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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

Commander, Minister meet members of Rakhine State USDA

YANGON, 20 June — A meeting between member of panel of patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and USDA CEC member and executives of Rakhine State USDA took place at the State USDA office in Sittway yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by member of panel and patrons of the USDA Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, USDA CEC member Rakhine State in charge Transport Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station and executives of district USDAs of Rakhine State.

First, Rakhine State USDA Secretary U Kyaw Yin reported on development of economy, social affairs and health of the state, and secretaries of district and township USDAs on their respective tasks in various sectors.

Next, CEC member Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivered a speech, stressing the need for active cooperation of the association in the successful implementation of the five-year short-term plan, five
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Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents K 1 million to Rakhine State USDA. — TRANSPORT

Health Minister inspects township people's hospitals in Yangon, Ayeyawady divisions

YANGON, 20 June — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, accompanied by Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung, Deputy Director-General of the Medical Research Department

(Upper Myanmar) U Than Aung, on 18 June inspected Kawhmu Township People's Hospital and attended to the needs. He urged the officials concerned to carry out the beautifying and greening tasks of the hospital's environs.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to Kungyangon Township and also inspected the Township People's Hospital. He also fulfilled the requirements for the operation theatre of the hospital.

At the meeting with members of the township Health Committee and social organizations at Kungyangon Township People's Hospital, Head of the township Health Department reported to the minister on health care services being provided in the township. The minister called on health committees for providing health care services in the region in cooperation with social organizations.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the out-patient department, maternal and child health department, TB laboratory and X-ray room and provided the hospital with the necessary equipment.

The minister and party yesterday went to the Dedaye Township People's Hospital in Ayeyawady Division and inspected the hospital and X-ray room, and fulfilled the requirements.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital in Ayeyawady Division. — HEALTH

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Build a new nation, upholding Our Three Main National Causes

Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — are the life and soul of the nation and so the entire national people are required to uphold and live them. On 2 May, at the opening ceremony of Course No. 7 on Myanmar and International Studies, Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that the goal of the nation-building endeavours was to ensure peace, stability, unity, development and a democratic state, that the task of nation-building would go down in the annals of the history of the Union of Myanmar and that only those who place “Our Three Main National Causes” in the fore would be able to develop the nation and defend the Union.

Our Three Main National Causes, the twelve political, economic and social objectives are our national policy and practices. The government is now implementing the seven-point political programme, also known as the Road Map for democracy.

New generation youths who are to shape the future of the nation are required to work for political, economic and social development and perpetuation of the Union, realizing the value of the Union, peace, sovereignty and patriotism. The youths armed with high abilities, skills and qualifications will have to build a new, peaceful, modern and developed nation.

If one studies the six resolutions announced at the mass rallies held nationwide, the four-point People’s Desire, the resolutions of Bagan mass rally, the five oaths of USDA youths, reports of the people and the slogans, it is obvious that people have strong desire to uphold Our Three Main National Causes and they want to remove obstacles that undermine the interests of the State.

The entire nationals of the Union are desirous of building a modern and developed nation and their desire shows that they will always uphold Our Three Main National Causes and are determined to weather all the obstacles with Union Spirit.

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

Commander attends work coordination meeting of Shan State (North) Organization for Women’s Affairs

YANGON, 20 June — The work coordination meeting of Shan State (North) Organization for Women’s Affairs took place at the city hall of Lashio on 17 June morning, attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Patron of Shan State (North) Organization for Women’s Affairs Daw Khin Thant Zin, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and departmental officials and others.

First, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing donated K 2.5 million to Patron of Shan State (North) OWA Daw Khin Thant Zin for state, district and township organizations for women’s affairs.

The Patron of Shan State (North) OWA and officials accepted cash donated by the wellwishers for Shan State (North) OWA.

Next, Daw Khin Thant Zin presented cash for Lashio, Muse, Kyaukme, Kunlong and Laukkai districts organizations for women affairs.

The commander, wife and those present viewed round documentary photos of the activities of state, district and township organizations for women’s affairs.

The commander and party also inspected the project site of the new building of Shan State (North) OWA.

In the evening, the commander attended prize presentation ceremony of Shan State (North) PDC Chairman’s Trophy Basketball Tournament 2005 held in Lashio and presented prizes to men and women teams that came first and second and the ceremony ended.

MNA

Deputy Health Minister leaves for Japan



Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo being seen off at the airport.— MNA

YANGON, 20 June — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo left here by air yesterday evening to attend United Nations Millennium Development Goals Seminar for the countries of Asia-Pacific region which will be held in Tokyo, Japan on 21-22 June. The Deputy Minister was accompanied by

U Aung Kyaing, Deputy Director-General of the Health Planning Department.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Counsellor Mr Masashi Ogawa of Embassy of Japan, heads of department and officials concerned of the Ministry of Health.—MNA

Deputy FM leaves for Singapore

YANGON, 20 June — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint left here by air to attend Asia Middle-East Dialogue (AMED) which will be held in Singapore from 20 to 22 June 2005. The Deputy Minister was accompanied by U Phae Than Oo, Deputy Director-General of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Kyaw Zaw, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of National

Planning and Economic Development and Dr Nilar Thein, Pro-Rector of University of Computer Studies.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Ambassador Mr Thambynathan Jasudasan of the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore and heads of department and officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint being seen off at the airport.—MNA

UMFCCI Vice-President and party leave for Thailand

YANGON, 20 June — Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win and Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay left here by air this morning for Thailand to attend

East-West Economic Corridor: Trade and Investment Opportunities Conference to be held from 23 to 24 June 2005 in Bangkok, Thailand. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President U Win Myint of UMFCCI, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials. —MNA



UMFCCI officials seen at the airport before their departure for Thailand. —UMFCCI

စာအုပ်လှူဒါန်းပွဲ

ကျေးဇူးကုန်အားကိုယ်ကျိုးစာကြည့်တိုက်များအတွက် သုတ/ရသစာအုပ်များနှင့် စာပေဓနဥပဒေသပင်လှူဒါန်းပွဲ (ဆဋ္ဌမအကြိမ်)ကို အောက်ပါအစီအစဉ်အတိုင်း ကျင်းပပါမည်-

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Chinese women walk past the headquarters of China Construction Bank in Beijing, China on 17 June, 2005. — INTERNET

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Nepali Govt to train foreign job seekers

KATHMANDU, 19 June—The Nepali Government will announce in the upcoming budget a specific programme for training those willing to go abroad for employment, an official revealed here on Saturday.

"The objective of such a programme is to ensure better jobs and payment to them in the foreign land," Shanker Sharma, vice-chairman of the National Planning Commission, said while inaugurating a seminar on foreign employment. "Such programme will enable people to create employment opportunities at home after they return from foreign employment and help to pool more remittance," Sharma said. The government has given great importance to the training component for the enhancement of competitiveness of Nepali workers in the global marketplace, he added. He also emphasized the need for high quality training, opportunities for the disadvantaged groups of people, and better utilization of resources and avoidance of duplication in training.—MNA/Xinhua

Wen Jiabao urges more technical innovation in high-tech industries

BEIJING, 20 June— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Friday called on the country's high-tech industries to make greater efforts on technical innovation during inspecting Beijing's high-tech parks.

On Friday afternoon, Wen first visited several companies in Zhongguancun High-tech Park, the so-called "Silicon Valley of China". The nearly 14,000 high-tech companies there scored a combined sales revenue of 369.2 billion yuan (44.6 billion US dollars) in 2004, and had a 20-per-cent growth in the first half of this year.

"The acquisition of IBM's PC division has created favourable conditions for your leapfrog development, but you still need to make greater efforts in turning all the conditions to your advantages and expand your market shares," said Wen, when he visited China's largest computer producer Lenovo. The company puts 2.5 billion yuan (302 million US dollars) into technical innovation a year and has owned more than 2,000

patents of independent intellectual property.

The Premier also visited the Yizhuang Economic and Technological Development Zone in southern Beijing where nearly 100 international companies like Nokia, Coca-Cola, GE and Benz built their factories. During his inspection, he stressed the vital importance of technical innovation and said that more independent intellectual property will ensure Chinese companies' competitiveness in the world.

The high-tech parks should play an active role in boosting the country's technical innovation, and should become the engine to push the readjustment of the economic structure in their regions. They should become a platform for Chinese high-tech companies that aim at international markets, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Philippine Govt denies rumours of imminent martial law

MANILA, 19 June— The Philippine Presidential Palace on Friday denied rumours that President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo will declare martial law on or before 12 June.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the rumours were just part of the "misinformation" campaign launched against Arroyo by her opponents.

There have been text messages spreading around Metro Manila since Thursday claiming Arroyo would declare martial law with the help of two former police officers in her Cabinet. Transportation and Communications Secretary Leandro Larry Mendoza and Land Transportation Office-National Capital Region chief Reynaldo Berroya, both of whom were retired police officers, would command a hit squads armed with "500 bushmaster automatic weapons", said the messages.—MNA/Xinhua

Resolution of Kashmir issue a must for sustainable peace

ISLAMABAD, 19 June—Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Friday said his country believed that sustainable peace in South Asia could only be achieved by addressing the Kashmir issue according to the aspirations of its people, the *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported.

Talking to visiting Italian Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms Margherita Boniver, who called on him in Islamabad, Aziz said Pakistan's dialogue and confidence building measures were aimed at improving ties with India.

He said Pakistan strove for peace in South Asia and that regular meetings of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) would encourage creation of better atmosphere in the region. The next SAARC summit to be held in November this year in Dhaka would give impetus to regional economic cooperation, he added. SAARC, which was established in 1985, groups Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It aims to accelerate the process of economic and social development in member states.

Aziz informed Boniver of Pakistan's offer to India of an energy corridor, which he said would help both countries cooperate to acquire gas for domestic needs. Aziz and Boniver discussed the situation in Afghanistan, the ongoing peace process between Pakistan and India, the recent visit of Kashmiri leaders from the India-controlled Kashmir, UN reforms and the overall geo-political situation.

Boniver appreciated Pakistan's role in the war against terrorism and hoped her visit would further strengthen the existing relations between Pakistan and Italy.—MNA/Xinhua

1,720 US soliders killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 19 June—As of Sunday, 19 June, 2005, at least 1,720 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,323 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

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

The British military has reported 89 deaths; Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, 12; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,581 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,214 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet



A US humvee drives past the remains of a vehicle after a suicide car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq on 18 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Australian makes changes in immigration detention policy

CANBERRA, 19 June— Australian Prime Minister John Howard on Friday announced major changes to Australia's immigration detention system, under which families with children will be placed in the community instead of in detention centres under the old system.

Long-term detainees who have been held for two years will have their cases referred to the Commonwealth Ombudsman for review, Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio reported.

The changes are believed to be victory for those MPs who seek to cross the Parliament floor in protest at the existing immigration system.

Under the changes, primary refugee applications will have to be dealt with within three months.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai official says China may import one third of Thai longan

BANGKOK, 19 June — China may become one of Thailand's largest importers of fruits this year, with a plan to purchase up to 200,000 tons of Thai longans later this year, a senior Thai official has said.

China is likely to place the order of Thai longans when Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra visits Beijing later this year, Chairman of the House of Representatives' Agriculture Commission, Pairote Suwanachawee, was quoted on Saturday by the *Thai News Agency* as saying.

"Chinese importers have expressed their interest in purchasing Thai longans to the large amount, and I believe they will place the orders during the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to China, Pairote said Friday.

MNA/Xinhua



A Kashmiri gardener works on a Pansies mixed flower bed in Srinagar on 17 June, 2005. — INTERNET

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China's state power grid stages dry run against emergencies

BEIJING, 19 June — China's biggest power grid builder held a nationwide trial-run on Friday to brace for power emergencies this summer.

This is the first-ever drilling since the State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC) finished a national power-grid-building project earlier this year.

SGCC sources said all major power plants and transformer substations have been involved in the trial, which was thoroughly designed to target all possible problems.

Taking emergency actions and facilitating collaboration among different departments have been set as

the drill's major objectives, the corporation said.

According to statistics from the State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC), in the first five months of this year, China has seen a power consumption of 932.5 billion kilowatt hours 13.61 per cent more from the same period of 2004. Meanwhile, the total power consumption of China in 2005 is estimated at about 2,422 billion kilowatt hours 12 per cent more than last year. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia anticipates possibility of Conoco Phillips, Exxon's exit

JAKARTA, 19 June — Indonesian Government would replace the operators of the oil and gas field in Lhoksemawe Regency in Aceh Province, also called Block A, with local companies, if the Conoco Phillips and Exxon Mobil Oil Indonesia Inc exit from the field, local media reported on Saturday.

"Officially I have not known, but if Conoco Phillips resign because of security problem, there will be many local companies that can continue the operation in the area," Vice-President Jusuf Kalla on Saturday was quoted by the *Bisnis Indonesia* as saying.

The separatist Free Aceh Movement, which has struggled to establish an independence state, has frequently disturbed operations of Indonesia's vital projects in the oil-and-gas rich province of Aceh.

The Vice-President said that the government would provide better facilities to the national gas and oil companies that replace the contractors.

Kalla said that if Conoco Phillips wants to exit from the plan of operating the block (Block A), it would not be a problem.

Indonesia Coordinating Minister Aburizal Bakrie said that the Indonesian Government will open a newly-opened contract to replace the two contractors of production sharing in the Block A.

"We settle the case in the way of business to business," he said. The minister said that in addition to the Conoco Phillips, another company, ExxonMobil Oil Indonesia Inc, also plans to end its contract in the block. — MNA/Xinhua

Navy fleet from New Zealand visits Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 19 June — A fleet from New Zealand arrived at the port of Shanghai here on Friday for a five-day goodwill visit.

The fleet, composed of an escort vessel and a supplementary tanker, is headed by captain Jack Raymond Steer, a senior Navy officer of New Zealand Defence Force.

The fleet has a crew of 226 members. During their stay in Shanghai, they will visit a missile escort vessel made by China and a number of local scenic and cultural sites, including the Oriental Pearl Tower, Shanghai Museum and Yuyuan Garden.

The visiting escort vessel, named *Hmzs Te Mana*, is 109-metre long and 14.8-metre wide with a displacement of 3,600 tons.

MNA/Xinhua

Ukrainian Embassy in Malaysia surprised over CSMU's de-recognition

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 June — The Embassy of Ukraine on Friday expressed surprise over the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC)'s decision to withdraw recognition of the undergraduate programmes of Crimea State Medical University (CSMU).

"It's with a great surprise that the Embassy of Ukraine in Malaysia learned from the media about the decision of Malaysian authorities to withdraw the recognition of the Crimea State Medical University," the embassy said in a statement released here.

It said that neither the university nor the embassy had been informed of the action.

The increasing popularity of CSMU among Malaysian students might have created "some inconvenience to other medical schools and their lobbyists represented in Malay-

sia", the embassy said.

The statement pointed out that the Embassy of Ukraine still believed that many Malaysians could benefit from pursuing their studies in Ukraine.

MMC President Mohd Ismail Merican said on Thursday MMC had withdrawn recognition of

the medical undergraduate programme offered by CSMU to those students admitted and registered after 31 December, 2005.

MMC also decided at its 14 June meeting not to recognize similar programmes offered by 10 other universities in

Ukraine.

The MMC was concerned about the quality of medical training or education in Ukraine in producing safe and competent doctors to meet Malaysia's needs, Merican said while explaining the reason for the decision.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Marine walks past the site of a suspected car bomb factory in Karabilah, 320 kilometres (200 miles) west of Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 June, 2005. — INTERNET

23 killed in Baghdad bombing as violence rips Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 June — At least 23 people were killed Sunday when a suicide bomber devastated a busy kebab restaurant near Baghdad's fortified Green Zone, as violence claimed dozens of lives across central and western Iraq.

It was the bloodiest day in Baghdad since the launch four weeks ago of an anti-insurgent sweep dubbed Operation Lightning, and came as US and Iraqi forces hammered rebels near the Syrian border.

A man strapped with explosives entered the Zambour restaurant and blew himself up as dozens of policemen from a nearby station and others were having lunch, witnesses said.

At least 23 people, many of them policemen, were killed and 36 wounded, the interior ministry added.

Iraq's security forces are the target

of a relentless campaign that has killed thousands in the more than two years since former president Saddam Hussein was toppled.

The bomber's severed head lay on the sidewalk, with legs sticking out on either side and blood splattered on the white tile walls of the restaurant, which was reduced to a heap of twisted metal and shards of crockery.

"I went to buy a sandwich when it happened," said Alaa Mahmud, 22, who works at a nearby tea house. "Everything came flying out."

Internet

Philippines urges rich countries to promote debt for development swaps

MANILA, 19 June — The Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo said on Saturday that the Philippines should be considered for “debt-for-development swaps” to allow the country to channel its meager resources to development goals and priorities rather than funnelling them to servicing its burgeoning debt.

According to the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs, Romulo made the remarks in a speech during the Group of 77 developing countries summit held in Doha. He said the recent write-off of debts of 18 poorest countries should not be the first and last relief action of foreign creditors.

“We welcome the decision of the G-8 to write off the debt of 18 heavily indebted countries. But this should be part of a sustained package that includes reasonable and timely development assistance and programmes to ensure that debt relief is maximized,” he said.

“Action such as the elimination of agricultural subsidies by developed countries should accompany any debt relief agenda,” he added. Romulo said that the debt issues of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries

and the middle-income countries is equally important and should be seriously considered by developed countries. “It is high time for developing countries to promote debt for development swaps. Debt-for-development-swaps afford us the opportunity to channel our meager resources to development goals. It should be considered particularly for other debtor countries,” he said.

Romulo said the rising price of oil holds the potential to put the brakes on the economic expansion of the developing countries, where the poorest people suffer the most as higher oil prices trigger higher prices of food, energy and transportation.

“We must do our share in pushing for greater stability in oil prices and in offering solutions that will temper the volatility of crude oil prices,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese entrepreneurs set up forum for sustainable development

BEIJING, 20 June — Entrepreneurs from more than 100 large industrial businesses in China gathered here Saturday and set up a national forum to advocate sustainable development, badly needed by the most populous nation in the world.

In an open letter, the entrepreneurs called on enterprises nationwide to promote clean production and an environment-friendly culture to contribute to the country’s fight against the deterioration of the environment. The Forum for Green Chinese Enterprises is the first of its kind in China, and its members mainly come from the heavy industrial sector, including iron and steel production and power generation, a major source of pollution in the country.

“It is the responsibility of every entrepreneur in China to protect the environment and to achieve coordinated social, economic and environmental development in the country,” they said in the letter.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai-Chinese FTA leads to soaring bilateral trade

BANGKOK, 20 June — Trade between Thailand and China has shot up to 24 billion baht (60 million US dollars) over the first 20 months of the enforcement of the bilateral free trade area (FTA) agreement, with Thailand holding the balance of trade by over 11 billion baht (27.5 million US dollars), according to the Director-General of the Department of Foreign Trade, Rachane Potjanasuntorn.

Rachane was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying on Saturday said that, from October 2003 to May 2005, the department had issued certification of origin documents for goods worth 24 billion baht (60 million US dollars), of which 99 per cent were agricultural products.

Customs Department figures from October 2003 to April 2005 show that the bulk of agricultural exports to China — around 63 — is accounted for by cassava, followed by 9 per cent for dried longans, 9 per cent for fresh longans, 7 per cent for fresh durians and 4 per cent for frozen fish

and prawns.

During the same period, Thailand imported 10 billion baht (25 million US dollars) worth of Chinese goods under the terms of the FTA agreement, 90 per cent of which were fruits and vegetables, including apples, pears, mushrooms, carrots and nuts.

MNA/Xinhua



Kozo Haraguchi, a 95-year-old Japanese, waves with a bouquet of flowers after setting a world record in 100 meters track for men aged 95-99 at an athletic event in Miyazaki, southern Japan, on 19 June, 2005. Haraguchi ran in time of 22.04 seconds to break the previous world record of 24.01. — INTERNET

Malaysian Airlines to pass some domestic flights to AirAsia

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 June — Malaysian Airlines (MAS) may hand over some of its less profit-making domestic flights to budget airline AirAsia under a plan that could help the government reduce its financial burden, *New Straits Times* reported on Saturday.

MAS, the national flag carrier, made operational losses of about 281 million ringgit (73.94 million US dollars) for domestic flights in fiscal 2005, an almost 80-per cent increase from 156.7 million ringgit (41.23 million US dollars) it lost a year earlier.

MAS would probably concentrate on Malaysia’s major cities, namely, Penang, Langkawi, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu, while AirAsia will serve less profitable routes in the country, the newspaper quoted an unidentified source as saying, adding that the announcement would likely come out

by the end of June.

AirAsia Chief Executive Tony Fernandes said the proposal was a good idea as it would benefit Malaysia Airlines by allowing it to allocate its resources to the proper channels.

“Consumers will benefit from the ability to get services at a cheaper rate for domestic routes previously controlled by MAS, and having more choices in terms of cheaper fares,” he said.

MAS may also focus on the premium market in order to avoid overlapping roles with AirAsia.

MNA/Xinhua

China launches new inspection campaign to clear up cultural market

GUANGZHOU, 20 June — China will target Internet cafes, the audio and video marketplaces across the country, in its nationwide summer campaign of inspection of the cultural market, which started here on Saturday.

Chen Tong, chief of the audio, video and film section with the cultural market division of the Chinese Ministry of Culture, said the new action was imperative as cases of copyright infringement and piracy in the domestic audio and

video market have rebounded a lot in recent months. Illegal business activities are rampant. For instance, publication of imported audio and video programmes and works without prior approval is quite serious,” said Chen. The

summer campaign will strike hard against pirated DVD compression packing, commonly known as HDVD, illegally imported audio and video works and other illegal audio and video brand products.

MNA/Xinhua

Aftershocks jolt Banda Aceh daily

JAKARTA, 20 June — As many as 20 to 30 aftershocks jolted Banda Aceh and its surrounding towns daily after earthquake-triggered tsunami devastated the province on 26 December last year, the *Antara* news agency quoted an official as saying on Sunday.

“Many local people did not feel the tremors but our equipment have recorded them,” said Eridawaty, head of the Meteorology and Geophysics Station’s Mata Ie earthquake record section.

But, she said, local people felt three aftershocks measuring between four and five on the Richter Scale in June.

She called on the people not to panic when aftershocks often jolted the city. “It is feared traffic accidents will happen if they panic,” Eridawaty added. — MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese woman talks on her mobile as she walks past China Mobile posters in Beijing, on 20 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Bangladesh wants treaty on seven more rivers

DHAKA, 20 June — After its treaty with India on the sharing of Ganga waters, Bangladesh wants immediate water-sharing treaties on seven more rivers, according to Bangladesh Minister for Water Resources Hafizuddin Ahmed.

“There is need for immediate treaties with at least seven more rivers because there is some problem with the sharing of their water,” Ahmed said during an interaction with a delegation from the Press Club, Kolkata.

He said the rivers for which Bangladesh wants water-sharing treaties include the Teesta, Muhuri, Manu, Khowai, Gomti,

Dudhkumar and Dharala.

Ahmed said he has had preliminary discussions on the matter with his Indian counterpart Priya Ranjan Dasmunshi in Teheran recently and expressed the hope that India would consider his government’s demand.

“There are 54 rivers flowing through Bangladesh from India. Of these, we have had water-sharing agreement

only with regard to the Ganga. Our economy is an agrarian one and so we want water-sharing treaties with regard to as many of these rivers as possible,” he said.

In reply to a question, Ahmed admitted Bangladesh was getting the agreed share of Ganga water from Farakka since 1996 as per accord with India.

MNA/PTI



A cyclist rides during an early morning pre-monsoon shower in Mumbai recently. —INTERNET

China’s water consumption to realize nil growth by 2020

BEIJING, 20 June — China has planned to turn itself into a water-efficient society in 15 years to realize nil growth in water consumption for social and economic development by 2020.

The objective was just announced by Minister of Water Resources Wang Shucheng at a high-level symposium on the utilization of water resources in China.

By 2010, Wang said, a comprehensive mechanism including laws, administrative regulations, economic and technical policies related to the development of water-efficient society would be fundamentally established. Awareness of water-efficiency of the Chinese would be substantially improved, he said.

Calling the next 15 years “a crucial period” for the national objective, Wang said that the annual water consumption per

unit of gross domestic product will decline more than 6 per cent by 2010 while the annual growth rate for industrial water consumption should be controlled within 1 per cent.

Meanwhile, China will strive to realize a nil growth in water consumption for agricultural irrigation and uplift the efficiency of water consumption for service industry to a world leading level by 2010, he said.

To realize the goal, the Ministry of Water Resources has started to upgrade its management system based on the theories of water rights and water market.

MNA/Xinhua

World northern cities called on to further cooperation

HARBIN, 20 June — Sharing much in common, including the same challenges, the Northern cities of the world should further their cooperation to attain common development, Pearl Calahasen, Minister of Canada’s Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, said here Saturday.

Calahasen made the remarks while addressing the seventh Northern Forum General Assembly held in Harbin, capital of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province.

Calahasen attended the meeting as the representative of Canada’s Alberta Province, member of the Northern Forum.

She said the long-term and sustainable development of the cities in the world’s Northern regions requires comprehensive

cooperation. She also said that Northern cities share a lot in common due to identical geographic and climate features.

Rich in natural resources like fresh water and forests, these cities have long depended on exploiting natural resources, which are unrecycled, she said, noting that the Northern cities should work together to discover effective and economical ways to utilize these resources.

Restricted by geographic location and climate, these cities also need to improve their infrastructures, such as transportation and communication services, Calahasen said.

Snow tourism could also be cooperatively developed and promoted, since it is peculiar to these cities.

Established in November 1991, the Northern Forum now comprises 17 provinces, states or re-

gions from 9 countries, including China’s Heilongjiang Province, Canada’s Alberta Province and Finland’s Lapland Province. It is a non-governmental and non-profit organization.

The forum aims to promote the sustainable development of Northern cities by providing Northern regional leaders with opportunities to share their knowledge and experience.

MNA/Xinhua

Aussie duo break Kilimanjaro roundtrip record

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 19 June — Two climbers from Down Under have broken the record for a return trip to Africa’s highest mountain Kilimanjaro.

Taking the toughest route last week, Peter Gruber and Thomas Brunauer have clocked nine hours and 50 minutes to scale the 5,895-metre mountain and get back to where they started, according to reports reaching here on Saturday.

The roundtrip usually takes climbers five to seven days to make.

The previous roundtrip record for climb-

ing Mount Kilimanjaro, the world’s highest solitary mountain, was held by American climber Thomas Guminsky who used 21 hours to go up and down the mountain that stands at 328 kilometres south of the Equator.

Mount Kilimanjaro, located in northern Tanzania, is made up of three extinct volcanoes—Kibo, Mawenzi and Shira.

It attracts some 26,000

climbers and adventurers a year from around the world.

The single-trip record for scaling the mountain is five hours, 28 minutes 58 seconds chalked up by Sean Burch from the United States who went up the mountain on June 7 this year along the Marangu route, one of the three classic routes to scale Mount Kilimanjaro.

MNA/Xinhua

China to embark on path of “green rise”

BEIJING, 20 June — A senior Chinese official in charge of environmental protection on Saturday warned that environmental crisis coupled with many social problems will come earlier than expected if the country fails to embark on a path of “green rise” immediately.

Pan Yue, deputy director of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), said at the Seventh Green China Forum, which started here Saturday, that although China has become the biggest manufacturer in the world after experiencing rapid economic development over the past 20 years, it “has paid a high environmental price”.

The forum has attracted more than 200 governmental officials, experts and business people to discuss ways to sustainably develop the country.—MNA/Xinhua



A man creates an AIDS awareness ribbon. China and the World Health Organization (WHO) will run a joint project in the central province of Hunan beginning this year, state media said recently. — INTERNET

US credit card breach may affect thousands of Canadians

OTTAWA, 20 June — A massive security breach of the credit card system in the United States could affect thousands of Canadian Visa card holders, a spokeswoman for Visa Canada said on Saturday.

She said as many as 240,000 could be affected although it is not clear exactly which Canadian cards might have been affected by the problem at an Atlanta-based Card-Systems Solutions Inc,

which processes credit card and other payments for banks and merchants.

On Friday, US card companies said an unauthorized person may have accessed the accounts of up to 40-million-credit

card holders. Visa Canada is watching the accounts which may have been affected, but card holders should monitor their accounts for unusual activity, the spokeswoman said. —MNA/Xinhua

Hackers steal 40 million credit card's information

LOS ANGELES, 20 June — Malicious hackers may have stolen as many as 40 million credit cards' information after infiltrating the computer network of a data processing centre, the MSNBC reported on Sunday.

In the largest ever security breach of personal financial information, major credit card brands such as MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discovery were involved, according to the report.

MasterCard International said on this weekend that card numbers and expiration dates were harvested by a rogue programme planted inside the computer network at CardSystems Inc., a firm that process merchant requests for credit card authorization.

The Atlanta-based CardSystems processes 15 billion US dollars in charges annually for major credit cards. When a retailer swipes a customer's card, the information goes to companies such as CardSystems for approval before getting passed along to banks.

This attack exposed the numbers of 13.9 million MasterCards and an unknown number of other brands of cards, the MasterCard said. At least 68,000 accounts have had fraudulent charges posted to them.

Information security experts believed all four of the major card brands were tainted in the biggest security breach by far. And the FBI is investi-

gating.

But hackers from around the world will trade and sell pilfered credit card numbers in online chat rooms, making it relatively easy for a single big theft to affect thousands of cards quickly. That also makes it more difficult to catch the culprits, experts said.

Earlier this year, IT security firm Symantec and others warned that hackers are posing more serious threaten to personal financial information.

Using trojans, worms, viruses, and other rogue programmes, they are stealing critical information such as credit card number and online bank account password in a new-styled crime called identity theft.

This weekend's revelation is the latest in a series of reported data breaches that began this year with word that identity thieves had accessed sensitive information on at least 145,000 people tracked by data broker ChoicePoint Inc.

Major security lapses also have been disclosed at Bank of America and Citigroup, which said the financial information of 3.9 million customers was lost by United Parcel Service Inc.

MNA/Xinhua

Italy says no new permanent seats on UNSC

ROME, 20 June — Only non-permanent seats should be added to the UN Security Council as new permanent seats would weaken the body's representativeness, legitimacy and efficiency, Italian Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

Italy opposes the reform plan compiled by Brazil, Germany, Japan and India, also called the G4, which proposes six new permanent members and four non-permanent members for the Security Council, Fini said.

He warned that the G-4 plan, which has already triggered heated discussion among UN member countries and regional groups, could result in collapse of the UN reform.

Attempts to reform one body of the UN should not harm other functions of the world organization, in particular, its core functions, Fini said. UN reform needs broad consensus through consultations, he said.

Italy supports a proposal advocated by some countries which favours an enlargement of the Security Council from 15

to 25 members, with all the 10 new seats being non-permanent ones.

Fini said the 10 new non-permanent seats could be allocated to the world's five regions, each with the right to choose its own representatives.

The principle of regional balance and equal rights of participation of member states must be upheld in UN reform, he said. Italy supports substantial and comprehensive reform of the United Nations, said Fini. But the reform must provide equal chance for each and every member state to compete for a seat on the Security Council.

One of the goals of the UN reform is to facilitate the participation of small- and medium-sized countries and developing countries at the Security Council, said Fini. The region-decided-on-its-own-seats proposal

serves this purpose, said Fini. Fini, who also serves as Italy's Deputy Prime Minister, said the UN summit scheduled for September will provide an important opportunity for member states to discuss UN reform and help achieve the goal of improving the efficiency, trustworthiness and legitimacy of the United Nations.

On the future role of the UN, Fini said that under the UN Charter, the Security Council should safeguard world peace and security. The future UN will continue to play this important role, he said.

Fini warned against any haste decisions on the UN reform, noting such decisions always end up beneficial to a few countries and failing to serve the interests of all UN countries as a whole.

MNA/Xinhua

Equality, mutual benefit growth of Russia-China ties

MOSCOW, 20 June — Russian-Chinese relations have achieved a high tempo of growth thanks to equality and mutual benefit, Sergei Razov, Russia's newly appointed ambassador to China, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

Razov, who was deputy foreign minister before he was appointed by President Vladimir Putin earlier this month to succeed Igor Rogachev as ambassador to China, described current Russia-China ties as "at their best and still continuing to expand rapidly".

Ties between Russia and China can reach such a high level because they are based on equality and mutual benefit, and mutual interests are taken into account, Razov said. "No topic is taboo between our two countries. We can have dialogue on any issue,"

said the new ambassador, adding the conclusion of 40-year-long border negotiations and the final agreement on border demarcation between the two countries was a testament to this openness in dialogue.

Russia and China have built a high-level meeting mechanism, in which the two countries' leaders meet at the summit level as well as other high levels every year.

There have been great strides in bilateral economic cooperation, with bilateral trade hitting 21 billion US dollars last year, Razov said.

The leaders of both sides have decided to boost bilateral trade to 60 billion dollars by 2010, he said. The strategic partnership between Russia and China is a major stabilizing force in maintaining regional and global stability, setting the path for the future development of bilateral relations, Razov said.

In strengthening cooperation, both sides need to take into account terrorism threats, regional conflicts, and attempts by certain countries to build a unipolar world, said the Russian ambassador.

MNA/Xinhua



Indonesian girls prepare to perform a traditional Betawi dance as part of Jakarta's 478th anniversary celebrations at the Jakarta Fairground in Kemayoran on 19 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Donald Tsang specifies priorities of next two years' work

HONG KONG, 20 June — Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Chief Executive (CE) designate Donald Tsang said on Saturday that during his future two-year term of office as the Chief Executive, he will focus on improving governance, building harmonious society and promoting economic development.

He made the remarks while attending a question and answer meeting attended by about 500 Hong Kong citizens at Sha Tian Town Hall. The meeting was jointly held by four Hong Kong radio and television stations.

Tsang said he will continue to meet personnel from various walks of life in the next few months, to solicit their views for drafting his policy address to be delivered in October, when the Legislative Council resumes meetings.

When asked who is his supporters, he replied "Hong Kong citizens are

my supporters." His reply won warm applause from the audience.

Answering questions on improving livelihood of Hong Kong citizens, he said the government will help launch more projects as well as education and training courses, in a bid to create more job opportunities for Hong Kong citizens. He said the government will also support the fostering of creative industries and high value added industries, to restructure Hong Kong's economy.

Tsang also answered questions raised by citizens on education, employment, medical serv-

ice, property market and other issues.

Returning Officer for the Chief Executive Election Carley Chu announced on Friday that Donald Tsang was the only valid candidate in the Chief Executive Election of the HKSAR and has thus automatically become the Chief Executive designate, in accordance with Section 17 of the Chief Executive Election Ordinance. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government has reported the return of the CE by election to the State Council on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua

Commander, Minister meet members of Rakhine State USDA...

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rural development work, seven-point Road Map and nine future work programmes of the USDA. The commander explained functions of the association and its future tasks.

Minister Maj-Gen Thien Swe presented K 1 million and 500 dozens of exercise books for the Rakhine State USDA to Secretary U Kyaw Yin. The secretary also accepted K 1.7 million donated by well-wishers.

The commander and the minister arrived at the meeting hall of Myanma Port Authority Wharf-1 where MPA Managing Director U Thein Htay reported on inbound and outbound ships, loading and unloading of goods and use of machinery. Port officer U Than Oo reported on incomes earned through the services of Sittway Port, strength of the staff, estimated lists of incomes and expenditures, and use of fuel. The commander and the minister next inspected the site for construction of a quay.

On arrival at the Rakhine State Branch Office of Inland Water Transport, the commander and party heard a report by Managing Director U Soe Tint on running of water craft, strength of the staff and use of fuel.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister looked into Alaungphaya Ship and Taka (4) craft undergoing a refit at Sittway Dockyard. They also inspected construction of a quay at the dockyard and Danyawady Craft (1). Later, they met with officials and staff of the departments under the Ministry of Transport. — MNA

Health Minister inspects township people's hospitals in Yangon, Ayeyawady divisions...

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Chairman of Pyapon District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Ye Htut and Head of township Health Department Dr Myint Thein conducted them around the hospital.

Later, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and party proceeded to Myaungmya and Mawlamyinegyun Townships and met with authorities, officials and staff of the health departments, and members of social organizations. At the meeting, the minister urged them to assist the health committees in providing the health care services for the public. Moreover, he also urged officials concerned to report on needs to be fulfilled to the Ministry of Health.

Next, the minister and party went to Bogalay Township People's Hospital and fulfilled the requirement.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint today arrived at Pyapon Township People's Hospital and inspected the wards, operation theatre, delivery room, water supply system and construction work at the hospital.

Afterwards, the minister and party proceeded to Kyaiklat Township inspected the township People's Hospital.

When they arrived at 200-bed hospital in Maubin Township, Medical Superintendent Dr Thein Wai and Chairman of Maubin District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Sein Maung conducted them around the hospital. Next, the minister met with medical superintendent and specialists and attended to the needs.

Later, the minister and party went to farmers hospital in Hsamalauk Village in Nyaungdon Township and also inspected the ward. He urged the officials to try to raise funds for the staff of the hospital and to carry out the greening tasks.

Next, the minister and party arrived at the People's Hospital in Htantabin Township. The minister inspected the cultivation of crops in the compound of the hospital. — MNA

Commander inspects development work, hotel services in Ngwehsaung region

YANGON, 20 June — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung arrived at the briefing hall of Asia World Co Ltd on Pathein-Ngwehsaung Road on 18 June morning. Project Director U Myat Cho Win reported on construction of Pathein-Ngwehsaung Road and refitting of bridges.

Pathein-Ngwehsaung Road project being implemented by Asia World Co started in 2000. The road will be 29 miles long and a total of 9 miles and two furlongs have been tarred.

The commander next visited the rubber pilot cultivation camp owned by Supreme Co Group at the junction of Pathein-Mawtin and inspected growing of rubber. Next, at the briefing hall the commander heard a report by the project in charge on pilot cultivation

five kinds of rubber. The company has grown 20,000 rubber saplings on 20,000 acres of land.

Next, the commander and party inspected conditions of bridges along Pathien-Ngwehsaung Road by car. He then met with departmental officials at the hall of Ngwehsaung township. The commander looked into conditions of buildings along Ngwehsaung circular road, hotels along Ngwehsaung beach and extension of the building of Ngwehsaung BEHS and left necessary instructions.

At the hall of Yuzana Hotel, commander met 22 hoteliers of the region. District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Hla Thwin reported on hotel services. The 22 hotels are equipped with 209 buildings where more than 15000 visitors can stay.

Later, the commander visited sea prawn breeding camp of Yuzana Co Ltd. — MNA

Industry-1 Ministry opens courses



Minister U Aung Thuang delivers an address at English proficiency course 1/2005 and basic electrical course 1/2005.—MNA

YANGON, 20 June — Ministry of Industry-1 opened English proficiency course 1/2005 and basic electrical course 1/2005 at its training hall this morning.

In his address delivered at the ceremony,

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang expatiated the aims and benefits of the courses.

Thirty-six trainees are attending the English proficiency course, and 75 the basic electrical course. — MNA

Outstanding athletes of Rail Transportation Ministry honoured

YANGON, 20 June—A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding footballers and athletes who brought glory to the nation was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Rail Transportation this afternoon with an address by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thuang Lwin and U Pe Than, directors-general and managing directors of the ministry, departmental officials, manager, coaches and athletes.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min made a speech.

Next, Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and U Thuang Lwin and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presented prizes to outstanding athletes.

Afterwards, an official reported on success of the ministry's football team and measures to be taken to the minister.

Next, Chairman of Central Sports Committee Director-General of Road Transport Administration Department U Hla Thuang Myint reported on matters related to the ministry's sport.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted those present on the occasion.—MNA

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Aerobics exercises demonstrated to mark World Olympic Day

YANGON, 20 June— An aerobics exercise demonstration, organized by the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation to mark the World Olympic Day 2005 was held at Aung San Stadium this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

First, the school-girls of Latha BEHS No 2, Bahan BEHS No 2, Sangyoung BEHS No 2, Mingala Taungnyut BEHS No 3 and trainees of aerobics camp in Aung San Stadium collectively demonstrated aerobics exercises and a school-girl of Mingala Taungnyut BEHS No 3 Ma Khine Khine Htet



President of Work Committee for MWSF Daw Aye Aye presents a souvenir to an aerobics trainee to mark World Olympic Day.—NLM

showed off her skills.

Next, trainees of aerobics camp in Aung San Stadium demon-

strated with the help of aerobics equipments.

President of Work Committee for MWSF

Daw Aye Aye presented souvenirs to the school-girls and trainees.

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Exercise books, pencils donated to monastic education primary schools

YANGON, 20 June—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (In-charge of Yangon Division) Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, accompanied by Secretary of Yangon Division USDA U Aye Myint and officials, on 18 June met the chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council and members, the secretaries of district, township and village USDAs, executives, organizers, social organizations and townsenders at the office of Thongwa Township USDA in Yangon South District, and explained matters on the seven-point Road Map and attended to the needs for regional development.

Next, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa accepted exercise books and pencils donated by 18 well-wishers for monastic education primary schools in the township.

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Deputy Minister on inspection tour of factories, mills and Win Thuza Shop

YANGON, 20 June — Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun inspected the sales of Win Thuza Shop in Mawlamyine on 17 June morning.

The deputy minister also looked into tile factory (branch) of Myanmar Ceramics Industries and gave necessary instructions.

The deputy minister then inspected Mawlamyine Distillery Factory No 4 of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries and Mawlamyine Ceramics Factory.

In the evening, the deputy minister inspected Win Thuza Shop in Tayokehla village in Hpa-an Township.

On 18 June, the deputy minister inspected Bilin Sugar Mill of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries where the officials conducted him round.

The deputy minister went on inspection tour of Industrial Use Methylated Spirit Factory, Naungyoe Sugarcane plantation, Sittaung Paper Mill and Win Thuza Shop in Bago.—MNA

Commander inspects sluice gate, dam construction projects in Paung Township

YANGON, 19 June — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of the South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 17 June inspected Yinnyein sluice gate construction project in Paung Township and attended to the needs.

Deputy Director U Myint Tun Latt of the Construction Group-6 of the Irrigation Department reported on construction work.

Afterwards, the commander proceeded to Kataik Dam project in Paung Township and fulfilled the requirements.

Kataik Dam is an earthen type and it has storage capacity of 950 acre feet. It is 5,200 feet in length and 134 feet in height. On completion, it will prevent flooding and will irrigate 10,000 acres of farm-land.

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Film industry becoming...

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carry out the tasks efficiently and to serve dutifully in practical field.

He said film industry has become profitable business in the world. Plans are under way to earn income for the country through the show business.

He spoke of the need for all officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and members of all strata to possess high quality. Arrangements are being made for providing technical equipment to the film world, he said.

He said the trainees are to make efforts for realization of the objectives of MMPE for 2005-2006 in combination with the knowledge gained from the course.

He called for successful implementation of the objectives of MMPE.

The minister then greeted artistes and experts and trainees.

Thirty trainees from MMPE are attending the one-month course.—MNA

Sports Minister receives outgoing Ambassador

YANGON, 20 June — Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint received Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr A.B Manjoor Rahim who has completed his tour of duty at the office of the ministry this evening.

It was also attended by officials concerned of the Ministry of Sports. The Minister and Ambassador exchanged views on sports between the two countries.—MNA



Main building of Government Technological College (Kengtung) —MNA

Ministry of Industry-1 honours victorious athelets

YANGON, 20 June — A ceremony to honour the outstanding atheletes who won victories at home and abroad took place at the Ministry of Industry-1 this afternoon, attended by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang.

The minister made a speech on the occasion.

Next, the directors-general and the managing directors handed over the shields and trophies to the minister.

A total of 66 outstanding atheletes of the Ministry of Industry-1 were honoured by the minister and officials.—MNA

Iran said “Big No” to US presidential election

TEHERAN, 20 June — Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi said here Sunday that the Iranians said a “big no” to the United States in the presidential election held on Friday, the official IRNA news agency reported.

“As we have already predicted, the election made the Americans feel ashamed and it proved that they were neither good politicians nor good fortune tellers,” Kharazi was quoted as saying.

“We hope that the Americans will wake up and revise their stances toward Iran before it is too late,” Kharazi said. “The election proved that people have different tastes and take decisions independently, but are committed to the Islamic principles,” he added.

The Foreign Minister also said the Islamic republic will “proceed with religious-based democracy and will continue to exercise its influence on the region”. As to Iran’s foreign policy after the election, Kharazi said the principles of Iran’s foreign policy would not be affected by the new president.

“The nuclear programmes will not undergo any

change. We are for detente policy and cooperation with the international community and insist on our principles,” Kharazi was quoted as saying. Iran on Friday held its ninth presidential election and some 32 million out of 46 million eligible voters cast votes.

Iran’s Interior Ministry announced on Saturday that pragmatist former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and ultra-conservative Teheran mayor Mahmood Ahmadinejad will go to a runoff with 21 per cent and 19 per cent respectively of the Friday’s ballots. Under Iran’s law, if nobody garners at least 50 per cent of the votes, the top two vote-getters will have to go to a runoff held one week later.

The United States, slamming Iran’s election as undemocratic, predicted that there would be a very low turnout on the polling day. — MNA/Xinhua

Turkish, Bulgarian PMs inaugurate border crossing

ANKARA, 20 June — Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Bulgarian counterpart Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha inaugurated Hamzabeyli-Lesovo border crossing between the two countries on Sunday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

“This border crossing will further improve cultural and economic relations between the two countries and contribute to good neighbourly ties,” Erdogan was quoted as saying.

He added that it would ease mutual visits and boost tourism between Turkey and Bulgaria.

Noting that Turkish investments in Bulgaria have increased to 300 million US dollars, Erdogan expected more investment from Bulgaria to Turkey.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Simeon, on his part, said the border crossing would contribute to further improvement of bilateral relations between Bulgaria and Turkey.

He also noted that exchange of goods between the two countries had amounted to 1.8 billion US dollars in 2004. — MNA/Xinhua

Balkan leaders discuss regional integration with Europe

SOPIA, 20 June — Incumbent and former leaders of the Balkan states on Sunday called for concerted efforts to boost the region’s transportation and supply infrastructure to achieve an early integration with Europe.

During a two-day meeting of the Balkan Political Club ended here Sunday, the leaders agreed that the transportation, power and communication infrastructure of the Balkan countries are lagging behind, which seriously restricts the development of the region and handicaps its integration with Europe.

The meeting hence called on the countries to strengthen collaboration and coordination, especially in the construction of transnational highway, railway, oil and gas transportation pipelines and energy projects.

The Balkan Political Club was established at the suggestion of Bulgarian ex-president Zhelyu Zhelev in May, 2001, which aperiodically gathers incumbent and former leaders of the Balkan countries to discuss the regional situation and economic development. — MNA/Xinhua

Safeguard your roots

* In Bagan Era, there was no mixing
Of love and national cause
There was clear concept
Shunned decision of heart, sided with father
In choice of partner
For nation, decide on Myanmar blood
There used to be noble pride
* Noble pride, as long as world exists
long-lasting, as exemplified by Shwe-ein-si story
If chronicles were to be pointed out
It reverberates in bosom, echoing
Safeguard roots, in practice
Take Bagan lass, who was dutiful
In her honour, verse is written
Composed in praise, of good Myanmar woman
Whose history, has not faded
Every fresh and fragrant
Worldwide, such fragrance
Shall keep spreading.

ThunYadana Soe (Myaylat)
(Hailing Myanmar Women’s Day July 3)

Reinforcement of safety law called for Zambian industries

LUSAKA, 20 June — Zambia should strengthen its safety law for industries since the current one is inadequate, Mines Minister Kaunda Lembalemba was quoted by the *Post* as saying on Saturday.

“There is need to address the law to ensure that it compels employers to adhere to matters of safety,” Kaunda said, adding that the government has appointed a committee to investigate the cause of accidents in the mines, which rampaged the country in the last few months, and provisions of the law as well.

The team, comprising people from the University of Zambia’s School of Mines and former Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines, is expected to tour all smelters and concentrators in the various mines to verify whether set guidelines are being adhered to, said the minister. “Investors will not stop coming to Zambia and other mines will be opened soon, therefore we need a report which will project the country’s direction,” said Kaunda. The report would give guidelines to all stakeholders in the mining industry and it should be transparent, he added.

Kaunda also called on mine unions to participate more effectively since they were part and parcel of the mining industry. — MNA/Xinhua



Newly-opened main building of Kengtung Degree College.— MNA

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

Myanmar women with high efficiency

Kyi Kyi Chit (Sagawa Myay)

As regards women's affairs, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, calling on the mass of Myanmar women to lend themselves to the construction of political, economic and social infrastructures being undertaken by the State, to ward off instigation of lackeys of the neo-colonialists who are misleading young women under the pretext of women's rights and human rights, to make efforts in concert to ensure development of gentle and polite characteristics, profound and well-composed behaviour, and intellectual power of Myanmar women.

If we study the early periods of history, we will find that Myanmar women have opened their chapter in social life with ability, qualification and honour in the respective sectors since then. And since those times, accomplishments of Myanmar women in political, administrative and judicial fields have been chronicled.

In the times of Myanmar Kings, they played a key role in the state administrative machinery.

In volume II of the book Administrative System of Myanmar Kings, it was stated, "During the time of Myanmar monarchs, seven positions — kalan, thanbyin, judge, minister, prince, queen and king — had the right to make decisions in legal affairs. In addition to the queen, women who were assigned the posts of kalan and thanbyin could also do the work of judges." The book also said that of the six kinds of judges, "Gamabawzaka, Zanabadabawzaka" meant a town or village administrator of either sex who had the right to exercise the judicial power in his/her jurisdiction.

In addition to acting as town or village administrators, women were also appointed high level administrative official posts during the period starting from Bagan to Konboug. There are evidences to the effect that women played the role of ministers, administrators, leaders of groups, civil officials, and other executive and official posts. Thus, it is true that Myanmar women enjoyed their deserved rights in the past as they were tasked with high level duties according to their ability and capacity.

Throughout the successive eras, there have been famous women of letters, possessing a wide array of knowledge in the literary world, and women law officers who were well-versed in judicial affairs. Hence, in the times of Myanmar Kings, Myanmar women discharged their duties well in political, administrative, economic, social and cultural fields and were able to show their efficiency.

Women who were able to serve the national interest and raise the nation's glory even at the risk of their lives did emerge in Myanmar throughout the successive eras. The nation itself and the world acknowledged their performances and ability. Moreover, they have already handed down their fine traditions as the good heritage to the women of present era.

At present, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is leading the work of raising the social standard of Myanmar women and protecting them. The

Myanmar women have shown their outstanding performance in diversified fields in the interests of the nation and the people throughout successive periods of the nation. Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day that falls on 3 July 2005, this article is presented in honour of high efficiency and active participation of the mass of Myanmar women in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

MWAF has been implementing the six tasks covering the project to uplift the health and education standard of women, to develop their economy, to ensure a pleasant family life for them, to educate them to cherish and preserve the traditions and culture, and to develop and protect the lives of young women.

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, the Women Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association, and working group of Violence against Women have also been formed to carry out the task in a wide array of sectors. Women represent more than half the nation's population. With the brilliant qualification and perseverance, the Myanmar women are taking part in building a new peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Now, female medical specialists and physicians, female legal experts, female doctors and scholars, and woman entrepreneurs are participating with high qualifications by doing their bit in the nation-building undertakings.

In particular, today Myanmar has been able to penetrate deep into the international sports world with the spectacular performance of its outstanding women

athletes. Myanmar women's football team is now competing with its rivals in Asian soccer qualifier. Myanmar woman weightlifter Aye Aye Aung, Khin Swe Oo who won a gold medal in the international Taekwondo contest, Soe Soe Myar, gold medalist swimmer Moe Thu Aung, weightlifting gold medalists in the XXI SEA Games Mya Sandar Oo, Swe Swe Win, and Khin Moe Nwe, Asia champion Kathy Win, Khaing Khaing Maw who has won five gold in Wushu could bring honour to the mother country through their brilliant performance that has embodied Myanmar in the international sports world.

Similarly, Ye Nwe Bridge in Nyaunglebin Township built by woman engineers led by Director of Ye Nwe Bridge Project senior engineer Daw Si Than is a tangible proof of high efficiency of Myanmar woman engineers. Women engineers are playing a leading role in implementing the Pammawady River-crossing bridge on Patheingyi Road. Women engineers could show their remarkable performance in constructing small, medium and large bridges including large river-crossing bridges such as Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), Bo Myat Tun Bridge (Nyaungdon), and Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) and a lot of dams including Thaphansek Dam and Thabaung Dam.

In addition, the Myanmar Woman Entrepreneurs Association is gaining a firm foothold in the international market based on the national economic development in accord with the market-oriented economic system introduced in the nation by the State. The MWEA is expanding its work through active and cooperative participation in international trade fairs and international seminars on market economy.

Likewise, the performance of outstanding young women in the nation's cultural field has been most impressive. It is very heartening to see the young women's artistic skills in the competitions at various levels from the ages of five to sixteen in the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

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Czech Govt proposes referendum to ratify EU constitution

PRAGUE, 19 June—The Czech ruling coalition on Saturday proposed that the country should ratify the European Union (EU) Constitution through referendum instead of parliamentary approval. The coalition does not have majority in either House of Parliament.

Prime Minister Jiri Paroubek told reporters after talks with his coalition partners that the earliest possible date for a referendum would be June 2006, when parliamentary elections are held.

However, he said, a later date would be more realistic. The three-party coalition also agreed to

spearhead discussions among citizens about a wide range of EU-related issues, including the EU Constitution, accession to the Schengen Accord and the adoption of the euro, according to the *Czech News Agency*.

Paroubek has promised to work out a communication plan in two weeks.

The EU leaders agreed on Thursday to extend the November 2006 deadline for ratifying the EU Constitution — without deciding on a new date — to allow each country to take stock after it was rejected in France and the Netherlands.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian cargo spaceship docks with 'ISS'

Moscow, 19 June—A Russian cargo spaceship successfully docked with the *International Space Station (ISS)* early on Sunday with more than 2.5 tons of supplies, the Russian Mission Control said.

The *Progress M-53*, which lifted off at 3:10 am Moscow Time (2310 GMT) on Friday, was carrying some 2.5 tons of food, water and packages from families for Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalyov and US astronaut John Phillips. Krikalyov and Phillips have been working on the space laboratory since April.

The *Progress* also carried 111 kilos of oxygen, fuel and Russian and Japanese scientific equipment for experiments and was loaded with components to fix the Elektron oxygen generating system, which has broken down

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Serbia targets new laws adoption as priority of EU integration

BELGRADE (Serbia-Montenegro), 19 June — Serbia has targeted the adoption of a new Constitution and other laws as the priority of its national strategy for Serbia-Montenegro's accession to the European Union, Serbian Deputy Premier Miroslav Labus said on Saturday.

Addressing a forum entitled "What is the Serbian Government's Euro-

pean strategy", Labus said that the Serbian Government supports an October 5 start to negotiations with EU representatives on the stabilization and association agreement, the first formal step to EU accession. He said Serbia had to implement the action plan for coordinating regulations with those of the EU, which involves the adoption of as many as 41 laws in 2005.

Regardless of the general climate of the slowing down of the EU enlargement process, no one would be able to deny Serbia-Montenegro's accession to the EU, if the state union fulfills the necessary European standards, Labus said.

The forum was organized by the Belgrade weekly *Vreme* and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Challenger Team +39 from Italy on ITA 59, left, fights China Team on CHN 69 during the first match race on the third day of the Louis Vuitton Act 4, which is counting for the 32nd America's Cup in Valencia, Spain, on 18 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Serbian President calls for preservation of union with Montenegro

BELGRADE (Serbia-Montenegro), 19 June — Serbian President Boris Tadic on Friday called for the preservation of the state union of Serbia-Montenegro, as it is expected to begin negotiations with the European Union later this year.

"We believe that is the shortest and safest road to the EU and NATO," Tadic said following a meeting with visiting Swiss Foreign Minister Micheline Calmy-Rey.

Tadic said that he had received a letter from his Montenegrin counterpart Filip Vujanovic, who accused Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica of meddling in the internal affairs of Montenegro.

On Thursday, Kostunica said in Brussels that the over 260,000 Montenegrins living in Serbia should have the right to vote in the future referendum on Montenegro's independence. Kostunica also presented a list of those Montenegrin citizens to EU officials.

According to Montenegrin law, only 450,000 citizens in the republic are allowed to vote. Those living in

Serbia would change the result of the referendum in Montenegro, where independence supporters may have a slight majority.

The Serbian President said Serbia should not interfere in Montenegro's internal affairs, but all Montenegrin should be allowed to vote in the future referendum regardless of their place of residence.

MNA/Xinhua

G-8 summit urged to make concrete commitment to Africa

NAIROBI, 19 June — The United Nations environment and human settlements agencies on Friday called on the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized nations to make immediate commitment of rescuing Africa by eliminating poverty at the July summit.

Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme Klaus Toepfer and the head of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), Anna Tibajuka urged G-8 leaders to produce concrete results at their Gleneagles meeting, hosted by British Prime Minister Tony Blair who has put Africa and global warming as his priorities.

"It is extremely important to have this

report (Commission of Africa) on the table at the G-8 meeting," Toepfer told a news conference in Nairobi during the launch of the report on UN Millennium Development Goals.

Toepfer said the announcement made last week on debt relief for Africa and initiatives by the British Government under its presidency of the G-8 including its Commission for Africa were very encouraging.

Tibajuka, who sat on

the Commission for Africa set up by Blair to prepare a blueprint for the upcoming summit of G-8 rich nations, said most of the report's recommendations have Africa in mind.

"The conclusion of the Commission for Africa report is that we must also prevail over chaotic urbanization. The notion of slum prevention was also emphasized as well as water sanitation and human settlements," she said.

"The report responds to Africa's call for help in dealing with the rapid urbanization," said the UN-HABITAT chief who served on the panel in her personal capacity.

The G-8 is scheduled to meet in Gleneagles, Scotland in Britain where the recommendations of the Commission for Africa which proposes doubling of aid, lifting of trade barriers on imports from Africa and the eradication of farm subsidies will be adopted. —MNA/Xinhua

Blackleg disease kills over 40 cattle in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 19 June — The Department of Veterinary Services of Zimbabwe announced here on Friday that the blackleg disease, which broke out in Mt Darwin recently, had killed more than 40 cattle.

The department's Principal Director Stuart Hargreaves said this is bacterial disease, which is common throughout the country. The bacteria is found in the soil and it is not contagious like the foot-and-mouth disease.

Farmers, Hargreaves said, should vaccinate their animals against the disease from birth to the age of three, as it attacked young animals whose blood was not well oxygenated.

"We advise farmers to vaccinate their animals under the age of three," he said.

"The disease tends to affect animals between six and nine months of age because their blood supply will not be good enough to provide muscles with good oxygen." —MNA/Xinhua

Kenya says debt servicing burden to poverty reduction

NAIROBI, 19 June — The Kenyan Government on Friday expressed frustrations in servicing foreign debts and meeting poverty eradication goals, saying debts have constrained government resource allocations.

Finance Minister David Mwirariatold a news conference that the continued debt servicing was crucial to ensure that the country was not choked by foreign debts, even though it faces a shoestring budget due to the unreliable donor funding.

"We have to set our priorities right. We are trying to reduce poverty and increase the levels of economic growth," the minister said.

However, "whether you like it or not, we have borrowed money over the years from the World Bank and we have to repay what we borrowed 20 years ago".

Kenya is servicing a 400-billion-shilling (about 5.2-billion-US-dollar) foreign debt portfolio and an additional 300-billion-shilling (about 3.9-billion-dollar) domestic debt burden, putting the country's total indebtedness at 700 billion shillings (about 9.1 billion dollars), which is more than half of the entire economy.

Kenya has set aside 87 billion shillings (about 1.1 billion dollars) in its current fiscal budget to service debts, which is equal to what it plans to spend in agriculture, health and roads together.—MNA/Xinhua

German DM calls off US visit to show dissatisfaction

BERLIN, 19 June — German Defence Minister Peter Struck has called off a visit to the United States next week out of dissatisfaction with his US counterpart, local media reported on Saturday.

US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would only arrange a 45-minute-long meeting with Struck, German news magazine *Der Spiegel* said, adding that other US senior officials even show no interest in his visit.

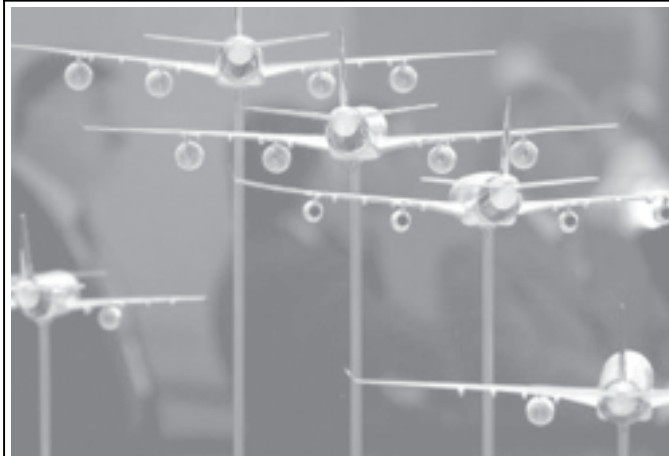
A Defence Ministry spokesman on Saturday did not comment on the report. Struck decided Thursday to cancel his US trip because of the problem of date with his talking partners, the spokesman said.—MNA/Xinhua

Evidence of glassmaking in ancient Egypt

WASHINGTON, 19 June — Scientists have unearthed the first conclusive evidence of a glass factory in ancient Egypt, offering new insights into production techniques of a commodity once so highly prized that nobles used it interchangeably with gemstones.

Archaeologist Thilo Rehren of University College of London reported in the journal *Science* that he first visited Qantir-Piramesses in the eastern Nile Delta 12 years ago to examine artifacts at the ruins of an ancient industrial complex dated 1250 BC.

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Visitors speak near models of the Airbus A380 at the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget, near Paris, on 17 June, 2005.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

Germany take fourth successive European women's soccer title

LONDON, 20 June— World champions Germany beat Norway 3-1 to win their fourth successive UEFA European Women's Championship at Blackburn, England on Sunday.

A deflected goal from world player of the year and German captain Birgit Prinz extinguished a spirited Norwegian comeback and gave the Germans their sixth European title since the tournament began in 1984.

Germany went ahead mid-way through the first half when Anja Mittag nodded in a goalbound Inka Grings shot after a well-worked corner in the 21st minute.

The Germans went 2-0 up three minutes later when midfielder Renate Lingor lobbed Norway's goalkeeper Bente Nordby following a failed Norwegian

counter attack.

Norway, the only European team to win continental, world and Olympic titles, hit back through Dagny Mellgren just before halftime and then had a Stine Frantzen effort disallowed for offside.

But even 16-year-old substitute Isabella Herlovsen, whose goal against France kept Norway in the tournament, could not inspire more goals against a side dominant in this competition and victorious in all but one of the European tournaments they have competed in.

MNA/Xinhua



Germany's Conny Pohlers (R) and Britta Carlson (L) celebrate after defeating Norway in the Women's European Championships soccer match at Ewood Park, northern England, on 19 June, 2005. Germany won the match 3-1. — INTERNET

Pakistan defeat India in last match of football series

ISLAMABAD, 20 June— Pakistan defeated India 3-0 in the third match to square the three-match football series on Saturday night at Punjab Stadium in Lahore, capital of Punjab Province, *The News* reported on Sunday.

The final game proved one-side affair as the Indians hardly made a dangerous move while hosts dominated the proceedings from the kick-off.

The Pakistans were under immense pressure since the opening game on June 12 in Quetta, capital of Baluchistan Province, ended in a thrilling 1-1 draw and visitors won the second clash 1-0 Thursday in Peshawar, capital of North-West Frontier Province.

Mohammad Essa, who helped Paki-

stan draw 1-1 with a free kick with 12 minutes from time in Quetta, once again excelled when he drilled home following a slip-up by India goalkeeper Satish Kumar and a defensive lapse in the second minute of the game.

Former captain Tanveer Ahmad put Pakistan in a dominating position in a match that did not see much fireworks, with a clever flick from 14 yards off a free kick a minute before lemons.

MNA/Xinhua

Zambia beat Mali 2-1 in World Cup qualifier

LUSAKA, 20 June— Zambia beat Mali 2-1 in an Africa/World Cup qualifier Group One on Saturday in Chililabombwe in Copperbelt Province. The hard-won victory greatly boosted Zambia's chance to qualify for the 2006 German World Cup.

Zambia dominated most of the first half, with Lionos Chalwe scoring the first goal with a header at about 27 minutes.

The Mali team started their counter attack in the second half, climaxing at the 72 minutes when Soumaila Coulibaly scored the equalizer with a long-distance shot that caught Zambian goalkeeper Kennedy Mwene in surprise.

Collins Mbesuma saved Zambia from a draw that could have sent it out of the World Cup with his score at the 85th minutes. In another Group One match Saturday, Senegal was forced to a 2-2 draw with Togo in Dakar.

Togo now leads Group One with 17 points from eight games, followed by Zambia with 16 points from eight games.—MNA/Xinhua



Japan's Masashi Oguro, right, gets his foot between the legs of Georgios Karagounis of Greece to score the opening goal during the Confederations Cup Group B soccer match between Greece and Japan in Frankfurt, Germany, on 19 June, 2005. Japan won the match 1-0. — INTERNET

Japan beat Greece 1-0 in Confederations Cup

FRANKFURT, 20 June — Asian champions Japan handed Greece their second defeats in the Confederations Cup, beating the European champions 1-0 here on Sunday.

A 76th-minute goal from second-half substitute Masashi Oguro earned Japan their first points in FIFA Confederations Cup Group B.

Oguro had only been on the field ten minutes when he struck with a first-time finish. Japan had created the better opportunities throughout the game against empty-handed Greece. The Greek team are also the only team in the Confederations Cup without a goal.

The game between the two teams showed a sharp contrast of styles. Both teams should win the game to keep their hope of qualifying for the semifinal alive.

Japan started striker Keiji Tamada to partner Atushi Yanagisawa in attack in place of defender Takayuki Chano. Greece made three changes with captain Theodoros Zagorakis rested after playing for his Italian club Bologna 24 hours earlier.

Full-back Giourkas Seitaridis was replaced as he still felt a knee injury suffered in the match against Brazil. Centre-back Mihalīs Kapsīs was also missing for a second game.

The Greek team imposed themselves physically on their smaller Japanese

counterparts at the very beginning of the game. But Japan showed that they would not back off.

The Greek team resolved to high ball tactics while Japan responded with counterattacks. Stylianos Charisteas missed a scoring chance in the opening minutes, but it was Tamada who had the better chance. But his weak lob was cleaned by Greek goalkeeper.

Both teams had several chances in the first half, but neither could break the deadlock. After the interval, Japan took the initiative. Akira Kaji, Yanagisawa and Tamada all wasted some golden chances.

Japanese coach Zico sent on Oguro to add pressure on Greek defence line. Ten minutes after coming on, Oguro was released by a perfect pass from Nakamura and he slipped the ball past the Greek goalkeeper.

Greece had the chance to level the score, but Charisteas' shot was blocked by Japanese goalkeeper Kawaguchi.

Japan nearly doubled the lead in the dying minutes when Koji Nakata's shot was cleared off the line by Papadopoulos.

MNA/Xinhua

China level 2-2 with Costa Rica in soccer friendly

CHANGSHA (China), 20 June— Defender Sun Xiang's late goal gave China a 2-2 draw with Costa Rica in a soccer friendly here on Sunday.

Ronald Gomez, who scored the first goal in their 2002 World Cup 2-0 opening victory over China, put Costa Rica in the 2-1 lead in the 75th minute with a free kick penetrating China's defence wall.

But their edge last only five minutes before Chinese defender Sun Xiang fired in a 20-yard shot after receiving Zheng Zhi's pass near the box.

The 80th minute goal sealed the 2-2 draw and saved China a possible loss in front of home fans.

The hosts drew the first blood in the 28th minute as midfielder Zhang Yaokun, lurking right before the net,

slid in a well-placed feed from teammate Sun Xiang after Zhao Junze's tricky corner left Costa Rica's defence in disorder.

Mauricio Solis pulled it even for Costa Rica twelve minutes into the second half after he hit in a head pass from forward Brian Ruiz, who got first touch of Soto's corner.

China wasted their first chance at the 16th minute when Li Weifeng and Li Yi, who charged down to the goal line with only one Costa Rica's defender between them, both missed the neat long pass from Zheng Zhi in the right flank.

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တန်ခူး၊ ကဆုန်၊ နယုန်လများတွင် ဥကုပ်နေသော (သို့) ဥနင် ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပစ္စန်ထုပ်ကြီးများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ တစ်ဝန်းလုံးရှိ မြစ်ချောင်း အင်းအိုင်များတွင် ဥချရန် ပြင်ဆင် လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ၎င်းတို့မှ မကြာမီ ထောင်ပေါင်းများစွာသော ပစ္စန်များသည် ပေါက်ပွား လာတော့မည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အကယ်၍ အဆိုပါဥကုပ်နေသော (သို့) ဥနင်ပြည့်ဝ နေသော ပစ္စန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီးသတ်ဖြတ်ခံပါက ၎င်းတို့မှ ပစ္စန် သားလောင်းများ မပေါက်ပွားနိုင်တော့ဘဲ မျိုးပြုန်းတီးရာလည်း ရောက်စေပါသည်။ ရေချိုပစ္စန်များ ပေါများကြွယ်ဝလာစေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့ ဥကုပ်နေသော ရာသီချိန်တွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမဲ့ပေးသော ထုတ်လုပ်မှု အား မြင်မာလာပြီး အမျိုးသားစီးပွားရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးလာမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ရေချိုပစ္စန်ထုပ်များ ရေရှည်တည်တံ့စေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့သော ဥကုပ် ရာသီချိန်တွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ နေရာတိုင်းတွင် ဘေးမဲ့ပေးကြပါရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါ သည်။

မွေးမြူရေးနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန

G-4 ministers to meet in Brussels over UNSC seat

NEW DELHI, 20 June—India and the other G-4 countries —Japan, Brazil and Germany — have decided to intensify their consultations to get a permanent seat on the UN Security Council (UNSC) after the United States enunciated criteria for the UNSC membership earlier this week.

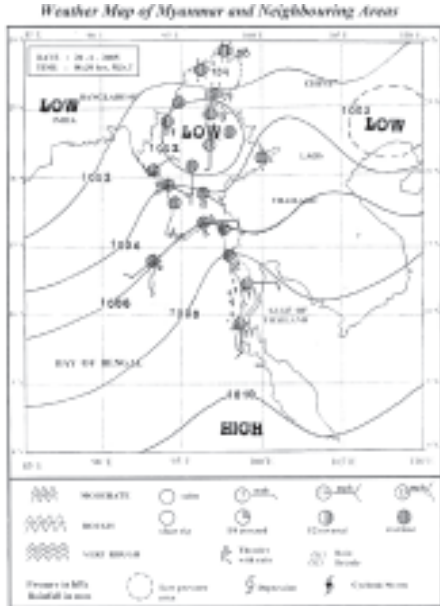
“The G-4 foreign ministers will be meeting in Brussels on 22 June. External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh will be cutting short his visit to Italy for this purpose,” said Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna here on Saturday. US Under-Secretary of State Nicholas Burns, at a Press briefing in Washington on Wednesday, listed several criteria for “eligible countries” and those countries which are “supremely well qualified” to become members of the UNSC.

His statement that Washington is “considering supporting two or so new permanent members” to the Council re-

kinded hopes in India about Washington’s support for India’s bid on the basis of criteria spelt out by the US official. Early this week, the Indian Foreign Minister had spoken to British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer as part of India’s strategy to drum up maximum support for the UNSC expansion.

He also spoke to Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura and Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim. India and other G-4 countries are trying to win as many co-sponsors for the draft resolution as possible.

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WEATHER

Monday, 20 June, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah, Rakhine, Kayin States and lower Sagaing Division isolated in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Mon States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.96) inches, Putao and Kale (3.66) inches each, Thayawady (1.30) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.18) inches and Kawthong (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-6-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 19-6-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-6-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 18-6-2005 was (5.2 hours) approx. Rainfalls on 20-6-2005 were (1.18) inches at Yangon Airport, (0.59) inch in Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch in central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (20.55 inches) at Yangon Airport, (17.48 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (14.53 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (14:55) hours MST on 19-6-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21-6-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery conditions in Rakhine Coast.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-6-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-6-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.



Tuesday, 21 June
View on today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိတာ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိရာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်)ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သောဥပ္ပါတသန္တီပါဠိတော်
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. မိုင်းတော်သံယဉာဏ်မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့(အဖွဲ့ဝင်) ခန့်ကိုင်းတိုင်း၊ ခန့်ကိုင်းမြို့၊ ခန့်ကိုင်းတောင်ရိုး ဝေယျသိန်ပါဠိတက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ပဓာနနာယကဆရာတော် အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ ဘဒ္ဒန္တပညာသိရိဟောကြားတော်မူသော“မဟာသမယအစီတော်အနုသိကောင်းဖွယ်ရာအမြတ်ပြုတရားတော်နှင့် မဟာသမယသုတံပါဠိတော်”

- 8:10 am**
5. “အဝိဇ္ဇာအမှောင်ခွင်းဉာဏ် အလင်းထွန်းပေါ်မြတ်ဓမ္မတရား ရုတ်တော်” (ညွန့်စာပေရေးစု၊ ပုဇွန်ကျီ ကိုကျော်ဆွေ၊ တောတဝင်းထွန်း၊ ရာဇဝင်းတင့်၊ နှင်းရည်သန့်နှင့် မြူဒီသီဆို ပုဇွန်သံဃာ)
- 8:20 am**
6. Nice and sweet song
- 8:30 am**
7. International news
- 8:45 am**
8. Let’s Go
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English For Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. ဓမ္မပူဇော်တော်အစီအစဉ်
- 5:00 pm**
5. အစားသင့်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ချစ်ခြင်းသနားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဓာတုအယူမြူ (သတ္တဓာတု))
- 5:15 pm**
6. Dance of National races
- 5:30 pm**
7. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်

- 5:40 pm**
8. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm**
9. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဗျောက်မင်းဂရုနန်း”(အပိုင်း-၁၀၄) (ဇာတ်သစ်ပိုင်း)
- 6:30 pm**
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
12. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့
- 7:20 pm**
13. Summit ဆိုမှ Summit
- 7:35 pm**
14. သီတဓမ္မဆရာတော်အရှင်ဉာဏ်သာရ၏ နယုန်လပြည့် မဟာသမယကြီးကျယ်မြတ်သည့် အစီတော်နေ့
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
- 8:05 pm**
16. International news
- 8:10 pm**
17. Weather report
- 8:15 pm**
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟေမာန်ဆောင်း၏ ရုတ်သံတော်” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 8:20 pm**
19. မင်းထွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိန်ညွှာသရော်ဘိဝံသ၏ အရုပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာပေတ္တာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်
- 8:25 pm**
20. The next day’s programme



Tuesday, 21 June
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Exposed to love (Exposed)
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: -Hungry heart (Bruce Springsteen)
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: -Have you even seen the rain? (Jone Jett)
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music -5,6,7,8 (Steps)
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunchtime music -Stony (Lobo) -Don’t forget to remember (Beegees)
- 9.00 pm** English Speaking Course Level (III) Unit (2)
- 9.15 pm** Article
- 9.25 pm** Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm** Music for your listening pleasure - Come in out of the rain (Wedy Moton)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

Seminar held to boost exports, foreign exchange earnings



Minister Col Zaw Min made a speech at seminar on cooperatives export and import promotion.—MNA

YANGON, 20 June — Seminar on cooperatives export and import promotion began here today with the aim of earning more hard currency for the nation. Speaking at the meeting, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min said that the seminar is held for the members of cooperative societies to be skilled in their work. Cooperative syndicates should join hands with exporters and importers of the sector to extend connections with foreign organizations for exports, to find markets and to collect market information and data, he noted. The minister urged the cooperatives to export their agricultural and industrial products more to boost

exports of the sector, saying, they should import goods that will help benefit the nation. In this way, they will become financially strong enough to compete with private businesses, he pointed out. In striving to realize the aims of the seminar — to boost exports and foreign currency income — the cooperatives should serve the interest of the nation and their own, while making best efforts for development of the society, he said. Officials of the Cooperative Department and syndicates are attending the five-day seminar that will end on 24 June. — MNA

Myanmar women enter AFC C'ship

YANGON, 20 June — Thanks to the two goals scored each by Zin Mar Wan and Malar Win, Myanmar has secured a place in AFC Women's Championship to be held in Japan in May 2006. Myanmar women team won the second qualifying round by beating Uzbekistan 2-1 in Hanoi, Vietnam, this evening. Hanoi is playing host to the second round qualifying matches of the AFC women's championship.

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(20-6-2005)

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Film industry becoming profitable business in the world Arrangements made for providing technical equipment to film world

YANGON, 20 June — The refresher course No 1 2005 on film production and projecting was opened at the audio room of the branch office (feature film) in Bahan Township this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Min-

isters Brig-Gen Aung Thein and U Thein Sein, directors-general and managing directors and officials of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, the chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, course instructors, trainees and guests. In his speech, the minister said the course was

conducted with the objectives of promoting the trainees' work proficiency, uplifting mental qualifications of the trainees, carrying out the functions of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and operating the equipment with skill. He highlighted that the trainees are to (See page 9)



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the refresher course No 1 2005 on film production and projecting.—MNA

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Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, the Women Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association, and working group of Violence against Women have also been formed to carry out the task in a wide array of sectors. (Page 11) KYI KYI CHIT (SAGAWA MYAY)