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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

Union Supreme Court holds monsoon tree-growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Monsoon tree-growing ceremony of Union Supreme Court was held at the Union Supreme Court, here, this morning. Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo planted a teak sapling at the ceremony.

After that, judges of the Union Supreme Court, Director-General, Deputy Directors-Gen-

eral and directors planted saplings at designated places. The Union Chief Justice, the Union Supreme Court Judges and departmental heads viewed tree-growing of official and staff.

Over 600 saplings were planted at today's tree-growing ceremony.

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

A hotel must be well-furnished in addition to providing better service to win customer satisfaction

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The conclusion of hotel service courses organized by Nay Pyi Taw Hoteliers Association and supervised by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism took place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning.

In his speech, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan called on the trainees to try hard to meet the ASEAN level in order that the hotels they are working to become green hotels, eco-friendly hotels and star hotels. Hotel staff should also work hard for Green Hotel Award

presented yearly in ASEAN countries, he said. A hotel must be well-furnished and provide good service to win customer satisfaction, he noted. He underlined the importance of correct and good service to lure visitors to become repeated visitors.

The Union Minister presented prizes to four outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the trainees.

Deputy Minister U Htay Aung presented gifts to the four course instructors.

The Union Minister and guests observed the documentary photos on the

activities of the courses.

Altogether 192 trainees completed the reception course, housekeeping course, food and beverage course and food and beverage production course. The courses ran three weeks.

The Union Minister and party inspected arrangements for Nay Pyi Taw travel exhibition and foodstuff exhibition near Thabyegon Market.

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Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan awards an outstanding trainee.

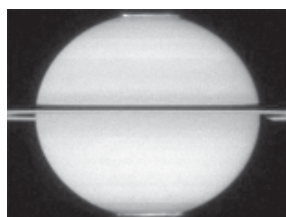
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Wills and Kate to traverse Canada on first trip



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Talks on traffic rules given

YANGON, 23 June—All Private Bus-Line Control Committee (Yangon West District) organized Traffic Rules Course (2/2011) at its head office here this morning.

The chairman of Yangon West District All Private Bus Lines Control Committee delivered a speech. Course instructors gave talks on traffic rules, regulations and directives.

Altogether 116 bus drivers and conductors are attending the course which runs till tomorrow.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Preserve culture and customs forever

Myanmar culture has been flourishing for thousands of years. Myanmar is standing tall among global countries with own culture, literature, style and customs till today.

Myanmar being polite and gracious are to adore own culture and uplift national prestige forever. If it is weak in conservation of traditional culture, the nation and the people will disappear on the world due to lack of prestige and national integrity.

At present, culture and customs of international community are infiltrating into Myanmar's culture while global countries are interrelated in culture. All the people can enjoy western culture and customs through Internet and satellite. The power and trend to destroy culture and customs of a nation can easily cause in the globalization process.

Alien music, fine arts, costume and lifestyle are promptly influencing today's youths. Especially, Myanmar young women are in lifestyle, costume and movements on a dare beyond the traditional culture. Due to activities of popularity and boosts, their valuable behaviors are gradually fading out.

Myanmar young women must have ability to overcome changes in the human society. They should keep self-control of morals and prestige in economic, fine arts and social fields. Improvement of knowledge to be on a par with the modern world is the best. They are aware of alien culture which is inappropriate for Myanmar traditions and customs.

Conservation of national culture is a national concern. All the people are to carefully avoid inappropriate behaviors of alien culture, lifestyle and shame and fear of sinning.

8th ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials' Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The 8th ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials' Meeting was held at Hotel Thingaha, here, today, attended by senior officials, directors-general and representatives from the Russian Federation and ASEAN member states, and the Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr. Alexei N. Borodavkin and Director-General U Tint Swai of ASEAN Affairs Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar co-chaired the meeting.

At the meeting, the participants discussed development of ASEAN and the Russia cooperation and exchanged views on regional and international issues.

The meeting reviewed ASEAN-Russia dialogue relations and discussed issues related to future directions including implementation of ASEAN-Russia energy cooperation work plan, cooperation in countering terrorism, working on emergency management, implementation of Comprehensive Programme of Action Plan to Promote Cooperation between ASEAN and

Editorial

- * 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

SWRR Ministry grows trees, releases fingerlings

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held 2011 monsoon tree growing ceremony at its compound here this evening.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi planted a commemorative teak sapling. Departmental heads and officials planted saplings of ironwood, gumkino, eucalyptus and mahogany.

The Union minister encouraged staff members who were growing trees.

The saplings the Union ministry planted in the ceremony totaled 1300. Up to now, the ministry has grown 14,840 trees.

The Union minister and staff put 25,000 fingerlings into Dam No. 3.—MNA



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi plants a teak sapling at monsoon tree-planting ceremony.

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MYANMARGAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) Col Kyaw Myint Ministry of Defence	Director-General Industrial Planning Department Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development
(b) U Aye Thuang Director No. 1 General Heavy Industries Ministry of Industry-2	Managing Director No. 1 General Heavy Industries Ministry of Industry-2
(c) U Myint Naing Director No. 2 General Heavy Industries Ministry of Industry-2	Managing Director No. 2 General Heavy Industries Ministry of Industry-2

Russia Federation 2005-2015 for mutual interests, road map of trade and economic cooperation and interaction in field of science and technology.

The meeting agreed to hold the 9th ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials' Meeting in Russia in 2012.

In the evening, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint hosted a dinner to the delegates of the meeting at Aureum Hotel and the delegates were entertained with cultural dances.

Myanmar has been serving as the country coordinator of ASEAN-Russia Dialogue relations

for three years since 2009 and it hosted the 8th ASEAN-Russia Joint Coordination Committee Meeting, the 7th ASEAN-Russia Joint Planning and Management

Committee Meeting, and the 2nd ASEAN-Russia Working Group Meeting

for 2nd ASEAN-Russia Summit on 25 and 26 November 2009.—MNA

8th ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials' Meeting in progress.—MNA



Taleban kidnaps child for suicide bombing

KARACHI, 23 June— A nine-year-old Pakistani schoolgirl said she narrowly escaped becoming a suicide bomber for the Taleban.

The girl, identified only as "Sohana," told a news conference she was kidnapped on her way to school in Peshawar by two men and two women, *The Christian Science Monitor* reported Wednesday.

Sohana said the Taleban militants drove her to a large town bordering Afghanistan and instructed her to attack the Darra Islam checkpoint.

The third-grader managed to escape her captors while they were fitting her in a suicide vest.

Farzana Bari, a leading human rights activist, said Sohana's experience validates fears the Taleban are increasingly using children as weapons.

"I believe the Taleban are becoming desperate," she said. "It is worrisome that now they (the Taleban) want to destroy the young generation and use these innocent kids as their soldiers in the name of holy war."—*Internet*



Pakistani policemen collects evidence at the site of a suicide and bomb attack outside the main training centre of Frontier Constabulary (FC) in Shabqadar Town, about 30 kilometres (19 miles) north of Peshawa on 13 May, 2011.

INTERNET

China, Vietnam complete joint naval patrols

BEIJING, 23 June— China and Vietnam conducted joint naval patrols in the Beibu Gulf from 19 to 20 June, according to a statement posted on the website of China's Defence Ministry.

After the joint patrols, the Vietnam's navy delegation is paying a visit to coastal city Zhanjiang of south China's Guangdong Province from 21 to 24 June. The joint naval patrols and the port call, part of the bilateral annual exchange plan, is a friendly exchange activity between the two armed forces, said the statement.

The joint patrols were the 11th since 2005 between the two countries.—*Xinhua*



An Internally displaced Afghan girl walks carrying her brother close to their makeshift camp in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 20 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Two wounded in attack on convoy of Iraqi, Iranian oil experts in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 June— A convoy of vehicles carrying Iranian and Iraqi oil experts was attacked by gunmen in Baghdad on Wednesday, wounding two guards, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

The attack took place in Karrada District in central Baghdad when unidentified gunmen opened fire from their assault rifles on the convoy, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The Iranian and the Iraqi officials escaped the attack unharmed, but two Iraqis guarding the convoy were wounded, the source said.

The Iranian embassy in Baghdad could not be contacted at the stage to comment on the incident.

Earlier in the day, the police reported the killing of a civilian and the wounding of 27 others in separate car bomb and roadside bomb attacks across Baghdad. Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.

Xinhua

68 Afghan army personnel killed in one month

KABUL, 23 June— A total of 68 personnel of Afghan army had been killed in the last one month in the militancy-hit country, a Defence Ministry spokesman said on Wednesday.

"Over the past one month, a total of 68 Afghan National Army (ANA) personnel including officers and soldiers had been killed with majority of them in roadside bomb and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks all over the country," General Zahir Azimi told reporters in weekly Press briefing here.

According to Azimi, the casualties on army were counted from 22 May to 21 June. The spokesman of Defence Ministry also said as many as 224 army personnel were wounded over the same period of time.

"Afghan National Army (ANA) had conducted some 306 military operations including several joint military operations with the NATO-led forces over the past one month," Azimi added. He also said as many as 295 enemy or Taleban militants had been killed in the past 31 days.

He said army soldiers have also captured a total of 800 Taleban over the same time table besides finding and defusing of some 263 roadside bomb and IEDs. Regarding the beginning of security transition from NATO and U S forces to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) next month, Azimi said ANSF were ready and capable enough to take security charges from international forces in seven areas including three provinces in July.

Xinhua



People inspect at the scene a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 20 June, 2011. A parked car bomb targeted a passing police patrol in the northeastern Shaab neighbourhood, killing and wounding several people, officials said.

INTERNET



Afghan policemen stand next to a car destroyed after a suicide car bomb blast in Kunduz on 19 June, 2011. Three civilians were killed and eleven wounded when a suicide bomber in a car attacked a convoy of foreign troops in northern Kunduz Province, the Interior Ministry said.—INTERNET

Mexico, Colombia criticize US for promoting weapons, drugs

GUATEMALA CITY, 23 June— Mexican President Felipe Calderon and his Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos on Wednesday criticized the United States for promoting the use of weapons and drugs.

"Many US companies continue to sell weapons that feed the voracity of the armed groups in the entire region," Calderon said at the International Conference in Support of the Central America Security Strategy in Guatemala.

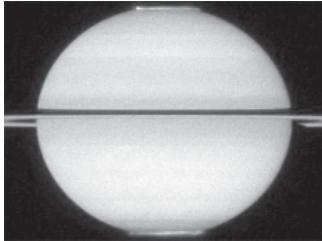
Calderon said that in the last four years of his administration, Mexico has seized 112,000 fire arms, out of which 60 percent are assault rifles and 80 percent originated in the United States. He said increased violence was one of the main obstacles to Central America's economic development and despite this being "an old problem, it has new jaws" because the criminals have expanded their activities to kidnapping, extortion and transit fees.

Santos, at the same event, accused the United States of being the world's main consumer of illegal drugs, and called the countries in the region to jointly combat drug trafficking and organized crime.

Santos proposed to create a regional centre against money laundering, because a lack of financial resources greatly undermines the operations of criminal groups. The Colombian president also advocated the exchange of information between Mexico and Colombia with Central American nations to better monitor those suspected of drug trafficking.—*Xinhua*



Icy Saturn moon may be covering a salty sea



This NASA image released in March 2011 shows Saturn taken by the Hubble Space Telescope in 2009. A strange moon of Saturn may have a salty ocean lurking beneath its iceball surface, according to a study appearing Wednesday in the British journal Nature.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 23 June— Saturn's icy moon Enceladus conceals a salty ocean beneath its frozen surface, scientists now suspect.

Using NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft orbiting Saturn, scientists have discovered that the water geysers erupting from Enceladus contain a significant amount of salt — enough to suggest the presence of a subterranean sea.

The finding might have

implications for the possibility of life on Enceladus, researchers said. A team of scientists led by Frank Postberg of the University of Heidelberg used *Cassini*'s Cosmic Dust Analyzer to directly examine the plumes during three flybys by the *Cassini* spacecraft. Individual particles were analyzed as they hit a metal target, and the ones closer to the moon's surface were found to have a high salt content.

The idea of a salty sea beneath the icy crust of Saturn's sixth largest moon has been entertained since sodium was first detected in the planet's E ring. *Cassini* discovered plumes of water vapor shooting from the southern hemisphere of Enceladus in 2005. The geysers erupt from four parallel trenches known as the "tiger stripes."

While previous studies found a relatively low amount of salt in the Enceladus geyser particles that make up Saturn's outer ring, the percentage is different when studying the geysers themselves. "The lower you get to the surface, the more salt-rich grains you see," Postberg said.

In fact, more than 99 percent of the ice around the geysers is salt-rich. "This makes a much stronger case for liquid water," Postberg said.—*Internet*



A resident charges his electric car at the first Romanian charging station for electric cars opened in Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 22 June, 2011.

XINHUA

Moon mapped as never before

GREENBELT, 23 June—NASA says data from its Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter have forever changed humans' view of the moon, showing the whole orb in unprecedented detail.

The LRO's seven onboard instruments have delivered more than 192 terabytes of data, images and maps, the equivalent of nearly 41,000 typical DVDs, a NASA release said Tuesday.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," Douglas Cooke of the Exploration Systems

Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters, Washington, said. "The exploration phase of the mission delivered a lot more than it originally promised, and that's been just the beginning for LRO." One LRO instrument, the Lunar Orbiter Laser Altimeter, has yielded more than 4 billion measurements to create the most precise and complete topographic maps to date of the moon's complex, heavily cratered landscape, NASA said.

LOLA has taken more than 100 times more

measurements than all previous lunar instruments of its kind combined, NASA said, opening up a world of possibilities for future exploration.

"Before LRO, we actually knew the shape of Mars better than we knew the shape of the moon, our nearest neighbour," John Keller of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre in Green-belt, Md, said. "But because of LRO and LOLA, we now have detailed maps of both the near side and far side of the moon.—*Internet*



Use of cookies forbidden in the Netherlands

THE HAGUE, 23 June—The Dutch government adopted a new Telecom law Wednesday afternoon, which includes a ban on cookies and net neutrality.

The law bans the use of cookies, unless explicit approval of the Internet user is given. Cookies are small text files placed on computers automatically, in order to profile the surfing of Internet users.

This information is used to offer more specific advertisements.

Net neutrality is a principle which advocates no restrictions by Internet service providers or governments on consumers' access to

networks that participate in the Internet.

Under the new Telecom law, providers will no longer be allowed to give priority to or block certain Internet traffic. In addition, Internet providers are forbidden to charge extra for certain Internet services, such as Whatsapp.

Companies say the Netherlands is exaggerating the need for privacy and Internet users will need to click much more often to give permission for cookies.

In addition, they say the new law will harm the competitive position of Dutch companies in Europe.

Xinhua



The photo distributed by Airbus on 21 June, 2011, shows a still image of "fly-through" App, which functions on ipad (iphone). The futuristic concept for air travel unveiled to the world by Airbus last week is now available at the Apple App Store, giving everyone a chance to interact with the in-flight cabin experience of 2050. Available for iPad and iPhone, the free "fly-through" App puts passengers onboard the leading aircraft manufacturer's innovative Concept Cabin.

The App was launched on Tuesday at Le Bourget Paris Airshow as part of the "Future by Airbus" - a vision of air travel in 2050.—XINHUA

New DNA tech to help find suspect within minutes of committing crime

LONDON, 23 June—Forensics experts have developed a new DNA technology that would enable detectives to nab a criminal within minutes of committing a crime.

The portable, high-speed equipment uses specially developed rapid profiling techniques to identify DNA from blood or tissue samples at the scene of a crime in a matter of minutes.

It is a major improvisation over the current technology, which involves DNA samples being carefully lifted from the crime scene and transferred to a laboratory.

The National DNA Database may take several days to match a sample with a suspect, which gives enough time for him for a getaway.

The developers of the speeded-up technique LGC Forensics said it would give detectives a vital

head start in their hunt for criminals.

"Within 60 minutes of taking a sample it can produce a profile which can be transmitted to the DNA database and come back with a match," the *Daily Mail* quoted Company managing director Dr Steve Allen as telling the *Daily Telegraph*.

"It would be an intelligence tool that could allow police to identify and catch burglars, for example, while they still have stolen goods on their possession," he added.

The new technique basically 'bypasses' a number of DNA steps to make the process quicker and cheaper.

Once the suspect has been caught, the traditional forensic techniques could be followed as part of the evidence gathering for the case to go to the court.

Internet



Health



US regulators have approved a new type of therapy that uses a person's own skin cells to create an injectable cosmetic plumper to smooth out laugh lines, Fibrocell Science said Wednesday.
INTERNET

Older women with breast cancer probably won't die from it

DENVER, 23 June— Older women with breast cancer are more likely to die from cardiovascular disease and other causes than from their cancer, a new study finds.

Researchers analyzed data from more than 60,000 women in the United States, aged 66 and older, who were followed for at least 12 years after being diagnosed with breast cancer.

By the end of the follow-up period, nearly half of the women were still alive. Those who died lived to an average age of 83 and more than two-thirds of them died from causes other than breast cancer. In fact, cardiovascular disease killed more of the women than breast cancer.

Women who were most likely to die of breast cancer included those

who were diagnosed at a younger age and those with a high tumour grade or estrogen receptor-negative status.

The pattern seen among the women in the study matches the pattern for women in the general population, where cardiovascular disease is the leading killer, the researchers said.

The study appears 21 June in *the journal Breast Cancer Research*.

"Cancer is a big killer and is responsible for about a quarter of all deaths. However, breast cancer is not necessarily a death sentence and patients need to take care of their health to reduce their risk of dying from heart disease and other age-related diseases," study author Jennifer Patnaik, of the University of Colorado, said in a journal news release.—*Internet*

Health Tip: Regain weight the healthy way

If an illness, surgery or medication has left you needing to regain some weight, experts suggest there's a healthy way to do so. The American Dietetic Association offers this advice:

- * Avoid too much junk food. The empty calories may help you add pounds, but won't benefit you nutritionally.
- * If your appetite is lacking, eat five or six small meals a day. Drink fluids before or after meals, rather than during.
- * Add healthier calorie-laden condiments and spreads, such as peanut butter or cheese.
- * Use milk instead of water to cook oatmeal, and add higher-calorie foods such as honey, nuts, dried fruit, margarine or powdered milk after the oatmeal is cooked.
- * Top salads with healthy fats, such as nuts and seeds, olive oil, olives or avocados.
- * Add dry milk powder to dishes such as mashed potatoes or casseroles.
- * Work with a dietitian to create a healthy eating plan to boost weight.

Internet



Slight changes in eating habits, such as eating an extra serving of potato chips or fries each day, can add plenty to a person's weight over the years, US researchers said on Wednesday.
INTERNET



Business



Electronics retailer Kesa says annual profits drop 29%



Customers look at computers at a Darty store in Paris, owned by Kesa Electricals, which said Wednesday that annual profits dropped 29 percent to around 32 million euros and said it was closing a number of stores in Britain following poor trading at its Comet shops.

INTERNET

LONDON, 23 June— Kesa Electricals said Wednesday that annual profits dropped 29 percent to around 32 million euros and said it was closing a number of stores in Britain following poor trading at its Comet shops. Kesa, which owns electrical

retail chains Comet in Britain and Darty in France said profit after tax stood at 31.8 million euros (\$45.7 million) in the 12 months to April 30, compared with net profit of 44.6 million euros in 2009-10.

Group revenue increased 2.2 percent to 5.917 billion euros, as a rise in income at Darty stores offset a fall for Comet. Kesa said it was closing 17 Comet stores over the next three years.

"We have a strong turnaround plan for Comet to restore its profitability in the medium term and in parallel we are examining strategic alternatives to ensure the best overall value for shareholders," Kesa chairman David Newlands said in the group's earnings statement.—*Internet*



A cargo ship is moored at the port in the south Spanish City of Malaga. Spain's trade deficit shrank by 20.8 percent in April to 3.96 billion euros (\$5.7 billion dollars), the strongest fall since February 2010, as exports jumped.—INTERNET

Spain's official trade deficit shrinks as exports jump

MADRID, 23 June— Spain's trade deficit shrank by 20.8 percent in April to 3.96 billion euros (\$5.7 billion dollars), the strongest fall since February 2010, as exports jumped, government data showed on Wednesday.

Spanish exports rose 18.6 percent in April over the same time last year to 17.34 billion euros (\$24.89 billion), while imports increased 8.5 percent to 21.31 billion euros, the in-

dustrial ministry said in a statement.

Exports were up in virtually all sectors with the auto sector posting growth in sales abroad of 24 percent and food product sales up 8.9 percent.

Spain is fighting hard to overcome a debt crisis and get the economy growing again. The Spanish economy slumped into recession during the second half of 2008 as the global financial

meltdown compounded the collapse of a property bubble. It stabilised in 2010, led by strong exports mainly to other European Union member states, and has shown slow growth in early 2011.

It posted 0.3 percent growth in the first quarter, as exports made up for weak domestic demand amid an unemployment rate of 21.29 percent, the highest in the industrialised world.—*Internet*

KLM to launch commercial flights on biofuel

THE HAGUE, 23 June—KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will be flying on biokerosene instead of the usual kerosene between Amsterdam and Paris in September.

The announcement made on Wednesday by the Dutch aviator is part of plans to make aviation more sustainable. The biofuel is produced from used cooking oil and can be used without any modifications to the airplane engines.

"KLM has once again shown it is stimulating the development of biokerosene," KLM director Camiel Eurlings told a Press release.—*Xinhua*

Russia may resume EU vegetable imports in June

Moscow, 23 June—The European Union's vegetable exports to Russia could resume before the end of June, Russian chief sanitary official Gennady Onishchenko said Wednesday.

He said the ban on EU vegetables remained in place, but the two sides had reached an agreement to immediately lift the ban on condition the EU provided strict checks to ensure its exported vegetables were safe.

"We have negotiated the parameters of a

special certificate, which must state the place of origin of the product, the guarantees of the competent authority and laboratory confirmation that the consignment of the product does not contain pathogenic bacilli," Onishchenko was quoted by *Itar-Tass* news agency as saying.

All imported vegetables to Russia must have such certificates, Onishchenko said.

He said the problem could be solved in a couple of days, "if desired". Russia banned vegetable imports from

EU in early June following an outbreak of a highly virulent strain of the E coli bacteria that has so far killed more than 40 people in Europe.—*Xinhua*

A memorial ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the start of the Soviet Union's Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) is held in Brest, Belarus, on 22 June, 2011.
XINHUA



Artists perform near the Xiaolangdi Reservoir on the Yellow River, in Jiyuan, central China's Henan Province, on 22 June, 2011. A tourism festival, highlighting the water discharging operation, opened on Wednesday at the scenic area of Xiaolangdi Reservoir.
XINHUA

US man without arms can change a tyre in minutes!

LONDON, 23 June — An American man was born without arms, but is determined "to do what everybody else does" and not sit back "expecting handouts".

Matt Stutzman, 28, who has already qualified for the National US Olympic team in archery despite his enormous handicap, has proved that he is no one trick pony as turns his toes to anything - even at intricate jobs

such as changing the tyres on his car.

While most people would simply take their vehicle to the garage to be checked, Matt refuses and uses his feet to do the job himself in just nine minutes, reports the *Daily Mail*. In the Iowa resident's own home video he does every part of the job starting by carefully raising the car using a jack before loosening the wheel's nuts one by one with a tool held between his toes. Then removing the wheel, he deftly takes apart the brake and checks it before putting it all back together without any help.

"Matt has a unique talent," says his mother, Jean. "He does not see himself as disabled," she added.

Internet

British doctor hangs himself after clinical error

LONDON, 23 June—A leading British surgeon hanged himself after he made a minor clinical error during an operation, a media report said Wednesday.

Alexander Reading, one of Britain's leading orthopaedic and trauma surgeons, was a 'perfectionist', his colleagues said.

Reading "couldn't live with what he'd done" after the patient was left in a bad state following the operation, the *Daily Mail* reported.

His body was found suspended in the garage of his home in the hamlet of Grafton Flyford, Worcestershire.

A colleague of

Reading, a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, said: "There are some strong rumours circulating that Alex was plagued with guilt over a patient's care."

"It's not clear what the mistake was or what happened to the patient but it must have been serious for Alex to do what he did."

Reading, 45, was a 'driven' man who put himself under huge pressure to succeed and took his mistakes very seriously, despite his exemplary record, his neighbours said.

Last year, he was awarded a level six in the Clinical Excellence Awards Scheme, which

recognises NHS (National Health Service) consultants who perform 'over and above' the standard expected for their role, the *Mail* said.—*Internet*



Brides are seen during a mass wedding in Rohtak of Haryana, India, on 22 June, 2011. The mass wedding of 250 couples, who belong to the below poverty line segment of the society, was organized with the help of a non-governmental organization. —XINHUA

No bomb found in suspicious suitcase at Dutch airport

THE HAGUE, 23 June— Suspicious luggage that disrupted operations at Schiphol Airport near Amsterdam Wednesday was found to contain no bomb, police told *Xinhua*.

The airport plunged into turmoil after receiving a bomb threat, and the third arrival hall was evacuated. Several areas at the airport were cleared and emergency services arrived. "No bomb here, and the negative consequences for travellers are small," a police spokesperson at the airport said, adding "the investigation will go on." —*Xinhua*

Pilots killed as two crop-dusters collide in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, 23 June —Two pilots died Tuesday when their crop-dusting aircraft collided over a town on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast, authorities said. The two men, who worked for the same company, were spraying pesticides over fields in Cariari de Pococi, a town in Limon Province, Costa Rican media said.

Police and personnel from the National Civil Aviation Directorate told reporters they have begun an investigation of the accident.

Internet

Lufthansa jet screeched to a halt to avoid slamming into EgyptAir plane at NY airport

WASHINGTON, 23 June —A jumbo jet speeding towards takeoff had a terrifying near miss as it screeched to a halt to avoid colliding with another plane that made a wrong turn into its path on a Kennedy Airport runway.

The Lufthansa Boeing 747 was preparing to take off when it narrowly avoided slamming into an EgyptAir Boeing 777, *The New York Post* reports. "Cancel take off! Cancel take off plans!" screamed an air controller who saw that the Lufthansa jet headed toward a collision with an Egypt Air on Monday. The aborted liftoff came as the German airliner was steaming down Runway 22R, where an EgyptAir plane was precariously perched less than a mile away, officials said.—*Internet*

Pilot killed in helicopter crash in south Russia

MOSCOW, 23 June—A helicopter pilot was killed when the aircraft crashed in southern Russia on Wednesday, the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said. No others were killed or injured in the Mi-2 helicopter crash in the Krasnodar Region, and there was no damage to any buildings on the ground, a ministry spokesman said.

The helicopter flew only about 300 metres after takeoff and fell onto the ground, the spokesman said.—*Xinhua*

Light plane crash kills pilot in Ukraine

KIEV, 23 June— A light-plane crashed Wednesday morning near the village of Oleksiivka close to Odessa City in southern Ukraine, killing the pilot, the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry announced on its website. According to its statement, the tragedy occurred around 10:00 am local time. The single lightweight plane crashed while spraying a field with herbicides. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.—*Xinhua*



Flooding from the Souris river sweeps across the landscape on the outskirts of Minot, ND, Wednesday afternoon on 22 June, 2011. As many as 10,000 people raced to evacuate Wednesday as water began spilling over Minot's levees. The river, which begins in the Canadian Province of Saskatchewan and flows for a short distance though North Dakota, was all but certain to inundate thousands of homes and businesses during the next week.—INTERNET

How eating junk food destroys brain cells that control weight

LONDON, 23 June—A study has found that eating too much of fatty junk food destroys the brain cells that control weight, leading to a vicious circle of obesity.

Researchers fed rats what they described as a "typical high-fat American diet" and found they had doubled their calorie intake three days later.

It also showed they had an inflammation in the hypothalamus, the part of the brain containing neurons that control body weight, and though the inflammation stopped a few days later, it recurred after four weeks.

Lead researcher Dr Joshua Thaler, of the Diabetes and Obesity Centre of Excellence at the University of Washington in Seattle, said scientists also detected a healing response to brain injury called gliosis.

"Gliosis is thought to be the brain equivalent of wound healing and is

typically seen in conditions of neuronal injury, such as stroke and multiple sclerosis," the *Daily Mail* quoted him as saying.

"We speculate that the early gliosis that we saw may be a protective response that fails over time. We also detected damage to, and eventual loss of, critical weight-regulating neurons.

"The possibility that brain injury may be a consequence of the over-consumption of a typical American diet offers a new explanation for why sustained weight loss is so difficult for most obese individuals to achieve.

"It is not yet clear whether this presumed neuronal injury is permanent, but it may contribute to weight gain.

"If new medicines can be designed that limit neuron injury during overeating, they may be effective in combating the obesity epidemic," he added.—*Internet*

Dutch gov't ill prepared for cyber attacks

THE HAGUE, 23 June— The Dutch government was not well prepared against a potential international cyber attack after a test operation was conducted on Wednesday.

A government report said there is a lack of efficient coordination between the crisis coordinators and the government hardly realizes what the consequences of a potential cyber attack could be.

Money transfers can be hacked or important private information of

citizens could be exposed, warned the report.

During the test operation, crisis coordinators were mostly focused on having meetings instead of keeping an eye on the coordination and overview of the exercise.

"Measures have been taken," State Secretary for Safety and Justice Fred Teeven said in a letter to the House of Commons, stressing the need for more exercises and creation of a National Safety Centre.

Xinhua



Tree limbs lay on the front porch of a home in the Chicago suburb of Burr Ridge, Illinois on 22 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Firefighters battling wirefires in drought-plagued US state of Texas

HOUSTON, 23 June—Firefighters have been fighting 17 wildfires that have blackened more than 145,600 acres in the drought-plagued US state of Texas, US media reported Wednesday.

A fire in Jasper County had charred more than 4,100 acres before it was contained. Another blaze in Walker County has burnt more than 2,400 acres and forced residents to flee 163 homes. Now crews have about 90 percent containment on that fire.

Crews also have contained a fire that has burned more than 400 acres in Newton county, according to media reports.

A 20,000-acre fire, one of the largest in Texas, is about 40 percent contained.

A fire in Grimes County has so far consumed 26 homes and firefighters are struggling to bring it under control.

Fire crews have battled about 12,362 fires that have burned more than 3 million acres since fire season began in mid-November, according to the media.—*Xinhua*

Xinhua

Apparent tornado causes damage at Churchill Downs

CHICAGO, 23 June— An apparent tornado struck Wednesday night at Churchill Downs, the thoroughbred racetrack famed as home of the Kentucky Derby, damaging some barns, but no injuries were reported, an emergency dispatcher said.

The presumed twister touched down between 8 and 8:30 pm local time in the midst of several powerful thunderstorms moving through the greater Louisville, Kentucky, area, said Vince Luney, a supervisor for the City's emergency dispatch centre.

"There's damage to

some of the horse barns," he said, adding that no horses or humans had been hurt. No immediate information was available on the extent of the damage, he said.

"We have storm damage in the stable area. No injuries that we know of," Churchill Downs spokeswoman Julie Koenig Loignon said in an email.

The National Weather Service could not confirm a tornado having struck at Churchill Downs before conducting a survey of the site, meteorologist Linda Gilbert told

Reuters.—Reuters



A row of electric power poles snapped along Floyd Street at Central Avenue in front of Cardinal Stadium at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky, on 22 June, 2011 after an apparent tornado moved through the area.

INTERNET

Tropical storm Haima lands on south China

GUANGZHOU, 23 June—The fourth tropical storm of the year Haima made landfall over the coast of the southern Guangdong Province at 10:10 am Thursday, the provincial meteorological centre said.

Meteorological authorities forecasted the storm will bring downpours to southern Guangdong, the island Province of Hainan, and Fujian. Strong winds are forecast for the Qiongzhou Strait which lies between Hainan and Guangdong.

Operators of passenger ships crossing the strait were ordered to suspend boat trips Wednesday afternoon. Flights were also canceled at Meilan International Airport in Haikou, capital City of Hainan.

Xinhua

BSC, executive committee of MBA hold meeting



The 129th meeting between Banks Supervisory Committee of Ministry of Finance and Revenue and executive committee of Myanmar Banks Association in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — In his speech at the 129th meeting between Banks Supervisory Committee of Ministry of Finance and Revenue and executive committee of Myanmar Banks Association yesterday, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun called for implementation of plans for sustainable development of banking

services based on finance and monetary sector which is developing stably, special attention on conducting training courses for capacity building of staff and organization and researches and effective use of information and communication technology on a wider scale.

Next, Deputy Minister U Win Than and

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein explained banking services and executives and responsible persons of MBA presented reports.

Managing Directors of State-owned banks and chairmen and managing directors of private-owned banks made reports on recent banking services respectively.—MNA

Electric Power No.1 Ministry plants 1310 saplings, releases 80,000 fingerlings



Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min releases fingerlings into Padauk Myaung Dam (3).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The Ministry of Electric Power No.1 organized a ceremony to plant saplings and set fingerlings free for the monsoon of 2011 in its compound here this morning.

Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min planted a commemorative sapling, so did Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw, directors-general, managing directors and officials.

They viewed the process of growing trees by the staff members and

plantations of shade trees, perennial trees and fruit trees and vegetable.

At today's ceremony, the ministry planted 1310 saplings of various kinds of trees. So far, it has grown 31,245 trees in its area.

The minister and party attended the ceremony to release fingerlings held by the ministry near Padauk Myaung Dam. Staff members put 80,000 fingerlings of various species into Padauk Myaung Dam (3).—MNA

Union Construction Minister meets construction companies

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint held a meeting with construction companies at the ministry, here, on 21 June afternoon.

The minister stressed the need to construct the roads not to be damaged

within one year, continue maintenance works in rainy season, adopt plans for construction tasks with momentum and stockpile road construction materials.

Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin made reports on road and

bridge construction works.

Departmental heads discussed expenditure rules for companies and future tasks. Those in charge of road/bridge companies reported on progress of tasks and maintenance works.

MNA



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint gives instructions to road and bridge construction companies.—MNA

Union Coop Minister receives UNOPS officials

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint received Resident Representative Mr Sanjay Mathur of UNOPS and Fund Director Mr Andrew

Kirkwood of UNOPS at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed cooperation in generating job opportunities, increased incomes for families of

rural areas, food and nutrition development, boosting production of agriculture sector and poverty alleviation in rural areas.

MNA

Meeting held for holding International Day of Cooperatives

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The Leading Committee for Organizing the International Day of Cooperatives held the coordination meeting at the

Ministry of Cooperatives, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun

delivered an address.

Members of the leading committee and subcommittees participated in the discussions.

MNA

Talk on Business, Investment & Education in Australia on 27 June

YANGON, 23 June—Australian Visa and Student Services will organize a talk on Business, Investment & Education

in Australia on the first floor of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and

Industry in Lanmadaw Township, here, at 1 pm on 27 June.

Interested persons may attend it.—MNA

National Cycling Championship 2-5 July

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The 57th Myanmar Cycling Federation President's Cup National Cycling Championship will be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 2 to 5 July.

The championship will include 50km individual, 180km and 4000m long range cycling events for men

and 25km individual and 125km long range cycling events for the women.

Cyclists are to enlist at Myanmar Cycling Federation, no later than 1 July, dialing 09-73056710, 09-8621524, 09-49203303, 067-407257 and 01-561336.

MNA

Commerce Ministry organizes tree-growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The Ministry of Commerce held its 2011 monsoon tree-growing ceremony in its farm here this morning.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan and heads of department planted saplings of Seintalone mango and viewed the planting of saplings by staff members.

The minister also attended a similar ceremony jointly organized by the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Education and planted a

teak sapling. Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, Deputy Ministers for Health U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe, departmental heads and staff planted saplings. The minister and party encouraged staff members growing trees.

At today's ceremony, the Ministry of Commerce planted 650 teak saplings, 300 Seintalong mango saplings, 250 starflower plants, 150 Yinmar saplings, 100 mahogany saplings and 100 ironwood saplings.

MNA



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint plants a mango sapling at monsoon tree-planting ceremony.

MNA

Paper reading session hails Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 23 June — The paper reading session in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July was held at International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning, with the

attendance of Patrons, Chairperson and CEC members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Patron and Chairperson of Myanmar Women's Entrepreneurs Association, MWAFF members and guests.

EC Member of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Professor Daw Kyi Kyi Hla presided over the session and made an opening speech.

Member of MWAFF Information and Media Department Daw Cho Cho Tin (Ma Sanda) read out the paper on "Threat of Cultural Colonialism", Leader of Sub-Working Group on Health under MWAFF Working Group on Social and Cultural Concerns Professor Dr Khin May Ohn on "Shaping Elders' Life" and Rector in charge Professor Dr Khin San Yi on "Poverty Alleviation and the Role of Women". The resource persons then replied the queries raised by attendees.—MNA



Paper reading session in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day in progress.

MNA

RUMFCCI President meets Cuban Ambassador

YANGON, 23 June—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and party met Thailand-based Cuban Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lazaro Herrera Martinez at the office of the federation, here, on 21 June.

They discussed promotion of Myanmar-Cuba economic relations,

cooperation in trade, investment, services and tourism industries and economic opportunities in Myanmar.—MNA

RUMFCCI President U Win Aung receives Thailand-based Cuban Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lazaro Herrera Martinez.

MNA



Traffic rules enforcement measures taken in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June —Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee U Saw Hla and subcommittee members supervised traffic rules enforcement measures taken on 19 June.

Their inspection teams were formed with the township TRESA chairmen, township administrators, members of Myanmar Police Force and all private bus-line control committee members in the eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area to be able to carry out the tasks effectively.

MNA

Trees planted to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Dawei

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Taninthayi Region held a tree planting ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day-2011 at Seikkan Railway Station in Dawei this morning.

Head of Region Forest Department U Zaw Win Myint and Chairperson of Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Aye Myint presented saplings to departmental officials, members of social organizations and locals.

Next, the Region WAO chairperson planted a tree to mark the Myanmar Women's Day-2011.

Members of region/district/township WAOs and Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, service personnel and social organizations and locals planted 1500 saplings at the ceremony.—MNA

Fire Services Department opens driving-course No 28/2011

YANGON, 23 June—Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement launched the driving course No 28/2011 at Kyansittha Hall of the Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township here on 21 June, with an address of Director-General of the department U Tin Moe.

A total of 40 trainees are taking the eight-week course which covers driving fire engines, maintenance, parking in fire field, as well as abiding by traffic rules practically and theoretically.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Cash donated to mark Myanmar Women's Day



MWAF Patron Daw Ni Ni Win accepts cash donation from a wellwisher at the cash donation ceremony held to mark Myanmar Women's Day.
MNA

YANGON, 23 June—To mark the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3rd July, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held the cash donation ceremony at International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Wellwishers donated over K 100

million to the federation through Patrons Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Khin Mi Mi and Daw Mya Theingi, President Dr Thet Thet Zin and CEC members.

After presenting certificates of honour to wellwishers, the president of the federation spoke words of thanks.—MNA

The-ein Village in Paung Township gets library

PAUNG, 23 June—The opening of Dhamma Pala Library in The-ein Village, Paung Township, Mon State, took place at the facility on 13 June.

Major Soe Win Paing of local regiment, Administrator U Chaw of The-ein Village General Administration Department and Head of Township Information

and Public Relations Department Daw Cho Myat Myat Htwe formally opened the library.

The 24 feet long, 14 feet wide and 12 feet high library roofed with corrugated iron sheets and covered with brick walls was built at a cost of K 2 million contributed by the villagers.

Township IPRD



Embankments being built for prevention...

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that washed away many buildings including the Independence Monument, the people's timber sale centre, and warehouses belonging to the township cooperative society. In addition, more than 1000 households were evacuated to new wards: Ward (9) and Ward (10).

Nevertheless, local authorities in cooperation with residents managed to maintain the embankment that

protects the whole township from floods. According to the inspection tour, the section of the embankment standing at an altitude of about 27.5 feet from Ward (6) to the top of 9th Street is still in good conditions. The section between 9th Street and 11th Street confronts with the current of the river. Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs Committee is now building a 300 feet long stone-filled section between 8th Street and 11th Street with the funds of the govern-

ment. Now, the project is nearing completion.

There is a plan to build three deflection spurs, 150 feet long, 10 feet wide and 12 feet high, between 8th Street and 11th Street.

The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems has built a 270 feet long stone-filled concrete embankment section at the danger site between 11th Street and 12th Street, which stands at an altitude of 27 feet. The department is pouring huge funds into the drive for prevention of bank erosion yearly. This year, it has set up a fund of 159 million kyats in pre-

ventive measures against bank erosion. From 1997-98 to date, it has built embankments with a total length of 3800 feet.

It is therefore encouraging to know that Ayeyawady Region, district and township level authorities, the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, the Township DAD and local people are working in harness for prevention of bank erosion to safeguard life and property of locals.

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The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems is building a concrete embankment along the bank.

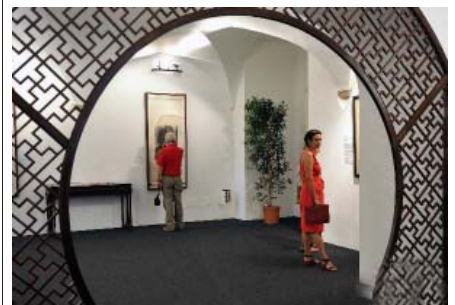
China to get world's third tallest building

BEIJING, 23 June—China is to get the world's third tallest building, the *China Daily* reported Wednesday.

The Wuhan Greenland Centre, developed by the Shanghai-based Greenland Group and designed by Adrian Smith and Gordon Gill Architecture (AS+GG), will take five years to build. It will stand 606 metres tall.

Details of the proposed building were revealed Tuesday in Wuhan city in central China's Hubei Province. The tower features a streamlined form with a tapered body, softly rounded corners and a domed top, the report said.

The three corners rise from its tripod-shaped base and taper upward, culminating in an arched tip above the dome at the top. With a total floor space of 300,000 square metres, the 5-billion-yuan (\$750 million) building will house luxury hotels, office space, high-end stores and apartments.—Internet



Journalists visit the exhibition on paintings by contemporary Chinese painting masters during its media preview in Rome, Italy, on 22 June, 2011. The exhibition shows 100 painting masterpieces collected by China Art Gallery.—XINHUA

Boeing unveils 787 jet under a downpour of rain

LE BOURGET, 23 June—Horrendous weather and a public transport strike caused chaos at the Paris Air Show on Wednesday, delaying a raft of order announcements for Airbus and dampening the mood at Boeing's unveiling of its new 787 jet.

Airbus had scheduled three order announcements before noon but pouring rain aggravated already overloaded highways, preventing at least one of the jet maker's customers from making it to the air show on time.

Getting to Le Bourget Airport, only nine miles from central Paris, should take just 25 minutes but access has taken up to two hours some mornings because of heavy traffic and a strike by train

drivers.

With news conferences delayed, Airbus had to make due with just a written announcement for its first order of the day, a deal for six A350 long-range jets from Kuwaiti leasing company ALAFSCO.

Boeing, meanwhile, showcased its 787 jet, dubbed the Dreamliner, for the first time despite the bad weather.

Japan's All Nippon Airways announced Wednesday it expects to receive the first of the much-delayed 787s in August or September, and have a total of 14 of the revolutionary composite jetliners by next March.

The airline has 55 of the planes on order.

Developmental problems have delayed

the twin-engine jet's introduction into passenger service by more than three years.



Chicago-based Boeing has announced fewer new orders in Paris than Airbus, but the arrival of the 787 late Tuesday caused a lot of neck craning by attendees. The plane goes on demonstration Wednesday. Airbus has booked over \$25 billion in orders and

An Airbus A380 performs a demonstration flight at the 49th Paris Air Show at Le Bourget airport, east of Paris, on 22 June, 2011.

INTERNET

commitments for new aircraft at this year's air show, including a raft of orders for its A320neo, a fuel-efficient work-horse that airlines are eager to buy because of the 15 percent fuel savings Airbus boasts the jet will achieve.

Internet

China's new polar icebreaker to launch in 2013

BEIJING, 23 June—China will launch a new icebreaker for use during an upcoming 2013 polar expedition, a senior oceanic official said on Tuesday.

Both the new icebreaker and Xuelong ("Snow Dragon"), an icebreaker that operated in Antarctica, will form an Arctic-Antarctic maritime research team.

"China will have at least two icebreakers concurrently operating at both the north and south poles," Chen Lianzeng, deputy director of the State Oceanic Administration, told a national conference on polar research, which has been the first since 1984 when the country started expeditions in polar regions.

The new icebreaker will boast facilities that will allow it to research the oceanic environment, integrate data for real-time oceanic monitoring, deploy and retrieve detectors and conduct aerial studies using helicopters, Chen said.

The two icebreakers will conduct expeditions in polar regions for more than 200 days annually, he said.

Fixed-wing aircraft will also be added to the expedition team before 2015, allowing researchers to be transported between China's Zhongshan and Kunlun research stations and Antarctica's Grove Mountains.—Xinhua

Sony Ericsson eyes Android market with new phones



A staff member of Sony Ericsson submerges the newly-launched Xperia Active phone into a bowl of water as it receives an incoming call to show off its underwater capability on 22 June, 2011 in Singapore.

INTERNET

SINGAPORE, 23 June—Mobile phone maker Sony Ericsson unveiled two new Android models Wednesday in a bid to grab more of the burgeoning smartphone market.

The company, a joint venture between LM Ericsson and Sony Corp, plans to launch the Xperia ray and Xperia active models during the third quarter, Chief Marketing Officer Steve Walker announced in Singapore.

The new models should help the company expand its 11 percent market share of the Android segment, Walker said.

"Android smartphones is a rapidly growing part of the market, and we see our share within that market growing," Walker told *The Associated Press*.

London-based Sony Ericsson, which saw its phone unit sales drop 23 percent in the first quarter from a year earlier, is moving away from cheaper phone models and seeking to take on Apple Inc's iPhone, Research in Motion's BlackBerry and Nokia Corp's N9 in the higher-priced smartphone market.

By 2015, about 60 percent of mobile phones sold in the Asia-Pacific region will likely be smartphones, up from 20 percent in 2010, Walker said.

"We made quite a fundamental shift in strategy and decided to focus a large part of our efforts into smartphones, to focus on the mid- and high-end part of the business," Walker said. "In many markets, we see a dramatic shift from feature phones to smartphones."

Internet



An Indian woman talks on her mobile phone as she walks past the logo of the iPhone 4 during its launch by provider Aircel in Hyderabad in May 2011.

INTERNET

Ocean life facing mass extinction

BEIJING, 23 June—Global warming, overfishing, and other man-made problems are pushing life in the oceans to the brink of a mass extinction unprecedented in millions of years, a study showed on Tuesday.

The seas are degenerating far faster than anyone has predicted, said the study of a 27-expert-panel. "We now face losing marine species and entire marine ecosystems, such as coral reefs, within a single generation."

The study to be presented to the United Nations was conducted by leading marine scientists who were brought together in Oxford earlier this year by the International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO).

The study found out that time was running short to counter hazards such as a collapse of coral reefs or a spread of low-oxygen "dead zones."



The study said, "Unless action is taken now, the consequences of our activities are at a high risk of causing, through the combined effects of climate change, over-exploitation, pollution and habitat loss, the next globally significant extinction event in the ocean."

Scientists list five mass extinctions over 600 million years — most recently when the dinosaurs vanished 65 million years ago, apparently after an asteroid struck. Among others, the Permian period abruptly ended 250 million years ago.—Xinhua

India may probe complaint against Apple

NEW DELHI, 23 June—India may investigate a complaint against Apple after allegations the US computer giant violated local competition laws, an antitrust agency official told *Dow Jones Newswires* Wednesday.

The official, who spoke to *Dow Jones* on condition of anonymity, said the complainant alleged Apple had broken Indian law by selling its iPhone 4 model through just two local mobile phone operators, Bharti Airtel and Aircel.

"We may examine the complaint to see if it (Apple) is violating any law," the official at the Competition Commission said, declining to provide any further details about the complaint.

India's 2002 Competition Act bars any deals that are "likely to cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition within India."

An Apple India spokesperson told *AFP* the company had "not received any notification from the Competition Commission" and declined to comment further.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (305)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (305) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.6.2011 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.

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AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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Algae floats in the Hanjiang river, a tributary of the Yangtze River in Wuhan, after rain-triggered floods in central China's Hubei Province.
XINHUA



Transfer delays common for heart attack patients

CHICAGO, 23 June—New research suggests hospitals are taking too long to move heart attack patients who need treatment elsewhere. And it says that delay might increase their chances of dying.

Patients with major heart attacks often need emergency procedures to clear clogged arteries. But most US hospitals aren't equipped for that treatment. Guidelines recommend moving those patients to another hospital within a half-hour.

But in the study of more than 14,000 patients, only one in 10 were moved that fast. More deaths occurred in patients who weren't moved within a half-hour. These patients were generally sicker, and the researchers say that might partly explain the results.

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.—*Internet*

Air forces of Japan, Australia to conduct 1st joint drill in July

TOKYO, 23 June—The air forces of Japan and Australia are scheduled to carry out their first ever joint exercise in Alaska in July, local media reported late Wednesday.

The air forces of the two countries will conduct the exercise from 7 to 9 July using Japan's F-15 fighters and Australian F/A-18 Hornet fighters, *Kyodo News* reported, citing Japan's Air Self-Defence Force.

The move complies with a defence cooperation agreement between the two countries. According to the accord, which was signed in May last year, Japan's Self-Defence Forces and Australia's military would share food, fuel and other supplies during operations like disaster relief missions.

Xinhua

Smoking may increase risk of prostate cancer recurrence, death

WASHINGTON, 23 June—A new study from Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and University of California, San Francisco, researchers suggests that men with prostate cancer who smoke increase their risk of prostate cancer recurrence and of dying from the disease.

The study will be published Wednesday in

the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"In our study, we found similar results for both prostate cancer recurrence and prostate cancer mortality," said Stacey Kenfield, lead author and a research associate in the HSPH Department of Epidemiology.

"These data taken together provide further support that smoking may increase risk of prostate cancer progression."

Kenfield and her colleagues conducted a prospective observational study of 5,366 men diagnosed with prostate cancer between 1986 and 2006 in the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study.

The researchers documented 1,630 deaths, 524 (32 percent) due to prostate cancer, 416 (26 percent) due to cardiovascular disease, and 878 prostate cancer recurrences.—*Internet*

Southwest latest airline to launch fare sale

DALLAS, 23 June—Southwest Airlines Co. has joined other low-cost airlines in cutting prices for some seats this fall, after the peak summer travel season.

Southwest said Tuesday it would sell some

seats on flights up to 450 miles for \$40 each way to mark its 40th anniversary. The airline and its AirTran Airways subsidiary will charge \$80 each way on flights up to 1,250 miles and \$120 each way on

longer flights.

Separately, JetBlue Airways is dropping its "all-you-can-jet" promotion that allowed pass holders to take unlimited flights for a month in the fall.

Xinhua

Wills and Kate to traverse Canada on first trip



Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, and his wife Kate, Duchess of Cambridge arrive at a charity event for Absolute Return for Kids, ARK, in London, in this Thursday, on 9 June, 2011.

INTERNET

LONDON, 23 June—It sounds a bit like a second honeymoon: campfires, a canoe trip in the wilderness, a full day free of any responsibilities, and a chance to see Canada in its full summer glory.

But it will be a working trip for Prince William and the former Kate Middleton — filled with charity events, speeches, the laying of wreaths and military displays — as they make their first overseas state visit as man and wife.

They will see much of Canada on an eight-day voyage to celebrate Commonwealth ties, then zip to Los Angeles, where many of the world's leading gossip columnists, fashion critics and Hollywood know-it-alls will pretend they are not star-struck by the young royals. "This will be perhaps the largest, most-watched royal visit in Canada's history," Canadian Heritage Minister James Moore said. "We do expect a record number of Canadians to come out to the public events."—*Internet*



Accessories of Aboriginals for sale are seen during the event marking the National Aboriginal Day at the Yonge-Dundas Square in central Toronto, Canada, on 21 June, 2011. The National Aboriginal Day is annually held on 21 June in Canada to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of the nation's Aboriginal peoples.—INTERNET

Heat will kill more than cold in Europe eventually

WASHINGTON, 23 June—A new study says one of the few benefits of global warming — fewer deaths from the combination of extreme heat and cold — may eventually melt away in Europe.

For years, scientists figured that with global warming there are fewer overall temperature-related deaths when those from heat waves and cold

snaps are combined.

The increase in heat wave deaths during hotter spells is more than offset by reduced cold deaths in milder winters.

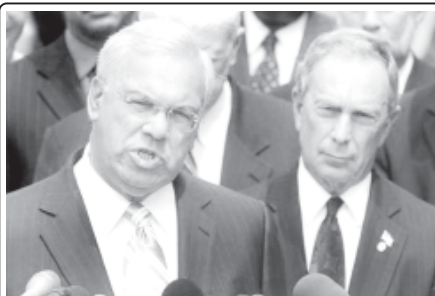
But a new study in Europe finds that around 2040, the increase in heat deaths will likely outweigh the reduction in cold deaths.

The study suggests that by 2070, global warming

may cause 15,000 more temperature-related deaths a year in Europe, which has less air conditioning than the United States.

The study released Tuesday by Nature Communications looks only at deaths from heat and cold, not increases from flooding, droughts and storms.

Internet



Boston Mayor Thomas Menino (L) and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg in Washington on 10 July, 2007.

Boston mayor wants Nike display gone

Boston Mayor Tom Menino said he wants a window display at Niketown taken down because expressions, including "Get High," can be seen to promote drug use.

Menino said Tuesday on Boston's WBZ NewsRadio he believes the T-shirts displayed in the window promote drug use with expressions including "Get High," "Dope" and "F**k Gravity," WBZ-TV, Boston, reported Wednesday.

"Why would a national organization do that? Except to try to stoop to the lowest common denominator to get people to buy their t-shirts," Menino said. "They should be out educating our young people about the damage drugs do to you. But in their windows on Newbury Street, they're promoting the issue of drugs."

The mayor said he wrote a letter to the general manager of the store asking for the display to be removed.

Al Capone's handgun sells for \$110,000 at auction

A handgun once owned by gangster Al Capone sold for nearly \$110,000 Wednesday at an auction in London.

The Colt .38 revolver was manufactured in 1929, the year of the St Valentine's Day Massacre, when seven people were slain during clashes in Chicago between Capone's gang and a rival mob.

Auctioneer Christie's says the gun went for 67,250 pounds (\$109,080) to an anonymous online bidder. It was sold by an anonymous private collector along with a letter from Madeleine Capone Morichetti, the widow of Al Capone's brother Ralph, confirming the gun "previously



A handgun once owned by notorious gangster 'Al' Capone, is displayed at Christie's auction house, London, Tuesday, 21 June, 2011.

belonged to and was only used by Al Capone while he was alive."

The sale price was at the upper end of the pre-sale estimate of between 50,000 pounds and 70,000 pounds. It includes a buyer's premium.

The New York-born mobster Alphonse "Al" Capone dominated the Chicago underworld during Prohibition until his 1931 arrest for tax evasion. He died in 1947.

17 alligators tunnel their way to freedom

Wildlife authorities in Florida said 17 alligators tunneled their way out of a gator farm but at least nine have been recaptured.

Florida Fish and Wildlife officials said they were searching for the remaining fugitive gators from the Hernando farm, which has a permit and passed



a February inspection by the agency, Bay News 9, St Petersburg, Fla, reported Tuesday.

The officials warned neighbours to be on the lookout for the missing

reptiles.

The gator farm owner, who was not identified, was cited for maintaining wildlife in an unsafe or unsanitary condition, wildlife officials said.

The owner could face a fine of up to \$500 or 60 days in jail for the second-degree misdemeanor.

Emperor penguin arrives in New Zealand

The New Zealand Department of Conservation said an Emperor penguin showed up on the Kapiti Coast and appears to be behaving normally.

Department officials said the antarctic bird appeared on Peka Peka beach Monday and has since been seen catching food at sea during the night and displaying other behaviors normal to its species, which live thousands of miles to the south, TVNZ reported Wednesday.



The emperor penguin walking along Peka Peka beach in New Zealand after it got lost.

News Album

Lohan tells magazine house arrest lets her reflect

NEW YORK, 23 June—Being under house arrest seems to have an upside for Lindsay Lohan.

The 24-year-old actress says that since being confined to her 3,000-square-foot home in Venice Beach, Calif, she's caught up on movies and TV shows, stayed out of the public eye and, most important, had time to finish decorating her house and patio.

"I probably wouldn't have done it had I not been home," Lohan says in an interview in Life & Style magazine, on newsstands Friday.

Lohan is serving house arrest on a 120-day jail sentence for violating her probation in a 2007 drunken driving case by taking a necklace without permission from a jewelry store in January. She began serving her sentence last month, and is expected to serve about 35 days.

Lohan says that while not ideal, she treasures these moments alone in her home.

"There are so many things you can do," she says. "It's a nice way to just be reading scripts and focusing on what I'm going to do next."

But Lohan says she cannot wait to resume doing things that she had taken for granted, like walking in the



Lindsay Lohan arrives for a hearing at the Airport Branch Courthouse in Los Angeles on 22 April, 2011.—INTERNET

neighbourhood, going shopping or dining out. Her recent request to leave her home to attend her brother's 16th birthday party was denied, she says, which "bummed her out." In the interview, Lohan also addresses criticism that she got off easy with house arrest by saying it's a common punishment. She says it's a better alternative to a 12-by-8-foot jail cell at the Lynwood facility.

"It's a scary place and a place that I don't wish on anyone," she says.

Lohan says she's anxious to get started on the community service portion of her sentence. "I want to finish that so I can work in August and September," she says.

Lohan claims that she no longer drinks, but falls short of saying she'll stay out of nightclubs.

"I don't think you should ever say never," she says.—Internet

Michael Jackson's former GM pleads in tax case

WASHINGTON, 23 June—A former general manager for Michael Jackson has pleaded guilty for failing to file tax returns during the time she worked for the late pop star.

The Justice Department says Raymone Bain failed to pay income taxes owed from 2006 through 2008.

During that period, she was responsible for daily operations of the Michael Jackson Co, including financial, public relations and marketing tasks.

Court documents put the tax loss between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

Bain pleaded guilty to two counts in federal court Wednesday.

Internet

Music group Train launches 'Drops of Jupiter' wine

NEW YORK, 23 June—The Grammy-winning group Train has been making waves with its wine club, and now, the trio is taking the next step with its own wine.

Starting next week, fans will be able to buy Drops of Jupiter Petite Sirah wine from Train's online wine club and other outlets. The name is a nod to one of Train's earlier hits, and is produced by the group's wine company, Save Me, San Francisco Wine Co, which takes its title from a Train album.

But Train guitarist Jimmy Stafford said the wine venture isn't an attempt to make a profit on the Train name — it's more about creating something special for fans. "We're not really trying to get into the wine business or anything. It's really kind of helping to spread the name out there, and something for our fans," he said in a phone interview Tuesday.

Internet



In this 15 Dec, 2010 photo, the recording group 'Train' from left to right, Scott Underwood, Patrick Monahan and Jimmy Stafford pose for a portrait in New York.—INTERNET

Spain beat Belarus 3-1 in extra time to reach European U-21 final

COPENHAGEN, 23 June—Spain came from a goal down to crush Belarus through extra time 3-1 in the semifinal



Adriann Lopez (R) and Juan Mata (C) of Spain celebrate Lopez's goal against Belarus during the UEFA Under-21 European Championship semifinal football match at Viborg Stadium in Denmark on 22 June, 2011. —XINHUA

of the European U-21 Championship in Viborg, Northern Denmark, on Wednesday.

Star striker Adrian Lopez scored a brace, clinching favorites Spain a last-gasp equalizer in the 89th minute, leveling the score 1-1, and forcing the match into extra time.

The tournament top scorer struck a second time in the 105th minute, heading in a sharp cross to put Spain ahead 2-1, and cemented their place in Saturday's tournament final.

Earlier, it was Belarus that went ahead 1-0 in the 38th minute with Andrei Voronkov scissor kicking a long ball over his head into the Spanish net.—Xinhua

Man Utd and FC Barcelona target Alexis Sanchez snubs Man City

LONDON, 23 June—Alexis Sanchez has reportedly refused to fly from Chile to Europe to join Manchester City and is holding out for a move to Manchester United or Barcelona

Reports in Spain on Wednesday night suggested City had made a bid worth around £40million for the Udinese winger after earlier reports had suggested a move to Spanish champions Barca was on the card.

But according to *Daily Mirror*, after City's bid - which has been reported at £30m - was accepted by the Serie A side, Sanchez refused to fly out of Santiago airport.

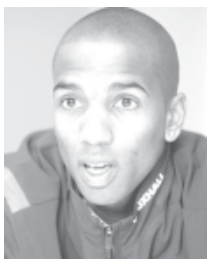
The 22-year-old was preparing to fly

back to Europe and believed he was set to join Barca. But after learning that the accepted bid had come from big spending City, he opted to stay in Chile.—Internet



Chile's Alexis Sanchez celebrates after scoring a goal against Estonia during their international friendly soccer match in Santiago on 19 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Manchester United close to signing Aston Villa winger Ashley Young



Ashley Young speaks to the media during the England press conference at the Grove Hotel on 31 May, 2011 in Watford, England.

INTERNET

MANCHESTER, 23 June — Ashley Young is on the brink of being announced as Manchester United's second summer signing after undergoing

a medical with the Premier League champions.

The Aston Villa winger arrived at Manchester's Bridgewater Hospital on Wednesday afternoon for a series of tests, the final hurdle before the completion of his £16 million move.

The England international is expected to sign a five-year contract at Old Trafford, taking his wages to around £120,000-a-week - roughly double what he earns at Villa Park - as Sir Alex Ferguson looks to continue what is likely to be the most thorough overhaul of his playing resources for 15 years.

Internet

Venus Williams survives; Andy Roddick, Rafael Nadal win

WIMBLEDON, 23 June — Time and again after losing a point, Venus Williams rolled her eyes, slumped her shoulders and let out a shriek of dismay that echoed through Centre Court, reverberating off its roof.

Facing the most, uh, experienced woman in the Wimbledon field - 40-year-old Kimiko Date-Krumm of Japan - Williams was mired in a three-set struggle that lasted nearly three hours Wednesday, a tight, high-quality contest brimming with the sort of at-the-net, classic grass-court play seen so rarely nowadays.

"She doesn't play anywhere near her age," Williams said.

Internet



US player Venus Williams returns the ball to Japanese player Kimiko Date-Krumm during the women's single at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships at the All England Tennis Club, in southwest London on 22 June, 2011.

INTERNET

S P O R T S

Gerrard: We must compete with United

LONDON, 23 June—Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard says that the club will be motivated by trying to haul back Manchester United's Premier League title record next season.



Liverpool Captain Stephen Gerrard watches from the stands during the Barclays Premier League match between Aston Villa and Liverpool at Villa Park on 22 May, 2011 in Birmingham, England.—INTERNET

Gerrard, 31, believes he has at least four years left in the game and is keen to add the only significant club winner's medal still missing from his personal trophy cabinet after the Old Trafford club claimed a record breaking league title No. 19 in May.

"As a Liverpool fan and a player it's frustrating when you see your arch-rivals lifting trophies but you've got to give credit where it's due. They've won it, they've overtaken us," he said. "Now the challenge for us is to equalise. We've got to make sure we've got a squad capable of going into the season and competing with Manchester United."—Internet

Nadal sets up third round clash against Muller at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, 23 June — Top seed Rafael Nadal powered through Wimbledon debutant Ryan Sweeting of the United States Wednesday in three straight sets, setting up a third round match against Luxembourg's Gilles Muller, who beat him here in 2005.

The defending champion eased into the Wimbledon last 32 through a victory of 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. The world number one, bidding for a third Wimbledon title and 11th career Grand Slam crown, is expected to go through a tough match next round on to tackle Muller, the



Rafael Nadal returns a shot during his 2nd round match against Ryan Sweeting of the United States at the 2011 Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Britain, on 22 June, 2011. Rafael Nadal won 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.—XINHUA

only man other than Roger Federer to beat Nadal at the All England Club since 2005.

Xinhua

Li Na wins first-ever grand slam tennis singles title for China and Asia

PARIS, 23 June — History-making Li Na claimed the first-ever grand slam women's singles title for China and Asia, beating defending champion Francesca



Li Na of China poses with her trophy near the Eiffel Tower after winning her women's final against Francesca Schiavone of Italy at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, capital of France, on 4 June, 2011.—XINHUA

Schiavone of Italy 6-4, 7-6 (7-0) in the French Open final here on Saturday.

Li Na, 29, became the 38th tennis player in the world to claim a grand slam singles title.

The triumph also raised Li Na from No. 7 to No. 4 on the WTA rankings.

"I felt today the dream came true," said Li, who lay on the clay court after Schiavone fired the last shot out of the baseline. "When I was young, I dreamed about becoming a grand slam champion someday."

While leading 6-0 in the tiebreaker in the second set, Li reminded herself to be cool.—Xinhua

Leg injury forces Woods out of the AT&T National

NEW YORK, 23 June — Tiger Woods will miss another tournament as he recovers from injuries to his left leg, saying he will not play in the AT&T National next week outside Philadelphia. "Doctor's orders," he said in a posting on Twitter.

Woods last played on 12 May, when he quit after nine holes in the first round of the Players Championship. The next tournament on his list is the British Open, which starts on 14 July.

Woods's injuries also led to the indefinite postponement of a charity tournament, the Notah Begay Challenge in Ve-

rona, NY, which was scheduled for 5 July. Begay, who was Woods's roommate at Stanford, delayed the event to give Woods time to recover.—Internet

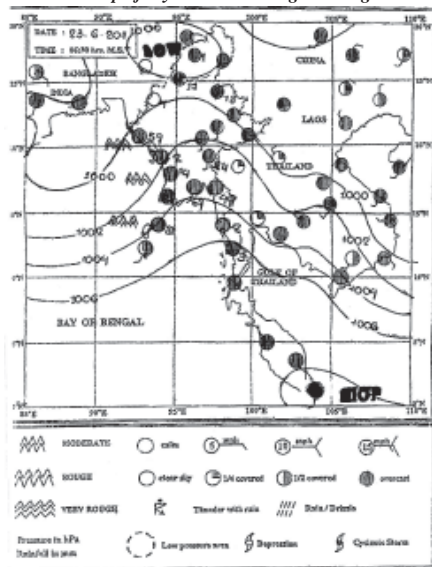


Tiger Woods smiles during a news conference to promote the AT&T National golf tournament at the Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, in this file picture taken 24 May, 2011.—INTERNET

WEATHER

Thursday, 23rd 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, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, rain have been isolated in Mandalay Region, Shan, Chin and Kayah States, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paung (4.05) inches, Thandwe (2.75) inches, Thaton (2.71) inches, Theinzayet (2.68) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.64) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.52) inches, Sittway (2.33) inches, Hpaan and Kawkaeik (2.13) inches each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 23-6-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-6-2011 was (85%). Rainfall on 23-6-2011 was (0.43) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 23-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-6-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 23-6-2011 was (0.16) inch.

Rainfall on 23-6-2011 was (0.43) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (2.64) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (17.83) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (44.88) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind

speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from South at (09:30) hours MST on 23-6-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 24th June 2011: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar Area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24th June 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24th June 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

US, Mexico win to set up CONCACAF Gold Cup final

HOUSTON, 23 June—The United States reached their fourth consecutive CONCACAF Gold Cup final thanks to a Clint Dempsey goal which secured a 1-0 win for the hosts over Panama.

Dempsey struck in the 77th minute following a pass from Landon Donovan to avenge the Americans' 2-1 loss to Panama in the group stages earlier in the tournament.

"It wasn't our best game but at the end of the day we kept going and got the goal needed to win the game," Dempsey said. "All I had to do was put my foot on it."

The Americans will play Mexico in Saturday's championship match at the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles.



Clint Dempsey of the US swerves around Alberto Quintero of Panama during their CONCACAF 2011 Gold Cup semifinal match at Reliant Stadium in Houston Texas.—INTERNET

The Mexicans defeated Honduras 2-0 in the other semi-final on Wednesday.

Freddy Adu helped set up the winning goal with a long pass to Donovan at the Reliant Stadium.

Donovan, playing his 27th straight Gold Cup match, then played an inch-perfect pass across the Panama goal to Dempsey, who applied the finishing touch.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (24-6-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(24-6-11 09:30 am - 25-6-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- * Opening
 - * News
 - * Your Shopping to Youth Empowerment
 - * News
 - * Miss Sky 2011
 - * Record Album
 - * News
 - * Current Affair "Korea Expo, Food Fair 2011"
 - * A Holiday Paradise & Me
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 - * News
 - * Youth of The Future "Sai Aung Tun"
 - * News
 - * A Summit of the Myanmar Tourism Board
 - * Nay Pyi Taw Gems Emporium's offer to the world
 - * Music Gallery
 - * News
 - * Culture Stage
 - * News
 - * A Visit to Naga New Year Festival
 - * Myanmar Movies "Due to this True Hatred"



Friday, 24 June

View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am**
7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
- 8:10 am**
8. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:25 am**
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am**
10. Songs for International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 8:40 am**
11. International News

- 8:45 am**
12. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm**
3. Dance Of National Races
- 4:30 pm**
4. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:40 pm**
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Law)
- 4:55 pm**
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**
7. Myanmar Language

- 5:20 pm**
8. Songs for International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 5:35 pm**
9. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
12. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm**
13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
- 8:15 pm**
15. International News
- 8:30 pm**
16. Weather Report
- 8:45 pm**
17. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
- 9:00 pm**
18. TV Drama Series
- 9:15 pm**
19. Song Lover
- 9:30 pm**
20. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayaygi

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Embankments being built for prevention of bank erosion

By Ne Lin (Nyaungdon)

Nyaungdon Township well-known as the gateway to Ayeyawady Region lies near the confluence of the Ayeyawady River and the Panhlaing River. It is constituted with 10 wards with over 4000 houses or a population of over 47,500.

Being located by the Panhlaing River, the little town has a very long stone-filled embankment around it to cope with possible floods.

In the past, boat was the only means of

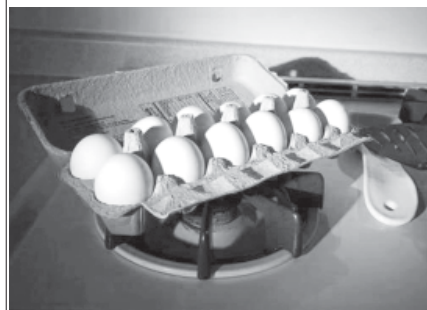
transport for dwellers. At that time, sand banks formed often in the river, thus hindering the water transport of goods and passengers. Therefore, a leading canal was built in 1986-87. However, there was a gap of sea level between the two rivers, and a lot of water from the Ayeyawady River flowed into the Panhlaing River. So, from 1988 onwards, Nyaungdon encountered massive erosions of the banks of the river and

(See page 10)



A stone-filled embankment section built by Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs Committee.

Cooling eggs could fight bacteria



WEST LAFAYETTE, 23 June—Rapidly cooling eggs as soon as they are laid may increase the natural defences those eggs have against bacteria such as Salmonella, a US researcher says.

Once laid, eggs' natural resistance to pathogens begins to wear down, but cooling them can rearm those defenses, said Kevin Keener, a professor of food science at Purdue University.

In his process, the quick cooling is designed to inhibit the growth of bacteria such as salmonella, a Purdue release said Tuesday.

The cooling process can saturate the inside of an egg with carbon dioxide and alter pH levels, which Keener said are connected to the activity of an enzyme called lysozyme that defends egg whites from bacteria.

"This enzyme activity is directly related to the carbon dioxide and pH levels," he says. "An increase in lysozyme would lead to increased safety in eggs."

"When we cool the eggs, carbon dioxide is sucked inside the shell," Keener said.

Internet