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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

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers rice and alms to members of Sangha of monasteries in Kengtung

YANGON, 19 June — A ceremony to donate rice and alms to members of the Sangha from monasteries of Kengtung was held at Sasana Beikman in Kengtung on 16 June morning, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Deputy Minister for Health, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads and guests.

The Secretary-1 and party took the Five Precepts from Kengyin Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemaçara. The Secretary-1 offered rice, edible oil and alms to the Sayadaw.

Next, the commander and the ministers donated rice, edible oil and alms to members of the Sangha. Dhammawdaya Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Arjeya delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Afterwards, Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party proceeded to Domestic and Vocational Training School of Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Kengtung.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers provisions to a Sayadaw.— MNA

The Secretary-1 and party viewed trainees at Advanced and Basic Tailoring Courses and their practical works. Altogether 36 trainees from border areas are attending the basic course and 10 the advanced course.

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The 3rd of July 2005, on which the Myanmar Women's Day will fall, indicates that the entire women of Myanmar have inherited the vigour of Myanmar women imbued with unyielding spirit.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Domestic and Vocational Training School in Kengtung. —MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Stamp out danger of destructive elements

With the aim of upholding Our Three Main National Causes, of building a strong, capable and modern Tatmadaw, and of ensuring the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the Tatmadaw government hand in hand with the national people is taking systematic steps for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map.

In the past, there was a lack of peace, stability and development in border regions due to armed insurgency. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, armed insurgency has been brought to an end, and peace and stability prevails instead.

With the prevalence of peace and stability, unprecedented progress has now been made in education, health, economic and transport sectors of border regions, thereby enhancing socio-economic life of the local people.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein on 13 June 2005 arrived at 200-bed General Hospital in Kengtung where he met with officials and health staff and gave necessary instructions. He stressed the need for officials concerned to maintain development infrastructures already in place for posterity and ward off outside investigation and interferences through Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit.

The government is making all-out efforts for the emergence of a modern and developed nation, while striving for the realization of a democratic system with fully institutionalized discipline.

In this regard, stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order are indispensable. The entire national people have already realized that development work cannot be carried out without the three factors.

Therefore, the Tatmadaw government, after its assumption of the State responsibilities, has given priority to stability of the State and prevalence of law and order. As a result, altogether 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold, and they are now striving together with the government for regional development.

At present, the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, is being held for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic system which is in conformity with culture, traditions and way of life of Myanmar.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to strive together with the government for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation on the basis of Union Spirit, stamping out dangers of internal and external destructive elements.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

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

Self-reliant Khabaung Creek Bridge, Swa Creek Bridge put into service

YANGON, 19 June — Member of the Panel of Patrons of USDA (Central) Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and CEC member Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the ceremony to open self-reliant Khabaung Creek Bridge linking Toungoo and Oktwin townships on yesterday morning.

The commander and the minister formally opened the bridge. Afterwards, they gave speeches. It is a wooden bridge measuring 400 feet by eight feet.

It was built at a cost of K 12 million by local people and Toungoo District and Township USDas.



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and USDA CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min open self-reliant Khabaung Creek Bridge.— RAILWAYS

Accompanied by Toungoo District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Ye Myint and Bago Division USDA Secretary U Saw Maw Tun, the commander and the minister attended the ceremony to put Swa Creek Bridge into service in Yedashe.

The CEC member and the Chairman of Township PDC formally opened the wooden bridge which is 638 feet long and eight feet wide. It was built at a cost of K 9 million.

At Yedashe Township USDA Office, the CEC

member delivered an address at the closing ceremony of training courses and presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

In Oktwin, the USDA CEC member attended the ceremony to conclude training courses of the township USDA.—MNA

Minister for Cooperatives meets service personnel of Mon State Cooperative Dept in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 19 June — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min and officials met service personnel at the office of the head of Mon State Cooperative Department in Mawlamyine on 17 June.

The head of Mon State Cooperative Department and officials reported on condition of cooperative activities in Mon State and townships.

The minister urged the heads of cooperative department to boost production in agriculture, livestock breeding and industries and to make efforts to export the products.

The minister and party went to Mon State Cooperative Training School where Principal Daw Myint

Myint Than reported on the courses of the school, in-service courses and other courses, application, upgrading academic matters and conducting courses beneficial to economic enterprises.

The minister visited San Min Industrial Cooperative Society in Mawlamyine Industrial Zone. Chairman U Nyunt Wai reported on products.

The minister gave instructions on changing of packaging system and boosting production.—MNA

Water pipeline in Thingangyun inaugurated

YANGON, 19 June — A water pipeline from Ngamoeyeik Reservoir to Thingangyun Township, was inaugurated this morning at the junction of Bayintnaung Road and Tabinshwehti Road in Kyibwayay Ward in the township.

Thingangyun Township Union Solidarity and Development Association carried out the task to lay the pipeline.

Central Executive Committee Member of USDA Yangon Division In-charge Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn unveiled the stone plaque to mark the inauguration ceremony. After the ceremony, an organizer of USDA presented 2,034 membership applications of Kyibwayay Ward to Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn at No 21 Basic Education Primary School. Next, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn presented certificates of honour to the committee to supply water to the ward.

Thingangyun Township USDA has spent K 66.4 million on water supply task in cooperation with local people to supply water to 1,800 houses in the ward. — MNA

Stake-driving ceremony of Çulamani Hsandawshin Pagoda to be held

YANGON, 19 June — A stake-driving ceremony of Mawdawngce (a) Çulamani Hsandawshin (a) Shwe Aung Yway Pagoda for its renovation will be held at the pagoda at Nandawya Ward, Bago at 9 am on Full Moon Day of Nayon, 1367 ME.— H



Joint-Secretary of Myanmar Wushu Federation U Tint Naing presents prize to a winner in the 2005 Olympic Day Wushu Movement at the training hall of MWF on Sunday.— NLM



People splash water to each other to wish good luck at the 3rd Water-Splashing Festival in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province on 18 June, 2005. Water-Splashing Festival is a folk custom of China's Dai nationality. —INTERNET



PLA launches medical logistic support exercise

BEIJING, 18 June — China on Thursday successfully conducted a joint medical and logistic support exercise between its Army and Airforce, the first of its kind in the history of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

The subjects involved in the exercise includes medical aid in battles against nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, on-the-spot treatment, field hygiene and epidemic prevention, transporting the injured to the rear by air and searching for and saving pilots.

Armymen from 10 departments of the PLA including medicine, epidemic

prevention and control and air unit personnel participated in the exercise, jointly organized by the Logistics Department of the Air Force and the No 4 Medical College of the PLA.

The exercise was the biggest of its kind in the history of the Chinese Air Force in terms of scale and number of participants.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia, Indonesia to hold technical meeting on foreign workers

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 June — A joint Malaysia-Indonesia technical committee will soon discuss the possibility of allowing 40,000 Indonesians to work in Malaysia with tourist visas, the *Bernama* news agency reported on Thursday.

Malaysia was waiting for the confirmation on the date of the meeting from the Indonesia's Manpower and Transmigration Ministry, Home Ministry's Secretary-General Aseh Che Mat, who would attend the meeting, was quoted as saying in Putrajaya.

Indonesia might give a date for the meeting in one or two weeks, Mat added.

Foreign workers who had left Malaysia under the amnesty programme could return to work in this country with tourist or social visas, as long as they

had their fingerprints recorded in Malaysian Immigration Department and had found employers in this country, Minister of Interior Azmi Khalid reportedly said on 25 May.

Malaysia is now facing a shortage of labourers as a result of the amnesty programme launched last year. A total of 400,000 foreign immigrant workers, most of them from Indonesia, returned to their own countries of origin during the programme and in the following operation. — MNA/Xinhua

SCO to promote exchanges with non-member countries

BEIJING, 18 June — The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is willing to make exchanges with non-member countries and other international organizations, said Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Liu Jianchao here on Thursday.

Liu told a regular Press conference that such exchanges will be beneficial to increasing mutual understanding and promoting cooperation.

The issue concerning anti-terrorism will be a major topic during the upcoming SCO summit in early July in Astana, capital of Kazakhstan. Liu said this issue, as a major task of the SCO, is discussed frequently by the organization at various levels, including state leaders, foreign ministers and senior officials of the SCO. — MNA/Xinhua

Poll finds Bush's approval rating low

WASHINGTON, 18 June — US President George W Bush got one of the lowest approval ratings of his presidency, with the public becoming increasingly pessimistic about Iraq and skeptical about his plan to revamp Social Security, a new poll published on Friday showed.

In the *New York Times*/CBS News poll, 42 per cent of the people surveyed said they approved of the way Bush was handling his job, a marked decline from his 51-per cent support rating after the November election.

On Iraq, only 37 per cent approved of the way he was handling the is-

sue, and on foreign policy and economy, Bush received support from only 39 per cent of those responding to the poll.

Despite Bush's aggressive efforts this year to win support for his plan to overhaul Social Security that would allow younger workers to put part of their payroll taxes

into private investment accounts, two-thirds said they were not confident about Bush's ability to make sound decisions on the Social Security issue, and only 25 per cent said they approved of the way Bush was handling Social Security, down slightly from March.

Forty-five per cent said the more they heard about the Bush plan, the less they liked it, according to the poll, which was conducted from 10 to 15 June with 1,111 adults responding, and has a margin of error of about three percentage points.

On the war on terrorism, Bush continued to have majority support — 52 per cent — one of his strengths throughout his 2004 reelection campaign.

Sixteen months before the mid-term reelections, the Congress fared even worse in the survey, with the approval of just 33 per cent of respondents, and only 19 per cent say-

ing the Congress shared their priorities.

The poll was one of a series of recent surveys that registered difficulties for Bush. A Gallup poll found Bush with a 47-per cent approval rating, and a *Washington Post*-ABC News poll showed his approval rating at 48 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq injured Bulgarian soldier to return home

SOFIA, 18 June—The health condition of Corporal Marin Milev who was hospitalized in Germany after being injured in an Iraqi road accident is gradually improving.

The soldier will be transported to Bulgaria on Wednesday, the chief of Military Medical Academy Stoyan Tonev has announced.

Milev's family left for Germany's Landstuhl on Friday after coalition allies offered them assistance to go and visit the injured soldier. Corporal Milev is lying in coma since the accident occurred on 14 June on a local road in Iraq.

Two Bulgarian soldiers died when their vehicle, which slipped off the road and drowned, one managed to escape without serious injuries.—Internet

Living standard improves for Singaporeans

SINGAPORE, 18 June — The standard of living for general Singaporeans has improved during the period from 1998 to 2003, according to the findings of the latest Household Expenditure Survey (HES) released on Friday.

The survey showed that the average monthly household expenditure grew by 0.9 per cent per annum to 3,240 Singapore dollars (about 1,939 US dollars) during the period, while household income expanded by 1.1 per cent per annum to 4,870 Singapore dollars (about 2,914 US dollars).

Housing, transport and communication, and food, jointly accounting for about two-thirds of the total household expenditure in 2003, were the top three household expenditure groups. Among them, the household expenditure on housing and information communication services was higher in 2003 than in 1998, while that on transport, food, clothing and footwear fell in the same period. — MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier stands guard on the street in front of burning debris left after a suicide car bomb attack in Baghdad, on 18 June, 2005. —INTERNET

Koizumi says Japan cannot back US proposal for UN reform

TOKYO, 18 June — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said on Friday that Japan cannot support a US proposal for UN Security Council reform as it clearly conflicts with a plan Japan, Brazil, Germany and India jointly compiled.

"Japan cannot go along with this plan," Koizumi told reporters. "We must think of cooperation in the Group of Four as important and stay united," he said.

Koizumi said the fact that the United States, Japan's closest ally, made such a proposal has put Japan in a "difficult" situation. But Koizumi said he would do his "utmost" to persuade the United States to at least understand Japan's position.

The United States backed only "two or so" countries, including Japan, to take new permanent UN Security Council seats without veto power and two or three more non-permanent members in the proposal it revealed on Thursday.

"This seems good to Japan but it's not to the other G-4 members,"

Koizumi said, adding it would not be a good idea for Japan just to think of its own interests.

The G-4 is preparing to submit to the UN General Assembly a draft resolution calling for expansion of the Security Council with six new permanent members, including the G-4 countries, and four new non-permanent members.

Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura said at a separate Press conference that the G-4 nations plan to get together later this month to compare notes and try to decide how to deal with the US proposal.

"We don't see the issue as a simple matter of choosing one out of two," Machimura said.

Machimura indicated it will be difficult for the US proposal to clear the

requirement for implementation of support by two-thirds of the 191 UN member states.

"But we should take it as a constructive proposal," Machimura said.

The United States and the G-4 may be able to come up with something which both sides can accept through the process of deepening discussions, he said.

Machimura indicated the US proposal puts Japan into a dilemma of choosing between the United States and its G-4 partners.

Machimura said he told US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that it is difficult to immediately break the G-4's framework, as the four countries are lobbying other UN member states to back their reform plan.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese visitors to a property fairs compete to answer questions at a booth promoting the real estate web site of China's biggest Internet company, Sina Corps at a property fair in Beijing, China, on 19 June, 2005. —INTERNET

Meteorologists mobilized to cope with severe flood, droughts in China

BEIJING, 18 June — The provincial meteorologist heads across China convened Friday to discuss measures to cope with increasing flood and droughts across the country.

Qin Dahe, head of China Meteorological Administration, said that the two rain belts will slash both the rainy south and the relatively arid north. The flood season will likely result in both severe droughts and flooding, both which will result in a bad harvest.

Meteorologists observatories across the country should work to provide timely and accurate weather information for the public, especially near reservoirs, big rivers and lakes, Qin said.

China has received more than average rainfall beginning in May. The southern China began its flood season earlier than the previous years. Some parts of the country, including middle Hunan, middle Jiangxi and northern Guizhou, received about 90 to 150 per cent more rain than in the previous years, Qin said.

About 300 counties across 20 provinces have been hit by rainstorms, hail and lightning since May. Meanwhile, frost and snowstorms plagued northwestern China. Though most parts in the southern China are soaked in rain, Yunnan and Hainan provinces have been experienced droughts. China's flood season usually lasts from June to August.

The latest severe climate-related disaster claimed 106 lives and left three missing in Shalan Township in Ning'an, a city in northeastern China's Heilongjiang Province, according to Friday's statistics.

MNA/Xinhua

China Red Cross Society allocates relief goods to flood-hit areas

BEIJING, 18 June — China Red Cross Society had allocated relief goods worth eight million yuan (976,000 US dollars) to flood-hit areas by Friday.

The Red Cross societies of Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions donated 200,000 yuan (24,400 US dollars) and 100,000 yuan (12,200 US dollars) respectively to the flood-affected areas. Local Red Cross branches have also dispatched about 125 medical teams.

Twenty-two provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions have been affected by natural disasters since May, which include landslides, mudflows, torrential rain and hail.

MNA/Xinhua

India tests surface-to-air missile

NEW DELHI, 18 June — India successfully tested a surface-to-air missile from a test range in Orissa Pradesh of west India Friday, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported. The upgraded version of Akash (Sky) missile, developed by India, was

fired from a mobile launcher at Chandipur, 230 kilometres from the Pradesh capital Bhubaneswar, at 2.30 pm Friday, the official source said.

The missile was successfully tested on November 30 last year while

carrying a live warhead. It has a launch weight of 700 kilos and can carry a warhead of 60 kilos, used in conjunction with the *Rajendra* surveillance radar.

The missile, crucial to India's air defence programme, will be used to counter ballistic missiles and enemy aircraft, the official source said. The missile, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), had undergone several trials.

MNA/Xinhua



Rescue workers battle the flames after a suicide car bomb exploded next to a truck carrying flammable material in Baghdad on 17 June, 2005.

INTERNET

Downing Street memos show Blair's government worried about postwar Iraq

LONDON, 18 June — When Prime Minister Tony Blair's chief foreign policy adviser dined with Condoleezza Rice six months after 11 Sept, the then-US national security adviser didn't want to discuss Osama bin Laden or al-Qaeda. She wanted to talk about "regime change" in Iraq, setting the stage for the US-led invasion more than a year later.

President Bush wanted Blair's support, but British officials worried the White House was rushing to war, according to a series of leaked secret Downing Street memos that have renewed questions and debate about Washington's motives for ousting Saddam Hussein.

In one of the memos, British Foreign Office

political director Peter Ricketts openly asks whether the Bush administration had a clear and compelling military reason for war.

"US scrambling to establish a link between Iraq and al-Qaeda is so far frankly unconvincing," Ricketts says in the memo. "For Iraq, 'regime change' does not stack up. It sounds like a grudge between Bush and Saddam."

The documents confirm Blair was genuinely concerned about Saddam's alleged weapons of mass destruction, but also indicate he was determined to go to war as America's top ally, even though his government thought a pre-emptive attack may be illegal under international law.

Internet

Malaysia to provide jobs for 80,000 Sri Lankans

COLOMBO, 18 June — Sri Lankans will get over 80,000 jobs in Malaysia by 2006 with prospects of huge job opportunities in the coming years, *Daily News* on Friday quoted a government official as reporting.

Labour Relations and Foreign Employment Minister Athauda Seneviratne said at a Press conference on Thursday that job opportunities are available in the fields of construction, manufacturing, services, hotel industry, plantations and IT in Malaysia.

This was a sequel to the discussions the minister had with the Malaysian Human Resources Minister during the recent convention of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Governing Body attended by all member nations in Geneva. "Sri Lanka became a member of the ILO Governing Body for

the first time with an overwhelming support of 198 votes," he said. He said that the job agency of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment will also join the recruitment process, and the first batch of selected candidates will be sent to Malaysia during the first week of next month.

The Malaysian Government is now facing a shortage of labourers as a result of the amnesty programme launched last year. A total of 400,000 foreign immigrant workers returned to their own countries of origin during the programme and in the following operation.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan domestic plane makes emergency landing

TOKYO, 18 June — An All Nippon Airways passenger plane made an emergency landing at west Japan's Osaka Airport on Friday morning after the cockpit was filled with smoke while in flight, *Kyodo News* reported, saying no one was injured.

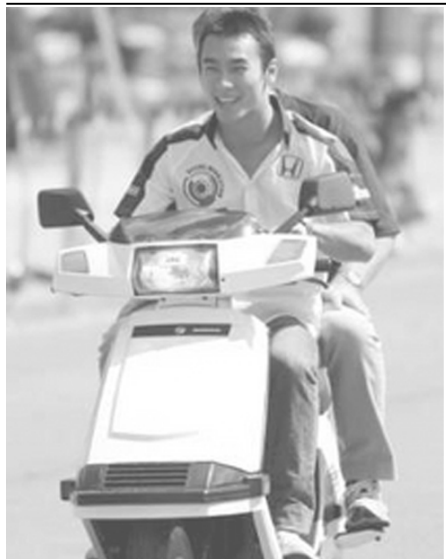
According to *Kyodo*, the plane, a twin-propeller *Bombardier*, which was bound for Kochi Prefecture with 60 passengers and four crew members, returned to the airport at 11:09 am (0209 GMT), but there was no fire onboard.

The pilot told the airport's air controller at around 11 am that the plane, ANA Flight 1609, was returning to the airport

because the smoke from somewhere in the plane has entered the cockpit through a duct.

The runway was closed for about 30 minutes while the plane stayed on the runway and all of the passengers and crew members were evacuated.

Chemical fire engines were mobilized to the scene and investigators are checking the plane on the runway. — MNA/Xinhua



BAR Formula One driver Takuma Sato of Japan rides a scooter as he surveys the race track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on 16 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Air France opens another daily

Beijing-Paris flight

BEIJING, 18 June — Air France began on Tuesday another daily flight between Beijing and Paris to cope with the increasing demand, local newspaper *Beijing Daily* said on Friday.

The flight No. AF125, a *Boeing B777*, takes off from Beijing International Airport at 13:15 p.m (Beijing Time) every day and lands at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 15:40 pm local time, the report said, quoting sources from the airlines' representative office in Beijing.

With the rapid growth of cultural and economic exchanges between China and France, a daily flight from Beijing to Paris cannot meet the growing demand. This additional flight brings the airlines' total number of flights to China to 42 a week.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian actress Twinkle Khanna displays a watch from the latest collection of a Swiss watch manufacturer as she stands beside her poster during a launch ceremony in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata on 17 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Musharraf visits New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 18 June — Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf is now in New Zealand for a three-day official visit.

Musharraf, who had just visited Australia, was welcomed at Auckland Airport on Thursday night by Prime Minister Helen Clark.

This is the first bilateral visit by a President of Pakistan.

"Under President Musharraf, Pakistan has played an important role

in global counter-terrorism," said Clark when announcing the visit.

Clark said, "The President's support for improved relations with India has helped to ease tensions between these two neighbours over the past year." New Zealand "strongly supports this peace process".

The Pakistani President's visit aims to boost links between Pakistan and New Zealand. Clark is scheduled to hold talks with Musharraf on Friday afternoon, after a formal welcome and luncheon at the Government House in Auckland.

MNA/Xinhua

China to further support charities by tax exemption policies

BEIJING, 18 June — China will take measures to ensure the full implementation of tax exemption policies for donors in a bid to vitalize the country's charities, said Li Xueju, Minister of Civil Affairs, on Friday.

Li revealed at a seminar that the opinions for fully carrying out preferential tax policies for donation, drawn up jointly by his ministry, the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation, will be released at the China Charity Conference to be held in this November. China's current taxation law stipulates that domestic enterprises and individuals can have their charitable giving exempted from income tax if the donations are, respectively, within 3 per cent and 30 per cent of their incomes.

But they are required to pay income tax for donations exceeding the stipulated proportions, said Han Yujiao, an official with the disaster relief department under the Ministry of Civil Affairs. Han told *Xinhua* that even the current preferential policies have not been fully implemented, and most individuals still pay full taxes although some of their income has been donated to disaster-hit areas, poor families or other charitable purposes.

The ratios of 3 per cent and 30 per cent set for donors to enjoy tax exemption are too low, which has frustrated donors, Li said. Proportions may reach above 50 per cent in some developed countries.

A latest survey by the China Youth Development Foundation shows that only 100,000 of China's 10 million registered companies have donated to charities, which means that 99 per cent of domestic companies have never made any donation.

Meanwhile, the per-capita donation in China averaged 1 US dollar in 1998, and the sum shrank to no more than one RMB (0.12 US dollars) in 2000. In sharp contrast, 70 per cent of the families in the United States have donated to charities and each household donates an average of 900 US dollars annually, which accounts for 2.2 per cent of its total income.

China's current taxation law also specifies that donations can be fully exempted from income tax only when they are made to one of 12 charitable groups and organizations that work in the interest of public welfare as defined by the state, such as Red Cross Society and China Charity Federation. "The scope should be further expanded," Li said, but gave no details on whether the opinions to be released in the November conference will make breaks in tax exemption in terms of the donation proportions and scope of charities. — MNA/Xinhua

Survey finds about 70% Chinese want to get slimmer

BEIJING, 18 June — Obesity has taken the place of famine as one of the Chinese top concerns, according to a survey conducted from 9 to 13 May by *China Youth Daily*. It said that about 70 per cent of people want to be thinner.

The survey collected 3,858 responses in China's 33 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, including Hong Kong and Macao, and had 54.8 per cent women participants and 72.4 per cent youth aged from 20 to 30.

Figures from the Health Ministry show that 200 million Chinese are overweight, more than 160 million Chinese have high

blood pressure and 20 million suffer from diabetes.

The proportion of overweight adults in China has jumped by one-third, to 23 per cent, since 1992.

About 51 per cent of people said they lost weight for their health, though others said they cared more about their appearance.

"I tailor my body for those beautiful clothes in

shop windows, which should be tailored for me," said Xiao Wei, a college student in central China's Hubei Province, noting that slimness dominates today's fashions.

Some 45.6 per cent of people said they feel diffident because of their weight, especially women and young people.

The Chinese are getting more obsessed than

ever with losing weight. The losing weight BBS in one of China's portal webs, sohu.com.cn, has enjoyed great popularity in past five years. A story titled "How I lost 20 kilos in half a year" has been clicked-on more than 170,000 times, and 12,000 people have left comments about it. About 6.7 per cent of people in the survey said they diet for their jobs.—MNA/Xinhua

Thai Royal Family hold celebration for newborn Prince

BANGKOK, 19 June—A Royal ceremony has been organized by the Royal Thai Family to celebrate the Month and Getting into the Cradle for the newborn Prince.

Their Majesties the King and Queen presided over the auspicious ceremony at the Ananta Samakhom Throne Hall here Friday afternoon, the *Thai News Agency* reported Saturday.

During the ceremony, marking a welcoming for the newborn Prince's good spirit, His Majesty the King poured sacred water on the newborn Prince,

cutting his hair with a pair of scissors and anointing him.

Ten Buddhist monks, headed by Somdej Phra Phuttajarn from the Saket Temple, offered a prayer.

The new Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Tipangkorn Rasmichoti, was born to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn and His Royal Consort, Mom

Srirasmi Mahidol na Ayudhya, on April 29 amid public jubilation across the country. His Majesty the King earlier this week granted a new Royal title to Mom Srirasmi Mahidol na Ayudhya to be "Her Royal Highness Princess Srirasmi, the Royal Consort of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn".

MNA/Xinhua



Two models display Samsung's SCH-770 mobile phone with a seven-megapixel camera at the CommunicAsia 2005 telecom fair in Singapore recently. —INTERNET

World's first museum on Mongolian history, culture opens

HOHHOT, 19 June—A museum on the history and culture of Mongolian nationality was opened to the public on Saturday in the tourism zone based on the Mausoleum of Genghis Khan in Erdos City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

It is first professional museum dedicated to the history and culture of Mongolian nationality in the world, according to Yang Yong, the curator of the museum.

Apart from displays, the museum, with a

floor space of 5,800 squaremetres for exhibitions, will also serve as a centre for reference, study and academic research, said Yang.

Genghis Khan (1162-1227), whose title means the "universal ruler",

unified various Mongol tribes and established the great Mongol Empire in the 13th Century. His grandson Kublai Khan established the imperial Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368) in ancient China.

MNA/Xinhua

IAEA to set up special committee on verification

VIENNA, 18 June—The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Friday approved a US proposal to create a special committee to handle verification and safeguards problems.

Director-General of the UN nuclear agency Mohamed ElBaradei told reporters that the creation of the committee on safeguards and verification will strengthen the IAEA's ability to monitor and enforce compliance with the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and related agreements.

The committee will help the agency to deal with

such new challenges to the non-proliferation regime as the smuggling of nuclear materials, nuclear terrorism and member states' clandestine nuclear programmes, ElBaradei said at the end of a five-day meeting of the IAEA's board of governors.

"A new committee would usefully explore how the safeguards system could be further

strengthened," ElBaradei said.

The board decided to set up the committee as its subordinate group, which will work as a consultative body of the board, assist the agency in carrying out its function of safeguarding and monitoring and present recommendations to the board, according to sources.

MNA/Xinhua

China's top legislature to examine four draft laws

BEIJING, 18 June — China's top legislature, the Standing Committee of the 10th National People's Congress (NPC), will review four draft laws during a six-day session, which will begin 26 June.

According to the agenda proposed on Friday by the chairman and vice-chairpersons of the 10th NPC Standing Committee, during the upcoming session, lawmakers will continue to deliberate on draft laws on property right, notarial services and the protection of women's rights, and draft regulations on penalties for offences against public order.

Also during the session, the State Council will deliver the 2004 end-of-year financial report and the report on the 2004 central budget performance and other financial income and expenditure.

The State Council will submit to the upcoming session for deliberation and approval the treaty on judicial assistance between China and Brazil, the treaty on judicial assistance between China and Latvia, as well as the extradition treaty between China and Philippines.

The enforcement report of law on water pollution prevention, made by a law enforcement inspection group under the NPC Standing Committee, and the report on food and medicine safety supervision, made by the State Council, will also be tabled for discussion.

MNA/Xinhua

China, Russia relations reach unprecedented height

BEIJING, 18 June—The relationship between China and Russia has reached unprecedented heights over the past decade, Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Friday.

In a meeting with visiting State Duma Chairman Boris Gryzlov, Hu said China and Russia had established a strategic and cooperative partnership and realized the mechanism of high-level contact. The two countries have maintained close contact and cooperation in international and regional affairs.

Hu said China and Russia shoulder the common task of safeguarding peace and stability and speeding up economic development, and have more room for reciprocal cooperation.

"China values relations

with Russia, and would like to upgrade the strategic and cooperative relations to a new height," Hu said.

He expressed the hope that the Chinese National People's Congress and Russian State Duma would promote good relations between the two countries.

Gryzlov said Russia is satisfied with the development of relations with China, and that the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and State Duma would like to strengthen cooperation with the NPC to promote the cooperation in economy, trade, energy resources and other fields.—MNA/Xinhua

China's Heilongjiang, Lapland of Finland become friendly provinces

HARBIN, 18 June —Heilongjiang in northeast China and Lapland of Finland became friendly provinces as of Friday with the signing here of a letter of intent about establishing friendly relations between the two places.

After the signing ceremony, Zhang Zuoji, governor of Heilongjiang Province, met Ms. Pokka Hannele, governor of Lapland, the hometown of Santa Clause, in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang Province. Hannele, who is also chairperson of the Northern Forum, an international organization with the mission of promoting cooperation in northern regions, is here in Harbin to attend the ongoing 16th China Harbin Fair for Trade and Economic Cooperation and the Seventh Northern Forum General Assembly.

Zhang said Heilon-

gjiang and Lapland were similar in terms of geographic position, natural conditions and resource distribution. Tourism based on ice and snow constituted a large part in the economy of the two places.

"I hope via forging friendly ties we can share successful experience in aspects such as the forest industry in cold areas, construction, paper-making, construction of infrastructure for tourism, and expanding cooperation in the ice-and-snow tourism sector," said the Chinese provincial official.—MNA/Xinhua



Chinese customers use China Construction Bank ATM's outside a branch of the bank in Beijing on 17 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Indonesia releases 16 Thai fishermen

BANGKOK, 19 June — Sixteen Thai fishermen detained in Indonesia for illegally fishing in Indonesia's territorial waters have been released, and arrived in Bangkok early on Saturday morning.

The 16 fishermen, most of them from Thailand's northeastern region, arrived at Don Muang International Airport in Bangkok early on Saturday morning, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

One of the freed fishermen, Karun Khetboonprom, told *TNA* that he had been detained in Indonesia for nine

months and was glad to be home and reunited with his family members.

There are still many Thai fishermen detained in Indonesia, charged with illegal fishing.

Fines are normally slapped on trawlers' owners and mechanics, but the fishermen are usually detained for a period of time before being released. — *MNA/Xinhua*

HK Customs seize illegal garments

HONG KONG, 19 June— Customs officers have seized 242,000 garments, worth 5.4 million Hong Kong dollars (692,300 US dollars), in a crackdown on illegal textiles transshipments, according to official sources on Saturday.

The blitz, from 23 May until 7 am 18 June at the land boundary control points, was part of Hong Kong Customs' stepped up enforcement since 1 January.

It aimed to ensure that any textile goods claiming to have originated in Hong Kong must have been produced in the territory in conformity with Hong Kong's rules of origin.

During the operation, officers stopped 1,075 vehicles and examined their cargo upon their departure for the Mainland or arrival in Hong Kong.

As a result, they found and seized from 13 vehicles a total of 242,000 textile and clothing products worth 5.4 million HK dollars.

Those products were being smuggled into and out of Hong Kong in contravention of the Import and Export Ordinance or as part of some fraudulent schemes to abuse the Outward Processing Arrangement for illegal transshipment of textile and clothing products.

MNA/Xinhua

Eight fled detainees seized in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 19 June— Eight of the 22 escaped detainees were seized by Shanghai police at 10 am on Saturday, and other 14 are still at large, said Shanghai police on Saturday.

The breakout happened at around 9:10 pm on Thursday in a detention house under the Minhang Public Security Bureau when some detainees staged a fake brawl to attract the guards. The detainees subsequently injured and snatched the cell keys from the two policemen coming to settle the dispute.

Most of the detainees were young men who stole bicycles.

Shanghai Public Security Bureau sent out an urgent circular to all passes as expressways, ferries, railway stations, and airports to prevent the escaped to places outside Shanghai.

Local police also strengthened check-up of the vehicles and passengers.

Just one hour after the accident happened, all cab drivers received a notice from the police asking them to report when discovering the escaped detainees. The notice asked drivers to dial the "110", an emergency number for police report, once they find any suspicious shoeless person or person wearing yellow slippers.

According to China's Criminal Law, detainees who escaped from lock-ups, will be given five-year-below imprisonment or taken into custody.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian helicopter crashes, no casualty

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 June — A Malaysian Helicopter Services (MHS) plane on Saturday crashed at sea about 170 kilometres off Bintulu in the eastern state of Sarawak, but all 13 people onboard were safe.

The crash took place at sea near the Shell Malaysia B11 oil rig at 12:05 pm local time (0405 GMT), Shell Malaysia was quoted as saying by the national news agency *Bernama*.

All the 11 passengers — eight Malaysians, two New Zealanders and a Briton — and two Malaysian pilots were evacuated by another helicopter, Shell Malaysia said. The helicopter, one of three contracted from MHS for Shell Ma-

laysia's operated upstream activities, was en route to the B11 platform from the Miri helicopter base in east Malaysia when the crash occurred.

None of the people onboard was seriously hurt and all their family members had been informed of the accident.

The plane on a routine flight encountered flight difficulties near the platform and crashed into the water, the oil company said.

MNA/Xinhua

Anti-US protesters demand closure of Incirlik Airbase in Turkey

ANKARA, 19 June— A large group of protesters demonstrated on Saturday outside the Incirlik Airbase in southeastern Turkey, demanding the closure of the airbase, semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Spokesman for the protestors Mehmet Ates said that the US military is currently using the airbase to carry out a massacre in the Middle East.

"The Incirlik Airbase is being used by the US military for its plans concerning the Middle East. Some 88 per cent of the Turkish people are against extending the US right to use it as a logistical hub for operations in Iraq.

All foreign bases including Incirlik must be closed down," he said.

The protesters came to the village by buses under tight security of the Turkish gendarmerie forces. Members of Labour Party, Democratic People's Party, Human Rights Association, Health Workers Union and Socialist Platform of the Oppressed participated in the massive demonstration.

In April, Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer approved a government decree extending for a year the right of the US military to use the airbase as a logistical cargo hub for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

US and British warplanes used the Incirlik airbase to patrol the no-fly zone over northern Iraq since the end of the first Gulf War in 1991 to oust Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

The traditionally close ties between the two NATO allies became strained when Turkish Parliament refused to allow US troops to launch invasion of Iraq from Turkish territory in 2003.

Ankara also dissatisfied with US reluctance to take military action against the rebel Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) based in the north of Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

Police kill 17 militants in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 19 June— Turkish security forces killed 17 members of an outlawed leftist group in Tunceli province of eastern Turkey, an official statement said on Saturday.

Clashes erupted between the security forces and militants in the rural area in Ovacik town of Tunceli, said the statement released by Tunceli governor's office, which added that the operation against the group was still underway in the region.

MNA/Xinhua



Acehnese women ride a motorcycle as rainbow fills the sky after a rain in the village of Lampaseh Aceh in the provincial capital of Banda Aceh, Indonesia, on 18 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Exhibition of contemporary Chinese art opens in Montpellier

MONTPELLIER (France), 19 June — An exhibition of contemporary Chinese art opened here on Friday.

The show, a biennial event organized by a team of Franco-Chinese experts led by Jose Freches, is the first of its kind held outside of China and dedicated exclusively to the works of contemporary Chinese artists.

The works on display would lead visitors into the surrealist world of contemporary Chinese art against the backdrop of openness and economic development China has undergone over the years.

"I am fascinated by their enthusiasm. They aren't blasé like we are, in our old countries. Their works exude an incredible sense of freshness. These artists give us a good idea of where China is today," said Freches.

"It will be a success of people, if those who live in Montpellier come to see the exhibition, even if they are not interested in contemporary art," he added.

In parallel, a work of Chinese artist Jin Jangbo — the "friendship well" called "The Third Eye" — was inaugurated in downtown Montpellier which forged sisterhood in 1979 with Chengdu, capital of the Chinese Sichuan Province.

People in the two cities can say hello to each other and see each other when they look into the well installed with a computer linked to Internet.

MNA/Xinhua

Kazakhstan to issue stamp to mark 50th year of Nehru visit

Moscow, 19 June — Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan, member of the former Soviet Union, will release a special postage stamp to mark the 50th anniversary of a visit by India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's to its old capital Almaty.

When the idea of cooperation among the newly independent countries of Asia was beginning to take concrete shape 50 years ago, Nehru, accompanied by daughter Indira Gandhi, and a high-level delegation visited the city.

The Kazakh Institute of Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, together with the Embassy of India in Kazakhstan, is marking this historic event with an International Seminar on the theme of "Jawaharlal Nehru and Asian Cooperation", the Embassy said in a release.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party receive the Five-Precepts from Kengyin Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemaçara. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers rice and alms to ...

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The Training School was opened in July 1992. It had produced 63 Shan, Bamar, Akha, Lahu, Lishaw, Wa, Kachin, Kayin, Rakhine, Chin, PaO, Mon, Lwe and Danu national races at the advanced courses and 1,472 national races at the basic courses.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at Border Areas Youth Development Training School (Kengtung). They visited the altar room, training room, hostel and mess hall. Minister Col Thein Nyunt and the principal conducted them round the school. During the inspection, trainees welcomed the Secretary-1 and party by singing the song.

The Secretary-1, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and the ministers presented cash and snacks to the trainees and cordially conversed with them.

Altogether 172 trainees — 118 boys and 54 girls — from first to tenth standard of Akha, Lahu, Chin, Wa and Shan nationals from border areas are attending the Training School (Kengtung).

Afterwards, they flew back from Kengtung and arrived back here on 16 June evening.

On 15 June morning, USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo who accompanied the Secretary-1 met with secretaries and executives of Shan State (East), Kengtung District and Kengtung Township USDA at Shan State

Hwam Nwe reported on tasks of their respective associations.

USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, CEC members Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister Col Thein Nyunt discussed matters concerning reports of the secretaries. And, they gave instructions on performing tasks

Gen Ohn Myint met with employees at Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department in Kengtung and gave instructions on more production of minerals and survey tasks to be conducted. The minister inspected construction of the new office and attended to the needs.

Similarly, Minister for Information Brig-Gen

Districts, Mongyawn and Tongtah Townships at Kengtung District IPRD Office on 14 June afternoon. Officials of the district and township offices reported their respective sectors. The minister instructed them to implement the aims laid down by the Ministry of Information at full capacity, to unite all employees in discharge of duties, to

enable TV retransmission stations to broadcast its programmes clearly according to schedule, to try to air the programmes of Radio Myanmar and national sectors' programmes in Shan State (East) through FM system and to report back findings to the minister as soon as possible, to recheck installation of lightning conductors at



Maj-Gen Htay Oo meeting with secretaries and executives of state/district/township USDA in Shan State (East). — MNA

(East) USDA Office.

First, Shan State (East) USDA Secretary Dr Sai Hsay Kaw, Kengtung District USDA Secretary U Sai Lon Hsaing and Kengtung Township USDA Secretary U Sai

of the association in accord with its aims and objectives and participation of the members in rural development tasks and public welfare tasks.

On 14 June morning, Minister for Mines Brig-

Kyaw Hsan met with service personnel from Kengtung District and Township IPRD Offices, Kengtung Sub-Printing House, Kengtung Documentary Film Section and staff officers of Kengtung, Mongphyat and Tachilek

make efforts for opening self-reliant libraries in all villages in 2005-06 which is the aim of the ministry, to cooperate with officials to facilitate the libraries and to educate local people for promoting reading practice. He urged offi-

the TV retransmission stations and to take security measures at factories and offices.

Next, the minister inspected the display of wall magazines and the reading room.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects library of Kengtung District Information and Public Relations Department. — MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views newspapers printed in Kengtung sub-printing house. — MNA

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of Township WVO inaugurated the new village-to-village laterite road linking Yintaikpin village-tract, Thepyu village with No 4 Highway.

The Secretary-1 and party then strolled along the new 12 feet wide and 1500 feet long road.

At the opening ceremony of the new building of Thebyu village PBEPS, the chairman of Township PDC, Township Education Officer U Mya Thein and the chairman of Township WVO formally unveiled the new building of the school.

At the meeting hall of the school, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice Mayor Col Maung Pa explained matters related to the donation of the new building.

Later, Yangon Division PDC, MWVO (Headquarters), Hmawby Township all bus lines and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) donated K 450,000 and exercise books and pencils to headmistress Daw Khin Mu to the school funds.

The township education officer expressed thanks



for donation and the ceremony ended.

The new one-storey building with the length of 100 feet and width of 30 feet was built at a cost of 6.4 million kyats from rural development funds.—MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspect Border Areas Youth Development Training School in Kengtung. —MNA



The chairman of Hmawby Township PDC, the Township Education Officer and the chairman of Township WVO cut the ribbon to open the school in the presence of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.— MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers rice and alms...

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On 15 June morning, the minister went to Kengtung Sub-Printing House and inspected printing and publishing of newspapers. He gave instructions on publication of quality newspapers in time, distribution of the newspapers to other townships by car, arrangements to be made for sending at least one copy of newspaper to every village, maintenance of the press, supervision for minimizing loss and wastage and fire prevention tasks.

The minister also visited Kengtung Documentary Film Section and gave instructions on repair of machines for use, systematic storage of documentary and news films, and the functions of the section to be coordinated with local authorities. —MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party stroll along the newly-opened road.—MNA



Headmistress Daw Khin Mu accepts K 200,000 donated by Yangon Division PDC.— MNA



Newly opened post-primary school in Thebyu village in Hmawby Township. MNA



Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein looks on as officials formally open village-to-village laterite road in Hmawby Township. (NEWS ON PAGE 16) — MNA



Bago Division (West) Sangha Nayaka Committee elected

YANGON, 19 June—The election of Bago Division (West) Sangha Nayaka Committee was held at Waypollarama Kyaungtaik in Pyay yesterday

morning, attended by 34 members of the Sangha led by Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Kyaungtaik in Pyay Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Kundalajoti, member of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Joint Commissioner of Bago Division U Pe Thant and departmental officials, heads of division, district and township Religious Affairs departments, social organizations and others.

Soe Myat Min wins 2005 IOC Trophy Sport & Fairplay Award

YANGON, 19 June — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address at the dinner hosted by MOC and the ceremony to present 2005 IOC Trophy 'Sport & Fairplay Award' by International Olympic Committee at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road yesterday evening.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of MOC Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and members, officials of the Ministry of Sports, patrons and presidents of sports federations and guests.

First, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint extended greetings. Next, the minister presented 2005 IOC Trophy 'Sport & Fairplay Award' to selected Myanmar footballer Soe Myat Min.

The master of ceremonies reported on matters related to presentation of the award to Soe Myat Min, saying that the International Olympic Committee offered its member countries to nominate players worthy of the Sport & Fairplay Award for 2005. Selected Myanmar football team Captain Soe Myat Min, who made efforts in his play with sports spirit, was nominated by MOC. He participated in Finance and Revenue Club that secured the first prize in the 2004-05 Premier League Football Tournament, the second prize in the 2003-04 Premier League Knockout Football Tournament, and the first in the 2004-05 Premier League Opening Cup Tournament. Soe Myat Min played as team captain of the club and won the first prize in the IFA Shield Indian Invitational Football Tournament for 2004. Similarly, the selected Myanmar football squad led by Captain Soe Myat Min stood fourth in the 2004 Tiger Cup Football Tournament. The Organizing Committee of the Tiger Cup placed him at second position in selecting the best player of the Tiger Cup.

Furthermore, Soe Myat Min was appointed as Goodwill Ambassador by Asian Football Confederation (AFC) for 2004-05 and he participated in the national level anti-narcotics tasks.

Soe Myat Min has won the Best Sportsman Awards for 2004 presented by Myanmar Sports Writers Federation, and Sports and Health Foundation; the award for best footballer of Myanmar football Squad by the Football Sport Writers Association; and Excellent Performance in Social Field (Third Class) by the Government. Due to the nomination of the MOC, the International Olympic Committee deservedly presented 2005 IOC Trophy Sport and Fairplay Award to Soe Myat Min.

Later, those present were served with dinner.

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First, Bhaddanta Kundalajoti delivered Ovadakatha and the chairman Sayadaw of division Sangha Nayaka Committee was chosen.

Next, Presiding Sayadaw of Waypollarama Kyaungtaik Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Vepolla elected the secretary Sayadaw and five member Sayadaws in accord with procedures.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Bhaddanta Kundalajoti.—MNA

Pride of Myanmar Woman

- * Hand that tends nursery, rocks the cradle
With constant love, and attention
Faithful, as ever constant
This is Myanmar Woman's pride.
- * Strove for Myanmar's independence
Entered history pages, chronicled in blood
With bravery, unmatched
This is courageous Myanmar Woman's pride.
- * Third of July, foundation was marked
That day, for Myanmar
Rose in high spirits, will strive on
On same scale as Man, in what she's capable
Will carry her share
Shall win victory continuously.

Naung Sit Thi (Trs)
Hailing Myanmar Women's Day - July 3

USDA provides K 13 million for six BEHSs in Kayan

YANGON, 19 June — Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein yesterday said that six basic education high schools in Kayan Township will be provided with more teaching aids for multi-media rooms donated by USDA.

At the meeting with townsenders and members

of the school board of trustees in Kayan, the minister discussed with officials concerned installation of teaching aids at schools. USDA provided K 13 million for six high schools in the Kayan Township.

The minister on 17 June also met with fishery entrepreneurs at the Fisheries Department in Ahlon Township and discussed matters on improvement of fishery. — MNA

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HAILING THE MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY (3RD JULY, 2005)

Vigour of Myanmar women armed with unyielding spirit

Hnin Wut Yi Oo (Mon State)

I would like to present the important role of Myanmar women in the anti-colonialists struggles as far as I know.

In fact, the nationalistic vigour of Myanmar women has been bright with glorious images, and it helps shape a better future of the nation.

After the fall of Commander Maha Bandoola in the first aggressive war (1824) waged by the colonialists, the invaders marched through land route and river route to occupy the regions in central Myanmar. The Myanmar national people, determined not to give up even an inch of the motherland, defended the nation against the colonialist troops. The Myanmar troops led by Shan Sawbwas including Myanmar General Maha Nay Myo and Maukmai Sawbwa strongly repulsed the colonialists at Wethtikan, 16 miles from Pyay.

Among the members of Shan national troops were three Shan women in the battle. It was a significance of Myanmar national race women. Major Snodgrass put on record the nationalistic fervour of three female Shan nationals who were engaged in Wethtikan Battle, in which many British troops including Colonel McDuwall fell. It said the commanders of Myanmar troops included not only Sawbwas, princes and dukes but also young women Shan nationals. The three heroines with armour and equipment were giving encouragement to the compatriot troops. Meanwhile, one of the three was wounded in the chest and fell to the ground. Myanmar troops carried her to a hut in the rear of the battlefield. However, she succumbed to the injury later. Another female Shan national while encouraging her comrades fell off the horse just as she was shot in the head.

Similarly, after the colonialists had annexed the entire Myanmar through the third aggressive war, female members of the troops of Bagan Bo Cho, who became famous in the anti-colonialist battles, riding horses and holding bare swords in their hands, fought the intruders in cooperation with the national people who hated to live under the alien subjugation. The wife of Bo Cho showed her brilliant horsemanship and swordsmanship in the fight against the colonialists together with her husband. Likewise, Pin Khin Khin, a heroine, was also famous in the troop of Bo Min Yaung, a leader of anti-colonialist movements. These were some of the images of Myanmar heroines who were famous for their unyielding spirit in the anti-colonialist battles.

Then, the national people rose against the colonialists politically across the nation. At first, the national people formed social organizations to put the movements into motion. Myanmar women also formed social organizations. Of them, the Myanmar Kommayi Association was first formed on 16 November 1919 with the aims of performing meritorious deeds, practising thrift and enhancing nationalistic spirit among the people. They persuaded national people to patronize locally-made products only.

After the formation of Myanmar Women's Kommayi Association, such associations as

Wunthanu Kommayi Association, Kyimyindine Myanmar Women's Association, Pazundaung Buddhists' Kalyanayuwa Association, Myanma Hita Association, and Myanmar Women's National Council launched anti-colonialists movements through political and organizational means.

Myanmar women also joined the movements aimed at protesting Yangon University Act (1920). There were many brave and daring Myanmar women like Daw Phwar Hla who hit a colonialist officer with her wooden sandal.

Thakhinmagyi Daw Thein Tin was also one of

The 3rd of July 2005, on which the Myanmar Women's Day will fall, indicates that the entire women of Myanmar have inherited the vigour of Myanmar women imbued with unyielding spirit. And in collaboration with the entire national people, the mass of Myanmar women are denouncing national traitors who are betraying national people and committing acts to push the mother country into domination of alien nations.

the women leaders who played an important role in the fight against the colonialists. Chairperson of Buddhists Kalyanayuwa Kommayi Association Daw Saw Tin was elected in the municipal and Hluttaw elections. Myanmar women were also involved in the administrative machinery. Wunna Kyaw Htin Daw May May Khin became the first Wundauk (gazetted officer) of the High Court.

At that time, British colonialists were making schedules to launch Diarchy in Myanmar. It formed White Committee, in its bid to carry out a public opinion poll of Myanmar national people, and sent the committee members to Myanmar in a bid to promulgate laws on the administrative machinery.

The committee carried out the feasibility study for the practice of Diarchy in the nation till 12 November 1921. During that period, members of Women's Wunthanu Kommayi Association in Yangon chanted the slogans such as "Don't betray the motherland", and "Don't bring dishonour to the motherland" to protest against the lackeys who visited the committee for the poll and made suggestions to it. The women's strong protests caused an effective hindrance to the work of the committee. So, lackey policemen tried to disperse the crowd of demonstrators with the use of fire hoses. However, the women persisted in demonstrating and kept on chanting slogans. Later, some women suffocated, some were giddy, and some fell to the ground due to the strong jets of water. In the end, the committee had to stop its work. The committee also faced strong protests staged by members of local women's

Kommayi associations in cities such as Mawlamyine, Mandalay and Patheingyi where it solicited the public opinion. The representatives of British colonialists witnessed the anti-colonialist sentiment of active and brave Myanmar women.

On 11 December 1921, the colonialists arrested and jailed Sayadaw U Ottama as he delivered a speech against the Craddock Scheme at Hsukalat Village in Dedaye Township. Then, a mass rally was held at the Queen's Park (now Maha Bandoola Park) in Yangon to strongly protest against the arrest of Sayadaw U Ottama. Many Myanmar women enthusiastically took part in the demonstration. The police dispersed the crowd with the use of horses. The horses ran over many women and as a result, some women had their arms and legs broken.

Some resolutions on politics out of the 10 resolutions passed at the meeting of the Women's Wunthanu Council Federation held in Thayet on 8th and 9th Wanning of Tazaungmone 1284 ME reflected anti-colonialists sentiments, the spirit of national solidarity, and Union Spirit. The first resolution was that they opposed the colonialists' administration of the mainland and Shan State separately, dismissed the separate administration without asking the entire women of the nation for their opinion as female Shan nationals in Shan State and members of women's Wunthanu associations in the Myanmar had been living together since many years ago, and were committed to further cementing of the unity among them. The second resolution was that the Women's Wunthanu Council Federation was opposed to the Diarchy system of the British colonialists to be practised in the nation, and members of the federation would not vote for the delegates to Diarchy Legislative Council election.

Myanmar women cooperated with the entire national people in all the anti-colonialists movements. The historic images of the strong and firm vigour of the women were very brilliant in the movements especially in the year 1300 ME Uprising, anti-fascists resistance and national liberation struggle.

Now, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation has inherited these fine traditions and well preserved them. And it is participating with zest and zeal in the drive for raising the living standard of Myanmar women, measures for protecting and safeguarding women as well as in the implementation of the national goal — emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with flourishing disciplines in harness with the entire national people.

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Australia, Turkey enhance trade ties

CANBERRA, 18 June — Australian Trade Minister Mark Vaile on Thursday said Australia's trade ties with Turkey have moved one step closer following the signing of an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement.

The agreement was signed by Vaile and Turkey's Minister of State in Charge of Foreign Trade, Kursad Tuzmen who is currently visiting Australia.

“The agreement will provide protection and fair and equitable treatment for bilateral investments in each country and is yet another important step forward in expanding commercial ties between Australia and Turkey,” Vaile said in a statement.

“Australia and Turkey hope to finalize a Double Taxation Agreement in the next couple of months which will also bring significant benefits for investors and traders,” he said.

“We will look to further enhance the bilateral relationship at a meeting of the Australia-Turkey Joint Economic Commission to be held in Istanbul later this year,” he said.

Two-way trade between Australia and Turkey is worth 474 million US dollars. Australia's exports have been largely commodity based with a focus on coal, iron ore and non- monetary gold.

However, the relationship is likely to diversify with the Turkish economy showing strong growth, and with Turkey scheduled to begin European Union negotiations in October, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Three dead in Bolivia road accident

LIMA, 18 June — At least three were killed and about 30 others injured when a bus fell into a 200-metre ravine in north Bolivia, police said Friday.

The accident occurred 180 kilometres north of La Paz, the administrative capital of the Andean country.

The injured, of whom several were in serious condition, were sent to hospital.

According to preliminary reports, the vehicle fell due to mechanical malfunctions.

MNA/Xinhua

Three int'l bidders deposit earnest money for PTCL bidding

ISLAMABAD, 18 June — Three pre-qualified international bidders have deposited their earnest money of 40 million US dollars each to participate in the bidding of the Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) to be held Saturday, Pakistani Privatization Commission said on Friday.

By virtue of the deposit, these three bidders, namely Etisalat (the United Arab Emirates), China Mobile (China) and SingTel (Singapore), are now eligible for bidding process, said a statement issued here by the commission.

The Privatization Commission is holding the bidding of the state-owned PTCL for the sale of its 26-per-cent shares with management control as a wholly-integrated telecom operator on Saturday.

PTCL, which has 65,000 employees throughout the country, is the leading provider of basic telephone services to the private sector in Pakistan with over 4.9

million fixed lines in service in December.

Besides providing fixed line and ancillary services, PTCL owns Pakistan Telecommunication Mobile Limited, one of five GSM cellular providers in Pakistan, and Paknet, a countrywide Internet service provider.

The Pakistani Government owns 88-per-cent shares of PTCL as the last divestment occurred in 1994 when it raised 900 million dollars by selling 9 per cent of the company's shares on the international market in the form of global

depository receipts.

The government also sold 3 per cent of its stakes to the domestic market the same year to list on the Karachi Stock Exchange.

PTCL has been earmarked for sale for years, but a downturn in the global telecommunications sector and past political instability and violence in Pakistan led to delays.

The government last week announced Saturday as the date for bidding of PTCL's 26 per cent of shares, which was immediately rejected by the workers' union of the company.

The union which is against privatization of PTCL threatened to call for a general strike to jam the company's system if the government proceeds with its privatization plan. Many workers fear that privatization may leave them jobless.

To ensure the smooth privatization process, the government has deployed security forces and policemen to take over all sensitive and important PTCL installations throughout the country. Now the PTCL system is working efficiently.

MNA/Xinhua

China-S Africa Defence Committee to hold second meeting

BEIJING, 18 June — China and South Africa will hold the second meeting of the China-South Africa Defence Committee in Beijing on Friday, according to sources with the Chinese Defence Ministry here on Thursday.

The Defence Committee meeting, an important move for China and South Africa to strengthen cooperation in defence and security fields, will further promote friendly cooperation between the two countries and two Armed Forces, said Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the China's Central Military Commission, made the remarks in a meeting with South African Secretary for defence JB Masilela, who was here to attend the defence committee meeting.

South Africa attaches importance to the strategic partnership with China, Masilela said, noting that the upcoming defence committee meeting is important and significant for further development of relations between the two countries and two armies.

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UN says global number of refugees lowest since 1980

GENEVA 18, June— The global number of refugees fell 4 per cent in 2004 to 9.2 million, the lowest total in almost a quarter of a century, according to the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR's annual global statistics published on Friday.

But the numbers of internally displaced and stateless people remain high, says the 90-page report released just ahead of World Refugee Day on 20 June.

Despite the drop in refugee numbers to the lowest since 1980, the total "of concern" to UNHCR — which also includes asylum seekers, returnees, stateless people and a portion of the world's internally displaced people — increased to 19.2 million from 17 million over the course of the years.

"Behind every number is a human being," said Antonio Guterres, who began work as the 10th UNHCR chief on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

China to have 200 million obese citizens in 10 years

BEIJING, 18 June — China is expected in 10 years to have at least 200 million people who suffer from obesity, a disease that carries the danger of early death, Chinese medical experts have warned.

China has now over 90 million obese people, whose weight exceeds the standard 20 per cent, according to the *Information Times*.

Obesity easily causes diabetes, gall-stones, cardiovascular diseases and hepatomegaly, said Zhang Zhongcheng, chief doctor with Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

"The danger of early death for fat people is 1.3 to 2 times greater than for ordinary people," he was quoted as saying by the Guangzhou-based newspaper.

Additionally, heaviness pressures the spine and the lower limbs, which could bring on pain in parts of the body and even malformation, he said.

Unlike what most people think, fat people, along

with the thin, are patients who are suffering from a nutritional disturbance for lack of certain nutritional elements, said Deng Aimin, vice-chief doctor with Guangzhou Liuhuaqiao Hospital. "The fat children, for instance, usually lack iron and calcium," he was quoted as saying. Experts say obesity mainly comes of unhealthy lifestyles, which feature a excessive eating

and little exercise. Genetics factor also contribute 16 per cent.

Among the obese, children are the most disturbing. 10 per cent are obese and the number is undergoing an annual 8-per-cent increase, the paper quoted Chen Chaogang, chief doctor of The Second Hospital of the Zhongshan University, as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

US, EU to hold new talks on airplane subsidies dispute

WASHINGTON, 18 June — The United States and the European Union will resume talks in a bid to resolve their dispute over government subsidies given to airplane makers, France-based Airbus and US-based Boeing Co, officials from the two sides announced Friday.

"We both would like to see a negotiated settlement," US Trade Representative Rob Portman said after a meeting with EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson.

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A volunteer mixes cement on Phi Phi Don Island, Thailand, on 18 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Rapid urban growth challenging to African development

NAIROBI, 18 June— High rates of urban growth and urbanization are posing great challenges to Africa's development, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) said here Friday.

Speaking at a regional launch of a new UN report on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Nairobi, UN-HABITAT Executive Director Anna Tibaijuka said the increasing numbers of slum dwellers and lack of access to clean drinking water and sanitation continued to pose challenges to development on the continent.

"The pace of urbanization in the world has caught many of us by surprise. By 2030 Africa will cease to be a rural continent .. by then 61 per cent of Africans will be living in cities and towns," Tibaijuka told reporters, adding that joint efforts are needed to fight HIV/AIDS pandemic, reverse the number of slum dwellers and improve sani-

tation if Africa's future is to prevail.

The UN-HABITAT is the agency within the UN charged with the responsibility of helping the international community implement Goal 7 Target 11 of the MDGs which seeks to ensure environmental sustainability including improving the living conditions of 100 million slum dwellers by 2020 and to halve the number of poor people without clean water and adequate sanitation by 2015.

"Slum dwellers of sub-Saharan Africa deserve urgent measures, as most of them suffer from a multitude of deprivations at once, which is lack of water, sanitation, durable housing and adequate living space, at

the same time," the UN-HABITAT executive director noted.

The UN-HABITAT boss emphasized that in an increasingly urbanizing Africa, the promotion of sustainable human settlements development encompasses the goals of economic growth, social equity, poverty reduction, cultural and ethnic cohesion, infrastructure provision and environmental protection.

"For the future of Africa to prevail, we have to overcome two key problems. The first one is of course HIV/AIDS, unless the continent prevails over the spread of the pandemic there is not much future to talk about Africa," she explained.

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Prehistoric plant remains found in E China

JINAN, 18 June — Chinese archaeologists said Tuesday that they found remains of 30 kinds of plants dating back 8,000 years in east China's Shandong Province.

The remains were found near the construction site of an international exposition centre in the coastal city of Qingdao.

Zhang Zhigang, expert with China Paleontology Society, said a team of archaeologists had been digging for ancient plant remains since the end of last year when they first found remains of a 10-centimetre-long reed at the site. He said the discovery is a breakthrough and will provide evidence for human evolution research.

The 30 kinds of plant remains include oak leaves, Siberian cocklebur, water nut and something similar to rice, Zhang said. Zhang said that some remains had a rare orange or brownish luster when excavated.

MNA/Xinhua

Dozens of Ecuadoreans arrested in Pacific Ocean

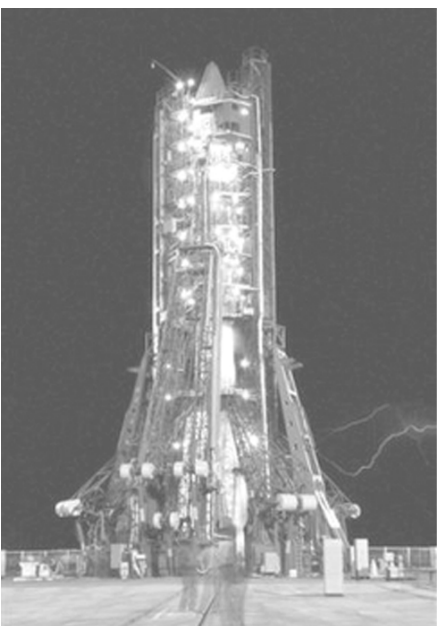
MEXICO CITY, 18 June — Some 90 Ecuadoreans who were heading for the United States were captured by a US Navy vessel and taken to a Guatemalan harbour on Friday, Guatemalan authorities said.

The boat carrying the Ecuadoreans was intercepted and escorted to Guatemalan waters by the *USS Rem* ship, Guatemalan Defence Ministry spokesman Walfre Estrada said. The 90 people will be repatriated to their country of origin, a US officer said.

On 31 May, 25 Ecuadoreans were arrested by security forces in the Guatemalan city of Tecun Uman on the Mexican border when they were preparing a land trip to the United States.

So far this year, a total of 325 Ecuadorean illegal migrants have been detained in Guatemala.

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Russian Soyuz rocket boosters with the Progress M-53 cargo ship rest at a launch pad at the Baikonur cosmодrome in Kazakhstan shortly before take off on 17 June, 2005. — INTERNET

S P O R T S

Argentina join Germany in semifinals of Confederations Cup

NUREMBERG, 19 June— Argentina joined hosts Germany in the last four of the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup after beating Australia 4-2 in a Group A match on Saturday.

Striker Luciano Figueroa completed a hat-trick in the match, giving Argentina six points from two matches and leaving them second in the group behind Germany on goal difference. Argentina and Germany will meet in the last round of group competitions at Nuremberg on 21 June.

Figueroa shot Argentina into the lead 12 minutes into the match and Juan Riquelme doubled their advantage with a 31st-minute spot-kick.

When Figueroa made it three after 53 minutes, it seemed that the Argentina would walk away with an easy victory. But the courageous Australian team fought back through two goals from John Aloisi on 61st and 70th minutes.

It was Figueroa who sealed the victory for Argentina when he beat the Australian goalkeeper from close range one minute before the final whistle.

Earlier in Cologne, Germany overcame a shaky first half to beat Tunisia 3-0 for their second straight victory in the tournament.

The three goals all came in the second half, from Michael Ballack, Bastian Schweinsteiger and Mike Hanks in a span of 16 minutes.

After an even first half, Tunisia began to pose serious threat to the German defence.

But it was the hosts who broke the deadlock as Ballack won and then converted a penalty shot at the 74th minute.

Schweinsteiger made it 2-0 for Germany when he latched on to a superb Lukas Podolski cross to score. Substitute Mike Hanks sealed the 3-0 victory when he claimed his first international goal at the 88th minutes.

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Argentina's defender Gabriel Heinze (L) heads for the ball as Australia's forward Tim Cahill looks on during their Confederations Cup soccer match in Nuremberg, Germany, on 18 June, 2005.—INTERNET

France midfielder Pedretti joins Ligue 1 champions Lyon

PARIS, 19 June— France midfielder Benoit Pedretti has moved to Olympique Lyon from Ligue 1 rivals Olympique Marseille, the French champions said over the weekend.

The 24-year-old, who signed a four-year contract after the seven-million-euro (8.50-million-US-dollar) deal, becomes Lyon's first major signing since they won a fourth consecutive French title last month.

Pedretti joined Marseille from Sochaux in July 2004 but struggled to adapt.

The midfielder has won 22 caps and was a member of their 2003 Confederations Cup-winning team.

MNA/Xinhua

Dinamo conquers Varteks in UEFA Intertoto Cup

TIRANA, 19 June— The Albanian soccer team Dinamo conquered Varteks from Croatia 2-1 on Saturday in the first round first leg match of the UEFA Intertoto Cup.

The match was played at the national stadium "Qemal Stafa" in Tirana, capital of Albania.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany beat Tunisia 3-0 in Confederations Cup

COLOGNE, 19 June— Hosts Germany kept their winning streak at the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup, beating Tunisia 3-0 in their second Group A match on Saturday.

Germany are assured of a semifinal berth as Australia lost 4-2 to Argentina in another Group A match also on Saturday. The three goals all came in the second half, from Michael Ballack, Bastian Schweinsteiger and Mike Hanks in a span of 16 minutes.

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Tunisian coach Roger Lemerre said his team got a positive experience despite: "We were very successful until the 75th minute, but it was tough going for the last 15 minutes. Overall, it was a positive experience. We're in the process of building up a new, young team. This tournament is a great help as we prepare for the 2006 FIFA World Cup."

German coach Jurgen Klinsmann said he had expected the toughness of the match: "It was hard going, but we knew it would be. We've been watching Tunisia very closely of late and we have a great deal of respect for them."

"Roger Lemerre has built up an excellent team. I'm very satisfied with the result."

Germany have garnered six points from their two Group A matches. After two defeats Tunisia progress from the group, regardless of the result in their final match against Australia.—MNA/Xinhua

China claims three titles in Asian Cup badminton in Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 19 June— Chinese shuttlers won three gold medals at the just-concluded Asian Cup badminton held on 15-18 June, 2005 in Ulan Bator.

China's Xuan Chuan won the men's singles, and his teammate Zhou Binjing was crowned in women's singles. Wang Wei/Zhang Lei from China claimed the mixed doubles title.

Thirty-eight athletes from Mongolia, Japan, South Korea, China and Malaysia competed in the tournament.

MNA/Xinhua

Former Argentine boxing champion injured in accident

BUENOS AIRES, 19 June— Former world boxing champion from Argentina Jorge Locomotora Castro was hospitalized on Friday as a consequence of the serious injuries he suffered during an accident when his car crashed onto a tree in the Buenos Aires zone of Costanera Sur.

Official sources said that the accident occurred at 5:40 hours, local time, when Castro drove his vehicle on Azucena Villaflor Street, heading for La Boca-Retiro, south of Buenos Aires.

Speeding, rain and fog made the vehicle to leave the road in a curve and crash onto a tree.

Jorge Castro was taken to a hospital where he remains hospitalized.

The boxer has a right-knee injury and was operated for a chest injury for his lungs to expand well.

Castro saved his life once again as in the last decade he suffered an accident in Caleta Olivia, his hometown, while riding his motorcycle. Then he

injured a shoulder and his right knee, which made him staying out of boxing action for a considerable time.

MNA/Xinhua



Australia's Billy Celeski (C) reacts as Japan's Robert Cullen (L to R), Takayuki Morimoto, Shunsuke Maeda and Sota Hirayama celebrate after scoring during their FIFA World Youth Championships match at the Parkstad Stadium in Kerkrade, the Netherlands, on 18 June, 2005. The match ended in a 1-1 draw and Japan will proceed to the next round.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Nigeria draws with Angola in World Cup qualifier

LAGOS, 19 June— It is deemed as a do-or-die battle for next year's World Cup finals in Germany but Nigeria's Super Eagles disappointed their fans again Saturday after they drew 1-1 with rival Angolans.

The Eagles smiled in the fifth minute when their captain Jay Jay Okocha scored from a free kick from almost 25 metres at the Sani Abacha stadium in the ancient Nigerian city of Kano.

The Angolans, however, then gradually took control of the midfield and their efforts yielded in the second-half with midfielder Paulo Figueiredo scoring the equalizing goal.

Both teams have 15 points now from eight matches but the Angolans are in an advantage position after they won the first leg tie 1-0 last year in Luanda. Yet they still have two matches to go for the sole ticket for the 2006 World Cup.

MNA/Xinhua

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ယခုအခါ မိုးကြီး ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော် မိုက်ပျိုးပြီးစီးချိန်ဖြစ်ပြီး ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်များအထွက်တိုးစေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်ပါရန် နည်းဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

၁။ အထွက်တိုး ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်များကို တစ်ပင်နှင့် တစ်ပင် (၃) လက်မခြား ခွာ၍ ပင်ကြပ်နှုတ်ပေးပါ။ ကြိုက်စိုက်ခင်းများတွင် (၆)လက်မ ပတ်လည် တစ်ပင်နှင့် ဂျက်ရီအောင် ထွန်းမြင့်စေပါ။

၂။ ပေါင်းလိုက်လက်ကြားခြင်းကို (၁၅-၂၀) ရက်သာတွင် တစ်ကြိမ်နှင့် (၃၀-၃၅) ရက်သာတွင် တစ်ကြိမ် အနည်းဆုံး နှစ်ကြိမ်ခွဲ၍ ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ ပေါင်းလိုက်လက်ကြားခြင်းကို ယူရိယာဓာတ်မြေညှိစက် တစ်ကောင်လျှင် (၄) အိတ်နှင့် (၂) ကြိမ်ကြိတ်ပေးပါ။

၃။ အပင်ငယ်စဉ် ရေစုပ်အားနည်း ဂရုပြုပါ။ စိုက်ခင်းအတွင်း ရေပင်နေပါက ပတ်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ခြင်းများဖြင့် ရေဖောက်ထုတ်နိုင်ရေးဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

၄။ အပင်ငယ်စဉ်တွင် ပုစွန်အန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်နိုင်ပြီး အဓိကကျရောက် ဖျက်ဆီးသော ပိုးမွှား များမှာ ဖျားယပ်ကုန်၊ ခါးထွန်ကောက်ဖက်၊ ရှက်စားခြင်း၊ စုတ်နှင့် ပင်စည်တိုက်၊ ဂျင်းတိုက်ဖြစ်သည်။ ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်ခင်းများအား ပုစွန် စစ်ဆေး၍ လိုအပ်သော အဆေးပေးရန် ကာကွယ်ပါ။

၅။ ဂုဏ်လျှော်ပင်စည်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအတွက် မြေပုံတံဆိပ်များတွင် ရှိသော အပင်လိုက် နှုတ်၍ စီမံဖျက်ဆီးပါ။

၆။ ချဉ်ပေါင်ပင်အများပိုင်းတွင် အဝါရောင်၊ အဖြူရောင် ရောင်မညီ ထွက်ကြား (mosaic) ရောဂါတွေ့ရှိလျှင် အပင်လိုက် နှုတ်၍ စီမံဖျက်ဆီးပါ။

၇။ နည်းပညာနှင့် အကူအညီ ရယူလိုပါက နီးစပ်ရာ မြန်မာဂုဏ်လျှော် ပစ္စည်းလုပ်ငန်း၊ ဒေသရုံးများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ် အကူအညီရယူပါ။

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့်ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

China gives incentives to electronic information industry

NANCHANG, 19 June— A special fund for the research and development of integrate circuits is being established to help facilitate the growth of domestic electronic information companies, Vice-Minister Lou Qinjian of Information Industry said on Friday at a Press conference.

Giving no specific amount of the special fund, Lou cited it as part of a package of incentives aiming to cultivate heavy-weight indigenous electronic players able to compete in the world arena.

"To become an electronic power, China must have its own conglomerates in the electronic information sector," said Lou in this capital of east China's Jiangxi Province.

Apart from the special fund, China also planned to grant export tax rebates to more than 40 electronic products and constitute comprehensive policies to optimize the business environment for the electronic information industry, he said.

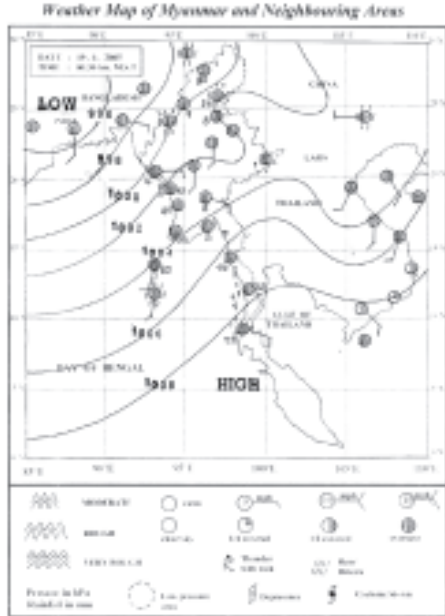
Large electronic information companies will have more leeway in managing their foreign exchange income and are encouraged to tap the overseas market, he added.

Calling conglomerates "a major impetus to

the take-off of the electronic information industry", Lou said that the government would encourage large domestic companies to beef up their technical innovation capabilities so that they could play an active role in industrial restructuring.

Statistics from the Ministry of Information Industry showed that the Qingdao-based Haier Group has been listed as the largest domestic electronic information company with a sales volume of 101.6 billion yuan (about 12.28 billion US dollars) in 2004. By 2008, its total sales volume is projected to exceed 150 billion yuan (about 18.14 billion US dollars).

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WEATHER

Sunday, 19 June, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (3.15) inches, Coco Island (2.36) inches, Myitkyina (2.24) inches, Thandwe (1.61) inches and Kawthong (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-6-2005 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 19-6-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-6-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 18-6-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 19-6-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, (0.08) inch in Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch in central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (19.37 inches) at Yangon Airport, (16.89 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (14.02 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (11:30) hours MST on 18-6-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 20-6-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Shan States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Temporary squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama and Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-6-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-6-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

U Tin Maung Aye 73 Years Managing Director (Retd) P.L.C

U Tin Maung Aye, 73 years, residing at No 58 (C), Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, 10th Block, Chaw-Dwin-Gone, Mayangone Township, son of (U Tin Pe-Daw Ma Ma Gyi), son in law of (U Soe Myint-Daw Soe), husband of Daw Tin Ma Ma, father of U Thet Nyunt-Daw Tint Tint Myaing, grandfather of Mg Thet Naing Oo and Ma Aye Aye Thet, brother of U Tin Mg Kyi-Daw Tin Hla Oo, U Chit Lwin-Daw May May Thin, (Daw May May Win), Daw Tin Tin May, Dr Tin Tin Aye, (U Pe Mg Tin), U Khin Mg Yin-Daw Swe Swe Zin, uncle of Ma Tin Moe Kyi, Mr Min Kyi-Tanya, U Kan Tun-Daw Moe Thuzar, Ma Tin Omma Yin, passed away at 8:00 am on 18-6-2005.

The remains will be buried at Yayway Cemetery on 20-6-2005 (Monday) at 11:00 am and the buses will leave the resident at 9:30 am.

Bereaved family



Monday, 20 June Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Should've never
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Mambo No 5
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -You will be in my heart
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -So emotional
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunctime music: -Hello
- Sing baby sing
- 9.00 pm Spotlight on the Star: -Jessica Simpson
- Forever in your eye
- What'sitgonnabe
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Drug Elimination: -Myanmar's narcotic drive
- 9.35 pm Vocal Gem
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Monday, 20 June View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. Song of national races
- 8:05 am 6. Cute little dancers
- 8:10 am 7. အစောပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 8. ကျောက်ကြီးပေါက်တံတား
- 8:30 am 9. International news

- 8:45 am 10. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသင်ယူရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတ်ယူနှင့် (ရက္ခစာအုပ်ဖြင့်) (ရက္ခစာ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Dance variety
- 5:30 pm 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:40 pm 8. Song and dance of national races
- 5:50 pm 9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာကား
- 6:05 pm 10. Musical programme

- 6:15 pm 11. Discovery
- 6:20 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မျောက်မင်းဂုဏ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀၃)
- 6:30 pm 13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 15. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ ဘေရသာအကြိမ် (ဆုကြီး) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ အတီးပညာဘာသာရပ် သင်တန်းပို့ချချက်
- 7:40 pm 16. Industrial Achievement
- 7:45 pm 17. အမျိုးသမီးများ ပြဿနာအဖြေရာ
- 8:00 pm 18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဟေမာန်ဆောင်း၏ ရုစံသံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 22. The next day's programme

Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends opening of village-to-village roads, post-primary school building hailing MWVO Conference



Hmawby Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Zaw Soe, Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer U Moe Kyaw and Township WVO Chairman Major Nyunt Aung (Retd) formally open village-to-village laterite road in the presence of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein. — MNA

YANGON, 19 June — To hail Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005, ceremony to inaugurate village-to-village laterite roads and new building of Post-Basic Education Primary School in Hmawby Township, Yangon North District took place at the villages and the school this morning, attended by Chairman of Central Organizing Committee for MWVO Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of Central Organizing Committee for MWVO Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd), Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, members of COC for MWVO, local authorities, social organizations and others.

First, Chairman of Hmawby Township PDC U Zaw Soe, executive officer U Moe Kyaw of Township Development Affairs Committee, chairman of Township WVO Major Nyunt Aung (Retd) formally opened the new village-to-village laterite road linking Thanday Pin village-tract, Painhnekon village in Hmawby with Yangon-Pyay Highway.

Progress of Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry Farming Special Zone inspected

— YANGON, 19 June— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe made an inspection tour of Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry Farming Special Zone in Hmawby Township this afternoon.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry Farming Special Zone. — YANGON COMMAND

At the briefing hall, the commander heard reports on progress of farming by departmental officials.

Agriculture and livestock breeding entrepreneurs submitted their requirements. The commander attended to their needs.

Next, the commander delivered an address, saying that arrangements are being made for power supply, smooth transportation and water supply in the zones for enabling the entrepreneurs to carry out agricultural and livestock breeding works.

The commander viewed progress of agricultural and livestock breeding farms. Later, Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected the farms of the entrepreneurs and fulfilled their requirements.

Minister looks into construction of technical training school, MID Bank in Mandalay

YANGON, 19 June — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin arrived at the construction site of technical training school (Mandalay) of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries in Mandalay on 17 June morning. Project Director Daw Khin Swe Win reported on progress in construction of the training school and road.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project, ensuring the full supply of construction materials, earlier arrival of machinery and greening of the school and its environs.

After inspecting the construction site, the minister gave instructions to officials on construction of the school and the road in accord with the set standards, efficient use of fuel and measures to be taken for safety of the work site.

၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ (၃)ရက် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဝံသာနုတရား လက်ကိုင်ထား ခိုင်မာအင်အား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ

Table with 2 columns: Location and Rainfall (inches). Locations include Hkamti, Coco island, Myitkyina, Thandwe, Kawthoung. Rainfall values range from 1.10 to 3.15 inches.