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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Work with consideration to be efficient and dependable govt. staff Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo makes inspection tour of Ayeyawady Region



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects progress in construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) in Ayeyawady Region.—MNA

YANGON, 19 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo made inspection tour of Ayeyawady Region yesterday. In Bogale, he met departmental officials, townselders and local people, and inspected the construction of Bogale River-crossing bridge and Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) project sites.

Accompanied by Union Ministers, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, deputy ministers and departmental heads, the Vice-President in a motorcade inspected expansion of Hlinethaya-Kawhmu-Kungyangon Road at 6:30 am.

Afterwards, the Vice-President and entourage viewed transport infrastructure along Dedaye Bridge, Pyapon Bridge and Dedaye-Pyapon-Bogale Road, and arrived at Bogale Township People's Hospital (100-bed) opened on 13 January 2011 where Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and officials reported on healthcare services following opening of the hospital.

The Vice-President looked around vaccination storeroom, medicine storeroom and the hospital, and comforted the patients.

The Vice-President and party viewed development of Bogale. They later

visited 50-bed Township People's Hospital to study public health workers course jointly conducted by Township Health Department and IOM.

A total of 39 trainees who are interested in healthcare service from the villages of Bogale Township are now attending the one-month course that started on 16 June.

The Vice-President greeted the trainees and instructed officials to coordinate with matriculated students to attend the nursing course if they wish to.

Next, the Vice-President oversaw arrangements for construction of new school building of Sankyaungpaing Basic Education Primary School in Myoma-4 Ward, Bogale Township. There, he stressed the need to construct more school buildings according to fresh students resulting from growing number of population. He pointed out that land areas of common schools are small and limited to extension. So, it is needed to coordinate with townselders and officials concerned to have enough land area for extension of school buildings and playground to be attached if necessary.

On arrival at Town Hall of Bogale at 10.15 am, the Vice-President in meeting with Region Ministers, departmental officials, senior citizens, social organization (See page 8)



PERSPECTIVES

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Success in sport: a source of national pride

Sporting achievement in international sports games can put the homeland on the map. Now, selected Myanmar athletes are training hard for the XXVI SEA Games that runs in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 11 to 22 November.

The ceremony to present cash donations for ensuring greater success in the XXVI SEA Games and XXVII SEA Games took place at the Ministry of Sports in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 June.

In his speech, Patron of the Leading Committee for Hosting the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that at a time when the entire people are showing wholehearted encouragement and support for improving the sports standard of the nation, on the shoulders of Myanmar sports contingents is a national duty of representing the mother country in international sports games and trying their utmost to win every game they participate in.

Today, Myanmar is trying its best for greater success in all sectors with the aim of keeping abreast of the international community. So, athletes have to nurture and pursue the goal of bringing credit to the country.

All selected Myanmar athletes are therefore urged to compete with sporting spirit and try to win in international sports games in order that the Myanmar sports standard will meet the international level.

World Population Day essay competitions held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—The Ministry of Immigration and Population and UNFPA jointly organized essay competitions at basic education level to mark the 2011 World Population Day at Nay Pyi Taw No. 3 Basic Education High School (Ywadow) and at the university level at Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus today.

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Acting Director-General of Population Department U Aung Chit and officials visited the venues where essay contests were held.

The essay contest was entitled “The World at 7 Billion”.

A total of 160 students of University for Veterinary Science and University of Agriculture and 406 students of basic education schools from Pynmana, Lewe and Tatkon Township participated in the contest.

Similar contests were held in Regions and States.—MNA

People's Voice

- * 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

Immigration staff to abide by rules, regulations



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi delivers an address in meeting with staff at Immigration and National Registration Department in Taunggyi of Shan State.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, together with Shan State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu and Director-General of the Immigration and National Registration Department U Maung Maung Than, held a meeting with heads and staff of Shan State, district and township level departments at the office of the head of Shan State Immigration and National Registration Department in Taunggyi on 17 June.

In his speech, the Union minister said that the ministry has to expedite the process of issuing citizenship scrutiny cards to all citizens who have qualifications for citizenship. He called for respecting rules and regulations and cooperating with related departments

in shouldering duties.

He met with officials from related departments and heads of Shan State, district and township Immigration and National Registration Departments and dealt with programmes for speedily issuing citizenship scrutiny cards to all those born of parents of national races.

He inspected the office of the head of Taunggyi Township Immigration and National Registration Department and staff quarters.

In the evening, he had a meeting with Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and ministers and touched upon the programmes and needs of relevant staff to work together to achieve the objective.

MNA

Progress of development tasks in Sittway, Yathedaung Townships inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin of Rakhine State on 13 June morning met education staff at the office of State Education Officer.

He viewed the students with basic education textbooks provided by the State at the basic education schools in villages in Sittway Township.

On 14 June, he met local people at Yathedaung Township General Administration Department and comforted patients at the township people's hospital.

At the office of the headmaster of Yathedaung BEHS, he



Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin inspects Yathedaung Township People's Hospital.—MNA

met education staff. Then, he inspected offices of Myanmar Agriculture Service and Township

Power Station.

On 16 June, the Chief Minister attended the ASEAN Dengue Day

and World Anti-Malaria Day 2011 at U Ottama Hall in Sittway.

MNA

Firefighters battle two blazes in Arizona

DUDLEYVILLE, (Ariz), 19 June—As firefighters in eastern Arizona gain ground against the largest wildfire in state history, a smaller blaze near the Mexican border is bearing down on a city of 70,000 people and winds are expected to increase on Sunday.

The Monument Fire, near the Army's Ft Huachuca about 8 miles south of Sierra Vista, has destroyed 47 homes and

burned more than 20,000 acres.

"About 6,900 people were evacuated by late Saturday after-noon but the number could go up significantly if the fire approaches the city," said Bill Paxton, a spokesman for the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team.

Hundreds of homes have been evacuated in parts of Sierra Vista and

on both sides of the state Route 92 corridor in Cochise County.

A few city residents were briefly evacuated Friday when a fire unrelated to the Monument blaze ignited on Ft Huachuca.

That 1,000-acre fire is 100 percent contained and residents were allowed to return to their homes late on Friday evening, Paxton said.

Reuters



A truck sprays fire retardant on the side of Highway 180 on the eastern edge of the Wallow Wildfire outside Alpine, Arizona near the state border west of the town of Luna, New Mexico on 14 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Death toll in S Philippines floods reaches 10



A Filipino man holds his umbrella as it is blown by strong winds in Manila, Philippines on 19 June, 2011.—INTERNET

MANILA, 19 June—The death toll in southern Philippine flashfloods caused by heavy rains over the past few days reached 10, the country's disaster reduction organ said Saturday.

Meanwhile, the number of displaced families in the region

reached 129,000 families, a report from the Philippine National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said. Floodwaters will submerge the entire city of Cotabato if authorities fail to remove tons of water lilies that occupied Rio Grande de Mindanao, the second largest river system in the Philippines. They are clogging the river which runs through several provinces in the region, said Prudencio Asto, spokesman for the military's 6th Division.

"We have 600-800 soldiers right now here at the Delta Bridge trying to remove the water lilies. We are using speedboats from the Philippine Marines and five airboats provided by Australian government," Asto said. "Of the 20 hectares of water lilies, we already remove 30 percent," Asto added.

Xinhua

More than five million affected by China flooding

BEIJING, 19 June—More than 5 million people have been displaced or otherwise affected by flooding in eastern China that is also pushing up food prices, state media reported Sunday.

Torrential rains have left huge areas of Hubei and Zhejiang provinces under water, with more than 1 million acres (432,200 hectares) of farmland inundated, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Almost 1,000 businesses have been forced to suspend

operations and 5.7 million people have had their lives disrupted, Xinhua said in a brief report. More than 7,000 homes collapsed or were otherwise damaged and direct financial damage was estimated at almost 6 billion yuan (\$930

million). The downpour triggered a mudslide that buried houses and killed two people in Zhejiang's Changshan county, while two more were killed and two left missing by flooding in Hubei, Xinhua said.

Xinhua



Two men on a motorcycle are stuck in floodwaters in Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province on 18 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Suicide bombers kills 12 in Kabul, Taliban claim responsibility

KABUL, 19 June—Three suicide attackers dressed in Afghan military uniform targeted a police station in the fortified Afghan capital Kabul on Saturday leaving 12 people including the attackers dead and wounding 12 others.

"In the attack happened against a police station this afternoon, four policemen, five civilians and all the three suicide bombers were killed," Afghan Interior Ministry confirmed in a statement released here.

The bloody attack took place at 01:45 pm local time and was controlled after around two hour gun battle when all the three attackers were killed, a police spokesman Hashmat Stanikzai said.

"Three suicide bombers masked in military uniform raided a police station at 01:45 pm local time. One of the attackers blew himself up at the gate of the police station enabling two others to enter the station," Stanikzai told Xinhua.

The police station is located in a crowded market in downtown Kabul close to the Defence Ministry and Presidential Palace.

Majority of those received injuries in the blast and gun battles are civilians, police said.

Xinhua

Eight NATO troopers killed in one day in Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 June—NATO forces say an international service member has been killed in an militant attack in Afghanistan, making it the eighth person killed in one day. NATO had previously reported three other service members died in fighting on Saturday. And the coalition said another four were killed in a

vehicle accident.

NATO did not provide details on the incidents or the nationality of the dead, in keeping with a policy of waiting for national authorities to released such information. The latest death brings the total to 38 NATO service members killed so far this month, and 244 for the year.—Internet



A Pakistan police officer gestures towards the media from the site of suicide bombing in Islamabad.—INTERNET

25 militants killed in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 June—At least 25 militants were killed in an operation launched by the Pakistani armed forces in the country's northwest tribal area of Mohmand Agency along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, said a statement released by Pakistan Army on Sunday. According to the statement, four soldiers were also killed and eight others injured in the two-day operation jointly launched by Pakistan Army, border force "Frontier Corps", police and Pakistan Air Force on Saturday.

"Presently troops are consolidating their positions in the area and search operation for remnants is in progress. The operation also had full support of people of Mohmand Agency, who expressed great satisfaction and happiness on this successful operation and reiterated their resolve to keep supporting Security Forces in their effort to defeat terrorists in the area," said the statement.

According to Pakistani officials, militants have carried out at least four incursions into the Pakistani territories from Afghan soil in less than a month and nearly 40 Pakistani security personnel and civilians have been killed in these attacks.—MNA/Xinhua



Science

European space freighter poised for suicide plunge

PARIS, 19 June—A European freighter will be destroyed by atmospheric burn-up next week after completing its supply mission to mankind's orbital outpost, the *European Space Agency (ESA)* said on Friday.

The Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) will gently separate from the *International Space Station (ISS)* at 1451

GMT on Monday and on Tuesday fire its engines to descend from orbit over the Pacific.

"Hitting the upper atmosphere, (the) ATV will tumble, disintegrate and burn, and any remains will strike the ocean at around 2050 GMT," ESA said in a press release.

The unmanned craft, the Johannes Kepler, is

the second in five innovative vehicles that are ESA's scheduled contribution to the US-led ISS.

The supply ships, launched by *Ariane 5* rocket from Kourou, French Guiana, are designed to find their own way to the ISS and dock with it automatically, providing up to 6.6 tonnes of food, water, oxygen, experiments and other essentials.

After being emptied of their cargo, the ATVs use their onboard thrusters to boost the ISS, which are dragged by atmospheric molecules in low orbit.

This operation had to be carried out several times during the Johannes Kepler's mission, which coincided with the visit of two US shuttles, Japan's HTV cargo carrier and two Russian spacecraft.

Internet



This NASA image released on 7 June of the *International Space Station and the docked space shuttle Endeavour, flying at an altitude of approximately 220 miles, is the first-ever image of a space shuttle docked to the International Space Station.*—INTERNET



'This artist's concept shows two scientists examining rock formations on the Red Planet. Many scientists say sedimentary deposits evident in Mars Global Surveyor images could contain fossils visible under ordinary magnification — all the more reason to send exobiologists and geologists there.'

INTERNET

Illinois scientist wins MIT inventor's prize

BOSTON, 19 June—A University of Illinois professor whose research has found applications from cardiology to solar power to sportswear on Tuesday won the prestigious Lemelson-MIT Prize for outstanding inventor.

John Rogers, 43, professor of materials science and engineering, won the award, given annually by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Lemelson Foundation, and its \$500,000 prize for his work across a number of fields.

"The laws of nature aren't simply a set of parameters that constrain the behaviour of the natural world but a

set of tools that allow you to predict the future and engineer the world for favorable outcomes," he said.

Rogers in 2008 co-founded mc10 Inc, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which confronts the challenge of using traditional silicon wafer-based electronics for surgical procedures.

The devices, typically rigid and flat, cannot match the soft contours of the human body. Rogers devised a way to create systems with tissue-like characteristics that are now used in cardiology and neurology to, for example, map vital organs.

Reuters



Technology

New Apple iPad 2 Ad: 'Now, There's This'

NEW YORK, 19 June—Apple has debuted a new ad for its popular iPad 2, touting things that Cupertino said wasn't possible before its tablet.

The ad, titled "Now," highlights the versatile nature of iPad apps. "Now, you can watch a newspaper," a voiceover says, zooming in on someone flipping through the *Wall Street Journal* app. "Now you can listen to a magazine," the voice says, switching to an interactive "Fantastic Mr Fox" feature from Spin magazine.

The ad also flashes to someone watching "The King's Speech," video chatting via FaceTime, and taking an online class. "Hold an entire bookstore [via iBooks] and touch the stars," the ad concludes, flashing to an astronomy app, "because now, there's this."

This, of course, is the iPad 2, and the commercial ends with a shot of the updated tablet sitting on a table, presumably waiting for you to dole out hundreds of dollars for the pleasure of its company.

The "Now" ad comes about a month after the last commercial, which discussed the iPad 2's various uses and how its fans perceive it.

"If you ask a parent, they might call it intuitive," a voice said, flashing to a Smart Cover-enhanced iPad 2 displaying photos from a family trip to Yosemite. "If you ask a musician, they might call it inspiring," it continued, showing the iPad 2 in a music studio utilizing GarageBand.

Internet



A brain implant developed at the University of Michigan uses the body's skin like a conductor to wirelessly transmit the brain's neural signals to control a computer, and may eventually be used to reactivate paralyzed limbs.

INTERNET

Smartphone data use skyrockets

WASHINGTON, 19 June—Not surprisingly, smartphone users are gobbling up more and more data than ever before, up to 89 percent more than last year, according to Friday data from Nielsen.

In the last 12 months, the average smartphone user's monthly data consumption has jumped from 230MB in the first quarter of 2010 to 435MB in the first quarter of 2011, Nielsen found.

Among the top 10 percent of data users, that number has jumped 109 percent, while the top 1 percent of data hogs are eating up 155 percent more data than a year ago, from 1.8GB to 4.6GB.

Driving this growth are "app friendly" mobile operating systems like those from Google and Apple. Consumers with iPhones or Android-based devices consume the most data—582MBs per month on Android and 492MB per month for the iPhone.

Consumers using phones on Microsoft's new Windows Phone 7 platform, meanwhile, are also data hungry. They have doubled their data usage

over the past two quarters, likely due to the growing number of apps available in the Windows Phone Marketplace. In news that's good for your bank account, prices have not increased with data consumption, Nielsen said. "The amount the average smartphone user pays per unit of data has dropped by nearly 50 percent in the last year, from 14 cents per megabyte (MB) to a mere 8 cents," the company said in a blog post.

The data is not entirely shocking. With more and more smartphones flooding the market, consumers have been ditching feature phones for data-intensive smartphones and tablets at an ever-increasing rate. In a recent report, IDC predicted Android will continue its climb toward mobile operating system dominance, capturing about 40 percent of the market in the second half of 2011. More surprising, however, is the projection that Windows Phone 7 will capture the number-two spot, as well as 20 percent market share, by 2015.—Internet



Health

Poor education deadly as a heart attack

NEW YORK, 19 June—Poverty, lack of education and poor social support contribute to as many US deaths as heart attacks, strokes and lung cancer, researchers say.

Dr Sandro Galea of the Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health in New York and colleagues estimated the number of US deaths attributable to social factors using a systematic review of the available literature combined with statistics data.

The researchers calculated for the relative risks of mortality from social factors of education, poverty, health insurance status, employment status and job stress, social support, racism or discrimination, housing conditions and early childhood stressors, the researchers obtained prevalence estimates for

each social factor using US Census Bureau data.

The researchers found that about 245,000 US deaths in the United States in 2000 were attributable to low levels of education, 176,000 to racial segregation, 162,000 to low social support, 133,000 to individual-level poverty, 119,000 to income inequality and 39,000 to area-level poverty. Overall, 4.5 percent of US deaths were



An Iranian woman is seen at an exhibition marking World AIDS Day in Teheran, in 2008. Data is scarce about the prevalence of AIDS in the Islamic republic, but according to UNAIDS there were 5,000-10,000 infections in 2009 and about nine percent of people with advanced HIV infection were being treated with antiretroviral drugs.—INTERNET

found to be attributable to poverty, but the risks associated with both poverty and low education were higher for individuals age 25-64 than for those 65 or older with qualified for Social Security and Medicare.

"The number of

deaths the researchers calculated as attributable to low education — 245,000 — is comparable to the number caused by heart attacks — 192,898 — which was the leading cause of US deaths in 2000," Galea said in a statement.—Internet

Health Tip: Make sure your child's shoes fit

Your little one is growing faster than you expected, and his or her feet are no exception.

As children's shoe buying becomes a frequent ritual, the American Podiatric Medical Association offers this advice:

- * Make sure the shoes have firm heel support, a flexible sole where the feet bend, cushioning in the insoles, and good arch support.
- * Size the feet when the child is standing and bearing weight on the feet.
- * Allow for a thumb's width between the tip of the toes and the end of the shoe — enough so the child can comfortably wiggle the toes.
- * Ask the child to walk around in the shoes (make sure socks are on, too). Ask about fit and comfort, and check to see if the feet are irritated afterward.
- * Make sure the shoes don't slip off at the heel.
- * Measure both feet, and buy shoes in the size that fit the larger foot.

Internet

Internet

Hospitals overuse double CT scans — report

WASHINGTON, 19 June—Hundreds of hospitals are routinely using double CT scans, overexposing patients to radiation in a procedure that should be used rarely, medical experts say.

A double CT scan involves back-to-back scans, one without dye and then one with dye injected into the veins. Nearly one in six hospitals in Virginia perform the procedure remarkably often, driving up costs and subjecting patients to double doses of radiation, *The Washington Post* reported Saturday in a review of government Medicare data from 2008.

"Just making the information public is a fairly strong incentive" for hospitals to examine the rates at which the procedures are prescribed, Dr Michael Rapp, director of quality measurement at the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, told *the Post*.

Internet



Business



Three major Japanese engineering firms, IHI Corp, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, and Kawasaki Heavy Industries will help develop a new engine for Airbus, a report said on Sunday.
INTERNET

Spain's Repsol in joint venture with Alliance Oil

MADRID, 19 June—Spain's Repsol YPF is forming a joint venture with the Moscow-based Alliance Oil Company Ltd to seek growth opportunities in Russia, the Spanish energy company said Saturday.

Repsol said in a statement that Alliance Oil will hold 51 percent in the joint venture and contribute production assets in the Volga-Urals region, while Repsol will own the remaining stake by making a cash investment.

home to some of the largest hydrocarbon resources in the world," said Repsol executive chairman, Antonio Brufau.

The joint venture expands Repsol interest in Russia, where already owns a 3.47 percent stake in Alliance Oil after a 2008 merger between Alliance Oil and West Siberian Resources, the statement said.

Internet

Japanese firms to join Airbus engine project

TOKYO, 19 June—Three major Japanese engineering firms, IHI Corp, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, and Kawasaki Heavy Industries will help develop a new engine for Airbus, a report said Sunday.

The trio will bring their expertise in carbon fibre technology to produce the world's first commercial aircraft with an engine made from the strong and lightweight material, *the Nikkei* newspaper said.

The Japanese firms will join an international team led by Pratt & Whitney of the US and MTU Aero Engines of Germany, tasked with developing the engine for the European aircraft manufacturer.

The engine will be for the *Airbus A320neo* passenger aircraft, scheduled to go into commercial operation from 2016.

Aircraft engines are typically made of titanium. It is believed that the use of carbon fibre, which is lighter, will enhance fuel efficiency by roughly 10 percent, *the Nikkei* said.—Internet

PNC expected to buy RBC unit

NEW YORK, 19 June—PNC Financial Services Group Inc (PNC.N) is expected to buy Royal Bank of Canada's (RY.TO) US retail bank operations, a source briefed on the situation said on Saturday.

Pittsburgh-based PNC Financial and Winston-Salem, North Carolina-based BB&T Corp (BBT.N) were in the race to buy the business, sources have said.

Terms of the possible deal between PNC and RBC were not immediately available. One financial services banker who is not involved in the deal said the business could be worth about \$3 billion.

PNC and RBC declined to comment on Friday, when news of the possible deal was first reported by the Bloomberg news service.

RBC, the largest Canadian bank by assets, put its struggling US consumer banking business on the market after failing for years to wring profits from the operations acquired nearly a decade ago.

It retained JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) to advise it on the sale process, a source said in April. JPMorgan declined to comment.—Reuters



File photo of an Commercial Aircraft Corp of China (Comac) C919 at an expo in Hong Kong. Comac makes its first appearance at the Le Bourget airshow next week just north of Paris, with a mock-up of the cockpit and part of the fuselage of its C919 model.—INTERNET

Two injured in chopper crash in northern India

NEW DELHI, 19 June—Two persons were injured in a crash of a private helicopter Sunday in the dense jungles in Ladpur near Dehradun, the state capital of the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand, said police.

The injured were pilot and the co-pilot of the helicopter who have been rushed to hospital, according to the police.

Only the two were on board the chopper when it crashed.

Xinhua

Nine bodies discovered in southern Mexico

MORELIA, 19 June—Mexican authorities said Saturday the bodies of nine victims of suspected drug violence have turned up in the western state of Michoacan. The state prosecutor's office said in a statement that authorities found eight bodies in three different areas of the port city of Lazaro Cardenas. Three of the cadavers had been dumped in front of the state public security agency.

Another body was found in the state capital of Morelia. Several of the still unidentified bodies were discovered with messages from a group calling itself the Knights Templar and claiming responsibility for the killings.

The violence is apparently due to a rupture in the La Familia crime organization after the gang's leader, Nazario Moreno, was killed in a shootout with police 9 Dec. One of the messages, staked to a man's body with an ice pick, read: "This will happen to everyone who supports Chango Mendez."

Jesus Mendez, also known as "El Chango," or "The Monkey," is a suspected leader of the La Familia cartel.

Messages from the Knights Templar first began appearing in March, with the group claiming that it would replace La Familia. Messages left on bodies or hung in public areas are commonly used by drug gangs to threaten rivals, to deny responsibility for crimes or to send messages to authorities.—*Internet*

Missouri River releases step up ahead of rains



Vehicles sit stranded in flood waters in rural Missouri Valley, Iowa on 17 June, 2011.

INTERNET

HAMBURG, 19 June—Federal officials increased water releases from two South Dakota dams on Saturday to make room for expected potentially heavy rains through early next week, adding to flooding woes along the Missouri River.

The US Army Corps of Engineers water releases from five dams in North Dakota and South Dakota had already about doubled prior records to relieve reservoirs swollen by heavy winter snows and spring rainfall at the river's Montana headwaters.

India military delegation arrives in China

BEIJING, 19 June—An Indian military delegation arrived in Beijing on Sunday for a six-day visit, an Indian official said, marking the resumption of defence ties that were frozen for a year over a visa dispute.

The eight-member delegation, headed by Major General Gurmeet Singh, will visit the Chinese capital and the restive northwestern region of Xinjiang, a senior Indian defence official told *AFP* earlier.

A spokesman for the Indian embassy in Beijing confirmed the delegation arrived Sunday afternoon but could not provide details on their itinerary or with whom they would meet on the Chinese side.

"We decided to pause defence exchanges because of these differences of opinion," a second source in the Indian government told *AFP* previously on condition of anonymity.

"There were still phone calls and other contacts, but now with this visit we are seeing the resumption of normal, full-scale military exchanges," said the official.

TEPCO to open second Fukushima reactor building

TOKYO, 19 June—Tokyo Electric Power Co Sunday said it would open a second reactor building at the stricken Fukushima nuclear power plant to send repair crews inside for the first time since it was crippled.

Of the six reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, reactors one to four were heavily damaged by the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and deadly tsunami on 11 March.

Last month, TEPCO opened a door for the structure housing reactor

number one, and began work to build a system to cool it stably.

Junichi Matsumoto, TEPCO's nuclear official said the entrance to the reactor number two building would slowly be opened from Sunday evening "to make sure dust inside the building will not fly away".

"We believe this action should result in no impact to the environment," he said, adding that it should lower the 99.9-percent humidity inside the building.

With severe storms expected over the next four or five days that could dump up to 4 inches of rain in some areas, the Corps has started to increase flows by nearly 7 percent at the Oahe Dam above Pierre, South Dakota's capital, and the Big Bend Dam just downstream.

"It's going to be a widespread heavy rainfall event and obviously will have a big impact on the Missouri River Valley for the next four or five days," said Bruce Terry, a senior National Weather Service forecaster.

Terry said extensive rains of more than 1 inch are forecast from eastern Montana through southern North Dakota, all of South Dakota and northwestern Nebraska. Rainfall totals of 2 to 4-plus inches could be rather widespread for much of South Dakota and western Nebraska, he said.

Corps officials warned residents to ensure they were ready to pump stormwater out of the cities, over the levees and back into the river after the heavy rains.—*Reuters*

A firefighter tries to extinguish a burning bus which was set ablaze by a mob, after the bus reportedly ran into a group of people who were on their way to the Nada Sahib Gurudwara, or Sikh temple, in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 18 June, 2011.—INTERNET



Chinese soldiers undergo a training session in Hami, northwest China's Xinjiang region in January. An Indian military delegation arrived in Beijing on Sunday for a six-day trip which will also include the restive northwestern region of Xinjiang, a senior Indian defence official said.—INTERNET

Media reports suggested that the decision to resume defence cooperation was reached during talks between Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and President Hu Jintao in China in April.

Internet

Members of a Japanese government panel inspect the damage at the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) Fukushima nuclear power plant on 17 June, 2011 in Okuma town, Fukushima prefecture.—INTERNET



Moderate quake hits Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 19 June—An earthquake with magnitude of 5.7 struck off Sumatra island of Indonesia on Sunday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake jolted at 11:15 am Jakarta Time (0415 GMT) with epicenter at 84 km southeast Mukomuko of Bengkulu province and with the depth at 26 km, the agency said.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called the "Pacific Ring of Fire", where two continental plates meet that frequently caused seismic and volcanic movements.—*Internet*



Tornado lifts roofs, topples power poles in NZ's North Island

WELLINGTON, 19 June—A tornado ripped through central New Plymouth in New Zealand's North Island early on Sunday morning, damaging houses and cutting power to some homes.

The Fire Service said the twister - described as short and sharp - hit the city at 4.15 am, shattering windows, lifting roofs and uprooting trees, Radio New Zealand reported. It struck the area bordered by State Highway 3, Carrington St, Rogan St and the beach.

There have been no reports of injuries but 15 commercial premises have been damaged and the roofs of three houses have been torn off. The Fire Service said one house has been shifted off its foundations and some wires are down but overall "it's not too bad." The tornado cut power to at least 300 homes in central and suburban New Plymouth.—Xinhua

Joplin tornado death toll rises to 154

KANSAS CITY, 19 June—The death toll from the 22 May tornado in Joplin, Missouri, has reached 154, according to a city statement on Friday. That number is up from 153 reported by the city on 13 June. The most recent victim was James Cookerly, city public information officer Lynn Onstot said with providing further information. The massive F-5 tornado cut a six-mile swath through the southwest Missouri city just as residents were sitting down to Sunday dinner.

It was the deadliest single tornado in the United States since 1947. Tornadoes have battered the country this spring, killing more than 500 people, mostly in the south. The death toll from the Joplin storm has risen as people die of injuries. Some have died due to a fungal infection from debris that contained soil or plant matter, officials have said.—Reuters



Photographers take pictures of a train before its trial run on the high-speed railway connecting Beijing to Shanghai, at Beijing South Railway Station, 17 June, 2011. Some 70 reporters in Beijing and nearby areas were invited to experience the trial run on Friday. The high speed railway service connecting Beijing, the capital of China to Shanghai, the east China's municipality, will officially begin at the end of June.—XINHUA

Photo taken on 19 June, 2011 shows a beautiful scenery of the Lushan Mountain in Jiangxi Province, east China.—XINHUA

Pilot killed during accident at Poland air show

WARSAW, 19 June—A small plane lost control and plunged into a river Saturday as it performed stunts at an air show in Poland. The pilot, the only person on board, was killed.

The accident occurred in Plock, in central Poland, as people gathered by the Vistula River for a picnic and the air show.

The news station TVN24 broadcast images of the small plane doing aerobatics when it began spewing out plumes of dark smoke and then plunged into the water. Rescue workers pulled the pilot from the wreckage and tried to resuscitate him before sending him to a hospital. Several hours later, a hospital official said the pilot, Marek Szufa, died.

The pilot was alone in the plane, a Christen Eagle II, a popular single-engine aircraft used for aerobatic flying. TVN24 identified Szufa as a pilot for the Polish airline LOT and the runner-up in a Poland-wide aerobatics championship.

The director of the Air Club of Mazovia that organized the show, Slawomir Adamkowski, said the cause of the crash was under investigation.

Internet

12 killed in road accident in Karachi, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 June—At least 12 people were killed and a dozen others injured as an overspeed passenger van overturned early Sunday morning in Karachi in southern Pakistan, reported local TV channel Express.

According to local media reports, the accident took place at about 3:00 am local time Sunday morning when a passenger van carrying an estimated 30 people overturned on the

Makran Coastal Highway in the section of Karachi.

One local media report said that 15 were killed and 18 others injured in the accident and six of the injured people were in serious condition.

All the injured people have been shifted to nearby hospital following the accident, said traffic police, adding that the accident was due to overspeed of the van.—Xinhua



Three bystanders injured at Western shootout in South Dakota

MINNEAPLIS, 19 June—Three tourists were injured in a mishap at a Western-style shootout demonstration in Hill City, South Dakota, authorities said on Saturday.

Pennington County Sheriff's Department investigators were trying to determine what happened at the show on Friday night and have asked for anyone who took video footage of the Western-style shootout to contact the office.

"We don't have a clear picture of exactly what took place out there at this point in time," Lieutenant Marty Graves said, adding that the injured showed signs of wounds consistent with gunshots, but there were no bullets or fragments recovered.

All three were taken to a hospital in nearby Rapid City where two underwent surgery and were in recovery, Graves said. The third had superficial injuries and was released, he said.

The sheriff's department identified the injured as Carrol Knutson, 65, from Birchwood, Minnesota, John Ellis, 48, from South Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and Jose Pruneda, 52, from Alliance, Nebraska.

Rapid City Regional Hospital said Knutson and Ellis were listed in "fair" condition on Saturday.

They do this three or four times a week as part of a tourist attraction in Hill City, Graves said.

Reuters



Joe Padilla poses with a fish he caught at Falcon Lake, 8 June, 2011 in Zapata, Texas. Tourism dropped off sharply on the dammed section of the Rio Grande that straddles the Texas-Mexico border after 30 Sept, when an American jet-skier was presumably shot and killed by Mexican pirates. The Mexican side of the lake remains marred by drug violence which has even featured shootouts pitting reputed smugglers against the Mexico's navy. But business is picking up in shoreline Texas towns like Zapata, whose economies rely on out-of-towners who like to fish.—INTERNET

Four dead in small plane crash in suburb north of NYC

NEW YORK, 19 June—A small plane crashed about a mile from a suburban airport on Saturday, bursting into flames and killing all four people on board. The plane crashed shortly after departure from Westchester County Airport in White Plains, north of New York City, authorities said.

The Cessna 210 took off from the airport shortly after 1 pm, bound for Montauk, about 100 miles east, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Holly Baker said.

Soon after, the plane's pilot radioed to advise he was returning to the airport. But, Baker said, the plane plummeted to the ground in Armonk before reaching the runway and exploded into flames. The plane was based at Panorama Flight Service, in White Plains, airport spokesman Steve Ferguson said in a statement.

The company markets flight training, rentals and maintenance service at the airport. It served basically as a garage for the plane when it wasn't flying, company president Gene Condreas said by telephone. He said the pilot "was a longtime customer," but he declined to identify him.—Internet



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers a speech in meeting with Region ministers, departmental personnel, townsenders, members of social organizations and local people at Town Hall in Bogale.—MNA

Work with consideration to be efficient...

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members and locals heard report presented by Township Administrator U Htin Kyaw on formation of Bogale Township, implementation of five tasks for development of the township, land utilization, crop growing, sufficiency of rice and edible oil, marine products delivery, tree growing, condition of basic education schools, opening of village libraries, and essentials needed for regional development.

requirements.

According to the reports of the township officials, over 75 percent of Bogale Township's population live in rural area, their main business is agriculture and fishing.

Likewise, the majority of population of Myanmar is living in the rural area and they are engaging in the agriculture as main business.

Only when the State achieves success in agriculture sector, will the people enjoy economic development. Therefore, emphasis is being placed on fulfilling requirement of agriculture. Efforts are to be

State service personnel, people and entrepreneurs are to join hands with the government for achieving success of the committees.

The personnel are to organize the people to have comprehensive knowledge to take part in undertaking the tasks. The personnel are to take care of people's wishes whether they would like to really follow the task or not and the personnel are not to forcibly push the people to participate in the tasks without any assistance.

Likewise, the personnel are to avoid the activities leading to disadvantage than advantage due

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views progress in construction of Bogale River-crossing bridge.

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Townsenders U Htay Maung, U Tin Htut and U Thein Aung reported on matters related to education, health, transport, communication and economic development.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung presented report on progress in arrangements for development of all sectors including agriculture and meat and fish sectors, as well as matters on education, health and management sectors of the region.

Next, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan explained greater development of the whole Ayeyawady Region including Bogale Township thanks to the encouragement of the State and the efforts of the local people, the State's efforts for development of all regions of the nation including Ayeyawady Region, the need to make continued efforts for national development as there have been sound infrastructures, making best use of the good conditions of the State while maintaining State peace and stability and efforts to be made by honest and hardworking people of Ayeyawady for the wellbeing of their region and the State.

In response to the facts about the township, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo said they were there to inspect education, health and transport matters of Bogale Township and to fulfill the

made not only for extending sown acreage for boosting agricultural products but also for meeting the target of 100 baskets of paddy per acre.

It is necessary to use inputs, correct cultivation methods and quality strains of crops for meeting the target production.

Crops based companies and farmers have joined hands to commence the plans for putting adequate investment in agriculture sector since last three years.

Gaining experiences from the preliminary tasks, arrangements are being made for widely explaining promulgation for necessary laws at grassroots level for enabling the farmers and entrepreneurs to maintain mutual interests and keep promises between them. The plan will include the people engaging in the small-scale industries in addition to farmers.

Recently, scholars with internal and international experiences, resource persons, departmental officials and those in practical fields coordinated in compilation of papers so as to adopt the plans for rural development and poverty alleviation held in Nay Pyi Taw. The Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation chaired by the President and co-chaired by Vice-Presidents was constituted with Union Ministers as members, and the work committees have been formed.

to over eagerness to create better life for them. Considering all tasks, they are to uplift their proficiency to become outstanding service personnel on whom the people rely.

Joining hands with the government, the people on their part are to continuously strive for achieving greater improvement of their socio-economic life with the aim of ensuring prevalence of stability and peace of the State with security awareness.

The Vice-President cordially greeted those present.

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Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung submitting report.
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After the meeting, the Vice-President inspected storage of rice at 500-ton capacity Food Security Shelter built under the India-Myanmar friendship project and left necessary instructions.

At Bogale Bridge Construction Project being built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group No.5 of Public Works, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported on progress of works.

The Vice-President gave instructions on construction of strong and neat bridge and tasks for supply of gravels to be used in Ayeyawady Delta Road Network Project.

The Vice-President and party looked into progress of Bogale Bridge Construction Project.

Bogale Bridge, 3553 feet long, will link Bogale and Thabaung Village of Bogale Township.

The bridge will be 28 feet wide. Its water clearance will be 36 feet high and 300 feet wide and the facility will be able to bear 75-ton loads.

There are three roads—Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road, Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun-

Kyonemange-Myaungmya road and Bogale-Satsan-Htaupaing-Amar road—which will link Bogale River-crossing Bridge. Construction works of River-crossing Bridge is completed by 37 percent.

The Vice-President and party left Bogale by car at 2.15 pm and inspected Pyapon-Kyaiklat-Maubin-Nyaungdon motor road.

On arrival at briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction site, the Vice-President heard reports presented by Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint on facts about Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) being built by Public Works Special Project Group No.5, main bridge, approach bridge, construction works, supply of steel trusses, completion of main bridge and use of machineries.

After that, Deputy General Manager (Civil) U Tin Soe of Myanma Railways reported to the Vice-President on approach rail roads.

Regarding the reports, the Vice-President urged the officials and engineers to use standardized technologies and materials for long term existence, to make foundations of approach roads and bridges sound, to invite engineering students under the Ministry of Science and Technology so as to explain them practical construction works of the Bridge, to keep records after analyzing change of the Bridge's waterway, to keep

records of construction works systematically for long term reference, and to always take pride in their works.

After that, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presented a fruit basket to foreign experts who are working at the construction project and inspected progress in construction of the main bridge.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), located about 8,000 feet upstream of Ayeyawady-River crossing Bo Myat Tun Bridge includes motor road and rail road. The construction project started on 1 January, 2010.

The main bridge of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) is 7402 feet long, the total length of main bridge and motor road, 10814 feet long, and the total length of main bridge and rail road, 20545 feet long.

The bridge has a 28-foot-wide two lane road, 14-foot-wide rail road and two 3.3-foot-wide walkways.

Now, construction of main bridge has been completed by 83 percent. The construction of the whole bridge including approach bridges is completed by 75 percent.

The Vice-President and party inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction site and arrived back in Yangon in the evening.

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Union Rail Transportation Minister assists in construction of bridges



NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Deputy Minister Thura U Thaing Lwin inspected construction of bridges in Magway Region yesterday.

During the inspection tour, they assisted in construction of Mone Creek Bridge -1 and 2 between Pwintbyu and Salin townships, Salin Creek Bridge in Salin Township and Sitkobin bridge on approach rail road to Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun).

The approach rail road of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) is 14.74 miles long and will link Malun Station on Kyangin-Pakokku Rail Road. —MNA

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min inspects construction of bridges in Magway Region.

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NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—A ceremony to upgrade Bago Degree College to Bago University was held at the university yesterday morning. Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min and Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win attended and delivered speeches on the occasion.

For the construction of Bago University Dhammayon, Union Minister U Zaw Min donated K 1 million, Ayawun Printing Enterprise, K 0.5 million and other well-wishers, cash.—MNA

Bago Degree College upgraded to Bago University



Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min addresses ceremony to upgrade Bago Degree College to Bago University.

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decided to give encouragement and assistance for socio-economic development of farmers and workers and that measures will be taken for creating more job and granting full rights for social welfare. The

Union Minister continued that it has been clearly stated that measures would be taken for Myanmar workers inside and outside the country to enjoy full legal rights. Now, Myanmar is carrying out the tasks for holding workshops on

rural development and poverty alleviation and drawing and implementing projects, he said.

After attending the session on 15 June, the Union Minister called on the Labour Minister of Bhutan at the ILO building.

Similarly, member of the Myanmar delegation

Joint-Secretary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe also made a speech at the conference.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back here by air on 17 June morning.

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2011 World Population Day poster contest held in Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and officials yesterday morning visited the hall of Taunggyi Basic Education High School No. 1 where the poster contest in commemoration of the

2011 World Population Day was held.

A total of 239 students form basic education schools in Taunggyi, Nyaungshwe, Hopong and Kalaw Townships took part in the contest.

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Florida HIV/AIDS patients in dispute with health authorities over medication funding

TAMPA, 19 June—The HIV/AIDS patients in the US state of Florida are in dispute with state authorities over a proposal to impose tighter restrictions on those who qualify for drugs provided by the state’s AIDS Drug Assistance Programme (ADAP).

According to the proposed restrictions, individuals would have to earn less than 21,000 US dollars annually to qualify for ADAP drugs. If approved by the Florida Department of Health (FDH), this would affect approximately 1,150 HIV/AIDS patients.

“The FDH is currently looking at the number of cost containment activities, including altering the financial eligibility for ADAP services,” said FDH’s press secretary Jessica Hammonds. “After soliciting public input on this matter, the department is in the final stages of evaluating the matter.”

The Florida ADAP programme serves almost 9,500 clients, each of whom receiving 8,600 dollars in funding annually, Hammonds said. There are still another 3,482 on a waiting list.—Xinhua



A man fishes from a rocky outcrop on Sydney’s northern beaches. Last month, two Chinese men drowned after being swept off rocks in Sydney harbour, ignoring warnings just days before about the danger of large swells.—INTERNET



A nurse at the Save Brain Clinic demonstrates the process of neuro-feedback at Gongju National Hospital in Gongju. The clinic styles itself as South Korea’s first specialist clinic offering treatment for the hundreds of thousands of officially recognised Internet addicts in the world’s most wired nation. Neurofeedback, one of the treatments offered, uses displays to illustrate brain activity. INTERNET

Helicopters intercept aircraft near US capital

WASHINGTON, 19 June—Coast Guard helicopters intercepted a small aircraft that entered restricted air space near the US capital on Saturday, military officials said.

The North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) said it ordered the action after the “small general aviation aircraft” approached the capital region without authorization at about 11:50 am (1550 GMT).

“Upon being intercepted, the civilian aircraft was diverted to Annapolis (in Maryland) where the pilot was to meet with local law enforcement,” NORAD said in a statement.

It did not provide further details on the pilot, the aircraft, its destination or the precise location of the incident.

President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner were playing golf at the time at Andrews Air Force base five miles (eight



Marine One, carrying US President Barack Obama, approaches the South Lawn of the White House as a decoy helicopter flies off in Washington, DC, in May 2011.—INTERNET

kilometres) southeast of Washington.

It was the third time in a week that NORAD had to scramble jets or choppers to steer away civilian planes that strayed into restricted air space in the vicinity of the president.—Internet

Climate change raising tick threat for northern moose

CONWAY, 19 June—Moose living in northern states such as New Hampshire and Minnesota face an increased threat from blood-feeding ticks and deer-borne parasites because of shorter winters caused by climate change, US wildlife officials say.

Winter ticks account for 41 percent of all deaths of the antlered animal popular with hunters and wildlife watchers in New Hampshire — the same percentage killed there by hunting and moose-vehicle collisions, according to a study released this week by the state’s Fish and Game Department.

Nearly all of the calf deaths noted during the study, which began collaring and tracking moose in 2001, were caused by winter ticks, said Kristine Rines, the department’s moose project leader.

Moose, which in New Hampshire average six feet tall at the shoulder and weigh 1,000 pounds, tend to become infested with an astounding number of ticks at one time.

One animal typically can get 30,000 ticks in normal fall weather conditions, but as many as 160,000 ticks during winter in years with a late first snowfall, researchers said.

Reuters



Opera singers from the Jiangsu Provincial Kun Opera Troupe perform on stage in Beijing, capital of China, 18 June, 2011. A joint performance was staged here Saturday to mark the 10th anniversary of Kun Opera’s inscription on the World Heritage list. Kun Opera, or “Kun Qu” as it is called in Chinese, is one of the oldest extant forms of the Chinese opera, which dates back more than 600 years.—INTERNET

Patient gets drunk on sanitizer in Aussie hospital

SYDNEY, 19 June—A man who drank six bottles of alcohol-based hand sanitizer while being treated in an Australian hospital for alcoholism has sparked calls for the anti-bacterial gels to be better secured.

Doctors said in a letter published Sunday in the *Medical Journal of Australia* that they were stunned to discover the man had downed six 375-milliliter (12.7-ounce) bottles of hand

sanitizer, giving him a blood-alcohol concentration more than five times higher than the legal limit for driving in Australia. Dr Michael Oldmeadow at The Alfred hospital in Melbourne city says the man is lucky to have survived.

Oldmeadow and three colleagues say in the letter that at least one US hospital has introduced non-removable dispensers in all its wards.

Internet

Steel structure collapse kills six, injures two in south China

NANNING, 19 June—Six people were confirmed dead, two others injured, and another still missing after a steel structure collapsed Saturday in south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, a local government official told a press conference Sunday. The accident happened Saturday afternoon when 11 workers were dismantling a scrap generator of Heshan Electricity Generating Company in city of Heshan, according to Vice Mayor Wu Zhiqiu.

The steel structure of the generator’s No 4 unit collapsed during the process, killing three people on the scene and injuring another four with two more missing and the rest two unharmed.

Two of the injured died later in hospital, and the remaining two injured are in stable conditions. At around 7:40 pm Saturday, rescuers retrieved one body at the accident site, which brought the death toll to six. The rescue work is still under way.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 19 June, 2011 shows the steel structure collapse site in Heshan Electricity Generating Company in Heshan City, south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.—XINHUA



Picture taken on 17 June, 2011, provided by Cubadebate, shows the president of Cuba Raul Castro (R), accompanied by the historical leader Fidel Castro (L), posing with the president of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, who is recovering from surgery in a hospital in Havana, capital of Cuba.—INTERNET

Fidel, Raul Castro visit Venezuelan President

HAVANA, 19 June—Cuban President Raul Castro and his brother Fidel Castro visited Friday Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who was recovering from a surgery in Havana, and they discussed bilateral and international issues, according to Cuba's official media on Saturday.

Cuba's official daily *Granma* and the website Cubadebate Saturday published four photographs of the visit, showing Chavez looks good, smiles and wears sports clothing, while Fidel wears a checkered shirt, and Raul wears his military uniform.

The meeting seemed to be in a hospital room, and Cuban media decried the meeting as "fraternal", saying that they reviewed "the close ties between Venezuela and Cuba" and "various current international issues."

"President Chavez is recovering, and he meets the medical indications and maintains close coordination with the Venezuelan vice president and other ministers, aware of the main issues of his country," *Granma* reported.

Internet

Skopje's revamp stirs up controversy



People walk past a bronze component of a statue at a construction site on the main square in Skopje.—INTERNET

SKOPJE, 19 June—It already puzzles many at home but Skopje's high-priced makeover of its drab skyline has now infuriated neighbouring Greece with the arrival this week of a huge statue resembling Alexander the Great. The

massive equestrian bronze, to rise 12.5 metres (41 feet) atop a base of similar height, looked harmless enough as it lay in parts in a fenced-off area around the central square where it will be erected. It is the latest

addition in a massive, government-backed facelift for the Macedonian capital, adored by some and blasted by others as "grandiose and outdated".

But for Athens, which also claims the fourth-century BC hero whose empire ran from the ancient Greek city states to the Himalayas, the colossus is a direct affront "with the aim of stirring up nationalism and conflict".

Skopje officially calls the statue "Warrior on a Horse" but side-stepping the name Alexander has not appeased Athens.

Internet

China claims its place at Paris Airshow

PARIS, 19 June—China aims to claim its rightful place at the Paris International Airshow this week alongside giants Airbus and Boeing, laying down a marker for its ambitions to be a major player in global aviation.

Airbus and Boeing dominate the hugely important Chinese market but Beijing has long made clear its intentions to make its own aircraft, moving swiftly up the technological ladder, just as it has in so many other products.

Its immediate target is the medium-haul segment, carved up between Airbus with its A320 twin-engined series and Boeing's similar 737, the largest selling commercial aircraft since its launch in 1967 and a mainstay in Chinese skies.

Commercial Aircraft Corp of China (Comac) makes its first appearance at the Le Bourget airshow next week just north of Paris, with a mock-up of the cockpit and part of the fuselage of its C919 model.



The flag of the International Paris Air Show at Le Bourget airport near Paris during the preparations for the opening on 20 June.—INTERNET

Currently under development, the 190-seat C919 is due to enter service in 2016, just after Airbus brings its upgraded and already much sought after A320neo to the market, raising the question of whether China's first commercial jet can make inroads against such tough opposition.

For the moment, Comac has won orders for some 100 C919s from Chinese airlines but has found only one foreign customer - the leasing arm of US conglomerate General Electric.

The company is clearly hoping for more by setting up its stall at Le Bourget, analysts say.

Internet

Russian official says accession to WTO may be delayed

ST PETERSBURG, 19 June—Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) could be delayed by years if some key issues could not be resolved in the next few weeks, a senior Russian official said on Saturday.

Elvira Nabiullina, Russia's minister of economic development, said on the sidelines of St Petersburg Economic Forum that at least three major issues remained unresolved, including agricultural support, controls on the import of food and

livestock and tariffs on cars assembled in Russia.

She added Russia's entry into the international organization could be put off by several years if it cannot sort out those thorny issues by the end of July in negotiations with several key WTO members.

Russia, which has been seeking WTO membership for more than 18 years, is the largest economy remaining outside the global trade body.

Xinhua

MIT to co-establish institute in Russia's "silicon valley"

ST PETERSBURG, 19 June—Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Russia's Skolkovo Foundation on Saturday signed an agreement on building an institute in Russia's silicon valley — the

Skolkovo innovation centre.

According to Skolkovo President Viktor Vekselberg, the agreement plans a three-year collaboration between the two sides to build the Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology (SIST).

The agreement, signed at the 15th St Petersburg International Economic Forum, was a preliminary one, the *RIA Novosti* news agency reported.

A Press release on MIT's website said the university will assist the Skolkovo Foundation in building SIST as a "unique, world-class" graduate research institute.

SIST will be founded by the Russian government with support from local and international business community.

Also on Saturday at the same forum, the Skolkovo Foundation signed a deal with US software and consulting service firm IBM on opening an IBM research and development center in the Russian silicon valley, said Vekselberg.

The Skolkovo hi-tech cluster outside Moscow, created on the initiative of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, will focus on research in energy, information technology, communication and biomedical research.

Xinhua

Chinese President Hu meets with Ukrainian President on ties

BEIJING, 19 June—Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao, and his Ukrainian counterpart, Viktor Yanukovich, have held talks in Yalta aimed at deepening bilateral cooperation. Hu Jintao says China-Ukrainian relations have seen healthy and smooth growth over their nearly 20 years of existence. He adds the two sides have carried out fruitful cooperation in the areas of politics, trade, economy, science, and international affairs. During the meeting, Hu Jintao said the two countries should work hard to carry on the friendship between the two peoples. Viktor Yanukovich said Hu Jintao's visit will add fresh impetus to the development of bilateral relations and lift the links to a new height.—Xinhua



An Indian vendor waits for customers at his roadside vegetable shop in Mumbai on 16 June, 2011. Business leaders in India have rounded on the government, urging a halt to interest rate rises, amid fears that inflation and lack of institutional reform could hit investment and cut economic growth.—INTERNET



A craftswoman shows her flower-shaped work of watermelon carving in Yongchuan District, south-west China's Chongqing Municipality, on 17 June, 2011. The rural tourism season of Yongchuan District kicked off on Friday. On the opening ceremony, the watermelon carving activity attracted many local residents.—XINHUA

E China province takes measures to better protect students in schools

BEIJING, 19 June—More security guards are to be trained and more high-tech facilities will be used in schools in China's southeastern Fujian Province to better protect students.

These measures are in response to last year's killing spree in Nanping city where a man stabbed eight primary school students to death and injured five others. "More than 500 guards were trained last year after the tragedy and we plan to train more this year," Liu Zhenzhong, deputy director of Xiamen Security Science and Technology College, was quoted as saying by Sunday's *China Daily*.

Liu said the guards were dispatched to schools in the province and were trained to handle attackers, and taught to operate security facilities such as surveillance cameras, automatic alarms and face- and fingerprint-recognition systems.

Chen You, a division chief with the Fujian provincial public security bureau overseeing school security equipment, said his bureau had asked all schools and kindergartens to get equipped with high-tech security facilities right after the Nanping tragedy.

Xinhua

Scientists to sequence thousands of insect genomes

LONDON, 19 June — Thousands of insects are being lined up to have their genomes sequenced. The five-year project will help researchers pinpoint vulnerable regions of insects' genomes, which could be targeted with pesticides. The project's leaders hope the initiative will make a dent in the



Insect-borne diseases are a leading cause of death in young children under the age of five around the globe. INTERNET

\$50bn spent globally each year to control diseases transmitted by insects.

The final list of six-legged critters has yet to be finalized. The project, called the 5000 Insect and Other Arthropod Genome Initiative, comes at a time when the costs of genome sequencing have fallen substantially and it is feasible to cheaply sequence large numbers of animals and plants.

Among the list of agriculturally important insects and other arthropods — animals with exoskeletons — to be sequenced are handfuls of bugs that act as disease vectors. —Internet

'World's largest emerald' goes on display in Colombia

BOGOTA, 19 June — The largest emerald in the world has gone on display for the first time in Colombia, the country where the giant stone was originally discovered.

It has up to 15,000 carats and has been kept in its original form since it was found in Boyaca, around 47 miles (75km) north of Bogota, 12 years ago. The emerald's value



The largest emerald in the world has gone on display for the first time in Colombia.

INTERNET

has been described as 'unmeasurable'.

Internet

Parkinson's artificial brain bank

OXFORD, 19 June — Researchers in Oxford have begun creating a bank of artificially grown brain cells from Parkinson's patients, BBC news has learned. They are using a new stem cell technique that allows them to turn a small piece of skin from the patient into a small piece of brain. This is the first time this has been done in a large-scale study aimed at finding

cures for the disease. Researchers say they can analyse nerve cells as they start to deteriorate.

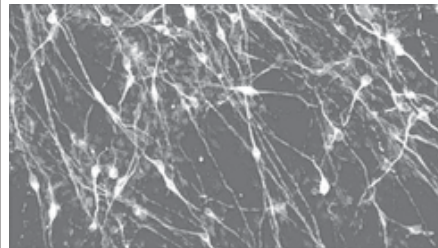
The first batch of nerve cells have been grown from a 56-year-old Oxfordshire man, Derek Underwood. He had to take early retirement because of the progression of the disease. Mr Underwood will be the first of 50 patients whose skin cells will be grown

into brain cells as part of a five year study.

According Dr Richard Wade Martins of Oxford University, who is leading the study, the aim is to build up a "brain bank" which will enable researchers to study how the disease develops in unprecedented detail.

Internet

MNA/PTI



Brain cells grown from the skin cells of a Parkinson's patient are likely to deteriorate.—INTERNET

Airplane wreckage and bodies arrive in France

PARIS, 19 June — The remains of 104 people killed when a passenger airliner crashed into the Atlantic in 2009 arrived in France on Friday for identification. Underwater robots located the bodies in April at a depth of 13,000ft, almost two years after Air France 447 crashed en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris with 228 people on board. There were no survivors. Wreckage and bodies arrived at Bayonne on Thursday under police and military guard.

Three containers containing wreckage are being sent to Toulouse for analysis. The bodies are being sent to Paris for DNA tests to aid identification. —Internet

Heavy rains lash Kolkata, southern Bengal, three killed

KOLKATA, 19 June— Heavy rains today lashed the metropolis and several other parts of West Bengal claiming three lives and flattening several mud-built houses.

Gusts of wind accompanied by heavy rains triggered the collapse of the mud-built houses and uprooted trees

in almost all of south Bengal Districts.

One of the casualties occurred in Kolkata when a person was electrocuted and the three others injured near a cinema house in New Market area, the police said.

The other casualty was in neighbouring South 24 Parganas District with a fish seller, Premchand, being electrocuted when he came in contact with a wire lying on the road at Bibirhat in the Bishnu police station limits, police said. A man was killed as a wall gave way at Noapara village under Haroa police station in North 24 Parganas District.

Wild panda recovering after surgery at research center

CHENGDU, 19 June — A giant panda who was found dying in the mountains of southwest Sichuan Province in April is recuperating well two weeks after intestinal obstruction repair surgery.

Song Ya, a 10-year-old female wild panda, underwent surgery at the People's Hospital in Ya'an City on 2 June, after she was diagnosed with an intestinal obstruction that sickened the panda and caused significant weight loss, said a spokesman with China Giant Panda Protection and Research Center in Wolong.

The most recent checkup showed Song Ya's appetite is recovering, and she is gaining weight, the spokesman said.

Internet

Oceanic oxygen-depleted regions pose distinct threat to marine life

LOS ANGELES, 19 June — The size of low-oxygen zones created by respiring bacteria is extremely sensitive to changes in depth caused by oscillations in climate, thus posing a distant threat to marine life, a new study suggests. "The

growth of low-oxygen regions is cause for concern because of the detrimental effects on marine populations — entire ecosystems can die off when marine life cannot escape the low-oxygen water," said lead researcher Curtis Deutsch,

assistant professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences at University of California, Los Angeles.

"There are widespread areas of the ocean where marine life has had to flee or develop very peculiar adaptations to survive in low-oxygen conditions," Deutsch said in the study to be published in an upcoming print edition of the journal *Science*.

A team led by Deutsch used a specialized computer simulation to demonstrate for the first time that fluctuations in climate can drastically affect the habitability of marine ecosystems.

Internet



Oceanic oxygen-depleted regions pose threat to marine life.—XINHUA



An Indian prisoner rides a bullock cart in front of the Sabarmati Central Jail in Ahmedabad in February. Prison authorities in India have released the country's oldest inmate, 108-year-old Brij Bihari Pandey, who was convicted of a murder he committed at the age of 84.

India releases oldest prisoner, aged 108

Prison authorities in India have released the country's oldest inmate, 108-year-old Brij Bihari Pandey, who was convicted of a murder he committed at the age of 84, officials said Saturday.

Pandey, a Hindu priest, was freed on Friday by a court in the northern state of Uttar

Pradesh on humanitarian grounds as prison officials were finding it difficult to provide regular medical treatment to the "oldest prisoner in the history of Indian prisons."

"It was getting difficult to take care of a 108-year-old prisoner. We moved an application for his release and the court accepted it," said SK Sharma, superintendent of Gorakhpur Jail, 300 kilometres (190 miles) from the state capital Lucknow.

Sharma said the release was based on humanitarian grounds. At the ripe old age of 84, Pandey along with 15 others, many of them his nephews and family members, killed four people over the inheritance of a Hindu religious institution.



This 15 June, 2011 photo shows a power company lineman using a pole to remove a young deer carcass that was dropped onto a power line.

Woman photographs eagle and prey on power line

A Montana woman photographing a bald eagle in a spruce tree near her house also made a picture of what was left of its prey — a fawn carcass dangling from a power line.

Lee Bridges, of East Missoula, says she photographed the eagle Wednesday morning because she had never seen one so close to her house along the Clark Fork River.

At about the same time, a NorthWestern Energy employee responding to a power outage drove up. Bridges asked what caused the outage and he pointed at the line and said, "it looks like you've got a deer with wings."

The lineman told Bridges the fawn's carcass hit the first line and swung into another line, sparking the 30-minute outage.

The lineman said he'd never seen anything like it.

Jewish court sentences dog to death by stoning

A Jerusalem rabbinical court condemned to death by stoning a dog it suspects is the reincarnation of a secular lawyer who insulted the court's judges 20 years ago, Ynet website reported Friday.

According to Ynet, the large dog made its way into the Monetary Affairs Court in the ultra-Orthodox Jewish

neighbourhood of Mea Shearim in Jerusalem, frightening judges and plaintiffs.

Despite attempts to drive the dog out of the court, the hound refused to leave the premises.

One of the sitting judges then recalled a curse the court had passed down upon a secular lawyer who had insulted the judges two decades previously.



A dog walks on the Israeli side of the border with Gaza Strip.

Their preferred divine retribution was for the lawyer's spirit to move into the body of a dog, an animal considered impure by traditional Judaism.

News Album



Models present creations by Ermenegildo Zegna during Milan Fashion Week Men's Spring/Summer 2012 in Milan, Italy, on 18 June, 2011.

XINHUA

E Street Band sax player Clarence Clemons dies

NEW YORK, 19 June—Clarence Clemons, the larger-than-life saxophone player for the E Street Band who was one of the key influences in Bruce Springsteen's life and music through four decades, has died. He was 69.

Clemons died Saturday night after being hospitalized about a week ago following a stroke at his home in Singer Island, Fla. Springsteen acknowledged the dire situation earlier this week, but said then he was hopeful. He called the loss "immeasurable."

"We are honoured and thankful to have known him and had the opportunity to stand beside him for nearly 40 years," Springsteen said on his website. "He was my great friend, my partner and with Clarence at my side, my band and I were able to tell a story far deeper than those simply contained in our music. His life, his memory, and his love will live on in that story and in our band."

Internet



In this 10 Feb, 2008 photo, Clarence Clemons plays the national anthem before a basketball game between the Miami Heat and Los Angeles Lakers in Miami.—INTERNET

Montgomery Gentry raises prostate cancer awareness

ATLANTA, 19 June—Eddie Montgomery of the country duo Montgomery Gentry thought he was only getting a sore hip checked out when his doctor spotted a "shadow" on his X-ray. It turned out to be prostate cancer. The singer was diagnosed in November, a time he describes as one of the most frightening of his life. But he was able to have the tumor surgically removed. "When you hear the 'C' word, you don't believe it," said Montgomery, who is a

father of three. "You don't know how bad it is. I thought about my kids. It was tough to hear that I had gotten cancer. But we were able to find the cancer in its very early stage and had it removed. ... I'm glad I got tested early enough before it was too late." Now as a cancer survivor, the 47-year-old Montgomery and partner Troy Gentry want to bring awareness to the disease through a free concert. The concert is after the Atlanta Braves-Texas Rangers game on Sunday in



In this 3 April, 2011 photo, Eddie Montgomery, left, and Troy Gentry of Montgomery Gentry are seen on stage at the 46th Annual Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

support of Major League Baseball's contest, "My Dad, My MVP."

Internet

Beyonce among 178 invited to join film academy

LOS ANGELES, 19 June—Beyonce Knowles, Russell Brand, David Duchovny and "King's Speech" director Tom Hooper have been invited to join the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The film academy said Friday it has invited 178 film-industry workers to join its ranks this year. Documentarian Tim Hetherington who was nominated for an Oscar this year was invited posthumously to join the academy.

Other invitees include actors Bradley Cooper, Gerard Butler, Mila Kunis, Jennifer Garner, Jesse Eisenberg and Ellen Page; "The Kids Are All Right" writer-director Lisa Cholodenko; writer Aaron Sorkin; Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige and the academy's new chief operations officer, Ric Robertson. The film academy has just under 6,000 voting members.

Internet



Special guest Beyonce performs during the Season 10 "American Idol" Grand Finale at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, California on 25 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Mexico, Honduras reach Gold Cup semis

EAST RUTHERFORD, 19 June —Second-half goals from Aldo Di Nigris and Javier “Chicharito” Hernandez lifted defending champions Mexico to a 2-1 victory over Guatemala and into the semi-finals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup. Second-half substitute De Nigris grabbed an equalizer for Mexico in the 48th after Carlos Ruiz’ fifth-minute strike put Guatemala ahead. Hernandez scored the match-winner in the 65th as Mexico advanced to a semi-final clash against Honduras, who advanced 4-2 on penalties against Costa Rica after they played to a 1-1 draw in extra time.

Honduras advanced in the first game of a doubleheader at New Meadowlands Stadium that drew a largely pro-Mexican sellout crowd of 78,807. Mexico and Honduras will play on Wednesday in Houston. The remaining two quarter-finals are slated for Sunday in Washington, where the United States will face



Mexico’s Javier Hernandez (R) is fouled by Guatemala’s Cristian Noriega during their 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup quarter-final match at New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

INTERNET

Jamaica and Panama take on El Salvador in the regional championship for North and Central America and the Caribbean. The winners of the tournament book a berth in the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup.— Internet

Stars of women’s game set for football World Cup kick-off

BERLIN, 19 June—World Cup fever has gripped Germany as the stars of the women’s game prepare to chase the ultimate prize in football in the 2011 FIFA Women’s World Cup which kicks off here next Saturday. Brazil’s five-time Player of the Year Marta and all-time World Cup top scorer Birgit Prinz of Germany are among the big names who will headline the 51-million-euro extravaganza which takes place over three weeks in nine cities.

Sixteen teams are battling for the top prize with over 670,000 tickets of the one million on offer sold. Five years after the successful hosting of the men’s event, expectations are high that the

German women can bring glory to the host nation and capture an unprecedented third successive title. The tournament kicks off with Germany taking on CONCACAF champions Canada in Berlin’s 75,000-seater Olympic Stadium on June 26 with the final set for Frankfurt on 17 July.—Internet



Panini stickers for the 2011 FIFA Women’s World Cup in Germany, which kicks off in Berlin, next Saturday. — INTERNET



Sharapova says Wimbledon would be biggest win

LONDON, 19 June — Maria Sharapova will consider a second Wimbledon title as her biggest achievement as the Russian superstar hunts a fourth Grand Slam crown. Sharapova made her breakthrough with a Wimbledon triumph in 2004, a victory which



Maria Sharapova of Russia returns the ball during a practice session. — INTERNET

catapulted her on the road to a multi-million dollar fortune, the world number one spot as well as further Grand Slam titles at the US Open (2006) and the Australian Open (2008).

But her career suffered a major setback with a shoulder injury which kept her off the tour from August 2008 to May 2009. A run to the French Open semi-finals earlier this month, which had been preceded by a trophy in Rome, has convinced her that she is as strong as ever. “I said that if I could win another Grand Slam, it would mean more than the previous ones that I have just because before the injury everything was kind of moving up,” said Sharapova.—Internet

McIlroy sets another US Open mark for 8-shot lead

BETHESDA, 19 June—With each remarkable round, with each record-setting performance, Rory McIlroy is making that Masters debacle seem like a distant memory. A US Open title could erase it altogether.

McIlroy moved closer to his first major Saturday at Congressional by stretching his lead for the third straight day with a 3-under 68 to set the 54-hole record at the US Open — a mind-boggling 14-under 199 — and build an eight-shot lead going into the final round.

That’s twice the size of



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland

his lead going into the last day at Augusta National. And this time, the 22-year-old Northern Irishman says he has learned from his mistakes.—Internet

The return of the Williams sisters



US’s Serena Williams

WIMBLEDON, 19 June — Two simple words at the end of a June 7 tweet said it all: “Serena’s back!” And Venus is, too. Yes, as Serena Williams announced to the world less than two weeks ago, the most successful tennis-playing siblings in history are returning from lengthy layoffs right on time for Wimbledon, where they just so happen to have won nine of the past 11 singles

championships. For Serena, it will be her first Grand Slam tournament — and only second event — since she took home a second consecutive title from the All England Club in July 2010. Her nearly yearlong absence resulted from a series of health issues, including two foot operations and blood clots in her lungs, that she said left her depressed and “on my deathbed.” Venus, meanwhile, was sidelined by a hip injury from January until June. All eyes will be on them when the grass-court Grand Slam tournament begins Monday.

Internet

Sagan strikes again as tempers fray on Swiss Tour

SCHAFFHAUSEN, 19 June—Slovakian Peter Sagan claimed his second victory of the Tour of Switzerland as tempers frayed on the finish line of the eighth and penultimate stage over 167.3 km on Saturday. Versatile Liquigas rider Sagan had already shown his class in the mountains when he won stage three to win stage three to Grindelwald ahead of Italian all-rounder Damiano Cunego.



Slovakian Peter Sagan of Liquigas

After a frantic last 25km in which several top sprinters, including Britain’s Mark Cavendish, were left behind by a split in the peloton a powerful sprint to the finish by the Slovakian left Australian Matt Goss in second with Britain’s Ben Swift in third place.

“It was a really hard finale but thankfully in the final kilometre I had (teammate) Daniel Oss leading me out,” said Sagan, who also secured the race’s blue jersey for the points competition. “I’m very satisfied with this second win and the points jersey. It’s been a huge success for me this week.”— Internet

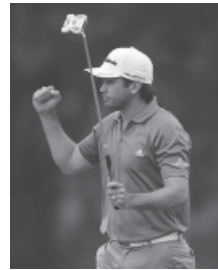
Jason has another good Day at a major

BETHESDA, 19 June—The fresh-faced kid from the island keeps putting his name on leaderboards at the majors. Eventually, he’s bound to figure out a way to win one of these. Were it not for Rory McIlroy, that story line would belong to Jason Day, the player from Down Under who has been doing a very good job playing under the radar at the majors this year.

Day, who was climbing to a second-place finish at Augusta while McIlroy was melting

down, was in a tie for third after Saturday’s third round at the US Open. His round of 6-under 65 began before McIlroy got to the course.

Internet



Jason Day, of Australia

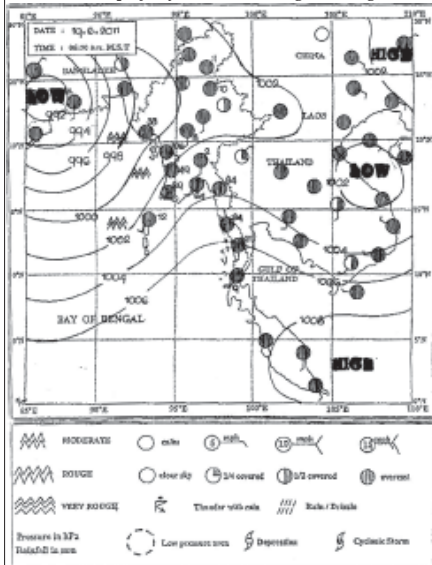
Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

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WEATHER

Sunday, 19th June, 2011

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan State, fairly widespread in Bago Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Ayeyawady Region, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Yangon Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (6.73) inches, Maubin (6.06) inches, Paung (5.35) inches, Maungtaw (5.27) inches, Pyapon (5.07) inches, Kyaikkhami (4.76) inches, Kyaukpyu (4.26) inches, Ngathaingchaung (4.13) inches, Kyauktaw (3.98) inches, Kyaikmaraw (3.54) inches, Nyaungtone (3.20) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 18-6-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 19-6-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-6-2011 was (85%). Rainfall on 19-6-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 18-6-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 19-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 18-6-2011 was (0.39)inch.

Rainfall on 19-6-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (2.79) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (17.17) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (40.47) inches at Yangon

(Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (10) mph from Southwest at (06:30) hours MST on 19-6-2011.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (05:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's Land Depression has crossed West Bengal Coast(India) and it has become unimportant. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 20th June 2011: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20th June 2011: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Marseille set to sign Morel from league rivals

MARSEILLE, FRANCE, 19 June—French giants Marseille are set to sign defender Jeremy Morel from Ligue 1 rivals Lorient the buying club announced on Sunday.

The 27-year-old - who would be the second player from the club to sign for Marseille with Morgan Amalfitano having joined earlier this month - will sign a four year contract for a reported fee of 2.5million euros.

Morel has made over 200 appearances for Lorient, having come through the youth system with the Brittany club.

He will be the third player to quit Lorient since the end of the season, with aside from Amalfitano, leading



French giants Marseille have announced they are set to sign defender Jeremy Morel from Ligue 1 rivals Lorient. INTERNET

striker Kevin Gameiro having been sold to Paris Saint-Germain for a reported fee of 11million euros.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (20-6-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (20-6-11 09:30 am ~ 21-6-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * The historical sites of Taung Tha Man
- * News
- * Honouring Those who Deserve
- * News
- * Pleasant Taunggyi
- * News
- * Youth & Music (Part-3)

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * The historical sites of Taung Tha Man
- * News
- * Honouring Those who Deserve
- * News
- * Pleasant Taunggyi
- * News
- * Youth & Music (Part-3)
- * News
- * The Home of Colourful Sweaters
- * MI People's Celebrities "What did they do in February"
- * News
- * National Races from "Shan State and Li Shan"
- * Nay Pyi Taw Gems Emporium's offer to the world
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Scuba Diving Adventure
- * Myanmar Movies "Guilt Over Love"



Monday, 20 June

View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw-Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:30 am
2. Morning News

- 7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
5. Health Programme
- 8:05 am
6. Song of National Races
- 8:10 am
7. Cute Little Dancer
- 8:20 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am
9. Songs for International Day for Prevention of Illicit Drugs Trafficking
- 8:40 am
10. International News

- 8:45 am
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm
4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Physics)
- 4:45 pm
5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

- 5:00 pm
7. Songs for International Day for Prevention of Illicit Drugs Trafficking
- 5:20 pm
8. Myanmar Language
- 5:35 pm
9. Myanmar Idol
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
12. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
14. News
 15. International News
 16. Weather Report
 17. World's Stars
 18. TV Drama Series

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Myanmar taking measures for creating more job opportunities, ensuring gender equality and strong national economy and alleviating poverty while placing emphasis on social welfare

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi arrived in Geneva on 12 June morning to attend the 100th Session of International Labour Conference held from 1 to 17 June at the UN building in Geneva, Switzerland.

On 13 June morning, the Union Minister and Myanmar delegation attended the plenary session of International Labour Conference and met the Labour Minister of Qatar, who was also an attendee of the session. Next, the Union Minister and delegation members attended a luncheon hosted by the ILO Office Executive Director and discussed cooperation between the ILO and the Myanmar government.

On 14 June morning, the Union Minister attended an informal meeting of ASEAN Labour Ministers and explained Myanmar's developments and the ministry's plans for drafting the bills.

In his speech at the 100th Session



Union Minister U Aung Kyi delivers a speech at 100th Session of International Labour Conference at the UN building in Geneva, Switzerland.—MNA

of International Labour Conference, Union Minister U Aung Kyi said Myanmar is taking measures for creating more job opportunities, ensuring gender equality and strong national economy and alleviating poverty. At the same time, the State is placing emphasis on social welfare.

Now, the country is drafting the bills for new social welfare law and new job and capacity building law for the protection of workers.

He quoted the speech of the President at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as saying that the State has

(See page 9)

Depression over Bay of Bengal vanishes

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Yesterday's depression over north Bay of Bengal has crossed West Bengal Coast (India) and remained as the land depression. According to the observations at (05:30) hrs MST today, the land depression has become unimportant, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA