

National Convention final session begins on 18 July

After thoroughly reviewing all adopted basic principles, detailed basic principles, some amendments, additions and nullification to some of the points are to be made to ensure that the Constitution is free from flaws and weaknesses

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June — The National Convention Convening Commission held its 2/2007 meeting at the State Peace and Development Council Office here at 7.30 am today.

Speaking at the meeting, Chairman of the Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said, **the State Peace and Development Council, the Tatmadaw government, laid down the seven-step**

Road Map and is constantly implementing it for a smooth transition to a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state in accord with the genuine wish of the people.

The convening of the National Convention, the first and most important step of the Road Map, to lay down and adopt fundamental principles and basic principles, began in 1993. But for certain reasons, it came to a halt in 1996. The government was able to

resume the National Convention on 17 May 2004. Up to now the National Convention has been held for four times from that date.

The first time was held from 17 May 2004 to 9 July 2004; the second, from 17 February to 31 March; the third, from 5 December 2005 to 31 January 2006; and the fourth, from 10 October 2006 to 29 December 2006.

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Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at Meeting No 2/2007 of the National Convention Convening Commission. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Extend breeding fish and prawn for nation's economic growth

In June and July, when the rainy season is in full swing in Myanmar, female fishes and prawns spawn and deposit eggs along the rivers and creeks and in the lakes throughout the nation. Necessary directives are released to ban fishing during the period.

The Fisheries Department dissuades the people from fishing in the period through mottoes such as "Spare spawning fish and fingerlings to avert possible extinction of fish species", "Catch no fingerlings for their growth", and "Catch no spawning fish" to avoid possible extinction of fish species.

As part of the drive for avoiding possible extinction of species of fish and prawn in the Myanmar waters, directives have been released not to do fishing in the restricted areas and waters in Rakhine and Mon States and Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions during the hatching period between 1 June and 31 August.

Fish breeding entrepreneurs have to release fingerlings into the rivers and creeks on a wider scale to increase the number of pedigree species of fish in the region concerned.

Now, the government is working hard to ensure development in the fish and meat sector and extend the export of fish and prawn.

Therefore, the Myanmar Fisheries Federation and related associations, and livestock entrepreneurs should place emphasis on extended breeding of fish and prawn, while following the directives of the Fisheries Department for economic growth of the nation.

Deputy Minister inspects construction of railroads

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June— Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than and officials inspected construction of Sinthey bridge in Pyinmana and laying of rails on 1 June.

The 400-foot reinforced concrete Sinthey bridge is one of the ten bridges that are 180-feet and above in Pyinmana-Myohaung dual railroad construction project.

The deputy minister also inspected the construction of new Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad. Pyinmana-Myohaung dual railroad is 157.75 miles long and over 97 miles of rail tracks have been laid.

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People's Desire

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

Commander drives stake to construct school building in Toungoo



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko meeting with trainees who will attend University for Development of National Races.— MNA

YANGON, 5 June— A stake driving ceremony for the two-storey building of Natsingon Basic Education High School was held at the school compound in Toungoo Township on 29 May.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials drove the stake into the ground.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint briefed the commander on construction tasks of the school and financial matters.

Also present at the ceremony were secretary

of the Division Peace and Development Council U Pe Thein, members of division, district and township Peace and Development Council and departmental officials.

Afterwards, the commander met with the trainees who will attend the University for Development of National Races and the trainees who are attending the university.

The commander presented cash to the trainees. On behalf of the trainees, a student of the BEd Course No 42 spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Pakokku industrial zone projects under inspection

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June— Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin together with officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Pakokku industrial zone of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Myaung Township in Pakokku District in Magway Division on 2 June.

At the briefing hall, project director U Tin Tun Aung briefed the minister on land preparation for construction of project buildings, stockpile of construction materials and measures for supply of electricity and water. Next, Managing Director U Aung Kyi of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services gave a supplementary report.

Next, Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanmar Machine Tool & Electrical Industries briefed the minister on maintenance of machine tools sent to industrial zones and machine tools to be imported.

After hearing the reports, the minister stressed the need to implement project tasks laid down by the factory, systematically compile the data on construction tasks, build warehouses to keep machine tools, form the inspection team in advance to accept machine tools. Next, the minister made arrangements for entrepreneurs to obtain permission to own industrial land.

Afterwards, the minister and party looked into progress in constructing project buildings, land preparation and building of entrance roads to the factories. Next, the minister left instructions on measures to be taken for occupational safety and efficient use of fuel and power. — MNA

KOICA's final reports handed over to Myanma Railways

YANGON, 5 June— KOICA Myanmar Office handed over the Final Reports on completion of the feasibility study project on the Thailand-Myanmar railway section of the Singapore-Kunming Railway Linkage (SKRL) Project to Myanma Railways, here, today. KOICA also presented Personal Computers and accessories which were used during the project to MR.

Present at the ceremony were Resident Representative of KOICA and the General Manager and officials of MR.

As part of the Korean government's assistance programme for Initiative for ASEAN Integration, this project not only contributes to the social infrastructure development of Myanmar but also strengthens the prosperity of the railway sectors and accelerate ASEAN economic integration. —NLM



A representative of KOICA hands over final reports to an official of Myanma Railways.— H

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Czech towns vote against base before Bush visit

PRAGUE, 4 June— Voters in three Czech vil- lages near a planned US missile shield radar base rejected the proposal in referendums at the week- end on the eve of a visit by US President George W Bush.

The non-binding ballots were unlikely to sway the centre-right government of Prime Minister Mirek Topo- lanek in its push to host the radar base, but show growing opposition to the proposal among Czechs.

The United States wants to station elements of its shield in Poland and the Czech Republic as protection from potential missile attacks by countries such as Iran. Russia, however, says the project threatens its

national security and has voiced strong opposition to it. At least 95 per cent of voters opposed hosting the radar base to be located at a military training site in the Brdy Hills south-west of Prague.

In total five towns in the area have now held votes on the site, and all have overwhelming re- jected the base.

“I feared that interest would be far less,” said Stanislav Kramosila, mayor of Hvozdu, which lies five kilometres (three miles) from the proposed base site. The United States wants to station 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and radar equip- ment in the Czech Republic, at a cost of 3.5 billion US dollars.

Bush arrives late on Monday and on Tuesday meets rightist President Vaclav Klaus and Topo- lanek and also plans to meet leftist opposition leader Jiri Paroubek.

The Czech Govern- ment has rejected calls for a nationwide referendum on the radar base, but it faces a tough task pushing the plan through Parlia- ment where it controls just 100 of the 200 seats.

Some deputies from ruling parties have said they were uneasy about building the radar unless it is a part of a NATO- wide defence scheme, while most opposition deputies have voiced either opposition or only cautious support for the plan.

MNA/Reuters

US general says only one-fourth of Baghdad is in ‘controlled state’

WASHINGTON, 4 June — In the most direct com- ments to date about the security situation in Iraq, a top US military com- mander said Monday progress is lacking in key areas of the city. Only one- quarter of Baghdad is currently under control, according to Army Brig General Vincent Brooks, the deputy commanding general for Multi-National Division-Baghdad.

In a telephone interview with CNN, Brooks said just

“one-quarter of Baghdad is in a controlled state.” In defining “a controlled state” he said, “generally speaking it is when we are able to maintain physical influence over a specific area, preventing its use by the enemy.”

Brooks emphasized that progress is being made in some areas. But he said establishing control has progressed slower than planned in some key neighborhoods — in part due to a

continuing shortage of qualified Iraqi police forces.—Internet



Locals rest outside their collapsed houses after a strong earthquake hit Pu'er, in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 3 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Larijani said. “In addition to that, Europe is our biggest commercial partner and basically what is the logic for us to do such thing (as target Europe)?” he said.

He described the initiative as “the joke of the year” and added: “These days Americans make such jokes a lot.”

The plan has drawn strong criticism from Russia, which sees it as a threat to its national security and an encroachment on its sphere of influence. Moscow has rejected offers to cooperate with the United States on the project.

Iran is locked in a standoff with the United States and other major powers over its nuclear programme, which Washington says Teheran is pursuing in order to build atomic bombs. Iran insists its aim is to make fuel for nuclear power stations.

MNA/Reuters

Iran calls US’ missile interceptor plan a ‘joke’

TEHRAN, 5 June — A senior Iranian official dismissed as a “joke” a US plan to set up a missile interceptor system in Europe to counter threats from Iran.

The United States wants to deploy a radar system in the Czech Republic and 10 interceptor missiles in Poland by 2011-12. It says the system would counter threats from so-called “rogue states” like

Iran and North Korea.

But Ali Larijani, secretary of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council, was quoted by IRNA news agency late on Sunday as saying Teheran did not have missiles with that reach and it would not target a trade partner anyway.

“The range of Iranian missiles cannot reach Europe and it’s surprising that they don’t know such a thing,”



Boeing employees work on the 777 airplane assembly line in this 31 Jan, 2007 file photo in Everett, Wash. Orders to US factories posted a weaker-than-expected gain in April as declines in demand for cars, planes and boats offset strength in business investment. INTERNET

Palestinian ceasefire plan agreed

LONDON, 5 June—The Palestinian government says it has agreed on the terms of a ceasefire proposal it wants to put to Israel to end more than three weeks of violence.

It said all factions in the Hamas-led Cabinet supported the truce — which would have to cover all Palestinian territories, not just the Gaza Strip.

The plan calls for militants in Gaza and the Israeli military to end the cross-

border attacks simultaneously.

Israel has previously rejected plans for a West Bank truce.

The Israeli military frequently carries out raids against suspected militants there.

Extensive Palestinian rocket fire from Gaza has killed two Israelis in the last month and retaliatory Israeli military operations have killed about 50 Palestinians, many of them Hamas fighters.—Internet



Farmers perform dragon dance in a village of Dong ethnic group in Longsheng County of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 2 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Guerillas derail southern train in Thailand; six passengers injured

PATTANI, 4 June— Hundreds of rail passengers are stranded in Hat Yai and other rail stations and services have been suspended in the wake of a train derailment and coordinated disruptions of train service in three southernmost provinces Monday morning. Load-bearing tracks gave way on a State Railways of Thailand (SRT) passenger train in Pattani after presumed guerillas loosened the bolts on sections of railway track in the three southernmost provinces, causing train

derailments and disruption of rail services in the mainly Muslim region.

A Yala-Nakhon Si Thammarat passenger train, carrying about 100 persons, derailed in Pattani, with six passengers sustaining minor injuries.

Police found some 40 bolts removed from the railway line between Khok Pho and Na Pradoo stations, causing the engine to slide off the rails.

There were reports of portions of railway being unbolted in several locations in Pattani, Yala

and Narathiwat, but there have been no other indication of injuries to SRT passengers, crew or railway workers, and no other reports of damage to rolling stock.

In Yala, suspected guerillas pulled out 28 bolts from tracks near Bantase train station in the provincial seat. A portion of the railway line was damaged as tires were burned on it.

All train services along the affected routes have been halted, while officials work on restoring the rails.—Internet

NATO soldier, civilian interpreter killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 June — A soldier of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and an ISAF civilian interpreter were killed in eastern Afghanistan, an ISAF statement said Sunday.

The fatalities occurred when an ISAF convoy was ambushed by militants on Saturday, the statement said, adding seven other ISAF soldiers were wounded by small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades.

The wounded have been medically evacuated to ISAF medical facilities, and their conditions are unknown at this time although none are considered life threat-

ening, according to the statement.

The brief statement did not say which province the incident occurred. Meanwhile, in accordance with NATO policy, ISAF does not release a casualty's

nationality prior to the relevant national authority doing so. However, the bulk of ISAF soldiers operating in eastern Afghanistan are Americans.

MNA/Xinhua



Israeli tanks manoeuvre during a military drill near Kibbutz Yonathan in the Golan Heights on 4 June, 2007. — INTERNET

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Italy suffers anti-US demonstrations before Bush visit

TRENTO (Italy), 4 June— Italy's Prime Minister Romano Prodi was berated by angry voters on Sunday who want him to stop the United States expanding an air base near their homes.

Less than a week ahead of a visit by US President George W Bush, which is expected to be met with large anti-war demonstrations, the Italian leader was heckled into silence as he tried to address an economic conference.

A visibly uncomfortable Prodi then had to listen to one demonstrator who was allowed by the conference chairman to address the meeting as a way of appeasing the audience, many members of which were holding banners and shouting "shame".

"We are being treated despicably, and this really bothers me, President, because I voted for you," said the protester, a smartly dressed middle-aged woman who said the expansion of the base in Vicenza, northern Italy, would ruin the town.

"We voted for you on the basis of a manifesto

which spoke of less servitude towards the military and of participatory democracy. Where are those words?" she said, her voice breaking with emotion as Prodi avoided her gaze.

Many members of Prodi's centre-left coalition also oppose the expansion of the Vicenza base, which has come to represent the tensions

between pacifist elements on the left of his coalition and centrists keen on good relations with Washington.

Prodi did not address the issue in his speech, which was on economic matters, but told reporters as he left: "On the US base at Vicenza, the government has made its decision, a decision we are sticking to."

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Actor Johnny Depp gestures after winning the best performance award for his role in "Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Man's Chest" at the 2007 MTV Movie Awards in Los Angeles, California on 3 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Nigeria sues Pfizer over drug trials

KANO, Nigeria, 5 June— The Nigerian Government has filed charges against the world's largest pharmaceutical company, Pfizer, accusing it of carrying out

improper drug trials on Nigerian children.

The Government is seeking over \$US8 billion in general damages and compensation for the families of children who allegedly died after taking part in trials for a new anti-meningitis drug in 1996.

The suit comes after a separate court delayed until July two cases in which Pfizer is accused by the northern state of Kano of harming Nigerian children by testing them with the antibiotic Trovan.

Although the Kano State Government case has been running for more than two years, this is the first time the Federal Government filed its own charges.

Nigeria alleges the world's biggest drug maker did not obtain approval from the relevant regulatory agencies and acted unethically when it tested the antibiotic in Kano. "The plaintiff contends that the defendant never obtained approval of the relevant regulatory agencies ... nor did the defendant seek or receive approval to conduct any clinical trial at any time before their illegal conduct," Nigeria said in court papers. After taking preliminary arguments from counsels to both parties, Justice Babs Kuewumi adjourned the case to 26 June for further hearing.—Internet

ECONOMIC NEWS

Brazilian President arrives New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 4 June—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva arrived here Sunday morning on a three-day state visit, aiming to establish strategic and economic ties with India.

Accompanied by a high-level business delegation, Lula expressed confidence in signing up a series of agreements with India.

“We will leave India with some good agreements,” he said, describing pharmaceuticals, IT, energy, agriculture, and infrastructure as among the fields where there was great potential to work together.

With India and Brazil entering into trillion dollar economies, Lula’s visit will increase business and

investment opportunities between the two countries, diplomatic sources here said.

Lula will hold talks with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on a wide range of bilateral, regional and global issues Monday and attend a newly-launched India-Brazil CEOs forum.

MNA/Xinhua



People dressed in traditional costumes march during the festival of Ducasse in Mons, in south Belgium on 3 June, 2007. — XINHUA



A tree stands around an area being cleared to make way for a palm oil plantation in the Seruyan district of central Kalimantan on the island of Borneo in this 11 April, 2007 handout photo.— INTERNET

Vietnam’s tea export increases in first five months

HANOI, 4 June — Vietnam shipped abroad 37,000 tons of tea totalling 34 million US dollars in the first five months of this year, seeing respective year-on-year increases of 10.1 percent and 6.1 percent, according to the country’s General Statistics Office on Monday.

The country has planned to export 140,000 tons of tea worth 190 million US dollars in 2010.

Vietnam urged its tea enterprises to expand export markets, intensify trade promotion, raise tea’s quality and build their products’ trademarks. Vietnam shipped the local product, mainly black, green and jasmine tea, to its big export markets, including Pakistan, the China’s mainland and Taiwan, Russia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Germany, Poland and the United States, according to the Trade Information Centre under the Vietnamese Trade Ministry. Last year, Vietnam exported 105,000 tons of tea, including some 65,300 tons of black tea, over 27,000 tons of green tea and nearly 3,800 jasmine tea, totalling 111 million dollars, said the centre. — Xinhua

WB slams donor nations lag on aid to Africa

WASHINGTON, 4 June—Three years after pledging a doubling of aid for Africa and new opportunities for African exports, donor nations are falling behind in fulfilling their promises, according to a statement released by the World Bank on Sunday.

The assessment came ahead of a meeting of the G-8 in Heiligendamm, Germany from 6 to 8 June.

With Africa’s economic prospects high on the G-8 agenda, the World Bank noted that despite the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, resulting in pledges to increase Africa’s development aid to 50 billion US dollars by 2010, foreign assistance for development programmes in many African countries remains essentially flat.

Meanwhile, the faltering trade talks under the World Trade Organization’s Doha Round have been another disappointment.

“The record so far indicates that apart from debt reduction, African countries haven’t realized the benefits promised at the G-8 Summit three years ago, during the Year of Africa,” said John Page, the World Bank’s Chief Economist for the Africa Region.

“Many donor countries have increased support for special humanitarian assistance and debt reduction over four decades, but, unfortunately this does not translate into additional resources for African countries to rebuild their infrastructure, train teachers and combat HIV/AIDS and malaria,” he said.

Page also noted that for their part, African countries are pushing improved governance, and in many cases significantly more hospitable environment for investment.

“The question is less whether the African partners are delivering on their promises, but whether the wealthy industrial nations are honoring theirs,” he said. While donor aid is lagging, the World Bank said that progress in lowering debt burdens for Sub-Saharan Africa has moved ahead somewhat faster.

Multilateral debt relief undertaken by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank will bring about the full cancellation of 50 billion dollars of debt over 40 years.

MNA/Xinhua

Art? Diamond-encrusted skull displayed in London

BEIJING, 4 June — Former BritArt bad boy Damien Hirst put on display Friday a diamond-encrusted platinum case of a human skull priced at 50 million pounds (99 million US dollars).

The skull, cast from a 35-year-old 18th century European male, is coated with 8,601 diamonds, including a large pink diamond worth more than four million pounds in the centre of its forehead.

“It shows we are not going to live for ever. But it also has a feeling of victory over death,” Hirst said as the glittering skull was shown to the public for the first time amid tight security at central London’s White Cube gallery.

Hirst, whose art often depict blood and death and range from diced and pickled quadrupeds to bloody depictions of birth, said he was inspired by similarly jewelled Aztec skulls.

While the skull is platinum and the diamonds flawless — and ethically sourced, Hirst stressed — the teeth are real.

“It was very important to put the real teeth back. Like the animals in formaldehyde you have got an actual animal in there. It is not a representation. I wanted it to be real,” he said.

Internet



Orangutans swing from a tree at a forest school for the apes in Palangkaraya, central Kalimantan, Borneo, on 3 June, 2007.— INTERNET

Microlight pilots set off to make world record

NEW DELHI, 4 June — Two intrepid Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots, Wing Commanders Anil Kumar and Rahul Monga Friday set off from here in a bid to break the world record for fastest circumnavigation of the globe in a Microlight aircraft.

Post dawn the pilots, who will attempt to cover a distance of about 40,000 kilometres in 64 days flying through 81 destinations, were flagged off on their adventure by the Air Chief Fali Homi Major from the Hindon airbase.

The current world record for such a flight round the globe is 80 days.

They will be the second Indians to attempt such a long distance microlight flying. In 1988, aviator tycoon Vijaypat Singhania had created a record for flying from London to Ahmedabad in 22 days.

“We are making the bid to bring the world record back in the name of India”, the two IAF pilots told newsmen before embarking upon their flying odyssey being undertaken as part of forces Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Monga and Kumar, flying in a German manufactured CTSW advance microlight are planning to set a new world fastest time in going round the globe in 300-500 weight category.

Their microlight weighing just 300 kilos has a range of 1,400 kilometres with a flying ceiling of 14,000 feet. A glass cockpit flying machine, the microlight is equipped with electronic flight instrumentation system, internal GPS, a satellite tracker and a VOR radio set for communications in air and with ground. — MNA/PTI

Muscat residents evacuated as storm clouds gathered

MUSCAT, Oman, 5 June — An unusually powerful cyclone has begun battering the coast of Oman with winds of 160mph (260 km/h) and large waves.

The centre of Tropical Cyclone Gonu is heading north-west through the Indian Ocean towards Oman’s east coast.

Thousands of residents of coastal regions and the low-lying offshore island of Masirah have been evacuated.

People elsewhere have been told to stay indoors, while schools and public building have been emptied to make room for the evacuees.

The most powerful part of the storm was expected to hit Oman on Thursday, before moving north across the Gulf to Iran. — Internet



A Brassia Maculata orchid is seen at the XXXIII National Orchids Show “Eternal Spring”, after winning the award as the best Central America specimen in Guatemala City recently. — INTERNET

G-8 leaders’ summit to emit 30,000 tons of CO2

BERLIN, 4 June — The upcoming Group of Eight summit in Germany, where leaders will negotiate ways to tackle climate change, will produce 30,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions, a study published on Sunday showed.

The study by consultants ClimatePartner for *Der Spiegel* magazine found that the total emissions from the June G-8 summit would total about a third of those caused by last year’s month-long soccer World Cup in Germany.

“This is a conservative estimate,” Moritz Lehmkuhl, managing director of ClimatePartner, told *Spiegel*.

The study showed that convoys of government cars transporting leaders and officials from the G-8 industrialized nations to the venue in the Baltic resort of Heiligendamm from the airport and back would use 7,138 tons of CO2.

Each G-8 country is dispatching a delegation of more than 20 people, with the United States sending by far the biggest team, according to the study. They are also sending an armour-plated limousine for President George W Bush. — MNA/Reuters

UN urges protection of animals from climate change

THE HAGUE, 4 June — A senior United Nations official urged a 171-nation UN wildlife forum on Sunday to take action to help protect animals from climate change.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) will also discuss measures at its two-week meeting to help commercially valuable animal and tree species threatened by over-use.

A UN report has said human activities were wiping out three animal or plant species every hour and has urged the world to do more to slow the worst spate of extinctions since the dinosaurs by 2010.

Global warming, blamed mainly on human use of fossil fuels, is widely expected to add to existing threats and wreck habitats like the Amazon rain forest.

“CITES is not a forum for discussing climate change but decisions taken here do have an impact on species in a climatically challenged world,” Shafgat Kakakhlhel, deputy head of the UN Environment Programme, told the opening session.

“We will need robust species populations if they are to survive rising temperatures and more extremes,” he said.

Many of the 37 proposals to be discussed at the meeting in The Hague reflect growing concern about rapid depletion of marine and forest resources.

Commercially valuable species like the spiny dogfish, the porbeagle shark and the European eel — all threatened by over-use — feature high

on the agenda.

The focus will also be on coral jewellery, wooden musical instruments and furniture. Threatened species like pink or red coral and rosewood and cedar trees are facing tighter trade regulations.

Elephants are expected to trigger heated debate. African countries

are split over the protection of the elephant, with some saying elephant populations have grown at an unsustainable rate.

CITES is widely credited with stemming the slaughter of the African elephant by imposing a ban on the international ivory trade in 1989.

MNA/Reuters



Cyclists raise their bikes before the start of advocacy ride for the environment around Metro Manila on 3 June, 2007. — INTERNET



A Bulgarian folklore ensemble attends the annual Rose Feast in Karlovo, some 120km (75 miles) east of the Bulgarian capital Sofia, on 2 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Over 10 inmates injured in US prison yard fight

WASHINGTON, 4 June — Over 10 inmates were injured Friday afternoon during a prison yard fight at a corrections facility in Baltimore, in the eastern US state of Maryland, US media reported.

Maryland Department of Corrections spokeswoman Priscilla Doggett said the injuries occurred when inmates began fighting in the yard at the Metropolitan Transition Centre in east Baltimore, and that no corrections

personnel were hurt.

The facility was locked down shortly after incident at about 2:00 pm local time.

Emergency crews found 17 victims with injuries and as many as eight of them were taken to local hospitals with injuries that could be considered life-threatening, Baltimore Fire Chief Kevin Cartwright was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Public health care providers of the traditional medicine

Dr Lwin Ko

Grandpa, "They are my friends and we have sat for the entrance examination to join the medical profession after our graduation from the Traditional Medicine University". I visited my grandpa's house together with my friends to pay respects to him. He is a retired professor in medical profession. I am his granddaughter.

"Which institution are you going to join?" He asked us.

"We are prepared to serve at any place where we would be assigned to although we would like to work at our own university. The government on its part is dutiful as it has already provided us with all the required knowledge and skills concerning our profession at a grand university," I said.

"Please tell me subjects you have learned at the university", he asked.

"We have to study many subjects including Pali, Sanskrit", chemistry, physics, Materia Medica, Behaviour Science, Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Pathology, Biochemistry, Fundamental Principles of Traditional Medicine, Pharmacology, Medicinal Plants and other related subjects."

"So many subjects! Did you find any confusion between the subjects as they included both the Western and Eastern methods?"

"No. Because our teachers were very good at comparing the Western and Eastern views and methods."

"So, you all are two-dimension intelligentsia."

"Our third and final year subjects include Deithanar Naya, Beithiza Naya, Medical Astrology, Weizadara Naya, Panchakarma Therapy, Traumatology, Therapeutic Technique of Massage, Acupuncture, Research Methodology, Social and Preventive Medicine and so on. During the third year,

our university made arrangements for us to tour a traditional medicine factory and the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar)."

"So systematic. Did you also conduct laboratory experiments and test through Western techniques?"

"Yes, Grandpa. But we are trained to use only the traditional medicine in providing treatment."

"Your lectures were so comprehensive. But never forget to improve yourselves in your profession."

"In the final year, we had to conduct practical studies on many of our subjects. Professors of Western medicine gave lectures on Forensic Medicine, Surgical Emergencies and Medical Emergencies. Professors of Mandalay University and Yadanapon University taught us Behaviour Science."

"What is Panchakarma Therapy? Please explain."

"It is used to cure patients suffering from stroke, nervous system disorder, Leucoderma and other illnesses. Panchakarma Therapy includes giving medicines including purgative and medical advice to patients. We use leeches in treating patients suffering from Leucoderma, Eczema and other illnesses."

"I will try my best Grandpa."

"Try using your research knowledge effectively."

"Yes Grandpa. Our teachers had told us time and again that research was what the traditional medicine badly needed. Although traditional medicine treatises are thousand-year old, they are just experience-based medicine. Our teachers urged us to develop them into evidence-based medicine, speaking of the need to give priority to research methodology."

"I agree with you. How deep and wide is your knowledge concerning your profession?"

"We are just beginners. We of the final-year students were divided into four groups to study public

life and provide medical treatment at four villages all lying in a place ten miles from Mandalay. We were very happy. We never thought that local people would have trust in us. But contrary to our thoughts, the people received medical treatment from us with full confidence and satisfaction. Their faces had become encouragement for us. The trip has given us self-confidence.

"When we arrived back at our university, we had to compile and submit a paper on the data, finds opinions and suggestions our reports and pointed out the pros and cons. The team that presented the best paper was awarded. And that was our first practical experience in research and our profession. As all are fascinated so much by the trip, we were thinking that how it would be to conduct another such trip."

"I honour all of you for your inquisitiveness and eagerness, and for explaining in detail all the subjects you have learned."

"Thank you Grandpa, but we are afraid that we are not that good and honourable to that degree. It is no wonder that we can tell you all about our subjects in detail as we have the wish to serve our mother university after our graduation."

"You have tried and made appropriate preparations. I am glad that you have the sense to appreciate your practical field tour with joy. I would like to give the following points I have collected and kept in mind to you as a gift.

"I hear — I know

I see — remember

I do — I understand

I repeat — I get skill

I repeat again and again and I think I can propound a theory.

"What I would like to say here is that you should strive new theories and vision till discovering a new therapy."

"We will do our best to reach that end. Thank you Grandpa."

"I wish you all provide public health care services with your profession dutifully at any place you are assigned to and overcome all difficulties with goodwill and tolerance."

(Translation: TMT)

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"When we arrived back at our university, we had to compile and submit a paper on the data, finds opinions and suggestions our reports and pointed out the pros and cons. The team that presented the best paper was awarded. And that was our first practical experience in research and our profession. As all are fascinated so much by the trip, we were thinking that how it would be to conduct another such trip."

Venezuela not to allow US to criticize RCTV closure

PANAMA CITY, 5 June — Venezuela will not allow the United States to use the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) to attack Venezuela's shutting of an anti-president broadcaster, Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro told a Press conference here on Sunday.

Radio Caracas Television (RCTV), a TV network founded in 1953, went off the air last Sunday as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez refused to renew its licence. He accused RCTV of backing a 2002 coup against him.

The RCTV refused to show huge crowds of the President's supporters rallying against the coup leaders at that time.— MNA/Xinhua

A boy is seen through the wheels of a cart as he watches a cartoon show on a television placed on the mobile cart in Dharavi, Asia's largest slum, in Mumbai on 1 June, 2007. The cartoon shows for slum children are being shown to promote a children's television channel.

INTERNET





Chief Justice U Aung Toe. — MNA

National Convention...

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During the second session, the National Convention adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter on the sharing of the legislative power to be included in formulating the Constitution, and at the third session, it adopted the detailed basic principles for the chapters on the sharing of the executive and judicial powers.

At the fourth session, that was held from 10 October 2006 to 29 December 2006, the detailed basic principles for the chapters on the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, and the Region or State Hluttaw, the Role of Tatmadaw, and the Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens were adopted.

The panel of Chairmen has already collected the suggestions and approvals of the delegates groups on the Work Committee Chairman's clarification concerning the remaining chapters the Election, the Political Parties, Emergency Provisions, Amendment of the Constitution, the State Flag, the State Emblem, National Anthem and the Capital and General Provisions, and is ready to present them to the delegates for approval and adoption.

The National Convention will resume at



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung. — MNA

Nyaungnabin Camp on 18 July 2007, and it will be the final session of the National Convention.

At the final stage of the National Convention, delegates will have to make some amendments, additions and nullification to some of the points after thoroughly reviewing all the adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to ensure that the Constitution is free from flaws and weaknesses, in addition to adopting the detailed basic principles of the remaining seven chapters.

Based on the previous experiences, the NCC Commission, the NCC Work Committee and the NCC Management Committee and their subordinate bodies will have to make arrangements for the success of the National Convention. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged officials concerned to make arrangements in advance for extending invitations to delegates, timely completion of all tasks in connection with the Convention, and providing reception services, accommodations, health care services and welfare services, and beautifying and cleaning the camp.

Secretary of the NCC Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explained invitation arrangements and financial matters.



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. — MNA

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe explained matters to be presented at the National Convention. Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presented maintenance work and camp beautification programmes.

Members of the Commission, gave suggestions for the successful convening the National Convention.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein fulfilled the requirements. The meeting ended later in the morning. —MNA

Cash assistance for staff of A-G Office

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June— A ceremony to provide cash assistance for children of staff of the Auditor-General's Office for 2007-2008 academic year was held at its office this afternoon.

Present were Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin, Director-General U Myo Myint, deputy directors-general, directors, deputy directors and staff.

The Deputy Auditor-General presented K 1.228 million for 88 schoolchildren. —MNA

Prize winners awarded



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers address at a ceremony to mark World Environment Day 2007. FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—The National Commission for Environmental Affairs awarded the winners of 2007 World Environment Day commemorative article and essay competitions at a ceremony held at the Ministry of Forestry here this morning.

Chairman of the Commission Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered a speech. Resident Representative of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Mr Tang Zhengping read out the messages sent by UN General Secretary Mr Ban Ki-moon and UN Environmental Conservation Programme Executive Director Dr Achim Steiner.

In the article competition (open), first prize went to U Aye Myint (Geography), second prize to Mya Phu Ngon, third prize to Ko Thet Oo (Myawady TV) and consolation prize to Ma Seinn Seinn (Green). And in the

essay competition, first prize went to Ma Aye Myint Myat Soe, second prize to Ma Sandar Mon, third prize to U Tun Thein (Health Assistant) and consolation prize to M Su Htaik Mon.—MNA

Resident Representative of FAO Mr Tang Zhengping. FORESTRY



MMPA to reconstitute executive committee

YANGON, 5 June — Under the supervision of the Ministry of Information, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone will reconstitute its executive committee at the hall of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise in Golden Valley of Bahan Township.

MMPA has invited all the members to elect the executives to reconstitute the executive committee.

All levels will be elected from 12 to 15 June as follows:

1. (A) Industrial levels will be elected at 9 am on 12 June.
(B) Drama and background music levels will be elected at 12 noon on 12 June.
(C) Administration, distribution and projectionist levels will be elected at 3 pm on 12 June.
2. (A) Supporting performers levels will be elected at 9 am on 13 June.
(B) Editing and documentary levels will be elected at 12 noon on 13 June.
(C) Play and script levels will be elected at 3 pm on 13 June.
3. (A) Leading performers levels will be elected at 9 am on 14 June.
(B) Producers levels will be elected at 1 pm on 14 June.
4. (A) Video levels will be elected at 9 am on 15 June.
(B) Director levels will be elected at 1 pm on 15 June. —MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo . . .

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places and visited the farmers and local people growing rubber saplings.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party then met the local farmers. Chairman of Mudon Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Kyaw Maung reported on efforts for cultivation of rubber to reach the target of 1,100 acres and arrangements for cultivation in the villages.

Mon State Manager U Win Myint of Myanmar Agriculture Service reported on targets for cultivation of 400,000 acres in Mon State, per acre yield, the types of rubber and production of rubber in the whole state.

The three-year extended rubber cultivation special project is being implemented to become rubber state under the guidance of the Head of State.

The cultivation acreage in Myanmar is 728,327. Of them 311,251 acres are in Mon State.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged the farmers to grow more rubber for their long term benefit.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo viewed sample species of BPM-24 and RRIM-2001 rubber saplings. Next, he went to Chaunbhnakhwa Village, Kyaikmaraw Township and greeted the villagers. He also visited Thanpaya Village BEHS in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, Kayin State, and discussed regional development work with officials and the villagers.

On arrival at the site for land reclamation near Thanpaya Village, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard a report by Col Aung Kyaw Nyein of Kya-in-Seikkyi Station on reclamation of land for paddy cultivation, arrangements for drinking water and irrigation water supply and

construction of village-to-village roads. Lt-Gen Maung Bo spoke of the need to reclaim more land and cooperate with authorities concerned in regional development tasks. Of the 1,500-acre land reclamation project, 200 acres will be reclaimed first in 2007. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected Darli wooden bridge which is to be replaced with a new one. He stressed the need for ensuring road safety.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met officers and other ranks and their family members of Kya-in-Seikkyi Station. Lt-Gen Maung Bo spoke about agricultural, livestock breeding, education, health and staff welfare tasks and presented gifts to those present.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited the township people's hospital where they inspected the women's and men's wards, medical store, operation theatre and cost-sharing medicine shop. They then met with departmental staff, social organizations and townsenders at Zami hall of Kya-in-Seikkyi. The Township PDC chairman reported on facts about the township. Kayin State PDC Chairman Brig-Gen Zaw Min gave a supplementary report. Col Aung Kyaw Nyein reported on arrangements for building self-reliant hydro-electric power stations. Lt-Gen Maung Bo said with peace and stability prevailing in Kayin State now, the government is providing necessary assistance for the development of education, health, agricultural, livestock breeding and communications sectors. So regional people are to strive for the development of all sectors in cooperation with departmental officials and social organizations.

After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party donated exercise books, stationery and school uniforms for the basic education schools in the township. After paying homage to the Sayadaw of Maniyadana Myoma



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence plants a rubber tree in Kwewan Village, Mudon Township. — MNA

Sarthintaik, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended a physic nut growing ceremony of Kya-in-Seikkyi Township. A total of three acres of physic nut plants were grown. The township has targeted to grow 40,000 acres of physic nut plants. Later they went to Mawlamyine in Mon State.

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Special Refresher Course No 27 for...

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educational reform with great diligence.

It is the duty of teachers to nurture and turn out intellectuals and intelligentsias who can serve the interests of the country and safeguard the future nation, he added. The future of the State and the people is in the hands of today's youths. So, the education system is responsible to train students to become people of high intelligence and high morals. Teachers are to guide and improve students so that they can achieve their goals in life.

The government has also revised the curriculum of the basic education high school students and they can choose the subject they like best at the higher education level.

In a bid to promote the educational standard,



Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun awards an outstanding trainee.

MNA

it is important to create opportunities for students so that they can learn their specialization deeply. Moreover, teachers should be qualified ones and should keep a close watch on technological advances.

Teachers are to train students so that they can learn higher education by themselves.

In conclusion, he urged trainees to keep their

commitment to the promotion of the education system and to put their energy into the promotion of the system.

On behalf of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Dr Than Nyun awarded the outstanding trainees and presented completion certificates to trainees. Afterwards, Dr Than Nyun cordially greeted the trainees.

MNA

No outbreak of small pox in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June — The news published recently in a section of the Indian newspapers, and some web sites covered reports of small pox outbreak in Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The disease had been eradicated from the world since 1970.

Following the Indian media reports, the WHO country office has sent a mission to find out the veracity of the reports. They found that 16 children — two in Nyila township, nine in Cox Bazar district and five in Taknuf township of Bangladesh bordering with Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, Myanmar, had fever and blisters. Reports putting on the Internet did not confirm whether the disease is smallpox or something else.

Health workers in Rakhine State have conducted house-to-house visits to the areas in Rakhine State and but until now they have found not a single case of smallpox. Health workers are on alert and have kept on close watch on the disease in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships. They are asked to screen the passengers at border check points, the Ministry of Health said.

MNA

Nakata to show off super skills in fund-raising football match

YANGON, 5 June — Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) will hold a fund-raising football match for the development of youth football at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) on 7 June.

A team formed with former Myanmar selected players will play the fund-raising match against Myanmar youth selected team. Former Japanese national team selected

playmaker Nakata will take part in the match and show off his super skills.

Renowned Japanese national team midfielder Nakata, who played for Perugia, Roma and Parma from Series-A, arrived Myanmar on a private visit on 2 June and he will study traditional culture and heritage of Myanmar.

The entrance fee for grand stand is K 1,000 and ordinary class, K 500.

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Courses for 2007-2008 academic year of UDNR opened



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivers address at opening of B Ed course at University for Development of National Races. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—A ceremony to open M.Ed Course, one year B.Ed Course No 17, two year B.Ed Combined Course No 4, four year B.Ed Course No 42, Teachership Diploma Course No 6 and Middle School Teachership Course No 17 for 2007-2008 academic year was held at the University for Development of National Races in Ywathitgyi, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division yesterday morning with an address by Chairman of University for Development of National Races Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye.

Also present on the occasion were members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint and U Soe Oo, members of UDNR Council, division-level departmental officials, guests, teachers and trainees.

First, by Chairman of University for Development of National Races Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Rector of UDNR U Zaw Min Thein presented a report on courses.

After that, the Chairman presented prizes to Kyansittha Company that won model company award for 2006-2007 academic year and the ceremony ended.

Altogether 17 trainees are attending first year M.Ed Course, nine second M.Ed Course, 55 one year B.Ed Course, 70 first year B.Ed Combined Course, 64 second year B.Ed Combined Course, 22 Teachership Diploma Course, 43 Middle School Teachership Course, 244 four year B.Ed Course No 42, 242 four year B.Ed Course No 41, 231 four year B.Ed Course No 40 and 251 four year B.Ed Course No 39.

After the ceremony, the Chairman, accompanied by members of CSSTB and officials, inspected thriving summer paddy, mangoes and pepper grown in the compound of the university and water supply of the water purifying plant and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

MMCWA donates medical equipment to Mingaladon Specialist Hospital



MMCWA Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and party present cash and medical equipment to Medical Superintendent of Mingaladon Specialist Hospital. — MMCWA

YANGON, 5 June —Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association contributed K 500,000 to the medical funds of Mingaladon Specialist Hospital and medical item worth K 2 million to the hospital today.

First, Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, Vice-President of MMCWA, explained the purpose of the donation and handed over medical equipment and cash to Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Oo.

After the donation, the Medical Superintendent of the hospital spoke words of thanks. Also present at the donation ceremony were specialists, mid-wives and doctors.—MNA

8th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals, 5th Working Group Meetings kick off



Minister U Aung Thaung delivers opening address at 8th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals and 5th Working Group Meetings. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June— The 8th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals and 5th Working Group Meetings were opened at Royal Kumudra Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw hotel zone today.

Acting Minister for Mines and Minister for Industry- 1 U Aung Thaung delivered an opening address.

After opening the meeting, Minister U Aung Thaung posed together with the senior officials of ASEAN.

At No-1 meeting hall, 5th Working Group Meetings on Capacity in Minerals is held and 5th Working Group Mineral on Information and Database at No-2 meeting hall re-spectively.

The second meeting session of 5th Working Group Meetings on Sustainable Mineral Development and 5th Working Group Meetings on Trade and Investment in Minerals will continue tomorrow and the third session of the 8th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals will continue on 7 June.— MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Palm oil vessel arrives Htidan port terminal

YANGON, 5 June— MT Countess Vessel loaded with 5,700 tons of palm oil imported from Indonesia arrived Htidan Port in Kyimyindine Township today.

More palm oil vessels are expected to arrive the terminal in the near future.

MNA



MT Countess Cargo loaded with palm oil at Htidan Port. — MNA

US violent crime up again, more murders, robberies

WASHINGTON, 5 June — More murders and robberies in 2006 sent US violent crimes higher for the second straight year, the FBI said on Monday, with the increase blamed on gangs, youth violence, gun crimes and fewer police on beats.

The FBI reported that the number of violent crimes nationwide went up by 1.3 per cent last year, following a 2.3-per-cent increase in 2005. That had been the first rise in four years and the biggest percentage gain in 15 years.

The report showed that murders in big cities jumped last year by 6.7 per cent. Robberies, an important indicator of

crime trends, increased 6 per cent nationwide.

Cities with big increases in the number of murders included Orlando and Miami in Florida; Oakland and San Diego in California; Phoenix, Arizona; Corpus Christi, Texas; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Reno, Nevada and Little Rock, Arkansas.

Even though the higher violent crime numbers had been

expected, they still represented bad news for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who has targeted violent crime as a top priority.

“Any increase is still of concern and the reason why the attorney general has acted to expand federal efforts to combat violent crime,” said US Justice Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said.

A department study released last month of 18 metropolitan areas cited more violence by local gangs or street crews, more guns in the hands of criminals and younger, more violent offenders as key reasons for the rising crime rates.

Criminologists agreed with those reasons and also said there are fewer police on the beat. They cited the Bush Administration’s emphasis on fighting terrorism since the 11 September attacks and funding cuts for programmes to put more police officers on the street. — MNA/Reuters



Actor Gerard Butler, who won the award for best fight in the film “300”, poses for photographers at the 2007 MTV Movie Awards in Los Angeles, California on 3 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Beijing burns 135.3 kilos of drugs

BEIJING, 5 June — The Chinese capital’s anti-drug authorities burned 135.3 kilos of drugs on Sunday, as an effort and determination to crack down on drugs before the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

The burned drugs, including heroin and methamphetamine, also known as “ice” and ecstasy, were confiscated by the Beijing police in 2004 and 2005.

The open burning of the drugs fully demonstrates the stance and determination of the local government to completely ban drugs, said Fu Zhenghua, deputy director of the Narcotics Control Commission of Beijing.

“Beijing is striving to build a city free of drugs to embrace the 2008 Olympic Games,” Fu said. The capital police have busted 2,458 drug-related crimes this year, arresting 614 suspects and 1,373 drug addicts and confiscating more than 60 kilos of drugs.

The capital city will begin to use sniffer dogs as of 26 June to detect drugs in public places, such as the airport, subway and railway stations and

shopping malls, according to Fu.

The city will also expand the number of anti-drug volunteers with rewards of between 1,000 and 10,000 yuan (129 to 1,290 US dollars) for those who provide tips on drug crimes for police.

MNA/Xinhua

Colombian Vice-Minister injured by letter bomb

BOGOTA, 5 June — Colombia’s Deputy Education Minister was wounded on Monday when a small letter bomb exploded inside his office, police and a witness said.

“We thought it was something from nearby construction, but then we saw the Deputy Minister with his face bleeding when they took him out of his office, and we realized it was an attack,” the witness told Reuters.

A police official said he had been taken to a police hospital in Bogota.

The Deputy Minister, Gabriel Burgos, who had been part of the team that negotiated the end of a recent teaching union strike, was wounded in the face and hands. No group claimed responsibility for the blast. — MNA/Reuters



Spectators watch MiG-29 fighter jets performing during an aerobatic air show in Pushkin outside St Petersburg, Russia, on 2 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Cuba has lowest “AIDS” infection rate in all Americas

HAVANA, 5 June — Cuba’s 0.05 per cent rate for AIDS infection among the age group of 15-24 is the lowest in all the American countries and one of the lowest worldwide, reported the Sunday edition of Cuba’s *Juventud Rebelde* newspaper.

The statistics were announced by Carlos Lage Davila, vice president of the Council of State, during a meeting with municipal leaders.

He also announced that Cuba had not reported a single case of dengue fever, vowing to pursue a sustainable fight against the *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito who spread the disease.

Although Cuba provides an appropriate health care system and free medical treatment for all its citizens, it faces problems related to infrastructure and the commercialization of food, he admitted.

MNA/Xinhua

US Congressman indicted for taking bribes worldwide

WASHINGTON, 5 June — US Democratic Representative William Jefferson of Louisiana has been indicted for soliciting bribes worldwide, obstructing justice and engaging in racketeering, the Justice Department said Monday.

The charges were announced nearly two years after federal agents reported finding 90,000 US dollars in a freezer in his Washington home, according to reports from US media outlets.

The veteran New Orleans Democrat now faces 16 criminal counts, said Alice Fisher, Assistant US Attorney-General in the criminal division.

“This case is about

greed, power and arrogance,” said Joe Persichini, director of the FBI’s Washington field office, which led the investigation.

In addition to the racketeering and solicitation charges, Jefferson has also been charged with money laundering, wire fraud, conspiracy and violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

He thus became the first sitting member of Congress to be charged under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which prohibits corporate bribery.

MNA/Xinhua



Women throw roses to celebrate the rose festival in Kazanlak, in Bulgaria on 3 June, 2007. — XINHUA

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Lightning kills 12 in northern Bangladesh

DHAKA, 4 June—At least 12 people were killed by lightning in Bangladesh's northern Mymensingh and Netrakona districts on Sunday morning.

When contacted by telephone, Imamuddin Mukta, an official of Mymensingh District administration, told *Xinhua* that nine people were killed in Mymensingh District Sunday morning while the people took shelter under trees or huts as rain started falling. The people were working in farmlands while the rain started.

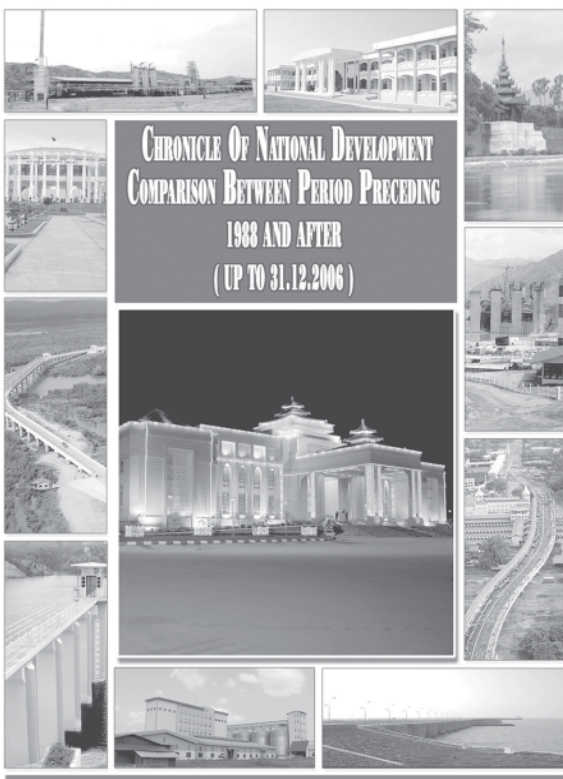
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Bomb wounds 17 in Thailand's south

YALA (Thailand), 4 June—A bomb wounded 17 teenagers in Thailand's restive south as they played football on Sunday, officials said.

The bomb exploded at a sports field in a village in Yala, one of three southern provinces where more than 2,100 people have been killed in a three-year-old separatist insurgency.

"The men were playing football when a bomb exploded. No-one is dead," an official told *Reuters*. Three were sufficiently seriously wounded to be sent to hospital while the others had minor injuries, officials said.—MNA/Reuters



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Bangladesh completes negotiation with IDA on bird flu project

DHAKA, 4 June—Bangladeshi Government Sunday completed negotiation on a proposed Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response Project (AIPRP) with the International Development Association (IDA), the concessionary arm of the World Bank, Bangladeshi news agency *UNB* reported. The programme, costing 37 million US dollars, will run for a period of five years, 2007-2012. Additional Secretary of the

Economic Relations Division (ERD) M Shaheedul Haque and the World Bank's task team leader Mohinder S Mudahar led the respective teams during the negotiation, said a Press release.

The proposed AIPRP comes at a time when several cases of outbreak of avian influenza (bird flu) have been reported in Bangladesh since February this year. A number of bilateral and multilateral development partners,

including the World Bank, have joined hands with Bangladeshi Government to cope with the situation.

The proposed Avian Influenza Programme consists of two parts — Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response Project (AIPRP), a new project, and Avian Influenza Component of the Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPSP), an ongoing project dealing with human health.

MNA/Xinhua

Army claims five Lebanese soldiers killed in latest clashes

BEIRUT, 4 June—Heavy fighting raged on between the Lebanese troops and the Fatah al-Islam militants in a Palestinian refugee camp in northern Lebanon on Saturday, as the Army confirmed that five soldiers had been killed during the renewed clashes starting from Friday morning.

The Army said two Lebanese soldiers were

killed overnight when their armoured vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade launched by the Fatah al-Islam militants.

That put the Army's death toll in the past 36 hours to five, as three soldiers were killed during Friday's clashes. At least 10 Lebanese soldiers were wounded on Friday,

according to the Army.

Eight members of Fatah al-Islam were also said to have been killed on Friday, according to the pan-Arab al-Jazeera satellite TV.

Machine-gun fire was heard from inside the camp on Saturday as soldiers continued their siege, according to al-Jazeera.

MNA/Xinhua

Israeli forces arrest four Palestinian brothers in Gaza

GAZA, 4 June—Israeli special forces arrested four Palestinian brothers in a quick predawn operation in central Gaza Strip on Saturday morning, security sources said.

Four hours after midnight, Israeli soldiers entered al-Maghazi refugee camp on the eastern border between Israel and central Gaza Strip. They stormed a house and took the brothers after searching their residence.

The sources added the Israeli side gave no information to the Palestinian authorities about the detention, which is the first operation on the ground since Israel launched airstrikes on facilities affiliated with the ruling Hamas.

In the other development, the Islamic Jihad (Holy War) movement claimed responsibility for launching a home-made rocket into southern Israeli city of Sderot.

MNA/Xinhua

Somali pirates hijack Danish ship off coast

NAIROBI, 4 June—Armed gunmen have hijacked a Danish cargo ship off Somalia's coast with five crew members aboard, Kenya's maritime official confirmed on Sunday.

Andrew Mwangura, coordinator of the Mombasa-based Seafarers Assistance Programme, said the *Danica White* was on its way to the Kenyan port of Mombasa from Dubai when it was seized by pirates Saturday or late

Friday. "We are still not sure when the *Danica White* was hijacked, but we believe it's either late on Friday or early Saturday," Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone from Mombasa.

Mwangura said a French naval vessel in the area had confirmed the ship was hijacked but was unable to intervene because it could not enter Somali waters described by the global maritime body as one of the dangerous waters in the world.

"It's also not clear when and how the ship was seized but it was from about 240 nautical miles (444.5 kilometres) from Mogadishu. The five crew members onboard are all Danish," said Mwangura.

He said the *Danica White* was carrying building and construction material, adding that frantic efforts are underway to contact the pirates but so far there is no communication between the ship owners and the pirates.—MNA/Xinhua

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Researchers find out how, why we feel cold

BEIJING, 4 June — Researchers using genetically engineered mice say they have pinpointed a receptor in sensory nerve cells that is the mechanism the body uses to sense cold temperatures.

This receptor and others involved in sensing temperatures offer potential targets for developing pain-relieving drugs, said David Julius, a physiology professor at the University of California at San Francisco who worked on the study.

"I think it's quite likely that these results translate to other mammals, including us," Julius said in a telephone interview.

Knowledge of the cold-sensing role of "menthol receptor TRPM8" could have medical implications such as improving the treatment of certain types of chronic pain, he said.

The identity of the receptor for cold sensation had eluded researchers in the field of sensory physiology.

The TRPM8 receptor

had been seen as a strong possibility.

Such a receptor sitting on the surface of a sensory nerve fiber can be activated by certain stimulation like hot or cold, leading to a signal sent through the spinal cord to the brain.

The researchers found in 2002 that this receptor was activated when exposed to chemical cooling agents like menthol, a natural product of mint, and to cool air.

Internet



NASA satellite image shows recently broken ice floating in the Arctic Ocean off the coast of Greenland. A United Nations (UN) report has warned that up to 12 percent of Arctic ice has turned to water in the past 30 years, an alarming fact that will only accelerate global warming. — INTERNET



A juvenile tuatara sits on some leaf litter in this undated handout. It has survived ice ages, volcanic eruptions and the intrusion of humans on its South Pacific island home, but New Zealand's last survivor of the dinosaur age may become extinct due to global warming. — INTERNET

NASA: Mars robotic return samples top priority

BEIJING, 4 June — A newly issued NASA study sees robotic return of samples from Mars as a top priority.

"An Astrobiology Strategy for the Exploration of Mars," was written by a blue ribbon group of the National Research Council's (NRC) Space Studies Board, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences.

The study recommends that "the highest-priority science objective for Mars

exploration must be the analysis of a diverse suite of appropriate samples returned from carefully selected regions on Mars."

NASA has been implementing a "follow the water" approach in its robotic studies of Mars. The new report found this tactic should be expanded to include "follow the carbon," along with other key biologically relevant elements.

"The finding of evidence for past or present

life beyond Earth would have profound philosophical and scientific ramifications, and a finding either that life was present or that it was not would have dramatic implications for the prospects for life elsewhere in the universe," the report says.

A recommendation of the study is NASA should employ a combination of techniques that utilize both "Earth-centric and non-Earth-centric" approaches

that focus on the basic concepts in carbon chemistry, imaging, mineral assemblages, and isotopic measurements.

The study group also found sample return should be seen as a programme that NASA and the Mars science community have already embarked upon — rather than as a single, highly complex, in the billions of dollars type of risky mission that would happen at some future time. — Internet

"Pirates 3" still on top as box office heats cool off



Chow Yun-Fat and Johnny Depp in a scene from "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" in a photo courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures. — INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 3 June — Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" remained atop the box office in North America for the second weekend despite a big plunge, as Hollywood saw the red hot summer season featuring three blockbuster sequels begin to cool off a bit. The box office champ in theatres in US and Canada this weekend was again the latest film of Disney's "Pirates" franchise, which took in some 43.2 million dollars in ticket sales in the three-day period,

according to estimates released by box-office tracking firm Media By Numbers here on Sunday.

The third installment of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise, inspired by a popular ride in the Disneyland amusement park, has sold 216.5 million dollars in North America in the past 10 days since its release. The film has grossed 625.3 million dollars worldwide so far.

Universal's pregnancy comedy "Knocked Up," with 29.3 million dollars in estimated ticket sales, debuted No 2 at the box office, while MGM's new release "Mr Brooks" was at No 4 on the list with 10 million dollars.

Former box office leaders "Shrek the Third" and "Spider-Man 3" continued to do top-five sales over the weekend, as the green ogre maintained a third place with a healthy 26.7 million dollars in its weekend sales. The Dreamworks animated film has so far grossed 254.6 million dollars in North America, and its overseas release is rolling out in coming weeks. — Xinhua

Mr Bean's "Final Holiday" in China this summer



Mr Bean, played by British actor Rowan Atkinson, poses in the shallows of the surf at Bondi Beach in Sydney in this 7 March, 2007 file photo. "Mr Bean's Holiday," the second and last film production based on the television series "Mr Bean," will hit the big screen on the Chinese Mainland this summer. — XINHUA

BEIJING, 4 June — "Mr Bean's Holiday," the last film by British actor Rowan Atkinson as Mr Bean, will hit the big screen on the Chinese Mainland this summer.

The Beijing Times on Monday quoted the China Film Group as saying that Mainland moviegoers will be able to get access to the comedy in late July.

The China Film Group is the country's leading distributor of foreign films.

"Mr Bean's Holiday" premiered in Europe in March, immediately leading box offices in all screening countries. It also topped Hong Kong's box office for two weeks after going on screen in early April.

It is second film production based on the television series "Mr Bean." It arrives a decade after the first film's debut. Previous reports strongly suggest that this will be the last Mr Bean story.

Internet

SPORTS

Barca rule out Lampard move



Frank Lampard

BARCELONA, 4 June—Barcelona sporting director Txiki Beguiristain has ruled out a move for Chelsea star Frank Lampard.

Lampard has been mooted as a potential target for Barcelona as doubts continue to grow over his future at Stamford Bridge.

The England international has so far failed to agree a new deal at Chelsea with contract talks stalling.

The news has alerted a number of top clubs across Europe and al-

though Barca are admirers of Lampard they insist they will not be making a move for the midfielder as they are well stocked in that position.

"I think he is an extraordinary player characterised by his shots on goal and the number of goals he scores," Beguiristain told Sky Sports News.

"But when you look at our squad we are currently really well catered for in that department.

"We have got players like Deco, Xavi and Iniesta who have similar characteristics as well as amazing control of the ball.

"At the moment we are really happy with our trio of midfielders.

"So as things stand there really isn't space for another player of this type." —Internet

NZ rout Luna Rossa to go 3-0 up in LV Cup

VALENCIA (Spain), 5 June — Team New Zealand put in another phenomenal performance at the Louis Vuitton Cup finals on Sunday to take their lead over Luna Rossa to 3-0, setting the Italians a long, hard road to get back into contention.

Luna Rossa fought the start well and crossed the line four seconds ahead but within the first few minutes, Team New Zealand had chewed away the advantage. The Kiwis then just kept stretching out the margin and finished 98 seconds ahead.

Team New Zealand — desperate to win the finals so they can challenge Alinghi to try to win back the America's Cup — sailed a very conservative race again, covering Luna Rossa's tacks and gybes even when there were 350 metres between them.—MNA/Reuters



KJ Choi (C) of South Korea poses for a picture with his wife Kim and son Hohjun, 10, as he holds up the trophy after winning the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, on 3 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Poll accuses Mourinho



Graham Poll and Jose Mourinho

LONDON, 4 June—Graham Poll has accused Jose Mourinho of making a vile comment about him and Sir Alex Ferguson.

The recently retired referee claims Mourinho's comment about himself and Ferguson was so rude he will never repeat it.

Poll and Mourinho have never seen eye-to-eye and the pair clashed in last month's Premiership clash between Chelsea and Manchester United.

Mourinho thought he was going to be sent to the stands during the game at Stamford Bridge for his outburst and Poll admits he will never forget what the Portuguese tactician said to him.

"He knows what he said to me and it was just absolutely disgraceful," Poll told BBC1's Inside Sport.

"I wouldn't repeat what he said. I've thought long and hard about it and I just wouldn't repeat it. It was a disgraceful personal comment about myself and an opposing manager.

"I was that shocked to hear it and he knew he had gone too far. "That's why he sent himself off before I had the opportunity to do so.

"It was the very personal nature of what he had said. It was something I never thought I'd have the misfortune to hear." —Internet

Gronholm wins Acropolis Rally

ATHENS, 5 June — Marcus Gronholm held on to first place in the Acropolis Rally on Sunday to win in Greece for the second year running and extend his lead in the world championship.

The Finn, driving a Ford Focus, was chased hard by world champion Sebastian Loeb on the final day but finished 38.6 seconds ahead of the Frenchman. Norwegian Petter Solberg was in third place.

The five final stages on Sunday did not produce any changes at the top as Ford's Mikko Hirvonen finished fourth after picking up his second stage win of the rally. He was followed by Henning Solberg in fifth and Australian Chris Atkinson in sixth. —MNA/Reuters

Genoa, Napoli set up promotion showdown

MILAN, 5 June — Genoa and Napoli will face each other in a virtual promotion play-off next weekend after their waits to return to Serie A were prolonged on Sunday. Genoa conceded in stoppage time to lose 1-0 at Mantova while Napoli leapfrogged them into second with a 1-0 win over Lecce in the penultimate matches in Serie B.

The two sides meet in Genoa in next Sunday's final round of matches with the winner joining champions Juventus in Serie A next season, although a draw is enough for Napoli. However, both clubs could still go up automatically under Italy's complicated promotion rules.

If the third-placed side finishes 10 points or more above the team in fourth then they go up automatically without the need for a play-off between third, fourth, fifth and sixth.

Napoli have 78 points, Genoa have 77 and fourth-placed Piacenza have 67. Piacenza host Triestina next Sunday. Juventus, who achieved promotion last month following last season's demotion for match-fixing, lost 1-0 at Bari in Giancarlo Corradini's first game in temporary charge after Didier Deschamps' resignation last weekend.—MNA/Reuters

Catania appoint Baldini as coach

MILAN, 5 June — Catania have appointed Silvio Baldini as their new coach, the Serie A club said on Sunday.

The former Empoli and Lecce manager replaces Pasquale Marino, who resigned last Sunday after Catania stayed in the top flight with a win over relegated Chievo on the season's final day.

In February, Catania were ordered to play their home matches away from Sicily after a policeman was killed during riots outside a home game with Palermo.

Marino has been linked with other Serie A jobs after masterminding Catania's escape despite their difficulties. —MNA/Reuters



Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic reacts during her match with Russia's Anna Chakvetadze at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 3 June, 2007. Lucie Safarova wins the match. XINHUA

Danish papers slam fan, security measures

COPENHAGEN, 5 June — Danish and Swedish newspapers were uncompromising over Saturday's Euro 2008 qualifier, lashing out at the fan who attacked referee Herbert Fandel and at security arrangements at Parken stadium. Denmark had rallied from 3-0 down to 3-3 but the match was abandoned in the 89th minute when a fan wearing a Danish jersey rushed onto the pitch and assaulted Fandel after he awarded Sweden a penalty.

"42,000 spectators were witnesses to Danish football's black day. A day

where Denmark's self-image as a restrained and decent football crowd was jeopardized by a fool without self control," *Jyllands-Posten* wrote on Sunday.

The trouble began when Dane Christian Poulsen was sent off for punching Markus Rosenberg in the

penalty area.

Fandel awarded a penalty to Sweden but before it could be taken a man rushed on to the pitch and attacked

the German referee. Danish players stepped in and Fandel then blew the whistle and walked off the pitch.

MNA/Reuters

Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz hits a home run off of Oakland Athletics' Dan Haren in the first inning of their American League baseball game in Oakland, California on 4 June, 2007. — INTERNET



Philippine Army defuses bomb in bus terminal

MANILA, 5 June — Philippine soldiers defused a crude bomb left inside a packed commuter bus in the volatile south of the country, an Army spokesman said on Monday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Julieto Ando said the improvised bomb was found inside a bag that was left by two male passengers after a Cotabato City-bound bus made a stopover at a terminal on Sunday night.

“Our troops defused the bomb placed inside a plastic pitcher and hidden in a bag under a bus seat,” Ando said, adding a watch and several kilogrammes of one-inch nails were found attached to the explosives.

investigate the incident. We’ve been receiving streams of intelligence reports about bomb plots in the area.”

On Friday, the US Embassy in Manila warned its citizens about a terrorist plot to bomb bus terminals and public markets in two Christian-dominated cities in North Cotabato Province,

on Mindanao Island.

“The embassy has information that terrorists may be planning to carry out bombings at bus terminals and public market places in Kidapawan and Makilala in North Cotabato, Mindanao over the next several days,” the embassy said.

MNA/Reuters



Hong Kong Actress Hsu Chi attended a Press conference for a brand promoting its newest designs on 1 June, 2007. — INTERNET

3 policemen injured in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 5 June — A teacher protection unit was ambushed by insurgents in southern Thailand’s province of Narathiwat Monday morning, injuring three policemen.

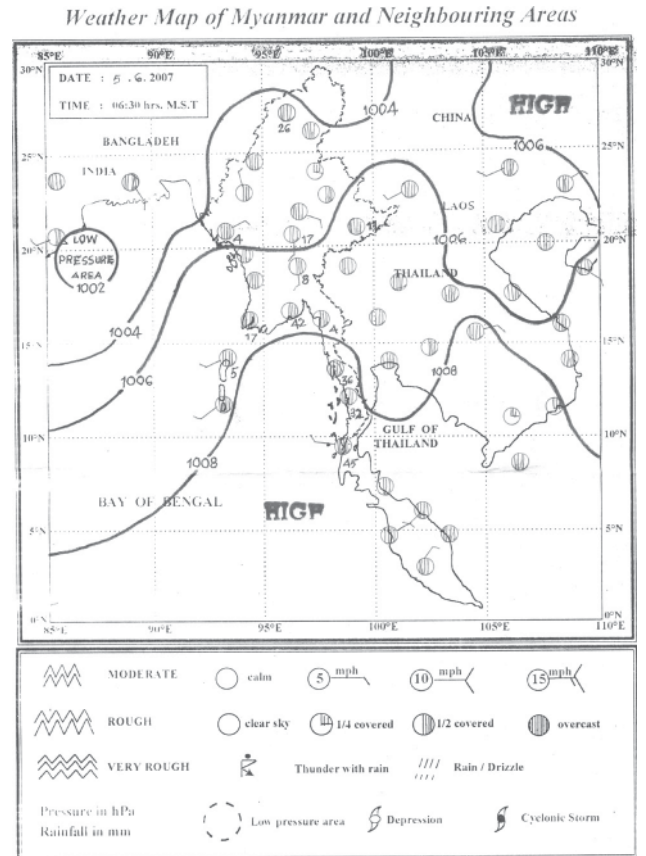
The unit was ambushed at 8:50 am (0150 GMT) while patrolling a road in Si Sa Khon District, according to local newspaper *The Nation’s* website.

The two sides exchanged gunfire for about 10 minutes before the insurgents retreated.

Narathiwat and its

neighbouring provinces of Yala and Pattani have been hit by insurgents on an almost daily basis and nearly 2, 200 persons have died in over three years of violence.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 5 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, Monsoon is advancing into Central Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Rakhine States and Yangon Division and scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (2.36) inches, Magway and Kawthoung (1.77) inches each, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.65) inches, Ye (1.61) inches, Mogaung (1.26) inches, Meiktila (0.67) inch and NyaungU (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-6-2007 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 5-6-2007 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-6-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 4-6-2007 was (3.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-6-2007 was (0.94) inch at Mingaladon, (1.65) inches at Kaba-Aye, (1.10) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (30.43) inches at Mingaladon, (35.71) inches at Kaba-Aye and (33.78) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (16) mph from Southwest at (16:15) hours MST on 4-6-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area has formed over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).


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

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Wednesday, 6 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-The one
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-May be baby
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Obsession
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Jet airliner
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
-Feel
-Love train
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune
-Always on my mind
- 9:15pm Aritcle
- 9:25pm Music at your request
-My wonderful
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 6 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:10 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. ကွန်ချောင်းရေလှောင်တံမံ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သရုပ်အထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)

4:45 pm

4. Song of national races

5:00 pm

5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:15 pm

6. Classical song

5:25 pm

7. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm

8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်

7:00 pm

12. Discovery

7:15 pm

13. မူလသံသွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

7:30 pm

14. “ကုသမနေးတိဘိဘေး” (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ သုမောင်၊ ညီကျော်၊ မတူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချီမိုးမိုး)

7:45 pm

15. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည်ဝေရာ စာပဒေသာ

8:00 pm

16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. Myanmar movie: “အမေနီမိုး” (ကျော်သူ၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာစိလ်၊ ရှိဖြိုး၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ဇော်ဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်သူ)
20. The next day's programme

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 on inspection tour of Mon, Kayin States



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects land reclamation near Thanpaya Village in Kya-in Seikkyi Township, Kayin State. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 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, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Zaw Min and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials arrived at Kway Wan Village in Mudon Township on

3 June and attended the rubber planting ceremony.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and the deputy commander planted rubber saplings at the designated (See page 9)

Special Refresher Course No 27 for basic education teachers concludes

Teachers urged to keep their commitment to promotion of education system

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June — The Special Refresher Course No 27 for basic education teachers was

concluded at Central Institute for Civil Services (Upper Myanmar) yesterday.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development

Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr

Than Nyun delivered a concluding address.

A total of 947 trainees from Kachin, Kayah,

Chin, Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay, Shan (South), (North) and (East) states attended the four-week course.

In his address, he urged trainees to continue their efforts for educational reforms as contribution of teachers plays an vital role in achieving in educational targets set by the Government.

It is an education that build infrastructures for the future of a country and its people, he said. As reforms in education are far-sighted measures of the Government, we all are to step up our efforts for the (See page 9)



Dr Than Nyun delivers address at conclusion of Special Refresher Course No 27 for Basic Education Teachers. — MNA