

**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

# Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection tour of Bagan-NyaungU, Kyaukpadaung



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects progress of Arimaddanapura Bagan Golden Palace.— MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, heads of departments and officials of the SPDC Office left the Guest House in Bagan-NyaungU on 1 June and arrived at Arimaddanapura Bagan Golden Palace construction project site.

At the briefing hall of the construction site, Director U Myo Nyunt of Archaeology

Department briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on progress in building of Bagan Golden Palace and future tasks.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on timely completion of the project tasks meeting the set standards and measures to be taken for construction of the palace in accord with ancient artistic works.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected accomplishment of the construction tasks of the palace and attended to the needs. Work is under way for

timely completion of the project tasks.

Upon arrival at Kyetmauktaung Dam near mile post No 54/0 on NyaungU - Kyaukpadaung-Meiktila road, Director U Myo Tun of Irrigation Department and staff officer U Khin Maung Tin briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on cultivation of crops year by year and flow of water into the dam, utilization of dam water and annual rainfalls. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked

into flow of water from the main canal to the left and right canals from the main canal. Kyetmauktaung Dam had 45,640 acre-feet of water in 1995 and

82,087 acre-feet of water in 2006. The dam has had 57,860 acre-feet of water so far.

On arrival at Shanmange Dam Project site being implemented

by Construction Group-3 of Irrigation Department, Director U Myo Tun briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint on accomplishment of the construction (See page 8)

**Shanmange Dam is located on Shanmange Creek near Aungtha Village, Meiktila, Mandalay Division. It is the earth dam, 89 feet in height and 6,800 feet in length. Its annual inflow of water is 12,000 acre-feet. It can store 21,630 acre-feet of water and its area is 1,129 acres. The dam is a supporting dam of Monetaing Dam.**

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 4 June, 2007

## Maintain Paingkyon Bridge for its durability

Paingkyon Bridge in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, was opened on 1 June.

With the emergence of the bridge, local people from Paingkyon region have been able to travel easily from one place to another as well as visit Kawkaik and Myawady. Moreover, they can travel to other states and divisions through Hlaingbwe and Hpa-an.

Paingkyon Bridge links Upper Paingkyon and Lower Paingkyon. Access can be made to Nabu, Pata, Htokawko, Kawkaik and Myawady, and then to the border region through Upper Paingkyon.

The government is trying its utmost for bringing about equitable development across Kayin State and ensuring national reconsolidation, while striving together with local people for regional development.

Altogether six 180 feet above bridges including Than Lwin River Crossing Bridge (Hpa-an), Gyaing (Kawkaik) Bridge, Hlainbwe Bridge and Dawlan Bridge, 386 concrete bridges and 422 wooden bridges have been built in Kayin State since 1995.

Moreover, construction of new roads and upgrading the old ones were carried out. As a result, the length of road in Kayin State has increased from 399 miles in 1988 to 526 miles to date. The opening of village-to-village roads and village-to-town roads in Kayin State has led to better transport, thereby contributing to development of economic, social, health and education sectors.

Therefore, efforts are to be made to help maintain Paingkyon Bridge, which will contribute a lot to development of socio-economic life of local people in Hlaingbwe Township, for its durability.

### “သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်”

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## Peoples' Desire

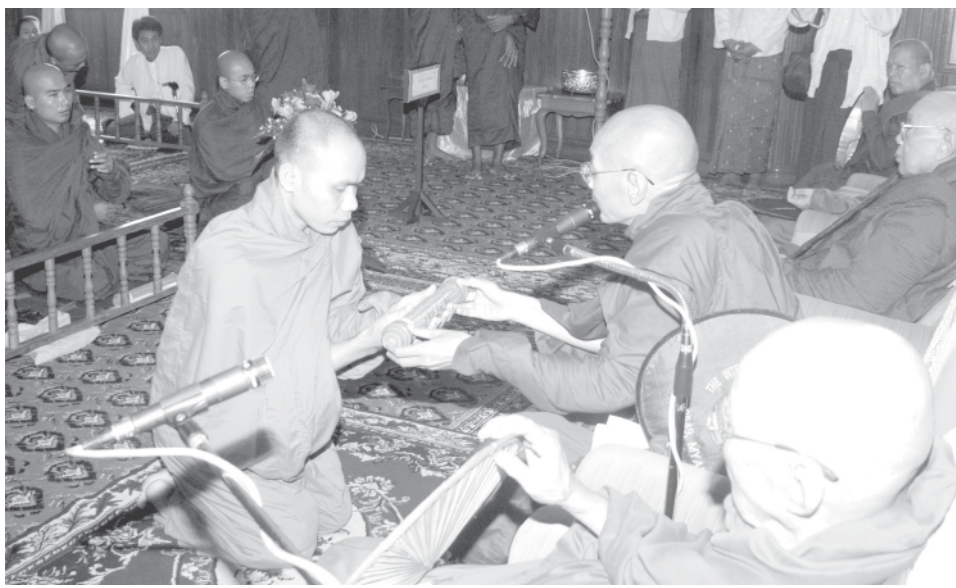
- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive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

## Diploma conferred on trainees of ITBMU

YANGON, 3 June — The eighth diploma certificate presentation of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University was held in conjunction with the fresher trainees welcoming ceremony for 2007-08 academic year at the university near Tooth Relic Pagoda in Mayangon Township this morning.

On behalf of the Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Secretary Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadabhivamsa gave an Ovadakkatha.

Rector of the university Agga Maha Pandita



Sayadaw presents diploma certificate to a trainee.— MNA

Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Dr Nandamalabhivamsa conferred certificates of diploma on the trainees. Next, the Rector Sayadaw

presented velvet fans to new trainee monks and shawls to new trainee nuns and laypersons. Also present on the occasion were Minis-

ter for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, departmental heads of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, diplomats and guests. — MNA

## Merits shared for completion of Shwenyawah Pyinnya Beikman



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and donors share merits gained at donation ceremony of Shwenyawah Pyinnya Beikman three-storey building.— MNA

YANGON, 3 June — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attended a ceremony to celebrate success of the Sixth Summer Dhammaçariya and Abhidhamma Shwenyawah Teachership Course, being conducted at Thadu Pariyatti Monastery in Kyimyindine Township, was held in conjunction with a merit-sharing ceremony for completion of Shwenyawah Pyinnya Beikman three-storey building at the monastery this afternoon.

Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts. The minister and wellwishers donated alms to Vice-Chair-

man of the SSMNC Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Tejaniya, the Secretary Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

In-charge of the Training Course and Yangon Buddha Tekkatho Shwenyawah Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiha gave Sammodaniya Pakara Katha. The Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the minister and party shared merits gained for the donations.

The minister, officials and wellwishers offered rice worth over K 20 million to 1,500 trainee monks of the sixth teachership course. The Shwenyawah Pyinnya Beikman Building, 120 feet long and 60 feet wide, was built at a cost of over K 300 million. Later, wellwishers offered meals to 1,500 trainee monks. — MNA

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Iraqi bombers thwart efforts to shield American soldiers

WASHINGTON, 3 June — American commanders are expressing frustration at the increasing death toll in Iraq caused by makeshift explosives, which have killed 80 per cent of the Americans who died in combat over the last three months, despite the billions of dollars being spent to fight the threat.

The proportion of American deaths caused by explosives has sharply increased, even as the Pentagon has made a major effort to defend the troops

with armoured vehicles, to detect or disarm the weapons, and to attack the bomb-making cells and those who finance them, *The New York Times* reported on Saturday.

The bombs are known as improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, and the Pentagon has formed a "Joint IED Defeat Organization" to combat the users. But the director of that group told the newspaper that he recognized the threat could not truly be defeated.

"It can be mitigated, minimized, made into a nuisance," said the director, General Montgomery C Meigs, a retired Army officer who took over the project in December 2005. "This is a very tough problem." The total number of American deaths in April and May was the highest of any two-month period since the war began in March 2003, and the 80 per cent ratio caused by makeshift explosives is higher than it has ever been, up from 50 per cent in January.

MNA/Xinhua

## Israeli troops kill two Gaza children

GAZA, 2 June — Israeli troops shot dead two Palestinian children in the northern Gaza Strip close to the border with Israel, Palestinian medical staff said on Friday.

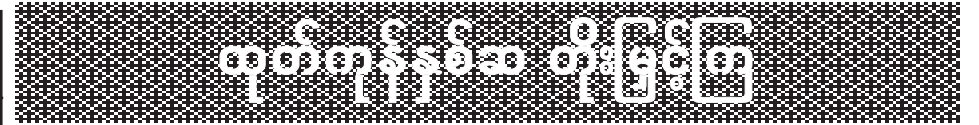
An Israeli Army spokeswoman confirmed that troops had shot at suspicious figures trying to plant an object close to the border fence and that they reported hitting three

people, two of whom were evacuated by Palestinian ambulance workers.

Medical staff at a Gaza hospital said the two, one reported to be aged eight and another about 12, were hit in the chest. They were reported to be scouring the area for scrap metal.

"We know that a number of Palestinians crawled towards the border fence. They know that it is a dangerous area but they did not heed repeated calls to stop and they planted a suspicious device close to the fence," the spokeswoman said. The spokeswoman said that a third person who was slightly wounded was taken to an Israeli hospital but that none of those spotted in the area were small children. — MNA/Reuters

*Smoke rises from the Palestinian Nahr al-Bared refugee camp in northern Lebanon on 2 June, 2007. Lebanese troops pounded suspected positions of militants at a Palestinian refugee camp on Saturday but the group vowed it would not give up. — XINHUA*



*Chinese President Hu Jintao (C) talks with children at the Tianyuan Kindergarten of Panggezhuang Town in the Daxing District of Beijing, capital of China, on 1 June, 2007. Hu Jintao on Friday spent the International Children's Day with the children at the Tianyuan Kindergarten and No 2 Central Primary School of Panggezhuang Town. — XINHUA*



*Maiko, or apprentice Geisha, perform a dance at Omotesando Hills shopping mall in Tokyo on 2 June, 2007. Three Maiko from the district of Gion in Kyoto performed traditional dances, served tea and artist Kuniyoshi Kaneko produced a portrait of a Maiko in Japanese ink on a folding screen during the event to showcase the traditional culture of Kyoto, organizers said. — XINHUA*

## US confirms missing of embassy staff in Baghdad

WASHINGTON, 2 June — Two Iraqis, who worked for American embassy in Baghdad, were confirmed missing by the State Department on Thursday.

"The embassy is working, along with Iraqi security forces and coalition forces as well, to be able to try and determine their whereabouts and be able to figure out exactly what's happened," State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said.

Casey declined to provide details or identify of the missing people.

US officials, who asked not to be identified, said that the two missing Iraqis, who are a couple, are very much likely kidnapped. — MNA/Xinhua

## Cold winter kills 34 in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 2 June — Sweeping polar cold wave has killed at least 34 people in Argentina last week.

According to Argentine media reports, some of the deaths were caused by the extreme cold and some were killed by inadequate heating or fires caused by heating.

Police in Kordova Province said two people had died of carbon monoxide poisoning as a result of sitting in a running car and using its air conditioning to keep warm. Elsewhere eight children were killed while trying to keep warm by a fire. The cold wave has caused natural gas supply shortages, resulting in the shutdown of dozens of schools. — MNA/Xinhua

## Seven US troops killed in six separate incidents in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 June — Seven US troops have been killed in six separate incidents in Iraq, most of them roadside bomb attacks.

Two were killed in restive Diyala province, north of Baghdad, where US troops are fighting an al-Qaeda insurgency, the US military said.

All of the attacks happened on Saturday. The military said the incidents were under investigation.

In May, 127 US soldiers were killed in Iraq, the deadliest month for US forces

since November 2004.

In Saturday's attacks, one soldier died and two others were wounded in an explosion near a vehicle in Diyala, while another soldier was killed in a separate attack there.

Two Task Force Lightning soldiers were killed when their patrol was hit by a roadside bomb in northern Nineveh province.

In western Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed one soldier and wounded two others during clashes. — Internet

# Russia accuses Britain of politicizing poison case

Moscow, 2 June — Russia accused Britain of politicizing the case of murdered Kremlin critic Alexander Litvinenko on Friday and said the affair was hurting the two countries' relations.

"We see attempts from the British side to use the criminal case to build up some sort of political campaign," said Russian Foreign Minister Sergei

Lavrov. "We are against that. It is the business of the law enforcement agencies."

Asked if the affair was having a negative impact on Russia's relationship with Britain, Lavrov told a news briefing: "Such an effect is being felt."

The remarks are likely to heighten a diplomatic feud over the Litvinenko affair that has already

revived memories of Cold War spy scandals and soured relations between two countries now tied by huge sums in investment and trade.

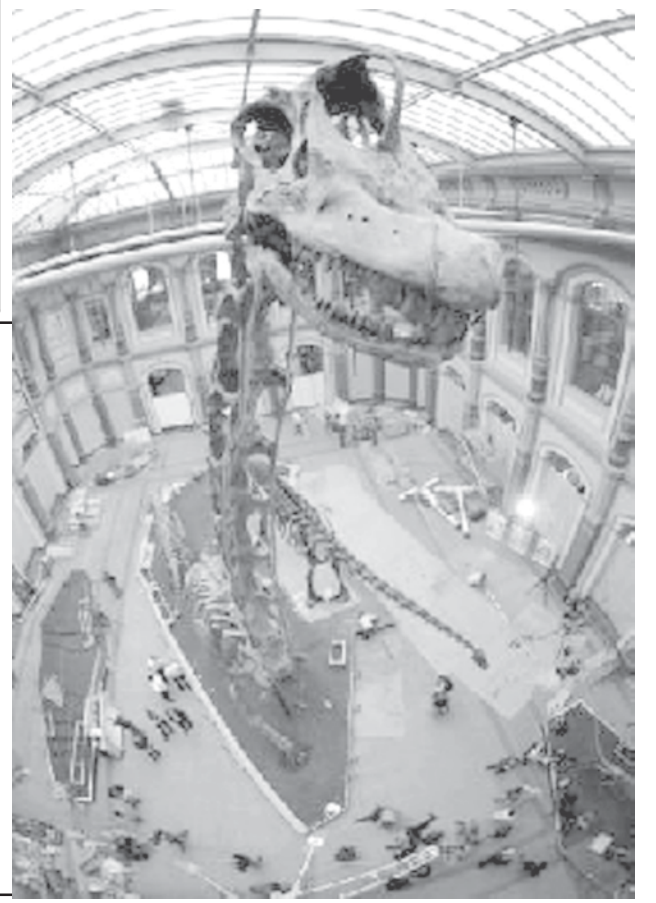
British prosecutors have named Andrei Lugovoy, a business contact of Litvinenko's, as their chief suspect in his murder and asked Russia to extradite him. But Moscow has refused,

saying it cannot extradite its own citizens.

Britain's Foreign Ministry was quick to counter Lavrov's comments, saying the case was purely a criminal matter.— MNA/Reuters

*The skeleton of the world's tallest dinosaur Brachiosaurus brancai, is set up at the Museum fuer Naturkunde (Museum for Natural History) in Berlin on 1 June, 2007. The Brachiosaurus brancai, standing some 13 metres high is being put together in one of the museums newly designed exhibition rooms, which re-opens on 13 July. — INTERNET*

## ဝက်မုခ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား



*Police Commissioner of New York City Raymond Kelly speaks about four people, who have been arrested in connection with a plot against New York's John F Kennedy Airport, at a news conference in New York on 2 June, 2007. Standing with Kelly are US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Roslynn Mauskopf (L) and Assistant Director in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for New York Mark Mershon (R).— INTERNET*

# Car theft gang included former police recruit

LONDON, 2 June — A criminal gang which included a former woman police recruit has been found guilty of running one of the biggest car theft rings of the past decade.

She and seven men stole nearly 200 high-value cars worth more than 4.5

million pounds from the London area. They would often threaten car owners at gunpoint or knifepoint to obtain the vehicles, or would target houses where residents were in, ensuring in most cases that the car keys were in the house.

The gang, based at a garage in New Cross, London, would reregister the stolen cars by using vehicle numbers from written-off vehicles sourced from salvage yards in Belgium and the US.

They would then use the vehicle identity details to claim to the DVLA that they were importing a car from Europe.

They obtained 300 vehicle identities from the driving licence authority which they would link to the stolen cars in an attempt to legitimize their history.

A member of the gang who worked at the DVLA was paid 500 pounds per car to make sure the documentation went through smoothly.

The former Metropolitan Police trainee, a girlfriend of one of the ringleaders, signed documents made out in her name which were submitted to the DVLA to obtain false identities for six cars. She received 72 hours community service.

MNA/Reuters

# Sixty persons drowned in S Afghanistan

K ABUL, 2 June — Sixty Afghans were drowned when a boat carrying them capsized in the southern Helmand province, the Defence Ministry said Saturday. The incident occurred in Helmand River in Kajaki district on Friday, the ministry said in a statement.

Afghan and international forces have carried out an offensive in the district against Taliban militants since Thursday.

The 60 drowned were fleeing the battlefield, Defence Ministry spokesman Zahir Azimi told Xinhua. Possibly there were

some Taliban militants among them, he said, adding an investigation was underway to identify them.

Meanwhile, the Taliban said there were no Taliban fighters in the boat.

A NATO military helicopter crashed in Kajaki district on Wednesday night, killing all seven soldiers on board. NATO forces said it may have been shot down by Taliban insurgents.

Helmand has been a hotbed of Taliban rebels, who clash with government and foreign troops frequently.

Xinhua



*Participants demonstrate Jivamukti Yoga during the Asia Yoga Conference in Hong Kong on 2 June, 2007. "Evolution", a large scale yoga event which invites 32 renowned yoga teachers from around the world, provides a platform for the general public to learn and deepen their practice through a variety of classes and discussion panels. — INTERNET*

# Russian Minister says US shield "a booby trap"

Moscow, 3 June — Russia's Defence Minister likened US plans for a missile defence shield in Eastern Europe to planting a booby-trap bomb under Russia's front door, in an interview published on Friday.

Russia says the missile shield plan is a threat to its security. It has hit back by test-launching a new ballistic missile in a show of strength and accusing the United States of starting a new arms race.

"Figuratively speaking, the Americans are trying to lay a booby-trap bomb under the door to our apartment," Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov said in an interview with the Rossiskaya Gazeta daily.

MNA/Reuters

## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Cambodia could become leading rice exporter by next year

PHNOM PENH, 2 June — Cambodia could achieve its ambition to become one of the world's leading milled rice exporters by 2008 if it has sufficient capital to buy unmilled rice from local farmers, local media reported on Friday.

Cambodian local mills currently require 40 million US dollars in capital to purchase unmilled rice from farmers to raise stocks for production of milled rice, the *Rasmei Kampuchea*

newspaper quoted Pu Puy, president of the Rice Milling Association of Cambodia, as saying.

Cambodian farmers annually export more than one million tons of unmilled rice, particularly to neighbouring Vietnam and Thailand, Pu Puy added. "We need around 40 million US dollars, but the capital we have collected is only 10 million US dollars," he said, "if we have adequate capital, we can export milled rice to the world market by

2008 or 2009".

He stressed that the country's 280 mills, which have an average capital each of 30,000 US dollars to 100,000 US dollars, can currently buy and stock only enough unmilled rice for production to serve local markets and small exports, the *Rasmei Kampuchea* said.

More than 80 per cent of Cambodia's population are farmers who enjoy a generally favourable climate, so they could produce a surplus of over million tons of unmilled rice annually, but up until now they have not exported as much milled rice to the world markets as other producers due to a shortage of capital, he added.

Types of milled rice known to be exported from Cambodia include the Neang Minh, Phka K'nei and Phka Romduol varieties, the newspaper said.

MNA/Xinhua



Singer Jennifer Lopez performs at the Wal-Mart Annual Shareholders Meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas on 1 June, 2007. — XINHUA



Malaysia's King Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin (L) salutes as he inspects guard of honour during a parade as part of his 64th birthday celebrations in Kuala Lumpur on 2 June, 2007. Sultan Mizan was elected the 13th King of Malaysia in 2006. Under the Federal Constitution, the King is elected among the Malay rulers to serve a five-year term. — XINHUA

## Vietnam imports more fertilizers in five months

HANOI, 2 June — Vietnam imported nearly 1.4 million tons of fertilizers worth 308 million US dollars in the first five months of this year, posting respectively year-on-year rises of 16.5 per cent and 19.2 per cent.

Between January and May, Vietnam imported 262,000 tons of urea, mainly from China, Indonesia, Russia and the Middle East, totalling 69 million dollars, up 9.2 per cent in volume and 17.1 per cent in value, according to the

country's General Statistics Office.

Vietnam's total demand for fertilizers in 2007 is estimated at nearly 7.9 million tons, and domestic supplies are likely to stand at 4.7 million tons, according to the country's Trade Ministry.

Vietnam imported over 3 million tons of fertilizers, including 708,000 tons of urea, totalling 673 million dollars last year, up 5.9 per cent and 5.1 per cent, respectively, against the year earlier, said the statistics office.

The country, home to over 150 fertilizer producers with each annual capacity ranging from 500 tons to one million tons, has planned

to build four major fertilizer plants with a combined annual capacity of nearly 1.8 million tons in the 2005-2010 period, according to the Vietnam Fertilizer Association.

MNA/Xinhua

**Salma Hayek, executive producer of the television series "Ugly Betty", accepts the award for outstanding television series at the taping of the National Council of La Raza's ALMA awards in Pasadena, California on 1 June, 2007. The show honours achievements by Latino artists in music, film and television and will be telecast in the US on 5 June. — XINHUA**

## China trains IT specialists for Russia, Central Asia

URUMQI, 2 June — Twenty-seven people from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Russia have become the first to receive training in the application of information network technologies from China.

They included government information industry officials, academic researchers and entrepreneurs, said Nie Zhiqiang, a senior official with the Science and Technology Intelligence

Institute of Xinjiang Autonomous Regional Bureau of Science and Technology.

The course in Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, is funded by the Chinese

Ministry of Science and Technology, and covers network engineering, database design and software development technology, applied computer science, operating systems with Russian versions, as well as applied technologies for servers.

Trainees will also have a chance to converse face to face with experts from Chinese IT companies, including Lenovo. "I think the training will help expand China's cooperation with Russia and Central Asia in the field of information network technology, and advance China's exports of IT and products and help Chinese computer network products find markets in Russia and Central Asia," said Nie. — Internet



## UAE introduces stricter rule on medical products ad

ABU DHABI, 2 June — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has introduced stricter rules on advertisements of medical products at medical conferences and exhibitions, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Friday.

The decision was made by the UAE Ministry of Health (MoH) in its efforts to protect public from hazards posed by non-recognized medical practices, the report said.

Under the new rules, organizers of medical conferences and exhibitions must coordinate with the MoH, the sole federal body responsible for endorsing medical ads in the UAE, on advertisements concerning medical products they intend to promote.

News items to announce holding of scientific programmes will not require a permit from the MoH unless the

announcement does not promote private medical establishments or carry names or logos of medical products, said Abdul Kareem Al Zarouni, Director of Medical Ads Department of the MoH. Publishing a medical ad or promoting a medical product without prior approval of the MoH will subject the publisher or the promoting company to stiff penalties, Al Zarouni warned. — MNA/Xinhua

## Tomato-killing virus spreads to California

LOS ANGELES, 1 June — California farmers have been alerted that a tomato-killing virus has spread to the state, agricultural officials said on Friday.

This was the first time the insect-borne virus had been detected in California, where tomatoes are California's eighth largest crop, according to the California Agricultural Department.

California supplies the vast majority of the nation's processed tomatoes — 95 percent, according to the California Tomato Growers Association (CTGA).

The virus, known as tomato yellow leaf curl, usually destroys crops in Central America, forcing some countries like the Dominican Republic and Mexico, to curtail the

growing season to contain the spread of the disease.

"Where this virus is present, it will absolutely kill the tomatoes," said Ross Siragusa, president of the CTGA, which represents farmers who supply the state's 2-billion-dollar a year processed tomato industry. "It's a very difficult disease to fight."

The virus was first detected at a greenhouse in March in Brawley which is near the border with Mexico.

Experts are still investigating how the virus spread there. It could have been brought by tomato

transplants from Mexico or Texas. Or the virus could have been carried by bemesia flies.

The virus causes tomato plants to become stunted and grow abnormally upright. Flowers usually fall off before the fruit sets. And leaves are small, crumpled with an upward curl and turn yellow.

Experts say advise that infected plants should be destroyed. Growers should also look for the flies. If bemesia flies are present, the disease is likely to be spreading fast, and the entire field may have to be destroyed and treated with insecticide. Nearby weeds also can carry the virus and may have to be sprayed.

Xinhua



A Proton showroom in Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia has said recently it will never give up control of Proton to a foreign firm, as it struggles to find a strategic partner for the loss-making national car company. — INTERNET

## Bird flu spreads among ducks in Vietnam

HANOI, 2 June — Bird flu has spread to another northern province in Vietnam, taking to 14 the number of areas infected with the H5N1 virus in the past month, the Agriculture Ministry said on Friday.

Tests confirmed all 300 ducklings at a farm in the northern province of Hung Yen had the virus. They were destroyed on 28 May, the ministry's animal health department said in a report.

The report also said on 30 May about 200 ducks on a farm in another northern province, Ninh Binh, also tested positive and were subsequently destroyed. Ninh Binh reported its first bird flu outbreak in ducks on 28 May.

The birds at both places had not been vaccinated against the H5N1 bird flu virus, the department said.

Earlier on Friday, the ministry said the virus struck a second province, Quang Nam, in central Vietnam this week, killing 370 ducks. — MNA/Reuters



A saxophonist plays his instrument at Camps Bay during unseasonably warm weather in Cape Town, South Africa, on 2 June, 2007. — INTERNET

## "AIDS cure" promoters face prosecution in Zambia

LUSAKA, 2 June — Zambia Health Ministry has summoned a Lusaka businessman and his American associate to appear before a committee of experts to answer concerns on the controversial AIDS drug which the two claim can cure the deadly disease, according

to Zambia Daily Mail.

The Pharmaceutical Regulatory Authority under the ministry has summoned the duo in the wake of reports that they are administering the drug on people without subjecting it to scientific tests for approval.

Health director of clinical services of the ministry James Simpungwe told the parliamentary committee on health, community services and social welfare on Friday that Edgar Ngoma and his American associate Boyd Graves risk prosecution

should they fail to submit a sample of the chemical of the drug. Simpungwe told the committee that Tetrasil, whose basic chemical is silver, is known in the medical world as a disinfectant.

Xinhua



People walk on a painted street in southwestern China's Chongqing municipality on 2 June, 2007. A professor from the Sichuan Fine Arts Institute suggested painting the buildings along the 1.25 kilometres (0.7 miles) street to modernize it, according to local media. — INTERNET

## Fighting continues between Lebanese Army, Fatah militants

BEIRUT, 3 June — Fighting between the Lebanese Army and Fatah al-Islam militants resumed on Saturday morning in a Palestinian refugee camp in northern Lebanon, after previous fighting left at least 19 dead, the Dubai-based al-Arabiya satellite TV reported.

At least 19 people, including three Lebanese soldiers, have been killed in Friday's fighting, which is the fiercest in two weeks.

During Friday's conflict, the Lebanese

Army advanced with about 50 tanks and heavy artillery to positions surrounding the Palestinian refugee camp and carried out intense shelling against Fatah al-Islam fighters within the camp, according to al-Arabiya TV.

Artillery and machine-gun fire shook the Nahr al-Bared camp from early Friday morning to well into the night.

The Lebanese Army said the soldiers had overrun several positions held by militants and

destroyed sniper nests on the northern and eastern edges of the camp.

The Army also urged the militants within the camp to surrender and called on Nahr al-Bared camp residents not to shelter them. — MNA/Xinhua

## Foreigners arrested in western Nepal for smuggling hashish

KATHMANDU, 2 June — Nepali police have confiscated 4.5 kilos hashish from Lakeside in Pokhara in western Nepal, the national news agency RSS reported on Friday.

According to the RSS, four foreigners have also been arrested Thursday along with the confiscation of hashish, which was hidden in a room at a hotel in the famous tourism city, some 200 kilometres west of Kathmandu.

British, Israeli, Japanese and Russian nationals along with the hotel owner and one worker have been taken into custody for interrogation, a police officer said.

MNA/Xinhua



A sun conure sits on a hat of a girl to receive food at the Kachoen (bird and flower garden) in Kakegawa, central Japan, on 2 June, 2007. — INTERNET

## Vietnam to further enhance ties with Cuba

HAVANA, 3 June — General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam's Central Committee Nong Duc Manh on Friday began his three-day visit to Cuba to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

Before departing from Hanoi in late May for a Latin America tour, Manh said Vietnam will make the utmost effort to develop and strengthen its relations with the Caribbean island in all

fields.

During Manh's stay here, Cuba and Vietnam signed an agreement to enhance cooperation on oil exploration and drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and on shore. The two countries also inked accords covering sports, culture, rice production and telecommunications.

Manh's four-nation Latin America tour, which began on 25 May, has taken him to Chile, Brazil and Venezuela.

MNA/Xinhua



Raul Castro (rear, R), head of Cuba's Armed Forces and brother of Cuba's President Fidel Castro, and Nong Duc Manh, general secretary of Vietnam's Communist Party Central Committee, stand together as both countries sign bilateral agreements at the Revolution Palace in Havana on 1 June, 2007. — INTERNET

## Dutch mission discovers ancient tomb in Egypt

CAIRO, 3 June — An ancient tomb dates back some 3,500 years ago has been unearthed in Egypt by a Dutch mission, the official MENA news agency reported Friday.

The ancient tomb, located in Giza's Saqqara area in southwest of Cairo, belongs to a priest called Meri Neet, who had become known as the chief superintendent of God Aton at the time, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua



Indonesia's Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono meets with his Singapore counterpart Teo Chee Hean (R) on the sideline of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Asia Security Summit in Singapore on 2 June, 2007. — INTERNET

## World Council of News Agencies held in Russia

SOCHI, Russia, 3 June — The third session of the World Council of News Agencies was held in the Southern Russia city of Sochi from 1-2 June, discussing preparations for the Second World Congress of News Agencies to be held in the Spanish town of Estepona in October.

The forum brought together over 40 delegates from 21 countries, who proposed to put topics like "safety of journalists, the influences of new technologies to news agencies,

and etc." on the agenda of the second world congress.

The delegates also introduced experiences of their own news agencies. Deputy Editor-

in-Chief of Xinhua news agency Ju Mengjun presented the function of his agency and the latest development of news writing.

MNA/Xinhua

## Century-old-Austrian jewel recovered in Canada

OTTAWA, 3 June — A precious jewel pendant crafted more than a century ago for the then Austrian queen has been recovered in central Canada after being stolen nine years ago, local media reported Friday.

The jewel, named the Koechert Diamond Pearl, was designed for Empress Elisabeth of Austria in 1864. It went missing from

a palace in Vienna in 1998.

The gem was discovered in Winnipeg in central Manitoba Province, when police were searching the home of the alleged ringleader of an organized crime outfit police say stretches

across western Canada, Canadian Television reported.

The ringleader, 35-year-old Gerald Daniel Blanchard, was arrested in January. He now faces 41 charges.

MNA/Xinhua

## Magnitude 4.6 quake jolts eastern Japan

TOKYO, 3 June — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.6 shook eastern Japan, including Tokyo, on Saturday, the Meteorological Agency said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage from the quake that struck around 2:46 pm (0546 GMT). No tsunami warning was issued.

The focus of the tremor was 60 kilometres (37 miles) underground in Ibaraki Prefecture, just northeast of Tokyo, the agency said.

Earthquakes are common in Japan, one of the world's most seismically active areas. The country accounts for about 20 percent of all earthquakes of magnitude 6 or greater.

MNA/Reuters

## Czech villages against US radar base

TENE, (Czech Republic), 3 June — Some 70 per cent of participants voiced a negative position on the planned US anti-missile base in a local referendum, Mayor of Tene, West Bohemia area, Julius Rusnak said on Saturday.

In the referendum, 139 out of 199 voters voiced agreement with the town hall taking all legal steps against the stationing of the US radar base in the Brdy military area.

The voter turn-out was 71.3 per cent of the eligible voters, Rusnak said.

The village of Tene is situated about 10 kilometres from the area where the radar base is possibly located.

There have been a number of local referenda on the plan, with all of them having rejected it.

The rejection came after most participants in another referendum held Saturday in the village of Hvozpany, Central Bohemia area, rejected the construction of the US radar base.

The United States made a formal request in January to place a radar base in a military area southwest of Prague and 10 interceptor missiles in neighbouring Poland as part of a planned global missile defence shield.

MNA/Xinhua

A girl checks the pile of notebooks sold in the Divisoria market in Manila on 2 June, 2007. An estimated 20 million children start to go schools when classes formally start on Monday. — INTERNET



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**Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence  
inspects Kyetmauktaung Dam.**  
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**Web Content Management System  
Application Training concludes**

YANGON, 2 June — Organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, a ceremony to conclude the Web Content Management System Application Training (Web CMS) was held at the federation this afternoon, attended by MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, CEC members, instructors and trainees of States and Divisions.



**Daw Khin Thet Htay, Vice-President of  
MWAFF, presents certificate to a trainee.**  
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First, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay delivered a closing speech.

Next, the Vice-President presented certificates to the trainees. Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe give first, second and third prizes for news presentation to the outstanding

trainees. Head of Discipline Enforcement Department Daw Mya Theingyi presented gifts to the instructors. On behalf of the trainees, Dr Daw Mi Mi Sein of Rakhine State spoke words of thanks.  
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**Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection...**

(from page 1) tasks of the dam and future tasks. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint fulfilled the requirements.

After overseeing the construction tasks of the dam by the use of heavy machinery, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions

on timely completion of the project tasks meeting the set standards and occupational safety.

Shanmange Dam is located on Shanmange Creek near Aungtha Village, Meiktila, Mandalay Division. It is the earth dam, 89 feet in height and 6,800 feet in length. Its

annual inflow of water is 12,000 acre-feet. It can store 21,630 acre-feet of water and its area is 1,129 acres. The dam is a supporting dam of Monetaing Dam.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived back Nay Pyi Taw in the evening. — MNA

**Workshop on quality control management to be held**

YANGON, 3 June — A workshop on quality control management of ISP recipient Dr Tin Latt and group will be held on 10 June at 10 am at the training school of MAT Audit and Consultancy Services on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

In cooperation with URS Bangladesh Ltd, MAT Audit and Consultancy Services led by Dr

Tin Latt gave necessary advice and technical assistance in implementing quality control tasks.

MAT is offering services such as laying down procedures on international level management affairs, accounts and effective management of human resources, conducting courses on management of quality control and giving assistance in getting ISO 9001:2000.

MAT holds workshops monthly and a workshop was held on 6 May. Anyone can attend the workshops free of charge.

Those interested may contact the office of MAT Audit and Consultancy Services at No 68, 94th Street, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, in person or by phone (242431, 385895, 296781, 095010563). — MNA



**Workshop on quality control management in progress at MAT Audit  
and Consultancy Services in Mingala Taungnyunt  
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## Extended growing of paddy and...

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Next, they proceeded to Kamawle Kyaungtaik in Kamawle Village, Hlaingbwe Township where they paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Wepulla and presented

offertories.

On arrival at Htawywe Village, Hlaingbwe Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected rubber plantations of Myaing Gyi Ngu Special Region Na-

tional Race Group and left necessary instructions.

Myaing Gyi Ngu Special Region has already grow 3,402 acres of rubber in 2006 and is making arrangements to grow 3,000 acres of rubber in

## Victorious sports teams of Yangon Division honoured



YANGON, 3 June — A ceremony to honour victorious athletes of Yangon Command that had achieved success in the inter-state/division sports competitions for 2007 was held at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, yesterday evening.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win accepted championship trophies and shields in the mass sports activity, tennis, cane-ball, basketball, golf and U-13 soccer events handed over by responsible persons of the men's sports teams. The commander presented cash rewards to them.

Afterwards, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted championship shields in tennis, basketball and soccer events handed over by responsible persons of the women's teams. The patron gave cash rewards to the women's sports teams.

Next, the commander delivered an address of honour. The athletes were served with dinner. At the ceremony, cash rewards K 1.21 million were presented to victorious athletes. — MNA

**Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts shield from a victorious team in inter-state/division sports competition for 2007.** — MNA

2007.

Next, they went on to Gyogyang Village and inspected the rubber plantation of farmer U Tun Ngwe.

On arrival at Kyonpako Village, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party viewed 48 acres of teak plantation and 110 acres of rubber plantation of Myaing Gyi Ngu Special Region National Race Group.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on meeting and exceeding the target of growing teak and rubber.

Later, he proceeded to Htiphokalon Village in

Hpa-an Township and inspected rubber plantations of Myaing Gyi Ngu Special Region National Race Group.

Myaing Gyi Ngu Special Region National Race Group is making arrangements to grow 150,000 BPM-24 and PB-260 strain rubber.

After that, they arrived at No 1 BEHS in Hpa-an and met with teachers, students and parents.

At the meeting, he said that more schools were opened and the existing ones upgraded for development of the education sector, adding that teachers, parents and stu-

dents are to make concerted efforts in realizing the education goal; that the government launched free primary education system beginning 2007-2008 academic year, and only then will educated youths emerge and that teachers and parents are to join hands for development of human resources.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party presented exercise books, stationery and school uniforms to Headmistress Daw Nan Hla Yin May.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party stopped over for the night in Hpa-an.

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## Efficiency Course for Cooperative Officers concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — The Efficiency Course for Cooperative Officers, organized by the Ministry of Cooperatives, concluded at the hall of the ministry on 31 May morning.

In his speech, Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut stressed the need to strive for development of cooperative societies

in line with the cooperative principles. The cooperative societies are to participate in undertaking five rural development tasks. Cooperative officers are to discharge duties as organizer, educator and supervisor in their tasks.

The Chairman of the Training Course Supervisory Committee Di-

rector-General of Cooperative Department presented completion certificates for the trainees through a trainee.

On 2 June, the minister attended the Annual General Meeting of Thettanyaung Cooperative Ltd at the hall of the ministry and gave necessary instructions.

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**Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut speaks at efficiency course for cooperative officers.** — COOPERATIVES



## Mayor looks into proper flow of drainage

YANGON, 3 June — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win and officials arrived at Myittanyunt Ward, Tamway Township this morning.

The Mayor and party looked into clearing of rubbish and silt for proper flow of drainage in

Myittanyunt and repair of box culverts under the Dagonlwin and Annadagonyi streets.

Afterwards, the Mayor and party inspected proper flow of drainage in Khuhnintpinlein creek near the junction of Laydaunkan and Waizayanta streets in Thingangyun Township and repair of box culverts

under Ingyinmyaing street and progress of the tasks and future tasks in Thingangyun Township.

Upon arrival at Waizayanta street in Thingangyun Township, the Mayor and party oversaw clearing of rubbish and silt in Migyoungkan No 1 Ward and flow of water in Khuhnintpinlein creek.

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## Talks on malaria disease organized in Padaung Township

YANGON, 3 JUNE — Chairperson of Bago Division (West) Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Thein Paing and party together with specialists held the educative talks on malaria disease in Swedaw Model Village in Padaung Township on 29 May morning.

MCWA members and local people, to-

talling 200 attended the talks.

U Soe Win Than of Central Malaria Eradication Unit explained matters related to malaria disease and local MCWA members demonstrated on soaking of mosquito nets.

At Nyaungchaydauk Station, specialists provided health care services to 417 patients.

Next, the educa-

tive talks on prevention against bird flu and malaria was held, attended by 250 MCWA members and local people.

Chairperson Daw Thein Paing presented 4,300 tablets for soaking mosquito nets to the chairperson of the local MCWA.

A similar talk was given in Magyihton Village. — MNA

## Education Minister meets faculty members of universities and college



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein meeting with the rector, pro-rector and professors of Yangon East University.— EDUCATION

YANGON, 3 June— Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein this morning met with rector, pro-rector and professors/heads of department at Yangon East University and gave necessary instructions.

At the meeting, Rector Dr U Win reported to the minister on academic matters and practical work on science subjects.

After giving instructions on practical works, intensive courses, academic matters and research works, the minister looked into learning of students majoring in Botany, Zoology, Chemistry and Physics.

On arrival at the National Management College, Minister Dr Chan Nyein met with the principal and faculty members, and heard a report presented by Principal Dr Myint Swe on courses being conducted.

After giving necessary instructions, the minister proceeded to Yangon University of Foreign Languages where he met with professors/heads of department.

At the meeting, Professor/Head of Philosophy Department Daw Tin Tin Yin reported on arrangements for extended opening of courses, researches,

conducting of training courses for faculty members and activities on language development to the minister who fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at Yangon Institute of Economics (Kamayut Campus), the minister met with rector, pro-rector and professors/heads of department, and heard a report presented by Rector Dr Kan Zaw on opening of MBA course through on-line and management tasks.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of doctorate courses, extended opening of MA courses, producing of economists and conducting of more researches.—MNA

## CEC member accepts USDA membership applications from Sagaing Textile Factory

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint donated K 3 million to the fund for construction of the building and exercise books and sports gear to Shwethamar Monastic Education School in Sagaing

yesterday.

At Sagaing Textile Factory in Sagaing Township, Factory Manager U Aye Tun and officials conducted the CEC member round the factory.

Next, the CEC member explained the aims, codes of conduct and future tasks of the association. He accepted USDA membership

applications. Joint Secretary of the Division USDA Dr Win Myint Aung presented membership cards to the staff of the factory.

The CEC member presented sports equipment to workers of Sagaing Textile Factory and Sagaing Flour Factory. So far, all the workers of both factories have become members of USDA. — MNA

## Myanmar delegation arrives back



Deputy Minister U Maung Myint attends 6th IISS Shangri-La Asia Security Dialogue held in Singapore.— FOREIGN AFFAIRS

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived here by air today after attending the 6th IISS Shangri-La Asia Security Dialogue held in Singapore from 1 to 3 June.

While in Singapore, the deputy minister met

with Mr Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, Secretary of Defence of Sri Lanka, and Mr Peter Ho, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore on 1 June and 2 June respectively.

They discussed matters related to further strengthening of bilateral ties and exchanged views

on regional and international affairs.

The delegation members Col Win Maung of Ministry of Defence and U Kyee Myint, Secretary of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

## CNG filling station opens in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 3 June— Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy opened CNG filling station(027)Shwepyitha-2 on Highway No 4 in Shwepyitha Township today.

First, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun formally opened the station.

Afterwards, De-

puty Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay unveiled the signboard of the station. The deputy minister, the deputy commander and officials inspected the station and the vehicles being filled with gas.

Also present at the opening of the gas station were officials of the ministry, chairmen of district and township peace and development

councils, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association and townselders.

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Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay unveils the signboard of CNG filling station ( 027) in Shwepyitha.— MNA





The homepage of Stardoll as seen on 1 June, 2007. Children have always enjoyed make-believe. Now, some new Web sites are letting them live out their fantasies in virtual worlds using self-designed avatars. —INTERNET

### Three Iraqi children killed in US tank fire

BAGHDAD, 3 June — Three Iraqi children were killed when a US tank fired at insurgents planting roadside bombs on Friday near the Sunni town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, the US military said.

The statement said one insurgent was wounded and three men fled the scene. It also quoted local people as saying the three dead children were 7, 9 and 11 years old. It said the incident was under investigation.

“Three children were

killed and one insurgent was wounded when a Coalition Force tank fired on three men emplacing an improvised explosive device (IED) outside Fallujah,” it said.

“Due to dust and debris, the tank crew’s view of the blast was obscured immediately after they fired. It is not

clear at this time if there were secondary explosions at either site from IED material,” it said.

Statements by US-led forces admitting causing civilian casualties are rare but many Iraqis insist such incidents are more common.

MNA/Reuters

### Two die, 70 hurt as quake hits China tea city

BEIJING, 3 June — A strong earthquake hit a tea-making city in southwest China on Sunday, killing at least two people,

injuring 70 and causing houses to collapse, Xinhua news agency said, citing an official source.

The epicentre was in the historic centre of Pu’er, in Yunnan Province, and the magnitude was 6.4.

“Some houses collapsed and some people were injured in the stricken area,” Xinhua said. “Local residents rushed out of houses in panic.”

The Ministry of Civil Affairs had sent a rescue team and 5,000 tents to the city.

Pu’er, home of the tea of the same name, is near the border with Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. The epicentre of the quake was 23.0 degrees north and 101.1 degrees east.

MNA/Reuters



Russia’s Maria Sharapova celebrates winning her match against compatriot Alla Kudryavtseva during the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 2 June, 2007. INTERNET

### Vietnam reports second bird flu patient

HANOI, 2 June — A local man from Vietnam’s northern Thai Nguyen Province has been tested positive to bird flu virus strain H5N1, becoming the country’s second bird flu patient since November 2005, Vietnam News Agency reported on Saturday.

Quoting the Preventive Medicine Department under the Health Ministry, the report said the man from the province’s Pho Yen district, who worked at a poultry slaughterhouse in Hanoi on 14 May and developed bird flu symptoms five days later, was admitted to the city-based Tropical Disease Hospital and now has to use a respirator.

Late last month, the ministry confirmed that a 30-year-old man from Me Linh district, northern Vinh Phuc Province became the country’s latest bird flu patient after a 17-month absence of human infections.

The man named Phung Minh Phuc, exhibiting bird flu symptoms on 10 May after having slaughtered chickens for a wedding party, is recovering well at the city-based Bach Mai Hospital.

The Bach Mai Hospital received two men with bird flu symptoms on 31 May and 1 June, one of them died, and the other, a 29-year-old policeman named Phung Tien Dong, who has taken part in culling infected fowls, is under treatment. Specimens from the two people are being tested for bird flu viruses.

Xinhua

### Canada introduces bill banning camcording in theatres

OTTAWA, 3 June — Ottawa introduced a new legislation Friday banning camcording in theatres amid Hollywood concerns that piracy in Canada is greatly undermining its businesses.

Heritage Minister Beverley Oda revealed the government plan to amend the Criminal Code, introducing two new offences.

“The recording of a movie in a movie theatre without the consent of the theatre’s manager” would carry a sentence of two years, while “the recording of a movie in a

movie theatre without the consent of the theatre’s manager for the purpose of selling, renting, or other commercial distribution of a copy of the recording” would lead to a penalty of up to five years.

Currently under Canada’s Copyright Act, a person who commer-

cially distributes a movie they filmed in a theatre can be prosecuted. But authorities have to show the recording is being made for commercial purpose, which is difficult to prove in court.

“This bill amends the Criminal Code to directly confront film piracy,” said Oda.—MNA/Xinhua

### Indonesia suffers from shortage of skilled workers

JAKARTA, 3 June — Indonesia’s oil and gas companies have begun to suffer from a shortage of skilled workers due to their preference to work overseas, an oil drilling executive says.

“The shortage of professionals in the oil and gas industry is getting worse, as most of the existing companies need more skilled workers to support their expansion projects,” said Mohammad Zulkarnain, finance and administration director for state-owned PT Elnusa Drilling Services, quoted by the Jakarta Post on Saturday.

The director worried that the shortage of professionals would hinder the government’s plan to boost oil production to 1.3 million barrels per day by 2009, from the current level of one million barrels.

“In the past, we could easily recruit so many professionals,” Zulkar-

nain said. “Now, things are quite different because local professionals prefer to work overseas, either in

the Middle East or Europe, largely because of better pay,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A cofferdam of Dushan flood control works is breached to discharge water of Taihu lake in Wuxi, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 1 June, 2007. Breaches were made on some cofferdams of China’s third-largest Taihu lake to sluice water polluted by an blue-green algae bloom. Water authorities had also diverted the Yangtze River to dilute the lake water. — XINHUA

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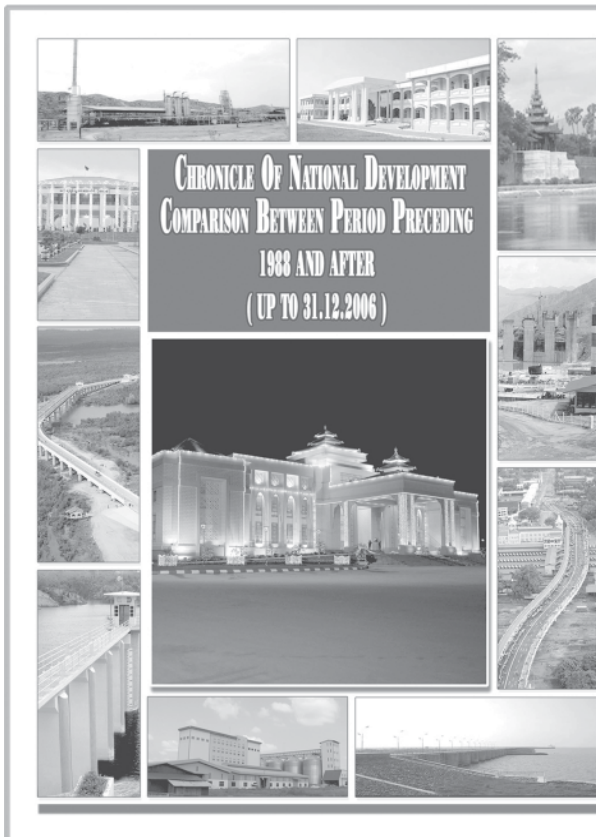
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**Contact lens solution  
withdrawn from UAE  
market**

ABU DHABI, 2 June — A contact lens solution, which has been linked to a blindness-causing eye infection, has been withdrawn from the shelves in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Friday. The Complete MoisturePlus Multi-Purpose contact lens solution made by the US-based Advanced Medical Optics (AMO) has been linked to 138 confirmed cases in the United States of *Acanthamoeba keratitis*, a rare infection that can lead to blindness, the report said. — *MNA/Xinhua*



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**Norway named world's most peaceful country**

STOCKHOLM, 2 June — Norway is the most peaceful country of the world, according to the Global Peace Index, developed by The Vision of Humanity in conjunction with the Economist Intelligence Unit, said reports reaching here from Oslo on Thursday.

The Economist Intelligence Unit, in conjunction with an international team of academics and peace experts, has compiled an innovative new Global Peace Index (GPI), which ranks 120 nations

according to their relative peacefulness, *Aften-posten* reported.

The Global Peace Index is composed of 24 indicators, ranging from the number of killings per capita, number of weapons,

military spending, to the amount of organized crime and violent crime.

Next to Norway on the ranking are New Zealand, Denmark, Ireland, Japan, Finland, Sweden, Canada, Portugal and Austria.

Lowest in the survey are Nigeria, Russia, Israel, Sudan and Iraq, according to the report. The United States is remarkably low on the Global Peace Index, at 96th.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**China says some imported baby  
goods unsafe**

BEIJING, 2 June — A quarter of imported children's milk bottles and teats failed a recent random quality test in southeast China, *Xinhua* news agency said on Friday, amid an overseas scare about Chinese food, drug and other products.

"Do you think foreign brands mean high quality?" the report asked, before detailing the findings of the survey in coastal Fujian Province.

The results "should attract the highest attention from children and their parents", it

added. "These products are not up to standard for safety and hygiene reasons, and may harm children's safety and health," the report added.

The products came from Japan, Germany, Britain, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Taiwan and Hong Kong, *Xinhua* said, adding "most of them were brand-name goods".

China blamed the media on Thursday for

stoking fears about the safety of the nation's food and drugs, but senior officials acknowledged that it was not realistic to expect a 100-per-cent quality guarantee.

They were reacting to a series of scandals that have plagued Chinese products, from poisoned cough syrup in Panama to tainted pet food in the United States, and shaken global confidence in the made-in-China label.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Four US hostages released in S-E Nigeria**

LAGOS, 2 June — Four American oil workers kidnapped by militants have been released in Warri, capital of Nigeria's southeastern Delta State, an official said on Thursday.

Sheddy Ozoene, spokesman for the state government, said the four were released and handed over to the state governor Emmanuel Uduaghan.

According to Uduaghan, the released oil workers included Mike Russel, Larry Slake, Chris Gay and Kevin Saller.

The state governor said the militants had demanded for ransom for their release but that because of government policy against hostage taking, "they were not given any ransom".

The four were taken hostage by local militants on 9 May in Nigeria's oil-rich yet restive Niger Delta area.

Since the beginning of this month, about 40 foreigners have been abducted in southeastern Nigeria.

Nigeria is Africa's

largest oil producer with a daily crude output of 2.6 million barrels.

However, the repeated occurrence of kidnapping has frightened thousands of foreign oil workers away since last year, forcing the oil production to reduce by nearly 25 per cent.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Police arrest three after bodies found**

LONDON, 2 June — Three people including a teenage boy have been arrested after two bodies were found in a house in Manchester on Friday, Greater Manchester Police said.

Officers said the bodies of a man and woman, believed to be a couple, were discovered at a home in the Levenshulme area of the city just after 11 am after reports of concern for the property's occupants.

A woman, 36, and a 16-year-old boy

were arrested nearby on suspicion of murder. Detectives later held a 42-year-old man after he handed himself in.

"Detectives are treating the murders as domestic related and are not looking for anyone else in connection with this offence," the police said in a statement.

The two victims have not yet been identified as police said it had not been possible to trace their next of kin.

*MNA/Reuters*

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**World's oldest twins celebrate 105th birthday**

OTTAWA, 1 June — Twin sisters Ellen Robertson and Sarah Jeanmougin, who are recognized by the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the oldest living set of twins in the world, celebrated their 105th birthday Friday.

Robertson, who now lives in Winnipeg, Canada, recalled the happy childhood she shared with her sister, as she was surrounded by a large group of family members, reports reaching here said.

"We never had a camera. We never even had a car... We weren't afraid to go out. We could walk at night. Now, I don't know,"



*Twin sisters Ellen Robertson and Sarah .*

recounted Robertson, sporting a bright yellow flower on her blouse and looking comfortable in her wheelchair. Robertson's sister, who now lives in Arizona, the United States, was unable to come back hometown for health

reasons.

The two girls were born on 29 May, 1902 in what now is Saskatchewan Province. Their father died when they were four, leaving their mother alone to take care of the family. Although life was not easy,

the twins had happy lives together. They were always dressed in identical clothing, although Robertson said her sister was always the cheery one. "She's happy all the time, you can tell from her pictures," Robertson said. "Sourpuss me," she laughed, pointing to herself.

Robertson credits her longevity to clean living and exercise. She has never smoked. She logged more than 160,000 km on her exercise bike and taught an hour-long aerobics class at a seniors' complex until she turned 93. Her outlook on life helped too, her 74-year-old son said. "Every-body's great, nobody's bad. It's just her attitude." — *Xinhua*

**Poll shows Mexicans support Calderon's drug war strategy**

MEXICO CITY, 2 June — President Felipe Calderon's approval rating rose to a sturdy 65 per cent in a newspaper poll on Friday, and Mexicans resoundingly backed his use of the Army to fight violent drug gangs.

An opinion poll published by the *Reforma* daily gave conservative Calderon 65-per-cent approval, up from 58 per cent in its last poll in March, and in line with recent surveys elsewhere.

Asked to rate Calderon on a scale of one to 10, respondents gave him a score of 6.8, up from 6.6 in March, and 83 per cent of those surveyed said they supported his deployment of troops to crack down on drug cartels behind some 1,000 killings so far this year.

Opposition lawmakers have criticized Calderon for using troops to fight drug gangs, citing reports of rights abuses by soldiers.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Zimbabwe dehorns rhino to deter poachers**

HARARE, 2 June — Zimbabwe has started dehorning all of its rhino in an effort to deter the poaching of one of the world's endangered species, official media reported on Thursday.

The southern African country's rhino population was about 2,000 in 1980, but rampant poaching in the 1980s saw the number dwindle to 370 before climbing to the current level of 789, according to conservation group Save the Rhino International.

The group said a programme undertaken by the

government to put the rhino in protection zones in national parks and private conservation areas had helped save the animals from cross-border poaching.

Henry Madzikanda, chief ecologist for Zimbabwe's Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, told the *Herald* newspaper that rangers and other officials would now spend the next two weeks dehorning rhinos.

There is a ready market, especially in the Far East, for rhino horns, which, like elephant tusks, are used mostly to manufacture

jewellery, figurines and tourist trinkets.

"We want poachers to know that if they kill any rhino in Zimbabwe, they will not find any horns. We are keeping them all in highly secured places for our future generations," Madzikanda was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

Zimbabwe is home to some of Africa's largest game reserves, but local conservation activists say rhino, elephants and other species are at risk from trophy hunters and rampant poaching by those who struggling with poverty.

*MNA/Reuters*



*A health expert demonstrates a serious fact that an experimental mouse smoked to death on a street of Suzhou, a city in east China's Jiangsu Province on the 20th World No-Tobacco Day, on 31 May, 2007. Many locals are attracted to see the experiment and astonished by the awful phenomenon. — INTERNET*

**"Barbara" upgraded to tropical storm off Mexico**

MEXICO CITY, 2 June — Cyclone Barbara strengthened in the Pacific Ocean on Friday and was upgraded to a tropical storm likely to hit Mexico or Guatemala, but there was no immediate indication it would become a hurricane.

Forecasters at the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami expected Barbara to pick up punch

in coming days as it hovered 200 miles (320 kilometres) south of the small oil port of Salina Cruz.

Packing sustained winds of 46 miles per hour (74 kilos per hour), and even higher gusts, the storm was located over warm water off the Mexican states of Oaxaca and Chiapas and also close to the southwestern coast of neighbouring

Guatemala.

"The new official forecast shows landfall over eastern Mexico or Guatemala in about 36 hours," the hurricane centre said, predicting the storm was more likely to reach Mexico.

Barbara had been downgraded to a tropical depression late on Thursday but became stronger overnight.

*MNA/Reuters*



*Customers queue to be scanned by a body scanner at a jeans shop in Beijing on 31 May, 2007. The body scanner can tell precise body shape of people and recommend fit jeans for them. — INTERNET*

# SPORTS



Uruguay's Vicente Sanchez (R) battles for the ball with Australia's Luke Wilkshire during their friendly international soccer match in Sydney on 2 June, 2007. — INTERNET

## Spain continue revival with 2-0 win over Latvia

RIGA, 3 June — Spain improved their chances of earning a place in Euro 2008 when they notched up their third qualifying win in a row with a 2-0 Group F victory in Latvia on Saturday.

The visitors dominated the opening 45 minutes but it took an own goal from defender Arturs Zakresevskis on the stroke of halftime to break the deadlock.

Latvia gave Spain several scares at the start of the second half but

midfielder Xavi put the result beyond doubt when he beat Aleksandrs Kolinko with a deflected shot just after the hour.

The win left Spain in third place in the group with 12 points from six games and they will ex-

pect to make that 15 when they meet Liechtenstein in Vaduz on next Wednesday. Defeat for Latvia left them bottom of the group with three points.

Espanyol's debutant striker Luis Garcia almost had a dream start when he

got in front the Latvia defence but fired at Kolinko.

Spain proceeded to lay siege to the Latvia area for much of the first half but grew increasingly frustrated as the home side sat back and packed their defence.—MNA/Reuters

## Portugal sink Belgium thanks to Postiga goal

BRUSSELS, 3 June — A second-half goal by Helder Postiga earned a 2-1 win over Belgium to maintain Portugal's push for Euro 2008 qualification and virtually end the hosts' chances.

However, Portugal's victory was tainted after their coach Luiz Felipe Scolari failed to appear for the post-match Press conference, suffering from illness.

Portugal — who had Hugo Almeida sent-off in injury time — have 14 points from seven matches in Group A, five behind leaders Poland. Serbia also have 14 after beating Finland, who have 11. Belgium remain on seven points.

MNA/Reuters

## France outclass Ukraine to go top of Group B

PARIS, 3 June — Second-half goals by Franck Ribery and Nicolas Anelka gave France a 2-0 victory over Ukraine on Saturday and top spot in Euro 2008 qualifying Group B.

Olympique Marseille midfielder Ribery struck in the 57th minute after being set up by Claude Makelele.

Bolton Wanderers striker Anelka then added the second goal with a superb volley from inside the box.

Victory gave World Cup runners-up France 15 points from six games, two clear of Italy who beat Faroe Islands 2-1. Ukraine are third, level on points with Scotland on 12. With 19-year-old Samir Nasri in a class of his own in midfield, France were dangerous from the start.

Nasri's delicate turns and sharp pace made him a handful throughout for Ukraine's defence.—MNA/Reuters



Justine Henin of Belgium returns a shot to Mara Santangelo of Italy during the third round match of women's singles at the French Open Championships in Paris, France, on 1 June, 2007. Henin won 2-0 and advanced into the next round. — XINHUA

## Germany hit six past San Marino



Germany's Kevin Kuranyi scores his team's first goal against San Marino's Cristian Neri during their EURO 2008 qualification soccer match in Nuremberg, on 2 June, 2007. — INTERNET

NUREMBERG (Germany), 3 June — Germany scored six times in a brutal 22-minute spell either side of the interval to destroy San Marino 6-0 and move clear at the top of Euro 2008 qualifying Group D on Saturday.

San Marino, still smarting from a 13-0 defeat by Germany at home in September, put up stiff resistance before

succumbing to a Kevin Kuranyi header in the final minute of the first half.

Marcell Jansen made it 2-0 early in the second and the sending-off of Davide Simoncini when he gave away a penalty opened the floodgates.

Torsten Frings converted from the spot, Mario Gomez scored two in quick succession and Clemens Fritz rounded off the scoring in the 67th minute.

Victory gave Germany 16 points from six games and took them two clear of Czech Republic, who drew 0-0 in Wales earlier on Saturday.

Joachim Loew's side play Slovakia in Hamburg on Wednesday when another victory would take them a long way towards their goal of reaching the finals in Austria and Switzerland next year.

After September's demolition job, the talk before the return match was about the chances of a record victory to beat Germany's 16-0 win over Russia in 1912.

MNA/Reuters

## Inzaghi double gives Italy tight win in Faroes

TORSHAVN (Faroe Islands), 3 June — Filippo Inzaghi continued his recent good form with two goals in Italy's nervous 2-1 win over the Faroe Islands in a Euro 2008 qualifier on Saturday.

The world champions have 13 points from six matches in Group B, trailing leaders France by two points.

Striker Inzaghi, who scored both goals in AC

Milan's 2-1 European Cup final win over Liverpool last week, brought down Andrea Pirlo's long pass in the box and prodded home on 13 minutes.

The 33-year-old then netted his 25th international goal when he headed in Aimo Diana's deep cross just after halftime.

The Faroe Islands produced some neat football to belie their world rank-

ing of 185 and they gave the world champions some late scares after Rogvi Jacobsen nodded home on 77 minutes.

The Italians, who were missing several players through injury and gave a debut to 32-year-old Roma left back Max Tonetto, laboured in the wind and driving rain but could still have scored several more.

MNA/Reuters

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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## European Champions Greece go top of Group C

IRAKLION (Greece), 3 June — Fanis Gekas and Yourkas Seitaridis scored their first international goals to lead Greece to a 2-0 win over Hungary on Saturday which put the European champions top of Group C.

Greece have 15 points from six games, two more than Turkey who lost 3-2 in Bosnia. Hungary's chances of advancing look slim on six points. The win marked a sharp turn in fortunes for Greece, who were beaten 4-1 at home by Turkey in March.

Coach Otto Rehhagel made his intentions clear by including three forwards in the Greece lineup.

Angelos Charisteas and Ioannis Amanatidis started brightly but it was Gekas, top scorer in the Bundesliga this season with 20 goals for Bochum, who made the breakthrough when he turned in the area to fire past keeper Zoltan Vegh in the 16th minute.

Seitaridis, in his 49th international, added the second 13 minutes later with a surging run into the area and a low shot beyond Vegh.

MNA/Reuters



Dinara Safina of Russia jubilates during the third round match of women's singles against Francesca Schiavone of Italy at the French Open Championships in Paris, France, on 1 June, 2007. Safina won 2-1 and advanced into the next round. — XINHUA

# Violent crime up in US for second straight year

WASHINGTON, 3 June— The number of violent crimes in the United States rose for a second straight year in 2006, marking the first sustained increase in homicides, robberies and other serious offences since the early 1990s, *The Washington Post* reported on Saturday.

An FBI report, the Uniform Crime Report, to be released on Monday, will show an increase of about 1.3 percent in violent offences last year, including a 6-per-cent rise in robberies and a slight rise in homicides, the *Post* reported. The upward trend

follows an increase of 2.3 per cent in 2005, which was the first significant increase in violent crimes in 15 years. Much of the increase was concentrated in medium-size cities, including the District of Columbia, officials said. Criminologists and law enforcement officials

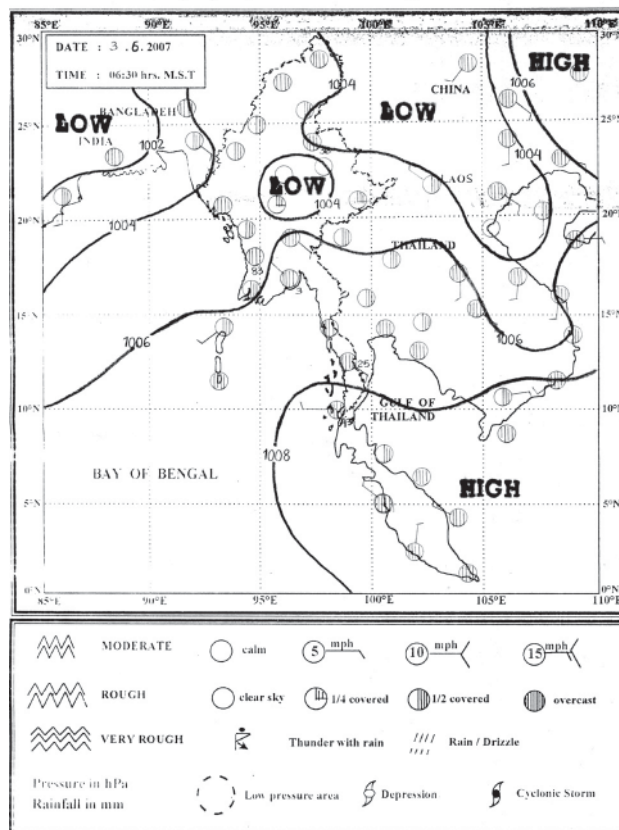
offer varying theories for the upswing, including an increase in the juvenile population, growing numbers of released prison inmates and the rise of serious gang problems in smaller jurisdictions.

Whatever the cause, the statistics are likely to create new political trouble for the Bush Administration. Crime fighting has long been a signature of Republican political issue, but this week Democratic lawmakers cited the new trend as evidence of weaknesses in federal assistance to local law enforcement, the newspaper report said.

"After years of driving crime rates down, we're now in reverse gear," Senator Joseph R Biden Jr, Democrat from Delaware and chairman of a Senate crime subcommittee, was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



### WEATHER

Sunday, 3 June, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, isolated in Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (3.26) inches, Bago (2.28) inches, Kawthoung (1.69) inches, Bhamo (1.42) inches and Kayan (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-6-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 3-6-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 3-6-2007 was 97%. Total sunshine hours on 2-6-2007 was (2.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-6-2007 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.39) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (29.14) inches at Mingaladon, (34.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (32.48) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (00:30) hours MST on 3-6-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 4-6-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State and Bago Division and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

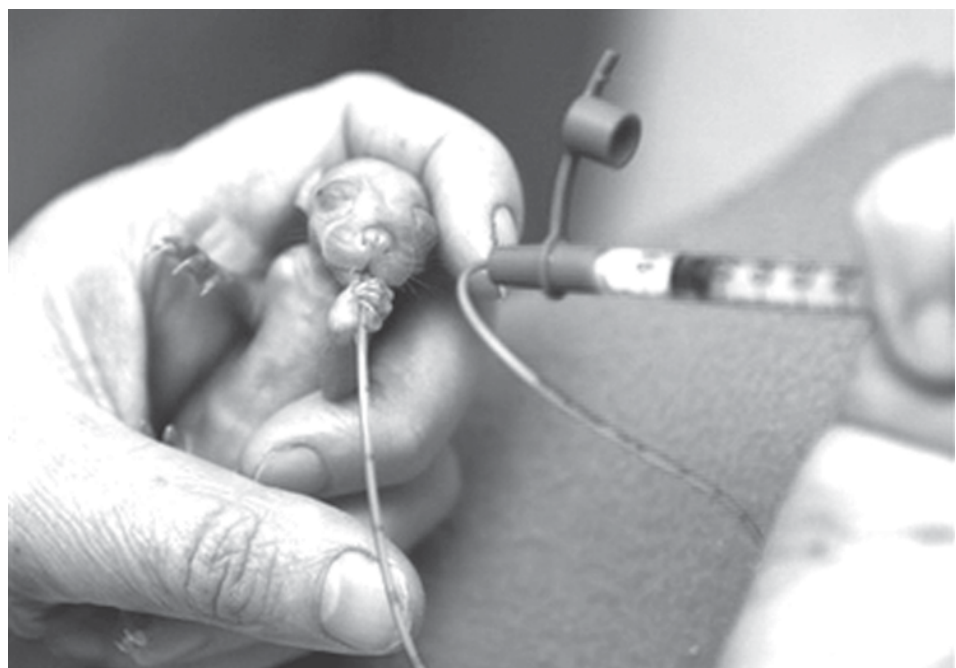
**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Southwest monsoon is likely to advance into the Central Myanmar area.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 4-6-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 4-6-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 4-6-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Using a tube and syringe, a Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife career feeds one of the first winter orphan Brushtail possum after he was rescued when his mother was hit and killed by a car in the outer suburbs of Sydney, Australia, on Friday, 1 June, 2007. — INTERNET



**Monday, 4 June**  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b> 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌ ဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p><b>7:15 am</b> 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်အပ်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b> 3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b> 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b> 5. Song of national races</p>	<p><b>8:05 am</b> 6. Cute little dancers</p> <p><b>8:15 am</b> 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:25 am</b> 8. ရခိုင်ချောင်တံတား</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> 9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 pm</b> 10. Grammar Made Easy</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. Practice in Reading</p> <p><b>4:40 pm</b> 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု) (ပထဝီဝင်)</p> <p><b>4:55 pm</b> 5. Dance variety</p> <p><b>5:05 pm</b> 6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p><b>5:20 pm</b> 7. Song and dances of national races</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b> 8. "မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးကွာ" (ဇရာ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ကြူကြူသင်း၊ အေးအေးနိုင်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်)</p>	<p><b>5:35 pm</b> 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)</p> <p><b>5:45 pm</b> 10. မြေကမ္ဘာသာယာစေဖို့ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင် ထိန်းသိမ်းဖို့(အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> 11. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> 12. Weather report</p> <p><b>6:35 pm</b> 13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> 14. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ တောင်တန်းထွက်ကုန်အမယ်စုံ ကျေးရွာအလှူဝင်ငွေထူး</p> <p><b>7:10 pm</b> 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သန်းတစ်ရာရွှေအိပ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၄)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 16. News</p> <p><b>8:05 pm</b> 17. International news</p> <p><b>8:10 pm</b> 18. Weather report</p> <p><b>8:15 pm</b> 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)</p> <p><b>8:20 pm</b> 20. The next day's programme</p>
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**Monday, 4 June**  
Tune in today

<p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news</p> <p><b>8:35 am</b> Music: -There you'll be</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> Music: -All that I need</p> <p><b>8:50 am</b> National news/ Slogan</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Music: -Kissy kissy</p> <p><b>9:05 am</b> International news</p> <p><b>9:10 am</b> Music: -Juarita</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> News / Slogan</p> <p><b>1:40pm</b> Lunch time music -Real love -Loverman</p> <p><b>9:00pm</b> Spotlight on the star: 9:10pm Article 9:20 pm Drug/Women Affairs 9:35pm Golden Land melody / Vocal gems -On &amp; on</p> <p><b>9:45 pm</b> News /Slogan</p> <p><b>10:00 pm</b> PEL</p>
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# Extended growing of paddy and cash crops for self-sufficiency in Kayin State stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min, Brig-Gen Myint Soe of Thaton Station, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, on 31 May attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants held in Phakat Model Village, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials, social organizations, local national races and others.

After presenting physic nut plants to officials concerned, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min planted physic nuts at the designated places.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party looked into the growing of physic nut

plants by departmental personnel, social organizations and local people.

Giving instructions, Lt-Gen Maung Bo spoke of the need to meet the target of growing physic nut plants.

Altogether 87,530 acres of physic nuts have been cultivated in Kayin State. After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo proceeded to Myainggying Special Region, Hlaingbwe Township where he paid homage to Bethizzamuni Buddha Image.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party paid homage to Myainggying Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana and presented offertories.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented gifts to Myainggying Special Region national race leader U Tha Htoo Kyaw and party.

On arrival at Kamamaung, Papun Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with departmental personnel, social organizations and local people at No 1 Basic Education Primary School.

At the meeting, the Kamamaung Town Administrator presented matters on administration, economic, agri-



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence visits operation theatre of Kamamaung People's Hospital in Kamamaung. — MNA*

culture, health, social and transport sectors and work being carried out.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech, stressing the need to equip Kamamaung with the characteristics of a town, to engage in extended growing of paddy and cash crops for self-sufficiency and to meet the target of growing rubber, pepper and physic nut plants.

At Kamamaung Basic Education High

School, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard a report presented by Headmaster U Myint Oo on the number of teachers and academic matters and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, they presented exercise books, stationary and school uniforms to the headmaster.

Next, they proceeded to Kamamaung People's Hospital where they inspected medical ward, medical store and operation theatre.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions to officials, stressing the need to collect medicines and to make the hospital and

its environs clean and beautiful.

On arrival at Koenawin Pagoda, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party offered flowers, lights and water to the pagoda and presented offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kusala.

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## Five resign from Hlinethaya Township NLD as they no longer take interest in party's activities

YANGON, 3 June—Altogether five members of Hlinethaya Township National League for Democracy of Yangon Division U Maung Maung, U Soe Thein, U Kyaw Yin, U Tin Myint and U Thein Tint resigned from the party of their own volition on 26 May, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their letters of resignation

sent to Hlinethaya Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that they resigned from the NLD party as the party is committing acts that are detrimental to the nation, it is dancing to the tune of foreign nations instead of serving the interest of the State, and they no longer took interest in the party's activities.

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## Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — An earthquake of moderate intensity 6.0 on the Richter Scale with its epicentre outside of Myanmar about 540 miles North East of Kaba Aye Seismological Observatory was recorded at 4:08:48 MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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## Weather Forecast for (4-6-2007)

**Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas**  
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.  
Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Yangon and neighbouring areas**  
One or two rain or thundershowers.  
Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Mandalay and neighbouring areas**  
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.  
Degree of certainty is (60%).