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Cooperative societies will be formed with bottom up initiative, not with top down policy

Region/State work committees to organize residents to form cooperative societies with trustworthy and reliable people, rather than forming them perfunctorily

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June – Chairman of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Central Committee President U Thein Sein addressed the central committee meeting (1/2011) today.

The following is the translation of the full text of the speech by President U Thein Sein.

Out of Myanmar's total population of about 60 million, 70 percent live in rural areas.

For the socioeconomic improvement of needy rural people, the previous government laid down and implemented five rural development tasks. And good results have been achieved to a certain degree in the education, health, transport, safe water supply and agriculture sectors.

With a view to improving the socio-economic life of the rural people and alleviating poverty by creating more economic opportunities in rural areas making best use of such results, a workshop was held in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 May this year.

The workshop was attended by Myanmar economic experts, who worked at home and abroad, retired ambassadors, economist professors from universities of economics, businessmen, Union Ministers and departmental heads. It was held for three consecutive days under the title **"National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation".**

It was an extensive meeting as all the attendees cordially and openly discussed their economic views and experiences in conformity with prevailing conditions.

After collecting the points included in the discussions, there are eight tasks when we have found out and chosen the tasks that should and can be implemented for rural development and poverty alleviation. They are:

(a) Development of agricultural production sector
(b) Development of rural productivity and cottage industries
(c) Development of micro saving and credit enterprises
(d) Development of rural cooperative tasks
(e) Development of rural socio-economy
(f) Development of rural energy
(g) Environmental conservation.

Chairman of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Central Committee President U Thein Sein addresses the central committee meeting (1/2011).—MNA

In a bid to ensure rural development and alleviate poverty, private companies, NGOs, INGOs and social organizations will have to cooperate with the government. If the savings of a society are not enough to provide loans for members, related companies should provide funds at reasonable rates through agreements.

According to all-round surveys of living conditions of households, jointly conducted by UNDP and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the poverty rate of Myanmar has decreased from 32% to 26%. However, poverty rate must be reduced by half in a period between 1990 and 2015 according to Millennium Development Goal-1. This is why Myanmar's poverty rate must be reduced by 16% by 2014-2015.

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Four political objectives

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, 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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 21 June, 2011

For rural development and poverty alleviation

About 70% of the 60 million people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar reside in rural areas. The five rural development programmes are making a good headway.

Addressing the National Workshop for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 May with the aim of scaling up rural development and alleviating poverty, President U Thein Sein presented programmes to seek more effective processes than previous ones.

The attendees frankly shared experiences with one another and compared notes in accordance with objective conditions. The Union level central committee, work committee and Region and State level work committees formed to expedite the tasks are now implementing the plans in a practical way.

The Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held its Meeting (1/2011) at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw this morning. It will lay down and supervise policies. The Union level work committee will assign duties to every Union minister for a plan, and render assistance to Region and State level work committees.

Rural areas will soon enjoy development and poverty alleviation if Region and State level work committees effectively implement the plans laid down by the central committee, in cooperation with residents in 330 townships and 82 sub-townships.

People's Desire

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

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives EU delegation

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo shakes hands with Mr Robert Cooper, Director-General, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, External Economic Relations, Politico-Military Affairs, Brussels.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a European Union delegation led by Mr. Robert Cooper, Director-General , General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, External Economic Relations, Politico-Military Affairs, Brussels, at his office here at 4 pm today.

Present at the call together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein, Director-General at the Union Government Office U Tin Myo Kyi and officials.—*MNA*

Attorney-General's Office shows its love for the Mother Earth

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Union Attorney-General's Office organized tree-planting activity this morning, attended by Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin and Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo.

The Union Attorney-General planted trees, put fingerlings into the dam and so did the staff. A total of 925 trees which are of teak, perennial trees and windbreakers were planted and about 6000 fingerlings were put into the dam in the activity.—*MNA*

Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin plants a teak sapling at monsoon tree-planting ceremony of his office.—MNA

Myanmar, European Union to boost cooperation and relations

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr Robert Cooper, Director-General, General Secretariat of the Council of EU, External Economic Relations, Politico-Military Affairs.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received a European Union delegation led by Mr Robert Cooper, Director-General, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, External Economic Relations, Politico-Military Affairs, Brussels and Mr David Lipman, Ambassador of European Union to Myanmar at his office here this afternoon.

The meeting focused on strengthening of relations and cooperation between Myanmar and European Union.

MNA

About 17 wounded in car bomb explosion in Colombia

BOGOTA, 20 June— The Colombian authorities confirmed on Sunday that 17 people were wounded in a car bomb explosion in the southwestern Colombian City of Popayan around midnight on Saturday.

The blast occurred near a bridge where a group of people were celebrating the triumph of Atletico Nacional at Colombia's soccer championship Saturday night.

Police blamed the rebel ELN (National Liberation Army) for the terrorist act, which also destroyed 15 homes and left 15 districts without power.

A regional police commander, Orlando Pineda, said on Sunday that a middle-aged driver was arrested by police who stopped the car bomb at a checkpoint before it reached its intended destination — the city's downtown.

Xinhua

A woman walks past the site of car bomb attack in Popayan, Cauca on 19 June, 2011.
INTERNET

Bomb blast kills Iraqi civilian

BAQUBA, 20 June— An Iraqi civilian was killed and three others injured in a car bomb blast in Baquba, the centre of northeast Iraq's Diala Province, officials said.

"A sticking bomb blew off in a taxi in central Baquba, killing its driver and wounding three university students, who were in the car," a security source told *Aswat al-Iraq* news agency.

Officials said the students in Sunday's incident were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Diala Province has had several security violations recently, including the explosion of a booby-trapped car Tuesday that killed eight and wounding another 27, the report said.

Baquba is about 40 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Internet

***Policemen enter the parking lot of the Ikea shop in Delft, the Netherlands, on 19 June, 2011.*—XINHUA**

Bomb scare in Dutch town

THE HAGUE, 20 June— A suspicious package found in a town in the Netherlands sparked a bomb scare Sunday, police said.

The package was found in a parking lot near a shop in Delft town, about 10 km from The Hague, *Xinhua* reported.

The shop was cordoned off after police arrived at the spot. Some 300 customers were held back inside the shop due to the incident.

Xinhua

Investigators, firefighters and rescuers work at the blasted Chinese restaurant on the main street of the neighbourhood "El Florido", in Tijuana, Baja Califournia, northern Mexico, on 19 June, 2011. A strong explosion caused by gas leak destroyed the restaurant on Sunday. Twenty six were injured, six of them seriously, sources within the local rescue services informed.
XINHUA

Bomb threat briefly locks down airport near Washington

WASHINGTON, 20 June— A bomb threat Sunday briefly locked down the Ronald Reagan National Airport near US capital Washington DC. But authorities later said nothing hazardous was found.

The airport was briefly shut down for up to 20 minutes while US Airways flight 2596 from Dayton, Ohio, landed and was diverted to an isolated area, Courtney Mickalonis, a spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority was quoted by local media as saying.

Investigators interviewed the 44 passengers on board, and bomb experts swept the plane, but nothing was found. The plane landed at about 1 pm.

Xinhua

Three soldiers, four militants killed in clashes in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 20 June—At least three Pakistani soldiers and four Taleban militants were killed and 13 security personnel were injured in a clash that broke out Sunday in a tribal area in northwest Pakistan, reported local Urdu TV channel DAWN.

According to the report, the clash took place in Mohmand Agency near the Pakistani-Afghan border when a group of armed militants launched an attack Sunday morning on a check post in the Baizai area of Mohmand Agency.

The militants used rockets to target the security forces and the forces also fired artillery shells at the hideouts of the militants, the report quoted security sources as saying.

Pakistan said that militants have recently launched several attacks on the border check posts from Afghan soil.

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

Pakistan raised the issue of militants' incursion from Afghan territory with the Afghan President Hamid Karzai when he was on a two-day visit in Islamabad on 10 to 11 June. Karzai has promised to stop militants if proved that they are using Afghan soil.

Deputy chief of Pakistan Taleban Maulvi Faqir Muhammad said last week that he is in the northeastern Afghan Province of Kunar and would attack Pakistani forces in the Bajaur tribal region.

Another leader of Pakistan Taleban Maulana Fazaullah is believed to have crossed into Afghanistan's Nuristan Province and has regrouped his fighters there. Fazaullah led bloody campaign against Pakistani forces in Swat valley in 2008 and 2009.

Xinhua

People transfer a man who was injured in a shootout to a hospital in southern Pakistan's port city of Karachi, on 19 June, 2011.
XINHUA

11 killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 20 June—The death toll of US drone strike launched in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of Kurram Agency on Monday morning has risen to 11, reported local Urdu TV channel Geo.

Nine out of the 11 suspected militants killed in the strike were foreigners, said the report, adding that one militant commander was also killed in the strike.

According to the report, the US drones fired four missiles at about 10:30 am local time at two suspected targets in the Khardand area of Kurram Agency, which is situated very close to the Afghan border.

The two targets each hit by two missiles of US drones included one vehicle suspected of carrying militants and one militants' hideout in the mountainous areas of the afore-said agency.

This is the first US drone strike ever reported in the Kurram Agency since this year.

Prior to this, all the other strikes were carried out in North and South Waziristan, two strongholds of militants hiding along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border area.

Monday's US drone strike is the 37th of its kind (counted on daily basis) in Pakistan in 2011. To date, a total of 315 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes since this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Science

Tierra del Fuego has too many beavers

USHUAIA, (Argentina) 20 June—More than 200,000 beavers, descendants of 25 imported in 1946, are busy wreaking environmental havoc in Argentina's far south, scientists say.

The problem is that the beavers, hunted in North America by wolverines, bears and other animals, have no natural predators in Tierra del Fuego, *The Washington Post* reported Friday. As they multiply, they cut down trees and build dams that flood the forests, killing still more trees.

Pablo Kunzle, a trapper with the Argentine parks service, has a love-hate relationship with his prey.

"They're hydraulic engineers," he said, pointing to a dam in a pristine river valley. "They're almost the perfect machine."

The Argentine navy originally brought beavers to Tierra del Fuego, an island split between Argentina and Chile.

The goal was to establish a trade in beaver pelts, which never took off.

Now the beavers have moved across the Straits of Magellan and at least one colony is thriving on the Brunswick Peninsula in Chile.

"We think they could occupy all of Patagonia," said Laura Malmierca, a parks service biologist.

Efforts to popularize beaver meat as a human food have fallen flat.

The next step may be importing sharpshooters for a massive kill.

Internet

***Schemes to convert croplands or marginal lands to forests will make almost no inroads against global warming this century, a scientific study published on Sunday said.—*INTERNET**

Afforestation will hardly dent warming problem

PARIS, 20 June—Schemes to convert croplands or marginal lands to forests will make almost no inroads against global warming this century, a scientific study published on Sunday said.

Afforestation is being encouraged under the UN's Kyoto Protocol climate-change treaty under the theory that forests are "sinks" that soak up carbon dioxide (CO2) from the air through photosynthesis.

But environmental researchers, in a new probe, said that even massive conversion of land to forestry would have only a slender benefit against the greenhouse-gas problem. This is partly because forests take decades to mature and CO2 is a long-lasting molecule, able to lurk for centuries in the atmosphere. But another reason is that forests, even as they absorb greenhouse gas, are darker than croplands and thus absorb more solar heat — and in high latitudes, this may even result in net warming. Vivek Arora of the University of Victoria in British Columbia and Alvaro Montenegro of St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia modelled five scenarios in which afforestation was carried out over 50 years, from 2011 to 2060.

They used a Canadian programme called CanESM1 that simulated the impacts on land, sea and air if Earth's surface temperature rose by some 3.0 degrees Celsius (5.4 degrees Fahrenheit) by 2100 compared to 1850.—*Internet*

Scientists discover cause of gray hair

NEW YORK, 20 June—Scientists at the Ito Lab at New York University's Langone Medical Centre say they have identified the protein that causes gray hair. Researchers, using black mice as test subjects, isolated a protein identified as 'wnt' as the cause of gray hair and that a cure will eventually be found, *ABC News* reported." Mouse and the human hairs are very similar in the way that they are structured and the way they contain melanocyte stem cells," said Piul Rabbani, the graduate student leading the study. "We found that the wnt signaling pathway is activated the same way."

He said the wnt protein coordinates pigmentation between cells and the breakthrough means the wnt protein could be added to hair grooming products or supplements, putting an end to graying hair."Our hair follicles and the pigmentation from the melanocyte stem cells work in a very similar fashion, so it definitely can be applied at some point in the future," Rabbani told *ABC News.*

Internet

Technology

New Internet era beckons with company domain names

SINGAPORE, 20 June—A global body that charts the course of the Internet is set to vote in Singapore on Monday on a potentially revolutionary plan to open up new domain suffixes for private companies.

Under the changes to be discussed at a meeting of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), businesses would no longer be restricted to the list of generic top level domains (gTLDs) that include .com, .net and .org when they apply to register a website address.

Industry observers say global giants such as Apple, Toyota and BMW, to cite examples from various regions, could be in the vanguard of launching websites with their own domain names.

"New gTLDs represent one of the biggest changes to the Internet since its inception," said Michele Jourdan, communications manager for the ICANN.

"While they won't have a technical impact on the way the Internet operates, they could potentially change the way people find information and how businesses plan and structure their online presence," she told *AFP*.

ICANN, a non-profit body managing the Domain Name System and Internet Protocol addresses that form the technical backbone of the Web, is holding a six-day global meeting in Singapore to discuss a range of matters.

Its board will vote on Monday on whether to proceed with the new gTLD programme, and an ICANN source said approval was expected.—*Internet*

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New rocketplane 'could fly Paris-Tokyo in 2.5 hours'

PARIS, 20 June—European aerospace giant EADS on Sunday unveiled its "Zero Emission Hypersonic Transportation" (Zehst) rocket plane it hopes will be able to fly from Paris to Tokyo in 2.5 hours by around 2050.

"I imagine the plane of the future to look like Zehst," EADS' chief technical officer Jean Botti said as the project was announced at Le Bourget Airport the day before the start of the Paris International Air Show.

The low-pollution plane to carry between 50 and 100 passengers will take off using normal engines powered by biofuel made from seaweed before switching on its rocket engines at altitude.

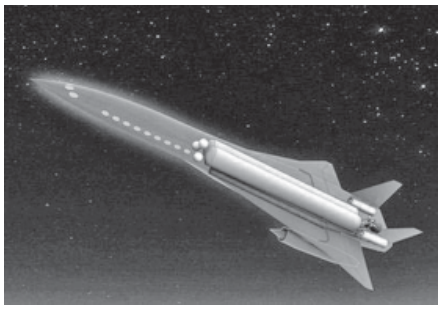
The rocket engines, powered by hydrogen and oxygen whose only exhaust is water vapour, propel the plane to a cruising altitude of 32 kilometres (20 miles), compared to today's passenger jets which fly at around 10,000 metres.

"You don't pollute, you're in the stratosphere," Botti said.

To land, the pilot cuts the engines and glides down to Earth before reigniting the regular engines before landing.

EADS hopes to have a prototype built by 2020 and for the plane to eventually enter service around 2050.

Internet



***A computer-generated image from the European defence group EADS shows the so-called "Zero Emission Hypersonic Transportation" (Zehst) rocket.—*INTERNET**

Health

Portable pools as risky as in-ground pools

COLUMBUS, 20 June— The lead researcher of a new US study on drownings says a child dies every five days in a portable pool during the warm-weather months.

The study, being published Monday in the journal *Pediatrics,* calls for effective and affordable protection devices for the pools, which range from small wading pools to large inflatable and other soft-sided pools.

It says 209 children under 12 died and 35 nearly drowned from 2001 to 2009. Ninety-four percent of the children were younger than 5. The numbers are comparable with findings for in-ground pools.

The study was conducted by researchers at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus and Independent Safety Consulting in Rockville, Md.

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals in Alexandria, Va, agrees with the report's findings, underscoring the importance of constant adult supervision supplemented by safety devices.

Internet

Price labels of half gallons of milk for sale are seen in a store in New York on 7 April, 2011. One in 12 kids in the United States may have a food allergy, according to new findings based on an online survey.Kids were most commonly allergic to peanuts, milk, and shellfish.
INTERNET

Scientists develop new approach for cancer vaccine

LONDON, 20 June—Scientists have developed a technique that uses a library of DNA taken from organs in which tumours can form and harnesses the body's immune response to create a vaccine designed to treat cancer.

In a study published in the journal *Nature Medicine* on Sunday, researchers from Britain and the United States said that in early tests in mice with prostate cancer, their experimental vaccine was able to shrink tumours, suggesting it could be developed in future into a treatment for cancer patients.

"Using the immune system to treat cancer is a very exciting area at the moment," Alan Melcher of Leeds University, who co-led the study, said in an interview. "What we've done is to develop a new approach which builds on a promising foundation."

He said the method could potentially be used against other forms of cancer such as skin or breast cancer, but added that the research was at an early stage and it would be several years before a vaccine could be developed for testing in humans.

Immunotherapy treatments — medicines that enlist the help of the body's immune system to fight disease — are a relatively new form of potential cancer treatment.

An immunotherapy drug called ipilimumab, or Yervoy, made by Bristol-Myers Squibb, was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in March as the first drug to help advanced melanoma patients live longer.

And last April, the FDA approved Dendreon Corp's Provenge, a therapeutic vaccine designed to stimulate the immune system to attack prostate cancer.—*Reuters*

Study to evaluate online smoking cessation

SEATTLE, 20 June— A Seattle research centre is recruiting adult US smokers for a study of online smoking cessation programmes, researchers say.

Study director Jonathan Bricker, a clinical psychologist who specializes in smoking-cessation research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre, says that online smoking-cessation programmes are improving but could use some improvements. "Quit-smoking Web sites reach millions of adults 24 hours a day. Unfortunately, these Web sites have low success rates," Bricker, of the Cancer Prevention Programme in the Hutchinson Centre's Public Health Sciences Division, says in a statement. "Our team has revamped our Web site to improve the experience for people in the study, which will help us find ways to boost the success rates of quit-smoking Web sites." Study participants will learn new tools for dealing more effectively with dealing with the urge to smoke and receive step-by-step quit guides and create personalized plans for staying smoke-free.—*Internet*

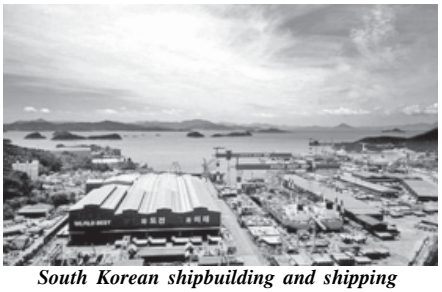
Business

S Korea firm in $1 b Russia shipyard deal

SEOUL, 20 June— South Korean shipbuilding and shipping conglomerate the STX Group said Monday it has signed an initial deal to build a $1 billion shipyard in Russia.

The group said a memorandum of understanding covering engineering, procurement and construction for the St Petersburg project was signed with OAO United Shipbuilding Corp.

STX has also been seeking to jointly build shipyards in Brazil and the United Arab Emirates. The group has 18 shipyards in eight countries, including South Korea and China. Earlier this month, STX Offshore and Shipbuilding won a $400 million deal from SCF Sovcomflot of Russia to build two liquefied natural gas carriers.—*Internet*



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***Nokia will be back at CommunicAsia, after a 10-year absence, as the troubled Finnish giant looks to make a splash at the annual telecommunications expo which opens in Singapore on Tuesday.*—INTERNET**

Nokia headlines Asia telecoms expo in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 20 June—One of Asia's biggest telecommunications fairs opens in Singapore on Tuesday with tablets and smartphones taking centre stage and Nokia making a fresh bid to attract a new generation of consumers.

As in past years, industry behemoth Apple which has a stranglehold on the tablet market will not be present at CommunicAsia — instead it stages its own iconic events in California. But Nokia will be back at CommunicAsia after a 10-year absence as the troubled Finnish giant looks to make a big splash at the annual expo. It will be joined by Asian brands as well as BlackBerry maker Research in Motion (RIM) of Canada at the four-day trade fair. Nokia's chief executive Stephen Elop will deliver a keynote address Tuesday in which he will provide an overview of the company's new strategy and an update on its partnership with US software giant Microsoft.

Elop is also expected to speak on the importance of the regional market to Nokia, which accounted for at least eight out of every 10 phones sold in Asia in its heyday, according to CommunicAsia. Nokia declined to say why the company decided to return to the expo after its last participation in 2000 but one analyst said the move showed how important the region is to the company's future.—*Internet*

Japanese exports drop 10.3 percent in May

TOKYO, 20 June—Japan's exports dropped for the third straight month in May, hit by massive production losses in the auto sector following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami disasters, the government said Monday.

Exports fell 10.3 percent year-on-year to 4.76 trillion yen ($6 billion). Imports rose 12.3 percent to 5.61 trillion yen, resulting in a trade deficit of 853.7 billion yen — Japan's second-biggest after a 967.9 billion yen deficit in January 2009, the finance ministry said.

"Exports were down again as auto shipments tumbled in the month. Automakers struggled with parts shortages after the quake, and did not see a recovery in production in May," said economist Hajime Inoue at the Japan Research Institute Ltd.—*Internet*

***In this 23 Feb, 2010 file photo, a car is driven by hundreds of Japanese vehicles parked before being loaded on a freighter in Yokohama near Tokyo, Japan.*—INTERNET**

Russia to receive fatal bacteria strain from EU

MOSCOW, 20 June—Russia's chief sanitary inspector Gennady Onishchenko said on Sunday that Moscow is expected to receive a strain of the fatal E coli bacteria on Monday, which has forced Russian authorities to impose a ban on EU vegetable, according to local media reports.

"The strain has been sent by the Rome research centre, which cooperates with the World Health Organization. But we have not received it yet, considering that today is Sunday," Onishchenko was quoted by *RIA Novosti* news agency as saying.

In recent days, EU has urged Russia to lift its ban on the imports of fresh vegetables from all EU member states following an outbreak of the E coli bacteria, but Moscow insisted to lift the ban only if receiving details from the EU on the source of the E coli outbreak.

The deadly E coli outbreak has so far killed 38 people, mostly in Germany, and sickened thousands of others. The virus was reported to be traced to bean sprouts from a farm in Germany's Lower Saxony region. Russia is the EU's largest market for vegetable exports. It buys 1.1 million tons of vegetables, valued at 600 million euros (858 million US dollars), from the 27-nation bloc every year, accounting for a quarter of the EU's total exports.—*Xinhua*

***Brides compete in a race in central Belgrade, Serbia, on 19 June, 2011. About fifty brides participated in an annual bridal race in the Serbian capital on Sunday, competing for numerous prizes, including the bridal gowns they had chosen to race in.*—XINHUA**

***French Secretary of State for Transport Thierry Mariani (4th L), Chinese Ambassador to France Kong Quan (3rd L) and General Manager of the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) Jin Zhuanglong (2nd R) attend the unveiling ceremony of COMAC Europe Office in Paris, France, on 19 June, 2011. The COMAC Europe Office was offically opened here Sunday.*—XINHUA**

One killed in party organized through Facebook

NEW YORK, 20 June—One person died and eight were wounded in a gun fight at a party in New York that was organized through social network Facebook, police said.

Police said the gun fight began late at night in the house where the party was going on, and then continued into the streets in Brooklyn area.

The party was announced on Facebook as "Freaky Friday" and guests were charged $5 as entrance fee.

Police said the shooting took place after two people started arguing for reasons that remain unknown.

Nine people suffering bullet wounds were taken to hospital, where one of them, a young man aged 20, died.

Internet

Herb used in Indian curries can spice up things in the bedroom

LONDON, 20 June—A herb used to add flavour to Indian curries can also spice up our sex lives, according to a new study.

Researchers found that men taking fenugreek can boost their sex drive by at least a quarter.

Sixty healthy men aged between 25 and 52 took an extract of the herb twice a day for six weeks.

Their libido levels were monitored using a scoring system to assess any changes after three and six weeks.

Within six weeks, their scores had soared by an average of 16.1 to 20.6 – a 28 percent rise, reports the *Daily Mail*.

Meanwhile, another group of men taking dummy pills saw their scores fall.

Fenugreek seeds contain compounds called saponins which are thought to stimulate production of male sex hormones including testosterone.

The tests were carried out by researchers from the Centre for Integrative Clinical and Molecular Medicine in Brisbane, Australia, who said: 'This study has demonstrated that there was significant improvement in sexual function and performance following treatment.'—*Internet*

China to build replica of Austria's Alpine village in ancient Huizhou city

BEIJING, 20 June—A replica of an Alpine Village is to be built in the ancient Chinese City of Huizhou.

It is expected to cost a 5.7 billion pounds, the *Daily Mail* reports. The plan was discovered when a Chinese guest at Hallstatt's hotel left behind a bundle of blueprints.

China already has Chengdu British Town, modelled on Dorchester, and the Thames Town, built near Shanghai.

Hallstatters say they are proud that their village has caught the eye of Minmetals Land Ltd the real estate development arm of China Minmetals Corporation, its largest metals trader.

"We're happy they find it beautiful enough to copy," one of them said.

Chinese developers are advertising the project as low-density, high-end residential development 'surrounded by mountains with mountain and lake views,' to be built 'in a European architectural style, with a commercial street built with the characteristics of an Austrian-style town.'—*Internet*

***Dancers from northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region perform on stage during a dressed rehearsal of the upcoming gala show to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC) at the People's Great Hall in Beijing, capital of China, on 18 June, 2011. The show is expected to be staged at the end of this month.*—XINHUA**

***Photo illustration of people looking at a myriad of internet content on a big screen at an electronics show in Las Vegas. Industry observers say global giants such as Apple, Toyota and BMW, to cite examples from various regions, could be in the vanguard of launching websites with their own domain names ending in ".apple", ".toyota" and ".bmw"*—INTERENT**

Beijing police destroy nearly 500 kg of drugs

BEIJING, 20 June—Police in Beijing incinerated nearly 500 kilograms of drugs on Sunday, prior to the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which falls on 26 June.

The destroyed drugs, weighing 489.39 kilogrammes, were seized by Beijing police in 2008 and 2009, said Ma Guoyun, deputy director of the municipal narcotics control office.

The drugs, including heroin, ice (methamphetamine hydrochloride), cocaine and marijuana, would have been priced at about 260 million yuan (about 40.2 million US dollars) in the black market, Ma said.

He said Beijing police incinerated the confiscated drugs every two years, during which the drugs were kept as core evidences for criminal cases.

"In the process, no toxic gas and wastes were created in the high-temperature incinerator we used," he added.

The move to destroy the drugs before the international anti-drug day was a demonstration of the police's zero tolerance policy on drug trafficking and dealing, said Jiang Liangdong, deputy head of Beijing Municipal Bureau of Public Security.

Xinhua

Those present at Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Central Committee Meeting (1/2011).—MNA

Cooperative societies will be formed with…

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In order to implement these tasks effectively, the Union level central committee, work committee and region/state level work committees have been formed.

The central committee will adopt and supervise policies. For the Union level work committee, Union Ministers will take charge of a task each and support the region and state level rural development and poverty alleviation work committees, which will have to take practical measures.

Region and state level work committees are to go down to 330 townships and 82 sub-townships and accomplish the abovementioned tasks in cooperation with the rural people who really want to work in their own and public interests.

At the same time, it is necessary to ensure rural security and the rule of law by means of education, warning and taking action in order to implement the tasks more effectively.

Today's meeting will adopt a framework of the rural development and poverty alleviation action plan. The work committee is to coordinate matters with the supporting committees and state and region committees. Then, state and region committees are to draw and implement detailed plans that are suitable for their regions. The duration of the plan implementation is from 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2015.

Formation of associations lies at the centre of the process. Congenial people will form associations in townships and villages for mutual interest. They will be reconstituted into village cooperative societies when they win public trust.

Township associations will become township cooperative syndicates and village associations, village branch cooperative societies. The programme will be put into reality about two years later with shares in line with the procedures laid down by the Ministry of Cooperatives. Cooperative societies will be formed with bottom up initiative, not with top down policy.

It is required of the Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, in talk with the supporting committees, to organize workshops in States and Regions with township representatives. Workshops are also to be held in townships to form societies with congenial persons.

The Work Committee will have to form related departments and subcommittees for eight sectors and make field trips down to villages in one township after another. Every member will have to contribute a share. Private cooperative credit societies will be formed in accordance with the law to lend a member an amount of money that is three times the amount he has saved.

In a bid to ensure rural development and poverty alleviation, private companies, NGOs, INGOs and social organizations will have to cooperate with the government. If the savings of a society are not enough to provide loans for members, related companies should provide funds at reasonable rates through agreements.

Farmers should get secondary income in addition to primary income. To alleviate poverty and to be free from debts, not every farmer can afford advanced methods and has capital. It is difficult for the Work Committee and subcommittees to provide technical support and capitals for every farmer. Therefore, township syndicates and village Sub-societies (village branches) are formed.

Concerning cooperative societies, for farm animals, farmers raise on a manageable scale such as cow, buffalo, chicken, pig, duck, goat and fish, cooperative societies are to be formed as necessary according to their wishes. Integrated farms will be set up with interested farmers. Villages each of which raises fish, goat or chicken with OVOP system will be formed as village livestock and fish and meat production syndicates (village branches). Seasonal crops are in harvest after at least four or five months. Combined farms should be erected for farmers to get secondary income in intervals. By running an integrated farm, a household can have self-employed jobs, incomes, organic fertilizers and bio-fuel.

Region/State work committees are to organize residents to form cooperative societies with trustworthy and reliable people, rather than forming them perfunctorily. If so, rural areas will enjoy development and alleviate poverty. In conclusion, if the processes are implemented intensively, rural areas will be able enjoy development with less poverty. Therefore, respective Region or State work committees and supporting working committees are urged to lay down necessary in-depth programmes through cooperation and coordination.

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Union IP Minister supervises his staff

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi visited Immigration and National Registration Department in Nyaungshwe Township on 18 June.

The Union Minister while visiting Heho Airport inspected his staff checking local and foreign travellers and left necessary instructions.

The Union Minister went to Hopong Immigration and National Registration Department at which citizenship scrutiny cards were being issued for over-10-year-old students during the weekends. He then gave citizenship scrutiny cards to the students.

He also visited Immigration and National Registration Departments in Kalaw Township, Yamethin Township and Yamethin District of Mandalay Region.—*MNA*

Union Minister U Khin Yi oversees issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards at Hopong Immigration and National Registration Department.—MNA

Central Committee for Rural Development …

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U Myint Hlaing reported on distribution of high-yield quality paddy strains, dissemination of knowledge on scientific agricultural methods, establishment of research farms, transformation of conventional into

***Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham participates in discussion.*—MNA**

mechanized farming method, providing money and capital, establishment of educative integrated farming method, emergence of farms for high-yield crops and seeds production and emergence of economical businesses, small- and medium- industries based on farm sector.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun submitting report.

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Union Minister for Coopera-tives U Ohn Myint presenting report.

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Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt reporting to the President.

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With respect to the development of livestock and fish production sector, Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein presented the report on the methods to be implemented, production of bio-gas with the use of by-products and assistances provided by the department, prospects to form meat and fish societies, production and market.

With regard to rural micro production enterprises sector, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint reported on giving encouragements to production of marketable handicrafts, personal goods and household goods as well as agricultural crops; the improvements of technologies and knowledge regarding small- and medium industries; emergence of micro production enterprises based on agriculture and livestock in every townships, forming of crops companies, crops brokerages and zones and new plans.

Concerning the development of micro private cooperative credit society sector, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun presented the report on present works, necessities to be implemented systematically for development of works and future programme. Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint elaborated on future works for promotion of cooperatives sector, 10 basic principles of Myanma Cooperatives adopted in line with polices of International Cooperative Alliance, institutions for development of cooperatives, four sectors of cooperatives, organizational chart of cooperative syndicates, functions of Cooperatives Degree College, colleges and training schools, supervision of cooperative syndicates in line with rules and regulations and procedures and prescribed instructions.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan reported on preparation for establishment of Rural Socio-economic Development Sub-committee, region or state committees, and district and township sub-committees, performance of the tasks of sub-committees for rural socio-economic development and action plan for constant implementation of practical and effective related work programmes in the five fields of rural socio-economic development scheme, namely development of education, health, human resources, transportation and communication with the ten forces—the state, banks, savings and loan cooperatives, foundations, entrepreneurs, non-governmental organizations at home, international organizations including UN, wellwishers, social organizations and local peoples.

Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, concerning rural energy development, explained measures for rural energy development with solar power system, hydropower system, wind power system, energy generation with the use of cow-dung, paddy husks and broken woods, and engine-powered system. Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun explained top priorities for environmental conservation such as woods-nurturing, sustenance of bio-diversity, soil conservation, water resources development, potable water sufficiency, prevention of air pollution, reduction of climate change, wastes management, mobilization of rural folks and measures for human resources development.

Then the meeting was adjourned for a while and was resumed at 1:45 pm. Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt explained reclamation of existing farmlands as one-acre fields, measures for boosting production, distribution of quality high-yielding strains, progress in establishment of organic vegetables zone, progress of livestock breeding, founding of savings and loan associations and provision of loans, opening of basic education schools and hospitals and clinics, reclamation of model farmlands, and construction of inter-village roads.

Next, region and state chief ministers explained founding of working committees for rural region development and poverty reduction in respective states and regions, implementation of 8 sectors and follow-up tasks. Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko briefed on available assistance of his ministry for above-mentioned works.

***Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo making discussion.*—MNA**

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo said that public servants are to make rural folks understand work plans and goals of rural region development and poverty reduction and to convince them to take part in the activities and success cannot be achieved without cooperation. He highlighted the importance of accuracy of statistics saying that works can be done effectively by fulfilling the requirements of a particular region depending on its accurate statistics. He then urged entrepreneurs to work in tandem with the government for accomplishment of such works.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that region and state governments are to effectively and widely implement eight work plans adopted for rural region development and poverty reduction in the grass-root level of the society, only then its objectives can be realized. He noted that socio-economic life of rural folks can be enhanced by building more infrastructures for rural regions.

Chairman of the central committee President U Thein Sein coordinated essentials. In his concluding remarks, he said that works of the respective committees to be centered on rural regions. He stressed that better living standard of farmers and workers, who are basic strata of the nation, means enhanced national dignity. He urged responsible personnel to make field study and assist in providing required technologies and capitals to rural regions.

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Buildings of Ministry of Energy (Yangon Branch) to be converted into 500-bed general hospital

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo at the Ministry of Energy (Yangon Branch) on Pyay Road in Yangon.

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YANGON, 20 June— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Union ministers, the Yangon Region chief minister, deputy ministers and Yangon Region ministers and heads of department, inspected the buildings of the Ministry of Energy (Yangon Branch) yesterday morning to extend New Yangon General Hospital.

The Vice-President inspected the buildings of the Minister's Office, and offices of the departments and enterprises. At the briefing hall, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and departmental heads reported on the conditions of the buildings of the Ministry of Energy (Yangon Branch) and prospects to convert them into a 500-bed hospital.

In response, the Vice-President highlighted the need of the upcoming hospital to meet all characteristics of a hospital as the building was constructed as an office. The buildings of the Ministry of Energy (Yangon Branch) will be converted into a 500-bed general hospital as the beds of New Yangon Hospital are not enough for all patients.

The Vice-President also inspected the three 500-ton food security shelters being built in Dawbon Township under the India-Myanmar Friendship Project. Officials gave accounts of the project. The Vice-President gave necessary instructions.—*MNA*

Union Commerce Minister meets merchants, farmers in Taze Township

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint held a meeting with departmental officials, townselders, merchants, and farmers who grow rice, peas and corn, at the office of the administrator of Taze Township General Administration Department in Sagaing Region on 18 June.

Necessary committees have been formed to improve the socio-economic life of rural people, said the minister, adding that courses on import and export procedures will be conducted for public knowledge.

He also had a meeting with merchants and farmers in YeU Township, Zeegon and Htangon villages in Kanbalu Township, and Kanbalu.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint delivers an address in meeting with departmental officials, townselders, merchants and farmers in Taze.—MNA

Payment & Settlement Systems Course opened

YANGON, 20 June — The opening ceremony of 6th SEACEN-CeMCoA/BOJ Intermediate Course on Payment and Settlement Systems for Emerging Economics, jointly conducted by South East Asia Central Banks and Central Bank of Myanmar, was held at Sedona Hotel here this morning, with addresses by Executive Director of SEACEN Dr A G Karunaseana and Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win.

The one-week course is being attended by 44 trainees from 16 Asian countries.

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Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win addresses opening ceremony of 6th SEACEN-CeMCoA/BOJ Intermediate Course on Payment and Settlement Systems for Emerging Economics.—MNA

Outstanding students of Ayeyawady Region honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended a ceremony to honour outstanding students of Pathein Township who passed matriculation exam with flying colours at Pathein Town Hall on 17 June morning.

The chief minister awarded the schools of Pathein Township that achieved highest pass rate of matriculation examination and outstanding students.

A total of 224 students outstandingly passed the 2010-2011 academic year exam with ranging from one to six distinctions.—*MNA*

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister and party visit Thailand

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint speaks to Myanmar workers at pineapples-factory of Natural Fruits Co Ltd., In Prachuabkirikhan.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June— Myanmar Delegation led by U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar paid a visit to Thailand from 14th to 17th June 2011, at the invitation of Mr Chalermchai Sri-On, Minister for Labour of the Kingdom of Thailand.

During his visit, Deputy Minister and party accompanied by his counterpart and party visited the Registration center for Myanmar illegal workers at the Samutsakorn Province on 15th June 2011 where one-stop service is conducted for the convenience of the workers. The registration process for the Myanmar migrant workers was stopped 3 years ago. However, at the request of Myanmar side at the Myanmar-Thai Meeting held in Pyin Oo Lwin earlier this year, the Registration process was re-launched again by Thai Government. It is learnt that approximately 85 registration-centers for the illegal migrant workers were opened throughout the country.

The Deputy Minister together with the Thai Minister met with the media at the registration center and answered their questions. In his reply to the questions, he said that all illegal as well as legal Myanmar workers overseas must be taken care and thus, all Myanmar Embassies and consulates-general overseas are always ready to service the interest of Myanmar Nationals and workers. As soon as the information was received, the consular officers of the Embassy or consulate-general immediately went to help and take necessary action on the incident. For instance, in the car accident recently-happened in Mahachai Samutsakorn Province, Thailand and quarrel between the Myanmar workers and security guards of the chicken-factory in Phetchabun District of Thailand, officials from the Myanmar Embassy took active role in resolving the issues. Apart from that, Myanmar Ambassador and officials from Israel themselves visited Jordon with which Myanmar has no diplomatic tie and Embassy and solved the quarrel between Myanmar workers and others. Therefore, it is expected that the important role of Myanmar missions abroad can be clearly understood.

Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation and Thai Labour Minister Mr Chalermchai Sri-On were present at the Myanmar-Thai coordination Meeting on re-opening of registration for Myanmar illegal workers held on 16th June 2011 morning at the Colonial Hall of Sofitel Centara Grand Hotel in Prachuabkirikhan.

Myanmar delegation visited pineapples-factory of Natural Fruits Co Ltd. In Prachuabkirikhan and cordially met with 400 Myanmar workers as arranged by president of the factory.

In his address delivered to the Myanmar workers, the Deputy Minister said that all illegal as well as legal Myanmar workers overseas and at home must be taken care and their interest must also be protected. Myanmar missions abroad are also trying their best to assist the Myanmar people. If there is any difficulty, Myanmar workers may contact with the Ambassador at any time and ask for help. It is satisfying to see Myanmar workers holding Temporary Myanmar passports, by legally working in Thailand, are enjoying equal rights with Thai workers, and to learn that as Thai Government re-opened the registration for illegal migrant workers now, over 30,000 illegal workers registered within one day at 13 centers. In the near future, as Myanmar has potential to have investments from abroad followed by more job opportunities, Myanmar workers will have the chance to work in Myanmar earning handsome salary and happily love with family. Some 500,000 Temporary passports for Myanmar workers in Thailand have been issued already to date. Temporary passport issuing and extension for the remaining Myanmar workers will follow very soon as well. Due to the friendship and cooperation between both countries, all the issues of Myanmar illegal workers will be resolved soon.

Then, the Deputy Minister accompanied by U Aung Thein, the Ambassador and U Tha Aung Nyun, acting Director General called on Mr Vasin Teeravechyan, Chairman of the Thai Joint Boundary Committee at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, on 17th June 2011 morning.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint together with U Tha Aung Nyun, acting Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Police Colonel Myo Min Htike of Special Branch of Myanma Police, U Khin Maung Yin, Director of the Ministry of Immigration and Population, Daw Khin Nway Oo of the Ministry of Labour and U Aung Kyaw Moe of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, arrived back Yangon from Bangkok on 17th June 2011 evening.

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U Khin Maung Tin presents his Credentials to Emperor of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—U Khin Maung Tin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Japan, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Emperor Akihito, Emperor of Japan, on 10 June in Tokyo.—*MNA*

Earthquake News

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan Province) about (280) miles Northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (16) hrs (48) min (40) sec M.S.T on 20th, June 2011.

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Special Refresher Course No.75 for basic education teachers opens

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—The opening of Special Refresher Course No.75 for basic education teachers, was held at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning. Member of the Union Civil Services Board U Khin Maung Aye delivered an opening speech on the occasion. It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin, officials and 1500 trainees.

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Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint delivered an address in meeting with district and township level departmental personnel, townselders, ward/village administrators at Kandaw Mingala Hall in Meiktila Region on 20 June.—MNA

Austrian biker cycles down volcano at 102 mph, breaks world record!

LONDON, 20 June—A daredevil mountain biker from Austria has set a new world record for speed by cycling down the side of Nicaragua''s 2388 ft Cerro Negro volcano at over 100 mph.

Markus Stockl, who already holds the speed record for riding down an icy mountainside slope, hit a top speed of 102 mph - smashing the previous record held by Eric Barone.

Wearing just a thin Lycra suit and a specially adapted, aerodynamic crash helmet, professional downhill racer, the daredevil biker navigated the volcano''s notorious shifting gravel and ash surface to claim the record - but had to do it twice after the recording equipment failed.

"On the first record attempt a strong wind was rattling the speed recording system attached to the bike and it recorded an error," *the Daily Mail* quoted Stockl as saying.

"So I had to climb back up the volcano and do it again - thankfully it worked out fine and we had the record.

The Austrian pro biker, who is nicknamed Hercules, bought his first bike aged 15 - only to find out it had no suspension.

But on 31 May, the 36-year-old sped down the volatile volcano''s 45-degree slope on a bike built from parts totalling thousands of pounds.

His next goal he says is "to break the snow record for special bikes with an stock bike."—*Internet*

***Photo taken on 18 June, 2011 shows the ruins of the Guge Kingdom in Zanda County of Ngari Prefecture, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. Guge Kingdom, an ancient kingdom estimated to have existed between the 9th and 17th centuries in what is known today as Zanda County, is famed for its ruins, which are the largest ruins and also best preserved artifacts from the kingdom, including colour paintings, clay sculptures and stone sculptures.—*XINHUA**

Extraction from pigs' bladder helps re-grow US soldier's leg

LONDON, 20 June—An American soldier, who damaged his leg muscle in an explosion in Afghanistan, is seeing his leg re-grow after he was injected with a growth promoting substance extracted from pigs' bladder. Marine Isaias Hernandez lost 70 percent of his right thigh muscles when an enemy mortar exploded when he was carrying out repairs to a truck.

Just 19-years-old when he was wounded, the soldier would have had to get his leg amputated, had he not chanced upon this miraculous treatment. "It was a remarkable recovery," *the Daily Mail* quoted Stephen Badylak, the tissue engineering director at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh as saying.

Since the experimental growth hormone was used, Hernandez has regained most of the strength in his right thigh. The pioneering new treatment allows for a revolution in how potential amputee victims are treated. It also offers hope to the hundreds of maimed veterans returning from conflicts with severe limb trauma.—*Internet*

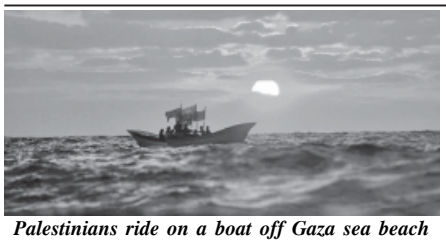
***A Brazilian dancer with colourful outfits performs samba dances in a club in Rio de Janeiro City, Brazil, on 18 June, 2011.—*XINHUA**

Illinois man offers half his yearly salary in search for a bride!

LONDON, 20 June—A former soldier from Illinois is offering half of his annual salary to anyone who can find him a wife after his many attempts to woo women had failed. Paul Gutierrez, 38, who has had the most tragic relationship history, has offered the reward for matchmakers on his blog, titled: 'Can Anyone Find Me A Wife'.

"If anyone can find me a girlfriend, who eventually becomes my wife, I''ll gladly donate 50 pc of my income (For one year) to his or her favourite charity," *the Daily Mail* quoted him as writing. "Or, if that''s not good enough...I''ll happily walk across the country in a wedding dress to raise money for his or her favourite charitable cause No joke!" he added.

The website is a collection of hilarious tales of Gutierrez's failed attempts at find a wife and he has listed 38 reasons why single women should fall in love with him. He pointed out that he has served in the military and that he has never had a girlfriend before. He also mentions his dalliance with mail order brides on the site, although these were just as unsuccessful. The 38-year-old man also wrote that he is 'disease and drug free' and insisted that potential girlfriends must first sign a contract before they go on a date.—*Internet*



Palestinians ride on a boat off Gaza sea beach during a summer hot day, on 18 June, 2011.
XINHUA

EU allows drug tests on pets

LONDON, 20 June—Concerns have been raised in Britain over a European Union directive allowing drug tests on pets, a media report said Sunday.

The plan could trigger a dramatic rise in the number of pets used in laboratory experiments, the express.co.uk reported. British law allows tests only on animals bred for research.

"Dropping UK standards to meet the EU lowest common denominator is wrong and will be seen by the British public as a huge betrayal," the report quoted a spokesman for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals as saying.

The European Commission, the executive body of the EU, has given the British government till 2013 to adopt the legislation.

The directive will allow puppy farms and cat breeders in Britain to supply animals to laboratories abroad. Ministers are concerned the directive would weaken Britain's tough animal welfare laws. Junior Home Office minister Lynne Featherstone has launched a three-month consultation exercise, the report said.

The British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) says that dogs, such as beagles, can have substances dripped into their eyes or be force-fed chemicals and drugs.

Internet

Three arrested for pointing laser at helicopter

CHICAGO, 20 June—Three men were arrested for allegedly pointing a laser beam at a Chicago Police helicopter, authorities say. Alvin Kang, 25, of Northbrook, Jeremy A Smith, 24, of Skokie, and Mark P Lawrence, 25, of Winnetka, are facing charges of the unlawful use of a weapon, *the Chicago Tribune* reported.

The police helicopter was flying above Chicago's North Side at 9:50 pm Saturday when a green laser was shown in the crew's faces. Using night-vision glasses, the crew was able to pinpoint the location of the three suspects and alerted Near North officers on the ground. The Near North officers arrest the three men on a rooftop, the police report said. Kang was arrested 4 June for fighting with another man in a case that is pending. Kang, Smith and Lawrence are scheduled to appear in court 1 Aug.—*Internet*

***Yang Hongchang, boss of a snake rearing company, holds a snake at a snake farm in Zisiqiao village, Zhejiang province in this on 15 June, 2011 file photo. Cobras, vipers and pythons are everywhere in Zisiqiao, aptly known as the snake village, where the reptiles are deliberately raised for use as food and in traditional medicine, bringing in millions of dollars to a village that otherwise would rely solely on farming.—*INTERNET**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (583)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (583) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (391)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (391) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Less educated Americans more likely to die of cancer

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Beijing, 20 June—American Cancer Society discloses that higher education appears to be a game changer when it comes to cancer, according to foreign media reports on Sunday.

The research indicates that the gap is widening in cancer death rates between college graduates and those who only went to high school .

Cancer death rates for those who didn't finish high school are almost three times higher than those of college graduates. The gap was especially wide for lung cancer, but it was also palpably large for breast, colon, and prostate cancer.

For lung cancer, the death rate was five times higher among the least educated Americans than the most educated.

Ahmedin Jemal, ACS Vice President of Surveillance Research, said that higher smoking and obesity rates among lower-income Americans combined with less access to medical services mainly expounds the disparity. Researchers concluded that bridging the education-socioeconomic gap would have prevented about 60,000 premature cancer deaths in 2007 alone in people in the 25-64 age group.

Xinhua

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND REVENUE
INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT
COMMERCIAL TAX DIRECTORATE

Reminding to furnish the Annual Return

1. This is to remind that state economic enterprises, state owned mills, factories, trading and service enterprises, development committee, co-operative society, individuals, individually organized society or organization, companies, partnerships and joint ventures, who have taxable sale proceed or receipt from services in the financial year 2010-2011 (1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011) are reminded that they are according to the Commercial Tax Law, to fill up, sign and furnish an annual return to the respective Township Revenue Office or Company Circle Tax Office, by hand or by registered post. If personally submitted to respective office, an acknowledgement receipt of Annual Return must be compulsorily received.

2. **Taxable proceeds of sale or receipts from service**
   (a) Production or manufacture of goods (except production of salt), kyats 240001 and above:
   (b) Transport of passengers, kyats 180001 and above:
   (c) Trade (buying and selling of goods), kyats 300001 and above;
   (d) Entertainments, Hotel and lodgings, Restaurants, Travel and Tours (including tour guide only), Motor vehicle servicing, Insurance (excluding life insurance), Hair dressing and beauty salon, Body fitness centres, Printing, Computer desktop Printing and design services (excluding photo copying) for financial year total receipts from service.

Last Date

3. 30th June 2011 (Thursday) (It will be accepted until 6:00 PM on that day).

Penalty

4. If there is failure to filing of Annual Return, the amount not more than ten percent of tax may be imposed as penalty.

Annual Return form

5. The prescribed Annual Return forms will be provided, free of charge, at the respective Township Revenue Office or the Company Circle Tax Office.

Inquiry

6. Inquiry may be made at the respective Township Revenue Office or Company Circle Tax Office.

San Lwin
Director
Commercial Tax Directorate

Rafael Nadal easily wins Wimbledon opener

Wimbledon, England, 20 June—Defending champion Rafael Nadal has won his opening match at Wimbledon, recovering from a slow start to beat Michael Russell 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Opening play on Centre Court, the top-seeded Spaniard was a break down at 4-2 in the first set Monday.

He then reeled off six straight games to take the first set and a 2-0 lead in the second.

Nadal broke three times in the second set and twice in the third.

He will face Pablo Andujar of Spain or Ryan Sweeting of the United States in the second round.

Internet

Spain's Rafael Nadal in action during his first round match against Michael Russell of the US at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Monday, 20 June, 2011.
Internet

Ice lover and ocean wanderer

Gyrfalcons are 'secret seabirds'

London, 20 June—The world's largest falcon, the fast, taloned gyrfalcon, is a secret seabird, scientists have discovered. Gyrfalcons living in the high Arctic overwinter out at sea, spending long periods living and hunting on pack ice.

It is the first time any falcon species has been found regularly living at sea. The birds likely rest on the ice and hunt other seabirds such as gulls and guillemots, over what appears to be one of the largest winter ranges yet documented for any raptor.

"I was very surprised by this finding," said ornithologist Kurt Burnham who made the discovery. "These birds are not moving between land masses, but actually using the ice floes or pack ice as winter habitat for extended periods of time." "Previously, all species of falcon were considered to be land-based birds."Dr Burnham of the High Arctic Institute, Illinois US and the University of Oxford, UK, together with colleague Professor Ian Newton of Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in Oxford, studied the seasonal movements of gyrfalcons (Falco rusticolus) by tagging 48 birds with radio transmitters.—*Internet*

The ivory-pleated 'Subway' dress worn by actress Marilyn Monroe from the 1955 film "The Seven Year Itch" is shown on 6 June, 2011 at a preview of actress Debbie Reynold's vast Hollywood costume and prop collection.— Internet

Marilyn Monroe "subway" dress sells for $4.6 million

Beverly Hills, 20 June—The pleated ivory dress that blew around Marilyn Monroe in an iconic scene from "The Seven Year Itch" sold for $4.6 million at a weekend auction of Hollywood costumes — far exceeding its estimate. The so-called "subway" dress is perhaps the most recognizable in movie history. In Billy Wilder's 1955 movie, a passing train sent a draft through a grate as Monroe giddily stood above it proclaiming, "Isn't it delicious?"

The William Travilla design was estimated to sell for between $1 million and $2 million, the crown jewel at a 12-hour auction of nearly 600 costumes and pieces of memorabilia being sold by actress Debbie Reynolds in Beverly Hills on Saturday.

Monroe's red-sequined dress from "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" went for $1.2 million. Its pre-sale estimate was $200,000 to $300,000. Audrey Hepburn's Ascot dress from "My Fair Lady," carrying the same estimate, sold for $3.7 million.

Internet

Donor chips in $10,000 to LA County

Los Angeles County officials say they gratefully cashed the $10,000 check they received from an anonymous donor in the Pacific Northwest.

The cashier's check came in the mail last month with a note asking the county to put it to good use. "In this time of economic difficulties, governments need all the help they can get," the note said. "Please put this anonymous check to good use. God bless you." The county Auditor-Controller's Office reported the donation, which was mailed in Everett, Wash, to the county Board of Supervisors. The board will formally vote to add the money to the general fund at their 5 July meeting, the *Los Angeles Times* said Saturday.

Assistant Auditor-Controller John Naimo told the newspaper the county gets donations from members of the public on occasion, but they are usually earmarked for a specific purpose and definitely make the donor's identity known.

Girls wearing high heels compete in a race in Banja Luka, capital of the Bosnian Serb-dominated entity Republika Srpska, on 16 June, 2011. Thirty girls wearing high heels participated in the race here on Thursday.

Police arrest man trying to buy pot online

Police arrested a Vernon, Conn, man who tried to buy marijuana on Craigslist, officials said.

Michael Krebes, 31, put an ad on Craigslist Thursday looking to buy pot, WVIT-TV reported.

East Central Narcotics Task Force members answered the ad posing as drug dealers and set up a time and place to meet Krebes, police said. The police set up surveillance and when Krebes showed up, he was arrested. Krebes was charged with criminal possession of less than 4 ounces of marijuana and released on $2,500 bond.

Wales sets skinny-dipping record

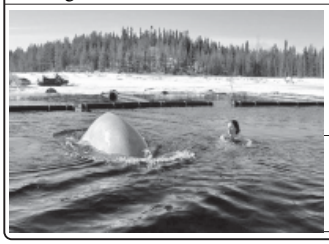
Four hundred people set a world record Sunday on a beach in Wales for number of people skinny dipping at one time, officials said.

Four hundred people from around the world got naked and ran into the sea at Rhossili Beach in Swansea, Wales, at 8 am Sunday, WalesOnline.com reported.

Organizers of the event said the biggest challenge was getting verified by Guinness, but they are confident they beat the previous record of 250 skinny dippers.

Some of the skinny dippers also happened to be sponsored, and raised more than $8,000 for the Marie Curie cancer charity.

"The dash from the shoreline into the waves was the hardest bit but once you are in the water — what the hell!" said Steve Absalom, 29. "I'm very proud to have helped to set the new world record. It is something I will be able to tell my grandchildren."



Russian diver Natalia Avseenko, 36, stripped naked to swim with two beluga whales in sub-zero water in the Arctic.

Jelly Belly creates scented iPhone cases

California candy company Jelly Belly announced it has created a line of jelly bean-scented cases for the iPhone.

Jelly Belly said it teamed with ESI Cases and Accessories to create iPhone cases scented like the company's Strawberry Cheesecake, Very Cherry, Blueberry, Licorice and Berry Blue jelly beans, *TechNewsDaily* reported Friday.

The companies said the cases, which are also available for the iPod Touch, iPod Nano and some BlackBerry phones, can be teamed with unscented earbuds shaped like Jelly Belly beans. The items are sold separately and each cost $14.99.

"These jelly bean-shaped headphones are ideal for any consumers that want to make a fun impression with their friends and as they walk down the street," ESI Chief Executive Elliot Azoulay said.

News Album

Chinese director Jia Zhangke (C) waves on the red carpet at the closing ceremony of the 14th Shanghai International Film Festival in Shanghai, east China, on 19 June, 2011.—Xinhua

Actress Cicely Tyson salutes strict mom

Detroit, 20 June—Actress Cicely Tyson told an audience in her home town of Detroit that her strict childhood set the stage for her acting career.

Tyson was honoured Saturday at fundraising luncheon for the Braylon Edwards Foundation and said she wasn't even allowed to go to the movies as a kid.

The lack of exposure to movies, however, didn't cool her ardor for stage and screen.

"I knew deep down inside there was something burning I knew nothing about," Tyson said. *The Detroit News* said Tyson was one of four honourees at the luncheon along with oncologist Dr Michael Hicks and non-profit leaders Eleanor Josaitis and Gail Perry-Mason.

Internet

Actress Cicely Tyson attends the 41st NAACP Image Awards at the Shrine Auditoreum in Los Angeles on 26 February, 2010.
Internet

Models present cheongsam creations in a fashion show in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 19 June, 2011. As part of the 2011 International Fashion Week, a cheongsam fashion show was held in Qingdao Sunday to promote the culture of cheongsam, a typical Chinese dress for women. —Xinhua

'Green Lantern' lights up the box office

Los Angeles, 20 June— Superhero comic book adaptation "Green Lantern" was the box-office champion this weekend, with an estimated $52.6 million in North American ticket sales as it debuted at number one.

Canadian heart-throb Ryan Reynolds stars as superhero Hal Jordan and Blake Lively as love interest Carol Ferris in the $200 million live-action movie in which Green Lantern Corps warriors try to defeat supervillain Parallax.

One foe "Green Lantern" did defeat this weekend was "Super 8," which marked its second box office week with $21 million at the number two spot. The JJ Abrams sci-fi thriller had debuted at number one last week.

"Mr Popper's Penguins," starring comedian Jim Carrey, landed at number three in its first weekend and brought in $18 million.

Internet

Actor Ryan Reynolds arrives at the premiere of Warner Bros. Pictures' "Green Lantern" held at Grauman's Chinese Theatre on 15 June in Hollywood, California.
Internet

Amy Winehouse cancels shows after Belgrade blunder

Los Angeles, 20 June—English pop singer Amy Winehouse, whose promising career has been crippled by substance abuse problems, cut short a European tour on Sunday after fans in Belgrade jeered her shoddy opening-night performance.

Winehouse, 27, sporting her trademark bouffant hairdo and figure-hugging dress, struggled to perform her songs and keep her balance as her band gamely played on. On some tunes, the audience did most of the singing.

On other occasions, Winehouse lectured her bandmates, and anxiously clutched her arms. She appeared to be reading the lyrics from a teleprompter.

The singer was headlining a Serbian festival, whose lineup included techno singer Moby.—*Reuters*

British singer Amy Winehouse performs at the Brit Awards at Earls Court in London in this 20 February, 2008 file photo.
Internet

Obinna signs for Locomotiv Moscow

LAGOS, 20 June — Nigerian international forward Victor Obinna has joined top Russian club Locomotiv Moscow on a four-year deal, his agent said on Sunday. "Obinna has signed a four-year contract with Locomotiv and he has passed his medical in Moscow," his representative in Nigeria Tony Adele said.

Nigerian international forward Victor Obinna

The 24-year-old striker has moved to Russia as a free player after Inter Milan did not activate a clause on his contract that would have kept him at the San Siro. No fee was disclosed, but it is widely believed to have matched an offer tabled by Turkish giants Galatasaray, who were willing to pay Obinna two million euros a year.Compatriot Osaze Odemwingie left Locomotiv last year under a cloud of controversy following a racist attack by fans of the Moscow club.

Obinna returned to Italy from holidays in his native Nigeria late last week to take a decision on his club future after he played this past season on loan from Inter to West Ham, who were demoted from the English Premier League. — *Internet*

US, Panama reach Gold Cup semi-finals

WASHINGTON, 20 June — Panama booked their CONCACAF Gold Cup semi-final berth in dramatic style, beating El Salvador 5-3 on penalties after Luis Tejada equalized in the 90th minute. Panama on Sunday lined up another match against their Group C rivals the United States, who had second-half goals from Jermaine Jones and Clint Dempsey in a 2-0 victory over Jamaica in the quarter-finals of the regional championship for North and Central America and the Caribbean.

***Adrian Reid (R) of Jamaica is challenged by Clint Dempsey of the US during their 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup quarter-final match at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium in Washington, DC.* — INTERNET**

In Wednesday's other semi-final, Mexico will face Honduras. Defending champions Mexico advanced with a 2-1 victory over Guatemala on Saturday, when Honduras defeated Costa Rica 4-2 on penalties after the two teams were level 1-1 after extra time at New Meadowlands Stadium. The Gold Cup champions earn a berth in the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup.— *Internet*

Sanchez set to snub City for Barcelona

SANTIAGO, 20 June – Highly-rated Chilean forward Alexis Sanchez is set to snub Manchester City and sign for European champions Barcelona this week, according to Chilean Press reports on Sunday. The 22-year-old will sign for 35million euros from Serie A side Udinese, for whom he scored 12 goals last season as they qualified for next season's Champions League, according to *El Mercurio*.

Highly-rated Chilean forward Alexis Sanchez

Sanchez, who also impressed at last year's World Cup finals where Chile reached the second round, will be allowed by Chilean national coach Claudio Borghi to sort out his future this week interrupting his preparation for next month's Copa America. Sanchez has reportedly been the subject of three concrete bids, from Manchester City, English champions Manchester United and Barcelona.

Internet

Schleck will pounce at Tour de France, team insist

SCHAFFHAUSEN, 20 June — Schleck's Leopard team insist the Luxemburger will emerge from a mitigated nine days of racing on the Tour of Switzerland primed for a far more crucial yellow jersey battle next month.

Schleck has finished runner-up to Alberto Contador on the Tour de France the past two years and, despite insisting it could be a seven-way battle for the yellow jersey next month, he remains the Spaniard's biggest rival.

A thrilling end to the nine-day race on Sunday saw American Levi Leipheimer, who was 1min 59sec behind Italian Damiano Cunego before the final time trial over 32.1 km, snatch overall victory from the Lampre all-rounder by just four seconds. s Cunego licked his wounds, and Leiphimer celebrated a win that came largely thanks to his time trialling expertise, there were arguably more questions than answers about Schleck's form ahead of the Tour de France from 2-25 July.

Internet

***American Levi Leipheimer who was 1min 59sec behind Italian Damiano Cunego before the final time trial over 32.1 km.*—INTERNET**

SPORTS

Serena Williams sees Wimbledon as 'stepping stone'

WIMBLEDON, 20 June — Yanking off a sneaker with pink accents and purple laces, Serena Williams revealed the scar that starts atop her right foot and meanders up her leg.

It's a jagged, several-inch remnant — and always-there reminder — of two operations to repair the damage Williams did when cut by glass while leaving a German restaurant last July, just days after winning Wimbledon. That was the first in a series of health scares that wound up sidelining her for about 11 months.

"To this day, I don't know" exactly how the injury happened, Williams said on Sunday, on the eve of this year's tournament at the All England Club. "Something must have fallen." "It's, like, the biggest mystery next to the Loch Ness Monster. I've never been able to figure it out," she added. "I just remember standing up the whole time, thinking, 'Ohhhhh, that really hurts.'"

Internet

McIlroy buries Masters meltdown and wins US Open

BETHESDA, 20 June — The proof of Rory McIlroy's remarkable resiliency was the silver trophy at his side and the pages of a record book that he changed during four mind-boggling days at the US Open.

For his father, it was a phone call right after a most crushing collapse at Augusta National two months ago.

Poised to fulfill his potential and become the youngest Masters champion since Tiger Woods, McIlroy shot 80 in a final round that was painful to watch. Gerry McIlroy, who worked three jobs so his son could pursue his passion, was home in Northern Ireland when the phone rang some 20 minutes after it was over."I said, Rory, are you OK, son?' Because you always fear for your kids," the father said Sunday. "And he says, 'Dad, um, I have no problem with it at all. I hit a few bad shots. And if you play golf, then you'll understand that.'"

***Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, holds up the trophy after winning the US Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., on Sunday*—INTERNET**

The father had his country's flag draped over a green shirt during a momentous celebration at Congressional on Sunday.

McIlroy, the 22-year-old who can make golf look easy even in the toughest of circumstances, buried that Masters memory the way he buried his competition in a breathtaking performance filled with the promise of more majors to come.

Internet

Tottenham can help Modric win top titles: Redknapp

LONDON, 20 June — Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp says he feels the club have to show wantaway midfielder Luka Modric he can achieve his goals with the club as the Croatian ponders overtures from Chelsea after announcing he is ready to move on from White Hart Lane. The 25-year-old Croatia international has indicated he would like to link up with Chelsea, although Spurs' chairman Daniel Levy poured cold water on the possibility of a deal "at any price."

Tottenham midfielder Luka Modric

Redknapp told the BBC he thinks Modric does not need to join "a bigger club" to win top prizes as long as Tottenham bolster their squad. "I think we have to show him our ambition, which we will do," Redknapp told BBC Radio 5 Live's Sportsweek. "If we can add one or two good players to our squad there's no reason we can't have another great season. "So Tottenham could be a great club for him to stay with for the next few years. That's what we're hoping for."

Tottenham have rejected a £22million offer from Chelsea — a bid ridiculed by Redknapp — and the Spurs boss confirmed Sunday that other clubs were sniffing around his prize asset. "Chelsea are not the only club that have been in for him," he said. "There have been other clubs — top, top clubs. But if Tottenham are looking to go anywhere we can't be selling Luka. We have to do something to keep him at the club.We can't afford to sell Luka Modric if we want to be a successful club."

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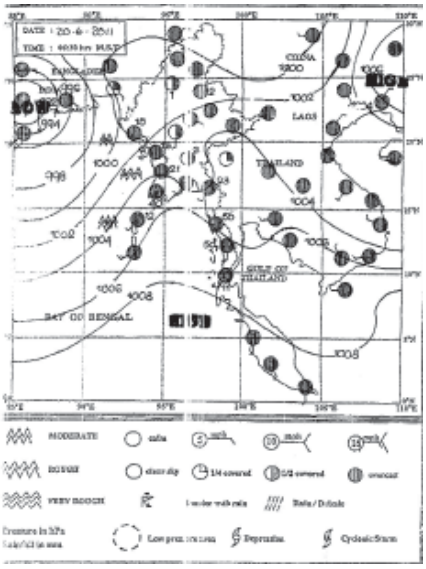
WEATHER

Monday, 20th 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 and Mandalay Regions, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Magway Regions, Shan and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yay (4.76) inches, Paung (4.58) inches, Thaton (4.14) inches, Longlon (3.58) inches, Shwegyin and Bilin (2.48) inches each, Gwa and Dawei (2.24) inches each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 19-6-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 20-6-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-6-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 20-6-2011 was (Tr).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 19-6-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 20-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 20-6-2011 was (0.08)inch.

Rainfall on 20-6-2011 was (Tr) at Nay Pyi Taw and 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 (4) mph from South at (06:30) hours MST on 20-6-2011.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate in the North Bay and East Central Bay and strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 21st June 2011: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and Chin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Rakhine and Kayah States and widespread in the remaing Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experience at times Deltaic, Gulf of Motta, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Moderate to rough seas are likely elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21st June 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21st June 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21st June 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Miss California declared Miss USA 2011

Miss California USA 2011, Alyssa Campanella, of Los Angeles, is crowned Miss USA 2011.—INTERNET

LAS VEGAS, 20 June—Miss California Alyssa Campanella won the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas Sunday night. The 21-year-old redhead represented New Jersey at the Miss Teen USA 2007 competition, where she was first runner-up to Hilary Cruz.

The first runner-up in the Miss USA 2011 race was Miss Tennessee Ashley Durham, while the second runner-up was Miss Alabama Madeline Mitchell. Andy Cohen, host of Bravo's "Watch What Happens: Live," and Giuliana Rancic, co-anchor of "E! News," served as hosts of the 2011 Miss USA pageant at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.

Singer and TV personality Kelly Osbourne provided colour commentary for the event, which aired live on NBC.—*Internet*

Miss California USA 2011, Alyssa Campanella of Los Angeles.

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Programme Schedule
(21-6-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (21-6-11 09:30 am ~ 22-6-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* The Long Lasting Royal Tradition
* News
* Han Golf Master Junior Golf Series 2011
* News
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* MI People's Celebrities "Sai Sai, who has locked his heart"
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* Youth of the Future (Episode-5) (Vocalist)
* News
* Get Well-tailored Clothes Here
* Music Gallery
* News
* A DAY IN ZALUN
* 48th Myanma Gems Emporium Sets Highest Record
* News
* Secret Places for Yummy Foods Pyay Daw Oo (Rice Salad)
* Myanmar Movies "Loud Speaker"

Myanmar TV

Tuesday, 21 June

View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw-Uppatasanti Paritta

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Health Programme

8:05 am
7. Song of Yester Years

8:15 am
8. Dance of National Races

8:20 am
9. Teleplay (Health)

8:30 am
10. Songs for International Day for Preventation of Illicit Drugs Trafficking

8:40 am
11. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
3. Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions

4:30 pm
4. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies

4:45 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Economics)

5:00 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm
7. Teleplay (Health)

5:25 pm
8. Songs for International Day for Preventation of Illicit Drugs Trafficking

5:35 pm
9. Sweet Melody

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:50 pm
13. Sing A Song

7:00 pm
14. TV Dramma Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Just For Laughs
19. TV Dramma Series

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★ 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

Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation meets

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—The meeting No. 1/2011 of the Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, was held at the meeting hall of the President Office, here, this morning. Chairman of the Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation President U Thein Sein attended it and delivered an address on the occasion.

It was also attended by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, members of the Central Committee Union Ministers, Union Attorney-General, Union Auditor-General, members of the Working Committee Chief Ministers of Regions and States, Deputy Ministers and departmental heads.

Meeting No. 1/2011 of the Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation in progress at President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

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First, President U Thein Sein delivered an opening speech. After that, Secretary of the Central Committee Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein presented the reports on improvements of social and economic conditions in eight sectors during 2005 to 2010 according to the findings of Integrated Household Living Condition Assessment-IHLCA Survey being conducted jointly by Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and UNDP; undertakings to effectively carry out rural development and poverty alleviation in line with the goal to half poverty in 2015 which is Millennium Development Goal of Myanmar; the Central Committee's plan to carry out rural development and poverty alleviation by forming Working Committee, Subcommittee and Region/State/Nay Pyi Taw Council Working Committee; project and project period.

Regarding the development of agricultural production sector, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

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