reconciliation efforts," Iraqi Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said. Khazali had been held by US forces but was transferred to Iraqi custody a day earlier.

MNA/Reuters



Brazilian military search for debris from an Air France jet that crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. A 12-mile-long oil slick and debris were found early Wednesday, but Brazil and France disagree over whether the debris is from Flight 447. Investigators are probing the last messages from the plane to determine the cause of the crash.—INTERNET

IMF says Africa needs \$ 2.5 b bailout from economic

LAGOS, 10 June — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has predicted that the next year may witness dramatic increase in credit borrowings by African countries to the tune of 2.5 billion US dollars as a result of biting effects of global economic meltdown, the Lagos based *This Day* newspaper reported Tuesday.

The IMF Country Chief and Resident Representative to Nigeria, David Nellor, made the disclosure while on a courtesy visit to the Minister of Labour and Productivity, Adetokunbo Kayode, in Abuja on Monday.

He singled out Nigeria as one country that has so far escaped from

the immediate impact of the world financial crisis due to the accrued benefits from the fiscal reforms.

Nellor particularly pointed to the oil savings from excess crude oil account as well as the banking reforms as major contributory factors in the measure of financial stability being enjoyed by Nigeria.—MNA/Xinhua

One killed in Kazakhstan arms depot blast

ALMATY, 10 June — A soldier was killed in a fire and explosion at an arms depot in the southeastern state of Almaty, Kazakhstan, officials said on Monday.

The incident occurred at a military training centre of the National Security Committee, *Interfax* news agency reported.

A 300-square-metre area was engulfed in a fire which triggered the explosion of ammunition, authorities said. The incident is being investigated.

MNA/Xinhua



A new born black panther cub seen in the grass at the Tierpark zoo, during a presentation to the media in Berlin, Germany, on 9 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Donation Programme for Donors in Agricultural Areas affected by cyclone Nargis

- ✦ On 2,3 May 2008, Cyclone Nargis ravaged the delta region causing severe havoc and loss of lives of the farmers and their families. Even though, those areas reached a certain level of rescue and rehabilitation by the State Government, all concerned departments, general public, INGOs & NGOs, there is still room for further donations.
- ✦ We would like to say " Thank you very much" to state Government, INGOs,NGOs; all Local and international donors for donating tens of thousands of (100,000 Bags) Biosuprme Bio-fertilizer to the areas affected by cyclone Nargis with consortium efforts.
- ✦ We, SUPREME GROUP OF COMPANIES had also donated (5)thousands bags of BIO SUPREME Bio-fertilizers & Water Treatment Machines to those affected areas with the courtesy of the State Government, INGOs and NGOs' cooperative efforts.
- ✦ We have sent to our Bio-fertilizers donors, such as INGOs & NGOs regarding the results in using BIO SUPREME in the Cyclone Nargis areas. There, we made video records, interview records and our company's activities on how our technicians went to those areas, giving right application methods, other technical supports training to the farmers directly.
- ✦ So, for anyone who did not received the results of donations and records of our movements, you may inquire at SUPREME GROUP OF COMPANIES at any time.

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FOUND BEST SOLUTION FOR AGRICULTURAL IN NARGIS AREAS (BEST FOR THE RECLAMATION OF SALT-AFFECTED SOIL)

- In e.mail interview Dr. Abdelbagi M Ismail, a Senior Scientist of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) said "Organic Fertilizers are more helpful in Saline Soils as they can help reduce salt affected by reclaiming the soils and provide nutrients for the plants. [THE MYANMAR TIMES: October 20-26, 2008].
- In the reclamations of saline soils, organic amendments must be applied. Compost or any other organic materials is recommended to be used during the salt-affected soil. [Handbook of Plant and Crop stress by Mohammad Pessaraki, Contributor Mahammad Pessaraki, Published by CRC, Press 1999 ISBN 0824719484].
- "Organic and Bio Fertilizers are only things that can regenerate the fertility of paddy fields" said Dr. Win Htin (Ph.D), Retired General Manager, Land Resources Utilizations Department. [THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR, Tuesday 2 September'08]
- "We should choose Bio-Supreme fertilizer to regenerate farmlands and paddy field that have been flooded by seawater" said U Zaw Than (Retd.) Myanma Agriculture Service. [THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR, Tuesday 2 September'08]
- "I cultivated 20 acres of paddy. All sown acreage is under the plantation of Hsinthukha paddy strain. I used Bio Fertilizers donated by well wishers. So the per -acres yield increased from 45 baskets of paddy to over 52 baskets. In flow of seawater did not harm the paddy cultivation" said by farmer U Win of Nyaunglein Village, Labutta Township. [THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR: Friday 10 April '09]

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Floods kill 41 in China since flooding season begins

BEIJING, 10 June—Since the flooding season began in China, floods in 16 provinces in southern China had left 41 people dead and eight missing from 1 April to 8 June, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said on Tuesday.

About 5.63 million people were hit by floods, triggered by rainfalls of up to 300 to 500 mm in some regions, 6.82 million mu (454,667 hectares) of crops were threatened, and 6,500 homes collapsed, in provinces such as Jiangxi, Hubei, Hunan and Guangdong.

The central observatory warned on Tuesday provinces in east and south China, such as Hunan and Guangxi, would continue to suffer heavy rains and rainstorms coupling with lightning Wednesday.

Internet

Daycare diaper alarm effective

ANTWERP, 10 June—A daytime diaper that uses a musical "wetting alarm" for children in daycare centers is effective for toilet training, Belgian researchers found.

Study co-author Jean-Jacques Wyndaele of University Antwerp said toilet training is a milestone in a child's development and rearing, but the age of initiation of toilet training has increased from under 18 months in the late 1940s to 21-36 months today.

Thirty-nine healthy young children between 18-30 months old were selected at random for a wetting alarm diaper training, or control wearing a placebo alarm. Toilet behavior was observed during a period of 10 hours by independent observers before the study, at the end of the three-week trial and two weeks after training.

Internet

Ministry of Finance and Revenue Internal Revenue Department Commercial Tax Directorate

Reminding to furnish the Annual Return

1. Any Individuals, Partnerships, Joint Ventures, Companies, other taxable business enterprises, Cooperative societies, State economic enterprises, State-owned mills, factories, trading and service enterprises, who have taxable sale proceed or receipt from services in the financial year 2008-2009 (1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009) are reminded that they are according to the law, to fill up, sign and furnish an annual return to the respective Township Revenue Office or Company Circle Tax Office, by hand or by registered post **not later than 30th of June, 2009.**
2. If it is production business apart from salt production, those whose sale proceed in a financial year is kyat 240001 and above, or the sale proceed of Trading business during the financial year that is kyat 300001 and above, the receipt from Passenger transportation that is kyat 180001 and above, Entertainments, Hotel and lodgings, Restaurants, Travel and Tours (including tour guide only), Motor vehicle servicing, Insurance (excluding life insurance), Hair dressing and beauty saloon, Body fitness centres, Printing, Computer desktop and design services (excluding photo copying) are responsible to file the Annual sale or service Return attached with annual accounts, to the respective offices. Those returns will be accepted by **opening the offices up to 18:00 hrs in the evening on the last date of 30th June 2009 (Tuesday).**
3. If there is failure to file return without any sufficient cause, a sum not more than 10% of the tax due will be fined by way of penalty according to the Commercial Tax Law, section 21.
4. The prescribed Annual Return forms will be provided at the respective Township Revenue Offices or the Company Circle Tax Office, free of charge. If it is filed by hand, the concerning office will issue the acknowledgement slip instantly.
5. Enquiries can be made for further details at the Township Revenue Offices or the Company Circle Tax Office concerned.

San Lwin
Director
Commercial Tax Directorate

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HANSA LONDON VOYNO (205)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANSA LONDON VOYNO (205) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy (re-advertisement) with UNDP Yangon. Detailed terms of reference are available at the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.

Human Resources Analyst, SC-8

Functions: Implementation of HR strategies and policies; effective HR management; conduct UN-related cost surveys; facilitation of knowledge building and sharing; staff performance management and career development

Requirements: Advanced Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, or related field. Minimum 2 years of relevant experience at the national or international level in providing management, advisory services, and/or managing staff and operational systems. Experiences in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc.) and advanced knowledge of spreadsheets and database packages, experience in handling web-based management systems, knowledge of ERP/ATLAS an advantage. Prior experience with UNDP projects or UN organizations or INGO will be valuable. Team-building, analytical, facilitation, communication and decision-making skills. Fluency in English language, both written and spoken absolute requirement.

Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their applications, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualification, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to Deputy Country Director (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, (DSC), No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon.

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s). Those who applied for the post earlier need not apply.

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UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.

Closing Date: 25 June 2009 (COB)

Fruit, vegetables determine semen quality

MURCIA, 10 June— Semen quality depends on quantity of anti-oxidants from fruit and vegetables, researchers in Spain said.

"Our previous research study, published in March, showed that men who eat large amounts of meat and full fat dairy products have lower seminal quality than those who eat more fruit, vegetables and reduced

fat dairy products," lead author Jaime Mendiola of the University of Murcia said in a statement. "In this study, we have found that people who consume more fruits and vegetables are ingesting more anti-oxidants, and this is the important point."

The study was carried out among 61 men, 30 of whom had reproductive problems, while the

remaining 31 acted as controls.

The study, published in the journal *Fertility and Sterility*, found that the men with good semen quality ate more vegetables and fruit — more vitamins, folic acid and fiber and less proteins and fats — than those men with low seminal quality, Mendiola said.

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Breast cancer patients take anti-oxidants

NEW YORK, 10 June — Many women with breast cancer take anti-oxidants while undergoing cancer treatment, even though the consequences are unknown, US researchers learned.

The study, published online ahead of print of the

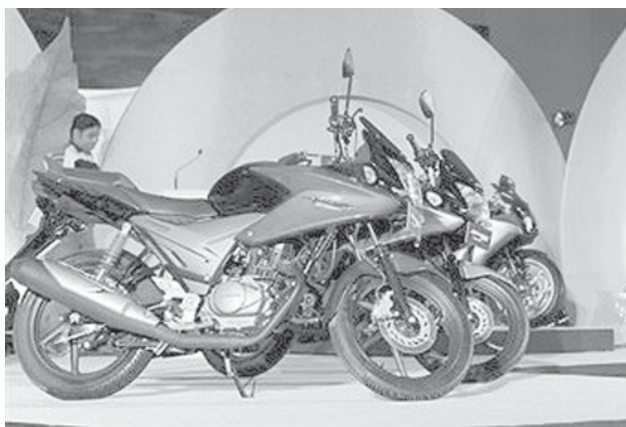
15 July issue of the journal *Cancer*, found almost 70 percent of the women used high doses of anti-oxidants, defined as higher than the amount contained in a Centrum multivitamin. Women who took high doses also were more likely to be using tamoxifen and

to have a history of eating more fruits and vegetables, using herbal products and engaging in mind-body practices. Heather Greenlee of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in New York and colleagues said many breast cancer patients believe anti-oxidant supplements will protect them from the side effects of breast cancer treatment, help prevent recurrence of the disease and improve their overall health.

Greenlee's study is based on 764 patients who completed a follow-up interview and provided information on anti-oxidant supplement use.

Among these patients, 86.8 percent reported receiving chemotherapy, radiation or hormone therapy for breast cancer.

Internet



The new Honda CBF Stunner PGM-F1 motorbikes in May 2009. Fifty years after Honda got its US start selling motorcycles off the back of a pickup truck, the Japanese automaker is one of the most popular and top-rated car companies in the United States.—INTERNET

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Mexico to host international health meeting on A/H1N1 flu

MEXICO CITY, 10 June — Health ministers from 40 nations and senior officials from the World Health Organization (WHO) will gather in Mexico's Caribbean resort of Cancun early next month to discuss influenza A/H1N1, the health ministry said on Tuesday.

The meeting, slated for 1-3 July, aims to share the best practice in tackling the disease, which has infected 26,563 people across 73 nations, including 140 deaths, the ministry said in a statement. WHO Director-General Margaret Chan and Pan-American Health Organization Director Mirta Roses are expected to attend the gathering.—*Internet*

TENDER INVITATION

Myanma Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1) is intended to renovate the existing cement factory of 500 ton per day Dry Process, (5 stage SP) plant from existing output production capacity of about 300 ton per day to obtain rated production capacity of 500 ton per day cement clinker, at Kyaukse Cement Factory, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, Union of Myanmar.

Sealed tenders are invited on semi-turnkey basis including machinery supply, erection, commissioning, technology transfer and supervisory services. The details can be obtained from the following contact office.

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Building No.41, Nay Pyi Taw
Union of Myanmar
Tel: 067-408386, 408296
Fax: 067-408064

* Tender Closing Date: 31.8.2009 (Monday)



A child hands out leaflets promoting local tourism during a culture festival in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 8 June, 2009. A cultural festival was held here until 14 June by local government to revitalize the tourism in the city.—INTERNET

184 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 10 June — A European health agency said Tuesday that 184 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 118 were confirmed in Britain, 40 in Spain, 11 in France, 10 in Germany, two in Norway, one respectively in Poland, Denmark and Iceland, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 1,348, with 331 cases in Spain and 675 in Britain, 68 in France and 78 in Germany, the ECDC said.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about the H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.

Internet

Bees trade energy for safety in winds

CAMBRIDGE, 10 June — Harvard University scientists have determined some bees brace themselves against wind and turbulence by extending their hind legs while flying. "Wind is a universal part of life for all flying animals," Assistant Professor Stacey Combes said. "Yet we know remarkably little about how animals navigate windy conditions and unpredictable airflows, since most studies of animal flight have taken place in simplified environments, such as in still air or perfect laminar flows."

Combes and Robert Dudley of the University of California-Berkeley studied 10 species of wild orchid bees in the Panamanian jungle. The researchers set up air jets and then, using high-speed video,

measured the bees' maximum flight speed as they were buffeted by varying levels of turbulence. In every case, the bees displayed a side-to-side rolling motion at high flight speeds, negotiating the turbulence by extending their rear legs while in flight.

"This increases the bees' moment of inertia and reduces rolling," Combes said, "much like a spinning ice skater who extends her arms to slow down." Combes said such stabilizing behavior is likely to be seen across Hymenoptera, the order of insects that includes bees, wasps, ants, and sawflies, and that turbulent airflow may decrease the flight performance of many other flying insects as well.

Internet

SPORTS

World Cup in sight for England and Serbia

PARIS, 10 June—England can practically guarantee their place at the 2010 World Cup if they beat minnows Andorra at home in the last round of this season's European qualifying matches.

England's 4-0 victory in Kazakhstan on Saturday - their sixth win in six games - allowed them to open up a seven-point lead over second-placed Croatia in group six with just four matches remaining.

Victory against Andorra, ranked 196th in the world, would therefore put them 10 points clear and mean that a win at home to Croatia in September would be enough to secure their place in South Africa.

Croatia were the team that denied England a place at the 2008 European Championships, but captain John Terry says his side cannot afford to look too far ahead.

"We are playing well and are on the way to where we want to be," he said.

"But there's no point being at the top now and in a year's time not being where we want to be. We know there are still improvements to be made."

Croatia stunned England to reach last summer's European showpiece in Austria and Switzerland, where they reached the quarter-finals, but on Saturday they drew 2-2 at home to Ukraine, who can move level with the Croats if they defeat Kazakhstan in Kiev.

Internet

Ronaldo Asian tour in doubt over op fears

MANCHESTER, 10 June—Cristiano Ronaldo's involvement in Manchester United's pre-season tour of Asia next month is in doubt following reports the Portugal winger could need a hernia operation.

Ronaldo suffered a groin injury in the latter stages of his country's 2-1 win over Albania in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday.

According to English media reports, the problem could require surgery to correct. An operation would cast doubt on whether Ronaldo would be able to start pre-season training with the rest of the United squad on schedule and, as a consequence, reduce the chances of him travelling to Asia.

United are due in Malaysia for the opening match of their four-country tour on 18, July. They are also due to play in Indonesia, South Korea and China.—Internet



Cristiano Ronaldo

Capello to unleash Walcott in World Cup qualifier

LONDON, 10 June—Fabio Capello has underlined his faith in Theo Walcott by signalling that the Arsenal winger will start Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Andorra despite an anonymous display in Kazakhstan at the weekend.

Walcott was hauled off at half-time in England's 4-0 win in Almaty and his starting place had been thought to be on the line for the clash with the group six minnows.

But Capello believes Walcott's pace could be the key that unlocks an Andorran side that will come to Wembley looking to get every man behind the ball and frustrate their hosts.

"Walcott will be very important because we have to play to attack and the wide position is very important," Capello said. "I've spoken to him and he trained very well. He needs to play to recover his best condition."—Internet

Kaka aiming for new era at Real Madrid



Brazil's 2007 world footballer of the year Kaka, seen here on June 08, completed his transfer from Serie A side AC Milan to Real Madrid late on Monday, both clubs announced.—INTERNET

ROME, 10 June—Brazil's 2007 world footballer of the year Kaka completed his transfer from Serie A side AC Milan to Real Madrid late on Monday, both clubs announced.

The 27-year-old signed a six year contract with the Spanish giants for a reported fee of 65 million euros which both clubs refused to confirm.

If it is 65 million euros

it would be the second biggest ever transfer - after that of French great Zinedine Zidane, who cost Real Madrid 75 million euros in 2001.

"I wanted to stay (at Milan) but the world crisis affected my decision. I knew I'd only leave Milan to play for Real," the player said at a press conference in the Brazilian city of Recife.

"I will be part of a new Real Madrid that will once again be champions in Europe and in Spain,"

"It will be a new challenge for me and to live up to all the expectations placed on me will be motivation enough.

Internet

Sizzling Spain fire six-goal Confed Cup warning

JOHANNESBURG, 10 June—Spain fired a six-goal warning on Tuesday as the countdown to the June 14 kick-off of the FIFA Confederations Cup in South Africa continued.

Striker David Villa, reportedly on the wanted list of super spenders Real Madrid, performed a one-man sales pitch during the first half in Azerbaijan with a hat-trick that set up a 6-0 friendly triumph.

While pitting the country ranked first in the world against opponents who weigh in at number 140 might appear cruel, the sizzling Spaniards reeled off another victory without a hint of mercy.

Euro 2008 winners

Spain inhabit what appears to be much the easier of the two Confederations Cup groups with hosts South Africa and the champions of Asia and Oceania, Iraq and New Zealand.

On the other side of the draw, World Cup holders Italy come face to face with defending Confederations Cup champions Brazil, and potentially dangerous 'dark horses' Egypt and the United States lurk in the background.—Internet



David Villa (R) of Spain celebrates during their friendly football match against Azerbaijan in Baku. Spain won 6-0.

INTERNET

Federer out of Halle as Djokovic, Tsonga cruise through

HALLE, 10 June—World number two Roger Federer admitted on Tuesday exhaustion has forced him out of Halle's ATP tournament as new top seed Novak Djokovic cruised through to the second round.

Federer, who beat Sweden's Robin Soderling in Sunday's Roland Garros final to win the last of the Grand Slam titles to evade him, announced on Tuesday evening he is 'overwhelmed' and will not defend his Halle title.

"I sincerely apologise to the tournament organisers, my competitors, and my fans in Germany," he said in a statement on his website.

"I only hope they will understand that I still feel emotionally overwhelmed and exhausted by the incredible events of the past few days.

"It is hard for me to admit, but I simply cannot imagine giving my best effort in another tournament right away and I don't want to risk injury if I am not 100 percent prepared.

"I need to rest and recuperate, but I look forward to returning to Halle in 2010 to go for my sixth title."

Internet

Villa 'set to join' Kaka at Real

MADRID, 10 June—Valencia striker David Villa, one of the stars of Spain's victorious Euro 2008 squad, is close to signing for Real Madrid, a Spanish newspaper said on Tuesday.

He would become the second big name to join the club under new president Florentino Perez, after Brazil's 2007 world footballer of the year Kaka completed his transfer from Italian giants AC Milan on Monday for a reported 65 million euros.

Perez has established a 200 million euro war chest for players, vowing to create a "spectacular team" capable of overtaking arch-rivals Barcelona next season. The sports daily Marca said Real are set to pay 37 or 38 million euros for Villa plus bonuses linked to future results.—Internet

Roddick rues likely early date with Hewitt

LONDON, 10 June—Andy Roddick admits his likely Queen's third round clash against fellow four-time champion Lleyton Hewitt would have made a good final at the pre-Wimbledon warm-up event.

The pair have dominated the grass-court tournament over the last decade, but are scheduled to meet in the last 16 if Australian star Hewitt can beat Frederico Gil in the second round on Wednesday.

For players with such impressive pedigrees to meet this early in the draw is unusual and second seeded Roddick, a 6-1, 6-4 winner over Kristof Vliegen on Tuesday, couldn't hide his disappointment at the prospect of playing Hewitt, the 15th seed, so soon.

"I think we've won eight of these between us. You'd expect to see that sort of match a little bit further on in the tournament, especially this one," Roddick said.—Internet



US tennis player Andy Roddick reaches to hit a forehand during the singles game against Kristof Vliegen of Belgium during the first round match at The AEGON Championships tennis tournament at Queen's Club in west London. Roddick won the match 6-1, 6-4.—INTERNET



Brazilian Air Force personnel unload the body of a passenger from an Air France plane which crashed in the Atlantic on 9 June, 2009. A French nuclear submarine launched a high-tech undersea sweep on Wednesday to track down the black boxes missing after an Air France flight plunged into the Atlantic.

INTERNET

Sarkozy reaffirms efforts to develop renewable energy

PARIS, 10 June —French President Nicolas Sarkozy said on Tuesday that the nation will enhance efforts to develop renewable energy while pursuing nuclear energy.

France has led the world in the utilization of nuclear energy, but lags behind others in the field of renewable energy due to inadequate recognition of its importance, Sarkozy said during a visit to the National Institute of Solar Energy (INES) in Le Bourget du Lac, French Alps. Renewable energy will dominate the government agenda as nuclear energy did during General Charles de Gaulle's administration in the 1960s, he said.

The President pledged more financial input in the development of renewable energy. "Where we spend an euro on nuclear energy, we will also spend an euro on clean energy," he said. The second largest producer of renewable energy in Europe, France is lagging behind Spain and Germany in the fields of solar and wind energies.

The country announced a plan last year to vigorously boost its clean energy, which envisions the proportion of renewable energy to top 23 per cent of its total energy consumption by 2020.—MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11-6-2009) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

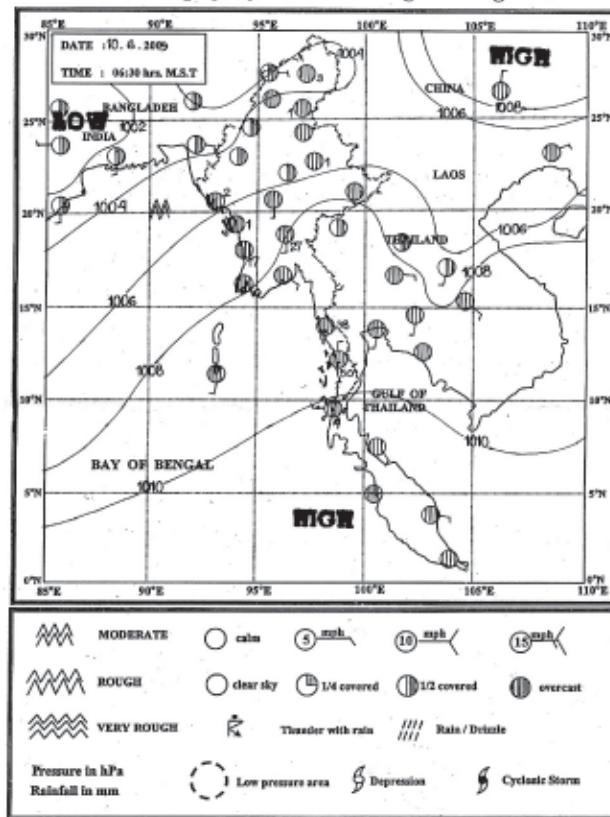
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Lovely Customs and Dances of Gon Shan
- * Build More Factories for Development of Import-Substitute Industries
- * Hsinbyushin Temples, Stone Carving and Monasteries
- * Lifestyles along The Ayeyawaddy (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-4)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Myanmar's Ancient City Bagan
- * The Art of Playing Cane Ball
- * Lifestyles along the Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-3)
- * Beach Souvenir Sea Shell Decorations
- * Traditions of Ganan Nationals
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-I)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Lovely Customs and Dances of Gon Shan
- * Build More Factories for Development of Import-Substitute Industries
- * Hsinbyushin Temples, Stone Carving and Monasteries
- * Lifestyles along the Ayeyawaddy (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-4)
- * Traditional Chin Cuisine
- * Inn-Waing Waterfall
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-II)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 10 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Kayah States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Rkhine State and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mudon (6.89) inches, Hpa-an (5.27) inches, Myeik (2.05) inches, Dawei (1.54) inches, Phy (1.38) inches, Taungoo (1.06) inches, Kanbalu (1.03) inches and Pyapon (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-6-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 10-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-6-2009 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 9-6-2009 was (Nil) approx.

Rainfall on 10-6-2009 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (26.18) inches at Mingaladon, (31.85) inches at Kaba-Aye and (36.26) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 9-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin States and Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Rakhine States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday, 11 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါတသန္နိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

2. To be health Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

6. Dances variety

8:15 am

7. စက်နှင့်စက်ကိရိယာပစ္စည်းထုတ်လုပ်မှုစက်ရုံ (မြိုင်)

8:30 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Cute Little Dancer

4:20 pm

3. Song of National Races

4:30 pm

4. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး

4:40 pm

5. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

5:00 pm

6. အထေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:05 pm

7. Songs for Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

8. "အိုးပိုင်အိမ်ပိုင်" (ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ အောင်လွင်၊ ရန်ပိုင်စိုး၊ မိုးမိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ဇော်)

5:20 pm

9. Musical programme

5:30 pm

10. ပဉ္စဝတီ FM ရေဒီယို

5:45 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခွန်သံ

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. "ကြိုဆိုလျက်ပါ" (မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်၊ နန်းဆရာတော်စိုး၊ ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊ သင်ဇော်ကျော်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး (ပဲခရံ)]

6:45 pm

15. တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်

6:50 pm

16. ထူးဆန်းတွေ့လာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:20 pm

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

8:00 pm

18. News
19. International News
20. Weather report
21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)



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

Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway facilitates smooth transport

Article: *Myint Maung Soe*; Photos: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

Nowadays, better and smooth transport can be seen on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway, which is the trade route of the northeast region of Myanmar.

The better transport of the Union Highway contributes to smooth and speedy flow of commodities between hilly regions and plain regions as well as to the trading at Muse- 105th Mile camp.

A news team of the Myanmar Alin Daily recently made a trip to Shan State (North) for writing the articles on development of the region. We left Aungmyingala Highway Bus Terminal in Yangon and moved on along the newly opened Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway.

It was a two-way concrete motor way. Due to good condition of the expressway, the passengers can go to their destinations comfortably. The automobiles can cover the distance between Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon in four hours. We turned to old highway at Toungoo because our destination was Lashio via Mandalay.

We left Mandalay at 8 am and arrived at PyinOoLwin at 9 am. PyinOoLwin is a hill station linking the Mandalay plain region and Shan plateau.

PyinOoLwin is a beautiful town covered with lush and green trees. The town is facilitated with curved and up and down roads. We left PyinOoLwin and arrived at Nawngkhio at 10 am. We took only one hour from PyinOoLwin to Nawngkhio. Both townships have similar weather.

(See page 10)



A section of Lashio-Muse Union Highway seen with Shan mountain ranges in the background near Lashio.

'Jellyfish joyride' threat to oceans



The numbers of jellyfish, like this 'Catostylus', appear to be on the increase due to a combination of pollution, overfishing and climate change.

BRISBANE, 10 June— problem of major increases in jellyfish numbers, which appears to be

the result of human activities.

New research led by CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship and University of Queensland scientist, Dr Anthony Richardson, presents convincing evidence that this 'jellyfish joyride' is associated with overfishing and excess nutrients from fertilisers and sewage.

"Dense jellyfish aggregations can be a natural feature of healthy ocean ecosystems, but a clear picture is now emerging of more severe and frequent jellyfish outbreaks worldwide," Dr Richardson says.—*Internet*

New cleaning protocol for future 'search for life' missions

LEEDS, 10 June—Scientists have developed a new cleaning protocol for space hardware, such as the scoops of Mars rovers, which could be used on future "Search for Life" missions on other planets.

The new protocol was developed as part of a project to investigate life that exists in extreme Arctic environments, which are the closest analogue we have on Earth to the surface of Mars.

The studies are also designed to help guide future NASA and ESA planetary missions.

Internet



Testing of next generation rovers onboard the Arctic Mars Analogue Svalbard Expedition.

