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**Each and every citizen has to adhere to
Our Three Main National Causes as national policy**

**Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects
reconstruction tasks in Mawlamyinegyun Township**



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Yazudaing No. 1 Bridge project in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Chairman of Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein who was in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division, accompanied by Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, the ministers, the deputy minister, the director-general of the Government (See page 8)



Photo shows houses in neat rows at Hlinephone village, Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Work together with the government for emergence of a modern and developed nation

Chairman of Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein visited Pathein on 22 June and inspected the construction of houses, schools, hospitals, roads, bridges and cyclone shelters in the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division.

The Prime Minister also visited the new housing project at the 3rd mile camp in Labutta and examined the progress of construction of a police station and roads and reclamation of plots. A 200-bed hospital and a 180-million-gallon water tank are also being built at the new housing project site.

During his inspection tour, the Prime Minister also attended the ceremony to hand over 60 basic education schools. Then, the Prime Minister explained the situation on reconstruction of buildings destroyed by Cyclone Nargis, re-establishment of businesses and construction of road networks, cyclone shelters and hillocks for protection against natural disaster and fulfilled the requirements.

The Prime Minister also visited the glass factory in Pathein and inspected raw materials such as sand, dolomite, ceramics, limestone, soda ash and samples of soft cake and the production line.

Reconstruction work started in storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division not long after it was hit by Cyclone Nargis. It is now gaining momentum and substantial improvement has been made in the health, education, social and economic sectors due to the active cooperation of the people. In the same way, it is necessary for the entire national people to continue working together with the government till a peaceful, modern and developed nation emerges.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint takes part in Mass walk to mark International Olympic Day 2009. —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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends monsoon tree planting ceremonies



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence hands over nursery plants at monsoon tree growing ceremony of Yangon Division held at the Universities' Dhammayon in Yangon University. —MNA

YANGON, 24 June— Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended monsoon tree planting ceremonies of Yangon Division for 2009 and planted commemorative trees today.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and departmental officials, attended the Yangon Division monsoon tree planting ceremony-2009 at the Universities' Dhammayon in Yangon University.

The Director of Yangon Division Forestry Department gave an account on the purpose of planting trees.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the mayor presented nursery plants before they planted commemorative trees.

Then Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed staff, social organization

members and local people planting the trees.

At Forestry Zone of Kandawgyi Natural Garden in Bahan Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party planted commemorative trees and viewed staff planting the trees.

MNA

International Olympic Day commemorative Mass walk held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—As a gesture of hailing International Olympic Day which falls on 23 June, 2009, mass walk was held at designated place

in front of Myoma Market here this morning. Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman of the Leading Committee for Integration of Sport and Education Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and altogether over 1,500 people including officials concerned of the Ministry of Sports, officials concerned and staff and their families from the ministries in Nay Pyi Taw, members of Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Federation took part in the mass walk.

Officers and other ranks and their families from ministries took place at designated place in front of Myoma Market. At 6 am, they started walking in front of Myoma Market and reached at wining post in front of Gem Museum (Nay Pyi Taw). Ministry of Sports and donors presented International Olympic Day commemorative T-shirts, food, bottles of water and soft drink to those contestants.

Respective Myanmar Sports Federations also held games in commemoration of International Olympic Day at townships around the country.

MNA

Mayor attends coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han attended the coordinating meeting of Mandalay Division War Veteran's Organization at the committee on 17 June and made a speech.

MNA

Corrigendum

Please read Deputy Attorney-General instead of Deputy Chief Justice in the news "Labour Minister and party back home" on page 9 of this daily issued on 24 June, 2009. Error is regretted.

Ed

Iraqi schools lack minimum of necessary needs for secured environment and health

BAGHDAD, 24 June — The Iraqi health minister declared that almost 50 percent of Iraqi schools lack the minimum of necessary needs for secured environment and health.

The report came as a result of a study that was conducted by health ministry and World Health Organization. The report said 50 percent of the schools are not clean and 70 percent of these schools are suffering a lack of drink water. The Minister of Education de-

nied this report although his ministry was participating in the writing of this report. The minister said those who wrote the report have political agenda and they are not academics or professionals. He described the numbers that came in the report as imprecise.

Everyone in Iraq knows about the bad conditions in most Iraqi schools. They have been here since Saddam's time. For me, school was always a house of ghosts; it was dark even in the

day, small classrooms with narrow windows and dirty. Its walls were ruined by humidity with very long dark corridors and its bathroom (the worst place in the school) had no water and it was place for bad actions like beating the weak student by the strong ones. That is the old image of school in my mind and I still have nightmares of my old school. My school wasn't the only one like this in Iraq especially in poor neighbourhoods.

Internet



In this photo taken on 8 June, 2009, 8-year-old Razia lies in a bed at the hospital north of Kabul, Afghanistan. Razia was severely burned when a white phosphorus round hit her home in the Tagab Valley during fighting between French troops and Taliban militants killing two of her sisters. —INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills three local NGO employees in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 June — Three local employees of an NGO (non-governmental organization) were killed by a roadside bomb in northern Afghan province of Jauzjan on Tuesday, officials said.

This incident took place in Balahisar area of Aqcha district at around 08:00 am local time (0330 GMT), as a result three locals lost their lives," provincial police chief Khalil Aminzada told *Xinhua*.

Aminzada said those victims were working for UN Agency for Refugees (UNHCR). However, UN officials in Afghan capital Kabul rejected the identity of the victims.

Dan McNorton, a spokesperson of UN Strategic Communication, while talking with *Xinhua*, said "no UN or UNHCR staff were killed in Jauzjan this morning." —*Internet*



Iraqi shop owners clear debris a day after a parked motorcycle loaded with explosives blew up in a market at Husseinia, north east of Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 June, 2009.

INTERNET

Afghan men carry a man injured during a suicide bomb attack at a hospital in the city of Khost, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 22 June, 2009.

INTERNET



Iraq to mark US pullback from cities with holiday

BAGHDAD, 24 June — The Iraqi government on Tuesday declared a public holiday to mark next week's withdrawal of US combat troops from Baghdad and other cities.

American forces already have begun pulling back from outposts inside the cities ahead of a 30 June deadline, the first phase of a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said on Tuesday that ceremonies will be held on Monday and the deadline itself will be a public holiday, although students will still have to take their final exams as scheduled.

The announcement comes days after Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called the US withdrawal from the cities a "great victory," despite fears that violence will increase after the Americans become less visible.

The stakes are high for al-Maliki's Shiited government to prove it is capable of taking care of its people ahead of parliamentary elections scheduled for 30 Jan.

A series of recent high-profile bombings have raised concerns about the readiness of Iraqi forces to provide security around the country without the immediate help of the US troops remaining in Iraq.

Internet

Land of mines and snakes

BAGHDAD, 24 June — When I went with Jack to Basra Province in the south of Iraq to write the story about mines, of one of the big problems that people in that area face, I never expected to find a bigger problem, another battle with a different enemy that is more capable than mines which at least can't move. They have a battle with snakes. Over the years people there had become experts in defusing mines that filled their farms but they could not deal with the snakes that killed them in their beds.

We spoke with two families. One man told me about his neighbour who was bitten by a snake and died after treatment in a medical center who couldn't do anything for her. And the other family lost the bread winner of the group of orphans leaving all twelve of them in the responsibility of a young woman who had lost a limb to a mine. He was also bitten by a snake.

In Thi Qar province, a little to the north of Basra snakes are leaving their holes because of the drought in the marshes. The families said that tens of snakes attack their farms and they are obliged to guard their homes and animals day and night to protect them from the onslaught of yet another enemy. The medical centers in these areas also lack the simplest means to take care of those besieged people. There was no anti-venom. No one asks after them. No one really cares. —*Internet*



A resident searches for belongings amid the ruins of his house after a suicide bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, on 21 June, 2009. —INTERNET

American shot dead in West African capital

NOUAKCHOTT, 24 June—Gunmen attempting to kidnap an American man in Mauritania on Tuesday shot and killed him when he tried to resist, a police officer in the West African Nation said.

Neighbours said the middle-aged man taught at a center specializing in computer science in El Kasr, a lower-class neighbourhood in Nouakchott, the Mauritanian capital.

Two men had initially tried to abduct him, but they shot him when they realized they could not overpower him, said the police officer, who did not give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Witness Bilal Ould Mohamed, a butcher, said he saw at least two young men rush up to the victim and shoot him several times in the head and face. Mohamed said he tried to stop them, but they pointed their gun at him before running off.

An AP correspondent at the scene saw officials from the US Embassy arrive as the body lay on the pavement.

The embassy in Nouakchott could not immediately be reached for comment. The victim's identity was not immediately released.

Internet

Scientists begin Himalayan glacial lake studies in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 24 June—Scientists in Nepal have embarked on the first field study of Himalayan glacial lakes, some of which are swelling dangerously due to global warming, reported nepalnews.com.

According to the website, in May, the scientists completed the field visit of a lake in Mt Qomolangma region and plan to conduct similar surveys of two other glacial lakes in the central and western part of Himalayas later this year.

The report quoted Arun Bhakta Shrestha, a climate change specialist with the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) as saying "We have started with Nepal, but we intend to extend studies to other Hindu Kush Himalayan countries." The study is a part of regional assessment of the floods such lakes can cause if they burst.—Internet

Tijuana Cox, of Prince George's County, MD, who was injured in yesterday collision of two Metro transit trains in Northeast Washington, stands near the scene in the early morning on 23 June, 2009.

INTERNET



Japan refiner eyes solar-power business in Saudi

TOKYO, 24 June—A Japanese oil refiner said that it was considering operating solar-power plants in Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, in cooperation with state-owned energy giant Saudi Aramco.

Showa Shell Sekiyu said it had agreed with Saudi Aramco, the world's biggest state-owned oil company, to "explore the possibility of engaging in a small-scale electricity generation business using solar power".

After initial studies, small pilot plants will be built by 2010 to test technologies, the Tokyo-based company said.

The firms will set up a joint venture to expand the business, possibly beyond the Middle East, if the plants prove commercially viable, it said.

Saudi Arabia has the world's largest proved reserves of crude oil but has also been looking to invest in solar power.

Japan, which has virtually no natural energy resources of its own, aims to take the lead in environmentally friendly energy.—Internet

Pilot killed when F-16 crashes

SALT LAKE CITY, 24 June—A US Air Force pilot was killed when his F-16 crashed on a training mission in western Utah, his family confirmed Tuesday.

Capt George Bryan Houghton, 28, of Candler, NC, was on a routine training mission Monday night when the warplane crashed in Utah's Western Desert, WLOS-TV, Asheville, NC, reported. He was first reported missing Tuesday.

Houghton's father,

also named George, told the ABC affiliate his son had a "great sense of love and family," and he "will be sorely missed, not only by his family, but by anybody he's ever been around or anybody that ever knew him," the *Deseret News* in Salt Lake City reported.

A spokesman for the 75th Air Base Wing said the crash site was 35 miles south of Wendover, the *Deseret News* said. Houghton was a member of the 421st Fighter Squadron and part of a close-air support missing training for upcoming combat, the Air Force

Computer failure may have caused DC train crash

WASHINGTON, 24 June—Investigators looking into the deadly crash of two Metro transit trains focused Tuesday on why a computerized system failed to halt an oncoming train, even though there is evidence that the operator tried to slow it down.

At the time of the crash, the train was also operating in automatic mode, meaning it was controlled primarily by computer.

In that mode, the

operator's main job is to open and close the doors and respond to emergencies.

Debbie Hersman, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said it was unclear if the emergency brake was actually engaged when Monday's crash occurred.

But the mushroom-shaped button that activates it was found pushed down in the operator's compartment.

Hersman said it wasn't

clear when the button was pressed or how it got that way.

She also said there was evidence of braking on the train's rotors, indicating it was likely that the operator tried to slow down.

The train plowed into a stopped train ahead of it at the height of the Monday evening rush hour, killing nine people and injuring more than 70 in the deadliest accident in the 30-year history of the Metro.

Internet



File photo shows Asian workers at Saudi Aramco's Al-Khuraish facility covering their faces from the dust and blazing sun.

INTERNET

Philippines closes Congress after H1N1 virus death

MANILA, 24 June—The Philippines closed down the Lower House of Congress for five days on Tuesday and sent about 3,000 workers home after cases of influenza A (H1N1) were reported in the offices, officials said.

A 49-year-old woman who died last week from symptoms exacerbated by the flu was a staff member on a congressional committee, said Ramon Roque, a doctor and deputy secretary-general of the House of Representatives.

The legislature is not currently in session. Roque said the House was taking steps to clean and sanitise the offices to prevent the spread of the virus as well as prepare the facility for the resumption of sessions and the President's state of the nation speech next month.

The health department said 28 more positive influenza A (H1N1) virus cases were reported on Tuesday, bringing the total number of new flu virus cases in the country to 473 and one reported death.

MNA/Reuters



Palestinian parliament speaker Abdel Aziz Duaik, right, is greeted by a relative at the DCO checkpoint in the West Bank city of Tulkarem, after his release from an Israeli prison, on 23 June, 2009.

INTERNET



Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea (ROK) Han Seung-soo addresses the opening ceremony of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Forum 2009 in Paris, capital of France, on 23 June, 2009. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China's high-speed railways to be rolled out in 2012

BEIJING, 24 June—Thirty-five high-speed rail lines, measuring 11,000 km, are being rolled out throughout China, a railway ministry official said yesterday.

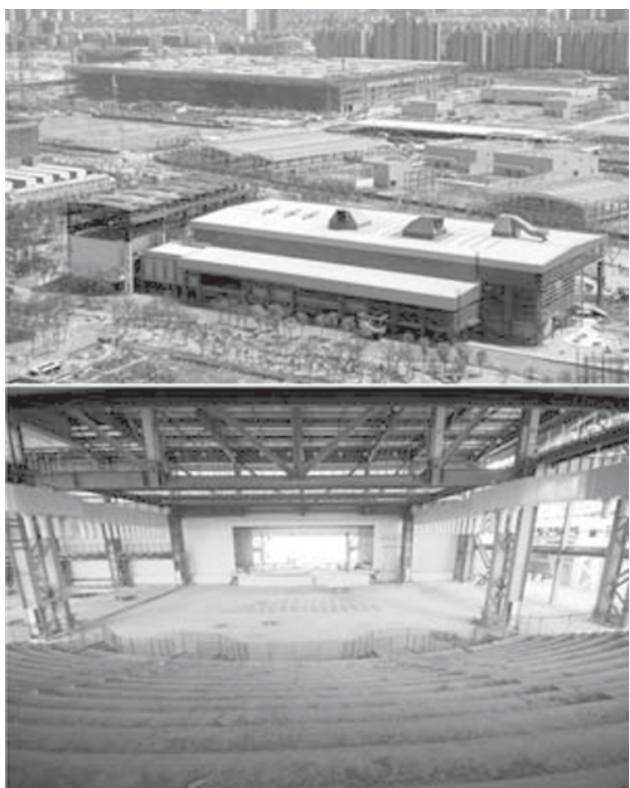
With China's railways among the main beneficiaries of the government's 4-trillion-yuan stimulus package, around 13,000 km of high-speed railways capable of handling trains traveling at more than 200 kph could be completed and put into service by 2012, said Zheng Jian, chief planner with the Ministry of Railways.

The construction of an additional 5,000-km of high-speed railways will begin soon, he said.

At least five railway routes will be able to accommodate trains traveling at speeds of 350 kph, Zheng said.

The five lines include three north-south routes: Beijing-Shanghai; Beijing-Guangzhou (Hong Kong); and Beijing-Harbin (Dalian).

The two east-west high-speed lines are Xuzhou-Lanzhou and Shanghai-Kunming.—Xinhua



The combo photos show the outlook (upper, taken on 1 May, 2009) and inner view (lower, taken on 22 June, 2009) of the Baogang Stage, the place for performances during the 2010 Shanghai World Expo, in east China's Shanghai.—XINHUA

Turkish President arrives in China for state visit

BEIJING, 24 June—Turkish President Abdullah Gul arrived here on Wednesday, kicking off his 6-day state visit to China.

During Gul's stay in Beijing, he will hold talks with Chinese President Hu Jintao. Gul will also meet with Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, and Premier Wen Jiabao. He will attend a Turkey-China business forum.

Besides Beijing, Gul will also visit northwest China's Shaanxi Province, south China's Guangdong Province and northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Xinhua



The Boeing company's first 787 Dreamliner is readied for its first test flight, scheduled for June, at the Boeing company's Everett, Washington plant, on 30 April, 2009.—XINHUA

Boeing 787 Dreamliner first flight postponed for 5th time

CHICAGO, 24 June—Chicago-based Boeing Company announced on Tuesday that the first flight of the 787 Dreamliner, which is scheduled by the end of this month and has already been two years delayed, will be postponed for the fifth time due to a need to reinforce an area within the side-of-body section of the aircraft.

In a statement, Boeing said the need was identified during the recent regularly scheduled tests on the full-scale static test airplane. Preliminary analysis indicated that flight test could proceed this month as planned.

However, after further testing and consideration of possible modified flight test plans, the decision was

made late last week that first flight should instead be postponed until productive flight testing could occur. Boeing has postponed the first flight for four times in past two years, citing parts shortages, defects, redesign work and problems with suppliers for disrupting development.

Xinhua

Volkswagen to idle parts of plant in central Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 24 June—German automaker Volkswagen started on Tuesday to idle parts of its plant in central Mexico, local media reported.

Some 3,000 workers at the plant in the city of Puebla would be off work for at most 14 days. They will receive 50 percent of their pay during the first four days and 10 percent during the following 10 days.

The measure, which will run till the end of July, will affect production of Beetle, Jetta and Bora cars, but will not affect Bora Sport Wagen.

The Puebla plant is Volkswagen's only factory in North America and most of the cars it produces are shipped to the United States, Canada and Europe.

Mexico's auto industry has been hit hard recently by the economic recession in the United States, which buys 80 percent of the country's exports, including a substantial number of cars.—Xinhua

Japan's trade surplus shrinks 12.1% in May

TOKYO, 24 June—Japan's trade surplus stood at 299.8 billion yen (3.2 billion dollars) in May, down 12.1 percent from a year earlier, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

The year-on-year contraction percentage was less than expected, signs to show the economy has bottomed out. In April it saw a plunge of 85.2 percent from the same period last year.

It also marks Japan's fourth straight monthly surplus, following a record deficit in January when the deepening impact of the global economic crisis had sapped demand for its exports.

Exports fell 40.9 percent from a year earlier to 4,020.93 billion yen, while imports dropped 42.4 percent to 3,721.09 billion yen as domestic demand for foreign goods remained sluggish, the ministry said in a preliminary report.—Xinhua

Unemployment to reach 10% in 2010 in OECD countries

PARIS, 24 June—The rate of unemployment in the industrial world could reach 10 percent in 2010, the highest level since 1970s, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) warned on Tuesday. The Paris based organization estimated that 57 million people could lose their job in its 30 member countries by the end of 2010, while it was 37.2 million jobless at the end of 2008.

"Unemployment will continue to weigh on national economies for a long time to come," OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría said in a statement. "Previous downturns have taught us that

the jobs recovery will lag a long way behind the pickup in the economic growth."

The OECD said it was working closely with its member countries "to adapt their policies to help the unemployed and avoid high unemployment levels becoming persistent." The organization suggested governments to ensure financial safety nets for low income families and the unemployed. It also urged countries to make greater efforts to provide training opportunities to the unemployed.

In April, the OECD expected the rate of unemployment came to 7.8 percent.

Xinhua

All seven workers rescued from flooded gold mine in SW China

GUIYANG, 24 June— All seven trapped workers in a flooded gold mine in southwest China's Guizhou Province were saved Tuesday after a 20-hour rescue effort.

They emerged at 7:34 pm and were put under observation in a hospital. All were in stable conditions, local authorities said.

The accident oc-

curred at about 11:30 pm Monday at the Yongjin Gold Mine in Tianzhu County of Qiandongnan Autonomous Prefecture of Miao and Dong Nationalities, said a spokesman with the prefecture's work safety administration.

Rescuers used 11 pumps to get the water out of the mine.

They made contact

with the trapped miners and managed to send food to them, the spokesman said.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway, headed.

Internet

Vietnam to host Communications and Electronics Exhibition 2009

HANOI, 24 June— The Vietnam Communications and Vietnam Electronics Exhibition 2009 will be held in Vietnam from 18 to 21 November this year, the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported Wednesday.

The event is expected to draw about 200 foreign companies to showcase their products like satellite television, cable communications and personal digital devices.

On the sideline of the exhibition, there will be conferences, focusing on hot issues like opportunities and challenges for development of electronic products in the global economic crisis, said the newspaper.

Discussions will also be raised on such matters as process of development the information and communication technology (ICT) industry in future, the most advanced solutions for development of the mobile broadband of the third generation technology (3G), multi-media entertainment and the Next Generation Network (NGN).—*Internet*

Andres weakens to tropical storm

PUERTO VALLARTA, 24 June— Andres briefly flared up into the Pacific season's first hurricane Tuesday, then quickly weakened back to a tropical storm as it swirled up the Pacific coast side-swiping Mexico with powerful rains that left at least one person dead.

Andres flooded homes, toppled trees and killed at least one person as it swiped Mexico's southwestern coast with wind and rain.

Its winds weakened to 70 mph (110 kph) from 75 mph (120 kph) earlier Tuesday, and it was expected to weaken even more over the next day or two, the US National Hurricane Center said.

The center of the storm as of 11 pm EDT (0300 GMT) was about 90 miles (150 kilometres) south of

Cabo Corrientes, just south of Puerto Vallarta. Moving near 10 mph (17 kph) toward the northwest, it was forecast to pass by that part of the coast early Wednesday.

Mexican authorities posted a hurricane warning for the coastal strip from just south of Manzanillo to near Puerto Vallarta, and heavy rain flooded homes and wind blew down trees in the states of Jalisco, Colima and Guerrero.

Internet

Mexican energy giant invites bids for gas production contracts

MEXICO CITY, 24 June— Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), the only firm allowed to explore hydrocarbons fields in Mexico, on Tuesday invited bids for contracts on upgrading natural gas production at the Burgos basin in northern Mexico.

The contracts seek to improve automatic production systems, build transport lines and production platforms, expand gas collection centers and set up new gas centers. Only domestic companies are allowed to participate in the bidding for gas collection centers and new gas centers. The 50,000-square-kilometre basin, which spans the three Mexican states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and Coahuila, produced 1.5 billion cubic metres of gas a day in May, up around 10 percent from a year earlier.—*Internet*



A trapped worker is helped out of a flooded gold mine in Tianzhu County of Qiandongnan Autonomous Prefecture of Miao and Dong Nationalities, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 23 June, 2009.

INTERNET



Industrial climbers remove the mounting parts of an advertising banner from the TV tower in Berlin. At a height of 368 metres, it's Europe's tallest building.

Wrong bank photo creates confusion for woman

A woman in Fujian province is confused about how someone else's photo is linked to her bank account.

Yuan, a resident of Ningde, first discovered the problem two years ago when she forgot the password to her banking card and asked a bank for help.

After checking her ID card, the bank employee said her photo was different from that in the bank's network and turned down her application.

Later, she learned it was the same for her other banking cards. In addition, her husband's accounts also had the woman's photo.

She was asked to reapply to the main branch.

4-year-old Indian girl brought out alive after 19 hours in borewell

In a dramatic rescue spiraling 19 hours, a rescue team brought out alive a four-year-old girl who got trapped in a 48-feet (10 meter) open borewell in a village in the western Indian state of Rajasthan.

"The girl Anju was rescued by digging a tunnel paralleled to the borewell in Moradi village at 12:25 pm. She was immediately rushed to a hospital in the state capital Jaipur in an unconscious state. However, her condition is said to be serious and a team of doctors are attending to her," a senior Indian police official said.



People wearing historical bathing costumes at the Heiligendamm beach resort on the Baltic Sea in northern Germany. The annual event recalls the bathing tradition in the oldest German seaside resort dating back to the 19th century.

Lobster, wine and sleep follow Maine break-in

A man suspected of breaking into a Maine restaurant will have to get used to jailhouse food after workers at the eatery discovered lobsters and wine missing — and the suspect asleep on a bench.

Police say Paul Bruneau broke into the Portland Lobster Co through a rear window and stuffed his pockets with cash before chowing down on the better part of 11 prepared lobsters worth about \$300. He washed it all down with a white wine. *The Portland Press Herald* reports Bruneau also left a refrigerator open, causing about \$1,000 worth of food to be thrown away. Bruneau, who was already out on bail, was being held Friday at the Cumberland County Jail. He couldn't be reached for comment.

Montana woman uses chickens as therapy animals

Therapy dogs can be a comfort for seniors and those recovering from illnesses and injuries. So how about therapy chickens? Jana Clairmont of Polson, Mont., calls her therapy birds — a white rooster and Cornish game hen — "Fowl Play."

On Thursday, she took them to visit residents at Polson Health and Rehabilitation Center in northeast Montana.

Many seniors were raised on farms, Clairmont says, and holding a chicken can bring back memories.

As one man stroked the rooster, Alex, the bird stretched out his neck and rested it across the man's forearm, like a puppy.

Clairmont has arranged visits to retirement and assisted living homes, and says she'd like to take Alex and Carlita, the hen, into classrooms this fall.

NEWS ALBUM



Six months ahead of schedule, a further step has been taken towards completion of the Gotthard Base Tunnel in Switzerland. The section between Erstfeld and Amsteg was opened up. Scheduled to open in 2017, the rail tunnel will be the longest in the world.

Statements of both sides heard at Supreme Court (Yangon) for appeal case of refusing two defence witnesses nominated for lawsuit against US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma

YANGON, 24 June—Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma filed an appeal case No 333 (b)/2009 to Supreme Court (Yangon) in dissatisfaction with Yangon Division Court's decree of confirming Yangon North District Court's decree of declining the nomination of defence witnesses U Win Tin and U Tin Oo in Criminal Case 47/2009 filed against US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma. After hearing the statements of U Kyi Win, the lawyer of the defendants, Supreme Court (Yangon) accepted the case on 17 June.

Final statements of both sides in the appeal case were heard at Supreme Court (Yangon) at 10 am today.

Supreme Court Advocate U Nyan Win, defending the applicants, said that at the district level, a decree was delivered to summon only lawyer U Kyi Win from Labutta (whose licence was revoked), one of the four witnesses nominated by the defendants, as a law expert, without recording any specific reason of why the three other witnesses were denied; that the decree was wrong because it failed, disregarding the law, to give a reason of why the three other witnesses should not be summoned; that an appeal case was thus filed to Yangon Division Court to amend the decree; that it is wrong that "the judge of Yangon Division Court in his judgment dated 9 June said that it could not be assumed that the initial court's failure to state the reason according to Section 257 (1) was against the law, and it was carried out in accordance with paragraph 1115 of the book Manual to Courts"; that the judge of the Division Court in his judgment said that U Win Tin and U Tin Oo were nominated as witnesses

regarding character, and there was no need to argue as to the character of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that he would like to point out that the nomination of U Win Tin and U Tin Oo was referred not only to the character the learned judges were taking into consideration, but also to political character; that English-Myanmar dictionary by Judson says that the term 'character' also means 'public character'; that therefore that should not be assumed in a narrow-minded way; and that U Win Tin and U Tin Oo should be examined in connection with the political character of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Director Daw Khin Cho Ohn from the Attorney-General's Office, on the side of the plaintiffs, said that the case was filed under Section (22) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts; that action is taken against the accused for their violation of the section; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi just has to produce evidence that she did not oppose or violate the restriction order (or) prohibition order, under which action is taken against her; that it is stated in the application that the purpose of the nomination of U Win Tin and U Tin Oo is to refer to political character; that according to the statement, the application is designed to have U Win Tin and U Tin Oo examined as defence witnesses in relation to political character of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that the explanation of Section (55) of Evidence Law says that the term 'character' enumerated in Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 covers reputation and disposition; that according to the sections, the term 'character' does not include the term 'political character'; that Evidence Law does not prescribe any provision

that the accused has the right to give evidence regarding political character; that it can be deduced that the appeal case applied to examine U Win Tin and U Tin Oo as defence witnesses regarding political character of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is intended to disturb and delay the trial at the court; that Section 257 (1) of Code of Criminal Procedure says if the accused, after he has entered upon his defence, applies to the Magistrate to issue any process for compelling the attendance of any witness for the purpose of examination or cross-examination, or the production of any document or other thing, the Magistrate shall issue such process unless he considers that such application should be refused on the ground that it is made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice; that the court is not responsible for summoning all the witnesses nominated by the accused; that the application for examination of U Win Tin and U Tin Oo as defence witnesses should be declined according to Section 257 (1) of Code of Criminal Procedure; and that therefore the application for an appeal case should be refused.

In hearing the final statements at Supreme Court (Yangon), Supreme Court Advocates U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Myint and Daw Khin Htay Kywe were present on the side of the applicants, and Daw Khin Cho Ohn (Director, Attorney-General's Office), U San Hla Kyaw (Deputy Director, Attorney-General's Office), and U Ohn Myint (Assistant Director, Attorney-General's Office) on the side of the plaintiffs.

The Supreme Court (Yangon) will make the final decision.—MNA

Tug of War organized to mark International Olympic Day 2009

YANGON, 24 June—As a gesture of marking International Olympic Day for 2009, Traditional Tug of War, organized by Myanmar Traditional Sport Federation, was held at the Kyaikkasan sport ground here on 21 June.

It was attended by General Secretary of

MOC Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Deputy Director-General U Thein Aung, Chairman Mr Kiyoshi Takahashi of Spread Promotion Committee under Asian Tug of War Federation, Secretary Daw L Khun Ye

of the Central Working Committee under Myanmar Women Sport Federation, Vice presidents of MTSF Daw Ye Ye Win and U Khin Maung Tun, Joint-secretary U Than Zaw and executives and contestants.

A total of eight

teams—four men's team and four women's team—took part in the competition. The Director-General, the chairman of Spread Promotion Committee and officials concerned presented awards to winning teams.

MNA



Chairman Mr Kiyoshi Takahashi of Spread Promotion Committee under Asian Tug of War Federation awards the first prize winning team at Tug of War in commemoration of International Olympic Day 2009.—MNA

Baron's "Commands Respect" Amateur Golf Challenge 2009's final and prize presenting ceremony



YANGON, 24 June—With the sponsorship of Myanmar Brewery Ltd, final match and prize presenting ceremony of Baron's "Commands

Respect" Amateur Golf Challenge 2009 in which four qualified players were participating, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation (MGF), was held at Panhlaing Golf Course in Hlinethaya Township, here, yesterday.

The final match was followed by prize-presenting ceremony with an opening address by Marketing Director Mr James Swee of Myanmar Brewery Ltd.

On behalf of Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Deputy General Manager Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein (Retd) donated cash to MGF through General Secretary U Aung Kyi of MGF.

Next, Mr Danny Goh of Gold Roasts presented prizes to winners in longest drive; Sales Director U Kyaw Thu Min of Myanmar Brewery Ltd, to daily best winners.

Lt-Col Maung Maung

Sein (Retd) awarded Than Naing Oo who stood fourth position with 82 strokes; Maung Maung Oo, third with 82 strokes; Aung Kyaw Thu, second with 79 strokes.

Managing Director Mr Peter Ong presented Champion Trophy to Lin The who stood first position after vying with Aung Kyaw Thu in three times play off as they are in tie condition with 79 strokes each.—MNA



Managing Director Mr Peter Ong presents Champion Trophy to Lin The.—MGF



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views local people reading at Pwinthitsa self-reliant library in Danichaung Model village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.
MNA

Kyaikpi is 180 feet long. The motorway of the bridge is 20 feet wide one-way lane flanked by one-two-foot wide pedestrian lane on each side. The clearance of the bridge is 180 feet wide and 20 feet high and the bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

Next, the Prime Minister and party arrived at the briefing hall of Yazudaing Bridge No (2) Construction Project in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

Chief Engineer U Tint Lwin reported on progress of construction of Pile Nos-P3 and P4, progress in construction of

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Office and departmental heads left Patheingyi by helicopter and arrived at the briefing hall of Yazudaing Bridge No(1) Construction Project being carried out by Bridge Construction Project Special Group (1) of Public Works near Kyaikpi Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township at 7.35 a.m. yesterday.

Chief Engineer U Tint Lwin of Bridge Construction Project Special Group(1) reported to the Prime Minister on progress in construction of Yazudaing Bridge No (1) and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects progress in construction of Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA



Myint Thein made supplementary reports.

Next, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe explained condition of the current in the Yazudaing River.

After hearing reports, the Prime Minister called for completion of

construction project earlier than schedule, worksite safety, use of materials meeting set standards.

Next, The Prime Minister viewed progress in construction of the bridge from the briefing hall.

Afterwards, the

Prime Minister went to bridge construction worksite on the bank of Kyaikpi. He inspected construction works being carried out at Pile No-A1 of approach bridge and Pile No. P-1 and digging of RCD Pile No-K1 and gave necessary instructions.

The frame of the 998.2 feet long main bridge of Yazudaing Bridge No (1) is made of steel and the approach bridge is broad crest type with wooden floor. The approach bridge on the bank of Mawlamyinegyun is 660 feet long and the approach bridge on the bank of

Pile No-A2, piling work and progress of construction of Pile No-P5.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence gave accounts on works for ensuring better road network system in Ayeyawady Division.

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Photo shows Danichaung Model village, Kyatshar village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

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The Prime Minister attended to the needs for ensuring better road network system.

Next, the Prime Minister viewed progress in construction of bridge from the briefing hall.

The one-way Yazudaing Bridge No (2)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers a speech at a ceremony to hand over 41 newly-built Basic Education Schools and two monasteries in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets people who attend ceremony to hand over 41 newly-built Basic Education Schools and two monasteries in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

education schools and two monasteries in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

It was also attended by Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of Government Office and departmental heads, township level departmental officials, teachers and members of Board of School Trustees, members of social organizations and responsible persons of the construction companies.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt explained reconstruction works and progress of construction of schools in Maw-

lamyinegyun Township. Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein touched upon progress of construction of schools destroyed by cyclone Nargis.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein accepted the documents related to 17 newly-built basic education schools presented by Managing Director U Tha Htay of Original Group Construction Company, 11 schools by Managing Director U Sit Hoke of TZTM Construction Company, 10 schools by Engineer In-charge U Hla Htay of A 1 Construction Company and three schools by Engineer In-charge U Thet Lwin Zaw of Myat Noe Thu Construction Company.

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is broad crest type. The main bridge is 300 feet long and each approach bridge is 120 feet long one on the bank of Mawlamyinegyun and the other on Kyaikpi bank. The motorway of the bridge is 20 feet wide one-way lane flanked by a two-foot wide pedestrian lane on each side. It has 80 feet wide and 10 feet high water clearance and

it can withstand 60-ton load.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the office of Mawlamyinegyun Township PDC and viewed documentary photos of newly-built 41 basic education schools and two monasteries in Mawlamyinegyun Township displayed outside the Maw Ayeya

Hall.

The Prime Minister delivered an address at

the ceremony to hand over documents related to newly-built 41 basic

of schools in Maw-

Mawlamyinegyun Township gets 41 newly-built basic education schools and two monasteries.



A bird eye's view of Danichaung Model village in Kyatshar Village-tract, Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

Appointment of Bangladeshi Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June— The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Major General Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Union of Myanmar.

Major General Anup Kumar Chakma was born on 15 January 1956. He served in Bangladesh Army at various posts since 1977. He obtained First Class in Master of Defence Studies at the National University in 1996. He participated in the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia from 1997 to 1998. He currently serves as Master General of the Ordnance. He is married and has one daughter and one son. —MNA

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Next, the minister handed over documents related to newly-built 41 schools and exercise books for basic education schools in the township to Mawlamyinegyun Township Education Officer U Tin Min.

Afterwards, Engineer

In-charge U Hla Htay and Managing Director U Sit Hoke handed over the documents related to newly-built Ngwe Zin Yaw Model Village monastery worth K 38.8 million built by A 1 Co with the initial funds of K 26 million donated by Daw Kyin Thein of 27th

Myanmar is a union, each of whose parts is home to various national races.

Pathein Bridge, a drive for ensuring better transport in Delta of Ayeyawady Division



Article: Kyaw Zeya Myint; Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

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Pathein Bridge was constructed as a suspension bridge across Ngawun River in Pathein Township. The 2140-foot bridge can withstand 75-ton loads. It was built by Myanmar engineers who took just over one year in the construction task.

Actually, Pathein Bridge built by the government with genuine goodwill is contributing not only to the social, economic and education growth of the division but also to development of the rural areas.

Translation: TTA
Kyemon: 18-6-2009

Photo shows Pathein Bridge across Ngawun River in Pathein Township of Ayeyawady Division.

DPRK owned MV Dumangang cargo vessel due to arrive for shipment of Myanmar rice

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June— MV Dumangang, a cargo vessel of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), is due to arrive in Myanmar from Kolkata of the Republic of India around 27 June for shipment of about 8000 tons of rice.

Certain foreign news agencies have been

spreading rumours these days that DPRK owned cargo vessel, Kang Nam, left Mingpao port of DPRK for Myanmar on 17 June.

The authorities concerned have no news about Kang Nam vessel reported by foreign news agencies.

MNA

Street in Pabedan Township and Kyat Shar Model Village monastery worth K 46 million built by TZTM construction Co with the initial funds of K 10 million donated by Presiding Sayadaw U Teikka of Salin Monastery in Mandalay and wellwishers to Staff Officer of Mawlamyinegyun Township Religious Affairs Department U Myint Sein.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented kitchen crop seeds for villages in the township to Chairman of township PDC U Aung Kyaw Khaing.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that in the Age of Knowledge, every country is working hard to beef up the

development of human resources for their development.

In like manner, Myanmar is implementing plans for human resources development in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, he said.

He pointed out that educated people are to do their bit with the knowledge and experiences they have gained in nation-building tasks.

He underlined the importance of generation of conditions to maintain and step up the present development with a sense of concept for better future of the nation, taking lessons from the bitter experiences the people encountered from 1948 to 1988 in the process of transforming the nation into a modern, developed

discipline-flourishing democratic one.

The Prime Minister dealt with progress in rebuilding the buildings that were destroyed in the cyclone "Nargis", measures for revival of businesses, construction of cyclone shelters, and the the ongoing road network project. Ayeyawady Division is rich in natural resources, he said, calling for effective exploitation of the natural resources to improve the living

Health Dr Mya Oo reported to the Prime Minister on health care services in rural areas. An engineer of a private company reported on completion of houses in rural areas. After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister attended to the needs.

The Prime Minister and party inspected construction of streets and planting shady trees wind breakers and kitchen booths, library and



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein receives documents related to schools handed over by responsible persons of construction companies.—MNA

standard of local people. He said that Myanmar is a union, each of whose parts is home to various national races, so each and every citizen has to adhere to Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party went to Danichaung Model Village in Kyatshar Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township where Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on reconstruction of houses and schools in the township.

Deputy Minister for

temporary clinic in the village. After visiting the village, the Prime Minister and party flew to the Paper and Pulp Factory (Thabaung) of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries.

At the Paper and Pulp Factory (Thabaung), an official of the factory reported on production and facts about the factory. After hearing reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions.

The Prime Minister and party left the factory for Pathein by helicopter.

MNA

Former UN spokesman Giuliani dies

UNITED NATIONS, 24 June—Francois Giuliani, a former *Reuters* journalist who later served as spokesman for three United Nations secretaries-general, died on Monday aged 70, the world body announced.

Giuliani, who was French, died after a brief illness, UN spokeswoman Michele Montas told a news briefing. UN officials said he was on vacation at the time in the Belgian city of Bruges. Giuliani worked for global news and information agency *Reuters* for 10 years as a correspondent in London and Africa before joining the United Nations in 1971.

In 1976 he was appointed spokesman for then secretary-general Kurt Waldheim of Austria. He performed the same role for Waldheim's successor, Peruvian Javier Perez de Cuellar and — for one year — for Boutros Boutros Ghali of Egypt, who followed Perez de Cuellar.—*MNA/Reuters*



A dog attends the 4th Annual Loews Coronado Bay Resort Surf Dog Competition in Imperial Beach, California.

INTERNET

Malaysian lower house passes DNA Identification Bill

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 June—The Lower House of the Malaysian Parliament has passed DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) Identification Bill 2008, according to local newspapers on Wednesday. The controversial bill, which was heatedly debated when it was tabled in the Parliament last year, was passed with nine revisions.

Under the bill, the posts of Forensic DNA chief, deputy chief and officers and the management of the DNA Data Bank would be tasked with the members of the public who were qualified and experience in DNA science. In the past, police officers were responsible for these jobs in the country.

The bill also allowed the formation of the DNA Data Bank to safe keep and analyze DNA samples and use them for humanitarian purpose. It also empowers the police to take DNA samples from any crime suspects and to make the samples as sources of reference to solve future cases.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Russia defends idea of new security plan for Europe

VIENNA, 24 June—Russia on Tuesday defended its proposal for a new security structure in Europe and said it was not aimed at undercutting the US-led NATO alliance, but rather at banishing division on the continent.

The United States and NATO reacted coolly last year to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's call for a new "security architecture" in Europe, arguing that Cold War-era institutions like NATO cannot defuse tensions in a multipolar world. Many NATO allies appear willing to discuss the proposal but say it cannot work unless Russia gives up what they regard as an old "sphere of influence" approach to security.

"We're not attempting to undermine NATO or any other organization active in the security field," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told a conference at the Vienna-based Organization for

Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

"Quite the contrary, we are in favour of coordination and synergies between existing international structures to ensure that no single government (or) organization in the Euro-Atlantic area work against each other," he said through a translator.

"We're not attempting to force anything on anyone. We're only inviting you to negotiations and talks." OSCE foreign ministers will meet on Corfu, a Greek island, this weekend to weigh this and other European security issues.

Lavrov said the OSCE should be given greater powers to deal with security problems and criticized Western powers for expanding NATO instead. Some Western diplomats say Russia is partly responsible for hampering the consensus-based OSCE, whose permanent Council comprises 56 countries.—*MNA/Reuters*

Russian president in Egypt for Mideast trade talks

CAIRO, 24 June —Russian President Dmitry Medvedev was in Egypt on Tuesday to discuss efforts to revive Middle East peace talks and boost the grain trade and other economic ties with Russia's biggest trading partner in the Arab world.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict will be high on the agenda during the trip that comes less than three weeks after US President Barack Obama visited Cairo to deliver an address aimed at improving Washington's ties with the Muslim world.

"Talks will specifically focus on exchanging views on the Middle East, primarily on the Arab-Israeli peace process," a senior Kremlin official told reporters. Egypt's state-owned *Al-Ahram* newspaper said Medvedev and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak would "discuss efforts to revive the peace process in the Middle East and achieve a lasting peace based on two states".—*MNA/Reuters*



Mexico - A weakening Tropical Storm Andres was heading out to sea on Wednesday after flooding homes and killing at least one person on Mexico's southwestern coast, but forecasters warned the storm could still brush the tip of Baja California.—INTERNET



An Iraqi policeman surveys the damage from a truck bomb that exploded the day before in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk. Residents of the town hit by Iraq's bloodiest attack in 16 months were searched for their loved ones after a massive truck bombing killed 72 people and destroyed dozens of houses.—INTERNET

Harvard cuts 275 jobs, cites drop in endowment

BOSTON, 24 June—Harvard University announced 275 job cuts on Tuesday, the latest cost-cutting measure at the world's richest university after the financial crisis triggered big losses in its multibillion-dollar endowment.

The Ivy League school took the action to meet budget constraints caused by an estimated 30 per cent fall in its endowment for its 2009 fiscal year, ending June 30.

The cuts mostly affect administrative, clerical and technical jobs and will take place this week and next, Marilyn Hausammann, vice president for human resources, said in an e-mail to staff and faculty. Another 40 staff were offered reduced work hours.

While the layoffs affect a fraction of Harvard's 16,000 staff and faculty, they illustrate the recession's toll on America's oldest institute of higher learning and other universities which depend on endowments and donations.

MNA/Reuters

Ecuadorean ruling party wins parliamentary elections

QUITO, 24 June—An Ecuador's ruling party Proud and Sovereign Fatherland (PAIS) won the parliamentary elections held on June 14, authorities said on Tuesday.

The Ecuadorean National Electoral Council (CNE) said on Tuesday that according to the final counting, PAIS got 2,379,538 votes, accounting for 45 per cent of the total, followed by the opposition Patriotic Society Party (PSP) with 712,863 votes or 13.48 per cent.

The Christian Socialist Party won the third place with 616,513 votes or 11.66 per cent of the vote. CNE President Omar Simon said that after finishing the counting, the Council opened a 24-hour period for impugment.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOYNO (171) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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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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A child walks past a bonfire during San Juan night in Paredes, northern Spain early 24 June, 2009. —INTERNET



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**Strong earthquake hits
Papua New Guinea**

HONG KONG, 24 June—A magnitude 6.7 strong earthquake hit the New Ireland region of Papua New Guinea at 10:28 pm (1428 GMT), according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory on Tuesday.

The epicenter was initially determined to be 5.3 degrees south latitude and 153.4 degrees east longitude, about 830 kilometers east-northeast of Port Moresby, capital of Papua New Guinea.

There were no report of casualties or damage.—Internet

Brushing, flossing may preserve memory

MORGANTOWN, 24 June—Brushing teeth and flossing may not only reduce gum disease and stroke but memory loss, US researchers suggest.

In an ongoing study, researchers at West Virginia University in Morgantown gave oral exams, memory tests and, if subjects agreed, a blood test to 270 people age 70 or older in more than a dozen West Virginia counties.

The researchers found about 23 percent of the group suffers from mild to

moderate memory loss. "We're looking for markers in the blood that show inflammation to see if there is a link to memory problems," one study researcher, Dr Richard Crout, said in a statement.

It is not yet understood whether mouth microorganisms create health problems or whether the body's inflammatory response is to blame. Crout said it may be a combination.

However, the connection

between severe dementia and gum disease is already well-known, although clinicians often do not realize gum disease affects memory, Crout said.

"Older people might want to know there's more reason to keep their mouths clean — to brush and floss — than ever," Crout said in a statement. "You'll not only be more likely to keep your teeth, but you'll also reduce your risk of heart attack, stroke and memory loss."

Internet

Mozambique factory to sell HIV drugs by December

MAPUTO, 24 June—A Brazilian-funded factory for producing anti-retroviral drugs, the first in Mozambique, will begin selling the key HIV medication by year's end, officials said on Tuesday.

The project aims to help Mozambique, with one of the world's highest HIV infection rates, increase the availability and affordability of treatment.

"The idea is to reduce the health ministry's costs," said Francisco Luz, an official with the Brazilian embassy, which is providing funding for the factory and technical training for employees.

"The process is already in motion and began with the training of local technicians more than a year ago," said Brazilian ambassador Antonio Sousa e Silva, quoted in Tuesday's

edition of the state-controlled news-paper *Noticias*.

"Specialists from Brazil are already traveling to Mozambique to facilitate training," Sousa e Silva said.

Brazil's own approach to fighting HIV has been cited as a model for the developing world, and the

country famously provides free anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment to every HIV-positive citizen.

The programme sparked controversy when it was announced in 1996 because of concerns about drug resistance and violation of pharmaceutical copyrights.

Internet

Workers pictured outside a South African gold mine in 2005. Nearly 25,000 miners have lost their jobs so far this year, about five percent of the industry's workforce, but the losses have been smaller than feared, the mining minister said on Tuesday.—INTERNET



A Mexican soldier stands next to seized drugs found in a store at the crafts market in Tijuana, Mexico, on 23 June, 2009.

INTERNET

US scientists use flying radar system to study earthquakes

LOS ANGELES, 24 June— Scientists are using a new radar imaging system on the belly of a Gulfstream jet to track California's earthquake faults, it was reported on Tuesday.

Flying over California's complicated network of faults, the system has started collecting some of the most detailed images yet of the Earth's surface shifting and straining with seismic energy, the *Los Angeles Times* said, quoting scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Los Angeles.

"This will show us where the faults are active," said Andrea Donnellan, a JPL geophysicist who is one of the project's principal investigators.

"Where the ground is moving tells us what's going on at depth."

The data from this project could help scientists figure out where the risk of earthquake activity is highest, though the data will never be so specific as to predict a day, location and magnitude of a quake, she said.

"This will help us with the five- to 10-year time horizons," Donnellan said. "We can see hot spot maps and ... figure out where to target our retrofitting."

The device, the Uninhabited Aerial Vehicle Synthetic Aperture Radar (even though it is currently being used on a human-piloted plane), mounted on the plane shoots long-wavelength radar beams at features on

the ground and measures the reflections.

Based at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, the plane flies about 45,000 feet above the ground along GPS-guided trajectories.

The project will map faults across about 70 percent of California, including a wide swath of Southern California, said the project's chief scientist, Scott Hensley.

Internet



Boats are seen moored as hurricane Andres arrives in the Pacific resort city of Manzanillo, Mexico on 23 June, 2009. Andres strengthened into the Pacific season's first hurricane as it flooded homes, toppled trees and killed at least one person on its way up Mexico's southwestern coast.—INTERNET

Rat poison kills toddler in China kindergarten, 20 others hospitalized

NANNING, 24 June — One child died and 20 others were hospitalized after they were sickened by a highly toxic rat poison in a south China village

nursery school, an official said Wednesday.

Among seven serious cases, three were in intensive care and four others had been out of critical condition at the Guigang People's Hospital, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, said Qin Mingda, a Guigang City official.

The poisoning occurred at around 3:40 pm Monday in the Wenda Kindergarten in Huangshi Village in the Gangnan district of Guigang, said Ge Xianmin, head of the poisoning emergency treatment centre of Guangxi.

Twenty-one babies aged two to five, were sickened by a rodenticide named "Dushuqiang" in Chinese, which is widely used in the country's rural areas to get rid of rats, Ge said.

Internet

Macao reports 3 more A/H1N1 confirmed cases, raising alert level

MACAO, 24 June — As three more cases of influenza A/H1N1 were confirmed here on Tuesday, bringing the total number of Macao's confirmed cases to eight, the Special Administrative Region's (SAR) Coordination Center of Influenza raised the pandemic alert level to phase six.

The newly confirmed cases, two of which were imported, concern a 39-year-old Philippine woman, an 18-year-old male local resident, and a 13-year-old Indonesian, according to the SAR's Health Bureau (SSM).—Internet

Vietnam confirms 4 more A/H1N1 flu cases

HANOI, 24 June — Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed four more A/H1N1 flu cases in the country, raising total number of flu patients to 56, local newspaper *The People* reported Wednesday. Among the four newly-detected cases, one patient is a 33-year-old man coming back from Thailand on the flight TG686 on Saturday. He is the husband of a 24-year-old patient confirmed positive to the A/H1N1 virus previously, said the newspaper.

Internet

Latin America reports four more deaths, 1,868 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

MEXICO CITY, 24 June — Four more deaths and 1,868 new cases of the A/H1N1 influenza were confirmed in Latin America on Tuesday.

Mexico's Health Ministry reported on Tuesday three new deaths from the A/H1N1 flu and 655 new cases since the last report on Thursday, raising the total cases in the country to 8,279 with 116 deaths.

Internet

215 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 24 June — A total of 215 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said on Tuesday. Most of the new cases, 132 of 215, were confirmed in Britain, and the other new cases were reported respectively from other 15 European countries, the ECDC said in its daily situation report.

Internet

15 rare Sumatran elephants killed

JAKARTA, 24 June — At least 15 endangered Sumatran elephants have been shot or poisoned to death with cyanide-laced fruit this year, marking a sharp rise in the rate of killing from 2008, a government conservationist said Wednesday. The giant mammals were mostly killed by poachers for their ivory, said Tony Suhartono, the director of biodiversity conservation at the Forest Ministry.

The number killed in the past six months is equal to the total for the whole of 2008, he said. "It is shocking," said Syamsidar, a campaigner with the World Wildlife Fund in the western island of Sumatra.

The killing is the result of a "conflict between humans and elephants," said Syamsidar, who like many Indonesians goes by a single name. "The forest is in critical condition due to the illegal logging, slash-and-burn farming practices and plantations."



In this Wednesday, 1 March, 2006 file photo, five wild elephants lie on the jungle floor after they were found poisoned to death near Mahato village, about 300 kilometres (180 miles) north of Pekanbaru, the capital of Riau Province.—INTERNET

Indonesia's endangered elephants, tigers, rhinos and orangutans are increasingly threatened by their shrinking habitat in the jungle, which is commonly cleared for commercial farming or felled for lumber. Only 3,000 Sumatran elephants are believed to remain in the wild.—Internet



A factory worker assembles Prius hybrid vehicles along the assembly line at Toyota Motors' Tsutsumi factory in Toyota, Aichi prefecture. Japan announced its biggest monthly trade surplus in a year, supporting hopes that the world's second largest economy is slowly recovering from its worst recession on record. Exports exceeded imports for a fourth straight month.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Malouda rewarded with new contract



Chelsea's French international midfielder Florent Malouda

LONDON, 24 June—Chelsea's French international midfielder Florent Malouda signed on Tuesday a four-year contract extension with the FA Cup winners.

The 29-year-old, who had two years remaining on his current contract, had been linked with a move to Italian Serie A giants AC Milan despite a generally hugely disappointing spell at Chelsea since joining for 13.5million pounds from French champions Lyon in 2007.

"I am staying. I have four years left on my contract," commented Malouda, whose performances improved once Guus Hiddink replaced Luis Felipe Scolari at the club earlier this year.

"Every time the transfer window opens there are rumours and I hope in this one people will know what happened," added Malouda, who was part of the France team that reached the 2006 World Cup final.

Internet

Murray confident he can live with Wimbledon mania

LONDON, 24 June—Andy Murray knows that every step he takes towards next week's Wimbledon final will send expectations among Britain's success-starved tennis fans soaring.

But the Scot insists he will not allow that to become a distraction as he chases his goal of becoming the first Briton since Fred Perry in 1936 to win the men's singles title at the All England



Andy Murray

Club. The cool way that Murray negotiated a testing first-round match against American Robert Kendrick offered encouragement for his fans, but he is adamant that his thoughts have not drifted beyond Thursday's second round meeting with big-hitting Latvian Ernests Gulbis.

"To get to the final I will have to play great tennis. I've got to win five more matches and they are going to get tougher every round," he said. "I know what I need to do but I'm not going to start worrying about getting to the final yet. Gulbis has caused some big upsets and he is a huge hitter. I need to be on my best game to beat him."—Internet

Messi tops Ronaldo as world star

MADRID, 24 June—Cristiano Ronaldo may be the world's most expensive footballer, but Barcelona star Lionel Messi outshines him in terms of media value, at least according to a team of Spanish researchers.

The team from the University of Navarra said the Argentine had ousted the Portuguese striker as the player with the highest profile last season.

However, Ronaldo remains the most expensive player, with the researchers valuing him at 82 million euros, less than the world record 93 million Real Madrid paid Manchester United for him this month.

Messi was next at 80



Barcelona star Lionel Messi

million, followed by Liverpool's Spanish striker Fernando Torres at 67 million. The study cited Barcelona's European Champions League victory, and Messi's goal in the final, for his leap to number one in the media rankings over last year's winner Ronaldo.—Internet

Zola waves his magic wand to capture Chilean 'Wizard'



Italian champions' Inter Milan's Chilean international striker Luis Jimenez

LONDON, 24 June—Italian champions' Inter Milan's Chilean international striker Luis Jimenez was snapped up on loan by English Premier League side West Ham on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old - known as the Wizard and capped 20 times - is the first signing for the Hammers Italian manager Gianfranco Zola this summer.

Jimenez - who hasn't represented Chile for over a year - joins on a season-long loan with a view to a possible permanent move.

"I can't promise anything but I am going to do everything possible to do a good job for the club," Jimenez told West Ham's website.

Jimenez made his name in Italy at Serie B side Ternana, where he scored 25 goals in 88 league appearances between 2002 and 2007.

Short spells at Fiorentina and Lazio followed before Inter Milan opted to buy him on a permanent basis after a promising loan spell in 2008.

Internet

Venus, Safina, Murray through at Wimbledon

LONDON, 24 June—Defending champion Venus Williams and top seed Dinara Safina have made the Wimbledon last 64 while Andy Murray's dream of becoming the first home men's winner in 73 years also had a winning start.

Williams, the five-time champion, beat Switzerland's Stefanie Voegele 6-3, 6-2 in a sun-kissed Centre Court workout.

The American had her serve broken twice and had to spend an hour and 18 minutes on court against the 19-year-old, world 97.

Russian top seed Safina, who has never got beyond the third round, reached the last 64 with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Spain's Lourdes Dominguez Lino and next plays Paraguay's Rossana de los Rios.

Safina, the beaten finalist in Australia and at Roland Garros this year, shrugged off a knee injury on Court One.—Internet



World number one Dinara Safina, seen here in May 2009, admits she needs to free herself of her fear of losing if she is to finally clinch an elusive Grand Slam title.—INTERNET

Chelsea snap up teenage striker from Premier League rivals

LONDON, 24 June—Promising English Under-20 international striker Daniel Sturridge is to sign for Chelsea from their English Premier League rivals Manchester City it was announced on Tuesday.

The 19-year-old's present contract at City was due to terminate at the end of June and he has turned down the offer of a new one from the bigspending club.

The ultimate transfer fee for him will be decided by a tribunal with the two clubs unable to agree on a deal.

Chelsea have to pay a transfer fee as Sturridge is under-24 and as a result cannot move for nothing under the

Bosman ruling.

Manchester City manager Mark Hughes had been earnest in his efforts to keep Sturridge but was reluctant to agree to his wage demands.—Internet



English Under-20 international striker Daniel Sturridge

Roddick aiming to fly in under the radar

LONDON, 24 June—Andy Roddick admits he is happy to let Roger Federer and Andy Murray hog the Wimbledon limelight as he seeks to take advantage of Rafael Nadal's absence from the All England Club.

With world number one Nadal having withdrawn from Roddick's quarter of the draw, the former runner-up looks well-placed to mount a threat to the pre-tournament favourites.

And, after coming through his first round tie with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 6-3 win over France's Jeremy Chardy, Roddick said he had no problem with the men's singles being portrayed as a straight Murray-Federer battle.

"I don't care who you guys are writing about," he said. "You know, predicting two weeks from now, that's not how we go about our tournaments.

"As players, our job is to try to get through each round. As far as who's talking about what, I don't really care. I just want to go out and win matches."

Internet



US Andy Roddick returns a backhand to France's Jeremy Chardy during their first round match of the 2009 Wimbledon tennis championships at the All England Club. Roddick won 6-3, 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 6-3.—INTERNET



Actress Rosario Dawson waves at the premiere of the movie "Public Enemies" at the Mann Village theatre in Westwood, California on 23 June, 2009. The movie opens in the US on 1 July.—INTERNET

Canadian PM, Chinese FM vow to develop bilateral ties

OTTAWA, 24 June—China and Canada attach great importance to developing bilateral relationship and are committed to further promoting this relationship to its full potential, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said here on Tuesday.

At a meeting on Ottawa's Parliament Hill, Harper welcomed Yang's visit to Canada. Yang conveyed to Harper the regards from Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao. Harper expressed his appreciation for this and asked Yang to convey his regards to the Chinese President and Premier.

Yang said that China and Canada should not miss an important opportunity to push their relations further forward at this time when the global financial crisis continues to spread and deepen.

Both countries, which share a broad range of common interests and have a strong foundation for cooperation, are more obliged than ever to strengthen their cooperation, so as to contribute to the early recovery of world economy and effectively cope with various global challenges and outstanding regional issues, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (25-6-2009) (Thursday)

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

Local Transmission

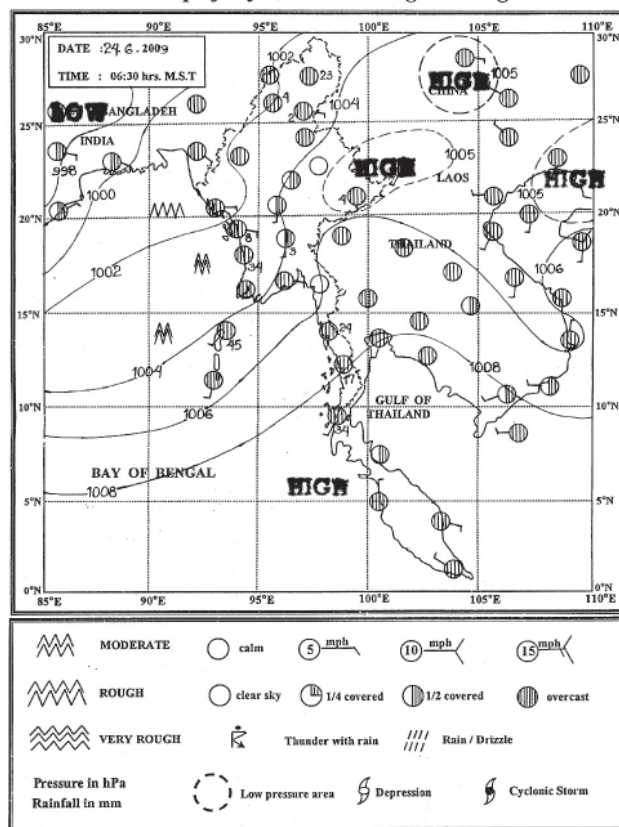
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Myeik, a Town in the Southern part of Myanmar
- * Achieve New Success in China-Myanmar Relations
- * Music Up... Close "Would Being Cold end well"
- * Nay Pyi Taw International Airport to emerge soon
- * Valuable Myanmar Native Orchids
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Central Glass Pavilion
- * A Leisure Day in Ngapali
- * A Picturesque resort Among Shan Mountain Ranges
- * Music Up... Close "Heavily Rained in the past"
- * Let's grow High- yielding Varieties for Surplus in Rice
- * Taking an Oath for life
- * Let's go to the zoo (Part I)
- * Rakhine Traditional Festival
- * Myanma Traditional Tamarind Juice
- * Myeik, a Town in the Southern part of Myanmar
- * Exquisite Silver Jewellery
- * Preservation and Reproduction Sea Turtle
- * Nay Pyi Taw International Airport to emerge soon
- * Valuable Myanmar Native Orchids
- * Ngwe Hsaung Welcomes You
- * Export Prawn
- * Let's go to the zoo (Part II)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv.3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 24 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine States and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyeikkhame (3.11) inches, Mawlamyine (2.36) inches, Pyapon (1.85) inches and Coco Island (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-6-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 24-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-6-2009 was 93%. Total sun shine hours on 23-6-2009 was (2.8) hour approx.

Rainfall on 24-6-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, Nil at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (32.91) inches at Mingaladon, (38.58) inches at Kaba-Aye and (44.61) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 23-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States, Bago and Ayeyawady Division, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-6-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday, 25 June
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:05 am**
6. Dance Variety
- 8:15 am**
7. “အိုးပိုင် အိမ်ပိုင်”
(ငှက်ပျော်ကြော်၊ အောင်လွင်၊ ရန်ပိုင်စိုး၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ဇော်)
- 8:30 am**
8. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 8:40 am**
9. International News
- 8:45 am**
10. Musical Programme
- 4:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Song of Natinal Races
- 4:20 pm**
3. Cute Little Dancers

- 4:30 pm**
4. “ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါးတို့မစား”
- 4:40 pm**
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာတတ်ယနစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာ၊ အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားရေးအထူးပြုများ) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)
- 5:00 pm**
6. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**
7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:10 pm**
8. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 5:20 pm**
9. တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်
- 5:25 pm**
10. “ထူးချွန်အားထား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ” (အပိုင်း-၂)

- 5:40 pm**
11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:00 pm**
12. Evening News
- 6:30 pm**
13. Weather Report
- 6:35 pm**
14. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ “သီချင်းဟန်နည်း”
- 6:50 pm**
15. ထူးဆန်းတွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း
- 7:10 pm**
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
- 8:10 pm**
18. International News
- 8:20 pm**
19. Weather Report
- 8:30 pm**
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၃၄)



Pathein Bridge, a drive for ensuring better transport in Delta of Ayeyawady Division

Article: Kyaw Zeya Myint; Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

Nowadays, the government is implementing development projects for ensuring equitable development of all States and Divisions. In doing so, it has been building roads and bridges as networks throughout the country with a view to accelerating development momentum of all the regions of States and Divisions and narrowing economic and social gaps among the regions.

Ayeyawady Division is teeming with rivers, creeks and lakes. Being a delta region, local people of the division relied mainly on water way for their

travelling in the past. These days, the government has constructed motor roads and bridges across rivers one after another in the division. As a result, the travellers can save their precious time by using inland roads.

Pathein Bridge in Pathein Township of Ayeyawady Division, opened in 22 November 2004, was the 176th facility of its kind among the 180-foot-long and above bridges built after 1988. Likewise, it was the 40th bridge in Ayeyawady Division. Thanks to construction of Pathein Bridge, local people in Pathein and Thabaung townships are enjoying the fruits of

health, economic and education sectors.

Moreover, all the national people from various regions of the country have easy access to Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung Beach Resorts in Ayeyawady Division in a short time. Marine products, agricultural produce and forest resources from Pathein can be transported to all the regions of the country in a short time. Indeed, Pathein Bridge contributes much towards smooth and speedy flow of commodities in the country.

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Pathein Bridge inaugurated on 22 November 2004 lies over Ngawun River in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Division.

Need something? Talk to right ear

ROME, 24 June — We humans prefer to be addressed in our right ear and are more likely to perform a task when we receive the request in our right ear rather than our left. In a series of three studies,

looking at ear preference in communication between humans, Dr. Luca Tommasi and Daniele Marzoli from the University “Gabriele d’Annunzio” in Chieti, Italy, show that a natural side bias, depending on



We humans prefer to be addressed in our right ear.—INTERNET

hemispheric asymmetry in the brain, manifests itself in everyday human behavior.

One of the best known asymmetries in humans is the right ear dominance for listening to verbal stimuli, which is believed to reflect the brain’s left hemisphere superiority for processing verbal information. However, until now, the majority of studies looking at ear preference in human communication have been controlled laboratory studies and there is very little published observational evidence of spontaneous ear dominance in everyday human behavior.

Internet

White sharks’ hunting skills as refined as Jack the Ripper’s

LONDON, 24 June — What do great white sharks have in common with serial killers? Refined hunting skills, according to a paper recently published in the Zoological Society of London’s *Journal of Zoology*. Researchers have found that sharks hunt in a highly focused fashion, just like serial criminals.

Predation is one of the most fundamental and fascinating interactions in nature, and sharks are some of the fiercest predators on Earth.

However, their hunting pattern is difficult to study because it is rarely observed in the wild. As a

result, shark predatory behavior has remained much of a mystery.

Now, researchers from the United States and Canada are using geo-

graphic profiling — a criminal investigation tool used to track a connected series of crimes and locate where serial criminals live — to examine the hunting patterns of white sharks in South Africa.

Internet



Spatial patterns of shark predation were not random and that smaller sharks had more dispersed prey search patterns and lower kill success rates than larger sharks.—INTERNET

