

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 Maung Bo participates in physic nut growing ceremony in Hpa-an



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects rubber plantation in Patkyaw Village. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Develop-

ment Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min, attended the Kayin State physic nut growing ceremony alongside Hpa-an-Hlaingbwe Road near Mizan Village of Hpa-an Township on 1 June morning.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party planted physic nut saplings at the designated places and then

viewed participation of departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people in growing the saplings.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed officials to make efforts for cultivation of physic nut to meet the target.

Kayin State has so far put over 80,000 acres of

land under physic nut against the target of 500,000 acres.

At the construction site of Paingkyon Station Hospital in Paingkyon of Hlaingbwe Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on progress of construction and future tasks presented by Deputy Director-General

Dr San Shwe Win of Health Department and development tasks for Paingkyon by officials.

Next, they attended the inauguration ceremony of Paingkyon Bridge in Paingkyon. They paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sirinda of Upper Paingkyon Monastery.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected Paingkyon Police Station and left necessary instructions.

At the combined office, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people. Paingkyon Town Administrator (See page 8)

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At present, local people enjoy fruits of prevailing peace and stability in Kayin State. Therefore, regional development tasks can be undertaken. The government has upgraded Paingkyon village to the town level to have regional development progress.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 5 June, 2007

Maintain icebergs to curb global warming

Today, the 5th of June is the World Environment Day 2007. The theme of WED is "Melting Ice — A Hot Topic?".

At present, the global warming and changes in weather are the challenges in the environmental conservation.

The main cause of global warming is an increase in the greenhouse effect. The greenhouse effect is vital for the existence of living beings.

Icebergs are the natural resoure for mankind. Altogether 97 per cent of the world water is salty and the remaining three per cent is fresh water. Of the three per cent, two per cent is in the form of icebergs and icy rivers. The main resources of fresh water are icebergs and icy regions.

The government is making all-out efforts in environmental conservation under the charge of the National Commission for Environmental Affairs.

The increase in the greenhouse gases is largely due to excessive release of carbon dioxide. The establishment of forests and tree plantations as well as the use of bio-fuel are to be carried out in order to mininize the volume of carbon dioxide.

Forests and trees play an important role in regulating climates. Hence, the growing of trees and conservation of forests are to be undertaken without fail.

Therefore, forests and trees capable of absorbing carbon dioxide and icebergs and icy regions capable of preventing the global warming are to be conserved properly. Only then will it be possible to slow down global warming.

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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

Production of Maubin Paper Factory inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo arrived at Maubin Paper Factory of Jute and Fibre Department under Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise near Pantaput Village of Maubin Township yesterday morning.

Factory Manager U Ko Lay reported on production of paper and paper products through jute, supervising of factory's expenditure and production process.

Deputy Managing Director U Ye Phone Myint of the department and directors gave supplementary reports.

After attending to the needs, the minister instructed them to operate the factory at full capacity and manufacture products by minimizing production cost.

Next, the minister inspected the production sections of the factory. — MNA



Italian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Giuseppe Cint welcomes Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, at a reception to mark the National Day of the Republic of Italy on 4 June.

MNA

Ministers inspect Technological University (Loikaw)

YANGON, 4 June — Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by Chairman of Kayah State PDC Col Nyunt Tin, inspected Technological University (Loikaw) and University of Computer Studies (Loikaw) on 2 June.

They inspected the completion of construction of the two universities where U Naing Win, Project Engineer of Htoo Co, explained ministers the tasks being carried out, and Minister U Thaung gave necessary instructions.

Faculty members explained to them on facts of the university whereupon Minister U Thaung

stressed the needs.

Next, CEC member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Chairman of Kayah State PDC Col Nyunt Tin attended a ceremony to donate generators to villages by Kayah State USDA held at City Hall in Loikaw and made speeches.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung donated two 7.5 kilowatt generators and the chairman of Kayah State PDC three 5 kilowatt generators for power supply in villages.

They attended Citizenship Scrutiny Cards Presenting Ceremony jointly organized by Kayah State USDA and State Immigration and National Planning Department. — MNA

Special mission on marketing campaign

YANGON, 4 June— President U Sein Lwin of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association, Vice-President U Kyi Sein and General Secretary U Nay Tun Min left here for Saudi Arabia, Dubai and Singapore by air on 1 June to launch marketing campaigns in these countries. They were seen off at the airport by General Secretary of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing and officials. — MNA

U Sein Win Hlaing, General Secretary of UMFCCI, sees off special mission for marketing campaigns at Yangon International Airport.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran urges US to stop interference in its internal affairs

TEHERAN, 3 June — Iran on Sunday lashed out at the US leader for demanding Teheran release four Iranian-Americans detained for alleged espionage and urged the United States to stop interference in its internal affairs.

“Such a comment is an obvious example of intervention in our internal affairs,” Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini told his weekly Press briefing.

“The United States should stop these actions,” he added. “They (the detainees) are Iranian nationals and the Iranian authorities are reviewing their case.”

US President George W Bush in a statement on Friday called for the “immediate and unconditional” release of the four Iranian-Americans. The four detainees are Haleh Esfandiari, director of the

Middle East Programme at the Washington-based Woodrow Wilson Centre for Scholars, Kian Tajbakhsh with George Soros’ Open Society Institute, Parnaz Azima, journalist from the US-funded Radio Farda, and Ali Shakeri, a peace activist with the Centre for Citizen Peace building at the University of California, Irvine.

“I strongly condemn their detention at the hands of Iranian authorities. They should be freed im-

mediately and unconditionally,” Bush said in the statement. They were “being held against their will by the Iranian regime,” Bush said, adding that “Their presence in Iran — to visit their parents or to conduct humanitarian work — poses no threat.”

Bush also demanded Iran provide information on Robert Levinson, a former FBI agent who reportedly went missing during a private visit to Iran in March. — *Xinhua*

14 US soldiers killed over weekend in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 June — Fourteen US soldiers were killed by bombs and small-arms fire in Iraq over the weekend, the US military said Sunday, as factional violence continued to ravage soldiers and civilians alike. A car bomb killed 10 people and wounded 27 at an outdoor market in Balad Ruz Sunday,

according to a Diyala province security official.

The explosion came shortly after noon (4 am ET) as the market, just east of Baquba, was packed with shoppers, police told *The Associated Press*.

In another market attack in Baquba, gunmen fatally shot two civilians, the Diyala official told CNN.

Also near Baquba, gunmen set up a fake police checkpoint just west of the city Saturday evening and killed three Iraqi civilians and wounded five others, the official said.

The attacks came amid a weekend of violent clashes between coalition forces and insurgents in Diwaniya, Falluja and eastern Baghdad’s Sadr City neighbourhood.

At least 20 people were wounded Sunday in Diwaniya when fighting broke out between Iraqi security forces and members of the Mehdi Army, a Shiite militia loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, an Interior Ministry official said. The battles came in the same area where Mehdi Army members

reportedly killed six people — three of them civilians — in fighting two weeks ago. The militia is said to be at the centre of the Sunni-Shiite sectarian violence that has plagued the war-ravaged nation. — *Internet*

Spain’s King Juan Carlos (R) talks with Crown Prince Felipe (L) and Queen Sofia as they preside over a military parade to mark Armed Forces Day in the northern town of Leon in Spain on 3 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Sierra Leone air crash kills 21

LONDON, 4 June — A helicopter ferrying passengers to Freetown airport in Sierra Leone has crashed, killing at least 21 people.

The passengers were mainly from Togo, reportedly including the country’s sports minister, and were returning from an international football match. One of the Russian pilots survived when the helicopter burst into flames as it came into land.

Helicopters and ferries are the only way to reach the airport, which is located across a bay from Freetown.

The passengers had been watching Togo beat Sierra Leone 1-0 an African Nations Cup qualifier, and had chartered the helicopter for the seven-minute flight from the city to the airport.

Togolese Sports Minister Atipe Kwako was among the dead, according to the *AFP* news agency. — *Internet*

Over 40,000 foreign workers fail health checks

TAIPING, 3 June — Over 40,000 foreign workers were sent back to their countries of origin last year after failing their health

examinations, Malaysian Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek said today.

He said the figure represented 3.4 per cent of

1.3 million foreign workers who underwent the mandatory health check.

“This is worrying as the figure keeps increasing over the years,” he told reporters after opening a blood donation campaign here. He said certain diseases such as tuberculosis, leprosy and malaria, thought to have been eradicated in Malaysia, had made a comeback in recent years because of the influx of foreign workers. “Last year, the ministry detected 10,376 cases of tuberculosis, 15,000 Hepatitis B, 3,600 syphilis and 740 HIV,” he said. Dr Chua urged employers to cooperate with the authorities and send their foreign workers to undergo health checks before putting them to work.

He said the ministry had made it compulsory for foreign workers to undergo health checks a month, a year and two years after their arrival in Malaysia.

Internet



Odin, a five-year-old, 445 pound, eight-foot tall white Bengal tiger is fed milk by trainer Lee Munro during a performance at the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, California, on 30 May, 2007. — INTERNET



A craftsman carves a coffee-wood sculpture in his rustic shop, known as “The House of Dreams”, in Orosi, 80 km (50 miles) from San Jose, Costa Rica, on 1 June, 2007. He has been sculpting from coffee-wood, and other types of wood he retrieves from rivers, for the last 25 years. — INTERNET



South Korean Foreign Minister Song Min-soon (C) poses with his Japanese counterpart Taro Aso (L) and his Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi (R) before their meeting in Jeju, South Korea, on 3 June, 2007. — INTERNET

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Putin warns Russia will point missiles at Europe

ROME, 4 June — Russia will once again aim its missiles at targets in Europe if US plans to build a missile defence shield near Russia's borders go ahead, President Vladimir Putin was quoted as saying on Sunday.

In an interview reported in Italy's *Corriere della Sera*, Putin acknowledged Russia's response risked restarting an arms race but he said Moscow would not be held responsible for the consequences because Washington had started it.

Putin made the tough statement days before a Group of Eight summit in Germany on 6 June

where, among other world leaders, he will come face to face with US President George W Bush.

Russia has not expressly targeted its missiles at Europe since the end of the Cold War but, asked if it would do this again if the US missile shield plant went ahead,

Putin said: "Yes, naturally."

"If the American nuclear capability widens across European territory, we will have to give ourselves new targets in Europe," Italy's leading daily quoted Putin as saying.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese Book Fair to be held in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 3 June — Chinese Book Fair is to be held at the City Hall of Kathmandu from 6 to 10 June .

The fair is sponsored by the General Administration of the Press and Publication of the People's Republic of China, while jointly organized by China International Book Trading Corporation and Nepali company World Cultural Net.

The theme of Chinese Book Fair in Nepal is "Reading



China."

The book fair will have diversified exhibits with more than 2,000 book titles published from China in Chinese, English and Tibetan languages and covering Chinese traditional culture, history, literary classics, traditional Chinese medicine, Chinese martial art "Kungfu," text books for learning Chinese, children's books and other topics.

Besides, the event will also include exhibitions of audio-video products and Chinese arts and crafts.

A 20-member Chinese team will be visiting Nepal to

participate in the book fair, and is also scheduled to hand over books to Kathmandu University during the visit.

Xinhua

Thirty five injured as car hits crowd in Washington festival

WASHINGTON, 2 June — Some 35 people were injured as a car hit the crowd of a street festival in Washington DC on Saturday night, ABC News reported.

The injured, with seven in critical condition, were hospitalized, according to the report.

The accident took place around 8 pm and the car was speeding at the

time.

The driver, a woman in her thirties, was detained by police after a failed attempt to flee the scene.

Police said the woman was driving at the speed of some 110 kph, trying to pass through a southwestern Washington street that was crowded with festival-goers.

A child was in the car when the accident occurred. The accident was still under investigation.

The festival, known as "UNIFEST," is Washington DC's premiere annual African American cultural festival and parade.

The event features a gala parade, a marketplace and other community activities. — Xinhua

secretary, said that a group of unidentified militants broke into homes of the Russians working for the Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON) and abducted six citizens of Russia.

The assault happened at about 5:30 am local time (0430 GMT), he said, adding that their Nigerian driver was killed during the attack.

According to the Russian embassy, ALSCON is controlled by the Russian aluminum giant RUSAL.

Currently the company and local police are not available for comment.

Since the beginning of this year, more than 100 foreigners have been abducted in southeastern Nigeria.

Xinhua

Filipino runs amok, kills 10, wounds 19

MANILA, 3 June — A Filipino in a drunken rage hacked dozens of people with a machete on Saturday, killing 10 and wounding 19 on the central Philippine island of Samar, a local police chief said.

Chief Inspector Aniceto Tecbobolan, police chief of Calbayog City on Samar, said the drunken man went from house to house in his Gadgaran Village, hacking dozens of people,

including some relatives, before dawn.

"Eight people, including five children, were hacked to death in their sleep," Tecbobolan told reporters, adding two more died at a hospital.

After attacking his sleeping relatives in two houses, The continued his stabbing spree at another home where villagers were attending a wake for a dead neighbour.

Tecbobolan said 19 people were wounded and

the man later surrendered to a neighbour. "He claimed he was too afraid to turn himself to the police because he feared that he would be harmed," Tecbobolan said, adding the man knew the consequences of his actions.

Police were preparing charges of murder and frustrated murder against the 39-year-old man now under detention at the city jail.

MNA/Reuters



A local resident clears the debris of his house after a strong earthquake occurred in the Yi Autonomous County of Ning'er of Pu'er City in southwest China's Yunnan Province on 3 June, 2007. — XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

Ecuadorean, Peruvian oil companies sign strategic alliance agreement

QUITO, 3 June — The state oil companies Petroecuador and Petroperu signed on Friday a strategic alliance agreement for fossil fuel exploration, exploitation, transportation, storage, industrialization and trade, Petroecuador said on Friday.

Ecuador's President Rafael Correa and Peru's President Alan Garcia witnessed the agreement's signing in the Peruvian city of Tumbes.

The presidents of Petroecuador, Carlos Pareja, and of Petroperu, Cesar Gutierrez, signed a joint declaration, under which the two sides would hold talks on supplying some 14,000 barrels of Ecuadorean crude Oriente daily in a long-term contract.

Petroecuador said in a statement that all the local fossil fuel negotiated will be used in Petroperu's refineries and part of the products, like nafta used in Ecuador to produce high

octane gasoline, will be sold to Petroecuador with preferential prices.

The strategic alliance also commits both state oil companies to form an

executive committee within 10 days and a joint work team to pinpoint the main mutual interest projects.

MNA/Xinhua

Crude oil prices rise

NEW YORK, 3 June — Crude oil futures rose sharply Friday amid concern over supply.

Light, sweet crude for July delivery gained 1.07 dollars at 65.08 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Brent crude for July delivery rose 1.03 dollars at 69.07 dollars a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Militants kidnapped 10 people including three senior managers of a chemical company named Indorama on Friday, in Nigeria's southeastern Rivers State.

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

About one-fifth of Nigeria's daily output is still shut after a series of

militant attacks.

Nigeria is Africa's leading oil producer and the fifth-biggest source of US oil imports. US Energy Department reported on Wednesday that its crude inventories fell by 2.0 million to 342.2 million barrels last week.

The analysts earlier expected crude inventories will rise by 1.0 million.—MNA/Xinhua

China strives to create more jobs for zero-employment households

SHENYANG, 3 June — At least one person in 80 per cent of the zero-employment households in China's urban areas will have a job by the end of this year, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) announced on Saturday.

Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Security Zhang Xiaojian told a national conference that the goal must be achieved by creating more job opportunities especially in the public service. Many of the country's laid-off workers have been reemployed, but some remained jobless either because of old age or a lack of skills, said Zhang. Governments were exploring ways to create jobs for people who had difficulties finding employment by developing labour-intensive industries and expanding community services.

The MLSS asked local labour and social security departments to provide those on unemployment benefits with vocational training.—MNA/Xinhua



Models present wedding gown creations at the Madrid Wedding Gown Show in Madrid, capital of Spain, on 2 June, 2007.

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Greek, Hungarian PMs discuss eco cooperation, European issues

ATHENS, 3 June — Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis met here Friday with his visiting Hungarian counterpart Ferenc Gyurcsany and they decided to set up a working group to look into prospects of economic cooperation in transport, trade and energy.

Karamanlis said the talks were "constructive" and the final aim was to promote links between the two countries in these areas.

He termed the decision to set up the working group an "important development", adding that the talks with Gyurcsany also covered a number of

European issues.

Karamanlis told reporters that Hungary hoped to cooperate with Greece in energy, particularly in the transport of natural gas.

Gyurcsany expressed his satisfaction with the close cooperation between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua

65-year-old Pole wakes from 19-year coma

WARSAW, 4 June — A 65-year-old railwayman who fell into a coma following in an accident in Communist Poland regained consciousness 19 years later to find a market economy, Polish media reported on Saturday.

Wheelchair-bound Jan Grzebski, whom doctors had given only two or three years to live following his 1988 accident, credited his caring wife Gertruda with his revival. "It was Gertruda that saved me, and I'll never forget it" Grzebski told news channel TVN24.

"For 19 years Mrs Grzebski did the job of an experienced intensive care team, changing her comatose husband's position every hour to prevent bed-sore infections," *Super Express* reported Dr Boguslaw Poniatowski as saying.

"When I went into a coma there was only tea and vinegar in the shops, meat was rationed and huge petrol queues were everywhere," Grzebski told TVN24, describing his recollections of the Communist system's economic collapse.

MNA/Reuters

Foreigners abducted from oil compound in Nigeria

LAGOS, 3 June — Gunmen dressed as riot police have abducted some foreign workers from the residential compound of oil services giant Schlumberger in Nigeria's oil city Port Harcourt, police said on Saturday.

Kidnapping has become an almost daily occurrence in the anarchic Niger Delta, home to Africa's largest oil industry, and about 30 foreigners are now being held by various armed groups in the vast wetlands region.

"Some expats were kidnapped from the club

of Schlumberger Ana-drill in a residential area last night," said Rivers State police commissioner Felix Ogbaudu, adding that the abductors were dressed as riot police.

A security source with an oil company in the area said he thought four foreigners were

abducted, but the company was conducting a head count to ascertain the exact number.

Attacks on oil facilities and kidnappings have forced thousands of foreign workers to flee and forced Western oil companies to reduce output by almost a third.

MNA/Reuters



Spain's Air Force acrobatic members "Patrulla Aguila" display the colours of the national flag during a military parade to mark Armed Forces Day in the northern town of Leon in Spain on 3 June, 2007. — INTERNET



A German Navy ship patrols the Baltic Sea coastline behind the massive security fence built around the Heiligendamm, Germany, G-8 summit site on 2 June, 2007. The G8 summit will take place there from Wednesday, 6 June, 2007 to Friday, 8 June, 2007. — INTERNET

China experiences warmer spring

BEIJING, 3 June — China's experienced another warmer-than-average spring this year, the 11th warmer spring since 1997, according to statistics from the China Meteorological Administration (CMA).

Temperature averaged 10.6 degrees Celsius from March to May this year, 1.2 degrees higher than average in normal years and the second highest since 1951.

On 26 May, temperature in Tianjin reached 38.5 degrees, breaking the record in May.

Experts believe the

warm springs reflect global warming. Aware of the influence of global warming on the ecological system, natural resources

and people's lives, China has announced a national action plan to respond to climate change.

Xinhua



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Smoking leads to genetic damage

LOS ANGELES, 2 June — Cigarette smoking can alter DNA in sperm and cause genetic damage which could pass to offspring, according to a new study.

Smoking can cause changes in the DNA sequence of sperm cells, alterations that could potentially be inherited by offspring, Canadian researchers found in the study published by the journal of the *American Association for Cancer Research*.

The researchers at Health Canada and McMaster University studied the spermatogonial stem cells of mature mice that had been exposed to cigarette smoke for either six or 12 weeks to look for alterations in a specific stretch of repeated portions of DNA, called Ms6-hm, which does not contain any known genes.

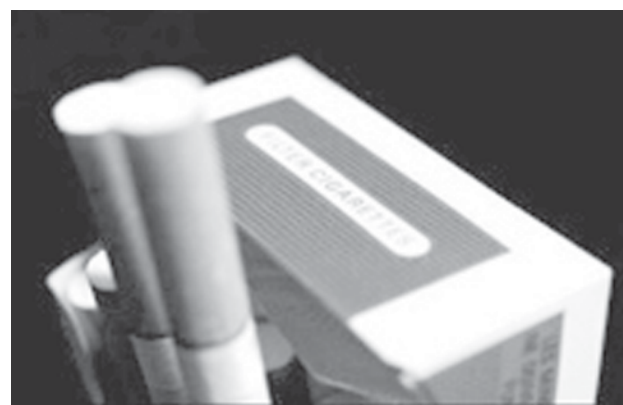
The mice were exposed to two cigarettes per day, the equivalent based on

blood levels of tobacco by-products of an average human smoker.

The findings show that the rate of Ms6-hm mutations in the smoking mice were 1.4 times higher than that of non-smoking mice at six weeks, and 1.7 times that of non-smoking mice at 12 weeks.

This suggests that damage is related to the duration of exposure, so the longer people smoke the more mutations accumulate and the more likely a potential effect may arise in the offspring, said the study.

"Here we are looking at male germ line mutations, which are mutations in the DNA of sperm. If inherited, these mutations persist as irreversible changes in the genetic composition of off-



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spring," said Carole Yauk, Ph D, lead author of the study and research scientist at Health Canada's Environmental and Occupational Toxicology Division.

"We have known that mothers who smoke can harm their fetuses, and here we show evidence that fathers can potentially

locations of non-coding DNA are sensitive to damage from radiation, mutagenic chemicals and intense industrial air particulate pollution.

While the researchers did not specifically study the protein-coding regions of DNA where genes reside, Yauk notes that previous studies correlate mutations in non-coding regions with those in coding regions, and that some repetitive regions of DNA (not examined in this study) are associated with genes.

"It stands to reason that mutations could also interfere with genes, but our ongoing research looks to clarify the severity of DNA damage throughout the genome," said Yauk.

Internet

Bomb kills five in Pakistani tribal region

KHAR (Pakistan), 3 June — A roadside bomb killed five people on Saturday near Pakistan's border with Afghanistan in a tribal region which is a hotbed of support for Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked militants, police and officials said.

The blast occurred in the Salarzai Village some 15 kilometres (9 miles) east of Khar, the main town in the Bajaur Region, a senior tribal police official, Mamoor Khan, said.

MNA/Reuters

MELTING ICE—A HOT TOPIC ?

Yin Yin Lay

The hot summer in Yangon ended with a storm that swept across the city during May 4 and 5. The 24 hours of incessant rains caused massive floods in several parts of the city. The level of rainfall reached 13.54 inches mark which was the highest rainfall level recorded in the past four decades. Many of the houses in the flooded areas were left in chaos as the water seeped into the houses during the early hours of May 5. In recent years, storms, cyclones, hurricanes and floods have been very frequent in many parts of the world. Could this be an impact of global warming and climate change?

According to scientists, the Earth's average temperature has been gradually rising over the past century. Eight of the hottest ten years occurred in the last decade. Global warming is caused by the concentration of gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, chlorofluorocarbon (CFC), ozone, nitrous oxide, and water vapour in the atmosphere. These gases trap the solar heat from radiating back to space and cause global temperature to gradually increase. This is known as the greenhouse effect and the gases are called the greenhouse gases (GHGs). Millions of tons of carbon dioxide are released from factories and vehicles through burning of the fossil fuels such as oil and coal. Methane gas is generally released from the paddy fields. The rise in heat threatens the global climate equilibrium that determines the pattern of wind, rainfall, surface temperature, ocean currents and

sea level. Thus, climate change could lead to severe storms, floods, and coastal erosion in some parts of the world while in other parts there could be severe droughts, water shortages and failed harvest. Scientists have also warned that should the global temperature keep on rising, it would threaten biodiversity and could damage the Earth's ecosystems beyond repair.

In order to curb global warming and stabilize global climate, international environmental agreements such as United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol were adopted in 1992 and 1997 respectively. The Kyoto Protocol set a timetable for the GHG emitting countries to reduce emission of greenhouse gases. However, the implementation of these agreements has not yet been satisfactory. The United Nations climate change conferences could urge but could not push the GHG emitting countries to promptly reduce the emissions of GHGs. At the same time, the most vulnerable countries' call for SOS of the impending disasters has become louder than ever. Environmentalists used to tell a story of a frog. This frog happened to be in a glass of water which happened to be heated. Little by little the water in the glass warmed up. But the merry frog got used to the slowly warming water and went on swimming in the glass unheeded to the gradually increasing heat. When it finally realized that the water was becoming very hot, it was already too late for the poor frog to jump out for its life.

This year, countries all over the world will celebrate the World Environment Day on 5 June with a theme "Melting Ice - A Hot Topic ?" Polar ice is indeed melting. It is learnt that the glaciers are smaller than at any time and the Arctic Ocean has lost 40% of its ice cover in the last 30 years. Scientists expect that the low-lying areas and small islands could disappear under water over the next few decades unless remedial actions are taken promptly. It is therefore extremely crucial that nations act in time to address the global warming and climate change crisis or else we will meet the destiny similar to that of a poor frog.

According to scientists, the Earth's average temperature has been gradually rising over the past century. Eight of the hottest ten years occurred in the last decade. Global warming is caused by the concentration of gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, chlorofluorocarbon (CFC), ozone, nitrous oxide, and water vapour in the atmosphere.

United Nations Secretary-General's Message on World Environment Day

(5 June 2007)

YANGON, 5 June— *The following is the message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on World Environment Day which falls today.*

Greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are causing our world to get warmer. Concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are higher than at any time for the past 600,000 years, and the rate of increase is accelerating.

The most dramatic evidence of climate change is found in the polar regions. The Arctic is warming twice as fast as the global average. The extent and thickness of permanent Arctic sea ice is diminishing; areas of permafrost, frozen for centuries, are thawing; and ice caps in Greenland and the Antarctic are melting faster than anyone anticipated.

For the people and ecosystems of the Arctic, the implications are profound. Retreating sea ice is reducing habitat for vulnerable Arctic species. The changes will also affect Arctic indigenous communities who depend on the natural world, not just for food, but for their cultural identity.

However, this is not just a polar issue. The theme for World Environment Day 2007 — "Melting Ice: A Hot Topic!" — reflects the impact that climate change is having in all regions. As sea levels rise, inhabitants of low-lying islands and coastal cities throughout the world face inundation. The world's insurance companies are paying out more and more each year to compensate for extreme weather events. As glaciers retreat, governments are casting an increasingly anxious eye at future water supplies. And for the one-third of the world's population living in drylands, especially those in Africa, changing weather patterns linked to climate change threaten to exacerbate desertification, drought and food insecurity.

Society's dependence on fossil fuels is jeopardizing social and economic progress and our future security. Fortunately, there are many policy and technological options available to avert the impending crisis, but we need increased political will to use them. Developed countries in particular can do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage energy efficiency. They can also support clean development in fast-growing economies such as Brazil, China and India, as well as adaptation measures in those countries that face the greatest hardships from climate change.

On this World Environment Day, let us recognize the need to slow the momentum of the dramatic environmental changes we are seeing at the poles and around the globe. And let each of us pledge to do our part to fight climate change.—UNIC

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

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World Environment Day · 5 June 2007

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Teachers should always keep...

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enable them to pursue higher studies — arts, sciences and technologies of the modern age — applying your government-nurtured high efficiency in the practical field. In addition, you all should always keep in your hearts the noble task of enhancing the education standard of all basic education schools the duty the government has entrusted to you with full trust.

The government had carried out education reforms with national outlook for over a decade and is still implementing them to realize its noble goal — development of national education — and lofty vision — emergence of a constant learning Myanmar society.

In other words, the government has been striving for all areas of education including the basic education sector, the higher education sector, the formal education, the non-formal education and the parallel education system set up in colleges and universities to achieve qualitative and quantitative development in all aspects.

In the same vein, it is building education infrastructure, providing modern teaching aids and methods, setting up the e-education network and creating a sound education environment. The four-year national education promotion project implemented in 2000 in accord with the guidance of the Head of State covered the accelerated task of enabling Myanmar to catch up with the developed ASEAN countries in education infrastructure together with modern teaching aids and techniques, laboratories and practical rooms.

In addition to setting up school boards of trustees in harmony with the existing parent-teacher associations, the government has organized social organizations such as Union Solidarity and Developed Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and wellwishers in enhancing the qualifications of the education family, which is a noble practice.

Thanks to the cooperative endeavours of the government, school families and social organizations and the public in all aspects, the whole nation is witnessing the flourishing sound education foundations and environment and excellent opportunities to pursue education and choose higher studies.

After setting up superior education, opportunities, infrastructures and environment, the government has reinforced the sector of improving the education standard. It has been implementing the projects constantly to promote basic education standard since 1988. The project was initiated by primary-curricula-upgrading programme. The national education promotion conference held in April this year laid down work



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presents prize to an outstanding trainee.— MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo participates...

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U Tin Nwe reported on matters related to the town and townselders on development tasks.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that at present, local people enjoy fruits of prevailing peace and stability in Kayin State. Therefore, regional development tasks can be undertaken. The government has upgraded Paingkyon village to the town level to have regional development progress. Departmental personnel and local people are to join hands in carrying out development tasks to enable the town to have required characteristics.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party presented exercise books, stationery and uniforms for students in Paingkyon to the Headmaster of Paingkyon BEHS.

While in Paingkyon, they went to the hill of Hsupanpyae Pagoda to be built as a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda. Commander of Kayin State Police Force Police Col Tin Thaung reported on construction of the pagoda.

After giving necessary instruction, Lt-Gen

programmes to uplift curricula and syllabuses that can actually materialize the Head of State's guidance that calls for the uplift of teaching-learning standard.

At this juncture, teachers should strive resolutely till reaching the nation's goal of basic education promotion education, making good use of the sound education infrastructures and environment, noble practices and fine traditions. They should strive with conviction and sense of duty.

Also present were Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, the rector of CICS and officials.

The minister presented gifts to outstanding trainees, and cordially greeted the trainees. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence hands over exercise books, stationery and school uniform for students through an official.—MNA

Maung Bo inspected the site for the pagoda. Next, they visited Win Thuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1. On their return to Hlaingbwe along Paingkyon-Hlaingbwe Road, they viewed thriving rubber plantations.

At the local battalion in Hlaingbwe, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met servicemen and family members of regiments and units in Hlaingbwe Station.

At the site for construction of Hlaingbwe Township Hospital (50-bed), Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard a report on construction tasks by officials and inspected the construction site. In Htilon Village, Lt-Gen Maung Bo viewed thriving rubber plantations of private entrepreneurs and gave instructions.

Next, they arrived back in Hpa-an. —MNA

Some foreign broadcasting stations, internal and external destructive elements trying to capitalize on MMPA executive committee reshuffle

Widespread opinion of public and movie world is that all are to be well aware of evil attempts to sow seeds of mistrust

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon was first formed under the name of Motion Picture and Drama Asiayon in 1946, Motion Picture Council in 1962, Motion Picture Council Organizing Committee in 1976 and the Asiayon has been known as Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon since 1988.

The MMPA's executive committee was formed in order to promote the standard of Myanmar film world. The term of the executive committee is two years. The present executive committee of MMPA was formed and duties were assigned to them on 4 June 2005, and the committee now turns two years on 4 June (today) 2007.

Officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise met with members of the MMPA's executive committee on 18 May 2007 and explained matters to reconstitute the present executive committee as it had turned two years.

In an attempt to sow discord among those from the movie world and misunderstand the efforts to promote the standard of the movie world some foreign broadcasting stations and internal and external de-

structive elements that want to capitalize on the reconstitution of the executive committee are making fabricated news as if Chairman of MMPA U Kyi Soe Tun and some executives have resigned from the Asiayon as they are dissatisfied with officials of MMPE, as if they have resigned from the Asiayon due to strict censor rules and regulations and as if they are unable to serve the interest of those from the movie world.

In reality, the Chairman and all EC members have been discharging their normal duties up to date and there will be a reshuffle only electing new EC members have been reconstituted.

Some foreign broadcasting stations and internal and external destructive elements are making attempts to misuse the movie world that is enjoying public interest, to destroy the unity of the movie world with the intention of using it for self-interest and to cause misunderstanding between MMPE officials and the movie world. Widespread opinion of the public and movie world is that all are to be well aware of those evil attempts.

MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends inauguration of new two-storey building of BEPS in Phayagon Village, Mon State

Government implementing programmes to turn out outstanding students, to promote education standard to international level

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, 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, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments arrived at Phayagon Village in Kyaikmaraw Township on 2 June.

A ceremony to open a new two-storey building of Phayagon Village Basic Education Primary School was held in front of the school.

Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Mon State Education Officer U Tun Yi and Chairman of the new building construction committee U Sein Myint formally opened the new building.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo formally unveiled the signboard of the school. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the guests visited the new building.

Chairman of the new building construction committee U Sein Myint reported on the construction of the building and handed over the related documents



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence views monsoon paddy growing ceremony in Paung Township.— MNA

to Mon State Education Officer U Tun Yi.

Next, the commander and Secretary of Mon State Peace and Development Council U Aung Win accepted K 13.8 million donated for the building by wellwishers.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo said only when there are sufficient highly-qualified brilliant human resources can a new modern developed nation be established, and progress achieved should be maintained for benefits in the long run.

He said the country is rich in natural resources and it is very important for the country to possess human resources. He quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that projects are to be drawn up for turning out intellectuals and intel-

ligentsia in the respective regions for national development. Efficient human resources are capable of creating conditions for prosperity of the people. It is necessary for the people to make efforts for all-round development of the nation.

He said every nation is making endeavours for their national development utilizing the modern science and technology. The government is implementing the programmes to turn out outstanding students, to promote education standard to international level and to gain proficiency in modern science and technology in the basic education sector, he added.

He said the government laid down Myanmar educational objectives and

long-term educational objectives in both higher and basic education sectors.

He said the Head of State had given guidance on five educational tasks. Beginning 2005-2006 academic year, refresher courses for senior assistant teachers were conducted in 30 colleges and universities in accord with the guidance.

He said school enrollment rate and completion rate of primary education increased yearly. There are 5,952 post-primary schools nationwide and 420,000 schoolchildren from those schools continued their education at middle schools.

The new building was constructed at a cost of over 50 million including K 13 million provided by

the government and children in the village can now receive their education easily.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party cordially greeted those present. The two-storey new school building is 140 feet long and 30 feet wide and has eight classrooms and four toilets. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended a school enrollment day ceremony of No 9 BEHS in Mawlamyine Township. Speaking on the occasion, he said all townships school enrollment day was organized in 10 townships of Mon State simultaneously on 31 May. The State set school enrollment day to be celebrated from 25 to 31 May. Service personnel, the public, donors and social organizations are to cooperate in school enrollment day activities. Moreover, teachers and responsible officials are to try to promote school enrollment rate, enable schoolchildren to complete primary education and continue middle school education. He went on to say that this school has a tradition of turning out brilliant students and it is necessary to maintain such a fine tradition.

Deputy Director General U Tun Kyi of No 1 Basic Education Department reported on aca-

demical matters of the Ministry of Education and Mon State Education Officer U Tun Yi on school enrollment activities in the state. Next, exercise books, stationery and school uniforms donated by Mon State PDC were handed to headmistress Daw Myint Myint Yi. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected school enrollment activities. They then attended a physic nut growing ceremony of South East Command and Mawlamyine Station held near Mawlamyine Airport. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the Commander grew physic nut plants at designated places and encouraged the officers and other ranks and their families growing the plants. A total of 10 acres of physic nut plants were grown.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended a ploughing ceremony of Paung Township and viewed the power tillers and farm machinery manufactured by Agricultural Mechanization Department and the fertilizer shop of Myanmar Agriculture Service. At the briefing hall, the Paung Township PDC chairman reported on arrangements to cultivate monsoon paddy in 2007-2008 and (See page 11)



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence unveils the signboard of new building of BEPS at Phayagon Village in Kyaikmaraw Township.— MNA

MoI provides cash assistance to students, PPE holds 35th anniversary

Employees urged to use initiative in carrying out the tasks of the ministry



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at 35th Anniversary of Printing and Publishing Enterprise.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June — Ministry of Information provided cash assistance to children of its employees for 2007-2008 Academic Year and held the 35th Anniversary of Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the ministry here today.

It was attended by directors-general, managing-directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, officials and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan stressed the need for improvement of the education standard of children of the employees in making use of technologies for development of the nation.

Human resources play an important role in making efforts for the development of a country. Now, the basic and higher education are within the reach of the people in every part of the country. In education sector, the Government has also made arrangements not only for development of physical appearance but also for improvement of quality of students.

Only when human resource is developed, will the nation develop.

The Government has making efforts for development of the country and for improvement of the living standard of the people and employees.

Therefore, employees are to carry out tasks of the respective departments dutifully.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan also urged employees to use initiative in carrying out the tasks of the ministry in accordance with rules and regulations.

Ministry of Information holds anniversaries of departments and enterprises yearly. Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the ministry carried out the seven tasks of the enterprise successfully last year.

PPE is to implement the seven tasks for 2007-2008. The seven tasks are — to take the media role in implementation of the Seven-point Road Map; to efficiently use the funds and to increase the income of the enterprise; to improve Myanmar literary standard; to maintain the printing machinery of the enterprise for durability; to improve the functions of the enterprise; to improve the print quality meeting the standard and thrifty use of materials in printing.

In conclusion, the minister urged officials and

employees to work together to meet the success in implementing the tasks of the ministry and enterprise.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented cash assistance amounted to K 9,478,500 to 3,741 primary, middle, higher and university students through Head of Office of the ministry U Ye



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents award to an outstanding employee.—MNA



U Khin Maung Htay, Director-General of MRTV, welcomes Director-General Mr Zhao Huayong of CCTV at Yangon International Airport.— MNA

CCTV's Director-General arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 4 June — Under the programme of China-Myanmar Cultural Exchange, a Chinese delegation led by Director-General Mr Zhao Huayong (Deputy Minister Level) of China Central Television -CCTV of the People's Republic of China arrived here by air this evening to promote cooperation in broadcasting of the two nations.

The delegation was warmly welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television and officials of the Ministry of Information.

A dinner was hosted in honour of the Chinese Delegation led by Director-General Mr Zhao Huayong by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV at Karaweik Palace.—MNA

Tint, Deputy Director-General of MRTV U Thein Aung, Deputy Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Managing Director of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win and Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint.

The minister also presented prizes to 11 outstanding trainees who received the titles awarded by the State Peace and Development Council.

Afterwards, Managing Director of PPE U Aung Nyein and General Manager U Zaw Min presented prizes to outstanding employees of PPE. — MNA

Work under way for observance of Myanmar Women's Day



Daw Khin Lay Myint, President of Work Committee for Observance of Myanmar Women's Day, speaks at work coordination meeting.— MNA

YANGON, 4 June — A work coordination meeting of Work Committee for Observance of Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2007 was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation in Bahan Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were President Daw Khin Lay Myint of Work Committee for Observance of Myanmar Women's Day, Vice-President Daw Khin The Htay and committee members, members of support teams, Patron of Yangon Division WAO

Daw Mar Mar Wai and members and guests.

First, the President made a speech on the occasion. Next, the working groups presented reports on their tasks to be carried out. The working groups of invitation and holding the ceremony, decoration, accommodation, recep-

tion, transport, information, presentation of prizes, health care, security, finance, photo exhibition and compilation of speeches presented respective reports. Next, those present held discussions on general matters and then the President made concluding remarks. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends...

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ploughing for cultivation of monsoon paddy on the 200 acre-land in Kywechan Village and Mon State MAS Manger U Sein Win on arrangements to cultivate monsoon paddy in the state, undertake double cropping in the rainy season, targeted acreage of paddy. Lt-Gen Maung Bo said those responsible for agriculture are to organize the farmers to adopt double cropping in the rainy season. He said as now is the time when manual farming being transformed into mechanized farming, it will be easy to undertake agricultural tasks only through the use of farm machinery. Now the farmers are being able to buy power tillers and fertilizers at low prices. The farmers in cooperation with departmental personnel are urged to try to exceed the target cultivation of paddy in Mon State.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited 123-acre Kyonka Garden of MAS in Kyonka Village. Manager U Myint Aung reported on growing of durian and mangosteen and rambutan, distribution of saplings and dissemination of cultivation methods. Mon State MAS Manager U Sein Win also reported on production of worm-cast for fertilizers.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo called on the officials to organize the farmers to know the advanced cultivation methods. Next, he inspected breeding of earthworm for production of fertilizers, fruits plantations and four-acre physic nut plantation. Then Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went to Mawlamyine. — MNA

MFTB wins Century International Quality Era Award (CQE)

YANGON, 4 June — Bank won Century Myanmar Foreign Trade International Quality Era

UNUNyunt Maung Shein accepted the CQE on behalf of MFTB.

The CQE is internationally recognized one which is awarded to economic organizations and services around the world.

Managing Director of MFTB U Than Yi handed the CQE Award to Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Bankers Association Building on 19 May. — MNA



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe accepts Century International Quality Era Award from Managing Director U Than Yi of MFTB. — MNA



Award (CQE) for 2007 presented by Madrid-based Business Initiative Directions (BID), Spain.

The 9th International Quality Convention was held at Hotel Intercontinental in Geneva, Switzerland on 23 April. Entrepreneurs from 62 countries including Myanmar attended a ceremony to present prizes. Permanent Myanmar ambassador to

MMCWA donates stationery and cash



Daw Tin Tin Mya and Dr Daw Khin Mya Win of MMCWA donate cash and stationery to school girls.— MCWA

YANGON, 4 June — Myanmar Maternal and CEC Members of Child Welfare Association Daw Tin Tin Mya and Dr Daw Khin Mya Win today

presented stationery and cash for students who are attending at Withakha Nunnery in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township and Chantharaung Pariyatti Sarthintaik of Dagon Myothit (East) Township.

Having explained purposes of donation of stationery, CEC member Dr Daw Khin Mya Win presented stationery worth of K 100,000 along with K 100,000 to nuns of nunneries concerned.

MNA

Five wounded in insurgent-planted mines

YANGON, 4 June — Sixteen-year-old Maung Kyaw Min Oo, Sawhmu village, Kyaukkyi, Bago Division suffered injury at his right foot stepping on a mine planted by insurgents while he was going to the forest to pick up vegetables on 2 June and another seventeen-year old Ma Thu Thu Win from the same village was wounded at her left foot stepping on a mine planted by insurgents while going to grow bean on the same day.

Similarly, forty-seven-year-old U Aung Than and wife Ma San Myint of Kyaukkyipauk village, Htantabin

Township were going to the bean plantation, east ward of the village, they suffered injuries at their left and right legs after stepping on a mine planted by insurgents on 2 June.

Another fifty-three-year-old U Aung Nyunt Swe of Kyaukhtu village, Myitta town in Dawei District, was wounded at his left calf after stepping on a mine planted by insurgents while he was going fishing.

The injured were sent to township hospital concerned and medical treatment and necessary assistant were being provided by local authorities. — MNA

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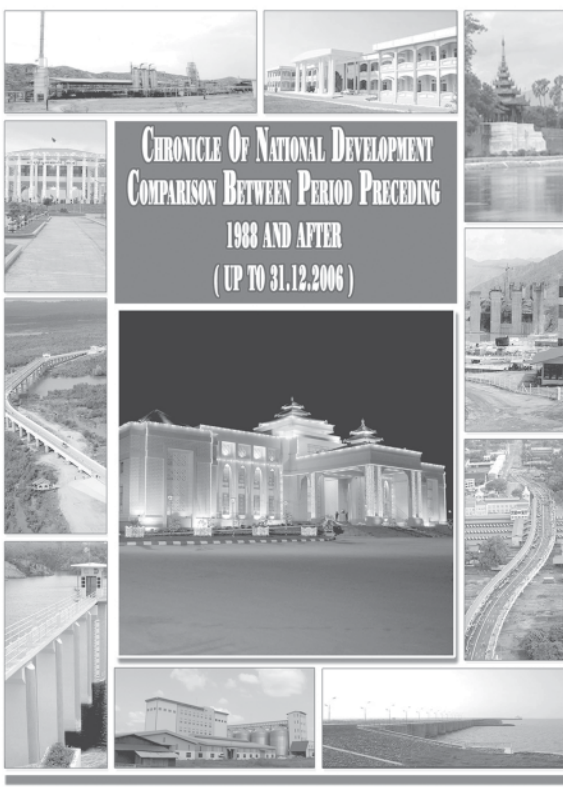
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Local govts asked to subsidize low-income families

BEIJING, 3 June—China's Ministry of Civil Affairs has asked local governments to provide food subsidy to low-income urban families amid lingering concerns over pork, egg and other foodstuff prices that have soared since April.

"Local governments must take effective measures to ensure that the living standards of low-income families will not drop due to the price rise of foodstuffs," the ministry said in a circular issued recently.

Figures from the Ministry of Agriculture show live pigs nationwide were priced 71.3 per cent higher in April over March, and pork was 29.3 per cent higher, largely due to tighter supply.

In Beijing, the pork price went up more than 30 per cent, while wholesale prices in Shanghai hit 16 yuan (2.1 US dollars) per kilogramme, a 10-year high, up 20 per cent month-on-month.

The ministry asked local governments to give special

care to the elderly, the disabled, the bedridden and children to minimize the daily life difficulties caused by the price hike.

Local governments were also asked to improve their subsidy programme so that low-income families will get food allowance promptly in case of any price increases. Early reports said that China's Ministry of Education has asked colleges nationwide to stabilize pork prices, ensure meat quality in dining halls and offer subsidies if necessary to cut the cost of student meals.

The General Office of the State Council has urged local governments at all levels to ensure the continuity of pork supplies.—MNA/Xinhua

NASA to test cosmos-observing "Boeing" plane

LOS ANGELES, 3 June—NASA will test a modified Boeing 747 meant for observing the cosmos in flight, officials said on Friday.

For this purpose, the plane has arrived at NASA's flight research centre at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

The plane will have mission systems installed and undergo testing over the next three years, NASA officials said. The Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, or SOFIA, was ferried to NASA's Dryden centre on Thursday from Waco, Texas, where a German-built 2.5-metre infrared telescope was installed and other major modifications made over the past several years, according to NASA.—MNA/Xinhua

1 June to be hottest day so far this year in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 3 June—1 June is the hottest day so far this year in the Nepali capital Kathmandu Valley.

The mercury rose to 33.8 degrees Celsius Saturday, a record for the year, according to the Meteorological Forecasting Division. The mercury had risen to 33.2 degrees Celsius Friday.

There is, however, reason to feel comfortable, as monsoon is likely to set in in seven to 10 days.

However, there is not much to worry since the mercury in Kathmandu, unlike on 7 May, 1989, did not soar to 36.6 degrees Celsius. 7 May, 1989 has gone down in the history of Kathmandu as the hottest day.

On 31 May last year, Kathmandu had recorded a temperature of 31.5 degrees Celsius.—MNA/Xinhua

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Iran says to continue talks on Iraq if US changes policy

DAMASCUS, 3 June—Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said here Friday that his country would continue talks with the United States on stabilizing Iraq if Washington changes its policy towards the war-torn country.

At a joint Press conference with his Syrian counterpart Walid al-Muallem at the end of his two-day visit, Mottaki said Iran is studying the results of the recent Baghdad meeting between Iranian and US ambassadors.

"If there is a real willingness on the part of

the US Administration to change its policy towards Iraq, we will continue them (the talks)," Mottaki told the Press conference.

He added that the lack of security and stability in Iraq and the continuation of the occupation there "are the root causes of the crisis".

Mottaki said Iran could play a role in ending the crisis and might study an outlet for the US to go out of its impasse.

Iran and the US held talks in Baghdad on Monday which was the highest-level official one-on-one talks since the two countries broke off relations shortly after Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Mottaki arrived here on Thursday to discuss with

Syrian officials expansion of bilateral ties and regional developments.

Describing his talks with Syrian leaders as "excellent and important", Mottaki said the two sides discussed the latest developments in Iraq, the Palestinian territories and Lebanon, in addition to Israel's plots in the region.

Mottaki said the points of view were identical between Damascus and Teheran and friendship and cooperation between the two countries is endless.

Iran and Syria oppose the use of power in the region and call for the departure of all foreign forces from the region, said Mottaki.

MNA/Xinhua

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Chinese companies deny role in tainted toothpaste

BEIJING, 3 June—Employees at a Chinese company named by US officials as makers of tainted toothpaste denied on Saturday that it had used a poisonous chemical in its products, reacting to the latest scare about China's consumer goods. The US Food and Drug Administration issued a warning about Chinese-made toothpaste on Friday after toothpaste containing diethylene glycol was detected in a shipment seized at the border.

"It is not allowed. There are restrictions limiting its use," said an employee at Suzhou City Jinmao Daily Chemicals Co Ltd, when asked about diethylene glycol (DEG).

The employee, reached by telephone, declined to be named and said he was new at the company and was not too familiar with its exports. An employee at a second enterprise named by US officials, Goldcredit International Trading Co Ltd, said the company did not export to

the United States but declined to comment further.

The seizure of tainted toothpaste was the most recent in a series of scares over the safety of locally made products, that have put China's food and drug exports under scrutiny around the world.

Similarly contaminated toothpaste has been seized across Latin America, and in Panama, the government says at least 100

people died after taking cough syrup that contained DEG, an industrial solvent used in paint and antifreeze.

US officials said using the affected brands, which include Cooldent, Clean Rite and Oralmax, presented a low risk to human health but that chronic use, particularly among children or those with kidney or liver disease, could be problematic.

MNA/Reuters



A cup of coffee sits on a tray at a store in Manila's Makati district in this 25 Jan, 2007 file photo. If men ever needed a reason to justify that extra cup of coffee, here it is: four or more cups of coffee a day appear to reduce the risk of gout, Canadian researchers said recently. — INTERNET



Actress Jeon Ji-hyun appears in a TV commercial for Samsung Electronics Ultra Edition 10.9, nicknamed the Miniskirt. — INTERNET

Lula says Bush proposal will not eclipse Kyoto

LONDON, 3 June—US President George W Bush's proposals on carbon emissions will not supersede the Kyoto Protocol because cuts would be voluntary, Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Friday.

"I hope to hear Bush's proposal live at the G-8 (Group of Eight) meeting.

The concrete fact is that there is no chance of President Bush's proposal eclipsing the Kyoto Protocol and other

multilateral decisions because his proposal is based on voluntary (cuts)," he told reporters in London.

Bush said on Thursday he wanted to convene a series of meetings with major polluters including India and China with the goal of formulating a long-term emissions reduction goal within 18 months. He gave no details.

Some observers viewed this as a capitulation by Bush whose officials have rejected attempts by G-8 president Germany to

get next week's summit in the Baltic resort of Heiligendamm to set binding targets and timetables for emission cuts.

Environmentalists saw it differently, however. They accused Washington of trying to undermine the G-8 process and with it efforts to get a major UN climate meeting in Bali in December to agree a framework on talks to extend Kyoto beyond its first phase which ends in 2012.

MNA/Reuters

Brazilian police arrest most-wanted drug lord

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 June—Brazilian police on Friday arrested one of the country's most-wanted drug lords and prevented the criminal gang he ruled from carrying out a major operation to take over a "favela" in the northern zone of the capital city.

Marcelo Soares de Medeiros, nicknamed Marcelo PQD, was planning to invade the Morro

do Dende neighbourhood and kill the drug lord that currently coordinates traffic there. Six other gang members were also arrested, including former Army parachutists and an employee of a state deputy. The gang was at a "base" they secretly held in the slum, waiting for other members to arrive. They were preparing to initiate the operation when

the police laid siege to the house, whose owner also participated in the plan.

Following negotiations, which relied on the help of relatives of the criminals, the seven gangsters surrendered. Five rifles and four pistols were recovered from the house.

Police investigations

started three months ago. According to the Specialized Police Department, the group arrested with PQD received military training and are known as "kamikazes" for their activities in the front line of confrontations with other gangs.

MNA/Xinhua

US foils plot to attack New York's JFK Airport

NEW YORK, 3 June—US authorities have foiled a plot to attack the John F Kennedy International Airport in New York, and three people have been arrested, including a former member of Guyana's Parliament, police said on Saturday.

The FBI said it had not found any linkage between al-Qaeda and the plot and pointed to an international network of Muslim extremists from the United States, Guyana and Trinidad.

Authorities were searching for a fourth suspect in connection with the plot, which was only at its planning stages.

MNA/Xinhua



A sculpture is seen during the "CowParade" in Copenhagen on 2 June, 2007. Danish artists decorated more than 50 sculptures of life-size cows to raise money for the Danish children charity "Red Barnet" during the CowParade in Copenhagen which will run from 2 June, 2007 till 31 August, 2007. — INTERNET



Penguins swim at the Tokyo Sea Life Park in Tokyo on 3 June, 2007. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Serena warms up in style for Henin clash

PARIS, 4 June — Serena Williams reached the 19th Grand Slam quarterfinal of her career on Sunday with a comfortable 6-2, 6-3 defeat of Russian Dinara Safina.

The sole American player left in either singles draw surged into a 4-0 lead and never looked back as she stormed through for an eagerly-anticipated clash with Belgian top seed Justin Henin.

Safina, a quarterfinalist herself last year, looked totally dejected during the first set, muttering at the baseline and scolding herself as she was blown away by a barrage of winners from the rampant Williams.

MNA/Reuters



French soccer player Thierry Henry makes an impression of his hand during a promotional event in Seoul on 3 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Colombia beat Montenegro 1-0 in Kirin Cup friendly

NAGANO (Japan), 4 June — Striker Radamel Falcao Garcia scored a 33rd-minute winner as Colombia beat Montenegro 1-0 in the Kirin Cup friendly tournament in Japan on Sunday. Falcao tucked the ball past Montenegro keeper Vukasin Poleksic as Colombia marked their first game with three points in Nagano.

Japan lead the three-nation tournament on goal difference after their 2-0 win over Montenegro on Friday. The Asian champions take on Colombia in Saitama in the decider on Tuesday. — MNA/Reuters

Mexico blitz Iran 4-0 in friendly

SAN LUIS (Mexico), 4 June — Mexico crushed Iran 4-0 in a warm-up for the Gold Cup and Copa America competitions starting later in June.

Striker Jared Borgetti, Jaime Lozano, Francisco Fonseca and defender Gerardo Torrado scored the goals, two in each half of Saturday's night's match, as Mexico took their tally against Iran to three wins in three meetings.

Borgetti opened the scoring after two minutes when he netted the rebound after Lozano's header was turned onto

the bar by keeper Seyed Mehdi Rahmati.

Close to the half hour, Lozano shot home the second from Fernando Arce's left cross while Borgetti hit the post on the stroke of halftime.

Iran, preparing for next month's Asian Cup, were reduced to trying to get back into the game with shots from long and medium range. Fonseca headed the third with less than 10 minutes remaining from Andres Guardado's left cross and Torrado rounded off the rout with a shot from outside the box. — MNA/Reuters

Federer matches McEnroe with straight-sets win

PARIS, 4 June — Roger Federer matched John McEnroe's record streak of 11 straight-set wins in Grand Slam matches by beating Mikhail Youzhny 7-6, 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday to reach the French Open quarterfinals.

World number one Federer, whose run dates back to the first round of this year's Australian Open, equals the best mark in the Open era set by McEnroe in 1984 from the second round at Wimble-

don through to the US Open quarterfinals. Top seed Federer, chasing victory in the only Grand Slam tournament to elude him so far, turned on the style after a sluggish start to extend to 10-0 his perfect record against Russia's Youzhny, seeded 13th here.

The 25-year-old Swiss, bidding to become the third man after Don Budge and Rod Laver to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time, next meets Spaniard Tommy Robredo, seeded ninth.

Youzhny underlined his determination by breaking Federer straight away and matching his prestigious opponent throughout a tight first set.

MNA/Reuters



Liu Xiang (L) of China edges out Terrence Trammell of the US in the men's 110 metre hurdles at the third annual Reebok Grand Prix track and field meet in New York, on 2 June, 2007. Liu won the champion with 12.92 seconds. — XINHUA

Sharapova survives French Open scare

PARIS, 4 June — World number two Maria Sharapova survived two match points before overcoming Switzerland's Patty Schnyder 3-6, 6-4,

9-7 in a gripping fourth-round match on Sunday.

Schnyder served for the match three times before dropping serve in the last game, bowing out by sending a forehand wide after two hours and 37 minutes of a tight contest that could have gone either way.

Former Wimbledon champion Sharapova, who feels more at ease on faster surfaces and has never gone past the quarterfinals at Roland Garros, will meet fellow Russian Anna Chakvetadze for a place in the last four.

MNA/Reuters

Kuznetsova blocks Peer bid

PARIS, 4 June — A fired-up Svetlana Kuznetsova foiled Shahar Peer's bid to become the first Israeli woman to reach the quarterfinals of the French Open with a brisk 6-4, 6-3 victory on Sunday.

The Russian third seed had come off second best in their two previous meetings and was determined to break that dubious run, winning the 44-minute first set when her 20-year-old opponent smacked a backhand long.

In the second, Kuznetsova outclassed the 15th seed with her superior baseline tactics to streak ahead 5-1.

MNA/Reuters

Champion Henin marches on towards hat-trick

PARIS, 4 June — Justin Henin's relentless progress towards a third straight French Open title continued on Sunday when the Belgian beat Austria's Sybille Bammer 6-2, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals.

The 25-year-old top seed has now won 29 consecutive sets at Roland Garros stretching back to 2005 and will face old foe Serena Williams in the quarterfinals.

Her devilish backhand was at its lethal best as she dominated the 27-year-old Bammer with a beguiling mixture of power and subtle spins. It was plain sailing for Henin until she lost her way at 4-0 in the second set, allowing Bammer, the first mother in the fourth round for seven years, to break twice and haul herself back to 4-4.

MNA/Reuters



Singapore's Agu Casmir (L) and Indonesia's Bayu Sutha fights for the ball during a friendly soccer match in Jakarta on 3 June, 2007. — INTERNET



Ryuji Imada of Japan tees off on the 10th hole during the final round of the Memorial golf tournament on 3 June, 2007 at the Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio. INTERNET

South African Sterne wins Wales Open

NEWPORT (Wales), 4 June — A birdie on the final hole at Celtic Manor earned South African Richard Sterne a one-stroke Wales Open victory on Sunday. While Sterne birdied the final hole for a four-under 65 to set the 13-under 263 target, home favourite Bradley Dredge bogeyed the 18th to lose the chance of becoming the first Welshman to win his national title.

Dredge had set up the victory chance after a dismal start with three successive birdies from the 15th but missed a six-foot

putt for par on the last to return a 67 and finish 12-under. He tied for second place with Singapore's Mardan Mamat who came surging through the field with 62, the best round of the week, and two Danes, Soren Kjeldsen (65) and Mads Vibe-Hastrup (66).

Sterne's scintillating finish with four birdies in the last five holes earned the 25-year-old South African his second tour title, the week after just missing out on a playoff in the PGA Championship.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's Aiko Nakamura, left, and Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn chat while playing Switzerland's Emmanuelle Gagliardi and Italy's Francesca Schiavone during their second round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 2 June, 2007. Gagliardi and Schiavone won 6-1, 6-2. — INTERNET



Sayadaws and wellwishers grow a Bo tree to mark success of Pathana recitation. RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Ceremony to mark success of Pathana recitation held

YANGON, 4 June — A ceremony to mark success of Pathana recitation was held at Myanmar Bodh-Gaya Kyaungtaung in Sangyoung Township on 30 May morning. First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. The congregation received the Five Precepts from Chairman of Township

Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Naynattha Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Bhaddanta Janaka and members of the Sangha recited parittas. Adviser to the Ministry of Religious Affairs U Arnt Maung, Judge of Supreme Court U Han Shein and wellwishers donated alms to members of the Sangha.

Next, the congregation shared merits gained. Afterwards, Naynattha Sayadaw, Tilawkayon Sayadaw, Aungtawhmu Sayadaw and the congregation grew a Bo tree to mark success of Pathana recitation. The wellwishers then donated K 20 million to Sayadaw Dr Ashin Sundara. — MNA

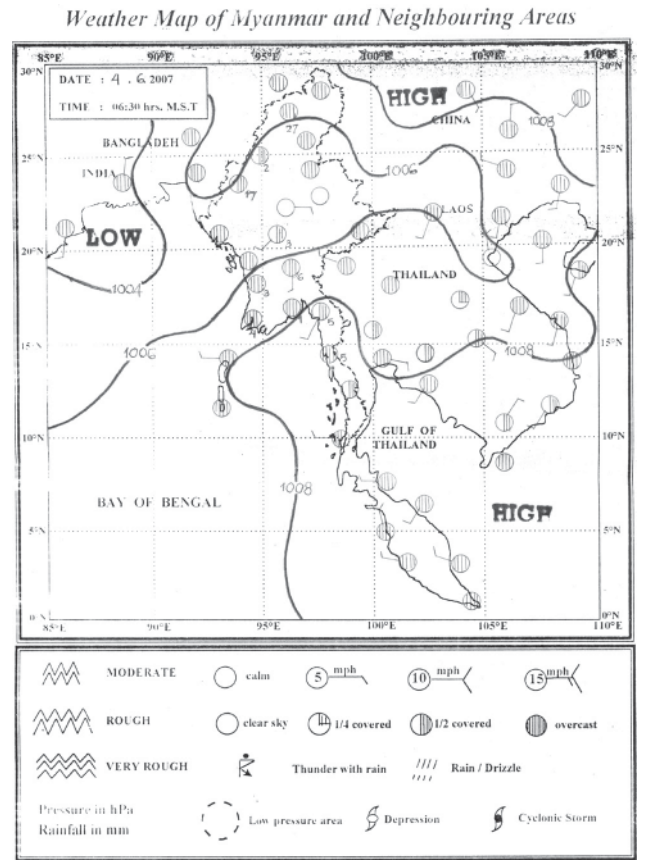
Series of earthquakes jolt Indonesia

JAKARTA, 4 June — A series of moderate earthquakes jolted western and eastern parts of Indonesia on Saturday, no report of casualty or damages, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

A quake with magnitude of 5.6 struck at 11:46 Jakarta Time (0446 GMT) with epicentre at 153 kilometres northeast Lubuk Pakam of North Sumatra Province in Western Indonesia and 130 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency told *Xinhua*.

About six and eight hours earlier, other two moderate aftershocks of a mainshock that was predicted to be occurred days earlier rocked North Maluku Province in eastern part of Indonesia, the official said.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 4 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Mon State, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hinthada (2.48) inches, Gyobingauk (2.36) inches, Myingyan (1.73) inches, Hkamti (1.06) inches, Pakokku (1.02) inches and Heho (0.98) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-6-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 4-6-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-6-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 3-6-2007 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-6-2007 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.20) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (29.49) inches at Mingaladon, (34.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (32.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:35) 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 5-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of advance of southwest monsoon in the Central Myanmar area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Rainstorm hits Jiangxi Province, affecting 250,000 people

NANCHANG, 4 June — Floods triggered by rainstorms in the past few days have caused the collapse of about 2,000 houses and affected some 250,000 people in east China's Jiangxi Province, local authorities said on Sunday.

Heavy rain hit most of Jiangxi between Thursday and Sunday, with an average precipitation of 52 millimetres across the

province and 25 counties reported rainfall of more than 100 millimetres, according to the provincial meteorological station.

About 2,000 houses in 59 towns have collapsed in the floods triggered by the heavy rain, which have caused a direct economic loss of nearly 100 million yuan (12.9 million US dollars), said a provincial flood control official. — MNA/Xinhua



Tuesday, 5 June
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am
- 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မတဏှာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်အပ်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
- 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 5. Nice and sweet song

- 7:50 am
- 6. ကဗျာပန်းညွှနာပျဉ်
- 8:05 am
- 7. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
- 8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:25 am
- 9. အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
- 10. International news
- 8:45 am
- 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 pm
- 4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဒဿနိကဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ)
- 4:55 pm
- 5. Dance of national races

- 5:10 pm
- 6. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:25 pm
- 7. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
- 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 10. ကြွယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm
- 11. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:05 pm
- 12. သယံဇာတစီဝန်လင် မြန်မာ့ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်
- 7:15 pm
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သန်းတစ်ရာရွှေအိပ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 18. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 5 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Anytime
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -More than a friend
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Why do I love you
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -What a way to wanna be
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
- Anything is possible
- Looking for love
- 9:00pm English Speaking Course Level (III) Unit (5)
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30pm Music at your listening pleasure
- May be
- Do you remember
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends 6th Convocation of ITBMU



Congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence attend 6th graduation of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University.—MNA

YANGON, 4 June — The International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University conferred PhD (B.Dh), M.A (B.Dh) and B.A (B.Dh) on the trainees at the university in Mayangon Township this afternoon and the convocation ceremony was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Present on the occasion were Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa and member Sayadaws of State

Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Dhammabandagarika Sayadaws, Rector of the University Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Dr Nandamalabhivamsa and instructor Sayadaws and trainees, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw, Director-General of Department for Promo-

tion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, Pro-rector of ITBMU Dr Myint Kyi (Admin), heads of departments, faculty members, foreign ambassadors to Myanmar and charge d' affaires, religious title holders and guests.

First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*. The Rector Sayadaw presented diplomas and insignias to trainee monks and nuns and laypersons. Next, the Rector Sayadaw signed in diplomas.

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Teachers should always keep in hearts noble task of enhancing education standard government has entrusted to them

Refresher Course No 61 for teachers concludes

YANGON, 4 June — Special Refresher Course No 61 for basic education teachers concluded at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in

Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, this morning.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, on behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, delivered an address.

The minister said: you the teachers who have

completed the course will have to return to their normal work with general and academic knowledge they have gained at the trainings run by the gov-

ernment. It is certain that those general and academic knowledge and views, especially the good qualifications including concepts, conviction and

discipline that have been inculcated in them will become invaluable skills providing much assistance to them in their practical life.

You the teachers will be able to brave all hardships of the practical field with their excellent strength — spirit, discipline and knowledge — if they are zealous, energetic and dutiful and are able to integrate their work experience with theoretical knowledge they have been pursuing constantly, while maintaining and nurturing those invaluable skills.

I urge you to train and nurture student youths to become intellectuals and intelligentsia and
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Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at conclusion of special refresher course No 61 for basic education teachers at CICS (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township.— MNA