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## Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

## Profile of the Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka, was born in Weeraketiya in South of Sri Lanka on 18 November 1945. His father DA Rajapaksa was a co-founder of Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and was the Minister of Agriculture and Lands in 1959.

Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa studied Law at the Colombo Law College and qualified as an Attorney-at-Law. In 1970, he became the youngest member of Parliament of SLFP. After losing his parliamentary seat in the

landslide victory of the UNP in 1977, he practiced law mainly in the southern town of Tangalle from 1977 to 1994.

When Mrs Chandrika Kumaratunga of the SLFP became the fourth President in November 1994, Rajapaksa was appointed as Minister for Labour & Vocational Training and of Fisheries in the President's Cabinet from 1994 to 2001. As the Minister of Labour, he helped settle many labour disputes both in public and private sectors. He presented Workers' Charter to the Government of President Kumaratunga. He brought a new lease of

life to the field of Vocational Training by establishing the Vocational Training Authority with over 300 training centres at the village level. As the Minister of Fisheries, he started a University for Oceanography and established a Coastal Guard Unit.

He was then promoted to senior Vice President of SLFP and became the Prime Minister in a coalition led by the SLFP in 2004. Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa was elected Executive President in the nation-wide election held in November 2005 and was sworn in as the fifth Executive President of the



Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka  
Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa.—MNA



Shiranthi Rajapaksa.  
MNA

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 19 November 2005.

Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa carried out the development of Information Tech-

nology in rural and semi-urban areas and he has also initiated several major infrastructure development projects during his tenure as Prime

Minister and to date. He is married and has three sons. His wife, Shiranthi Rajapaksa, is a keen social worker.

MNA

## Minister visits Insein Locomotive Shed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min visited Insein Locomotive Shed here this morning. At the meeting hall of the shed, General Manager (Shed) U Saw Valentine reported to the minister on assembling of a new locomotive and work progress in 2009.

Next, the minister gave necessary instructions, saying that while the government is making all-out efforts to improve the living standard of the people, Myanmar Railways will have to improve transportation of passengers as well as commodities both in quantity and in quality. Insein Locomotive Shed



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects tasks of Insein Locomotive Shed.—MR

needs to open a new chapter by upgrading the existing locomotives and assembling new ones. The minister also stressed the need for conducting

training courses and holding quality circle workshops to boost production.

Then, the minister inspected assembling of

locomotives DF-1200.03 and DF-1200.04 by Myanmar Railways after it had assembled locomotives DF-1200.01 and DF-1200.02, plans to

assemble more new locomotives, major repairs to locomotives that need repairing every five years, promoting the capacity of locomotives by installing

China-made engines in place of old ones and capacity of SIFANG 1100 HP locomotives (DD-1111) donated by China. —MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Progress of border areas contributes to perpetuation of sovereignty

The government is now putting border areas development projects and rural development projects into effect in a systematic way for progress of national races.

Border areas once lagged behind other regions in development owing to geographical barriers to the transport sector. In contrast, they are now enjoying fruits of smooth transport on the ground of a vast quantity of roads, bridges, hospitals and health care centres the Tatmadaw government has built since 1988.

The Border Areas Development Project launched in 1989 has provided a lot of impetus for development in the political, economic and social spheres.

In its effort to give effective encouragement to nurturing and grooming the youth in order to increase the number of intellectuals and intelligentsia well-versed in science and technology, the government set up the Nationality Youths Development Training School and the Nationality Youths Development Degree Colleges.

Moreover, it has so far opened 28 border areas nationality youths development schools along the border to enable local youths to have easy access to education and needy national race youths, to free education.

It also has opened 34 vocational training centres for women alongside technical training centres in Laukkai, Panseng and Mongla to encourage local people of border areas to earn a living and to pursue vocational education.

In recognition of the hard work the government is exerting to improve political, economic and social infrastructures for equitable development of all parts of the Union, the entire people are to collectively see to the national duty of upholding Our Three Main National Causes with Union Spirit for perpetuation of sovereignty.



## 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

### Commander, Mayor inspect schools in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 13 June— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning heard reports on proper flow of water at drains in the compound of No. 7 Basic Education Middle School in Thakayta Township and carrying out sanitation task presented by officials and visited the school compound.

At Thakayta BEPS No. 12 in Shukhintha Ward, the mayor and officials opened the one-storey



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin visit Thakayta BEPS No. 12.—MNA

new school building.

At the handing over ceremony of the new school building, the mayor gave a speech.

The commander,

the mayor and party proceeded to the construction site of the reinforced concrete bridge across Thamaing Creek on Baho Road in Hline

Township. After giving necessary instructions, the Yangon Command commander and officials inspected progress of construction task.—MNA

### Deputy Health Minister presents medical kits for rural health centres

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Secretary of National Health Committee Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo met with members of NHC, departmental officials, social organization members and townsenders at Hmattaing Village-

tract in Paungde Township on 8 June.

Deputy Director-General (Treatment) Dr Kye Myint reported on fulfillment for requirements of upgrading hospitals and Director (Infection) Dr Soe Lwin Nyein on control of dengue hemorrhagic fever in the rainy season and other infectious diseases.

The deputy minister presented medicines for Hmattaing station hospitals, health

care centres and rural health centres to officials and the deputy director-general and the director, pesticide treated mosquito nets, commodes, traditional medicines and pamphlets on health knowledge.

After visiting the station hospital, the deputy minister attended the opening ceremony of the solar power used refrigerator to be used in vaccination for the children at the hospital.

At Phayanghsu Dhammayon, the deputy minister met with members of rural health committee, departmental personnel, social organization members and local people and presented medical kits to health centre and rural health centre, and officials gave away pesticide treated mosquito nets, commodes, traditional medicines and pamphlets on health knowledge to officials.

MNA

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo presents medicines to Hmattaing Station Hospital and health centres in Paungde Township through officials.

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## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

## British soldier among three dozen killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 June — A British soldier was among three dozen people killed in a surge of attacks in Afghanistan, authorities said on Friday, with violence at record levels two months ahead of presidential elections.

The new bloodshed was announced as General David Petraeus, commander of US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, warned Thursday of more “tough months” ahead in the battle against extremist militants here.

Six Afghan policemen were killed on Friday in separate bomb blasts in the eastern province of Paktika and in the southern city of Kandahar, authorities said. Several people were also wounded in the attacks.

Another bomb blast killed a British soldier, serving in NATO's International

Security Assistance Force (ISAF), near Kandahar city on Thursday, the British defence ministry said.

ISAF announced meanwhile that four Afghan civilians were killed Thursday in a traffic accident involving one of its vehicles in the northeastern province of Kunar.

Two more civilians were killed in the same province Thursday by ISAF mortar rounds fired against insurgents, it said.

Also Thursday militants attacked a police post in southern Helmand Province, kicking off heavy fighting, the interior ministry said.

A dozen “enemies of peace” were killed, including two commanders, its statement said.

Internet



*Iraqis look at wreckage after a car bombing in the town of Bathaa, which is near Nasiriyah, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 June, 2009. —INTERNET*

## Death toll of suicide attack in Afghanistan targeting NATO supply parking lot rises

KABUL, 13 June — Casualties of suicide car blast in Helmand Province south of Afghanistan rose to eight and those sustained injuries were over 20.

“In the suicide car bomb rocked Gereshk Friday night so far eight death has been confirmed and 21 others got wounded,” governor of Gereshk district Abdul Ahad told *Xinhua*.

All the victims are civilians and ordinary drivers, he added. A Taliban fighter Mohammad Aziz, according to the outfit spokesman Qari Yusuf Ahmadi, blew himself up to the parking lot of trucks hired by NATO killing 33 truckers and their helpers.

Ahmadi also claimed that 11 trucks had been destroyed in the attack.

Earlier, spokesman of Helmand's provincial administration Daud Ahmadi in talks with media confirmed 10 vehicles including six tankers were destroyed in the deadly attack.

The militia has vowed to intensify activities against interests of government and international troops this year in Afghanistan, mostly in the shapes of suicide and roadside bombing.

Internet



*A smashed restaurant in Kabul. A suicide bomber blew himself up among delivery vehicles parked outside an international military base in southern Afghanistan and killed eight drivers, an official said — INTERNET*

## US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 632

WASHINGTON, 13 June — As of Friday, 12 June, 2009, at least 632 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 Friday at 10 am EDT.

Of those, the military reports 466 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.

There were also four CIA officer deaths and one military civilian death.—Internet

## NATO extends anti-piracy mission off Somalia

BRUSSELS, 13 June — NATO will keep a counter-piracy flotilla off the Horn of Africa, where international patrols have been key to preventing attacks in one of the world's busiest sea lanes, the alliance's top official said Friday.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer also said that the alliance would send eight extra infantry battalions — numbering 8,000-10,000 troops — to help secure the presidential elections in Afghanistan on 20 Aug. He was speaking at the conclusion of a two-day annual meeting of defence ministers from 28 member states and 22 partner nations which endorsed a plan to restructure the NATO command in Kabul to cope with the increasing numbers of troops flowing into the region. De Hoop Scheffer said a new NATO flotilla would replace the task force sailing home at the end of the month. “NATO will continue to play its role in the fight against piracy,” he said.

A NATO flotilla has been stationed off Somalia since November. It was joined by an EU squadron, a US-led task force, and ships from China, India, Malaysia and Russia. Their main task is to escort World Food Program vessels carrying food aid to Somalia.

Internet



*Iraqis clean up debris following a car bomb blast in the southern city of Nasiriyah. A car bomb exploded in a market in a southern Iraqi town on Wednesday, killing 19 people including women and children in the bloodiest attack to hit the country in weeks.—INTERNET*

## Over 100,000 households remain in dark after storms hit Texas

HOUSTON, 13 June — About 120,000 households remained without power on Friday after severe storms battered the Dallas area in north Texas in the past two days, a company which provides electricity for the area said.

The number of those without electricity peaked at about 500,000, after severe thunderstorms arrived on Wednesday evening and continued to pound north Texas most of Thursday, said Jeamy Molina, spokeswoman for Oncor Electricity Delivery Company. The outage is one of the three worst in Oncor history, she said.

Oncor has called in additional help from other utilities in Louisiana, Missouri, Alabama and Oklahoma, and officials speculate that it will take through the weekend before power is restored to everyone.—MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia biggest telecom companies pay dividend to shareholders

JAKARTA, 13 June—PT Telkom Tbk, the Indonesia's biggest telecommunication company, paid cash dividend of 5.84 trillion rupiah (about 584 million US dollars) or 50 percent of its 2008 net profit, the *Kompas* daily quoted an official as saying on Saturday.

It meant investors received at least 296.94 rupiah (0.0296 dollar) per share.

"The dividend will not

### Euro zone industrial output in record fall

LONDON, 13 June—Industrial production in the 16 countries that use the euro slumped in the year to April, official figures showed Friday, more indication that the euro zone may emerge from recession later than the United States or Britain.

The European Union's statistics office Eurostat said industrial output a record 21.6 percent annually from March's 19.3 percent.

Europe's export-driven economy relies heavily on industrial output and its recovery, whenever it comes, will provide a clear indication that the worst of the recession is over. Sharply lower industrial output was blamed for the massive 2.5 percent quarterly fall in the Euro zone's first quarter gross domestic product.

Internet

put burden on the company because we still have strong cash inflow. Besides, we still have a chance to get fund for future expansion," said the company's President Director Rinadi Firmansyah.

Next week, Telkom will get a loan of 2.5 trillion rupiah (about 250 million dollar) from Indonesian banks, namely Bank Negara Indonesia, Bank Rakyat Indonesia and the Government Investment Center (PIPI).

Meanwhile its subsidi-

ary, PT Telkomsel, will get a loan of 7 trillion rupiah (about 700 million dollars) from Bank Mandiri, Bank Central Asia, and Bank Rakyat Indonesia in August.

PT Indosat Tbk, the Indonesia's second biggest telecommunication company, paid dividend of 900 billion rupiah (90 million US dollars) or 50 percent of its 2008 net profit, the *Kompas* daily quoted an official in a shareholders meeting as saying on Saturday.—Internet



FILE - In this 15 June, 2005 file photo, test pilots do a preflight inspection before making a test flight in a Cessna Citation Mustang business jet, in Wichita, Kan. Aircraft maker Cessna announced on 12 June, 2009, 1,300 more layoffs in new round of cuts.—INTERNET

## Cessna Aircraft plans 1,300 more layoffs

WICHITA, 13 June—Cessna Aircraft Co, the nation's largest builder of corporate jets, said on Friday it is laying off another 1,300 workers, raising the number of jobs eliminated to half of its work force since November as the recession has depressed demand for its planes.

Cessna said the cutbacks will affect all its facilities. "The fact is this is a cyclical industry and right now we are in the worst part of the cycle.

Our industry continues to struggle," said company spokesman Robert Stangarone.

"There are signs of an economic recovery and the recession may have reached the bottom, but it will still be some time before we see the kind of growth in the economy that will drive new airplane sales," he said.

The aircraft industry lags the general economy by about eight quarters, he said.

Cessna told workers

WASHINGTON, 13 June—The US unemployment rate has hit its highest point in a quarter century, and economists still expect the numbers to climb even higher.

The Labour Department announced on Friday that unemployment had soared from 8.9 percent in April to 9.4 percent in May — the highest number since July 1983.

That puts total job losses at 6 million since the start of the recession in December 2007, the

department said.

Bill Beach, director of the Centre for Data Analysis at the Heritage Foundation, a Washington DC-based think tank, said the figures are likely to rise even if the economy recovers soon from this worst economic downturn in decades.

That is because recessions follow a typical pattern, he said.

"Unemployment usually continues to rise for around six months after the economy has recovered," he said, explaining that companies are hesitant to hire new workers

until they are convinced the economy has bounced back.

"They know business is picking up but they are going to continue to work (their employees) to the bone until they are sure the recession is over," he noted.

"I would expect the unemployment rate to rise into the middle of 2010," Beach said.

As for the length of the recession, economists differ.

"I fully expect the recession to be over in the next several months," Beach said.—Internet

## Nigerian militants say they destroyed Chevron pipeline

LAGOS, 13 June—Nigeria's main militant group said it had destroyed an oil pipeline belonging to the US company Chevron in the country's southern Delta region.

"...a major gas pipeline manifold and another major crude oil pipeline belonging to Chevron JV recently repaired at a sum of over 56 million dollars were both blown up," the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said in a statement.

It warned its fighters were heading to the Chevron tank farm in Escravos and urged staff to flee.

A Chevron spokesman declined to comment

while it was investigating.

MEND, which has staged numerous 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, declared last weekend a new campaign against oil companies.

The group later claimed responsibility for a fire at a Chevron pumping station.

A MEND attack last month knocked out a Chevron pipeline, forcing a 100,000 barrel-per-day oil output cut, over one quarter of the company's Nigerian production.

Internet



File photo of a policeman next to an oil pipeline that was vandalised in Lagos. Nigeria's main militant group said it had destroyed an oil pipeline belonging to the US company Chevron in the country's southern Delta region.—INTERNET

## Venezuela vows to enhance cooperation with Caribbean countries on oil production

CARACAS, 13 June—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Friday that Venezuela plays a role of cooperating and helping the Caribbean countries in the oil production, local media reported.

Chavez made the remarks in Basseterre, capital of Saint Christopher and Nevis, islands be-

tween the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, where he is attending the 6th Petrocaribe Heads of State and Governments Summit on Friday.

Chavez said he was satisfied with Saint Christopher and Nevis hosting the summit and he stressed the importance of Petrocaribe as an energy alliance for the Caribbean

and Central American nations.

The 6th Petrocaribe Summit aims to consolidate joint energy companies to develop projects of investment, infrastructure, exchange and development, as well as the execution of an exchange and indemnification system in oil production.

Internet

## All items from Xinhua News Agency



Members of China's eighth riot squad for the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Haiti wait to depart at Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 June, 2009. —XINHUA

## Forensic analysis of Air France Flight 447's bodies indicates plane did not blow up

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 June—The preliminary forensic analysis made in some of the rescued bodies of Flight 447's passengers shows that they did not suffer any burns, said local daily *O Globo* published on Friday. According to the daily, the absence of burns indicates that the Air

France Airbus did not explode, and reinforces the theory that the plane disintegrated in the air. The daily also stated that most bodies were found without clothes, which could have been taken by the wind during the fall.

The causes of the Flight 447's accident have yet to be found. Investigators in

France are working with several theories, but the results of the autopsies on the passengers' bodies may help narrow down the possibilities, especially if the search teams are not able to find and retrieve the plane's black box.

The search for bodies and debris from the plane continues on Friday. There is still no sign of the black box, but more debris have been spotted, and ships are in route to the site to collect them.—Xinhua

## G8 ministers commit to more efficient aid strategy for developing countries

ROME, 13 June—The Group of Eight (G8) development ministers agreed Friday on a series of commitments to increase efficiency in financial aid allocation to developing countries, particularly Africa, in an attempt to tackle the impact of the current economic downturn.

Closing a two-day meeting, the ministers said in a final document they shared the view that "innovative financing is a

critical element in contributing, along with traditional ODA (official development aid), to raising the resources needed to tackle the challenge of the economic crisis so as to mitigate its impact on development.

"In this difficult context, a change of scale and speed in the implementation of innovative financing mechanisms for development is most needed," said the statement.—Xinhua

## China's top 100 software producers' revenue up 85% in 2008

BEIJING, 13 June—The revenue of China's top 100 software producers rose 84.4 percent last year to about 203.95 billion yuan (29.86 billion US dollars), according to a list released Friday by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

Among the 100 companies, 32 each posted revenue above 1 billion yuan. The top three were Huawei, ZTE and Digital China. Huawei was first for the eighth year in a row, with revenue of 55.56 billion yuan.—Xinhua

## Ahmadinejad takes strong lead in votes counted

TEHRAN, 13 June—Iran's incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad takes a strong lead of the votes counted so far, the interior ministry said early Saturday.

Of 68 percent of ballot boxes that have been counted as of 3:50 am local time (2320 GMT of Friday), Ahmadinejad won 65.96 percent of the votes, or more than 15 million votes, while his main rival reformist candidate Mir-Housein

Mousavi followed with 31.19 percent, or more than 7 million votes, the ministry said in the latest news release.

Iran closed the polling stations at 22:00 pm (1730 GMT) on Friday, but voters who have already queued up were allowed to cast their ballots.

Polling stations across Iran opened Friday morning for a closely fought presidential election which pitted Ahmadinejad against three

other candidates.

Unprecedented turnout was seen in the 10th presidential election since the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979. More than five million voters cast their votes in the first four hours of the election day, while more than 20 million ballots had been cast by 22:00 o'clock when polls closed, according to the Interior Ministry.

Xinhua



Chinese kids show off their drawings of Peking Opera facial make-ups at a kindergarten in Jiyuan City of central China's Henan Province, on 12 June, 2009, during a campaign marking the fourth Cultural Heritage Day of China, which falls on 13 June, this year. —XINHUA

## At least 22 school children sickened by gas leak in S California

LOS ANGELES, 13 June—At least 22 school children were sickened during gas leak on Friday at a school in Coronado, Southern California, authorities said.

More than 20 children lost consciousness due to the leak, which prompted the evacuation of the Sacred Heart Parish School, school officials said.

Firefighters and police rushed to the school after receiving an emergency call at about 10 am, Coronado Fire Chief John Traylor said.

Students were attending mass in the church parish when many became nauseous and several fainted, Traylor said. Paramedics set up a triage station in front of the school, giving oxygen to nauseous children and staff members, Traylor said.—Xinhua



## British hostage gains freed after over eight months in SE Nigeria

LAGOS, 13 June—British hostage Matthew Maguire who had spent close to nine months in captivity was freed on Friday evening by the Nigeria's militants group in southeast Nigeria.

In an e-mail to news media, the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said it "can confirm that Matthew Maguire was handed over to the Nigerian government officials at a secret

rendezvous and is currently in the city of Port Harcourt in Rivers state."

It said earlier disruptions to this event was caused by plans of the JTF to ambush the delivery party and take the glory for his "release".

Maguire was among 27 oil workers, including five foreign nationals, taken by gunmen who seized their vessel in September 2008 in the oil-rich Niger Delta.

Xinhua

A teacher rests outside an empty classroom in the private Seisoku High School in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 12 June, 2009. The first A/H1N1 flu group infections in Tokyo were confirmed on Thursday, with nine students and three teachers of the high school in Minato Ward contracting the disease. The high school will be closed for one week from Thursday due to the outbreak. —XINHUA



A technician checks an equipment at a lake inside the presidential palace in Hanoi on 11 June, 2009 as researchers began testing a German water cleaning technology named "SediTurtles" after a project goal aimed at protecting a legendary real turtle while cleaning the historical lake of Hoan Kiem in which the creature lives.—INTERNET

## Thousands of New York public school employees might lose jobs

NEW YORK, 13 June — Thousands of public school workers in New York City might soon lose their jobs, the *New York Daily News* reported on Friday.

More than 2,600 public school employees, from school aides to family counselors, could lose their jobs because of budget cuts by the beginning of next school year, the paper said.

Many of the workers who will be out of work make less than 20,000 dollars a year.

Individual schools are reportedly looking for ways to implement city-mandated budget cuts.

Principals are reportedly expected to submit budget proposals over the next week.

A statement released by the office of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg is encouraging the cuts to come from outside the classroom and that officials "empower city principals to make the right choices at their individual schools for their individual needs."—*Intetnet*

## NASA scrubs Saturday morning space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, 13 June — NASA delayed the launch of space shuttle Endeavour on Saturday because of a hydrogen gas leak similar to one that cropped up three months ago.

The countdown was halted shortly after midnight, about 2 1/2 hours into the fueling of the external tank and less than seven hours before the planned launch. The astronauts had not yet suited up.

Mission managers planned to meet later Saturday morning to decide when to try another launch attempt for the space station construction mission.

The leak is similar to one the space agency faced in March during the launch countdown of Discovery. That flight ended up being delayed by four days because of the leak and forced NASA to shorten Discovery's flight by a day and

eliminate a space walk.

"It has a similar signature to what happened in March," said NASA spokesman Allard Beutel.

The launch team planned to drain the external fuel tank while trying to figure out what went wrong. In March, the leak occurred where a vent line hooks up to the tank. The hookup was replaced along with a couple seals, and the seepage stopped.

NASA is up against a tight deadline. Endeavour must lift off by Monday, otherwise the shuttle has to get in line behind a moon-bound spacecraft that's due to rocket away Wednesday. And if the shuttle isn't flying by 20 June, it will have to wait until mid-July because of unfavorable sun angles that would make the ship too hot while docked at the international space station.

*Internet*

## Cyprus destroys expired anti-aircraft missiles

NICOSIA, 13 June—Cyprus on Friday destroyed the last 20 of the 324 expired Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) as part of its effort to counter the proliferation of small arms and light weapons.

According to an official statement, the destruction procedure took place in the presence of representatives of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), with the technical support of OSCE, the United States and Britain.

Defence Minister Costas Papacostas said the old type Soviet 2SA-7 missiles can be used by terrorists in "harmful and destructive activities", posing a potential risk.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## NEWS ALBUM



A local artist works on his sand carving in Copacabana, a well-known coast in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on June 7, 2009. Artists from Brazil gathered in the coast of Copacabana to present sand carvings to visitors.

Fire balloon players prepare for the performance during the Third Haikou Fire Balloon Festival in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on June 12, 2009. A total of 25 teams took part in the event.

## Gorilla injures worker during zoo escape

A 390-pound gorilla grabbed some low-hanging bamboo to scale a wall at a South Carolina zoo Friday, escaping his enclosure and tackling a worker before returning to his pen about five minutes later. The gorilla at Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens ran into a pizza-stand employee who curled up and played dead to try to avoid further injuries, officials said. The man, who works for Aramark Corp., was taken to a hospital and released a short time later with cuts and bruises.

Zoo executive director Satch Krantz said the worker heard a strange sound,

saw the gorilla outside the enclosure and turned to run.

"Then the gorilla did what gorillas do," he said.

The animal quickly closed the 30-foot gap between them and knocked the worker down. Two minutes later, the gorilla went over another wall and back into his enclosure.

"By then, the gorilla realized he was probably somewhere he shouldn't have been and wanted to go home," Krantz said.

## Bank robbery suspects' getaway car runs out of gas

Authorities say they've arrested two suspected bank robbers after their getaway vehicle ran out of gas.

Daytona Beach police say 38-year-old Randall Fredric Walker went into the Riverside National Bank and demanded money from a teller. After leaving the bank with the money, authorities say Walker jumped into a Jeep Cherokee driven by 35-year-old Jason Warren Dietrich. The two didn't get far before the vehicle ran out of gas.

The men got out of the sport utility vehicle and left the area separately. But police found the abandoned SUV and traced it back to Dietrich, the registered owner.



A Chinese young couple and their friends go to attend the wedding ceremony using decorated public bicycles as a sign of unique trend in Hangzhou, capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province. Young people in China generally pay high price to rent limousines for their wedding.

## Ill dad, daughter arrested after fight over shoes

Authorities said an argument over a pair of shoes led to criminal charges against a southwestern Illinois woman and her dad. Prosecutors charged the 24-year-old woman with criminal property damage, while her 47-year-old dad was accused of aggravated battery.

Madison County Sheriff's Capt. Brad Wells said the daughter invited three people from a bar to her home early Monday, and an argument erupted over a pair of shoes.

# Lelu Bridge helps improve transport sector of Namsang Township

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

The government is now far too immersed in the projects in various fields such as education, health,

access to health care.

Moreover, it set up auto-exchanges and GSM lines for local people of far-flung areas to enjoy better

Namsang and Namtu.

U Thein Kyaw, a local of Namsang, told the Myanmar Alin, "Previously, we had great

difficulty in crossing the creek by raft and by boat. Now, the government has built the bridge, so we are very pleased with it. Now,

we can get across the creek easily."

Lelu Bridge is over the Lelu Creek, a tributary of the Dokhtawady River.

The 310 feet long bridge was built in 1992-1993. It is a suspension bridge with steel girders. It can withstand 24 tons of



Lelu Bridge linking Namsang Township and Namtu Township in Shan State (North).



Lelu Bridge plays a dominant role in the transport sector of Namsang Township. (U Thein Kyaw, merchant)

loads.

Lelu Bridge helps improve the transport, social affairs, education, health care and economy of local people.

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communication and transport it has laid down to improve the living conditions for local people in the border areas.

In an endeavour to raise the living standard of the dwellers of border areas, the government has opened many more educational institutions and appointed many teachers in the regions where the education sector was once very poor due to various reasons.

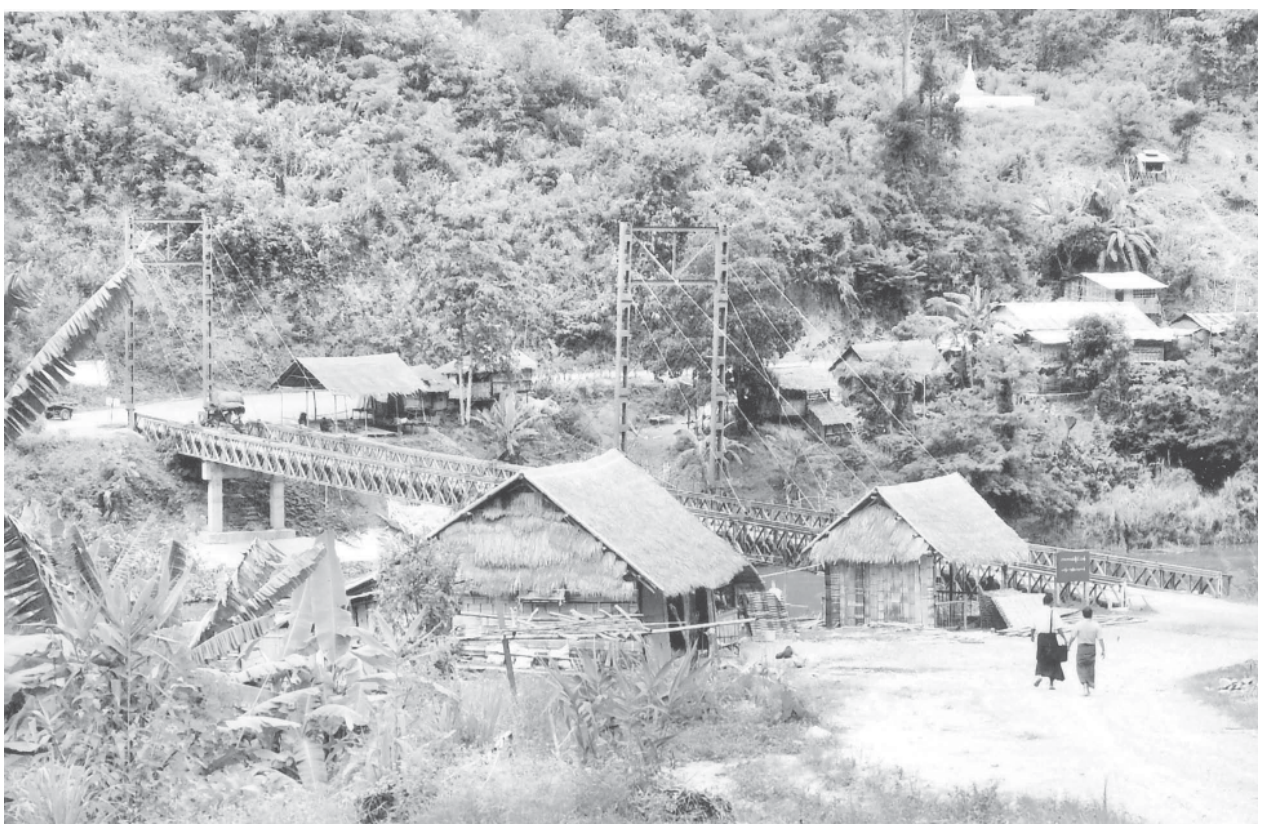
Similarly, the government opened many more hospitals and health care centres equipped with doctors and nurses in the regions where local people did not have easy

communications.

Now, it has constructed many new roads, reconstructed old roads, and built bridges to ensure smooth transport in the border areas.

On our way from Kyaukme to Namsang in the previous trip to Shan State (North), we passed through Lelu Bridge.

Lelu Bridge is not a very long one, but it serves as the lifeblood of the transport sector of the region, because local people of Namsang Township use Hsipaw-Namsang Road every day. The bridge lies on the road between Hsipaw and Namsang. It also links



Natural beauty of Lelu Bridge.

## Secure and smooth transport discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held the coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday evening.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered an address on enforcement of

traffic rules and secure and smooth transport.

Officials of universities and colleges, departmental personnel and chairmen of bus lines reported on matters related to ferries of universities and colleges, and safety measures for the public.

After attending to the needs, the commander gave the concluding remarks.—MNA

**Commander  
Brig-Gen Win Myint  
speaking at  
coordination meeting  
of Yangon Division  
Supervisory  
Committee for  
Ensuring Secure  
and Smooth  
Transport.**

MNA



## CPT Minister inspects functions of communication stations

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected progress of translation in computerized Myanmar font system at Ahlon Auto-exchange yesterday morning.

The minister looked into installation of communication equipments at Hanthawady National Cable Station on Pyay Road and viewed functions of the overseas communications station in Mayangon Township.—MNA



**Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw looking into installation of equipments in Hanthawaddy National Cable Station.—CPT**

## Poster contest to mark World Population Day held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June — Jointly organized by the Ministry of Immigration and Population and United Nations Population Fund, the Poster Contest to mark the World Population Day 2009 took place at Basic Education High School No (3) in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Chairman of committee for observance of World Population Day Director-General U Maung Myint of Population Department and committee

members and officials viewed the contest.

This year's motto is designated as "Protecting marginalized population from the global economic crisis". A total of 87 students from Nay Pyi Taw District and Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Townships took part in three groups – aged between six and eight, aged between nine and 12 and aged between 13 and 15.

MNA

## Mines Minister performs regional development tasks in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint made a speech in meeting with local people at Kywechan village in Paung Township, Mon State on 9 June. The minister fulfilled the requirements and presented household goods and exercise books.

Next, the minister met with townsenders, members of social organizations and responsible persons of the region and presented exercise books and desks.

On 10 June, the minister delivered an address in meeting with

local people and members of social organizations at Alulay village in Bilin Township and presented household goods and exercise books for Alulay village and its surrounding villages.

The minister attended to the needs for construction of new school building for Alulay village Basic Education High School.

At Kawhtin village in Kyaikto Township, the minister fulfilled the requirements of regional development tasks and presented household goods and exercise books.

MNA

## Fourth AGM of Union of Myanmar Travel Association held

YANGON, 13 June—The fourth annual general meeting of the Union of Myanmar Travel Association took place at Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road in Dagon Township, here, this afternoon.

First, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu gave an opening speech and Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Travel Association U Maung Maung Swe delivered an

address. Vice-Chairman U Thet Lwin Toe then sought the approval of reports and future tasks and Treasurer Daw Yi Tar Myint on budget and balance sheet.

Next, Dr Aung Myat Kyaw explained matters related to cash donation for storm-hit areas and Joint-Secretary-1 U Tin Tun Aung read out reports and general matters.

Afterwards, the deputy minister gave concluding remarks.—MNA

## 228 drug-related cases exposed in May

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force, and the Customs Department exposed 228 drug-related cases — 47 cases of opium, 63 cases of heroin, one case of morpheme, 12 cases of opium oil, 16 cases of low grade opium, 25 cases of marijuana, 47 cases of stimulant tablet,

10 cases of opium speciosa, one case of opium liquid, cough syrup, one case of ketamine hydrochloride, one case of failure to register and four other cases — in May 2009.

Action was taken against 366 persons—295 men and 71 women—in 228 drug-related cases.—MNA



## Warning on prevention and control of human influenza pandemic

1. The human influenza pandemic is now spreading from human to human quickly. Up to 11 June 2009, the human influenza pandemic has broken out in 74 countries. According to the laboratory tests, there have been 28,774 cases and 144 deaths. On 11 June, the World Health Organization reported on the outbreak of the human influenza pandemic in the world.

2. The human influenza pandemic is rapidly infectious from human to human. Due to lack of resistance to such new influenza virus, humans can face the following problems:—

- (a) people may be infected with the influenza regardless of age;
- (b) the death toll may increase in children, older persons, pregnant women and chronic patients with heart, lungs and diabetes diseases and AIDS patients;
- (c) requirement of medicines, medical equipment and health care services can increase due to a growing number of human influenza patients;
- (d) the pandemic has adverse effect on economic and trade sectors;
- (e) it may call for prohibition against mass activities, schools, religious rites and festivals for control of the spread of disease; and
- (f) it may pose hindrances to major regular services in the country.

3. To prevent the dangers of human influenza pandemic and minimize losses, the entire people are to seriously observe the following preventive measures.

- (a) Dos and don'ts for everybody are to
  - practise personal hygiene
  - cover nose and mouth with handkerchief

- while sneezing and coughing
- wash hands thoroughly with the use of soap
- take a good rest and sleep
- have nutritious foods
- take exercise regularly
- pay attention to good ventilation
- do not visit crowded areas and festivals
- avoid excessive drinking alcohol and using narcotic drugs
- stay at least six feet from infected and suspicious persons
- use surgical mask to cover nose and mouth to avoid being infected with disease
- avoid unnecessarily visiting residences of infected persons and hospitals
- report to the nearest health centre as soon as possible for help if one has symptoms of disease

- (b) At schools, worksites, hotels, social centres and homes,
  - make buildings well-ventilated
  - keep the surrounding areas clean
  - throw away garbage and waste systematically
  - sterilize personal goods, ladders, lifts, walls and office furniture two to three times a day
  - watch health conditions of all persons at schools, worksites, hotels, social centres and homes
  - deal with the health care centre concerned if there is a suspicious person with influenza

4. The practices for the person suffering from influenza or similar fever are as follows:—

- wear surgical mask,
- stay only at home in order not to spread to others,
- avoid visiting offices, schools and

- worksites, and travelling,
- use tissue paper or handkerchief while sneezing and coughing and wash hands thoroughly with soap,
- eat many nutritious foods and drink a lot of liquid,
- pay attention to good ventilation
- deal with a health care centre, and
- the disease can be infectious for 10 days starting from the day of outbreak.

5. If a family member is infected with the disease.

- The patient must stay at a well-ventilated room; and if necessary, he must stay at the private room.

- Those who nurse the patients have to wear surgical masks and gloves; and if possible, they have to use plastic aprons.
- Personal goods, surgical masks and gloves of the patient are to be soaked in the solution of two spoons of bleaching powder per one litre of water for 30 minutes for ensuring 0.5% of available chlorine. If not, these items are to be washed with boiling water.

- Every after nursing the patients, the nurses are to wash their hands thoroughly with soap. If available, they should use alcohol rub.

- Inform the health care centre about health conditions of patients and nurses.

6. The entire people including ministries including the Ministry of Health, social organizations and individuals to step up precautionary tasks as a national duty in order that the human influenza pandemic will not spread to Myanmar.

**Ministry of Health**

### Physic nut growing ceremonies held in Myitkyina, Waingmaw Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—The collective physic nut growing ceremony was held near Pyitaung Village of Myitkyina Township on 6 June.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win and wife presented physic nut saplings and grafts to officials.

They viewed participation of departmental staff in planting physic nut saplings.

The commander also attended a similar ceremony in Maingna Village of Waingmaw Township. After presenting physic nut saplings and grafts to officials, the commander and wife participated in the physic nut sapling growing ceremony.—MNA

**Director-General U Thaug Htaik delivering a speech at the opening of 13th Inter-State/Division Taekwondo tournament.**

SPED

### SWRR Minister attends stake driving ceremony for fire station

YANGON, 13 June — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Swe attended the stake driving ceremony of the two-storey five-unit RC fire station in North Okkalapa Township here this morning.

Director-General of Fire Services Department

U Myint Tun presented a report on matters related to the construction of the fire station.

The minister, the director-general and officials drove the stakes at the designated places and sprinkled scented water on them.

MNA

### Inter-State/Division Taekwondo tournament commences

YANGON, 13 June—The opening of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inter-State/Division Taekwondo tournament (2009) took place in Aung San Gymnasium here this morning.

General Secretary of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of the Sports and Physical

Education Department U Thaug Htaik delivered a speech and opened the tournament.

Next, the first day's matches were held.

The tournament continues at 9 am daily till 16 June.—MNA



# Technological University in Shan State (East) reflecting goodwill of government

(from page 16)

On recent trip, we the news crew of the Kyemon Daily had an opportunity to tour Shan State (East). Near Wammaing Village on Lwemwe Road, five miles from Kengtung, we saw a large, grand and new building. It is Technological University (Kengtung).

Acting Principal Dr Zaw Min explained, "In November 1999, the school was opened as Government Technical Institute. On 10 September 2001, the GTI was upgraded to Government Technological College. On 20 January 2007, the facility was upgraded to Technological University."

It was a three-storey building constructed on 38.38 acres of land. The government spent K 1,105.993 million on construction of the building.

The Ministry of Science and Technology built the Technological University with the aims of conducting the research and development tasks for growth of national economy, ensuring development of State

economy and worthy by utilizing natural resources, boosting production in the agriculture and industrial sectors by distributing facts about research and development tasks, turning out advanced science and technologically qualified workers for the nation, carrying out laboratory tests of raw materials and



**Maung Nyein Chan Hein, second year student (Civil Engineering Major).**

finished goods, quality control and standardization, and conducting research on atomic energy.

Regarding the academic matter, the principal further explained, "In the two-year AGTI diploma course, five majoring subjects namely civil engineering, electrical power engineering, electrical communication engineering, mechanical power engineering and CNC engineering are being provided to the students. Moreover, civil



**"On 10 September 2001, the GTI was upgraded to Government Technological College."**

**Dr Zaw Min, Acting Principal.**

holidays. Under the arrangements of the principal, we had interviews with two students from the hostel.

One of two students was Maung Kyaw Kyaw Htay.

He passed the matriculation examination with 430 marks in total. As his parents are service personnel discharging duties in Nay Pyi Taw, he is attending the university as a hostel student. Maung Kyaw Kyaw Htay said, "I am pursuing education at second year civil engineering major of AGTI."

As there is proper ratio between the students and the faculty members appointed at the university, the students are learning the technology under close supervision of the faculty members. The students have the opportunity to surf the Internet for constantly keeping abreast of the

When we arrived at the university, it was coincided with the long

developing technological information across the world, and studies on the Internet support the learning of subjects conveniently. In asking the goal of Maung Kyaw Kyaw Htay, he said, "Our developing country needs many intellectuals. When I have got the degree, I would like to serve the

opportunity to attend the BE course. It is the same with other technological universities."

He disclosed his ambition. He said, "The government built universities in our hilly region. Faculty members from other regions provide lectures to us. It is sure that I will



**Maung Kyaw Kyaw Htay, second year student (Civil Engineering Major).**

interest of the native region."

In another interview with second year civil engineering major of AGTI Maung Nyein Chan Hein who secured 317 marks in the matriculation examination, he said, "When we pass the two-year course of AGTI, we have the chance to further study another two-year B. Tech course. If we are qualified, we can have an

never forget to repay their gratitude. So I would like to discharge duty for development of the native region."

During the visit to the technological university, we felt the good attitude of the students and looked forward to brighter future of the State.

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French microlight pilot Christian Moullec flies with a flock of cranes during an air show in Langenselbold, 40 km (25 miles) east of Frankfurt on 13 June, 2009.—INTERNET

## North China city holds antiterror exercise

TAIYUAN, 13 June — The “Great Wall-6” antiterror exercise in areas around Beijing, the national capital since last week. A spokesman of the exercise headquarters told *Xinhua* that the drills in Taiyuan were aimed to test the abilities of the government and antiterror forces in dealing with a

large-scaled terror attack on several targets, involving many people held hostages by the terrorists.

Internet

It ushered in a replica of antiterror battle as part of

## US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 June — An American soldier was killed in a roadside bomb explosion during combat operations on Friday, the US military said on Saturday. A military statement gave no further details about the incident, but said the soldier is assigned to Multi-National Corps - Iraq (MNC-I) which is the Tactical Unit responsible for command and control of operations in Iraq.

About 4,312 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the outbreak of Iraq war in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

Internet

## Two more US contractors released

BAGHDAD 13 June— The US Embassy says two more American contractors have been released from Iraqi custody but two others remain in detention. Embassy spokesman James Fennell says the Americans were released on bond late Friday, a day after a third contractor was

freed. US backed Iraqi forces detained the contractors June 3 in connection with an investigation into the stabbing death of another US contractor. But the Iraqi government has given conflicting accounts about the specific allegations against them.

Fennell said Saturday that all five remain under investigation.

But he says Iraqi authorities told embassy officials that “the nature of the ongoing investigation does not involve the James Kitterman homicide but another unrelated matter.”

Internet

## Eurozone industrial production registers record drop

BRUSSELS, 13 June — Industrial production in the euro zone recorded the sharpest year-on-year drop on record in April, intensifying concern that the economic crisis may be far from over, official figures showed on Friday.

Compared with April 2008, industrial

production in the 16 EU nations that use the euro currency declined by 21.6 percent, the sharpest drop since the statistics started in 1990, according to the European Union (EU)’s statistics bureau Eurostat.

The monthly index fell by 1.9 percent in April, compared with March,

which reflected a slowdown across all industrial sectors.

On monthly basis, production of capital goods fell by 2.7 percent in the euro zone. Intermediate goods declined by 1.7 percent. Production of energy dropped by 1.1 percent. Durable consumer goods decreased by 0.8 percent and production of non-durable consumer goods fell by 0.7 percent.

In the 27-nation EU, industrial production decreased by 1.9 percent month on month in February and by 17.5 percent year on year.

Among the member states for which data were available, industrial production rose in six and fell in twelve. The most significant fall was registered in Slovenia, which was 3.8 percent, while the highest increase was registered in Latvia, which was 4.8 percent.

Internet



A racing car climbs a rocky ramp in the course of field during one stage of the 2009 National Auto Field Cross Country Championship in Beijing, on 13 June, 2009.—INTERNET

## Three die in ore carrier collapse at Japanese copper refinery

TOKYO, 13 June — Three workers died Saturday after collapsing inside an ore carrier vessel docked at a local copper refinery in Oita, southwestern Japan, local press reported.

The three, all employees of a subsidiary of refiner Nikko Seiren, lost consciousness and collapsed shortly before 9 am inside the vessel, the Hong Kong-registered Singapore Grace, and were confirmed dead at a hospital, the Oita prefectural police said, noting they are suspected to have died from oxygen shortage.

Officials of Nikko Seiren, a unit of Pan Pacific Copper Co., said there is a possibility that copper concentrates stacked in the hold had oxidized, leading to a decrease in the concentration of oxygen inside the ship, according to Kyodo News.

The three victims are all Japanese residents.—Internet



Rain clouds emerge over the skyline in Haikou, capital of south China’s Hainan Province, on 13 June, 2009.—INTERNET

**Tobacco Kills**

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## China mulls Nat'l food safety risk assessment system

BEIJING, 13 June—China is planning to set up its first national food safety risk assessment system, following a spate of tainted food incidents in recent years, officials said on Friday. The system includes a national committee, special regulation and food safety assessment offices nationwide, said Deputy Health Minister Chen Xiaohong at the China Food Safety Forum 2009 in

Beijing.

Chen did not give a specific timeline for the system but said "it would be implemented very soon", Saturday's *China Daily* reported. National Institute for Nutrition and Food Safety senior researcher Chen Junshi said the latest system would be a "progressive improvement" to the new Food Safety Law that came into effect this month. "With this system, we'll be able to

establish a national food safety standard, which is essential to people's health," Chen was quoted as saying.

The new committee will make independent risk assessments and provide scientific analyses as the central government regulates and amends national food safety standards, a draft regulation released on the Ministry of Health's (MOH) website stated earlier this week. —MNA/Xinhua

## Second death, 3,008 confirmed cases reported in Wisconsin

HOUSTON, 13 June —Milwaukee health officials on Friday reported the second death from the A/H1N1 flu virus in the US Northern state of Wisconsin.

The victim involved an adult who did not have any of the common underlying medical conditions that typically put people at risk from the A/H1N1 flu. The first death in the state, reported on 4 June, involved an individual who was vulnerable to the virus because of an underlying medical condition.

"We can not stress enough that swine flu continues to be a serious concern throughout the nation and within our community," Bevan Baker, commissioner of the Milwaukee Health Department, said in a statement. The city or state health officials declined to give details on the victims' age, gender or recent travel habits.

Earlier Friday, the state health department reported 3,008 confirmed cases to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a remarkable increase from 2,217 cases a week ago. Wisconsin has been on the top of the list of states with the most confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu since mid-May.

Nationwide, the CDC on Friday reported nearly 5,000 new cases confirmed during the past week, bring the total to 17,885 in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territory of Puerto Rico. The CDC also reported a total of 45 deaths in 13 states, of which the state of New York tops the list with 13.

MNA/Xinhua

## El Salvador's A/H1N1 flu cases reach 95

MEXICO CITY, 13 June—Salvadoran health authorities said Friday that the total number of confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in the country reached 95, a jump from the originally maintained figure of 69, according to reports reaching here.

The Salvadoran National System of Health (SNS) said in a communique that 266 people are under medical observance since they had contact with confirmed patients. Another 24 patients are considered "possible" cases, the SNS said.

Meanwhile, the Superior Council of Public Health authorized Wednesday two companies to import Tamiflu, which will be sold only with medical prescription to patients with A/H1N1 flu or complications. Salvadoran health authorities suggested people to follow preventive measures to avoid new cases of A/H1N1 flu.

According to the SNS sources, the number of patients attending health center due to seasonal flu or with flu symptoms rose considerably during recent days.

MNA/Xinhua

## Parcel bomb defused at Beirut government building

BEIRUT, 13 June —A small bomb containing 200 grammes (seven ounces) of explosives sent to Beirut's General Security headquarters was defused on Friday after failing to explode because of a technical glitch, security sources said. Bombs are rarely sent to government buildings although several explosive devices are defused or explode

every week in Lebanon.

Tensions in Lebanon have dissipated after a Qatari-mediated deal in May last year dragged the country back from the brink of civil war. Before that Lebanon had suffered bouts of political killings, bombings and sectarian conflict since the 2005 assassination of former prime minister Rafik al-

Hariri. On Sunday the US-backed coalition, led by politician Saad al-Hariri, won a parliamentary election against an alliance that includes Iranian-backed Hizbollah.

US Special Middle East envoy George Mitchell is in Lebanon meeting with various officials before visiting Syria. —MNA/Reuters

## 8,400 evacuated in flooding in S China region

NANNING, 13 June—Flooding had forced the evacuation of 8,446 people in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region by 9 am Friday, local authorities said.

Heavy rain has lashed Guangxi since Monday, affecting 536,500 people in 18 counties, cities and districts, according to the regional civil affairs bureau.

The rain affected 19,080 hectares of crops, among which 860 hectares were destroyed, and led to the collapse of 1,485 houses.

The flooding also incurred 76.5 million yuan (11.2 million US dollars) in direct economic losses.

MNA/Xinhua

## British Brown's ratings fall again, Labour gains

LONDON, 13 June—British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's personal ratings have fallen again after he survived attempts to force him out of office, although his ruling Labour Party's standing has improved, an opinion poll said on Friday.

With a parliamentary election less than a year away, the centre-right opposition Conservative Party is in first place on 36 per cent, down five points

since the last poll two weeks ago.

Labour rose three points to 24 per cent, while the Liberal Democrats were up four on 19, according to the Populus survey in the *Times* newspaper. Brown defied calls from within his own center-left party to resign last week after it slumped to its worst performance in a nationwide vote since 1990, falling to third place in European elections. A wave of ministerial

resignations and the fallout from a row over lawmakers' expenses claims has further eroded his authority.

Brown's leadership rating fell to 4.38, from 4.47 in early May, on a scale from zero to 10. His rating was 4.97 in January compared with lows of about 4 last summer and a brief high of 5 in the autumn amid praise for his early handling of the financial crisis. —MNA/Xinhua



Children are silhouetted as they stand in front of an art installation in the aquarium at Schoenbrunn zoo in Vienna on 9 June, 2009. The Exhibition "Trouble in Paradise" shows man made contaminants in animal environment to make visitors think about environmental pollution.—INTERNET

## Excavation of terracotta site to start Saturday

BEIJING, 13 June—The Terracotta Warriors and Horses within the mausoleum of Qin Shihuang, the first emperor of a united China, was one of the main reasons why YW Kengqelova made her trip from Russia to China.

She has been in Xi'an in China's northwest for two days, waiting for her chance to see the next chapter of the story unfold.

"I couldn't wait to see them. I heard that there is going to be an excavation (of the terracotta army site) starting on Saturday when visitors are allowed to look on," said the Russian visitor.

"I really don't know what to expect from the excavation - some say there might be coloured warriors unearthed if

we're lucky - but the experience of witnessing the excavation will be very exciting whatever happens."

Kengqelova is not alone. Many tourists have timed their visits to the site so they can be there when the dig gets underway today - which is also the

fourth World Heritage Day in China.

The excavation into the first and largest of the three pits at the site will continue through - out next year and may not produce immediate discoveries, warned Meng Jianming, dean of the museum's media office.—*Internet*



Photo taken on 10 June, 2009 shows the No. 1 pit of Terracotta Warriors and Horses site, which is to be excavated for the third time on 13 June, 2009.

INTERENT

## India's stars vie for 'Bollywood Oscars'

MACAU, 13 June—India's brightest movie stars will vie for top honours at the "Bollywood Oscars", the climax of an annual extravaganza for the Hindi film industry.

The ceremony, which concludes the three-day International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) event at the giant Venetian resort in Macau, will be attended by 500 Bollywood luminaries and an 8,000-strong audience.

Organisers estimate that the awards in the southern Chinese territory

will be watched by 500 million TV viewers worldwide.

The glitzy night will be opened by Amitabh Bachchan, an Indian film legend and IIFA's ambassador, before the spectacular show gets underway.

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, former Miss World and Bachchan's daughter-in-law, who is also nominated for the best actress award, will be one of the main draws during the show featuring colourful Indian dances and songs.—*Internet*



## One killed, over 500 taken ill by unknown disease in far-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 13 June—One was killed and more than 500 people, most of them women and children are bed-ridden due to an unknown disease that has been raging at Khaptad village in Achham district in far-western Nepal for two weeks, *The Kathmandu Post* reported

on Saturday.

Anga Kadayat, a local, said the disease has gripped almost everyone in the village, some 320 km west of Kathmandu. "The patients complain of pain on their limb, burning sensation in their eyes, headache and fever."

As the health centre at

the disease-hit region is without health workers, medical attention is beyond the patients' reach.

Local people complain that their pleas to the District Public Health Office (DPHO) to send medicos to the affected areas has fallen on deaf ears.—*Internet*

## Singapore confirms six more cases of A/H1N1 flu

SINGAPORE, 13 June—Singapore on Friday night confirmed six more cases of A/H1N1 flu, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the country to 27.

According to a statement by the country's Health Ministry, the first new case is a 6-year-old Australian male, and the

second new case is a 7-year-old Australian female.

They are siblings in a family of five and came to Singapore from Melbourne together with their family for holidays on Thursday. Laboratory results confirmed their infection later Friday.

*Internet*

## Chinese mainland confirms 17 new A/H1N1 cases, total reaches 143

BEIJING, 13 June—The Chinese mainland confirmed 17 new A/H1N1 flu cases Friday, bringing the total to 143, with no reports of deaths.

Four new cases were confirmed in Beijing, and two each in southern Guangdong Province and central Hubei Province, the Ministry of Health said in a latest report. The other nine cases were in Shanghai and Tianjin municipalities, and the seven provinces of Sichuan, Fujian, Guizhou, Hainan, Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Liaoning.—*Internet*

## HK confirms 10 new cases of A/H1N1 flu, passengers tracing practice adjusted

HONG KONG, 13 June—Ten people were tested positive for the A/H1N1 influenza virus in Hong Kong on Friday, bringing the number of confirmed cases of the disease in the city to 73, local health authority said on Friday evening. Among the 10 confirmed patients, three are local cases, including one student and two household members of the students from St Paul's Convent School, where 12 students were confirmed to be infected with A/H1N1 flu on Wednesday and Thursday, classified as the first cluster of indigenous cases.—*Internet*

## Thailand reports 43 new cases of Influenza A/H1N1 in one day

BANGKOK, 13 June—Thailand on Friday reported another 43 case of Influenza A/H1N1, bringing the total number to 89, official said.

Of the 43, 37 received treatment from private hospitals in Bangkok, one from southern provinces of Songkhla and Phuket each and three from Pattaya, the Nation news website on Friday night quoted Dr Prat Bunyawongwirote, Public Health Ministry Permanent Secretary as saying.—*Internet*

## Swine flu vaccine ready for tests after pandemic declared

GENEVA, 13 June—A Swiss pharmaceutical giant said Friday it has a swine flu vaccine ready for trial as governments stepped up precautions to counter the newly-declared influenza pandemic.

While millions could catch the flu, governments and health experts around the world have sought to play down fears that the A(H1N1) virus could become a major killer.

Swine flu has so far infected almost 30,000 people in 74 countries and

claimed 145 lives since it was first detected in Mexico in April, according to World Health Organisation (WHO) figures.

The Swiss company Novartis stole a march on competitors by announcing it has completed a first batch of its vaccine for pre-clinical trials. A spokesman told *AFP* it hoped to have a vaccine in production by September or October.

"Novartis has successfully completed the production of the first batch of influenza A(H1N1) vaccine, weeks ahead of expectations," the company said in a statement.—*Internet*

*Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan (R) and his wife Suzzane Roshan (L) during a fashion extravaganza in Macau. India's brightest movie stars will vie for top honours at the "Bollywood Oscars", the climax of an annual extravaganza for the Hindi film industry.*

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# SPORTS

## Blatter defends Ron figure

Fifa president does not see a problem with £80m bid



Portugese midfielder Cristiano Ronaldo

JOHANNESBURG, 13 June—Fifa president Sepp Blatter has defended the world-record fee offered by Real Madrid for Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo.

The Primera Division giants, having only recently landed Kaka from AC Milan for £56million, have had an £80million offer accepted by United for Ronaldo.

The extravagant fee has come in for criticism, with Uefa President Michel Platini describing the deal as “excessive” and calling it a “serious challenge to the idea of fair play”. Blatter, though, does not see a problem with the money involved, despite the current

economic crisis, and feels the deal represents the game’s ever-improving popularity.

“We are in a very sensitive market nowadays, because there is an economic crisis,” he said.

“But in football, if we are in a good market, it means that football is a good product, not just to buy or sell but a product that gives people what they want, which is emotions.

“This is the game of the people and they need stars. Okay, it is a lot of money, but he is performing.”

Blatter continued: “Look, there was a case 10 years ago when there was a contract made by a player going from one Spanish club to another Spanish club and he had the same name at the time, and it was \$50million?”

“So what is £80 million now? That means there is still demand to have a star.—*Internet*

## Keeper Fabinski signs new Arsenal deal

LONDON, 13 June—Polish goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski has signed a new long-term contract with Arsenal, the Premier League clubs said on their website (www.arsenal.com) on Friday.

The 24-year-old Fabianski, who joined Arsenal from Legia Warsaw in 2007, is the club’s number two keeper behind Manuel Almunia. Arsenal gave no details of the deal. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Robinho urges Tevez swoop

LONDON, 13 June—Robinho has urged Manchester City to launch a bid for Argentina star Carlos Tevez.

Tevez’s future is uncertain as he nears the end of a two-year loan agreement at Manchester United.

City have been linked with a bid for the bullish forward, although the Red Devils appear keen to strike fresh terms with Tevez’s representatives, with Cristiano Ronaldo set for Real Madrid.

Brazilian attacker Robinho is keen to play alongside Tevez at Eastlands and is hopeful the affluent club could



Argentina star Carlos Tevez

land his services this summer.

Robinho said in *The Sun*: “We would definitely complement City’s attack. I hope my club make a move for him.

*Internet*

## Real Madrid swoop for Villa – report

MADRID, 13 June—Valencia striker David Villa, one of the stars of Spain’s victorious Euro 2008 squad, has signed for Real Madrid for close to 40 million euros, a Spanish newspaper said Saturday.



Valencia striker David Villa

Marca, citing sources at Real Madrid and Valencia, said both clubs were hammering out the fine details of the deal before officially announcing the transfer.

If confirmed, Villa would become the third big name to join the club under new president Florentino Perez, after Brazilian playmaker Kaka and Portuguese winger Ronaldo from AC Milan and Manchester United respectively.

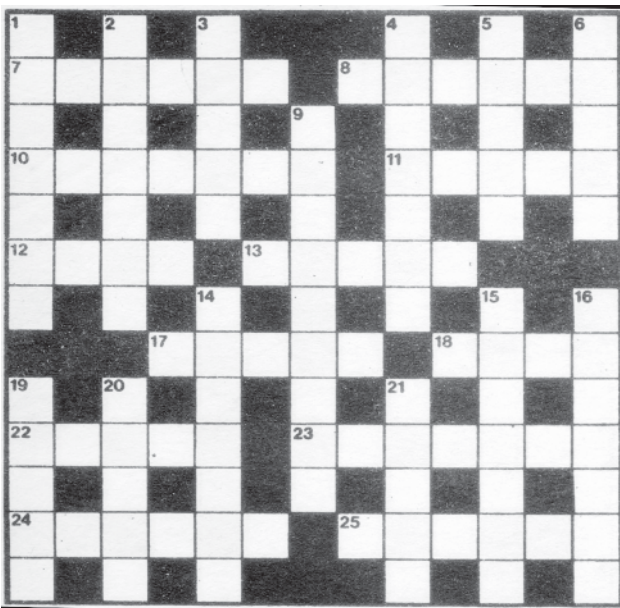
Perez has established a 200-million-euro war chest for players, vowing to create a “spectacular team” capable of overtaking arch-rivals Barcelona next season.

The top scorer at Euro 2008, the 27-year-old Villa scored 28 goals in the Spanish championship this season.

But Valencia is reportedly ready to sell some of its top stars in a bid to ease its financial difficulties.

Perez returned as president of Real on 1 June. During his first stint, from 2000 to 2006, he oversaw the era of the “Galacticos” when world stars such as Zidane, England’s David Beckham and Brazil’s Ronaldo were attracted to the club.—*Internet*

## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 7 Dairy product
- 8 Frustrate
- 10 Avidly
- 11 Reason contentiously
- 12 Head cook
- 13 Store
- 17 Comical
- 18 Fable
- 22 Core
- 23 Feeling
- 24 Local inhabitant
- 25 Mix with

### DOWN

- 1 Lack
- 2 Reel
- 3 Cheerful
- 4 Trifling wound
- 5 Raised platform
- 6 Downright
- 9 Onlooker
- 14 Stealthy
- 15 Mock-orange
- 16 Altered
- 19 Intone
- 20 Trust
- 21 Redbreast

## Nakamura’s Yokohama talks stalled: reports



Celtic midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura

TOKYO, 13 June—Talks over the transfer of Celtic midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura to former club Yokohama Marinos have stalled over “unforeseen problems,” press reports said Friday.

The Sports Nippon daily quoted an unidentified party involved in the talks as saying the chances of a deal that would take the player back to his first professional club were “almost gone.”

Spanish league strugglers Espanyol are among overseas clubs

reportedly interested in acquiring Nakamura, whose deal with the former Scottish champions is due to expire at the end of this month.

The Daily Sports said Nakamura’s side had been disappointed by Yokohama’s “lack of sincerity” such as a demand for his appearance at a publicity event before he signed a contract.—*Internet*

## Spain have world’s best midfield, says Arbeloa

RUSTENBURG, South Africa, 13 June—Liverpool defender Alvaro Arbeloa says Spain have the best midfield in the world and will be among the favourites at the Confederations Cup.

The European champions open their tournament here against New Zealand on Sunday with Arbeloa joining Anfield team-mates Fernando Torres, Xabi Alonso, Albert Riera and Pepe Reina in their 23-man squad.

He believes the calibre of players at coach Vincent del Bosque’s disposal makes Spain one of the teams to look out for in South Africa.

“We have some amazing players and are playing really, really well,” Arbeloa told the Liverpool website.

*Internet*

## Man Utd have made offers for winger Valencia

LONDON, 13 June—Manchester United have tabled offers for Wigan Athletic’s Ecuador winger Antonio Valencia, the Premier League club’s chairman Dave Whelan has said.

“They (United) have been in touch with us and we will be starting negotiations very shortly, I would imagine,” Whelan told Sky Sports News when asked about Valencia. “United have been in touch with us over Antonio for the last two or three months, expressing an interest and actually putting cash offers on the table.

“Those things have got to be picked up now. I think they were waiting to see if Ronaldo actually went to Real, which has happened.” United said on Thursday they had accepted an 80-million-pound (132-million-US-dollar) bid for Ronaldo from Real Madrid.

The 23-year-old Valencia, who has featured 34 times for his country, plays in a similar position to the Portugal winger. British media said on Saturday that Valencia would command a fee of about 17 million pounds.

*MNA/Reuters*



This undated handout illustration provided by Nature Publishing group shows what a collision between Earth and Venus might look like. A force known as orbital chaos may cause our Solar System to go haywire, leading to possible collision between Earth and Venus or Mars, according to a study.—INTERNET

### Britain's Kinsella killers given minimum 19 years each

LONDON, 13 June—Three men were given life sentences with minimum terms of 19 years each on Friday for the murder of 16-year-old Ben Kinsella outside a north London bar.

Ben, the brother of EastEnders actress Brooke Kinsella, was stabbed 11 times after running away from a fight that had nothing to do with him in Islington last June. He was murdered in a revenge attack over a claim one of his killers had been "disrespected".

Michael Alleyne, 18, Juress Kika, 19, and Jade Braithwaite, 20, all from London, were given life terms at the Old Bailey, the Press Association reported.

There was loud cheering and shouts of "bye bye" from the public gallery when the sentences were read out. Dozens of Ben's friends and family were present to see the killers sentenced. Kika and Alleyne both turned and jeered, gesturing at the public gallery as they were led away.

Members of the defendants' families exchanged angry words with Ben's friends and relatives after the sentences were imposed. In court, the Common Serjeant of London, Judge Brian Barker, told the defendants they had taken part in a "brutal, cowardly and totally unjustified attack". Their actions that night, he said, defied belief.—MNA/Reuters

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (14-6-2009) (Sunday)

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

#### Local Transmission

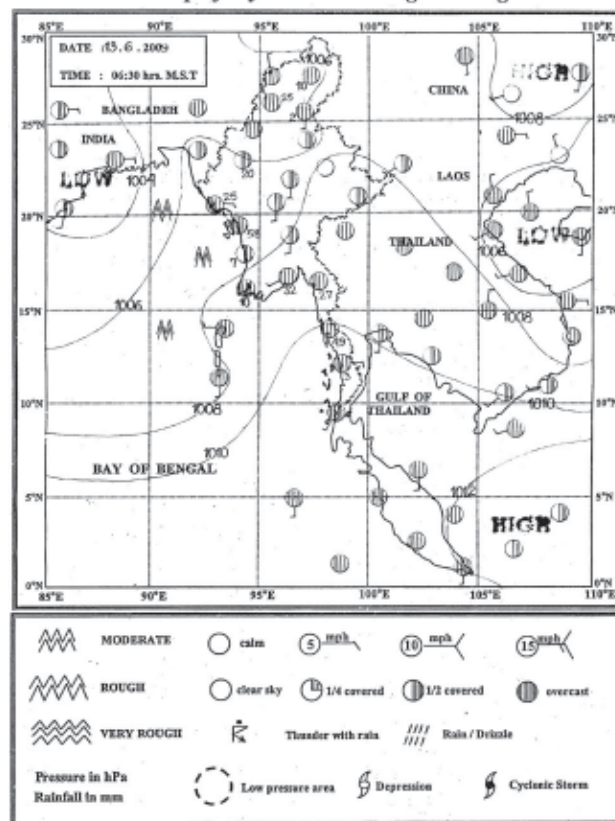
- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Central National Blood Bank (Yangon)
- \* In Commemoration of 150th Founding Anniversary of Mandalay City "Old Mandalay...New Mandalay"
- \* Orchid Products for Healthy Lifestyle
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* The Grand Bagaya Monastery (INWA)
- \* Baungte: My Village
- \* Showcase of Myanmar Fabrics and Designer Wears
- \* Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments Brass Cymbal (Lin-guin)
- \* Precious Myanmar Lacquerware
- \* Kambozathadi: Palace of Conquerors
- \* Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-IV)
- \* Central National Blood Bank (Yangon)
- \* Marketable Fruits
- \* Ever Green Songs (Pianist Chit Swe) (Rain)
- \* In Commemoration of 150th founding Anniversary of Mandalay City
- \* Orchid Products for Healthy Lifestyle
- \* Beautiful and Colourful Plastic Basket
- \* Fossilized Wood Picture
- \* Native home of the Khame
- \* An Umbrella for Style
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Saturday, 13 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, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyeikkhame (3.11) inches, Paung (2.95) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.37) inches and Ye (2.13) inches, Dawei (2.01) inches, Gwa (1.97) inches Hpa-an (1.58) inches and Hmawby (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-6-2009 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 13-6-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-6-2009 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 12-6-2009 was (Nil) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-6-2009 was (0.19) inch at Mingaladon, (1.26) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.10) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (28.50) inches at Mingaladon, (34.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (38.74) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 13-6-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and fairly 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:** General Moderate monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-6-2009:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-6-2009:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-6-2009:** Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 14 June  
View on today

#### 7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

#### 7:25 am

2. To be healthy Exercise

#### 7:30 am

3. Morning news

#### 7:40 am

4. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာတေး

#### 7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

#### 8:05 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

#### 8:15 am

7. "ကြိုဆိုလျှက်ပါ"

#### 8:30 am

8. "ရင်းနှီးကျွမ်းဝင်ခရီးစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၂)

#### 8:40 am

9. International News

#### 8:50 am

10. Musical programme

#### 11:00 am

1. Martial song

#### 11:10 am

2. Musical programme

#### 11:25 am

3. Round Up of the Week's International News

#### 11:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

#### 12:20 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

#### 12:40 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "အတွေ့" (မောင်သင်၊ သီသီ၊ စံရှားတင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရွှေခိုင်အောင်)

#### 14:30 pm

7. ပြည်ထောင်စုတိုင်းရင်းသား နိုးရာအက

#### 14:40 pm

8. International News

#### 3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL-Cup 2009

ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မကွေး FC အသင်းနှင့် Southern Myanmar FC အသင်း)

#### 5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme

#### 6:00 pm

3. Evening News

#### 6:30 pm

4. Weather Report

#### 6:35 pm

5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် (Pocket Dragon Adventure)

#### 6:55 pm

6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်တွက်စာ "မောင်ထုံနှင့်တိုင်းရင်းဆေးဆရာ" (ကင်းကောင်း၊ ဇိုတု၊ နုနု၊ သန်းသန်းစို၊ ခိုင်ပွင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်နင်းဆီ)

#### 7:15 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၂)

#### 8:00 pm

8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ခိုင်နိုင်ဆောင်ရွက်စွမ်းစမ်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)



# Ministry of Foreign Affairs releases Press Statement in response to declaration of EU Presidency

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs today released a Press Statement in response to the declaration on Myanmar issued by the European Union (EU) Presidency on 11 June.

The Press Statement released by MOFA is as follows:-

The European Union (EU) Presidency issued a declaration on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009 voicing its unwarranted concern at the alleged mounting offensive of the Myanmar Army and its allies against the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) in the Myanmar-Thai border areas which resulted in large numbers of so-called civilians fleeing from the conflict area in Kayin State to Thailand.

It is quite obvious that the EU's declaration must have been based on inaccurate news emanated from the insurgent groups. The tone and tenor of the declaration obviously reflects the total ignorance of EU Presidency on the true facts and main causes of the clashes between the two factions of the armed groups.

The internal insurgency problem that plagued the Union of Myanmar for over four decades since its regaining of independence in 1948, was in fact resulted from the ill legacies of the divide and rule administrative policy of the colonialists in the past history. As the main national objectives of the Government of the Union of Myanmar are non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and the perpetuation of sovereignty, the government has been making all out efforts to further consolidation of the Union.

Therefore, with a view to consolidating national unity, the Government of the Union of

Myanmar has since 1989 abandoned military solution against the problems of armed groups confronted by the successive governments and made peace overtures to all of them to exchange arms for peace. As a result, 17 out of 18 armed groups have returned to the legal fold and are now working together with the Government for regional development.

There remains only one single armed group, i.e. Kayin National Union (KNU) outside legal fold. Many of its splintered groups including Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA) and many others have returned to the legal fold one after another. More than 300 members from KNU led by Chairman of the Peace Council of the KNU/KNLA Maj-Gen Htein Maung returned to the legal fold in February 2007. Also in March 2009, altogether 71 members led by Saw Nay Soe Mya, son of former KNU/KNLA Chairman late Saw Bo Mya of KNU along with 88 family members had also followed suit. There are also a growing number of members of KNU/KNLA wishing to make peace with the Government.

The recent scuffles that took place in the eastern border were ignited by the members of the KNU/KNLA forces stationing inside the Thai territory who had attempted to forcibly prevent the remaining KNU/KNLA members of Saw Nay Soe Mya's group who are desirous of returning to the legal fold. As a matter of fact, the fighting took place

between the two armed groups—DKBA and KNU/KNLA. Members of the Government armed forces had no role whatsoever in the recent scuffles. Therefore, the allegations mentioned in the EU's declaration that the Government troops were mounting offensive against the Kayin ethnic minority were untrue and unfounded.

As the remnants of the KNU/KNLA forces are hiding in some pockets of remote areas near Myanmar-Thai border where no civilian resides, it is obvious that those who fled across border are none other than members of KNU/KNLA and their families. Thus, there is no cross-border fleeing of civilians as alleged by the EU's declaration. Ignoring these facts, some media are making misleading reports depicting the members of the KNU/KNLA forces and their families who fled across border as Kayin refugees with an aim to exerting added political pressure on Myanmar.

Thus, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar is disappointed with the politically motivated declaration of the EU Presidency which was released without a thorough study of Myanmar's insurgency problem. Therefore, the Ministry categorically rejects the factually incorrect declaration made by the EU Presidency relying on inaccurate information originated from the insurgent groups and biased media reports.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## Technological University in Shan State (East) reflecting goodwill of government

Nowadays, the new generation youths play an important role in building a new nation. Only when they further learn advanced technology, will they be able to discharge duty on development tasks for respective regions and national races.

The government has placed emphasis on implementing the plans for ensuring equitable

development of the various regions. As a result, not only basic education schools but also colleges and universities could be opened in the many regions of Shan State (East) that lagged behind in development including education sector in the past due to various reasons.

(See page 10)

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Photo shows Technological University (Kengtung) for turning out intellectual human resources.

