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Marle Nattaung dam to irrigate 10,000 acres in PyinOo Lwin District Minister inspects orchid culture in Mandalay Division



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects the tissue culture of orchids in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division. —A&I

YANGON, 14 June—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected Marle Nattaung Dam project being undertaken by Mandalay Division Irrigation Department near Marle Village in Singu Town-

ship, Pyin Oo Lwin District, Mandalay Division, on 6 June. Division Irrigation Department Director U Thein Aye reported on construction of the main dam, conduit pipe Nos 1 & 2 and spillway and irrigation

system. The dam with a water storage capacity of 57,470 acre-feet is 11,850 feet long and 72 feet high. It is of the earthen type and will irrigate 10,000 acres of land. (See page 8)

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

Government investing heavily in industrial zone upgrading project Minister for Industry-1 inspects marble slab factory, Mandalay Industrial Zone

YANGON, 14 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang and officials inspected No 2 marble slab factory near Sakyin Village in Madaya Township, Mandalay Division on 11 June.

Factory manager U Soe Win reported on

the volume of Marble deposits, production volume in tons, machinery in use and requirements.

Managing Director of Myanma Ceramics Industries U Soe Yi gave a supplementary report. The minister gave instructions and inspected production of marble slab, storage of marble slab

and tasks for extension project.

The minister inspected brick factory (Madaya) where factory manager U Myint Tun and the Managing Director reported on production and raw materials.

(See page 8)



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang inspects buses, trucks and jeeps assembled by Mandalay Industrial Zone. — INDUSTRY-1

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Stamp out destructive acts, refute rumours with security awareness

Since its assumption of the State responsibilities, the State Peace and Development Council has been placing emphasis on community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order in the interest of the people.

With its genuine goodwill towards the entire national people, the government is constantly serving and safeguarding the interest of the people on the basis of family spirit and Union Spirit.

As regards the public security, the government is making all-out efforts day in, day out after laying down relevant work programmes. Likewise, officials of departments and entrepreneurs of work establishments are giving special priority to security measures.

At present, terrorists and their alien masters in collusion have been hand in glove to launch a three-pronged attack on the government with the use of above-ground tactic, underground tactic and expatriates.

Those saboteurs invented news on bomb blasts which occurred on 7-5-2005 to jeopardize peace and stability of the State, to cause business in a state of disorder by frightening the people and to manipulate commodity prices for self-interest.

The terrorists under the guise of ordinary people have been perpetrating atrocious acts individually. The onus is now on the entire national people to move into high gear for stamping out the dangers of the destructionists.

The people are to make contact with officials concerned through the phone numbers given if they find any suspicious-looking persons, acts and objects in their wards and regions.

The people are advised not to believe any rumours circulated and report to officials concerned if they find rumour-mongers. There will be adverse effects and disadvantages if they accept the fabrications to be true.

All in all, the entire national people with national awareness are to strive together with the government in order to ward off destructive acts and refute rumours.

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

Ministry of Transport offers alms to members of Sangha of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon)

YANGON, 14 June — The Ministry of Transport offered alms to learner members of the Sangha and Sayadaws (Academic and Admin) led by Chief Patron of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) at Mogok refectory on Kaba Aye Hill this morning.



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents K 435,500 for a day's alms donated by the Office of the ministry to Director-General U Myo Kyaw. — TRANSPORT

Present were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, heads of departments, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Myo Kyaw and officials.

The congregation received the Eight Precepts from Chief Patron

of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pandita Bhivamsa.

The minister, the deputy ministers and heads of depart-

ments presented offerings to members of the Sangha.

The minister presented K 435,500 for a day's alms donated by the Ministry of Transport, Department of

Civil Aviation and Myanmar Maritime University to Director-General U Myo Kyaw.

The Sayadaw delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

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Minister inspects auto exchanges in Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 14 June — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, and Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 11 June inspected

auto exchanges in Hmawby and Taikkyi in Yangon Division.

Afterwards, the minister also inspected the upgrading of commu-

nication in Thayawady, Zigon, Nattalin, Paungde and Shwedaung, and Mingalar Garden Hotel in Pyay, Bago Division (West).

On 12 June, Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, together with Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council (West Division) Brig-Gen Hla Min, met with organizers and members of the division, district and township USDAs and fulfilled the requirements.

Later, the minister and party went to Aunglan, Magway Division, where he inspected the auto exchange.

The minister also inspected the Shwewatun Hotel in Bago .

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Secretariat Member of USDA Brig-Gen Thein Zaw meets USDA members. — COMMUNICATION

Self-reliant libraries opened in Thaton Township

YANGON, 14 June — Self-reliant libraries were opened in three villages in Duyinseik village tract in Thaton Township on 12 June.

Assistant Director of Mon State IPRD U Win Kyi explained about the objectives of opening of the libraries.

Head of Thaton District IPRD U Khin Nyunt

and Chairman of Village Peace and Development Council U Kyi Maung formally opened the libraries.—MNA

Needy students get textbooks

YANGON, 14 June — School text books were provided for the needy students in Hsingaunggyi Village-tract in PyinOoLwin Township on 9 June.

At the ceremony to donate textbooks, Headmistress of Anisakhan Basic Education High School in Hsingaunggyi Village-tract, PyinOoLwin Township, handed over 2,711 text books to teachers.

The students who passed the 2004-2005 academic year donated the books. A total of 42 needy students received the text books. Moreover, presidents of village Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization also provided cash assistance amounted to K 150,000 for the needy students.

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Donate blood

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Badawi says ethnic diversity strength rather than liability

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 June— The ethnic diversity in Malaysia was not a liability but formed a strength that did not exist in any other country in the world, a local newspaper Sunday quoted Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as saying.

The Malaysian Prime Minister made the remarks Saturday night at the harvest festivals 2005 of Sarawak and Sabah held in the Independence Square here.

“Our ethnic diversity is not a liability but our diversity in terms of race and religion, living together as one nation is our strength,” Badawi was quoted as saying by Nanyang Siang Pau.

The national celebration of festivals had succeeded in forging closer relations between peoples of various communities, which had indirectly strengthened political stability in Malaysia, Badawi said.

The harvest festivals, traditionally

held in the Sarawak and Sabah states in east Malaysia, are to give thanks to the rice spirit for a bountiful harvest.

It was the first time the festivals were held outside Sarawak and Sabah, Badawi said, expressing the hope that the event would give many Malaysians a chance to understand and appreciate the cultures of the people of the two states.

Other festivals declared in 2000 as national festivals to be celebrated by all Malaysians are Hari Raya (End of Ramadan), Chinese New Year, Christmas and Diwali (the Hindu Festival of Lights).

MNA/Xinhua



Nepali Govt approves Education Regulation

KATHMANDU, 13 June— The Nepali Government has approved the Education Regulation regarding community schools and their management after transferring them to the local communities, an official said here Sunday.

“The recent approved regulation has provisioned to systemize the community schools by devolving the power to the communities to appoint teachers, monitor teaching-learning process and manage the schools,” said Mahashram Sharma, deputy director at the Department of Education.

However, the government will continue to support the schools by providing grants and salary for the teachers, Sharma said.

According to the department, the

management of 1,820 schools including 1,529 primary, 209 lower secondary and 82 secondary schools has already been handed over to the local communities.

The government has planned to transfer the management of 1,180 schools to the communities by mid-July. “The management of 2,000 more schools will be devolved to the locals during the next fiscal year,” Sharma said.

MNA/Xinhua

China builds 200-kilometre-per-hour passenger railway

SHIJIAZHUANG, 13 June— China started building a 200-kilometre-per-hour passenger railway on Saturday on the border of northern Hebei and Shanxi provinces.

The line is the first passenger line of nine to start construction in the country this year. The line, with a length of 189.23 kilometers, runs

from Shijiazhuang to Taiyuan, capital cities of the above provinces.

According to a mid-and long-term plan the Chinese Government made last year, this line is part of a larger fast passenger line network.

With an investment of 12.64 billion yuan, the line will be completed in 2008. By then the trip from Shijiazhuang to Taiyuan will take only an

hour. The new line is estimated to carry 15 million one-way passengers a year.

Since the line will be built in mountain areas, 94 bridges and 32 tunnels, including China’s would-be longest tunnel with a length of 27.839 kilometres, will be needed, accounting for more than 60 per cent of the total length of the railway.—MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese woman uses her mobile phone at the entrance to a department store in China’s capital Beijing on 14 June, 2005. China’s May retail sales rose a stronger-than-expected 12.8 percent from a year earlier as rising incomes boosted consumer spending and helped to offset a slowdown in investment. — INTERNET

Rice trade between Pakistan, Sri Lanka begins

COLOMBO, 13 June — Rice trade between Sri Lanka and Pakistan will begin according to a free trade agreement (FTA), which became operational starting from 12 June, official *Daily News* reported Monday.

According to the agreement, Pakistan will export 3,000 metric tons of long grain Basmati rice to Sri Lanka this year, and Sri Lankan Government has already withdrawn duty on Basmati rice. This was stated by Vice Chairman of Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan Muhammad Anwar Mian Noor during a luncheon meeting with Consul General, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Manel de Silva, the paper said.

Mian said that the FTA, which would be operational from 12 June, 2005, would encourage trade between the two countries, and remove trade barriers.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand sets up new consulate in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 June—Thailand has set up a consulate in Langkawi, a group of islands off northwestern coast of Malaysia.

Former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad and visiting Thai Foreign Minister Kantathi

Suphamongkhon attended the opening ceremony of the consulate on Friday evening, *The Star* newspaper said on Saturday. Thailand have already established consulates in Kota Bharu and Penang in Malaysia.—MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi police vehicle burns after a suicide car bomb attack in Saddam Hussein’s hometown of Tikrit on 13 June, 2005. — INTERNET

American forces in Iraq fail to blunt roadside bombs

CAMP ANACONDA, 13 June— Improvised explosive devices, the roadside bombs that guerillas build from castoff artillery shells and other munitions, have become the No 1 killer of US troops in Iraq this year, despite a massive US campaign to blunt their effectiveness.

US commanders have dispatched newly armoured Humvees. Army engineers have begun a yearlong programme to clear vegetation and debris along major transportation routes, and military technicians have equipped vehicles with devices that jam cell phones and garage-door openers, which are used to trigger the explosives.

In spite of those efforts, deaths due to IEDs rose by more than 41 percent in the first five months of this year, compared with the same period last year, and account for 53 percent of the 266 US combat deaths so far this year, according to statistics assembled by Iraq Coalition Casualty Count, an *Internet* site that uses official casualty reports to organize deaths by a variety of criteria.

That is a change from 2004, when IEDs accounted for 189 of the 720 combat deaths among US troops — about 26 percent.

In the first five months of last year, 85 deaths were attributed to IEDs. In the same period this year, 120 deaths were due to roadside bombs. They were the No 1 cause of US combat deaths for each of the five full months so far this year.—Internet



Hollywood star Tom Cruise (C) is surrounded by Japanese fans as Japanese security officers try to push them back on his arrival at New Tokyo International Airport in Narita, east of Tokyo, on 12 June, 2005. — INTERNET

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Syria, China sign broadcasting cooperation agreement

DAMASCUS, 13 June— Syria and China signed an agreement on broadcasting cooperation on Sunday to promote programme exchange activities between the two countries.

Under the accord, various broadcasting and TV programmes in the fields of politics, economy, society, science, culture, tourism, sports and children will be exchanged between the two countries while communications and visits will also be expanded to enhance broadcasting cooperation.

In addition, staff training and co-production of programmes of mutual concerns will also be facilitated.

The agreement was signed by Hu Zhanfan, Deputy Director of China's State Administration of Radio, Film and Television and Miam Haydar, director general of Syria's broadcasting and televi-

sion administration.

At the signing ceremony, Hu expressed his hope to implement the executive plan of the agreement as soon as possible, while Haydar voiced the desire to learn from China's successful experience in the industry.

MNA/Xinhua

Singh proposes to make Siachen a "peace mountain"

SIACHEN, 13 June — India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday said time has come to make efforts to convert Siachen, the highest battlefield in the world, into a "peace mountain" but asserted that there could be "no redrawing of boundaries" in the search for peace as it related to the country's security and prestige.

"Siachen is called the highest battlefield where living is very difficult... Now time has come that we make efforts that this battlefield is converted into a peace mountain" and talks were going on with Pakistan in this regard, Singh, who became the first Prime Minister to visit Siachen, told the

troops deployed here. Singh said "in the pursuit of peace we cannot accept any changes in the established boundaries. We feel, these boundaries are important not only for our security but it relates to the country's prestige also. For this prestige, Indian soldiers are happily bearing difficulties here."

"Our efforts should be that such an environment of peace is created wherein nobody feels any threats and there is no scope for conflicts and this place becomes an example of peace," the Prime Minister said. Hailing the contributions of the soldiers towards unity and integrity

of the country, he told the soldiers that all their requirements would be met. Singh announced that two home theatres and CT Scan facility would soon be provided here.

Singh said he was "very happy" and proud of the determination and patriotism of the soldiers deployed here. — MNA/PTI

Cambodians raise funds to help hungry children

PHNOM PENH, 13 June — A walk to fight hunger, sponsored by the UN World Food Programme (WFP), was held here Sunday in order to raise fund to help hungry children in Cambodia and the world.

More than 500 people, including senior government ministers, on Sunday participated in the walk starting from the Independence Monument to the riverside and back.

Five years ago, the United Nations set forth a series of eight objective called the UN Millennium Development Goals. Cambodia adopts these goals, which call for, among other things, universal primary education for children by 2015, the reduction of child mortality, and most importantly, a 50-per-cent reduction of the number of chronically hungry people in the world.

"We are here today to join together with fellow citizens and partner organizations around the world

who took the time and steps to demonstrate their commitment to end child hunger," said Thomas J Keusters, WFP's country representative.

Nhim Vanda, first vice-chairman of the National Committee on Disaster Management, said that the aim of the event is to call the people and the society to devote much attention to the hungry children. He appealed people from all walks of life to help the hungers and the poor.

Money raised by the walk will benefit the World Food Programme (WFP) School Feeding Programme, which last year provided food to 376,000 school children in Cambodia.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepali Govt secures 50,000 job slots in Malaysia

KATHMANDU, 13 June — The Nepali Government has received more than 50,000 work demands including for women from Malaysia, an official said here Sunday.

"The Malaysian Government is willing to give more quotas to Nepal," Dhruba Kumar Sharma, spokesperson at the Ministry of Labour and Transport Management, told reporters. Different manpower companies also have asked the government for final approval for sending Nepali workers to Malaysia, Sharma revealed.

The Malaysian Government is providing jobs to Nepali people because they are honest and hard-working, Sharma said. About 500 Nepalis go aboard every day for work, Sharma noted, adding, "More than half of them are going to Malaysia".

Out of about 500 manpower agencies involved in the business, more than half of them depend on Malaysia for their survival.

MNA/Xinhua

China to promote elite Chinese literature overseas

BEIJING, 13 June — China has recently initiated a special programme to promote the essence of China's modern literature among overseas readers, according to sources with the Chinese Writers' Association.

The list of total works will finally be decided after being discussed by the association, the writers and foreign publishers, the *People's Daily* reported.

Insiders said the programme will serve as a new attempt to improve exchanges between Chinese literature and the world via moving Chinese literature into world markets.

In the 1980s, China published a set of books titled Panda Series that were translated into English, French, German and other languages and mostly donated to readers, which were warmly welcomed by overseas readers. Some still

remember the joy they had experienced with the books, the daily said.

However, with the passing of time, outdated translated versions and the donating method of Chinese literature works can no longer meet the need of foreign readers, the association was quoted as saying.

It said some elite works like *Being Alive* by Yu Hua, *Scarlet Jowar* by Mo Yan and *Oh, My Concubine* by Su Tong have been published in countries including French and sold quite good in overseas markets.

MNA/Xinhua

Poll says six in 10 Americans want troops to leave Iraq

WASHINGTON, 13 June—Six in 10 Americans say they think the United States should withdraw some or all of its troops from Iraq — the highest number who have said that in the Gallup poll.

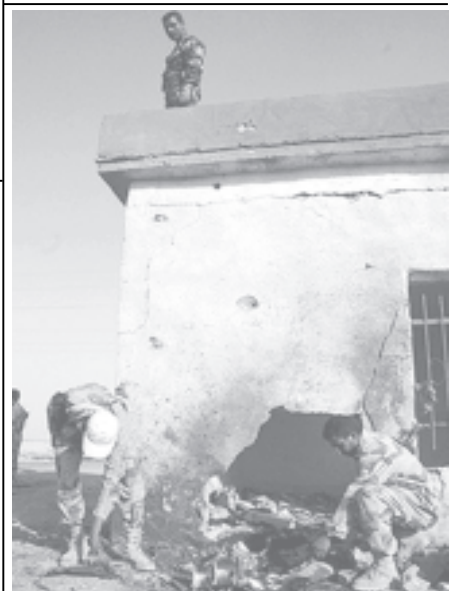
About three in 10 want the US to withdraw all troops now, and about three in 10 said some troops should be withdrawn now. A majority, 56 percent, said they would be upset if more troops are sent to Iraq, according to the poll released Monday.

Support for staying in Iraq has also dropped

in a Pew Research Centre poll. People were about evenly split on whether the US should keep troops in Iraq until the country is stabilized or bring them home as soon as possible.

Two-thirds in an *ABC-Washington Post* poll, also taken in early June, say they think the United States has gotten bogged down in the war in Iraq. The Gallup poll of 1,003 adults was taken June 6-8, the *ABC-Post* poll of 1,002 adults June 2-5, and the Pew poll of 1,464 adults June 8-12. Each poll had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Internet



Iraqi soldiers look at the damage caused by a car bomb to their base in Hawijah, northern Iraq, on 13 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Arroyo vows to root out graft, urges end to dirty politics

MANILA, 13 June — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Sunday vowed to cut graft in half by the year 2008 while urging the Filipinos to avoid what she called “dirty politics”.

In a speech marking the 107th anniversary of Philippines’ independence from Spanish colonial rule at the Quirino Grandstand at Rizal Park in central Manila, Arroyo said the government will be 50 per cent corrupt-free in three and a half years.

Arroyo said her renewed drive against corruption will focus on weeding out government officials who have links to illegal gambling, also called jueteng.

“In three years, the government will be rid of

graft and corruption. We want to curb corruption stemming from illegal gambling,” she said.

The President also said that the first phase of the government’s reform programme has been completed after the Senate and the House of Representatives passed the expanded value-added tax (EVAT) bill, which is expected to raise an extra 100 billion pesos (1.85 billion US dollars) of public income each year from 2006.

She also urged an end to “dirty politics” which

has plagued the political life of the country.

“I’m calling on everybody to stay away from dirty politics and focus on economic development, which is key to absolute independence,” she said.

The political life of the Philippines was recently shaken by the appearance of a mysterious tape allegedly recording a phone talk between Arroyo and an election commission official during last year’s presidential election, in which Arroyo allegedly asked

for help to win the election through vote rigging.

The government strongly denied the allegation and said the tape was the product of wire-tapping and manipulation by opposers of the President. Moreover, some opponents of the President also accused Arroyo’s family of getting kick-backs from illegal gambling business. The government denied the accusation while promising to allow a public investigation over the issue.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand’s northeast region to promote new fish for export

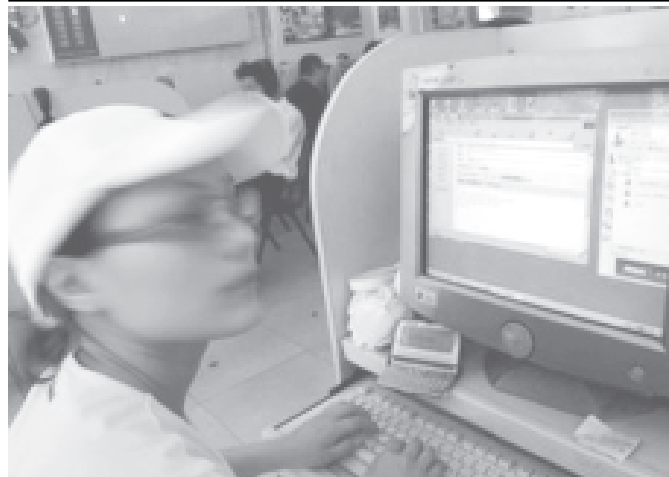
BANGKOK, 13 June — Thailand’s northeast Nakhon Phanom Province has planned to develop a new fish for export in an effort to fight poverty and boost trade, the official Thai News Agency reported Sunday.

Local authorities of Nakhon Phanom on Saturday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with European fish importers to jointly develop the “Pla Mong Fish” export as demand for the new fish is growing in the United States and Europe.

Due to its delicious white flesh, the fish’s export to Russia and Asian markets also has great potential, a senior official from the Agriculture and Cooperatives Ministry was quoted as saying.

Currently, Vietnam is the sole exporter of the fish and earns around 1.7 billion baht (40.5 million US dollars) annually from the exports.

The fresh water fish is common in Southeast Asia and can be found in the Mekong River. Thailand has the ability to breed 1.17 million “Pla Mong Fish” this year. — MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese woman uses MSN services on the Internet at a cyber cafe in Beijing on 14 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Chinese, Russian leaders vow to expand economic ties

Moscow, 13 June — Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov and Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan pledged on Friday to take effective measures to promote trade and investment between the two countries.

During a meeting with Zeng, Fradkov said Russian-Chinese cooperation is expanding and yielding encouraging results, and Russia will work more closely with China in international affairs and stands ready to work together with China toward a higher level of bilateral cooperation in a wide range of areas including economy, technology and culture.

Zeng, for his part, said Chinese-Russian ties maintained a strong momentum in recent years. Mutual political trust is continually deepening and economic ties are growing ever stronger, and the strategic partnership between the two countries are developing in scope and depth, Zeng said.

The Chinese Vice-Premier said strengthening cooperation in the oil, gas and power sectors will help both countries take the advantages they respectively have in economy, finance, technology and market, and therefore supplement each other in economic growth.

Zeng expressed his hope that both governments will work to better the environment for investment and trade and improve relevant legislation. Work needs to be stepped up on the signing of an agreement on mutual protection of investment, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Foreigners donate blood in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 13 June — More than 100 foreigners donated blood at the Shanghai blood centre on Saturday.

“We also hope more people join us in as blood donation is simple and safe,” said Nicolas Milonas, the initiator of the activity and a French national who now lives in Shanghai.

The activity, first of its kind held in Shanghai, also set a good example for local residents, said Zou Zhengrong, deputy director of the blood storage department of the centre. Milonas learned from a newspaper about Shanghai’s blood bank shortage last August. He started to think about organizing the foreigners living and working in Shanghai to donate blood.

He and his six friends called or e-mailed foreign associations in Shanghai. More than 100 people from about 20 countries registered as blood donation volunteers. Shanghai needs 72 million millimetres of blood for medical service annually and we are facing an increasing blood shortage these years. We hope that more local residents can also join in blood donation, said Zou.

MNA/Xinhua

Four US soldiers killed in bomb attacks west of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 13 June — Four US soldiers were killed by roadside bombs during combat operations west of Baghdad, the US military said on Sunday.

It said two soldiers were killed on Saturday when a bomb went off near their vehicle outside Amiriya, 40 kilometres west of Baghdad. The other two died Saturday when a bomb caught their vehicle near Taqaddum, 72 kilometres

west of Baghdad.

Over 1,690 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media reports.

MNA/Xinhua

Illiteracy rate in Kuwait drops in 2004

KUWAIT CITY, 13 June — Illiteracy rate in Kuwait dropped 0.5 per cent to 6 per cent in 2004, an official report said Saturday.

Illiteracy rate among males fell from 2.3 per cent in 2003 to two per cent in 2004, while the rate among females dropped from 10.4 per cent to 9.8 per cent in the same period, Kuwait News Agency quoted the report by the Planning Ministry as saying.

The number of people with an elementary education increased from 21 per cent in 2003 to 21.9 per cent in 2004. For males, the rate went up from 23.6 per cent to 24.4 per cent, and for females from 18.6 per cent to 19.6 per cent, the report said.

However, the number of people with a middle school education dropped from 28.8 per cent in 2003 to 28.4 per cent in 2004, and among males it went down from 32.8 per cent to 32.4 per cent and 25.2 per cent to 24.6 per cent among females, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua



Zhang Qun, owner of Zhang Qun Jia, one of dozens of eateries touting the ‘sifangcai’ (literally private home cuisine) label, at her one table restaurant in Beijing, China. — INTERNET

China helps Indonesia restore tourism market

BEIJING, 13 June — China's tourism administration and travel agencies are doing their best to help restore Indonesian tourism market, after it was hit by the monstrous tsunami last December.

Half a year has passed, and the Indonesian tourism market still felt the aftermath of the 26 December tsunami, which claimed tens of thousands of lives. Local tour guide Franki, who serves at a Jakarta-based travel agency, told *Xinhua* that the local travel business in June was only half of that of previous year.

Puty Sudiarta, an official with the Bali provincial tourism bureau said from January to April, the number of tourists

from Asian countries dropped by 30 per cent, compared with the same period last year.

As one of the major tourist sources of Indonesia, China has made efforts to help restore the Indonesian tourism market by sending tourism officials and heads of the country's influential travel agencies to Indonesia to do field study and asked those agencies to offer Indonesian travel package to Chinese Mainland tourists as soon as

possible.

Holding a talk with the official Chinese tourism delegation, Jero Warjik, Minister of Tourism and Culture of Indonesian Government said, "Indonesia is a safe tourism destination."

He said tourism is one of the pillar industries of Indonesia and China is one of the major tourist sources for his country. He sincerely hoped that Chinese tourists could come back as soon as possible.

MNA/Xinhua



Director Steven Spielberg (C) takes a picture with Japanese fans as he arrives at the world premiere of his latest film 'War of the Worlds' in Tokyo on 13 June, 2005. Spielberg is in Japan with Hollywood star Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning to promote the new film which will open in Japan on 29 June. — INTERNET

Sri Lanka setting up natural coastline barriers

COLOMBO, 13 June — Sri Lanka is setting up natural barriers along its 1,280-kilometre coastline to protect the island country from natural and man-made calamities, said the *Sunday Observer*.

The natural barriers to be set up include the re-establishment of sand dunes along the coasts, the protection of mangroves and the cultivation of a range of plants which grow along the coasts, including coconut, kotamba, wettikeya and other useful plants.

The country has launched a pilot project of this kind in the southern Galle District which was heavily hit by last year's tsunami that killed nearly 40,000 people in the country.

Some NGOs currently working in the country to counter the damage sustained by the

tsunami, have readily pledged funds and other assistance for the project, said the report.

The schools along the coasts of the Galle District had agreed to maintain the natural barriers which will be developed.

The development of natural barriers and consequent handing them over to the schools of each locality will be extended to all tsunami hit areas, and in time around the country's coastline.

Stretches of beach where naturally occurring dunes were untouched by man, including Potuvil and parts of Yala, suffered very little or no damage

when the tsunami struck, experts said.

There is much biodiversity in the country's coastal belt in estuaries, lagoons and marshes amounting to 120,000 hectares of which 80,000 hectares consist of deep lagoons and estuaries.

The rest are shallow lagoons, tidal flats, mangrove swamps and saline marshes which must afford benefit to the people.

Since the tsunami last year, the Sri Lankan Government has repaired some man-made coastal barriers such as boulders, groynes, revetments and breakwaters built in the sea. — MNA/Xinhua

Kuwait names first female minister

KUWAIT CITY, 13 June — Kuwait appointed its first female Cabinet minister on Sunday, the state news agency *KUNA* reported.

Professor Massouma al-Mubarak, a political science teacher at Kuwait University, was named as planning minister and minister of state for administrative developments affairs, *KUNA* said.

Al-Mubarak's appointment was announced by Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, it added.

The two portfolios she is taking were previously held by Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, who will retain his

post as Communications Minister.

The nomination makes Kuwait the third country in Gulf region to name a woman as Cabinet minister, following Qatar and Oman.

Kuwait Cabinet named two women to its municipal council on June 5, less than a month after the country's Parliament passed a bill granting women the right to vote and stand in elections, which was considered as a breakthrough in the Gulf country. — MNA/Xinhua

Largest furniture gallery in Malaysia catches fire

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 June — A fire broke out on Sunday in the largest furniture gallery in Malaysia, destroying goods of 14 furniture producers with an estimated damage of five million ringgit (1.31 million US dollars).

No one was injured in the incident as the Plaza Perabot Malaysia located in Kuala Lumpur had not opened for business yet when the fire occurred at 10 am local time (0200 GMT). — MNA/Xinhua

State Councillor calls for protection of China's cultural heritage

BEIJING, 13 June — State Councillor Chen Zhili said Saturday at a State Council work meeting that safeguarding Chinese intangible cultural heritage is of vital importance.

Establishing a system to protect Chinese heritage will benefit both today's and later generations. The task is crucial to preserving China's cultural identity and maintaining cultural variety worldwide, said Chen at the meeting held on Friday to Saturday. It is also a key part in building a harmonious socialist society and inheriting Chinese civilization and flourishing advanced socialist culture, she said. — MNA/Xinhua

Mainland to cooperate with HK in combating communicable disease

HONG KONG, 13 June — China's Ministry of Health would work more closely with Hong Kong and Macao to deal with public health emergencies and guarantee people's health in the two special administrative regions, China's Minister of Health told *Xinhua* on Saturday. On his last day of visit to Hong Kong and Macao, Gao Qiang told *Xinhua* that the Ministry of Health would strengthen cooperation with the two regions and enhance information exchange to all the Mainland provinces on the basis of the existing mechanism. The Mainland authorities would notify Hong Kong and Macao promptly if there were any infectious disease outbreaks. — MNA/Xinhua



Chinese workers air wheat at a state farm in Jiaozuo, in central China's Henan Province, on 13 June, 2005. — INTERNET

China to push pricing reform of major energy products

BEIJING, 13 June — China will accelerate pricing reform of major energy products such as coal, electricity and oil, giving the market a greater role in setting prices, said Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan during a recent meeting on energy conservation.

While improving the taxation system, the government will also step up study on launching the fuel tax and raising the rate of taxes on energy resources, Zeng told the meeting held earlier this week to mark China's Energy-saving Week, which starts on Sunday.

Energy conservation is significant for the achievement of the goal to "quadruple China's gross domestic product (GDP) while only doubling energy consumption by 2020", said Zeng.

To save energy, the

state will first support the development of the low-energy consuming tertiary sector and high-tech industry, and encourage the upgrading of the traditional industries with advanced technologies, he said.

The government will ask heavy energy-consuming sectors and enterprises to draw out and implement energy-saving plans, he said, adding that more strict and compulsory standards on energy consumption of products.

MNA/Xinhua

Rumours, the tool of terrorist destructionists

Chingya (Maubin)

Nowadays, a variety of rumours have spread in the nation. Indeed, they are merely invented stories. I have seen so many people who have got into troubles because they assumed the rumours to be true.

Maubin, my native town, is not far from Yangon City. Before 1988, the distance between Maubin and Yangon was a five-hour ride by boat. After 1988, one can reach Yangon from Maubin by car in about two hours thanks to the emergence of Maubin Bridge built by the State. However, it was surprising that the news stories from Yangon were not as they really were when they spread to Maubin. Even though modern communication equipment has been installed the length and breadth of the nation, invented stories or rumours infiltrate into many regions.

Three time bombs went off at three busy places in Yangon on 7 May 2005, leaving 11 people and members of the Sangha dead and 162 injured.

The tragic news spread to Maubin before its confirmation. And the news on the death toll had been exaggerated when it spread to the region. The people were informed about the correct news only after it was carried in newspapers and on TV and radio.

A rumour spread to Maubin that another bomb blast occurred in Yangon the following day. Being untrue, later it vanished. There are many people who always fall to rumours. Some spread rumours without analyzing them, and some spread rumours to others, exaggerating them.

Due to the 1988 unrest caused by rumours, Myanmar was about to lose her sovereignty and the Union was on the verge of disintegration.

During the unrest, there emerged invented stories of internal and external destructive elements, instigations designed to fan the nation's undesirable situations, manipulation of market prices by greedy merchants taking advantage of rumours, street journals published without press ethics, and undisciplined public talks during the unrest. The entire people were in a state of alarm owing to the fabrications manufactured by foreign radio stations and anarchic acts committed by destructionists.

In addition, rumours put some students on the wrong path and they were therefore at the mercy of the insurgents. Being filled with compassion and showing forgiveness, the Tatmadaw opened reception camps and received the artless youngsters. Some State service personnel went underground because of the adverse impact of prevailing rumours. The internal and external destructive elements invented and exaggerated the news stories and perpetrated instigations, resorting to various wicked means. In consequence, the nation lacked prevalence of law and order, peace and stability. Besides, anarchy reigned supreme across the nation,

and the entire people suffered a wide range of adversities and troubles.

According to Raja Niti treatise, one should not place too much reliance on four types of speeches — hearsay, speech given somewhere behind one's back, ambiguous speech, and speech filled with anger.

Buddha taught the disciples to speak the truth that is beneficial and valuable to mankind as He wished them not to speak the untruth. He said that silence was better than speaking words that had no value and effect; that when two persons met they should speak words that contributed to the good of mankind; that although they got the opportunity to

The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council is also holding press meets, issuing authentic news stories which are being featured and broadcast by the dailies and radio and TV stations. Specially published documentaries on the press meets are also being published free of charge as necessary.

speak words that served no one's interest, silence would always be better for both.

In the Abhaya-rajakumara Sutta, Buddha pointed out the following six points:

- [1] In the case of words the Tathagata knows to be unfactual, untrue, unbeneficial (or: not connected with the goal), unendearing and disagreeable to others, he does not say them.
- [2] In the case of words that the Tathagata knows to be factual, true, unbeneficial, unendearing and disagreeable to others, he does not say them.
- [3] In the case of words that the Tathagata knows to be factual, true, beneficial, but unendearing and disagreeable to others, he has a sense of the proper time for saying them.
- [4] In the case of words that the Tathagata knows to be unfactual, untrue, unbeneficial, but endearing and agreeable to others, he does not say them.
- [5] In the case of words that the Tathagata knows to be factual, true, unbeneficial, but endearing and agreeable to others, he does not say them.
- [6] In the case of words that the Tathagata knows to be factual, true, beneficial, and endearing and agreeable to others, he has a sense of the proper time for saying them.

The rumours spreading in the nation at present are found to be unfactual, untrue, unbeneficial (or: not connected with the goal), unendearing and disagreeable.

Concerning the rumour, I would like to present

two events as an example. One occurred during the Srekestra period, and another at present. When Srekestra was about to meet its end, a whirlwind of moderate intensity blew off a woman's 'sakaw' (a round bamboo tray). The woman ran after her flying sakaw shouting, "Nghah sakaw!...Nghah sakaw!" ("Oh its my sakaw!...My sakaw!"). But when persons taking nothing into consideration spread a rumour saying, "Nga sakaw troops are coming!", widespread confusion and fear occurred in Srekestra, and the people fled the city leaving behind all their immovable property.

The present one occurred in my native town, Maubin. Thanks to Bo Myat Tun Bridge, we can travel to Pathein, stay for a while in the capital city of Ayeyawady Division, and then back to Maubin the same day. There are passenger buses plying daily between the two destinations.

One day, while I was in Pathein, I heard bad news, which said that a bomb exploded on a Maubin-Pathein-Maubin daily bus. The news caused anxiety and fear among the people, especially, those of Maubin. The people of Maubin enquired their friends and relatives in Pathein about the rumoured incident on line. But the people of Pathein answered that they had heard nothing about the matter. Only when the bus arrived back Maubin in the afternoon did the people know that it was none other than a groundless story.

On 7 June 2005, we read in the dailies a news report issued by the State Peace and Development Council on 6 June dateline, which said that the terrorists wishing to disturb and destroy the stability of State and the rule of law were resorting to various means to spread fabrications to reach that end. The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council is also holding press meets, issuing authentic news stories which are being featured and broadcast by the dailies and radio and TV stations. Specially published documentaries on the press meets are also being published free of charge as necessary.

So, we need to know that the ones who hatch plots to spread rumours are the tool of terrorists. Thus, the people should analyse the rumours, and should not relay them. Terrorists may disguise themselves as ordinary citizens and make individual movements to commit terrorist acts. The citizens should beware of the terrorists to ward off their destructive acts. And if the people find any suspicious-looking strangers, acts and items, or persons trying to spread rumours, they should inform the authorities about the matter in time.

In this regard, the people will have to prevent the spread of rumours, the terrorists' tool, with nationalistic fervour, and to crush the destructionists with the four-point People's Desire.

(Translation MS+TMT)

Marle Nattaung dam...

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In the afternoon, the minister visited Doegwin vegetable plantation in PyinOolwin township and met with the division manager of Myanmar Agricultural Service, farm manager and staff. Next, the minister discussed matters relating to use of techniques for agricultural development. He also gave instructions on private participation in the cultivation of coffee and raising of sericulture.

The minister then inspected various kinds of orchid cultivated by tissue-culture method and cultivation of fruits and vegetables. The minister gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA

Government investing...

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The minister inspected the bricks and production process. Member of the Secretariat of the USDA U Aung Thuang met the secretary of Madaya Township USDA, executives and organizers. On 12 June, the minister inspected production of soap, at the soap factory (Mandalay).

The minister met members of the board of directors of industrial zone upgrading project. Chairman of Mandalay Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Maung Maung reported on progress of the project.

Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Committee Minister U Aung Thuang said the State will develop if there is progress in industry. The government has invested hugely in industrial zone upgrading project. The members of the board of directors are to implement the policies laid down by the government. He called for cooperation and coordination for success. The minister inspected Super Mandalay Truck, passenger buses and jeeps assembled at the zone.

MNA

Paper-reading session on Tsunami

YANGON, 14 June — A paper-reading session on Tsunami sponsored by Myanmar Engineering Society will be held at Room 205 in MICT Park on 18 June.

Director-General of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Dr San Hla Thaw and Dr Win Swe and U Tint Lwin of Myanmar Earthquake Committee will submit papers on Tsunami Phenomena and Proposal for National Tsunami Warning Centre in Myanmar and Field Report on Post Tsunami Survey along the Coastal Area of Myanmar. Interested persons can attend the session. Admission is free. — MNA

MCEA provides cash assistance to members

YANGON, 14 June — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein this morning presented cash assistance to the children of the members of the Myanmar Crab Entrepreneurs Association under the Myanmar Fisheries Federation. At a ceremony to provide cash assistance in education purpose held at the town hall of Seikkan Township, the minister first accepted the cash contribution amounting to K 350,000 provided by five wellwishers. Next, the

minister presented K 927,000 for the students who are the children of

the MCEA members through an official. The minister also awarded

the staff for their outstanding performance in social field. MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presents cash assistance to a member of the Myanmar Crab Entrepreneurs Association. — (UMFCCI)

D-G inspects IPRD offices

YANGON, 14 June — Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit

Naing inspected IPRD offices in Gyibingauk, Zigon, Nattalin and Paungde Townships and

Pyi and Thayawady Districts on 11 June. He met service personnel and discussed opening of self-

reliant libraries, cooperation with local authorities and maintenance of libraries. — MNA

Measures taken for keeping Yangon City clean and pleasant



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect repaving of Strand Road in Kyimyindine township. — (YA-KA-TA)

YANGON, 18 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and development Council Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accompanied by officials concerned inspected tasks for keeping Yangon City clean and pleasant, proper drainage system and upgrading of roads this morning and attended to the needs.

On arrival at the corner of Theinphyu Road and Myanmar Gonyee Road, the commander and the mayor

inspected dredging of ditches. Next, they inspected dredging of ditches and sanitation tasks being carried out on Pantra Road in Dagon Township, repaving of road sections on Strand Road in Kyimyindine township, on Natsin Street and on Bayintnaung Road in Insein township. During inspections, the commander and mayor instructed officials to supervise the tasks for ensuring systematic disposal of garbage and maintenance of roads and streets. — MNA

Mayor, Vice-Mayor inspect construction of Hanthawady Golf Driving Range

YANGON, 14 June — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice Mayor Col Maung Pa accompanied by secretary U Myint Aung, joint secretary U Tin Soe arrived at the Hanthawady Golf driving range, constructed by the Gardens and Playgrounds Department of YCDC at the junction of Kyundaw Road and Nanattaw Road, Kamayut Township this morning. Head of the Garden and Playgrounds Department U Nyunt Pe, official of Golf driving range U Aung Zaw Oo and officials reported on the construction of Golf driving range and Club House which is 242 feet in length, 38 feet in width. It is two-storey building.

The Mayor and the Vice-Mayor fulfilled the requirements. They also inspected the construction of wooden bridge and land preparation being undertaken by the YCDC at the Relaxation Zone of Kandawgyi Natural Garden and gave instructions on timely completion of the project. — MNA

Minister for Health inspects extension of Bago General Hospital

YANGON, 14 June — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Director-General of Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung and Deputy Director-General of Medical Research (Upper Myanmar) U Than Aung inspected extension of Bago General Hospital and health care services this morning.

Officials of the hospital and Medical Superintendent Dr Htin Lin and wellwisher U Kyin Wan-Daw Hla Thein reported on construction of a two-storey ward. The minister inspected the site and gave instructions.

The minister inspected the wards, operation theatre, treatment for eye patients, TB unit and leprosy eradication project unit.

The minister and party also inspected midwifery training school of Medical Science Department and treatment at the indigenous medicine unit.

The minister urged assistant doctors to try to be reliable ones in the township.

He went to Indakaw Rural Health Care Unit and inspected storage of medicines, public health care services and vaccination and Mingaladon station hospital. — MNA

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts course ends

YANGON, 14 June — The concluding of Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts course was held at City Hall of Taunggyi on 3 June.

Secretary of Shan State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Ye Tun Sein delivered an address and presented completion certificates to the trainees, gifts to the course instructors and prizes to outstanding trainees. Next, the trainees presented skill demonstration programmes. — MNA

Myanmar beat Philippines in Asian Women's Football Qualifier

YANGON, 14 June — The Asian Women's Football Qualifier match commenced at Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam this afternoon.

In Group (A), Myanmar beat Philippines 4-1 in the opening match. Zin Mar Wun scored hat-trick and Aye Nanda Hlaing one for Myanmar team. Myanmar play against host Vietnam on 16 June. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Cup Football Championship ends

YANGON, 14 June —The final match of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Cup Football Championship and prize-presentation ceremony took place at the soccer ground of Thanlyin Station.

Among the spectators were officers and other ranks and their families of the office of Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Yangon Station and Thanlyin Station. After the match, Naval Dockyard Command Headquarters Command Rear Admiral Paw Tun presented championship shield to the winning team of Naval Training Base. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe meets with the table-tennis players. — YANGON COMMAND

Minister receives Alternate Executive Director

YANGON, 14 June— Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received Alternate Executive Director Ms. Nursiah Arshad of World Bank at the ministry of F & R this evening.

Present at the call were Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe and Director of the Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Ohma Sein.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meets Ms Nursiah Arshad. — FINANCE AND REVENUE

Clerical courses opened

YANGON, 14 June—The opening of basic clerical course No 116 and clerical course (management) No 65 took place at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning.

Rector U Win Maung delivered an introductory speech.

Also present on the occasion were pro-rectors, heads of departments, faculty members, course instructors and trainees. — MNA

Mass campaign on DHF control...

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Association, social organizations, Red Cross Society and auxiliary fire brigade, and ward dwellers carrying out activities on control and prevention of dengue haemorrhagic fever on Thayetchan 4th street and Ywathit 1th street in Peinnegone

Ward.

Next, they attended the educative talks on prevention of dengue haemorrhagic fever jointly conducted by ward folks, the Health Department, and the YCDC at No 6 Basic Education Middle School on Ywathit 1st street.

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Cargo plane crashes in southeast US

WASHINGTON, 14 June — A cargo plane crashed on Monday near Fort Lauderdale, in the southeastern state of Florida, but there were no immediate reports of casualties so far.

The DC-3 cargo plane crashed and burned in a residential neighbourhood during takeoff, several kilometres east of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, a Federal Aviation Administration

official said.

It was not known how many people were aboard the plane, and firefighters were at the scene to put out the fire on the burning wreckage.

MNA/Xinhua

Forestry Minister inspects saw mills in Bago, Mandalay Divisions

YANGON, 14 June— Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 12 June inspected No 104 Saw Mill in Nyaungbintha, Pyu Township, where he

heard reports presented by officials on work carried out.

After inspecting the mill, the minister gave instructions on meeting the targets, durability of the mill and growing of trees in the environs of the factory.

At the briefing hall of Myayabin Reserve Forest Nos 56 and 57 in Pyu Township, officials reported to the minister on preparatory measures for plantations. Next, the minister planted a teak sapling and gave necessary instructions.

Yesterday evening, the minister arrived at the office of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Toungoo, where Direc-

tor-General U Tun Tun, General Managers U Khin Maung Soe and U Wai Lin Aung reported on establishment of plantations for greening purpose in Mandalay Division and distribution and sale of sawn timber.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of growing of trees and attended to the needs.

This morning, the minister inspected the plywood factory jointly undertaken by Myanmar Timber Enterprise and MKTI Co. At the meeting hall, Mr Jan Han Kim of the company reported on matters related to production of plywood.

After inspecting the

factory, the minister fulfilled the requirements.

At the main workshop of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Assistant General Manager U Saw Win Che reported on condition of vehicles and machinery to the minister.

After looking into the stores of the workshop, the minister gave instructions on meeting the set standard and thrifty measures and attended to the needs.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected No 89 Saw Mill in Kyungon, Toungoo Township and No 88 Saw Mill in Uyindaw Village, Ottwin Township and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Tanzanian park admission fee hike not to affect tourism

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 14 June — A senior government official has brushed aside the claim that the planned national park admission fee hike would affect Tanzania's tourism industry.

Zakia Meghji, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, told local newspaper *Sunday Observer* that her ministry had consulted with tour operators and agents both at home and abroad and had been told that the new park admission fees would not discourage.

Tourists from visiting to Tanzania. Starting from January next year, the admission fees for foreigners visiting Tanzania's Serengeti and

Kilimanjaro national parks will be increased.

The new entrance fee for Serengeti will be 50 US dollars for an adult for every 24 hours whereas the old admission was 30 dollars per day. The new entrance fee for Kilimanjaro will be 60 dollars for an adult instead of 30 dollars a day.

The Kilimanjaro and Serengeti national parks are Tanzania's top-selling wildlife observance places, with Serengeti being a world heritage site.

Admission fees for other national parks in the country will remain at 30 dollars.

The minister explained that Serengeti and Kilimanjaro are peculiar parks in the world and their inquisitive attractions cannot be found

elsewhere.

We do not think the number of tourists visiting the two parks will drop but hope instead that it will rise to 1 million by the year 2010," said the minister.

Tanzania drew 230,166 tourists from both home and abroad in 1993 and the number of tourists increased to 576,198 in 2003.

The east African country expects to attract 607,000 tourists this year.

However, the Tanzania Association of Tour Operators has warned that the entrance fee hike might scare away planned and potential tourists from visiting these two parks. The tour operator association cited as a negative example that more than 50 per cent of the bookings by foreign tourists were cancelled in the year 2000 after the Kilimanjaro National Park had doubled up its entrance fees. —MNA/Xinhua

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(14-6-2005)

Thandwe	(1.85) inches,
Sittway	(1.50) inches
Magway	(1.45) inches,
Putao	(1.42) inches,
Dawei	(1.30) inches
Hakha	(1.14) inches.

China launches laptop computer-based network campus scheme

BEIJING, 14 June — China Education and Research Network (CERNET) has launched the “New Network Campus” programme, which is based on the wide use of laptop computers in the prestigious Qinghua University.

According to a 3-year-plan, CERNET will build wireless campus networks in 100, 200 and 500 institutions of higher learning in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

In the meantime, CERNET will work with computer giants Lenovo, IBM, HP, Dell and Samsung to supply cheaper brand-name

laptops to students. The computers may be cheaper by several thousand yuan (1 US dollar equals 8.27 yuan) than the market prices.

CERNET will provide 50,000 laptops to students this year and 300,000 more in 2006, according to the plan.

With the scheme in operation, college stu-

dents may enjoy network teaching platform, IP phone call, IPTV and other special services.

Students will be able to work in dorm rooms, classrooms, dining halls and libraries and surf the Internet from anywhere on campus using the wireless network.

MNA/Xinhua

Australian scientists develop rapid test to detect bird flu

CANBERRA, 14 June — Australian scientists have developed a 24-hour test to detect various strains of avian flu in birds, which is believed to be a breakthrough in the area.

Scientists from the Department of Primary Industries of the state of Victoria said the test is a world first and will slash diagnosis time from three weeks to just one day, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) radio reported on Monday.

The test will be able to detect 15 different types of flu, including the strains that are transferable to humans.

Victorian Agriculture Minister Bob

Cameron said the test provides an early warning system. “What we have is a real-time test that I think goes across all of the 15 sub-types,” he was quoted as saying.

“What it does is it suits a country like Australia where we don’t have the problem, but we potentially have the problem with migratory birds,” he said.

“So, if we’re doing the routine testing and having a real-time

test, we’re able to know in advance if we have a potential problem and put ourselves on full alert,” he said. The test will be useful in countries which are not currently affected but are at risk from migratory birds, according to ABC radio.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam, Laos conduct one-time Customs inspection

HANOI, 14 June— Vietnam and Laos have recently conducted “one-time” Customs inspection over goods for the first time, the newspaper *People* reported on Monday.

Under the new Customs inspection mechanism launched on Sunday, Customs officers of both Vietnam and Laos jointly inspected goods at the international border gate of Lao Bao in Vietnam’s central Quang Tri Province, and recognize the result. The “one-time” Customs inspection, which halves the time needed for goods clearance, is expected to be applied at other international border gates in members of Greater Mekong Sub-region, including Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, China, Myanmar and Vietnam, the report said. The two-way trade between Laos and Vietnam reached 165 million US dollars in 2004, a year-on-year increase of 32 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

Actual overseas investment in China hit \$22b in January-May

BEIJING, 14 June — The foreign direct investment in actual use in China declined by a slightly 0.79 per cent in the first five months year-on-year to 22.37 billion US dollars, figures released by Ministry of Commerce showed.

During the first five months, the number of newly formed foreign-invested companies approved by the Chinese Government dropped 4.75 per cent on-year to 16,437. Contractual overseas investment, which was considered an

indicator of future inflows, grew 14.88 per cent to about 65 billion US dollars in the five months, said the ministry.

The top two sources of investment during the five-month period were still Hong

Kong and the British Virgin Islands, same as the first four months, said the ministry.

The top ten sources of the investment provide more than 86 per cent of the total actual overseas investment.

MNA/Xinhua

Susilo opens private phone numbers to public

JAKARTA, 14 June — In his efforts to articulate as wide public interests as possible, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono planned to open five private phone numbers to which people can contact him through, his key aide said on Monday.

Cabinet Secretary Sudi Silalahi said the President also planned to provide a new, bigger message server that is able to receive thousands of text messages at the same time.

He said the President himself checked the incoming messages and did not hesitate to call back the sender when he found an urgent matter.

Separately, Presidential spokesman Andi

Mallarangeng said in a statement the President has instructed the opening of five new numbers after the old phone number introduced by Susilo himself on Saturday was unable to accommodate thousands of text messages from the Indonesian people.

Thousands of text messages arrived at the same time and the system finally crashed, Andi said

He said the President apologized to those whose messages could not reach the President’s number due to limited capacity.

“We would like to apologize to everyone because of this incident. We’re trying to find a system that can accommodate many messages, maybe through a computerized system,” Andi said.

MNA/Xinhua

Supachai says 2006 deadline for Doha talks feasible

HONG KONG, 14 June — The head of the World Trade Organization (WTO) said here on Monday that the 2006 deadline for Doha talks is “feasible” but requires strong political determinations and compromises from all WTO members.

Supachai Panitchpakdi, director-general of the WTO, said while addressing the 38th International General Meeting of the Pacific Basin Economic Council, that to conclude the Doha talks is the “most immediate priority” for the organization. He stressed the importance of the sixth

WTO ministerial meeting scheduled here in December, noting that preparations for the meeting have to be all-around.

The failure of the fifth ministerial meeting in Cancun, Mexico, was mainly due to a too wide agenda, said the WTO leader. He added that the Hong Kong ministerial

meeting will focus on five topics, covering the fields of agriculture, manufacture, society, development and planning. He said there remains certain barriers rattling Doha-round talks, like taxes in sectors of agriculture and manufacture, concerns over the globalization trend and the difficulties the open-trade market is faced.

Supachai hailed the efforts that the WTO has been making in the past 10 years to successfully solve over 300 complaints, about the same number of cases that GATT had dealt with during its 47-year of existence.—MNA/Xinhua

A blue-and-gold macaw, *Ara ararauna*, looks on from a tree at the Singapore Zoo in Singapore on 12 June, 2005. The Singapore Zoo has long been acclaimed for its open zoo concept, where animals live in spacious and landscaped enclosures, simulating that of their natural habitat. INTERNET



Vietnam to test bird flu vaccine on humans in August

HANOI, 14 June — Vietnam, in the next two months, is likely to vaccinate volunteers against bird flu virus strain H5N1 to test effectiveness of the vaccine it has developed.

The National Institute for Hygiene and Epidemiology has asked the Ministry of Trade to allow bird flu vaccination experiment on a group of 10-20 local volunteers and then on 200-300 people who live in areas once hit by the disease, according to sources from the institute in capital Hanoi on Monday.

The experiment is expected to last from August to December, the sources said, noting that

the bird flu vaccine developed by the institute has been proved effective on mice, monkeys and chickens.

Vietnam’s Preventive Medicine Department last week confirmed that 52 local people from 21 cities and provinces were infected with H5N1 between mid-December 2004 and late May 2005, of whom 18 died.

Since bird flu started to hit Vietnam in December 2003, the country has detected a total of 79 human cases of infections in 28 cities and provinces, including 38 fatalities, the department said. — MNA/Xinhua

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Rich nations told to focus on development assistance to Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 14 June — Debt relief to the world's poorest nations must be accompanied by increased development assistance and fair trade practice, South African official, political opposition and religious leaders told rich nations on Monday.

Welcoming a decision of the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized nations to write off the multilateral debt of 18 poor countries, Finance Minister Trevor Manuel said this had closed the door on huge net capital outflows.

Money spent by these countries on debt servicing was considerably more than development assistance flowing in, he said.

The minister said in Pretoria that it was time now to ensure that poor countries have sufficient resources to deal with the development issues they face.

There was often a huge gap between pledges made and assistance given, Manuel said, pointing out that while bilateral debt forgiveness and emergency aid had

increased, other Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Africa had declined between 1993 and 2003.

Manuel welcomed commitments by donor nations, also noted by the G-8 finance ministers, to boosting the proportion of their gross national incomes spent on ODA, according to a report of SAPA news agency.

He also welcomed the finance ministers' commitment to eliminating trade-distorting agricultural subsidies paid by rich nations, rectifying trade barriers faced by poor countries, boosting treatment for diseases like AIDS and malaria, and creating a trust fund to shield poor countries from commodity price and other exogenous shocks.

While welcoming the

weekend announcement of debt forgiveness, Douglas Gibson of the Democratic Alliance (DA), South Africa's leading opposition party, called for the abolition of First World agricultural subsidies on Monday.

"Aid and debt relief are absolutely essential if the world is ever to rid itself of the scourge of poverty, but unless they go hand in hand with fair trade practice, they will never be a lasting solution," said Gibson, the DA's foreign affairs spokesman.

"If African countries could sell their agricultural produce competitively, it is possible that there would be a far smaller need for aid in the first place," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela says increase of OPEC's output ceiling unnecessary

CARACAS, 14 June — There is no need for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to increase daily crude output by 500,000 barrels, Venezuelan Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez said Monday.

Ramirez's remarks came after Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said he backed a proposal for an increase in OPEC's official production limits by 1.8 per cent. "We don't see the need to increase our production ceiling by 500,000" barrels a day, said Ramirez, adding that

Venezuela, a founding member of OPEC and the world's fifth largest oil exporter, will seek to "defend its price" for oil.

He said OPEC members will discuss the increase at an extraordinary meeting in Vienna on Wednesday. OPEC's output ceiling now stands at

27.5 million barrels per day (bpd) without calculating the oil production of Iraq, but actual production is about 30 million bpd.

At the meeting in Vienna, members of the oil cartel will discuss the output policy for the second half of this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Pele's son could spend three years in prison

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 June — Edson Cholbi do Nascimento, son of Brazilian soccer legend Pele, said he will be in jail at least three years, sentenced on drug-trafficking charges.

Edinho, 34, admitted his responsibility in a video released Sunday night on television and said "there are no more secrets", Pele's son is among the 51 individuals captured during a sweep against drug pushers at the Brazilian cities of Santos, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

According to the vid-

eos broadcast by the police, Pele's son carried out some sort of business with Ronaldo Duarte de Freitas, considered as the chief of the drug-trafficking ring.

Edinho told Duarte de Freitas "you put the money and I the name of my father," although it is not clear what business they were working on.

Pele's son said that since three years ago he has been addicted to drugs and that he is prepared to spend at least three years in prison.

In reference to his son, Pele said "maybe I worked too much in my life and I did not see the problem I had at home."

MNA/Xinhua

Syrian President meets UN envoy over Lebanon charges

DAMASCUS, 14 June — Syrian President Bashar al-Assad met with visiting UN envoy Terje Roed-Larsen on Sunday following allegations that Syrian intelligence agents may still be in Lebanon.

"At the request of Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan, Mr Terje Roed-Larsen met this morning in Damascus with President Bashar al-Assad," said a UN statement.

"They discussed all relevant issues and they will continue their dialogue. Mr Terje Roed-Larsen left Damascus after his meeting to brief the Secretary-General," the statement said without elaboration.

Roed-Larsen arrived in Damascus late on Saturday and held talks with Assad for about two hours before heading back on Sunday. The Syrian Government

and official media did not give any comment or report on the meeting. His brief trip came after reports saying that Syria has not fully withdrawn its intelligence agents in Lebanon and has an assassination hit list targeting anti-Syrian political figures.

UN officials and diplomats said last week that Annan had decided to send a UN verification team back to Lebanon to check if Syrian intelligence agents are still in the country. US President George W Bush on Friday issued a fresh warning against Damascus, saying he was dis-

turbed by reports of covert Syrian interference in Lebanese affairs.

Washington, allied with Paris, sponsored a UN resolution demanding a full and quick withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon.

Syria, which has been under economic sanctions imposed by the United States since May 2004, completed the withdrawal from Lebanon in late April under mounting international pressure following the assassination of former Lebanese prime minister Rafik Hariri.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 1 million Americans HIV/positive

WASHINGTON, 14 June — More than 1 million Americans are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, with nearly half of them being Blacks, showed the latest data released Monday by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

It is for the first time that the US HIV-positive population totalled more than one million since the height of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s. Health experts said the number shows more AIDS patients are living longer thanks to the advancement in medicine. On the other hand, the high number reflects a failure in HIV prevention.

An estimated 1,039,000 to 1,185,000 Americans were living with HIV at the end of 2003, the CDC told the 2005 National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta.

Forty-seven of the US

HIV carriers were Blacks. However, Blacks only make up 13 per cent of the US population.

The CDC predicted even disproportionately higher HIV infections among Blacks in the coming years.

Whites and Hispanics accounted for 34 per cent and 17 per cent of the US HIV-positive population. Gay and bisexual men accounted for 45 per cent, the CDC estimated.

The CDC said the make-up of the US HIV-positive population would change in the coming years to reflect a higher proportion of in-

fections among Blacks, women and individuals infected by high-risk heterosexual contact.

Since the late 1990s, the US new HIV infections were estimated to be steady at 40,000 a year and the deaths from AIDS at 16,000 a year. But health experts have been warning of a possible resurgence of the epidemic, which eased in the early 1990s after the introduction of antiretroviral medication.

AIDS has killed about 500,000 Americans and at least 22 million people worldwide since 1981.

MNA/Xinhua

Four killed in fire in northeast US

WASHINGTON, 14 June — Four people, including a mother and her three children, were killed in a fire on Monday morning in the northeastern US State of Connecticut, just one day after a fire left five children dead in the eastern state of Pennsylvania.

The father of the children was seriously injured in the fire, which broke out in a three-family home in Bridgeport, southwest Connecticut, and left nine people homeless, news reports said. It took firefighters two hours to put the fire under

control, which also gutted the second and three floors, according to the reports. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

On Sunday, a fire at a two-storey house in Philadelphia killed five children, who were aged be-

tween 6 months to 6 years old, and seriously injured two adults. Three of the children were siblings and the other two their cousins, and the two adults were believed to be parents of the three siblings.

— MNA/Xinhua



Invited guests listen as Ray Smith, right, explains how the isotopes of uranium were collected during a tour of the Beta 3 Calutron facility at the Y12 National Security Complex on Monday, 13 June, 2005 in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Marking the beginning of the end of World War II, the government offered a rare glimpse on Monday of the remaining massive machines from the top-secret Manhattan Project used to enrich uranium fuel for the "Little Boy" bomb — the first atomic weapon used in war, dropped 60 years ago in August on Hiroshima, Japan. — INTERNET

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1. Sealed Tender are invited by Myanma Railways, for Supply of the following Material which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats:-

Table with 5 columns: Sr No, Tender No, Description, Qty, Closing Date & Time. Lists items like Leaf Spring, Tin, Antimony, Lead, Copper, Locking Device, Lubricants, Round Nose Tool, Valve Seat Grinding Wheel, Vacuum Brake Cylinder, MTU Governor Spare Parts, SACM Engine Spare Parts.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from (15.6.2005) during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982,291994,291985,(201555 Ext-602,613,605,612)

Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung, Yangon

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(c) TENDER NO. 9(T) MPE/HSD (7)/ 2005-2006 (20,000± 10%) Metric Tons.
(d) TENDER NO. 10(T) MPE/HSD (8)/ 2005-2006 (20,000± 10%) Metric Tons.

- 2. Tender Closing Date 29-6-2005 at 12:00 noon.
3. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, No.(23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hour commencing 15-6-2005 on payment of one hundred (100) FEC per set.
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

Five children killed in fire in US

WASHINGTON, 13 June — Five children were killed and two adults were seriously injured Sunday morning in a fire in Philadelphia, in the US eastern state of Pennsylvania.

The children were one boy and four girls. Three of them were siblings and the other two were their cousins, media reports said. They were aged between six months to six years old. — MNA/Xinhua

Cheney says no plan to close Guantanamo prison

WASHINGTON, 13 June— US Vice-President Dick Cheney said in an interview to be broadcast on Monday that the United States has no plan to close the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. "At present, there's no plan to close Gitmo (the prison at Guantanamo). The President says we review all of our options on a continuous basis," Cheney said in interview with Fox News Channel, in response to calls for closing the prison at the US naval base there.

He said President George W. Bush and Defence Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld have emphasized the importance of the capability to imprison detainees captured during the war on terror. "The important thing here to understand is that the people that are at Guantanamo are bad people," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

MINISTRY OF FINANCE & REVENUE THE INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT PROFIT TAX DIRECTORATE NOTICE FOR FILING OF RETURN OF INCOME

1. All tax payers who have been assessed to tax under the profit Tax Law and those having income amounting to Kyats 10001 and above during the income year 2004/2005 are hereby informed of the necessity to file the return of income, duly filled in and personally signed, in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June, 2005.

2. Prescribed forms of return of income are available free of charge at the Township Revenue Offices. The Return can be filed in the person or sent by registered post. A receipt will be issue by the Township Revenue Office concerned in case the return is filed in person.

3. Further information can be obtained from Township Revenue Offices.

(Htun Nwe) Director

Profit Tax Directorate

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Domestic violence drops significantly in US

WASHINGTON, 13 June— The rate of family violence in the United States fell more than half between 1993 and 2002, figures released on Sunday by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics showed.

In 2002, 2.1 victims per 1,000 American residents 12 years old and older were registered in the United States, down from an estimated 5.4 victims per 1,000 residents, the bureau said.

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Chavez blames Bush for Bolivia crisis

CARACAS, 13 June— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday blamed his US counterpart George W Bush for the crisis in Bolivia, saying Bush's "poisoned medicine" of free-market democracy has been rejected by Latin America.

Chavez said the protests in the Andean nation were sparked by popular opposition to capitalist free-trade policies advocated by Bush.

He condemned as "poisoned medicine" Bush's speech to the Organization of American States last week, in which he recommended a mix of representative democracy, integration of world markets and individual freedoms.

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Representatives urge joint session of Congress for Manmohan Singh

WASHINGTON, 13 June—Sixty members of US Congress, including Ilena Ros-Lehtinen and Gary Ackerman, Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, have urged Speaker Dennis J Hastert to hold a joint session for an address by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during his upcoming visit next month.

“An official invitation to address a Joint Session of Congress (by Singh) would send an unequivocal message to the government and people of India that the United States stands in full support of their commitment to democracy, peace, and prosperity for all,” a letter written to Hastert by the members said.

They said a joint session of Congress would “allow Prime Minister

Singh to share his thoughts directly on India’s role as a regional power, its economic development, its progress towards religious tolerance, and the benefits of increased economic, security, and cultural cooperation between India and the United States”.

The Congressmen emphasized Singh’s role as the “architect” of India’s liberalization programme and his efforts to

resolve “difficult issues” with Pakistan.

“Indeed, Dr Singh made his reputation as the architect of India’s original economic liberalization...when he was finance minister. These policies are the foundation upon which India’s current impressive economic growth is built,” they said.

The letter pointed out that the relationship between India and the

United States has made rapid and striking advances in all areas, including economic, political, security, and science and technology.

“Our two countries are cooperating on a range of issues related to regional political and economic stability in the world. We believe this relationship between the world’s largest and oldest democracies will get stronger still,” it said. —MNA/PTI

Chinese Government commends model tutors

BEIJING, 13 June —The Chinese Government commended Sunday 287 units and 1,287 people that have done well in tutoring youngsters.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CCCPC) and the State Council launched a nationwide campaign to enhance moral education of minors in February 2004.

Liu Yunshan, head of the Publicity Department of CCCPC, acclaimed 8.5 million elderly citizens who are active on the campus, in

communities and the countryside across the country at the commending ceremony.

“They have won the respects and love of the minors and entire society by promoting the revolutionary and moral traditions, cultivating the Chinese national spirit and disseminating knowledge,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

US trade deficit worsens

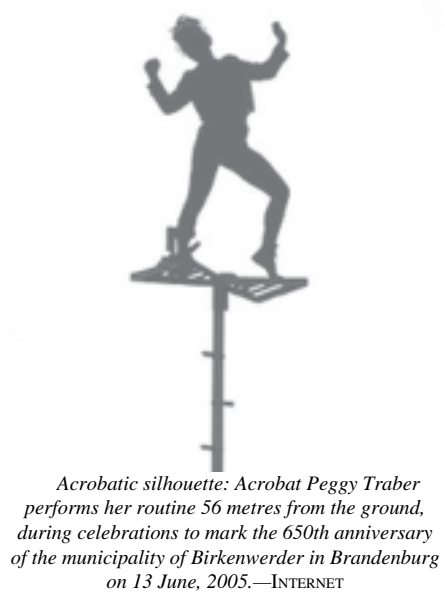
WASHINGTON, 13 June — The US trade deficit increased to 56.96 billion dollars in April, the Commerce Department has said.

The all-time high deficit was driven by the rise in oil prices and increased imports from China, which pushed the trade gap up by 6 per cent in April.

Worried over the chronic deficits, lawmakers have strengthened the opposition in Congress to the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). They fear that such agreements will cause further increases in US trade deficits.

“I think Congress and the President can make a U-turn on trade policy and, first of all, stop writing trade agreements such as CAFTA that pull the rug out from under the workers and the farmers and increase the trade deficit,” Democratic Senator Byron L Dorgan said. However, CAFTA has supporters like Republican Congressman Kevin Brady who said: “Imports may increase but what we will (under CAFTA) would far exceed it.” The growing US trade deficit is a result of more raw material imports such as crude oil, said Jason Schenker, an economist at Wachovia Bank. “We do not make enough of the raw materials we need to function. That is the biggest problem here,” he said.

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Acrobatic silhouette: Acrobat Peggy Traber performs her routine 56 metres from the ground, during celebrations to mark the 650th anniversary of the municipality of Birkenwerder in Brandenburg on 13 June, 2005.—INTERNET

US lawmakers to apologize for not passing anti-lynching law

WASHINGTON, 13 June— US lawmakers have introduced a resolution to apologize for failing to enact a law banning lynching, the inhuman practice in which African Americans were publically tortured and killed, over a century after such a law was first proposed.

“The apology is long overdue,” said Republican Senator George Allen who introduced the resolution which is cosponsored by Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu. “Our history does include times when we failed to protect individual freedom and rights.”

The Senate will vote on Monday on the resolution amidst a series of conciliatory efforts nationwide that include reopening investigations and prosecu-

tions for lynching in Mississippi state, US daily *The Washington Post* reported on Saturday. Lynching was predominant in the South where most of the victims were African Americans and became more prevalent after the civil war, it said.

“It was truly American holocaust,” Mark D. Planning, counsel for the Committee for a Formal Apology, which lobbied the Senate, was quoted as saying. At that time, there was no

federal law against lynching, and most states refused to prosecute White men for killing Black people, the *Post* said. During the last 105 years, the US House of Representatives, responding to pleas from presidents and civil rights groups, agreed three times to make the crime a federal offence. Each time, though, the measure died in the Senate at the hands of powerful Southern lawmakers.

MNA/PTI

China’s Dong Feng, BP set up lubricant joint venture

WUHAN, 13 June — Dong Feng Group, one of China’s three auto making giants, has announced that it had formed a joint-venture lubricant manufacturer with BP Group.

A special function was held last Wednesday to mark inauguration of the joint venture, Dongfeng-Castrol Lubricant Co Ltd, which is based in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province. The new company has a regis-

tered capital of 120 million yuan (about 14.46 million US dollars), said sources from Dong Feng Group. According to the agreement, BP will own 50-per-cent stake in the company, while Dong Feng Motor Corporation will own

20 and Dong Feng Automobile Co Ltd will hold the remaining 30 per cent. The term of the cooperation will last 30 years. The lubricant will be sold under the “Castrol” label.

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China to ban uncensored health food ads

BEIJING, 14 June — China’s food and drug administration departments at provincial level will be responsible for approving health food ads as of 1 July, according to the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA).

Interim Rules for Health Food Advertisement Reviewing, issued by SFDA, will go into effect on 1 July this year.

The rules said that health food ads must be approved by provincial food and drug administrations before they are published, they are not allowed to be disguised as news reports, and advise that “this product cannot substitute any medicine” must be marked clearly in printed ads and should be kept always on screen in TV commercials.

SFDA will also look into such aspects as whether the ad carries expressions that might cause confusion with drugs, whether it overstates curative effects, and whether it has made use of the name or image of medical institutions, doctors, experts or consumers to testify to specific efficacy, the government order said.

SFDA will publicize the list of health food ads that pass the examination on its official webpage after 1 July this year.

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Citigroup to settle case with Enron investors

WASHINGTON, 13 June— Citigroup Inc has agreed to pay two billion dollars to settle a class-action lawsuit filed by investors over its role in helping Enron Corp disguise billions of dollars in debt.

This is the largest payout so far pledged to Enron investors, who claim they were cheated out of billions of dollars when Enron went bankrupt in 2001.

It also becomes one of the largest corporate

settlements in history, but still below the 2.58 billion dollars Citigroup agreed to pay WorldCom Inc investors last year.

Some 50,000 stock and bondholders led by the University of Cali-

fornia’s Board of Regents filed claims as part of the lawsuit. It alleges that some banks helped Enron defraud investors, continue operations and raise money even as the company was imploding.—MNA/PTI

S P O R T S

Colombia stun Italy in World Youth Championship

TILBURG (The Netherlands), 13 June— Colombia delighted their passionate, colourful and enthusiastic fans with a 2-0 convincing win over Italy in the opening match of Group E at the FIFA World Youth Championship on Sunday.



Colombia's Dayro Moreno (R) collides with Italy's Francesco Battaglia during their Group E, FIFA World Youth Championships match in Tilburg, Netherlands, on 12 June, 2005. Colombia won the match 2-0.—INTERNET

Two second-half goals by Wason Renteria and a majestic strike by substitute Fredy Guarin sealed the win for Colombia, though it had seemed for a time that Colombia's hard work may only be rewarded with a draw.

The South American team seemed to be held at bay in the first half as their ferocious attacks were absorbed up by a well-organized defence of Italy.

Their hard work finally paid off when Dayro Moreno came off the bench after the restart. The striker immediately had Italy rattled as his deflected cross landed on the roof of the net and even

more so when he forced a reflex save from Italian goalkeeper Emiliano Viviano.

In the 76th minute Renteria finally put Colombia 1-0 ahead when he volleyed the ball past Viviano from Harrison Oltavaro's precise cross.

Italy were almost totally reliant on rare counter attacks whenever they were able to get the ball out of their own half, but Graziano Pelle will have been embarrassed to have wasted one of the more promising openings by blasting his snatched shot a long way wide.

Pelle could have redeemed himself with the clock ticking down, but his volley brought even greater acrobatics out of Libis Arenas in the Colombian goal to deny Italy an equalizer.

Guarin put the result beyond doubt in stoppage time with a thundering right-footer into the top corner. Viviano did well to get his fingertips to it, but he had no hope of keeping it out.

Colombian yellow, blue and red dominated the Willem II Stadium, both in the crowded grandstands and out on the pitch as Italy failed to contain their impressive opponents from South America. A delighted Colombia coach Eduardo Lara said afterwards: "When the players came out for the warm-up and saw so many Colombians here, we realized it was going to be like a home game. I told my players then that we must win this match for them and they did." Italy coach Paolo Berretini was understandably downcast afterwards. "We weren't so bad in the first half, but in the second Colombia were the only team out there. Colombia have had a year to prepare for this tournament, whereas we have only really had the last four days after the long season," he said.

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FIFA World Youth C'ship to see 1500th goal in history

UTRECHT (Netherlands), 14 June— The 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship is likely to see the competition's 1500th goal since it was first held in Tunisia in 1977.

Johan Vonlanthen (Switzerland)'s goal last night against South Korea was No 1471.

The list of milestone goal-scorers includes a few household names, above all two French footballers, Philippe Mexes and Djibril Cisse, currently playing for AS Roma and Liverpool FC, who scored

the competition's 1200th and 1300th goals in the 2001 edition.

The all-time goal average per match for the FIFA World Youth Championship (2.74) is lower than that of the FIFA World Cup finals (2.98) and the FIFA U17 World Championship (2.97).

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Argentine full-back praises Confederations Cup

BUENOS AIRES, 14 June— Argentine defender Walter Samuel said this year's Confederations Cup will test the level of his team for Germany 2006, the local daily said Monday.

Samuel, who plays for Spain's Real Madrid, considered as important the tournament in which eight national teams will participate from June 15 to 29 in different cities of Germany.

In an interview in Germany, published by Argentine daily Clarin, the player said Confederations Cup "will let us see how we are for the World Cup. As for me, it will help me to earn my place

in the lineup."

In recent matches Argentina's coach Jose Pekerman had not taken him into account.

With respect to Real Madrid, the full-back who used to play for Boca Juniors (Argentina) and Roma (Italy), said he wants to stay in Real. "I don't like to be changing club continuously," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore held 0-0 with Indonesia at AFC Women's C'ship

HANOI, 14 June— Singapore had a scoreless draw with Indonesia in an unexciting soccer match at AFC Women's Championship on Monday, while Uzbekistan whitewashed Maldives 6-0.

Both Singapore and Indonesia deployed firm defence and blitz attacks with many low short passes during the game. The best chance for Singapore turned up in the 27th minute when striker Ma'at Azreena, after a rapid coordination with midfielder Nasmi Tina from right wing, delivered a low shot right at the Indonesian goalie.

Several minutes later, Indonesian striker Tugiyati Tugiyati forced Singaporean goalkeeper Pelaez Charmaine to make two fine saves in a short period of time. After the scoreless

first half, both Singapore and Indonesia speeded up the match with frequent gatherings around the penalty areas.

Five minutes after the break, Singaporean midfielder Zaiton Fazarina tore down the right wing, passing the ball to Tina who failed to make the ball lie in the empty net. Eleven minutes later, Indonesian striker Yansip Jenny Merlin, in a face-to-face stance, failed to defeat Charmaine.

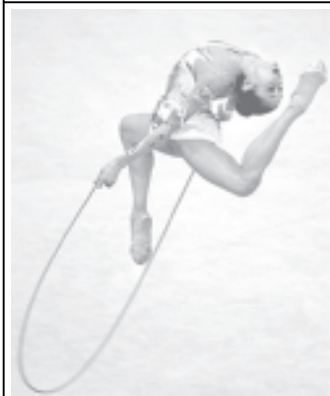
"I'm not satisfied with my players' performance. However, the result is good. I hope to see their better performance in the next match against Thailand," Singapore's coach Ismail Hassan said after the match.

Indonesia's coach, Bachtiar Yusuf said the tournament was a good chance for the team to better identify their strong and weak points in particular, and "improve our football" in general.

On Tuesday, Chinese Taipei will clash with India, and Myanmar is to take on the Philippines.

The qualifying round of the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Women's Championship, taking place in Vietnam's Hanoi capital from June 12-20, features 12 teams, including Vietnam, Chinese Hong Kong, Thailand and Guam. The top 4 teams and 4 automatic finalists, namely China, Japan, South Korea and Democratic People's Republic of Korea, will enter the final round slated for May 2006 in Japan.

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Rope performance : Russian Irina Chachina performs with the rope during the 21st European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship at Olympiysky Stadium in Moscow.

Chachina won the gold.—INTERNET

Ronaldo raises funds for tsunami-hit Aceh

JAKARTA, 13 June— Portuguese soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo, 20, and a drink firm PT Bintang Toedjoe jointly raised one billion rupiahs (about 0.1 million US dollars) for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of tsunami-hit Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Province, state-owned Antara news agency reported Monday.

"From proceeds of the sale of tickets to Aceh to meet an invitation for dinner and the sale of Ronaldo's memorabilia, we managed to raise 842 million rupiahs (about 85,000 US dollars) and the company rounded off the figure to one billion rupiahs," Joseph D. Angkasa, president director of PT Bintang Toedjoe, said after the fund raising programme for Aceh here on Sunday night.

The committee auctioned a ball, a pair of shoes, two sets of the Manchester United's uniforms and a set of the Portuguese national team belonging to Ronaldo worth 224 million rupiahs (about 23,000 US dollars), in addition to the sale of tickets for travel to Aceh and invitations to a dinner.

Joseph also said that Aceh people who loves soccer had greeted enthusiastically Ronaldo on his visit to the province on Saturday.

Ronaldo visited Aceh a week after tsunami survivor, Martunis, who was found wearing a Portuguese national team uniform in the disaster, visited Portuguese.

"Therefore we ask people to have their dreams of having a sport facility come true," he added.

According to him, all the funds the committee has raised would be donated through the rehabilitation and recon-

struction of Aceh and Nias agency in accordance with the plan to repair sport facilities.

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Manchester United star player, Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal, centre, waves to journalists before meeting with Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 June, 2005.—INTERNET

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Asian countries urged to cooperate in energy diplomacy

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June — Asian countries should cooperate in energy diplomacy to jointly cope with challenges facing the oil and gas industry, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said on Monday.

Badawi made the remarks in the keynote address at the 10th Asia Oil and Gas Conference (AOGC), which was opened here.

For oil importing countries, the purpose of such energy diplomacy would be to lessen reliance on external sources from outside Asia, while net oil exporting countries should deepen commercial ties across the energy sector including development of natural gas, solar and geothermal power, Badawi said.

By 2020, Asia would need up to 33 million barrels of oil per day, or 30 per cent of the total oil consumption, making the race to secure energy in the region more intense and competitive, Badawi said.

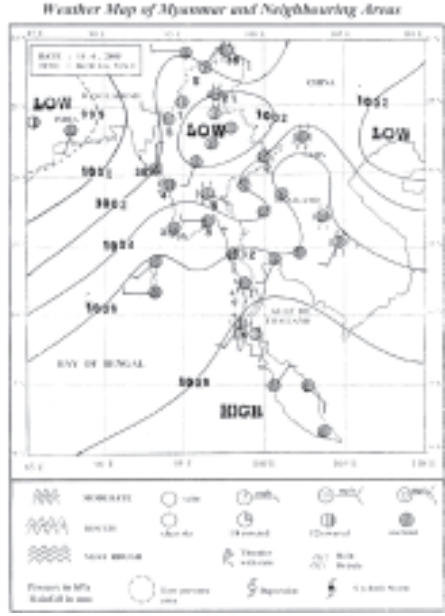
Badawi urged all national oil firms in Asia to conduct more meaningful collaboration, cooperation and alliances, noting

that high oil and gas prices were a common threat to all Asian consumers and securing future energy resources was a common objective for all national oil firms.

The time has come for Asian national oil companies to pursue more joint investments in vertically integrated production sharing ventures across Asia to secure upstream resources and provide secure long-term energy supply, Badawi said.

"It is imperative that we come to the realization that we are all interdependent on each other, and cooperation can only benefit us all," Badawi stressed.

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 14 June, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (1.85) inches, Sittway (1.50) inches, Magway (1.45) inches, Putao (1.42) inches, Dawei (1.30) inches and Hakha (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-6-2005 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 14-6-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 14-6-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 13-6-2005 was (4.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 14-6-2005 were (0.08) inch at Yangon Airport, (0.31) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (15.63) inches at Yangon Airport, (14.33) inches at Kaba-Aye and (11.77) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (13) mph from Southwest at (15:40) hours MST on 13-6-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon in generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-6-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls likely in Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of thundery conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-6-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-6-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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Wednesday, 15 June
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7:25 am	2. To be healthy exercise	4:00 pm	1. Martial song	7:05 pm	13. ၂၀၀၅-ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသမအကြိမ် (၁၃)ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး၊ မြိုင်ပွဲ၊ အရေးပညာဘာသာသင်တန်းပို့ချချက် (အပိုင်း-၁)
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8:20 am	7. မြေချောင်းတံတား	5:15 pm	6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ	8:05 pm	18. International news
8:30 am	8. International news	5:30 pm	7. Classical song	8:10 pm	19. Weather report
		5:45 pm	8. ရွှေယံစုံလင်အာဆီယံအစဉ်	8:15 pm	20. ၂၀၀၅-ခုနှစ်၊ ဒွါသမအကြိမ် (၁၂) ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး၊ မြိုင်ပွဲ (ရာမာယကဇာတ်တော်ကြီးမြိုင်ပွဲ) (ဗုဒ္ဓလေးတိုင်း) (ပထမပိုင်း)
		6:00 pm	9. Discovery	8:20 pm	21. The next day's programme
		6:10 pm	10. Musical programme		
		6:30 pm	11. Evening news		

Radio Myanmar

Wednesday, 15 June
Tune in today:

8.30 am	Brief news
8.35 am	Music: -All I want is you
8.40 am	Perspectives
8.45 am	Music: -Make it through
8.50 am	National news/Slogan
9.00 am	Music: Brother Louie
9.05 am	International news
9.10 am	Music: -I give you to this heart
1.30 pm	News/Slogan
1.40 pm	Lunch time music
	-I can wait forever
	-Forever and ever
	-Together forever
	-I'm gonna miss you forever
9.00 pm	Variations on a tune
	-Singing in the rain
9.15 pm	Article / Music
9.25 pm	Music for your request
	-Especially for you
	-Up where we belong
	-Sometimes love just ain't enough
9.45 pm	News/Slogan
10.00 pm	PEL

Mass campaign on DHF control launched

YANGON, 14 June—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected mass campaign on prevention and control of dengue haemorrhagic fever co-organized by the Health Department under the Ministry of Health and Yangon City Development Committee at Peinhnegon Ward, Insein Township, Yangon North District, this morning.

Head of YCDC Health Department Dr Tin Maung Win, Head of Township Health Department Dr Myint Myint Thein and Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint reported on the number of houses, households and population of the township, outbreak of dengue haemorrhagic fever in the townships and districts in Yangon Division, measures being taken for control and prevention of the disease, and preventive measures against the disease.

The commander, the minister, the mayor, the vice-mayor and officials took part in the reports.

They visited medical staff, YCDC employees, members of Union Solidarity and Development (See page 9)



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect mass campaign on control and prevention of dengue haemorrhagic fever in Insein Township.—YGN COMMAND

55th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar & PRC marked

YANGON, 14 June—In commemoration of the 55th anniversary of estab-

lishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Peo-

ple's republic of China, a 25-member Chinese cul-

ture troupe from Hei Longjiang Province in PRC performed dances at the National Theatre on

Myoma Kyaung Street this evening. Among the audi-

ence were Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, heads of department, officials and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and officials of the embassy.

After the performance, Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and the Chinese ambassador presented a basket of flowers to the Chinese cultural troupe.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and ministers, deputy ministers, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, ambassadors of foreign embassies in Yangon, and guests enjoy performance of Chinese cultural troupe members.—MNA

State/division auditors meet

YANGON, 14 June — Work coordination meeting of state/division auditors was held today at the Auditor-General's Office in Ahlon Township.

At the meeting, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung gave instructions on auditing and urged the officials to carry out their tasks in keeping with time, to inspect and expose whether the departments and enterprises abide by rules and regulations or not.

The state/division auditors reported on auditing tasks carried out in respective states and divisions, findings and actions taken by authorities concerned. They also discussed organizational set-up

and actions taken against the cases according to the resolutions of the previous meeting.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the auditor-general.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy

Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin, Director-General U Myo Myint, Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Lin, Deputy Director-General (Admin) Daw Than Than Aye, directors-general and deputy directors-general.—MNA



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung addresses the work coordination meeting.—MNA

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The citizens should beware of the terrorists to ward off their destructive acts. And if the people find any suspicious-looking strangers, acts and objects, or persons trying to spread rumours, they have to inform the authorities about the matter in time.