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## Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Portuguese Republic

YANGON, 10 June — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio, President of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2005. — MNA



Russian Federation Ambassador Mr Oleg V Kabanov and wife welcome Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife at the reception marking the Day of Proclamation of the State Sovereignty of the Russian Federation on 9 June. — MNA

### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

### Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

### Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## Myanmar does not condone the practice of trafficking in persons and is constantly striving to overcome the pernicious practice Myanmar issues announcement regarding 5th annual "Trafficking in Persons Report" issued by US State Department

YANGON, 9 June—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Union of Myanmar today issued an announcement with respect to fifth annual "Trafficking in Persons Report" issued by the US Department of State this month. The full context of the issue is as follows:

The fifth annual "Trafficking in Persons Report" issued by the US Department of State this month is a compendium of situations in selected countries. Although the stated aim of the US is to eradicate trafficking in persons internationally, the report lacks objectivity and does not inspire greater action against human trafficking.

The section in the report concerning Myanmar is contradictory. While it alleges that Myanmar does not comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking and is not making significant efforts to do so, it acknowledges that Myanmar has made improved efforts to combat trafficking for sexual exploitation.

With regard to *prosecution*, the report notes

that over the past year, the Myanmar Government did make progress in addressing trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation, including establishing a police task force to combat trafficking, enhancing cooperation with neighbours, and beginning to draft anti-trafficking legislation.

With regard to *protection*, the report criticizes Myanmar for providing minimal assistance to victims, yet acknowledges that Myanmar has set up a repatriation centre on the Myanmar-Thailand border.

The Myawaddy Repatriation Centre was established on 18 February 2002 and efforts are being made to provide services to the victims of trafficking in cooperation with the United Nations Inter-Agency Project (UNIAP), Save the Children (UK) and World Vision.

Moreover, the Preventive Working Committee for Trafficking in Persons which was formed in July 2002 has been active. Between 2002 to 2004, the Committee reviewed 474 cases. As a result, 519 persons had legal action taken against them; 2629 victims were rescued; 722061 were educated regard-

ing the danger posed by traffickers and 17280 persons repatriated.

With regard to *prevention*, the report notes that the measures adopted by the Myanmar Government to prevent trafficking for sexual exploitation include publicizing the dangers in border areas through discussion-groups, distribution of printed materials and media programming, but that the efforts remained under-funded. Myanmar considers trafficking in persons a serious issue. Accordingly, it has been tackling it through a comprehensive approach that includes a national plan of action, legislation, and cooperation at the bilateral and multi-lateral levels.

The National Plan of Action contains strategies for prosecution, protection and prevention. A Committee on Combating Trafficking in Persons, a Preventive Working Committee for Trafficking in Persons and a Task Force to draft the anti-trafficking law have been established. The Mutual Assistance

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**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Work in concert for peace and development of the Union

The State Peace and Development Council has been implementing development projects systematically in the interests of various regions across the nation including Panglong Region and successful implementation of these projects is due to the guidance of the Head of State and the active and enthusiastic cooperation and participation of the entire national people and government employees.

During his tour of Shan State (South), Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win visited Panglong, Loilem District, on 5 June and met with district- and township-level department personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders. On the occasion, the Prime Minister said that it was because of national leaders' decision in Panglong in 1947 to live in unity through thick and thin that Myanmar had been able to stand as a union and all of its regions were enjoying peace, stability and development.

To honour Panglong where seeds of fine traditions were sown, Panglong District has been designated as a development region of Shan State and education, health, transport and communication infrastructures are being built and upgraded.

According to the demand of history, the government is carrying out development endeavours for the good of the national people living in various regions across the Union including historic Panglong Region and has spent more than K 68,000 million on special projects for border area development since 1989-1990.

In the past, only Taunggyi was the most developed region in Shan State. But now, southern, northern and eastern regions of Shan State are enjoying parallel development due to the establishment of special development regions.

Only with the harmonious development of all the regions will the whole Union be fully developed and able to catch up with other nations.

Therefore, we would like to call on the entire national people to work in concert with Union Spirit under the leadership of the government for peace, stability and development of the nation and in their own interests.

## People's Desire

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

## Teaching-aid publications donated to monastic education

YANGON, 8 June—The organizing group of the Organization for Women's Affairs of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association held a ceremony to donate teaching-aid publications to monastic education post-primary school in conjunction with the opening of the monastic education post-primary school and self-reliant library at Weikzawdaya Monastery in Ward 5, Thongwa Township, Yangon South District, yesterday morning.

Presiding Nayaka of Theindawgyi Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kumara and USDA CEC Member Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung formally opened the facilities.

Officials concerned of Township Information and Public Relations Department conducted the minister around the library. Also present on the occasion were the secretary of Yangon Division USDA, the head of Township General Administration Department, officials, and members of USDA and social organizations.

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## Entries invited to 16th colour photo contest for 2005

YANGON, 9 June—The Organizing Committee for National Motto, Literary and Photo Competitions announced the arrangement to hold the 16th colour photo contest for 2005.

The title designated for the colour photo contest is 'Developing Myanmar'. Any contestants may submit four print entries sized 10" by 12" or 10" by 14" and above.

The entries must be own creation. The captions must be attached to the entries. The contestant is to send the CV and two passport size photos.

The entries are to be sent to Director U Tun Min of Information and Public Relations Department, 22/24, Pansadan Street, not later than 15 October 2005.

Winners will be announced in November 2005 and handsome prizes will be presented to the winners.

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## MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 9 June — The State Peace and Development Council has transferred Managing Director Col Hsan Tun of Myanma Economic Bank under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue as Director-General of the Internal Revenue Department under the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Myint Shwe	Director-General Apiculture Department Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
(b) Daw Myo Nwe	Director-General Foreign Economic Relations Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Tin Aung Win	Director-General General Manager Social Security Board Ministry of Labour
(b) Col Myat Maw	Managing Director Myanma Economic Bank Ministry of Finance and Revenue
(c) Lt-Col Kyaw Htay	Director-General Pension Department Ministry of Finance and Revenue
(d) Col Aung Nyein	Managing Director Printing and Publishing Enterprise Ministry of Information
(e) Col Hla Moe	Managing Director Cooperative Import and Export Enterprise Ministry of Cooperatives
(f) U Than Nyunt	Principal Mohnyin Degree College Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education

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## MHF seeks Bangladeshi cooperation to develop hockey

YANGON, 9 June— Myanmar through bilateral talks. Two members of Myanmar Hockey Federation flew to Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 7 June, with a mission to seek host country's cooperation to develop hockey and to build an artificial-lawn hockey pitch in

Myanmar through bilateral talks.

Their mission also included making of arrangements in cooperation with Bangladeshi officials for facilitation of joint-training programme of Myanmar youth hockey team.

The leader of the team U Kyaw Naing, Vice-President of MHF and member of Hockey Development Committee of the Asia Hockey Federation and International Hockey Federation, and member U Kyaw Htay Thein, secretary of MHF

Training Committee, were seen off at Yangon International Airport by MHF President Brig-Gen Myo Myint, Charge d'Affaires of the Bangladeshi Embassy Mr Yusuf Ali and officials.

MHF



U Kyaw Naing, Vice-President of Myanmar Hockey Federation and member U Kyaw Htay Thein seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Bangladesh.—MHF

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# India disappointed with US, EU services offers

**NEW DELHI, 8 June** — India on Tuesday said that it was very disappointed with offer made by the United States in the services negotiations of World Trade Organization as it has not increased number of work visas for professionals.

"We are very dissatisfied with US offer," senior federal Commerce Ministry officials said, cautioning that India's revised offers to be submitted to WTO this month end "will reflect this disappointment".

The services offer submitted to WTO by the European Union was also not upto India's expectations, though it was slightly better than its earlier one, the officials told *PTI*.

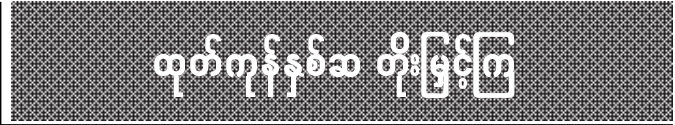
India which has offensive interests in Mode 1 (cross border supply of services like call centres) and Mode 4 (movement of natural persons) of services sector which form 52 per cent of

its gross domestic product was very hopeful of US and EU liberalizing this sector.

While US' improved offer pegs the visas for professionals at 65,000, no improvement from current status, EU has also toed the similar line with no further liberalization on Mode 4.

With developed countries' "improved" offers not showing any real improvement, it is likely that India will also submit a conservative offer and not even bind its autonomous liberalization.

*MNA/PTI*



# India lures FDI thanks to efficient management culture

**WASHINGTON, 8 June** — After decades of isolation, Corporate India is luring foreign capital, thanks to the efficient management system, a leading American financial daily said on Monday.

"Corporate India has become a showcase for the benefits of globalization," the *Wall Street Journal* said attributing the increased capital flow to the country's strong management culture.

Unlike China, where transformation has been captured by daily headlines of rapid growth on the macroeconomic level, India's conversion occurred quietly on the corporate level.

"India has not managed to replicate China's record of sustained annual economic growth. But then, Corporate India has not had many of the advantages

of China, notably cheap capital and supportive government policies," the *Journal* said. Fears that India would be marginalized by China instead have proved a catalyst for India's private sector awakening. "The enthusiasm for India reflects the country's strong management culture," said the daily.

"Indian companies are very return-focused... By contrast, China is just market-share driven," Jim Walker, chief economist for Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia in Hong Kong, was quoted as saying by the daily. —*MNA/PTI*

# Cambodia, Laos sign extradition agreement

**PHNOM PENH, 8 June** — Cambodia and Laos have signed an agreement on extradition of criminals for prosecution of transnational crimes in their home country, local newspapers reported on Tuesday.

Cambodia's Foreign Affairs Minister Hor Nam Hong and Laos Ambassador Thouane Vorasarn inked the deal at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Monday, six years after the agreement was drafted, Cambodia *Sin Chew Daily* reported.

Under the agreement, Cambodians and Laotians who commit transnational crimes, like human and drug trafficking, in their home countries but escape to freedom across the border will be shipped back to their countries to stand trial, Khmer newspaper *Rasmei Kampuchea* said.

The agreement went into effect after the signing. The Cambodian and Laos dignitaries said the extradition treaty would bolster the countries' cooperation and cut down on crimes plaguing the region and the world.—*MNA/Xinhua*

# Malaysia ready to invest in energy, power projects in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, 8 June**— Malaysia is ready to move quick investments in energy and power projects in Bangladesh out of a list of some other priority areas, visiting Malaysian Foreign Minister Dato Seri Syed Hamid Bin Jafaar Albar said here on Tuesday.

Malaysia finds quick prospects for investment in Bangladesh in power and energy sector, Albar said at a joint Press conference at Hotel Sonargaon on conclusion of the two-day third Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) between the two countries. But he added that let the private sector to pursue it at their levels.

The Malaysian Foreign Minister said the very strong bilateral relations that exist between Bangladesh and Malaysia need to be taken further ahead. The just concluded JCM, he said, will substantially contribute towards it. He said it was also decided that the next JCM would be held in Kuala Lumpur in 2007.

The third JCM ended here on Tuesday with adoption of an agreed minute focusing on some concrete programmes for harnessing

mutual economic benefits that exist on both the sides.

Malaysia agreed to give duty-free access of 19 categories of Bangladeshi products and relocate its labour-intensive industries in Bangladesh.

It also agreed to recruit manpower from Bangladesh based on its requirement in Malaysia.

In addition, Bangladesh and Malaysia also decided to enhance cooperation in capacity building, agriculture, education, health care, tourism and IT development.

Bangladeshi Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and his Malaysian counterpart signed the agreed minutes and addressed a Press conference jointly on the outcome of the meeting.

*MNA/Xinhua*

# Shell explosion kills one, injures another in Vietnam

**HANOI, 8 June** — A 40-year-old man was killed and his younger brother severely injured when an ammunition shell they were sawing for explosive exploded in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City, local newspaper *Saigon Liberation* reported on Tuesday.

The explosion on Monday cut off two legs of Ngo Hoang Dung from District No 2 who died in hospital, and cut off his younger brother's left leg.

Working as scrap collectors, the two men found the shell in the Saigon River.

*MNA/Xinhua*

# Low cost health-care scheme to include new services in Thailand

**BANGKOK, 8 June**— Thai Government will offer new services in its 30-baht health-care scheme with an aim to enhance disease prevention. The new service, to be available in about two months, will include dental checks for primary school students,

cancer smear tests for women, thyroid hormone test for newborns and check-ups for drivers of public transport, Public Health Minister Suchai Charoenratanakul on Tuesday was quoted by *Bangkok Post* as saying.

*MNA/Xinhua*



A US soldier blindfolds an Iraqi after he was arrested on suspicion of being part of a rebel group preparing a car bomb attack, in the outskirts of Baghdad on 9 June, 2005. — INTERNET

# 1,682 US soldiers killed in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 8 June**—As of Wednesday, 8 June, 2005, at least 1,682 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,289 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Wednesday.

The British military has reported 89 deaths; Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, 10; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,544 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,180 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

*Internet*

## Mechanism for early tsunami warning in place in India

HYDERABAD, 8 June — A mechanism to provide early warning for tsunami and storm surges in the Indian Ocean is already in place and India has immense capability to forecast such a disaster, an official said on Monday.

The tsunami-warning system being adopted for the Pacific Ocean is not beneficial to India, H K Gupta, Secretary, Department of Ocean Development, said while delivering Professor Y Nayudamma Memorial Lecture on 'India's Initiative in Mitigation of Tsunamis and Storm Surges'.

"We have a vast coastline. The global method is based on the location of the earthquake and its magnitude only.

"This can give false alarms up to 70 per cent and not advisable for Indian conditions," he said.

Stating that India needed to take storm surges also into consideration

besides tsunami threat, he said only Andamans and Makran coast in India can be called tsunamigenic zones in India.

The total project would cost 1.25 billion rupees. A forecast mechanism is already in place, the entire project will be ready by 2007, he said adding "we are also networking with international scientific community to share information and coordinate research".

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Finance and Legislative Affairs, K Rosaiah lauded the efforts of Andhra Pradesh Akademi of Sciences in promoting scientific research and spirit.

MNA/PTI

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## Thai Govt to ease tax burden on elderly

BANGKOK, 8 June — Thai Government is planning to introduce new tax measures to ease the financial burdens on the country's elderly, state-run Thai News Agency reported Tuesday.

The new tax measures will be announced after the government finish collecting data on elderly citizens, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Somkid Jatusripitak said.

As part of the government's social welfare policy, the measures will be in the form of either more rebates or lower tax rate for the elderly.

The government may also raise the minimum income ceiling, at which the

elderly will be exempted from paying tax. The new tax measures will specifically benefit Thailand's elderly citizens aged over 65. They will get a windfall similar to sons and daughters who take care of their parents," Somkid said.

Earlier, the government had introduced tax measures to relieve financial burden on sons and daughters who are carers of their parents.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia's agricultural sector needs \$ 8b new investment

JAKARTA, 8 June — Indonesia's agricultural sector needs new investment of 77.7 trillion rupiahs (about 8.11 billion US dollars) in the next five years in a bid to beef up an annual growth rate of 3.58 per cent, Minister of Agriculture Anton Apriyantono was quoted here Tuesday by the Jakarta Post as saying.

The new investment will go for the ministry's development target, which covers food crops, plantations, horticulture and husbandry, he said.

Apriyantono recently explained that the current government's main challenge is to remain true to its commitment of maintaining and developing rural infrastructure as well as providing financing schemes for farmers.

The country needs fresh funds to improve its ailing agricultural infrastructure, especially the irrigation system, of which 40 per cent has been damaged due to lack of maintenance, he said.

"The Ministry of Agriculture gets only 4 trillion rupiahs (about 421 million US dollars) annually from

the state budget. That amount is not enough to fix our ailing irrigation system, therefore we must seek other (financial) sources," he said.

According to the ministry, food crops to be developed include rice, corn, soybeans, cassavas and peanuts; horticulture include potatoes, red chilis, red onions, mangos, mangosteens, bananas, durians, oranges and orchids.

The ministry also prioritizes plantation commodities such as natural rubber, coconut, oil palm, coffee, cacao, cashew fruit, pepper, sugarcane, fiber and tobacco. In addition there is a priority to breed more beef cattle, goats, sheep, chickens, ducks and pigs.

MNA/Xinhua

## Poverty reduction slows down in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 8 June — A latest government survey in Bangladesh puts the country's annual poverty reduction rate at 0.52 per cent, which trails behind the target of 1.35 per cent set by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The government has targeted to bring down the poverty rate to 29.4 per cent by the year 2015 to keep pace with the MDGs set by the United Nations, local newspaper The Daily Star reported on Tuesday.

According to the recent Preliminary Report of the Poverty Monitoring Survey (PRPMS) 2004, incidence of poverty by head count ratio on the basis of Food Energy Intake (FEI) was 44.7 per cent in 1999 before it came down to 42.1 per cent in 2004.

The survey reveals that the poverty reduction rate has actually slowed down as compared to the last decade. According to the PRPMS 2004 survey, poverty incidence decreased by 10 per centage points in the decade from 1990 to 2000, which means poverty reduced at a rate of 1 per cent on average.

Dr. Zaid Bakht, Research Director at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), said if the government is to see the pace of poverty reduction rate pick up, scoring a GDP growth rate of 6 per cent alone will not be enough — the inflation needs to be reined in as well.—MNA/Xinhua

## Japan to increase investment by 122% in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 8 June — Japanese businessmen plan to increase investment in Indonesia up to at least 20 billion US dollars in a year, or 122 per cent higher than the figure in the previous year, local media reported Tuesday.

Chairman of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry M S Hidayat said the commitment was in the wake of working visit of the Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to Japan.

"President Susilo explained the investment climate in Indonesia where the government has made improvement in the labour law, tax reform, Customs office and bureaucracy," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysian Deputy PM on int'l community help in straits' security

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 June — The international community can help reinforce security in the Straits of Malacca by providing maritime surveillance aircraft which will be operated by security forces of the littoral states, Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said Tuesday.

"We have to see what the international community can offer, and not necessarily from America alone," Najib told reporters after opening an annual meeting of Malay Traders and Entrepreneurs Association here.

Razak, who is also Defence Minister, said if the international community was willing to assist, it must be consistent and consonant with two basic principles. "The first principle is that it must not run counter to national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the littoral states.

"The second is that the primary responsibility of the security and safety of the Straits of Malacca lies with the littoral states (Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore). So, within the framework of the two principles we can engage help from the international community," Razak said. Visiting Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff General Richard B. Myers on Monday said multilateral efforts were needed to combat potential terrorist threats in the key waterway.

MNA/Xinhua

## Majority of Americans feel Iraq war has not made US safer, says poll

BAGHDAD, 8 June — For the first time since its launch in March 2003, a majority of Americans feel the Iraq war has not made the United States a safer place to live, according to a poll.

Fifty-two percent of the 1,002 adults who took part in the Washington Post-ABC News telephone survey on June 2-5 said the US-led war did not contribute to the long-term security of their country, which was a chief premise on which US President George W Bush justified the invasion of Iraq.

With only 47 percent of Americans saying the war was keeping them safe from terrorism at home, it was the first time a majority rejected Bush's contention, which got a 62 percent support in late 2003 and 52 percent three months ago.

Internet



Moni Mulepati, 24, waves during the felicitation programme in Nepalese capital Kathmandu on 2 June, 2005. Mulepati married her co-climber Pem Dorje Sherpa when they reached the summit of Mount Everest on 30 May. — INTERNET



## Singapore, Australia cooperate against transnational crime

**SINGAPORE, 8 June — Police forces from Singapore and Australia will strengthen their cooperation in fighting against transnational crime, according to a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed here by the two sides Tuesday.**

Channel NewsAsia reported that areas of bilateral cooperation range from exchanging information, conducting coordinated operations to enhancing existing networks of cooperation and assistance.

Through the MoU, Singapore hopes to learn from Australia its experience in disaster victim

identification, while Australia would like to share its knowledge gained in the investigations into a series of bombings in Indonesia, the report said.

Signed by the police commissioners of the two countries, the MoU is the first of its kind the Singapore Police Force has reached with a foreign partner. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## India, Pakistan agree to accelerate plans to build pipeline

**ISLAMABAD, 8 June — India and Pakistan on Tuesday agreed to accelerate plans to build a 4.16-billion-US-dollar pipeline to bring Iranian gas to South Asia for meeting the huge energy deficits of the two countries.**

Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar and his Pakistani counterpart Amanullah Khan Jadoon “agreed that the transnational pipeline projects should be given top priority as there would be substantial advantage to both countries in pursuing and realizing cooperation in these projects, to serve their energy security interests, and to create linkages and inter-dependencies for establishing an enduring relationship between the

two countries,” said a joint statement issued after two days of ministerial level talks on import of gas through transnational pipelines. The two sides agreed to set up a Joint Working Group at the secretary-level to draw parameters and lay road map for the Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline.

They “agreed to exchange information in regard to the financial structuring, technical, commercial, legal and related issues to realize a safe and secure world class project,” the statement said.

Releasing the joint statement, Aiyar said “we have come to conclusion of a very successful visit to Pakistan. It comes in context of our desire to very considerably strengthen

relations with Pakistan in our mutual and joint quest of energy security”.

Aiyar, who called on Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf Tuesday morning, said India would also continue to explore options of importing Turkmenistan gas through the Asian Development Bank (ADB)-sponsored Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (TAP) pipeline and possibly from Qatar through a pipeline that would run undersea and overland through UAE and Pakistan.

Besides, options of linking gas reserves in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia to TAP will also be explored. With Musharraf blessing the project and pledging to “personally work towards

removing all roadblocks”, Aiyar said “the success of talks has exceeded the boundaries of my boundless optimism.”

On security of the pipelines and safe delivery of gas through terrains that are known to be infested with terrorism, Aiyar said “we have moved from the stage of asking questions about security to addressing security concerns in serious and sincere manner.” Aiyar said Musharraf endorsed the present format of negotiations on the pipeline where three separate bilateral dialogues — between India and Pakistan, India and Iran and between Pakistan and Iran — were on towards reaching a overarching trilateral agreement in future.

*MNA/PTI*

## Bali district court receives suspicious letter

**JAKARTA, 8 June — An Indonesian district court in Bali that gave a 20-year imprisonment to an Australian woman received a letter that contained a suspicious smell, one week after the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra received a package that contains a biological agent, a court official said on Monday.**

Head of Denpasar district court in Bali, I Nengah Suryada said that immediately after inhaling the strong smell originating from the letter, he suffered a serious headache, reported *The Jakarta Post* online news service.

He said the letter ar-

rived at his office on Friday, adding that it was allegedly sent by the Australian Consulate General in Bali and signed by Ross Tysoe.

The letter contained a request for a copy of the court’s decision in connection with the case of Schapelle Corby, who

was convicted of smuggling 4.1 kilos of marijuana to Bali, Nengah Suryada said.

While in Jakarta, National Police Chief Da’i Bachtiar promised further investigation into the suspicious letter.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Int’l Hydropower Conference begins in Kathmandu

**KATHMANDU, 8 June — The 6th International Conference on Development of Hydropower kicked off here on Tuesday with the view to discussing and exchanging experiences on the development and extension of hydropower.**

About 350 individuals concerned to the field from 25 Asian-African countries including China are participating in the conference on 7-9 June held under the joint aegis of International Association on Electricity Generation, Transmission and Distribution (Afro-Asian Region), Nepal Electricity Authority and Central Board of Irrigation and Power of India.

A total of 60 work papers on various topics like hydro policies, financial mechanism, participation of the government and private sectors, extension and dis-

tribution of electricity, environmental and legal concepts, sustainable development of hydro-power, regional hydropower trade and management of hydro projects will be presented at the three-day conference.

“The developing countries has not been able to take advantage of the new technologies of renewable energy, because of their relatively high cost, both in terms of ini-

tial investment as well as operational cost,” Tulsi Giri, vice-chairman of Nepali Council of Ministers, said while inaugurating the conference.

He hoped the conference will bring out concrete proposals and pragmatic and cost effective measures to accelerate development of hydropower, together with other renewable sources of energy.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Malaysian defence companies urged to explore overseas markets

**KUALA LUMPUR, 8 June — Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak on Monday urged local companies engaged in the defence industry to make more efforts to explore regional and international markets.**

Malaysian companies already had the capacity to produce unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and they should try on their own to find overseas markets instead of relying entirely on the government, Razak told reporters here.

Razak, who is also Defence Minister, made the remarks after attending a Malaysian Defence Industry Council meeting.

While saying local companies generally had shown improved performance over the years, Razak singled out Composite Technology Research Malaysia Sdn Bhd

(CTRM) and Systems Consultancy Services Sdn Bhd as having the expertise and technology to manufacture Malaysia-made UAVs.

The two companies should merge to boost production of local

UAVs and to save operational costs in developing parts and components for the UAVs, Razak said, adding that the country needs more small-sized UAVs equipped with very sensitive sensors.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*US soldiers secure the area of a checkpoint during a military operation in southern Baghdad. Twenty-two Iraqi soldiers were kidnapped near the Syrian border, an Iraqi military source said, as four US soldiers were killed in less than 24 hours in attacks north of the capital. — INTERNET*

## Four soldiers dead in Iraq attacks

**BAGHDAD, 8 June — Four US soldiers were killed in three separate attacks north of Baghdad, the military said Wednesday.**

One US soldier, attached to Task Force Liberty, was killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded at 12 pm near his vehicle close to Adwar, a town 10 miles south of Tikrit, the military said in a statement.

Two 42nd Infantry Division soldiers were killed in an indirect fire attack on their base in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad at about 10 pm Tuesday, the military said.

A roadside bomb exploded near another US vehicle at 10.30 pm

Tuesday, fatally wounding a soldier attached to the 1st Corps Support Command north of Baghdad, the military said. The soldier was pronounced dead at a military medical facility.

The soldiers’ names were being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

As of Wednesday, at least 1,680 US military members have died since the Iraq war began in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count.

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## China, New Zealand agree to establish FTA as early as possible

**BELING, 8 June**— China and New Zealand have agreed to establish a free trade area as soon as possible, China's Ministry of Commerce said in a statement Tuesday.

Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai and New Zealand Minister for Trade Negotiations Jim Sutton reached the consensus following the first meeting of the China-New Zealand Joint Ministerial Commission in Beijing on Monday.

Bo Xilai said China hopes the FTA talks with New Zealand will succeed.

"We should give full

consideration to mutual concerns, set a reasonable target and move steadily so that we can share the benefits of an FTA soon," Bo was quoted by the Ministry in the statement.

China and New Zealand began FTA talks last year. There has been no announced timetable for the talks.

So far China and New Zealand have had three

rounds of FTA talks, with the next round due in Beijing in July.

In the last decade China and New Zealand witnessed double-digit trade growth.

Two-way trade reached 2.5 billion US dollars last year, double the level in 2001.

China was the fourth largest trading partner and export market for New Zealand.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Nepal to build int'l airport near birth-place of Lord Buddha

**KATHMANDU, 8 June**— The Nepali Government has decided to expand the Gautam Buddha Airport of Bhairahawa into an international airport, some 300 kilometres west of Kathmandu, a senior official said here on Tuesday.

The existing infrastructures at the airport will get a face lift to meet the standards of international airport, Buddhi Raj Bajracharya, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation told reporters.

The expansion of the airport materialized after the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal decided to invest money for acquiring 40 hectares of

land. "The airstrip will be able to support the landing and take-off of *Boeing 757* once the project completes within the next three years," Bajracharya said.

To support the flights of the aircraft, a runway of 2,200-2,500 metres will be required, he added.

According to the minister, the preliminary cost for the reformation of the

airport has been put at around 300 million Nepali rupees (about 4.2 million US dollars).

The government will initiate development programme in Lumbini, the birth-place of Lord Buddha, which is only 30 kilometres from Bhairahawa City, Bajracharya noted, adding, "People will find it a different place after one-year construction there." — *MNA/Xinhua*

## G-4 to delay submission of UN reform plan

**TOKYO, 8 June**— Japan, Brazil, India and Germany, known as the Group of Four, will delay the submission of a draft resolution on UN reforms to the General Assembly until at least next month from the initially targeted June, Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura suggested on Tuesday.

"We'll appropriately judge when to submit the draft resolution after analyzing the outcomes of separate summits among African and Caribbean countries both planned for early July," Machimura told reporters.

The G-4 countries are trying to enlist support from other countries

for the draft resolution calling for enlargement of the UN Security Council.

The G-4 is also asking other UN member states to become cosponsors of the draft resolution.

Machimura earlier said the G-4 hopes to present the resolution in June after a possible revision.

But he indicated on Monday the four nations' position on UN reforms is not strong yet and that a proposal made by their rival group is gathering steam.

Machimura also dismissed a view that the G-4's attempt is facing difficulties, saying the group has said the draft resolution should be sub-

mitted to the General Assembly "by summer".

The G-4 countries, aspiring to become permanent members of the powerful UN panel, are seeking to change the structure of the council by adding six new permanent members and four new non-permanent members.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## India to ship weapon spares to Vietnamese Navy

**NEW DELHI, 8 June**— India will ship Vietnam's Navy spares for its Russian-made warships as a move of maritime cooperation with the Indian Ocean countries, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported on Tuesday.

India will ship 900 boxes of spares for *Petya* frigates and *OSA II*-class missile boats, which weigh 150 tons, said Navy Spokesman Lieutenant Commander Balbir Singh on Tuesday.

The weapon spares will reach Ho Chi Minh

City later this week, the Navy source said.

India reached the supply plan with Vietnam during the visit of Vietnamese Defence Minister Pham Van Tra to India in March.

Indian Navy officials said Vietnam is an important part of India's extended maritime neighbourhood and bilateral relations have improved in recent years.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Nepal to hold trade fair in Doha

**KATHMANDU, 8 June**— A five-day "Promote Nepal 2005" trade fair will be jointly organized by the Nepali Government and its private sector on June 14-18 in Doha, the capital of Qatar, an organizer said here on Tuesday.

The trade fair will have a wide display of Nepali products ranging from handicraft, handmade paper, tea, coffee, spices, instant noodle, handloom garments, pashmina, carpet, Nepali decor bricks, fresh fruit and green vegetables, Rajesh Kaji Shrestha, president of the Nepal Chamber of Commerce, told reporters at a Press conference.

Altogether 40 different companies will showcase their products and services, Shrestha said, adding that tourism entrepreneurs, manpower re-

cruiting agencies, money transfer companies and banks will also participate in the event.

"This will be the first of its kind of event to be organized in a Gulf country targeting both Nepali working there and business community from the Arabian world," he noted.

The fair will be inaugurated by Nepali King Gyanendra, who will travel to Qatar to participate in the Second South Summit, or the summit of the Group of 77, to be held in Doha on 15-16 June.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## China hopes to further cooperation with Belgium

**BELING, 8 June**— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Tuesday China hopes to further cooperation with Belgium in the fields of information technology, micro-electronics, medicine-making and environmental protection.

Wen told visiting Belgian King Albert II that China and Belgium are important trade partners, and have enjoyed fruitful cooperation in trade, finance service, science and technology and poverty eradication.

He said both countries

attach great importance to the role of the other in the regional and international affairs and make joint efforts to enhance bilateral relations.

Wen noted that a joint statement signed by China and Belgium last May on the enhancement of po-

litical dialogue has laid a solid foundation for the further growth of bilateral ties.

China is willing to work with Belgium to further bilateral cooperation and expand friendly ties with the European Union.

King Albert II said Belgium values its relationship with China, hoping to maintain high-level exchanges and promote the all-round cooperation in all fields. Belgian King Albert II arrived in Beijing on Saturday morning for an eight-day state visit to China. It is the first China tour by a Belgian Head of State in the past 24 years.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Personal items belonging to screen legend Marilyn Monroe, pictured in 1954, including her personal address book and a pair of stockings, were sold for more than one million dollars, auctioneers said.—INTERNET

## China appoints new officials

**BELING, 8 June**— China's State Council, or the Chinese central government, has appointed Jiao Yong and Zhou Ying (female) as vice-ministers of Water Conservancy, Zheng Lizhong deputy director of the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, Cui Jizhe vice-president of *Xinhua* news agency and Xia Yong director of the National Administration for the Protection of State Secrets.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Pakistan hands over 10 ambulances to Afghanistan

**ISLAMABAD, 8 June**— The Pakistani Government on Tuesday handed over 10 well-equipped ambulances to the Afghanistan Government, an official handout said.

Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Foreign Office Deputy Chief of Protocol, presented the keys of ambulances to the Afghan Consul General Haji Abdul Khaliq in a simple ceremony held near Hayatabad check post on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, about 50 kilometres north of Peshawar, provincial capital of North West Frontier Province.

Pakistan has announced the provision of 45 ambulances to Afghanistan, of which 23 were delivered earlier. With the handing over of 10 more ambulances, Afghanistan has received 33 vehicles so far.

*MNA/Xinhua*



# The World Environment Day

*Moe Htet Myint (Delta Region)*

Environment is the natural world which surrounds us. Soil, water, air, forests, animals, rivers, lakes and natural resources are the natural environment of the people.

All living beings rely on the environment to get fresh air, clean water, fresh food and clothes, and to meet shelter needs. Therefore, we need to conserve the environment.

The Conference on Human Environment was held on 5 June 1972 in Stockholm, Sweden, for the first time. The World Environmental Day was designated to be 5 June at the conference and United Nations Environmental Programme-UNEP was organized.

Raising environmental awareness, UNEP has been carrying out environmental conservation tasks. The Silver Jubilee of the UNEP fell in 1997. Each and every world nation holds ceremonies to mark the World Environment Day on 5 June every year.

Some previous mottoes of the World Environment Day were: "Poverty and the Environment; Breaking the vicious circle", "One Earth, One Family", "We the people; United for the Global Environment" and "Our Earth, Our Habitat, Our Home".

The World Environmental Day for 1997 was celebrated in Seoul, the Republic of Korea and its motto for that year was: "For Life on Earth".

The environmental deterioration causes air and water pollution, deforestation, land degradation, desertification and extinction of plants and animals.

In Myanmar, the National Commission for Environmental Affairs was set up in February, 1990. The commission was organized with departmental heads under various ministries. The commission plays a key role in keeping in touch with international organizations. It also serves as a coordination mechanism to facilitate the functions of relevant bodies and is responsible to the government. There are four committees under the commission, namely, (1) Natural Resources Conservation Committee, (2) Environmental Pollution Prevention Committee, (3) Research, Education and Information Committee and (4) International Cooperation Committee.

Since 1991, mass tree planting ceremonies organized by the National Commission for Environmental Affairs and the Ministry of Forestry have been celebrated in Myanmar.

Moreover, the Basic Education Department has been carrying out the activities for greening of the school environs. The National Committee for Environmental Affairs holds ceremonies to mark the World Environment Day on 5 June every year to enhance public environmental awareness.

Regarding the environmental conservation, Head of the State Senior General Than Shwe

**The Central Myanmar Greening Project being implemented under the leadership of the Government is an achievement in a bid to improve and green the nation's arid zone. Under the project, over 200,000 acres have been put under tree plantations and over 600,000 acres of land protected.**

gave guidance at Natkanle Camp at Popa Hill Resort on 19 April in 1997. He said that emphasis was laid on the project for greening the nine special districts including Popa region for the benefits of the posterity.

Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing divisions, three arid regions, are home to 35 per cent of the nation's population. The 13-district Greening Project covering these divisions is the largest environmental conservation drive in the nation. Prior to that project, the government also implemented the three-year Nine-District Greening Project (1994-95 to 1996-97) that covered Sagaing, Shwebo and Monywa districts in Sagaing Division, Myingyan, Yamethin and Meiktila districts in Mandalay Division, and Magway, Minbu, Thayet and Pakokku districts in Magway Division.

The purposes of the project were to prevent deterioration of the environment, to fulfil rural people's firewood requirements, to improve the environment by keeping it green, to con-

vince regional folks of the benefits of the existence of forests and trees, and to help maintain water sources with the use of trees.

The Ministry of Forestry is implementing four work programmes to implement the project. It is establishing tree plantations, protecting trees against indiscriminate felling, growing plants on bare mountains, and establishing tree plantations near villages.

The government also formed the Arid Zones Greening Department to widen the scope of the effectiveness of the project. So far, it has built 42 dams in Mandalay Division, 34 in Sagaing Division, and 33 in Magway Division apart from over 2,000 small scale dams and lakes. It has also planted trees on all the vacant lands in watershed areas, and constructed more than 160 waterworks along Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers.

These measures for environmental conservation depicts that Myanmar welcomes World Environment Day designated for the concern of the world and all human beings.

Now, many parts of the world are witnessing environmental deterioration. The skies, earth and waters have been polluted with wastes to a certain degree.

The Government has placed emphasis on the improvement of the environment. It laid down the environmental conservation 21st Century vision in 1997 to make economic development and environmental conservation harmonize, and to realize the Myanmar National Environmental Affairs Policy. It is enhancing knowledge of environmental conservation in the formal and non-formal education. The Central Myanmar Greening Project being implemented under the leadership of the Government is an achievement in a bid to improve and green the nation's arid zone. Under the project, over 200,000 acres have been put under tree plantations and over 600,000 acres of land protected. The 30-year plan is in progress to keep the forests ever-green.

Myanmar is paying a serious attention to the steps for environmental conservation.

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## CEC member performs development of Natogyi Township

YANGON, 9 June — USDA CEC member Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, accompanied by officials of Myingyan and Natogyi Township USDAs, attended the ceremony to put the earth road into service in Natogyi Township on 5 June morning. The CEC member gave a speech and U Lay Maung, retired headmaster of Thamandaw Village BEPS, expressed gratitude. Col Nyan Tun Aung and wellwisher Thawdwin Co Managing Director U Sai Philip formally opened the road.

At Magyikan Village BEPS in Natogyi Township, the CEC member met with local people. Next, the Deputy Minister and wife presented 100 dozens of exercise books for Magyikan Village Post-Primary School, 50 bags of cement for construction of a school building, and K 100,000 for the Aungbangon Village BEPS. Managing Director U Sai Philip also

donated 200 corrugated iron sheets, 50 bags of cement and 9,000 bricks and cash for school enrolment of needy children.

Next, the deputy minister and party paid homage to Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kosalla. The deputy minister and wife and Thawdwin Co donated K 300,000 and K 100,000 to Monastic Education Affiliated Basic Education High School where over 700 students are learning.

At Natogyi Township USDA Office, the CEC member met with executives, departmental officials and members of social organizations and attended to their needs. Daw Wai Wai, wife of the deputy minister, presented K 50,000 each to Township Organization for Women's Affairs and MCWA. — MNA

## Myanmar to hail Asian Games with Game Fun Run

YANGON, 9 June — Myanmar is making arrangements to hail the Qatar Asian Games with Asian Game Fun Run, in which over 600 boys and girls aged between nine and 14 years will run a three kilometer track.

Asia Olympic Council and Myanmar Olympic Council will co-sponsor the Asian Game Fun Run at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), Yangon, on 11 June morning.

Myanmar is the 16th nation to hold the Game Fun Run, in which all runners will get a T-shirt and a cap each, while first, second, and third prize winners will be presented with cash awards. The 15th Asian Games, comprising 39 categories, will be held in Doha, Qatar, for two weeks. —MNA

## Myanmar does not condone...

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in Criminal Matters Law, a prerequisite for combating transnational organized crimes including trafficking in persons, was enacted in 2004. Moreover, as money laundering is linked to trafficking in persons, the Control of Money Laundering Law and Rules were enacted in 2002 and 2003 respectively.

The Central Control Board (CCB) and the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) have also been set up.

With regard to international cooperation, an MoU was signed between Myanmar and Australia on *Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People Trafficking (ARCPPT)*. Under this programme, Myanmar has also been cooperating with Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. As recommended by the ARCPPT, an Anti-Trafficking Unit was formed in March 2004 to investigate human trafficking. Myanmar has also acceded to the *Convention Against Transnational*

*Organized Crime (CTOC)* and to its Protocols to Prevent, Suppress and Punish *Trafficking in Persons (TIP)* and to *Smuggling of Migrants*.

In addition, Myanmar hosted the Meeting for the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking in Yangon on 27-29 October 2004. The MoU on Coordinated Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) was signed by the six countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-

region. It is a critical step to creating a regional co-operation platform to combat trafficking in persons.

A mobile team to combat trafficking in women and children formed in collaboration with UNIAP in Combating Human Trafficking in the Mekong Subregion conducts on-site visits to train mid-level government officials on strategies to combat trafficking.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of

Myanmar and Thailand on Cooperation in the Employment of Workers has been in force since June 2003. The agreement has proved to be effective in dealing with trafficking problems.

Myanmar nationals in foreign lands, including Thailand, have been repatriated in accordance with government guidelines. A receiving station has been set up at Myawaddy near the Thai border.

In sum, Myanmar does not condone the practice of trafficking in persons and is constantly striving to overcome the

pernicious practice. It is therefore regrettable that the United States Department of State has turned a blind eye to the firm determination demonstrated by Myanmar in eradicating the problem of trafficking in persons and the progress achieved so far.

The Government of Myanmar therefore takes exception to the placement of Myanmar in Tier 3 of the State Department's classification of countries that do not comply with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of the US Congress. — MNA

## 2005-2006 Buddha Dhamma Diploma course opens



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung offers provisions to a Sayadaw at the opening ceremony of Diploma in Buddha Dhamma Course for 2005-2006 academic year. — MNA

YANGON, 9 June — The opening ceremony of Diploma in Buddha Dhamma Course for 2005-2006 academic year organized by the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University of the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at Maha Santisukha Buddha Missionary Monastery in Tamway Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Dawei Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Arçinna Bhivamsa and members of

the Sangha, Pro-Rector of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University (Teaching) Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dr Kumara Bhivamsa and sayadaws, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Thura Aung Ko, Director-General of Religious Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Pro-Rector of ITBMU (Administration) Dr Myint Kyi and course instructors, CEC members of Maha Santisukha Buddha Missionary Monastery, donors and guests. Dawei Sayadaw

delivered a sermon and the Vice-Chairman of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University (Teaching) explained the rules and regulations of the course.

The Minister and the deputy minister donated offertories to the Sangha. Totalling 19 members of the Sangha from states and divisions are attending the one-year Buddha Dhamma course. U Tin Htoo, Daw Nwe Nwe Win family (Htoo Ice-cream) donated K 100,000 and U Thein Oo, Daw Khin Khin Sein donated 50 dozens of exercise books. — MNA

## Fisheries Department to boost aqua exports

YANGON, 9 June — Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held a meeting to discuss means to export aqua products through border trade at the department here today.

The meeting also discussed building of a cold storage in Muse region at the border.

After the opening

address delivered by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun explained the salient points of border trade and the assistance to be provided by the Government.

Officials of FD and Border Trade Department

also reported to the meeting on the volume of annual aqua exports through border trade, and plans to develop the trade.

Entrepreneurs then joined in the discussions, and presented requirements. The minister made arrangements to boost aqua exports and for the convenience of exporters.

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## Operations performed on handicapped patients at Myitkyina People's Hospital

YANGON, 9 June — Under the aegis of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central), operations free of charge were performed on 150 handicapped patients in Myitkyina People's Hospital starting from 5 June.

Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Daw Nu Aye Khin handed over the cost for operations K 2,336,460 donated by MMCWA and K 720,000 worth of airconditioner

donated by President of Supervisory Committee for Kachin State MCWA Daw Tin Tin Nwe through officials.

The necessary assistance for the operations was provided by the Ministry of Health to Specialist Dr Daw Nu Nu Yi of the Department of Plastic, Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery and party.

Members of township Peace and Development Councils in Kachin State, health staff and township MCWA mem-

bers also took part in giving assistance to be able to hospitalize the patients.

Chairman Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Vice-President of MMCWA (Central) Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, Kachin State MCWA Supervisory Committee President Daw Tin Tin Nwe and officials viewed the operations and encouraged the patients.

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Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, wife Daw Tin Tin Nwe and Vice-President of MMCWA (Central) Daw Tin Lin Myint view operation on a handicapped patient.—MNA

## Taninthayi Division holds tree planting ceremony

YANGON, 9 June — Taninthayi Division held tree planting ceremony for 2005 in Myeik on 7 June morning. It was attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Com-

mand Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, senior military officers, departmental personnel and others.

They planted a wide species of 20,000 saplings in the vicinity of Myeik Airport and the commander and wife also

grew Gangaw (Mesua ferra).

Next, the commander, wife and officials viewed round planting of saplings in the environs of Maha Sidhijaya pagoda and Myeik golf course.

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## Appointment of Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar agreed on

YANGON, 10 June — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Mohammed Khairuzzaman as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr AB Manjoor Rahim.

Mr Mohammed Khairuzzaman was born on 5 July 1952. He served as Second Lieutenant in Pakistan in the Armoured Corps in 1971 and promoted to the rank of Major in 1976. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1976. Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he had served in various capacities in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as the diplomatic missions of Bangladesh in Cairo, Abu Dhabi, London and Manila. He is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

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## Commander tours Myaungmya District

YANGON, 9 June—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung on 6 June inspected Pampawady River crossing (Myinkaseik) bridge project being implemented by Bridge Project group-5 on Patheingyi-Myaungmya road near Myinkaseik Village, Patheingyi Township.

Project in charge Chief Engineer Daw Si Si Than reported on the project. The commander gave instructions and viewed construction tasks on Patheingyi bank and Myaungmya bank. On completion, the bridge will be of a 1,260-foot-long Bailey type facility.

Next, he inspected the 400-acre model monsoon paddy farm being undertaken by the Myanmar Agricultural Service on Myaungmya-Einme Road near Danoungaung Village, where he was conducted the farm by officials concerned. He provided necessary assistance for the farm.

The commander held a meeting with local farmers from nearby villages at the pavilion of the pilot plantation, and called for greater success in the agricultural sector.

The commander also inspected District People's Hospital in Myaungmya. He met with service personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders at the District PDC office. Departmental officials reported on progress of work for regional development. District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Kyi Htut Win gave a supplementary report.

In response, the commander provided assistance, calling for harmonious cooperation for betterment in the agriculture, livestock, education, health and transport sectors of the region.

He inspected Myaungmya-Labutta Road and bridges on it. He visited the work site for digging of a lake with the donations of Wah Wah Win International Co Ltd for water supply for the dwellers in Ward 10.

The commander met service personnel, social organizations and local senior citizens in Labutta. The chairman of the Township PDC and officials reported on measures taken for regional progress. The commander provided assistance for the tasks.

In addition, the commander inspected Labutta Township People's Hospital, renovation of Gandakutaik of Cakkja Marajin Buddha Image and prayer hall, reconstruction of Strand Road, and tasks for sprucing up of the jetty.

In the evening, the commander met with officers and other ranks and their family members at local regiment in Myaungmya.

He also visited Cakkjasiha and Cakkjananda Pagodas in the town and held discussions with all-round renovation of the pagodas with members of the pagoda board of trustees. — MNA

## Commander calls for extended cultivation of rubber in Yangon

YANGON, 9 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe this afternoon called on officials concerned and entrepreneurs to make efforts for extended cultivation of rubber in Yangon.

In his address made at the second coordination meeting for extended cultivation of rubber in Yangon, the commander

said the government permitted the entrepreneurs to export rubber. Therefore, the more rubber cultivation they do, the more benefits they will get, he said. The entrepreneurs are to grow rubber in virgin land in Yangon effectively, he urged. The 30-mile radius greening project of the Yangon International Airport all year round is being implemented, he said. He also called for cultivation of monsoon and summer

paddy, winter crops, beans and pulses as well as rubber all year round which will benefit entrepreneurs and the State. Dams and reservoirs have been constructed in Yangon Division to supply irrigation water for successful cultivation of crops in the division. The State set a target to grow one million acres of rubber in three years. Therefore, efforts need to cultivate 10,000 acres of rubber in 2005-2006, he

said. Next, District Manager U Kyi Win of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise reported on cultivation of perennial crops including rubber and assistance to be provided. Afterwards, entrepreneurs reported on requirements to be fulfilled. After hearing reports, the commander attended to the needs. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the commander.

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Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and party viewed photos and paintings to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of Myanmar-China Diplomatic Relations.—MNA

## Exhibition in commemoration...

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At the exhibition, 62 paintings and 152 documentary photos from China and 19 paintings of Myanmar and documentary photos of goodwill visits of Heads of State between the two countries and head to head diplomatic relations of the two countries are being displayed.

The exhibition will be kept open from 10 am to 4 pm daily up to 15 June free of charge.

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Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun formally open the exhibition in commemoration of the 55th Anniversary of Myanmar-China Diplomatic Relations.—MNA

## QSS-330 new digital machine introduced

YANGON, 9 June—The introduction and demonstration of QSS-330 (Noritsu) digital machine exported by Noritsu Singapore Pte Ltd, Accel International CoLtd and Kodak (Singapore) Pte Ltd, took place at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, attended by photo entrepreneurs, photographers, enthusiasts and guests. First, Managing Director of Accel International CoLtd Mr Alvin Law extended greetings and Regional Sales Manager Mr K.B Leong of Noritsu S'pore Pte Ltd made an opening speech. Afterwards, Assistant Manager of Accel International

CoLtd U Thiha Zaw explained facts about the new digital machine with the help of video slides. Noritsu digital photocop-

ers and Analog Noritsu digital machine are available at Accel International CoLtd and those who want to purchase may contact

No 422-426, 6th floor, Forestry Joint Venture Trading Building on Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Tel: 202092, 202096. — MNA



A ceremony to launch the QSS Digital Machine Product in progress.—MNA

## Uganda, Congo reaffirm commitment to work for security

**KAMPALA, 9 June** — The chiefs of military intelligence and security services of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have reaffirmed their commitment to work together for the improvement of security in the two countries.

The officers of Uganda, the DRC and those of the UN mission in the DRC (MONUC) made the commitment during a meeting in Bundibugyo, western Uganda recently, according to a report from Radio Uganda on Wednesday.

A joint communique signed by team leaders Lieutenant-Colonel Mugira Tames of Uganda, Colonel Jean Pierre Mulondo of the DRC and Sam Muganda

of MONUC said delegates agreed on several issues related to security.

The DRC delegation requested for the opening of a Ugandan Amnesty Commission office in Beni as soon as possible.

The parties reaffirmed their commitment not to support any negative group fighting against either country.

The security officers further agreed to arrest fugitives such as Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) and Ituri militia groups

that crisscross the border.

The officers agreed that all immigration and Custom posts on both sides of the border have security officers who should share information on cross border movements.

The parties further reiterated their commitment and determination to maintain the good working relationships and agreed to hold their next meeting in Butembo, the DRC in September 2005.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Over 100 companies apply for plots in Kampala industrial park

**KAMPALA, 9 June** — Over 100 companies have applied for plots in the Kampala Business and Industrial Park that will be located in the eastern part of the Ugandan capital city, local Press reported on Tuesday.

"With over 100 applications, we have started drawing the business plan for the allocation of plots. We are also looking for a procurement expert. The expert will be responsible for procurement for the construction of roads and establishing electricity and water connections," Maggie Kigozi, executive director of the Uganda Investment Authority (UIA) was quoted as saying.

Kigozi said the development of the park follows the approval of a

70-million-US-dollar loan from the World Bank by members of the Parliament.

The loan was given to the Ugandan Government for the development of the private sector and the industrial park. It will also be used for computerization of the land registry and registrar of companies.

She said UIA will get 25 million dollars for the development of the industrial park.

According to the plan, UIA will install a 33-kilovolt electricity line

from Kwega to Namanve worth about 2.5 million dollars and construct a power distribution substation at 2.2 million dollars. It also includes extension of the water supply system and construction of a 6,800-cubic-metre water reservoir at 2.3 million US dollars, while construction of sewerage and treatment works will cost 8 million dollars.

"We shall construct an 11-kilometre access road at 6 million dollars and a 5-kilometre primary storm water drainage channel at 7 million dollars, while investment promotion and research will cost 1 million dollars," Kigozi added.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Central Africa summit discusses regional integration

**YAOUNDE, 9 June** — Leaders of the Economic Community of Central African States held a summit meeting on Tuesday in Brazzaville, capital of the Republic of the Congo, to discuss issues concerning the regional integration in politics, economy, security and justice.

In his opening remarks to the summit, Congolese President Denis Sassou-Nguesso, the executive chairman of the community, urged all the 11 member states to take coordinate actions to promote regional integration and construct a stable and sustainably-developing Central Africa.

Heads of state and government leaders or their representatives from the member states attended the meeting.

Reports from Brazzaville said Sassou-Nguesso hoped that the United Nations will set up a permanent office in the region to help the bloc's member states.

On the regional integration issue, the two-day-long summit will focus on establishing a free trade zone, reducing tariffs among member states, and lifting obstacles to the free floating of personnel, property, work force and capital in this region.

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## China to boost development of science, technology

**BEIJING, 9 June** — China plans to greatly boost its scientific and technological levels and make science and technology "spearhead future economic and social development", according to a draft programme.

The draft of the national programme on long and medium-term development of science and technology, discussed at Wednesday's executive meeting of the State Council, also underscores advancing independent innovation and seeking breakthroughs in key sectors.

"China should seek to realize breakthroughs and leapfrog development in key technologies that are related to the national economy and people's livelihood," says the draft, which sets forth guidelines, strategic goals and overall arrangements for China's scientific and technological development in the coming 15 years. Scientific and technological progress is vital to solving some problems

confronting China, including trade barriers targeting Chinese exports, environmental problems and tense energy supplies.

Chinese leaders have repeatedly underscored the need to increase exports of new and hi-tech products, products of independent intellectual property rights and brands and high value-added products to improve its export growth mode. There's a more urgent need now that its textile products are facing trade barriers in some foreign countries.

The meeting, chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao, also discussed and approved in principle guidelines on promoting further opening-up of the old industrial base in northeast China.

According to the guidelines, further opening up to the outside world is an important component part of the strategy to invigorate northeast China and other old industrial bases. It is a major approach to achieve these goals.

The guidelines urged relevant departments to improve the quality and level of foreign investment, guiding it to key industrial sectors and technological upgrade of key companies.

According to the guidelines, northeast China should also promote the opening up of service trade, actively participate in regional economic and technological cooperation and beef up infrastructure construction.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## NASA nears readiness for July shuttle launch

**WASHINGTON, 9 June** — US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is nearing readiness for space shuttle launch in July with still three recommendations to complete for the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster in 2003.

Reports reaching here said the task force overseeing NASA's work to improve flight safety hoped the US space agency would meet the remaining recommendations in time.

The task force completed review of five recommendations in Houston on Wednesday.

NASA is required to complete 15 recommendations for returning the shuttle to sky.

A key outstanding issue NASA has yet to resolve is to develop techniques to repair "the widest possible range of damage" in space. However, task force member James Adamson said this issue will

not block the shuttle launch, which is set between 13 July and 31 July. The task force said Wednesday NASA must eliminate all sources of potential debris from the external fuel tank and finish hardening the shuttle's exterior.

The external fuel tank has undergone many design changes after the Columbia tragedy in February 2003, in which all seven astronauts aboard were killed. The tragedy was blamed on a suitcase-sized insulation foam that fell off the tank during liftoff and harmed the shuttle's left wing, leading to the shuttle's disintegration during re-entry.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Flood forces hundreds to leave homes in western Canada

**OTTAWA, 9 June** — Hundreds of residents in the town of Highwood River in Canada's western province of Alberta were told to leave their homes overnight as rivers began to overflow after days of heavy rain, reports reaching here said on Wednesday.

Early on Wednesday morning, some of the 3,500 residents living near the community's golf course were woken up as a mandatory evacuation was ordered for the area. On Tuesday afternoon, a mandatory evacuation was ordered for about 200

residents of three subdivisions of the town of Highwood River.

An evacuation centre with sleeping bags and cots had been set up at a local high school. Some areas of southwestern Alberta have been hit by between 100 millimetres and 170 millimetres of rain over the past few days. But forecasters said the rain could subside starting Wednesday or Thursday. Officials have issued a flood watch for almost 24 rivers, streams and creeks in the southern part of the province.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## UN reform to be based on extensive agreement

**ROME, 9 June** — UN reform shall be based on extensive agreement and seek to improve its effectiveness and authority instead of simply adding permanent seats to the Security Council, said visiting Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Tuesday.

Lavrov made the remarks at a joint Press conference with his Italian counterpart Gianfranco Fini, saying any resolutions on the reform shall be made as long as extensive agreement is reached among UN member states.

If the extensive agreement fails to be reached, consultations shall be continued, said Lavrov, warning hasty decisions will result in the UN's split.

UN reform shall focus on enhancing the authority and effectiveness of the Security Council and improve its capabilities for better dealing with such issues as religious and racial conflicts, countries' split and human rights violations, he said.

*MNA/Xinhua*



## China rises to world's second largest medicinal material producer

SHANGHAI, 9 June — With annual output of 800,000 tons of medicinal raw materials, China has risen to be the world's second largest producer of raw materials for medicine, next only to the United States, said an official with China's health care products organization.

Cui Bin, secretary of China chamber of medicine and health care products import-export commerce, said China is capable of manufacturing 1,400 kinds of medicinal raw materials, 60 of which are competitive in the world market, and more than 90 per cent are exported.

He noted that import-export of China's medicine and health care products surpassed 22.1 billion US dollars in 2004, up 26 per cent from the previous year.

The world's medicinal material manufacturing centre has shifted to Asia, and the booming Chinese mar-

ket has riveted global medicinal material giants, who have already come for the market by establishing joint ventures in China.

The 2005 world pharmaceutical material exhibition, to be staged in Shanghai, is expected to attract more than 100 pharmaceutical enterprises from 20 countries and regions such as the United States, France, the United Kingdom and Germany.

However, Cui pointed out that China should strive to increase export of the ready-made Chinese medicine and raw material of traditional Chinese herbal medicine. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## African agriculturists urged to link research to industries, markets

KAMPALA, 9 June — African agricultural researchers have been urged to link their work to industries and markets to promote development on the world's poorest continent.

The call was made by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni when he was opening the 3rd Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) in Entebbe, some 40 kilometres south of Kampala on Monday afternoon, according to a Press release from the State House available on Tuesday.

Museveni pointed out that unlike in the colonial era where in Africa research was based on the production of raw materials for export only, today's research should be linked to the processing of products in order to realize maximum profits.

"Research should go beyond production to industrial processing," he said.

Museveni further emphasized that the research that must be linked to industries should produce improved seeds that are high yield-

ing, quick maturing, resistant to diseases and drought.

The President told scientists that Africa in general and Uganda in particular lost millions of dollars as well as jobs due to the export of raw materials.

He said in 1986 Uganda exported two million bags of coffee and earned 500 million dollars while today it exported four million bags but earns only 100 million dollars despite world coffee trade being 80 billion dollars.

Museveni noted that the only way forward for Africa in general and Uganda in particular was to add value to such products and ensure their accessibility to internal, regional and international markets.

Josue Dione, director of Sustainable Development Division from the United Nations Economic Commission for

Africa (ECA), presented a paper on constraints, opportunities and challenges for the structural transformation of African agriculture.

He pointed out among other things that while 70 per cent of the poor in Africa live in rural areas, the majority of them depend directly or indirectly on agriculture and 60 per cent of the total African labour force is employed in agriculture.

He called for search of lasting solutions for the improvement of the livelihoods of the people on the African continent.

The six-day forum that is running under the theme "Innovation to Transform Agriculture for Improved Livelihoods and Development in Africa" has drawn agricultural scientists from Rwanda, Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, South Africa and Uganda.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Sudan offers special treatment for Indian companies

NEW DELHI, 9 June — Sudan on Tuesday offered "special treatment" to Indian companies investing in oil exploration and contributing to development of railways, roads, airports and other key areas in that country.

A group of Indian investors, under the aegis of industry representative body FICCI, will shortly leave for Sudan to discuss prospects of larger investments in that country, visiting Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail told reporters here. Ismail, who is on a three-day visit, called on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and held wide-ranging discussions with External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh on a host of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. He said China

has emerged as the largest investor in Sudan with investments totalling eight billion US dollars. "India can do more", he said adding Sudan could give Indian companies special treatment.

Specific proposals have come from Indian companies for oil exploration in eastern and western parts of Sudan, he said adding these would be examined.

Sudan proposes to increase its oil production from the current level of half-a-million barrel a day to 1.2 million barrels in the next two years. — *MNA/PTI*

## South Africa backs traditional medicine to fight AIDS

DURBAN, 9 June — Amid demands for the South African Government to step up the use of anti-retroviral drugs for treating AIDS, the country on Tuesday asked the international community to focus on traditional medicines to fight the scourge.

Anti-retroviral drugs are not the only solution for the HIV-AIDS pandemic, South African Health Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang told reporters at an International AIDS conference here. "In the absence of a cure for AIDS, it is critical to invest more energy and resources into prevention which remains the mainstay of our response," Minister Tshabalala-Msimang said.

The Minister mentioned the use of garlic, lemon and traditional medicine in the fight against the AIDS pandemic.

More than 4,000 delegates from all over South Africa and internationally

are participating in the conference, which is the biggest since the first AIDS gathering was held at the centre in 2003.

One of the burning issues facing the participants will be the need for the South African Government to step up the provision of anti-retroviral drugs to HIV positive people.

"While we sustain our prevention interventions, it is also critical that we care for those who are already infected and affected. In this regard, we have to admit that there is no single intervention that can solely solve the challenges faced by people living with HIV-AIDS," she said. Currently only about

42,000 people are reported by the NGO, Treatment Action Campaign, to be receiving ARV treatment at Government health clinics while another 60,000 being treated privately.

In addition to the issue of ARV rollouts, the conference will also tackle matters such as mandatory testing of people affected by HIV; funding and when should treatment be started; business responses to HIV-AIDS; the interactions between HIV and TB and HIV vaccine research progress in South Africa.

According to World Health Organization statistics more than five million people in South Africa are affected by the HIV-AIDS pandemic. — *MNA/PTI*

## G-4 agree to temporarily drop demand for veto power

UNITED NATIONS, 9 June—Germany, Japan, Brazil and India, the four countries aspiring to be new permanent members of an enlarged Security Council, distributed on Wednesday a new draft resolution on the body's expansion, under which new permanent members would not exercise the right of veto until 2020 at earliest.

The four nations have wanted the 191-nation General Assembly to adopt a framework resolution in June which would add six new permanent members and four new non-permanent seats to the Security Council.

The Council, the only UN organ whose decision is binding on all member states, is currently composed of permanent members with veto power and 10 elected non-permanent members with two-year terms. "The new permanent members shall not exercise the right of veto 'until after the General

Assembly meets to review the Council 15 years after the proposed expansion comes into force, the new draft said. The review conference would decide on the question of expansion of veto power to new permanent members, according to the draft.

Germany, Japan, Brazil and India, known as G-4, convened a meeting with some 30 countries which have intended to co-sponsor the draft on Wednesday morning. After the meeting, the draft was circulated to all UN member states. Adoption of the draft by the General

Assembly requires a two-thirds majority. Under a three-step procedure proposed by G-4, the Assembly would vote on the draft as early as this month, then elect new permanent members in mid-July and adopt a resolution to amend the United Nations Charter. After orally presenting the new draft at a meeting of some 160 countries on Wednesday afternoon, German Ambassador Gunter Pleuger told reporters that G-4 still sticks to its timetable and France, one of the current permanent members, would co-sponsor the new draft. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Vietnam to import 4.5m tons of clinker this year

HANOI, 9 June — Vietnam will this year have to import some 4.5 million tons of clinker for cement production, the same amount as last year, the country's biggest cement producer said on Wednesday.

The producer, the state-owned Vietnam National Cement Corporation, will import around 2 million tons of clinker, mainly from Thailand, in 2005, it said, noting that its import prices currently stand at 28 US dollars per ton, up 30 per cent against the same period last year.

Vietnam imported nearly 2.6 million tons of clinker worth 77 million dollars in the first five months of this year, posting year-on-year respective surges of 66 per cent and 133 per cent. The corporation alone imported 888,000 tons of the product. Vietnam's cement demand is estimated at 46.8 million tons in 2010, some 62.5 million tons in 2015

and around 69 million tons in 2020. A small part of the demand will be met by imports, predicted the corporation.

Vietnam, which posted total cement sales of some 26 million tons in 2004, is expected to consume 29 million tons of the product this year. It now has 61 cement facilities with annual combined capacity of more than 20 million tons.

To increase domestic cement production and reduce imports, Vietnam is focusing its investment on upgrading existing plants, and building new ones in southern, central and northern mountainous regions in the 2005-2008 period, the corporation said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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**Mexico rejects US' proposal to "supervise democracy" in Latam**

MEXICO CITY, 8 June — Mexico rejected on Monday a US proposal which calls for the creation of a so-called "democracy supervision mechanism" in Latin America. "In principle, we don't agree with any supervision whatsoever," Mexico's presidential spokesman Ruben Aquilar told the Press.

"We agree in extending the guarantees and

rights of the nations of the continent, though. We do agree with extending the respect of human rights, but never under the supervision of anyone," said Aquilar.

The remarks came at a time when a debate is under way on whether the OAS countries are ready to have an observation mechanism to prevent and manage crises at the bloc's annual general assembly

being held between June 5 and 7 at Fort Laderdale, the United States.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on Sunday that the "OAS has to be a valid instrument to help the countries of America whose democracies are in peril".

She warned that American countries failing to fulfill democratic principles have to respond to the OAS. — *MNA/Xinhua*

**US consumer credit increases slowly in April**

WASHINGTON, 8 June — The consumer credit in the United States increased at an annual rate of 0.7 per cent in April, the smallest gain in five months, the US Federal Reserve reported on Tuesday.

The 0.7 percent rate

of increase in April followed a revised 3.9 per cent gain in March and was the smallest increase since a tiny 0.2 per cent gain in last November.

The report showed that loans on credit cards and other types of revolving credit fell for a second

straight month, dropping at a rate of 0.6 per cent in April following a 0.9 per cent decline in March. It marked the first back-to-back declines in this category in nearly two years, since consecutive drops in June and July 2003.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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**African foreign ministers to meet over UN reform**

LAGOS, 8 June — A dozen of African foreign ministers will meet in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, this week to update their views on the reform of the United Nations, Nigerian Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

Alpha Oumar Konare, chairman of the 53-member African Union Commission, will also be in the meeting convened to follow up to the bloc's common position on the UN reform, the ministry said in a statement.

The meeting to be presided over by Nigerian Foreign Minister Olu Adeniji will discuss "the

latest evolution of events" on the UN reform and adopt "an updated African negotiating strategy," it said.

African countries have in February agreed to contest two seats of the UN Security Council under a UN reform plan scheduled to take place later this year.

Nigeria and South Africa are considered as two strong candidates but Egypt and Libya are also contesting the seats.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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**Latin American nations flay US proposal on democracy**

WASHINGTON, 8 June — Latin American nations have strongly opposed US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's proposal for a permanent mechanism to strengthen democracy in the region, saying it amounted to a blatant interference in their internal affairs.

Two days after Rice mooted the proposal at the Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), Ambassadors of several Latin American countries met on the sidelines of the conference and decided to oppose the American plan, media reports said here.

Representatives of countries from the region, including Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Venezuela, Peru and Uruguay, have informed US officials that the proposal would be a blatant interference in the internal affairs of nations, and they would not support it.

Addressing Foreign Ministers from the 34-member grouping at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Rice had said that "focused action" must be taken to advance democracy in the Americas and favoured a mechanism for strengthening democracy throughout the region.

*MNA/PTI*

**GM's job cut plan to affect Canadians**

OTTAWA, 8 June — Canadian Auto Workers President Buzz Hargrove said Tuesday that General Motors' plans to axe 25,000 jobs over the next few years will affect Canadian auto industry.

"I was shocked and I knew immediately that you can't cut 25,000 jobs in the United States and not have an impact on the Canadian operations," Hargrove told local reporters. GM, the world's largest automaker, employs more than 20,000 people in Canada.

Although GM's official did not mention its plans in Canada, it is unlikely they would not be affected, Hargrove said.

*MNA/Xinhua*



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### US leads in mental illness

WASHINGTON, 8 June — The United States leads in mental illness globally with 46 per cent of Americans suffering mental disorders ranging from anxiety, depression to substance abuse in their lifetime, *The Washington Post* reported Tuesday.

Within the past year, about 25 per cent of all Americans met the criteria for having a mental illness, and fully 25 per cent of those had a "serious" disorder that significantly disrupted their ability to function day to day, according to a one-year-and-a-half survey of the country's mental health, conducted by the University of Michigan.

Simultaneous occurrence of two or more illnesses was reported in nearly half of the mental disorder sufferers.

The survey is by far the largest and most detailed of its kind in the United States, during which nearly 300 trained interviewers visited 9,282 households selected at random in 34 states.

It focused on four major categories of mental illness. They are anxiety disorders, such as panic and post-traumatic stress disorders; mood disorders, such as major depression and bipolar disease; impulse control disorders, such as hyperactivity; and alcohol or drug abuse. *MNA/Xinhua*.

Those Americans with mental disorders will mostly seek treatment after delays of years or often more than a decade, if ever, the survey found, adding that it is much so among younger sufferers.

Half of those who will ever be diagnosed with a mental disorder show signs of the disease by the age of 14, and three-quarters by 24.

One third of people in need of treatment rely solely on nonprofessional sources such as Internet support groups and spiritual advisers despite the availability of effective treatments for many mental illnesses, said the newspaper.

The survey, published in the June issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*, attributed the low treatment rate to factors including inattention to early warning signs, inadequate health insurance and the lingering stigma that surrounds mental illness.

*MNA/Xinhua*

### More Indian study on global warming, environment in Antarctica

KOLKATA, 8 June — Indian scientists will do more research in Antarctica on the cause of increased global warming and harmful effects of solar radiation due to depletion of the Ozone layer.

The scientists will investigate how living organisms survived the rise in ultra-violet b (UVB) radiation caused by decrease in the Ozone layer, Ashis Hazra, senior Zoologist at the Zoological Survey of India and one of the six members of the Core Committee on Antarctica and Southern Ocean Affairs (India), told *PTI* here.

Hazra, who was a member of the team in 1989-90 at the second Indian research station

'Maitri', said this time experiments would be carried out at a third station, to be set up about 300 kilometres away from the earlier site.

The site, however, was yet to be finalized. The first Indian research station was located at 'Dakshin Gangotri'.

The latest round of research is to mark the silver jubilee year of the Indian scientific expedition to the icy continent, beginning in November/December this year.

At Antarctica, Hazra said scientists would take up geological mapping, biological, environment and microbiological studies as also the physiological study of micro-organisms.

The guidelines are issued by the Department of Ocean Development.

The third Indian research station will be well equipped with laboratories, workshops, generators and helipads.

*MNA/PTI*

### Scientists report breakthrough against Ebola, Marburg viruses

LOS ANGELES, 8 June — New vaccines against two killer viruses, Ebola and Marburg, have been proven 100 per cent effective in monkey tests, scientists reported on Monday.

In a study published in this month's on-line issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*, researchers from the Public Health Agency of Canada and the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), have developed vaccines against the Ebola and Marburg viruses that have been shown to be effective in non-human primates.

Monkeys are known to develop hemorrhagic fever symptoms that are similar to those observed in humans infected by these viruses. Demonstrating that these vaccines are safe and effective in monkeys is a promising indicator of their real potential for use in humans, the researchers said.

"When you see the tragedies these viruses cause, it's very frustrating that we can't do more to help people," said Heinz Feldmann, the lead investigator in this study who has been providing on-site rapid diagnostic support to the current Marburg outbreak in Angola.

"It'll be some time before we can use these vaccines in the field, but it's satisfying to know that we're getting closer."

This is the first vaccine system, or platform, that has protected non-

human primates from both Ebola and Marburg, according to the researchers.

"In addition, the vaccine targets dendritic cells, which are the same cells that Ebola and Marburg attack," said Thomas Geisbert, co-author from the USAMRIID. "These cells are also important in generating a protective immune response. So the vaccine goes exactly where we want it to go."

The researchers developed the vaccines by replacing a surface protein in an animal pathogen, called vesicular stomatitis virus, with a surface protein from either

the Ebola or Marburg viruses. Following extensive work including trials with mice and guinea pigs, the researchers proved their efficacy in primates.

"A single intramuscular injection of the EBOV (Ebola Virus) or MARV (Marburg Virus) vaccine elicited completely protective immune responses in nonhuman primates against lethal EBOV or MARV challenges. Notably, vaccine vector shedding was not detectable in the monkeys and none of the animals developed fever or other symptoms of illness associated with vaccination," they wrote in the paper. —*MNA/Xinhua*

### Italian Govt issues new decree laws on stadium violence

ROME, 8 June — Italian Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu announced on Monday that the government has signed three decree laws aimed at curbing violence in Italian soccer stadiums.

The new measures, to come into effect at the start of the 2005-2006 season, involve ticket sales, video surveillance inside grounds and other administrative aspects of stadium management.

Pisanu did not give further details but said they had been agreed with soccer clubs, which had shown a readiness to take what action they could.

"This is a joint effort to guarantee security," he

said. "Clubs have committed themselves to taking greater responsibility for preventing violence."

He discussed the measures at a meeting with other ministers, the head of the Italian Olympic Committee and the head of the soccer federation.

In September 2003, Pisanu issued an anti-hooliganism plan, inspired by the way the English game rooted out hooliganism in

the '80s. Under the proposals, believed to be the basis of the latest decrees, stadiums would become all-seater venues controlled by stewards, ending the terracing used as cockpits by hard-core fans.

There would be greater restrictions on ticket sales to avoid them falling into the wrong hands and every stadium will have a security and safety chief.

*MNA/Xinhua*

### German woman finds over \$125,000 in laundry basket

BERLIN, 8 June — A German woman found 200,000 Deutsch marks (about 125,600 US dollars) in cash and savings account book in an old laundry basket she bought from a flea market in southern Germany, police said on Tuesday.

The woman turned the money over to the police near the town of Grafenau, the German news agency *DPA* reported.

"I want to be able to sleep with a clear conscience," the woman said when she turned the savings book and cash to the police.

There were two savings account books with 170,000 marks on them, plus cash of 30,000 marks in the old basket.

The police said the owner was a woman who had died two years ago. Her heir will inherit the money and the honest woman who turned over the money will also get a percentage of the money as a reward.

*MNA/Xinhua*

### Swiss ex-ambassador jailed for money laundering

GENEVA, 8 June — Former Swiss ambassador to Luxembourg, Peter Friederich, has been sentenced to three and half years in jail for money laundering and embezzlement, the official web site *Swissinfo* reported Tuesday.

The Swiss Federal Criminal Court found Friederich guilty of money laundering, embezzlement as well as damaging creditors' interests and falsifying documents, said the web site.

But the court cleared him of accusations of belonging to and assisting a criminal organization.

Friederich was also ordered to pay a 15,000-Swiss franc (12,000-US-dollar) fine, while a number of his assets were seized.

Judges said the former ambassador had accepted 2.4 million Swiss francs (1.9 million dollars) from some Spanish and Colombian drug dealers in 2001 while he was the ambassador to Luxembourg.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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# S P O R T S

## New York bid officials disappointed with stadium vote

WASHINGTON, 8 June — New York's bid committee for the 2012 Olympic Games said on Tuesday that they are "deeply disappointing" with the failure to get approval for the plan to build an Olympic Stadium in Manhattan.

The two-billion-US-dollar project to build a stadium on Manhattan's West Side, considered crucial to the city's Olympic bid, need to get unanimous support to go ahead but two members of the state Public Authorities Control Board abstained in a vote on Monday.

The vote came 10 hours after the International Olympic Committee released a generally favourable evaluation of New York's bid as part of a report on all the five candidates, which also in-

clude Paris, London, Madrid and Moscow.

The board's decision means it will be almost impossible for the city to guarantee construction of the Olympic stadium, a prerequisite for it's bid to host the Games.

"The PACB vote is deeply disappointing, especially because it comes on the day when the International Olympic Committee verified the strength of New York's bid," Deputy Mayor Dan Doctoroff, founder of New York's Olympic bid

committee, said in a statement.

"In one confusing stroke yesterday afternoon, the PACB has apparently sought to disrupt all of this extraordinary effort."

Opponents of the stadium have charged that the sports-minded project has stolen the focus from the rebuilding of Ground Zero in Lower Manhattan. Others have argued that the city should wait until being awarded the Games to approve it.

MNA/Xinhua

## FIFA, SOS Children's Villages new campaign starts in Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, 9 June — Within the scope of the new FIFA-SOS Children's Villages campaign "6 villages for 2006", FIFA, on the occasion of the FIFA World Youth Championship Netherlands 2005, will support the Dutch entity of the global charity organization in its efforts to build a new village in Morelia (Mexico).

The new village will contain 14 family homes, where, by the end of 2006, 126 children will be lovingly cared for by their SOS family.

A football field will be built there, as, after all, sports and fair play are essential for the complete and healthy development of every child, particularly underprivileged young people and hundreds of children from the near communities will also benefit from them.

To a large extent, this FIFA-SOS campaign is being led in the Netherlands by the Dutch ex-goalkeeper Hans van

Breukelen and top striker Ruud van Nistelrooy. Both have been ambassadors for the children's charity for a long time. During the FIFA World Youth Championship, van Breukelen and van Nistelrooy will be devoting extra time to support the campaign.

Van Breukelen commented: "I still remember how I began to play football in a field behind my house. Every talent begins young. I support SOS Children's Villages because they do everything they can to encourage the talent in children."

The campaign at the FIFA World Youth Championship follows the line of the official charity campaign of the 2006 FIFA World Cup. "6 villages for 2006" is the international campaign in this endeavor-

our, through which money will be raised until the end of 2006 for the construction and maintenance of a total of six new children's villages in Brazil, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, Vietnam and Ukraine. The village in Morelia will be the one for which FIFA and the Dutch SOS Children's Village association will be soliciting funds during the tournament.

The collaboration between FIFA and SOS Children's Villages dates from 1995. SOS Children's Villages provides a home for orphans where they can grow up with brothers, sisters and education. Facilities, such as schools, medical and social centres, contribute directly to the quality of life for those who live in neighbouring areas. — MNA/Xinhua

## Iran beats Bahrain to qualify for 2006 World Cup final

TEHRAN, 9 June — Iranian national football team here Wednesday night defeated Bahrain 1-0 in a thrilling 2006 World Cup Asian qualifier, qualifying for the top tournament in Germany a round ahead.

The match kicked off at 7:00 pm local time (2:30 GMT). Although a draw would be enough to send the Iranian players to Germany, they were expected to perfect their qualification tour by a win.

"Iran will always seek wins, always!" Iran's coach Branco Ivankovic told *Xinhua* several minutes ahead of the kickoff.

Cheered up by nearly 80,000 fans, including President Mohammad Khatami, in Teheran's Azadi Stadium, the aggressive Iranian players squashed the Bahrainis to their half-court and dominated the field. They obtained three consecutive corners even in the beginning three minutes.

Iran's most heart-beating chance came at the 20th minute when No. 2 Mehdi MahdaviKia fed an excellent pass on a free kick to his teammate No. 20 Mohammad Nosrati who headed the ball against the crossbar.

The Bahrainis, though in adversity, tried to slow down Iranians' steps to Germany and created a slim

hope for themselves. They also caused trouble to the Iranian goalkeeper on several occasions.

The decisive goal came at the second minute of the second half. It was again the header of Nosrati, Player of the Match.

Though scoring chances emerged for several times after Nosrati's goal, the two sides failed to rewrite the scoreline and the key match ended up with the audience's thundering cheering and firecrackers lighting up the sky.

With this triumph, Iranian footballers will be present in the world's top tournament for the third time, with the previous two times in 1978 and 1998 respectively.

After the match, ecstatic fans took to the streets, resoundingly honking horns in jerkily-driven cars, fly high national flags, as well as shouting, singing and dancing everywhere, even on the highways. The consequent awful traffic jams paralyzed the transportation of the whole city.

MNA/Xinhua

## Dragon boat race may join 2010 Asian Games

WUHAN (Central China), 8 June — Dragon boat racing may be admitted into the 2010 Asian Games to be held in Guangzhou, South of China, according to an official with the Asian Olympic Council (AOC).

The AOC sports committee member Preeda Rodphothong, while attending ongoing fourth Yangtze River Three Gorges International Dragonboat Racing tournament in Yichang, central China, was quoted as saying by Tuesday's Chinese *Sports Daily* that his visit here is mainly to study the possibility of dragon boat racing becoming a medal sport in Asian Games.

The paper said that Asian Dragon Boat Federation has applied for the sport to be included in the Asian Games after becoming a member of the AOC.

The dragon boat racing, already the medal sport of the Southeast Asian Games, will make its debut as a competition sport in the fourth East Asian Games to be held in Macao, China late this year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Maradona wants Argentina "attacking" Brazil

BUENOS AIRES, 9 June — Former Argentine soccer star Diego Armando Maradona said Wednesday the Argentine national soccer team "has to attack" Brazil in the Wednesday qualifier at Buenos Aires.

Few hours prior to the match, Diego recognized before the Press that the visitors "are a little better than the locals" but the "personality of the Argentine player is bigger than that of the Brazilian one".

Maradona was consulted at the Ezeiza International Airport a few minutes prior to departing for Italy for a tribute match for his former teammate Ciro Ferrara.

He said coach Jose Pekerman, of the Argentine national soccer team, will certainly "will make Argentina attack rather than defend" as they "do not know how to do it".

Maradona appeared confident about the victory of his country's team and lamented not being able to be at Monumental Stadium of Buenos Aires for the qualifier.

In the table of positions of the South American heat for the Germany 2006 World Cup, Argentina runs first with 28 points and Brazil second with 27.

MNA/Xinhua

## Press says Uruguay has no chance to qualify for Germany 2006

MONTEVIDEO, 9 June — The national soccer team of Uruguay is moving farther away from qualification for next year's World Cup finals, said Wednesday the local Press after their 0-0 draw with Peru.

Daily *El Pais* said "The draw does not suffice and it seems we're moving farther away from qualification, after the 0-0 result in an away match in Peru as part of the South American World Cup heat.

Meanwhile daily *El Observador* said the team coached by Jorge Fossatti "only wins at home."

Nonetheless, *El Pais* said the national team "just like in the match at Maracaibo did not play bad, but did not have a good performance in its teamwork."

"Now we see the consequences of the defeats as locals against Peru and Venezuela, in Montevideo," it concluded.

The Peru-Uruguay match opened the 15th round of the South American heat, leaving the table of positions as follows: Argentina 28, Brazil 27, Ecuador 23, Paraguay 19, Uruguay 18, Colombia 17, Chile 17, Venezuela 15, Peru 15 and Bolivia 13.

The first four positions directly qualify to Germany 2006 while the fifth place is to play off versus the best of Oceania. — MNA/Xinhua

## Japan first to qualify for 2006 World Cup

BANGKOK, 9 June — Japan defeated North Korea 2-0 here on Wednesday to become the first team to qualify for the 2006 World Cup alongside host Germany.

After a scoreless first half, striker Atsushi Yanagisawa found the net first in the 63rd minute and substitute Masashi Oguro added a second a minute from time.

North Korean striker Kim Yong-su was sent off in stoppage time.

The Asian zone Group B match was shifted from Pyongyang to Bangkok, a punishment imposed by FIFA for crowd violence following North Korea's 2-0 defeat by Iran in Pyongyang in March.

This was the third straight time for Japan to qualify for the World Cup finals, first in 1998 and then the 2002 tournament as co-hosts with South Korea.

North Korea's chance of reaching the World Cup for the first time since 1966 ended with its fifth straight defeat. — MNA/Xinhua



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## Nepal welcomes investment in hydropower

**KATHMANDU, 9 June** — The Nepali Government has created an investment friendly environment for the development of hydropower in private sector through necessary policy as well as legal framework, a senior government official said on Wednesday.

Tulsi Giri, vice-chairman of Nepali Council of Ministers, told the on-going 6th international conference on Development of Hydropower on Wednesday that clean, cheap and environment friendly hydropower technology can play a pivotal role in poverty alleviation and sustainable economic growth in such countries like Nepal.

Speaking at the international conference, Giri said Nepal's vast hydropower potential is far beyond its requirement even in the long term and countries in the region can take advantage of this potential through regional power trading.

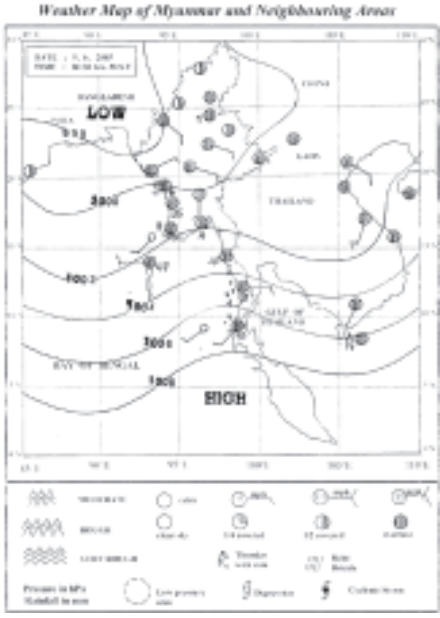
Kicking off here on Tuesday, the three-day conference are discussing and exchanging experiences on the development and extension of hydropower.

About 350 individuals concerned to the field from 25 Asian-African countries including China are participating in the conference on 7-9 June

held by the International Association on Electricity Generation, Transmission and Distribution (Afro-Asian Region), Nepal Electricity Authority and Central Board of Irrigation and Power of India.

A total of 60 work papers on various topics like hydro policies, financial mechanism, participation of the government and private sectors, extension and distribution of electricity, environmental and legal concepts, sustainable development of hydro-power, regional hydropower trade and management of hydro projects are presenting at the conference.

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### WEATHER

Thursday, 9 June, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State and Sagaing Division and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Phyapong (2.87) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.80) inches, Gwa (2.13) inches, Ann (1.87) inches, Ye and Coco Island (1.85) inches each, Dawei (1.73) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-6-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 9-6-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-6-2005 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 8-6-2005 was (0.5) hour approx. Rainfalls on 9-6-2005 were (2.80) inches at Yangon Airport, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (13.82) inches at Yangon Airport, (11.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (8.03) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (11) mph from Southwest at (11:35) hours MST on 8-6-2005.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea, central Bay and south Bay and cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 10-6-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of thundery conditions in central Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-6-2005:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-6-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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### Friday, 10 June Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Genie in a bottle
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: Love won't wait
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -Moments
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: Never say never again
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music -Digging your love -Run to you -Your face
- 9.00 pm World of music: Songs from Italy
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request -I have always loved you -Endless love -Could this be love
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

**Friday, 10 June**  
View on today:

7:00 am  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am  
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am  
3. Morning news

7:40 am  
4. Nice and sweet songs

7:55 am  
5. မိုးရာဇာလက်တေးနည်း

8:05 am  
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am  
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am  
8. သင်ပုန်းရေလှောင်တံခွန်

8:30 am  
9. International news

8:45 am  
10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm  
1. Martial song

4:15 pm  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm  
3. Demonstration Exercises for correct pronunciation

4:45 pm  
4. Musical programme

5:00 pm  
5. အစားသင့်တော့သလိုပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သင်ကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (တော့စောအထူးပြု) (တော့စော)

5:15 pm  
6. Songs of national races

5:30 pm  
7. နည်းစနစ်မှန်မှန် အားကစားအစီအစဉ်

5:40 pm  
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:45 pm  
9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

6:00 pm  
10. Musical programme

6:10 pm  
11. Discovery

6:15 pm  
12. သက်တောင့်သံစဉ်

6:30 pm  
13. Evening news

7:00 pm  
14. Weather report

7:05 pm  
15. မာန့်တုံမြစ် အပြုံးမျက်နှာများ

7:15 pm  
16. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းစဉ် "ချစ်သောညီမ" (အပိုင်း-၃၈)

7:45 pm  
17. Songs of yesteryears

8:00 pm  
18. News

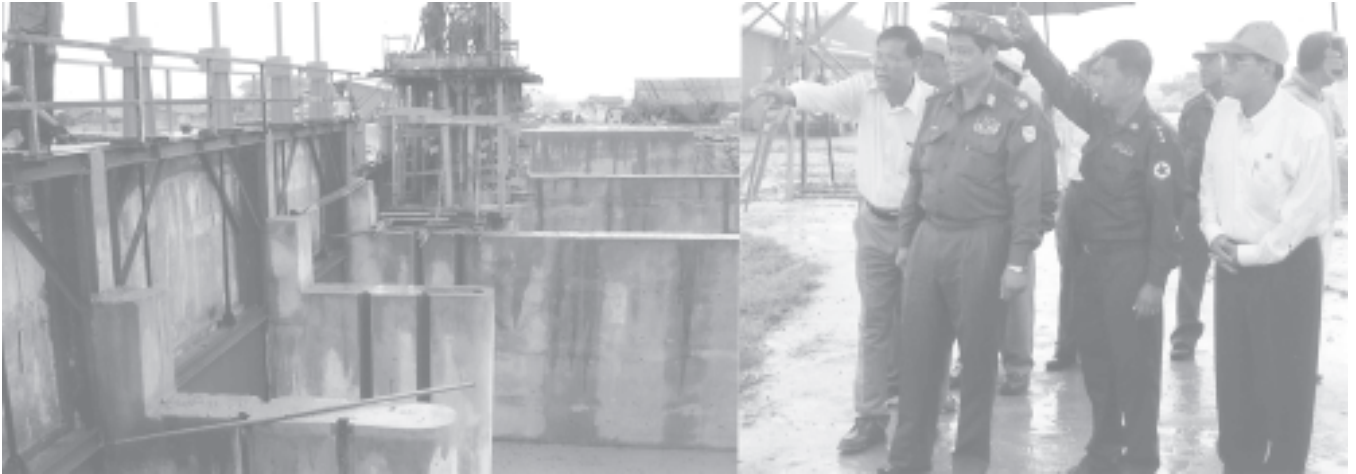
19. International news

20. Weather report

21. Myanmar video feature "အဖေလတ်ပွဲ" (အပိုင်း-၂) (ကျော်ဟိန်၊ ခန့်စည်သူ၊ မိုးစန္ဒာ၊ နုရတီ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ ဝင်းမောင်ဦး၊ မိုးသိမ်းထွန်း)

22. The next day's programme

# Moeyungyi sluice gate to benefit over 40,000 acres of farmland



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Moeyungyi sluice gate project in Waw Township, Bago Division. — A & I

YANGON, 9 June — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo went to Moeyungyi sluice gate project being implemented by Irrigation Department Construction Group-6 near Kwetesu Village, Waw Township, Bago Division, on 4 June afternoon.

Director of Construction Group-6 U Hla Myint reported on the purpose of the construction of sluice gate, its advantage, and progress of work and Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win on water supply for greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City.

With respect to the reports, the minister instructed officials to coordinate with related departments for construction tasks meeting set standard and storage of water at the sluice gate and cultivation of perennial crops suitable for the environs of the sluice gate.

Next, the minister inspected construction tasks for the sluice gate structure, leading channel and outlet channel with the use of heavy machinery.

Moeyungyi sluice gate is built on Zwebat creek. It is of concrete type. It includes six 12 feet wide valves, four 8

feet wide valves, a 3,500 feet long leading channel and a 7,800 feet long outlet channel.

Moeyungyi Lake can store water for cultivation of summer paddy and greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon City.

Moeyungyi sluice gate benefits over 40,000 acres of farmland.

Its benefited area is connected with that of Shankaing, Paingkyon, Tarwa and Shwelay sluice gates in southern part of Pagaing embankment in Bago Division and that of Wakadok, Zaungtu and Baingda dams in upper Moeyungyi Lake.

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# Exhibition in commemoration of 55th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations commences



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung unveils the signboard of Exhibition to commemorate 55th Anniversary of Myanmar-China Diplomatic Relations. — MNA

YANGON, 9 June — A ceremony to open the exhibition in commemoration of the 55th Anniversary of Myanmar-China Establishment of Diplomatic Relations was held at the National Museum on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, departmental heads, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun, the Military Attaché and embassy staff, representatives of Teng Chong County, officials of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon (Central) and guests.

First, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung unveiled the signboard of the exhibition.

Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun opened the exhibition.

After the opening ceremony, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the ambassador and guests visited the exhibition and signed in the visitors' book.

Deputy Head of Teng Chong County People's Government Mr Geng Weimin and Teng Chong County Culture and Sports Department Deputy Head Ms Zhang Xiaoying presented paintings for the National Museum to Director-General U Myint Thein Swe of Department of Cultural Institute.

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### Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(9-6-2005)

Pyapon	2.87 inches
Yangon (Mingaladon)	2.80 inches
Gwa	2.13 inches

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