

### 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

## Ayeyawady Division in pursuit of the target of 3.7 million acres of monsoon paddy in 2007-2008

### Ma Mya Dam, 200th irrigation facility, put into service



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence unveils the stone plaque of Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung Township.— MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—The Ma Mya Dam, the 200th irrigation facility of the nation, in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Division, was inaugurated this morning.

The facility built by Construction (9) of the Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is on Ma Mya Creek, about one and a half miles from north-west of Hmyinwataung Village on Pathein-Monywa Road in Myanaung Township.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence in his speech said that the nation is now enjoying the taste of cumulative development owing to the earnest efforts the government is exerting to implement the national objectives for enabling the motherland to keep abreast of other nations, strengthening national economy, and raising the living standard of the people.

As part of the drive, it is in pursuit of the five rural development tasks and the 24 special regions development project for ensuring equitable development of all

parts of the nation.

In compliance with the occasional guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on sufficient supply of irrigation water, the government has been constructing large, medium and small dams, river water pumping stations, underground water tapping stations, diversion weirs and sluice gates wherever necessary throughout the nation. These irrigation facilities benefit more than 2.46 million acres.

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Today's youths have unyielding spirit and the spirit to love the race and nation and deep reverence for the religion. I hope you may know this. Their thoughts are advancing in this age of globalization. As you know, we are now in the age of Internet and e-mail. So, youths have much general knowledge and wider vision. They are watching the daily incidents in Afghanistan and Iraq. They are discussing Israel-Palestine problem. They can download the world affairs including the affairs of Iran, North Korea and Africa.

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



# PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 8 June, 2007

## Extend growing rubber for long-term benefits

Rubber thrives well in Mon State. So, the region is now pursuing the target of putting 400,000 acres under rubber from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009.

The nation's rubber coverage stands at more than 700,000 acres, 300,000 of which are in Mon State. Mon State is now reclaiming its vacant and fallow lands to grow rubber extensively so that it can transform itself into the state of rubber.

Rubber is in increasing demand in the international market, and it is combined with chemicals in producing personal goods. Rubber is widely used as an industrial raw material not only locally but also globally. Growing rubber on a commercial scale can promote the socio-economic life of local people and help the nation earn more foreign exchange.

Old rubber tree logs and furniture made of old rubber trees can be exported for long-term benefits of the nation.

Only standard rubber saplings of high yield species with resistance to diseases are to be chosen in growing rubber.

Extensive growing of rubber across the country can bring healthy benefits to the State and to the farmers. Therefore, rubber farmers are urged to extensively grow rubber, an industrial tree.

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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

## Minister receives General Manager of SSSPL

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Mr Simon CK Tso, General Manager of Skycom Satellite Systems Pte Ltd (SSSPL) of Republic of Singapore, at his office here today.

Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and officials concerned.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives General Manager Mr Simon CK Tso of Skycom Satellite Systems Pte Ltd.— MNA

## 167 pearl lots sold in two days

YANGON, 7 June — A total of 120 pearl lots were sold at the second day of “Myanmar Pearl Auction-2007” today and the number of two-day sales reached 167 lots.

“Myanmar Pearl Auction-2007” organized by Myanmar Pearl Enterprise continued at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel in Mayangon Township to-

day. Myanmar Pearl Enterprise and three joint-venture companies put 523 lots of pearls up for auction.

Forty pearl merchants at home and abroad visited the auction today and put the tender forms into the tender boxes.

The auction will continue tomorrow as the final day.

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Foreign merchants observe pearl lots at Dusit Inya Lake hotel.— MNA

## Fire breaks out in Pakokku

YANGON, 7 June — Two houses were gutted by fire that broke out in ward 15 of Pakokku township in Magway Division at 11:30 pm on 5 June and left two households homeless. The fire was caused by candle light.

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## Chinese media delegation visits Shwedagon pagoda

YANGON, 7 June—The visiting Chinese delegation led by Mr Zhao Huayong, Director-General of the China Central Television of the People's Republic of China (CCTV) together with officials of the Myanmar Radio and Television visited Shwedagon Pagoda today.

Members of the delegation made cash donation on their visit to the pagoda and signed in visitors' book.

The visiting delegation next went Myanmar Gems Museum on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road today.

In the evening, Director-General Mr Zhao Huayong of CCTV and party left here and they were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV, Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and officials of PRC Embassy.

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**Don't  
Smoke**



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Iran dismisses US concern over held Iranian-Americans

TEHERAN, 6 June—Iran said on Tuesday it did not need US advice about how to deal with Iranian-Americans in Teheran has detained and said Washington should focus on its own cases of human rights abuses.

Iran has charged three dual nationals with spying. Washington has said a fourth has also been detained and has demanded that they all be released unconditionally.

“Instead of giving useless advice, it is better for Americans to evaluate their own approach in secret prisons, bad

behaviour and inhumane confrontation with prisoners in Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini was quoted as saying by Iran’s ISNA news agency.

Iran often cites the US prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and abuses by US forces in Iraq’s Abu Ghraib Prison when it rebuts accusations on rights issues from the West. “The Americans are making a fuss over the arrest of these people when they have kidnapped and tortured tens of innocent people from

different nations without the smallest reason and proof,” Hosseini said.

US President George W Bush on Friday strongly condemned Iran’s detention of American citizens and called for them to be freed “immediately and unconditionally”.

Iran accuses Washington of using intellectuals and others inside the country to undermine the Islamic Republic through what it calls a “soft revolution”. A charge of spying could carry the death sentence under Iranian law.

MNA/Reuters

## Gorbachev tells CNN US plans for anti-missile sites raise threat of new Cold War

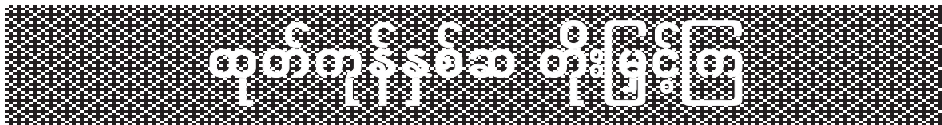
MOSCOW, 7 June—Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told CNN that plans by the United States to build a missile defence shield in Europe are arrogant and threaten to usher in a new cold war.

Speaking to CNN from Moscow as the G8 Summit got under way, Gorbachev said the US plan — which includes installations in Poland and the Czech Republic — means that Europe is becoming a target again.

“I do hope the Cold

War is not going to be repeated,” he said. “We must take advantage of opportunities to avoid that.” He said polls in the Czech Republic suggested more than 70 per cent of people opposed the missile defence programme. In wide-ranging criticism of US policy, Gorbachev warned: “There is the possibility that self-confidence, arrogance, will lead to a situation similar to that with the war in Iraq.” And he added: “The US is driving itself into a corner

— they’ve lost credibility in the world.”—Internet



German Chancellor Angela Merkel meets with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi in Heiligendamm on 6 June, 2007. Leaders from the world’s major industrialized nations meet in the Baltic resort of Heiligendamm on 6-8 June for a Group of Eight (G8) summit. —XINHUA

## Poll shows US discontent over Iraq, Democrats rising

WASHINGTON, 6 June—Americans are becoming more discontented over the situation in Iraq and more

unhappy with Democrats who won control of Congress last November largely because voters want

to see an end to the war, according to a *Washington Post/ABC News* poll.

Just 39 per cent said they approve of the job Congress is doing, down from 44 per cent in April. Approval of congressional Democrats dropped to 44 per cent from 54 per cent, according to the poll results.

Much of that drop was fuelled by lower approval ratings of congressional Democrats among strong opponents of the Iraq war, independents and liberal Democrats, *The Washington Post* reported on Tuesday. In April, Americans, by a 25-point margin, trusted the Democrats over US President George W Bush to handle the situation in Iraq. In the new poll, Democrats held their advantage but only by 16 points, the *Post* reported.

MNA/Reuters



A hostess holds a Porsche Design Mobile Phone in Essen, Germany, on 4 June, 2007. Audience measurement firm Nielsen said on Wednesday it will begin tracking media consumption over cell phones under a new service called Nielsen Wireless. —INTERNET



Tourist Robert Sims takes a photograph of the remains of a house that now lies exposed on the site of the old town of Adaminaby as it re-emerges out of Lake Eucumbene, located 150 km (93 miles) south of the Australian capital Canberra on 5 June, 2007. —XINHUA

## US military death toll in Iraq tops 3,500

BAGHDAD, 6 June—The toll of US military personnel killed in Iraq rose to 3,501 Wednesday as the deaths of four more soldiers were announced.

Two died while conducting operations in Iraq’s Diyala province. One, a Multinational Division-North soldier,

was caught in enemy gunfire Tuesday, and another, a Task Force Lightning soldier, died as a result of injuries sustained from an explosion Wednesday.

A Multi-National Division-Baghdad soldier was killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb detonated during

combat operations in an eastern section of the Iraqi capital. A 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) soldier was killed by an improvised explosive device while executing a combat logistics patrol in the vicinity of Bayji, west of Kirkuk in northern Iraq.—Internet



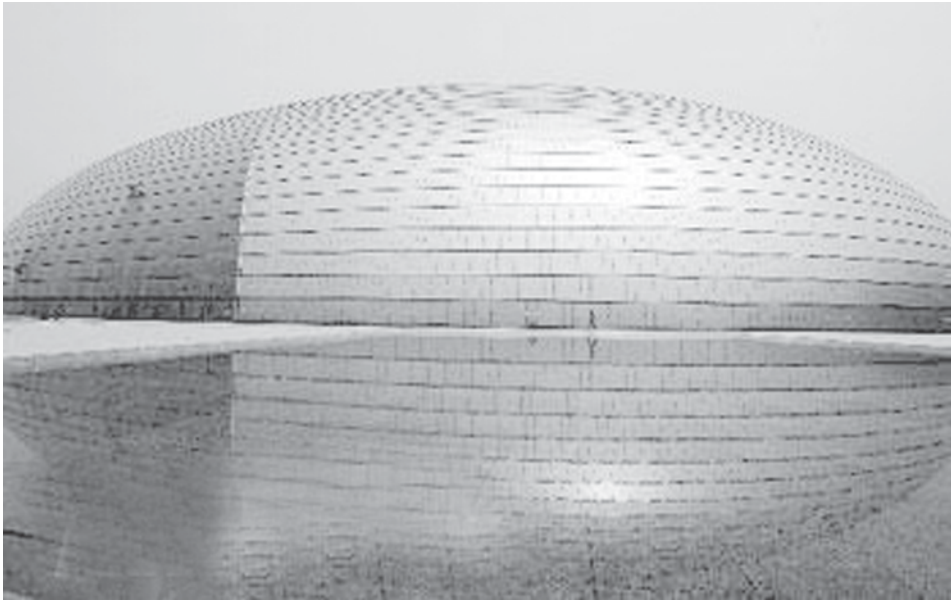


Photo taken on 6 June, 2007 shows the construction site of the National Grand Theatre in Beijing. The theatre, designed by French architect Paul Andreu, will be put into use in July.—XINHUA

### Singapore bans sale of tainted Chinese toothpaste

SINGAPORE, 6 June—Singapore has banned the sale of three Chinese-made toothpaste products after they were found to contain a poisonous chemical often present in solvents and anti-freeze, an official said on Wednesday. Singapore’s Health Sciences Authority (HSA) said it tested all toothpaste imported from China for traces of diethylene glycol, or DEG, after health officials in Latin America and the United States had raised the alarm over contaminated toothpaste.

“The problem with DEG arises from its toxicity when consumed and toothpaste may be inadvertently consumed in small doses,” a HSA spokeswoman told Reuters on Wednesday.

She said there were no reports of poisonings from

the toothpaste but that the HSA had ordered the recall of the three products — Hei Mei toothpaste, Hei Mei calcium toothpaste and Maxam toothpaste with fluoride — as a precaution. The three products, among the roughly 45 Chinese-made toothpaste lines available in Singapore — are not

widely distributed in the city-state. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said last week that it was not aware of any poisonings from toothpaste containing DEG but it was concerned about chronic exposure to the chemical in children and those with kidney or liver disease.—MNA/Reuters



A model wears a student creation during Britain’s Graduate Fashion Week gala show in London on 6 June, 2007.—INTERNET

### 15-year-old missing girl for nearly a year found alive in hidden room

WEST HARTFORD, 7 June — A 15-year-old girl who had been missing for nearly a year was found Wednesday, locked in a small hidden room under a staircase in a West Hartford, Conn, home where police went to serve search warrants as part of the investigation into her disappearance, police said.

The discovery was unexpected, but “of great relief to investigators, who feared the worst based on the evidence compiled to



A girl thought to be Danielle Cramer, seen in an image from Missing Children Blog.com, was found alive on Wednesday.

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date,” Capt Jeffrey L Blatter of the Bloomfield, Conn, Police Department said in a written statement. At an afternoon news conference, Blatter refused to identify the girl, who he said had been missing since 16 June, 2006. The National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children lists a Danielle Erica Cramer, 15, as missing from Bloomfield, Conn, since 14 June, 2006. Two people were arrested: Adam Gault, 41, and Ann

## ဝက်မုခ်မီးအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

### Venezuelan FM accuses US of interfering with internal affairs

PANAMA CITY, 6 June — Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro on Tuesday accused the United States of interfering with Venezuela’s domestic affairs.

In Venezuela, “we have a democratic government, which guarantees free expression, free movement and security”, Maduro said at a ceremony during which he laid a wreath below a bust of the late Panamanian president General Omar Torrijos.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice earlier publicly denounced the 27 May closure of Radio Caracas Television as an attack on freedom of expression.

Addressing the Organization of Ameri-

can States (OAS) 37th General Assembly in Panama City, Rice criticized the Chavez government and proposed an inspection visit by OAS Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza of Chile.

The assembly, which ran from Sunday to Tuesday, brought together the foreign ministers of 34 nations in the Americas — all except Cuba.

Maduro said that if the OAS names a commission on alleged human rights

violations in Venezuela, it should first investigate the violation of human rights at Guantanamo: a US base in Cuba that houses so-called “illegal combatants”.

He said the US was also protecting terrorists in the shape of Luis Posada Carilles, who is sought by Venezuelan and Cuban authorities for the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airline which killed all 76 on board over Venezuelan soil.—MNA/Xinhua

### Baghdad bombs, sectarian killings leave 41 dead

BAGHDAD, 6 June—Police recovered the bodies of 34 suspected victims of sectarian killings around the Iraqi capital Wednesday, an Interior Ministry official said, continuing a recent spike in the communal violence wracking the country.

Wednesday’s toll brings the number of bodies found around Baghdad to 167 in the first six days of June, despite an ongoing effort to pacify the capital by US and Iraqi troops.

Civilian deaths in Iraq jumped by nearly 30 percent in May, to 1,949. Of those, 746 victims were found dumped on the streets of Baghdad — a hallmark of the sectarian warfare that has wracked the country for more than a year.—Internet



Miss Universe 2007, Riyo Mori, of Japan arrives to attend the 2007 CFDA Fashion Awards in New York on 4 June, 2007.—XINHUA



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Austrian firms eye biodiesel businesses in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 June — At least three Austrian companies are studying the possibility of becoming involved in the “green energy” business in Indonesia to help boost the development of biodiesel.

“Energea, BioDiesel International and the Christof Group are discussing the biodiesel business with a number of leading Indonesian agribusiness companies,” Austrian Commercial Counsellor Raymund Gradt was quoted as saying by Tuesday’s English daily *The Jakarta Post*.

“The three Austrian companies could provide the technology to build biodiesel refineries jointly with local firms,” he said.

He declined, however, to name their Indonesian counterparts as the two sides had been in discussions for more than a year, but had yet to reach any deals.

The three Austrian companies are leading technology solution providers for biodiesel production and currently produce a total of 440,000 tons of biodiesel per annum, more than half of their country’s annual demand of around

700,000-800,000 tons.

They are on a mission to leverage biodiesel production in connection with the European Union’s programme of increasing the contribution of green energy — biodiesel and biofuel — from 3.4 per cent this year to 20 per cent in 2020.

MNA/Xinhua



A fireboat fights the fire on oil tanker “Tian Peng” after it “exploded” during an oil spill control exercise in the Bohai Sea off the coast of north China’s port city of Qinhuangdao in Hebei Province on 5 June, 2007. —XINHUA

## German FM meets Iranian top nuclear negotiator

BERLIN, 6 June — German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier met here with Iran’s top nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani on Tuesday, a day before the Group of Eight (G-8) summit takes place in Germany’s Baltic resort of Heiligendamm.

A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said that the talks were a follow-up of discussions on Iran’s nuclear issue between Larijani and the European Union’s foreign policy chief Javier Solana.

No other details were disclosed after the talks.

Last week, Larijani and Solana met in Madrid on Iran’s nuclear issue. The Iranian representative described their meeting as “a step forward”.

They had agreed to meet again in two weeks.

The G-8 summit is expected to seek to impose fresh UN sanctions against Teheran over its refusal to halt uranium enrichment activities.

Iran insists that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purpose, but Western countries believe it means to develop nuclear weapons.— MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Vice Premier Zeng Peiyan addresses a worldwide forum on ecosystem protection in Beijing, on 5 June, 2007.

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## Vietnam imports more automobiles in five months

HANOI, 6 June — Vietnam spent 313 million US dollars in importing automobiles, components and spare parts in the first five months of this year, a year-on-year increase of 23.7 per cent, according to the country’s General Statistics Office on Monday.

Between January and May, the country imported

5,000 completely-built automobiles worth 109 million dollars, down 18 per cent in volume but up 6.3 per cent in value. Meanwhile, it spent 289 million dollars in importing motorbikes, components and spare parts, up 44.6 per cent.

Vietnam currently houses 13 automobile joint ventures between foreign firms and local ones with a total registered capital of nearly 700 million dollars and combined annual capacity of 173,000 units. Besides, it has dozens of local enterprises specializing in producing automobile parts and assembling simple vehicles. Early last year, Vietnam, with a population of more than 83 million, had some 700,000 private-owned cars compared with 17 million motorbikes, according to statistics from the Transport Ministry.—MNA/Xinhua

## Cutting carbon emissions

### does not mean low eco growth

BEIJING, 6 June — Low emissions need not mean low economic growth or the stifling of a country’s development aspirations, former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan said on Tuesday.

“All countries must assess the impact of climate change on their welfare and development prospects, review their changing priorities and prepare to adapt to change,” Annan told the annual meeting of conservation group World Wildlife Foundation (WWF).

The recent report of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, unveiled in May, concluded that curbing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 to 50 per cent would cost approximately 0.1 per cent per year of global GDP.

The countries that are now leaders in the global economy must accept their historic responsibility for the bulk of emissions, and the United States should take the lead, Annan said. — MNA/Xinhua

## Zambian leader challenges

### West over Chinese investment

LONDON, 7 June — Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa challenged the West to match Chinese investment in his country on Tuesday, saying Western countries had let Zambia down.

Mwanawasa said Zambia would carry on welcoming Chinese investment, credit and loans despite domestic political opposition and unease in the West over the pace of China’s drive to boost economic ties with Africa.

“Those who oppose Chinese investment ... all they need to do is to equal the help we are getting from China. We only turned to the East when you people in the West let us down,” Mwanawasa told *Reuters* on the sidelines of an African business forum.

“Give us the same or more cooperation we are getting from China and you will see that we are friends,” he said. — MNA/Reuters

## UAE energy giant announces

### retrospective oil prices for May

ABU DHABI, 6 June — The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), the energy giant of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), announced on Monday the retrospective prices of its four main grades of crude oil for May.

According to ADNOC, the price for the onshore Murban crude oil was set at 68.40 US dollars per barrel, while prices of the three offshore crudes were set at 68.45 dollars for Lower Zakum, 67.85 dollars for Umm Shaif and 64.05 dollars for Upper Zakum respectively.

ADNOC, a fully government-owned company established in 1971, is one of the world’s leading oil companies with huge reserves. It currently produces over two million barrels of oil a day.— MNA/Xinhua



A shepherd and his sheep cross a highway with Turkish trucks heading to cross the Habur border gate near southeastern Turkish town of Silopi en route to Iraq, on 1 June, 2007. — INTERNT





China's top legislator Wu Bangguo addresses a high-ranking seminar to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the implementation of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on Wednesday morning, 6 June, 2007.—INTERNET

## Terrorists blast C Indian power stations, cut off iron ore export

NEW DELHI, 6 June — The power crisis in Central Indian Chhattisgarh's insurgency hit Bastar region worsened as terrorists brought down eight high-tension power transmission towers since Friday, in turn leading to a complete stop on iron ore transportation to China and Japan, *Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)* reported here Tuesday.

"Iron ore production and transportation to the domestic market and exports to China and Japan have come to a complete halt since the past five days

and would continue to suffer for a week," *IANS* quoted National Mineral Development Corporation official as saying.

Terrorists have destroyed eight 220-kilo volts towers in Bastar region since Friday.

As a result, Dantewada, Bijapur, Narayanpur and Bastar districts have been blacked out.

The health sector and water supply services are the worst affected.

The Chhattisgarh home department has beefed up the security of jails in Bastar as a

precautionary measure to foil any bid by the terrorists to free their jailed associates.

MNA/Xinhua

## China warns passengers on flight with American with rare TB

BEIJING, 6 June — China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) has issued a notice warning passengers who were on the same flight with an American with a rare form of tuberculosis (TB) of possible infections.

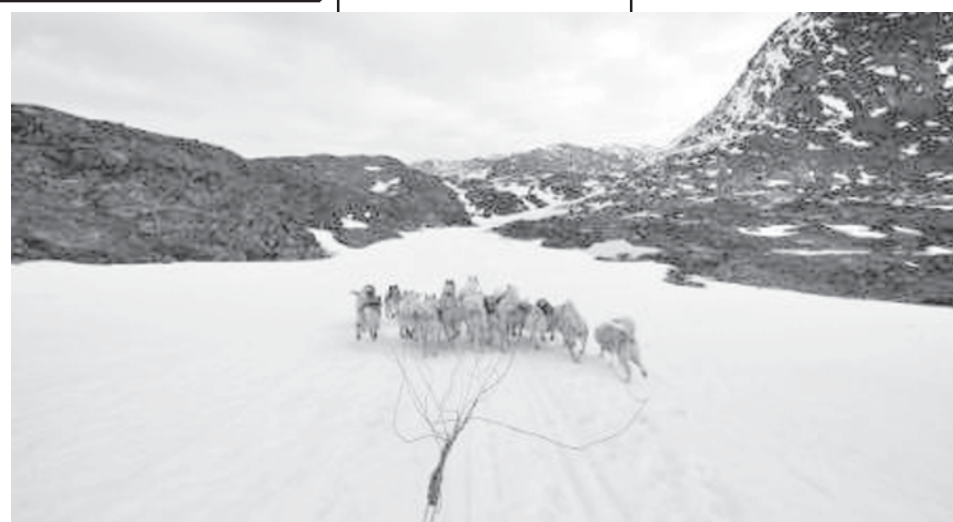
The patient flew from Atlanta to Paris by Air France Flight 385 on 12 May, then flew from the Czech capital Prague to Montreal by Czech Air Flight 0104 on 24 May, and then drove to the United States, according to the World Health Organization and the US Centre for Disease Control

and Prevention. AQSIQ advised passengers on the above two flights, especially those sitting close to the patient, to undergo a medical check as soon as possible.

MNA/Xinhua

*Greenlandic sled dogs pull visitors over snow and rock during an outing near Ilulissat in this photo taken on 16 May, 2007.*

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## WTO probes EU complaint against US anti-dumping

GENEVA, 6 June — The World Trade Organization on Monday launched a new probe at the request of the European Union into US anti-dumping measures on EU exports of dozens of goods ranging from steel to pasta and chemicals.

The WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) agreed automatically to an inquiry because it was the second time that Brussels had made the request for an investigation.

The investigation involves the use of so-called "zeroing" in the calculation of possible anti-dumping duties, a

practice already ruled illegal by the WTO in a number of different cases.

The probe by a panel of WTO trade judges can take up to 9 months to reach a verdict.

In a separate case, Argentina asked the DSB for 44 million US dollars a year in extra import

duties on US goods because Washington had not lifted another anti-dumping measure on some oil industry goods, which had also been declared illegal.

But the amount will go to arbitration as Washington opposed the level of punitive tariffs.

MNA/Reuters

## Indonesian House refuses hearing over Iran sanctions

JAKARTA, 6 June — A preliminary session of the Indonesian Parliament on Tuesday was stopped as the

lawmakers refused to continue a hearing with ministers who represented President Susilo Bambang

Yudhoyono to explain the government decision to back a United Nations resolution imposing sanctions on Iran over its nuclear ambitions. The House of Representative (DPR) postponed the session until unlimited time. They demanded President Susilo directly explain why Indonesia, the biggest Muslim country, gave the support.

President Susilo sent his ministers representing him in the session. Most of the factions rejected the ministers representation, especially one of the biggest party of the Democratic People of Struggle led by former president Megawati Soekarnoputri.

MNA/Xinhua



"Ocean's 13" cast members Brad Pitt (L) and George Clooney (2nd L), producer Jerry Weintraub (2nd R) and cast member Matt Damon hold plaques before getting their hand and footprints in cement in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles, on 5 June, 2007. —XINHUA

## Hamas, Fatah fighters clash near key Gaza crossing

GAZA, 6 June — Hamas and Fatah forces fought a lengthy gun battle on Tuesday in the Gaza Strip near the strategic Karni commercial cross-

ing, the most serious flare-up in factional fighting in two weeks.

An officer with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Presidential Guard said a "large number" of Hamas fighters attacked a key Presidential Guard position near the crossing, wounding at least one guard member.

The officer said the Hamas fighters tried to infiltrate the position but were pushed back by the Presidential Guard, a Fatah-dominated force that is loyal to Abbas and receives US backing.

The Presidential Guard and Western security sources said the gun battle lasted nearly three hours.

Hamas, which leads a Palestinian unity government with Abbas' Fatah faction, confirmed the factional fighting near Karni but said the Presidential Guard initiated the exchange.

A Hamas source said the group's gunmen had been in the area to monitor Israeli forces near the Gaza border when they came under fire from the Presidential Guard.

MNA/Reuters



# A letter to dear Ma Suu

*Ko Ye Maung*

## Dear Ma Suu

Don't be angry with me for calling you Ma Suu. You are younger than me. I am a retired government senior official. I am still serving at a certain institution in the country to the best of my intellectual and physical ability.

I trust you have also heard about the unruly activities of NLD members holding prayer services at pagodas for your freedom. Some patriotic youths who could not tolerate such disturbing acts came in groups wearing T-shirts portraying the picture of you and your late husband Michael Aris. Some of them responding to the acts of NLDs of their own volition. They also wore T-shirts portraying the picture of you together with your two sons. You were only 27 years then.

**Today's youths have unyielding spirit and the spirit to love the race and nation and deep reverence for the religion. I hope you may know this. Their thoughts are advancing in this age of globalization. As you know, we are now in the age of Internet and E-mail. So, youths have much general knowledge and wider vision. They are watching the daily incidents in Afghanistan and Iraq. They are discussing Israel-Palestine problem. They download the world affairs including the news of Iran, North Korea and Africa.**

You should not misjudge them. They are today's youths. They are also watching Myanmar affairs. They know what is happening in Myanmar. They also listen to VOA, BBC, RFA and DVB. But those radio stations cannot trick them. They are intelligent and rational. They know the actual reason behind all those activities of NLDs — white campaign, letter campaign, Tuesday prayers at the Shwedagon and other pagodas for your freedom and White Sunday campaign to visit families of law breakers serving prison terms. They know that all those activities are being launched without goodwill. Those activities can be carried out peacefully. Youths know that committing the act only on Sundays in groups is not sincere. The perpetrators in reality are trying to cause unrest in the wards that are always peaceful. If the perpetrators have the real goodwill they should visit those families every day instead of going to them once. Do they really need to go in groups? It is sure that those perpetrators have no goodwill. Ma Suu, it is crystal clear that they are trying to make political gains and to cause disturbances.

The government has placed restriction order on you in your own house for four years. You can stay peacefully at your own house. You have nothing to worry. You have been receiving cent per cent health care services. You can practice vipassana. We both are now over 60-year-olds. You as a Buddhist may have belief in the law of Karma. Every action has its own reaction. You reap what you sow. You are under the command of your deeds of your previous existences. Your future existence will depend on what you do in this life. You should try to free yourselves from the Samsara (the cycle of rebirths) through practicing Bhavana throughout your remaining life.

Please do not think that I am lecturing you. I assume that ours is the only country in the world that keeps one harmful to national peace and stability in one's own house. Most countries take severe action against such persons. You are permitted to stay in your own house under restriction order because our country has the teachings of the Buddha and the officials have sympathy and compassion. Even if other countries have such practice, we will excel in offering privileges and showing sympathy and consideration.

**I would say you know who shouted in a rowdy way and incited mass protests in the places wherever you were. Among the people, some are in protest against and some are in support of you, and there may be a small or large gap between the numbers of your protesters and your supporters. However, I am sure you notice there is a growing number of people who dislike stirring up troubles and placing too much reliance on external elements in the activities. The Dabayin affairs was largely due to such activities, wasn't it? If you had not gone there and given anti-government talks to gather a crowd, there would not have been the incident. It would be all right if you held talks with your party only at your office. I wonder why you did so. It was the result of your activities.**

**You know who are inciting mass protests in our country. They are a handful of people. The government is magnanimous and far-sighted. There will not be such problems any longer if the government arrests and jails all of them. Nonetheless, it is detaining just a few people who posed grave dangers. It is to your knowledge that the government shows benevolent attitude and**

**ignores the cases that are not serious. You think over whether the government has done irresponsible activities such as it did not care anything and arrested all people who had violated the law and disrupted stability, peace and development of the nation.**

**Now, it is implementing a variety of development projects. And the representatives of various national races are holding discussions at the National Convention the government is convening. Who prevented your members from attending it, and drove them out of it? In reality, they walked out of the National Convention of their own accord.**

The government is unremittingly striving in all sectors for transforming the nation into a discipline-flourishing democratic one. I wonder why you are desirous of creating public outrage to disrupt the drive, why you and your members stick to negative attitude to and fail to participate in the nation-building tasks. Your father is the national leader and the father of the Tatmadaw and it is undeniable. Nevertheless, you failed to preserve own lineage and married to a foreigner and gave births to Anglo-Myanmar sons to disgrace your father and harm his image. If your father were still alive, he would be heartrending for your choice of the life-long partner. The entire people were with a broken heart when they heard of your marriage.

By the way, I would like to recount the experiences. I think you still remember that. It was in 1972. At that time, I was in an arid region on duty. On 1 January 1972, you and your spouse Michael Aris were on your honeymoon. You left Yangon to Taungdwingyi by train and then to Natmauk. Then, you had to proceed to Bagan-NyaungU. At that time, there was no railroad to Bagan-NyaungU from Natmauk. So, you asked the then division level officer for help. In that regard, the division assigned duty to the district, and the responsibility was mine. At that time, I was provided with a Land Rover for my convenience in making field trips by an international organization. The division level officer instructed me to send it with a driver and petrol filled up to you.

Have sympathy for me, please. How could I be in the mood for making arrangements for your convenience with the automobile provided just for the nation? I was very sorry and moved to see your conditions. I submitted my personal feelings to the division level officer and declined to provide you the car. My superiors were equipped with patriotic spirit and they did not turn down my proposal. Then I made a trip to another township. I was downhearted, and had to ignore how you got to your destination. It was due to my patriotic spirit.

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*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspect the control tower of Ma Mya Dam. — MNA*

## Ayeyawady Division in pursuit of the target...

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The ninth irrigation facility of Ayeyawady Division benefits over 10,000 acres of farmlands, protects the fields along the creek from flooding, and generates 500 kilowatts. It will help local people enjoy better income and raise their living standard.

With the use of the irrigation facilities, Ayeyawady Division, the granary of the nation, is planning to increase monsoon paddy sown acreage to 3.7 million acres in 2007-2008 fiscal year. In addition, it is cultivating more and more acres of beans and pulses and edible oil crops year by year. In the livestock sector, it is raising over 110,000 acres of fish farms and over 56,000 acres of prawn farms. And it breeds ducks, pigs and domestic species chickens more than any other state or division.

The government so far has constructed 1281 miles of roads, 43 bridges, 180 feet and above, and international level airport (Pathein) in Ayeyawady Division. As a result, it is easily accessible from any part of the nation by boat or by car in a short time, the region's commodity flow becomes swift, and it is enjoying economic growth with better per capita income of its local people. Moreover, with

Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung beach resorts, its tourism industry is making progress.

For development of human resources, the government has also designated Pathein, Hinthada and Maubin as special development regions and established universities, colleges and hospitals in these regions.

He called for extensive growing of the ten major crops and suitable perennial crops, making sustained efforts to meet the target of 500,000 acres of physic nut in three years, maintenance of the facility for its durability and efficient use of the water from the dam.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung delivered an address. He said that the government has spent K 19,138 million on construction of nine irrigation projects including Ma Mya Dam in Ayeyawady Division. Therefore, the irrigation facilities will contribute to prevention against flood of 297,421 acres of farmland in Ayeyawady Division and the tasks for supply of water. Ayeyawady Division grew 3.667 million acres of monsoon paddy and 1.237 million acres of summer paddy and produced 389.052 million bas-

kets of paddy in 2006-07.

The government is undertaking development of education, health, economic and transport sectors for over 7.5 million population of the division. Construction of sluice gates and dams including Ma Mya Dam reflects the

in the region. The agriculture is the main business of rural farmers and the majority of the people, and it is one of the factors to develop the State economy. In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the Ministry of Ag-

paddy, 7,400 acres under pulses and beans and 1,200 acres under summer paddy. At present, the dam can irrigate 10,000 acres of monsoon paddy, 4,800 acres of summer one, 5,200 acres of pulses and beans and 8,000 acres of summer paddy and 2,000 acres of edible oil crops. In conclusion, the minister said that thanks to completion of Ma Mya Dam, local people will have the high living standard through boosting production in the agricultural sector.

A local spoke words of thanks.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than unveiled the stone plaque of the dam and sprinkled scented water on it together with the commander and the ministers.

The commander, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung formally opened the dam.

Afterwards, they viewed the water control

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard a report on construction of the dam by Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and gave instructions on maintenance of the dam for its durability.

Ma Mya Dam is located on Ma Mya Creek near Hmyinwahtaung Village in Myanaung Township. The earth embankment is 11,800 feet long and 150 feet high. The dam can store 70,000 acre-feet of water and it has two reinforced concrete conduits measuring 4 feet by 6 feet each and one ogee type reinforced concrete spillway.

The dam will irrigate 10,000 acres of farmland in Myanaung Township and prevent overflow of water at farmlands on either side of Ma Mya Creek. The plan is under way to install two 250-kilowatt generators at the dam for supplying power to the region. Four 2-kilowatt and two 3-kilowatt generators are being operated through irrigated water from the

**Ma Mya Dam, the ninth irrigation facility of Ayeyawady Division, benefits over 10,000 acres of farmlands, protects the fields along the creek from flooding, and generates 500 kilowatts. It will help local people enjoy better income and raise their living standard.**

increase of sown acreage including that of summer paddy and triple cropping.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo also gave a speech. He said that the newly opened Ma Mya Dam will contribute to the boosting production of agriculture sector and development of trading crops

and Irrigation is undertaking the tasks for water supply and prevention of floods so as to boost agricultural production in all regions.

Before enjoying fruits of irrigation facilities, eight village-tracts of the region put 10,000 acres of land under monsoon paddy, 2,600 acres under summer

tower and the earth embankment. They inspected running of two 2-kilowatt generators at the right main canal to supply power to Hmyinwahtaung Village. They also viewed running of one 2-kilowatt generator and one 3-kilowatt generator to supply electricity to staff quarters of the dam.

canal to supply electricity to Hmyinwahtaung Village and its surrounding areas. Among 17 outlets along the canal from the dam to Letpankwin Village, small-scale hydropower is being generated at two outlets, and the remaining outlets will be installed with generators.

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*Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA*





**Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents exercise books and stationery to students of Kyaungywa Village in Ye Township. — MNA**

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development tasks...

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keeping the town clean and pleasant having town characteristics. Concerted efforts of local people and departmental personnel play an important role in building a discipline-flourishing, modern and developed democratic nation. The unity of Lamaing Township proves its progress. All the people in all parts of the nation are to forge the united spirit and the spirit of duty conscientiousness. As such, the aim at ensuring equitable development of all States and Divisions can be implemented. Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, all the national brethren are to actively take part in carrying out regional development tasks and in realizing the tasks for emergence of a discipline-flourishing modern, developed and democratic nation.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo also attended the school enrolment ceremony of the township at Lamaing BEHS. At the ceremony, he said that parents have responsibilities to enroll their children, and students are to try hard to pursue education at different levels to become intellectuals and intelligentsia in the future. All are to preserve the fine tradition of Mon State that had won the educational outstanding first prize in the entire nation.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and wellwishers donated cash to the fund of Lamaing BEHS. Next, they viewed thriving 10 acres of rubber near Lamaing.

Later, they left Lamaing through Ye-Thanyuayay-Mudon-Mawlamyine Road and arrived back in Mawlamyine in the afternoon.

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## Lt-Gen Myint Swe participates in tree...

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tasks to prevent global warming.

The resources that will not run out are human and forest resources. Therefore, we all are to try hard to develop human resource and to plant trees and conserve forests, he said. If forests were depleted, we would suffer drought due to a climate change and crops would be damaged. That would hinder the human resource development, he added.

The cause of the global warming is the carbon dioxide released in industrial developed countries. Ice in polar regions are thawing due to the global warming and rising sea level is threatening some regions to put underwater.

Myanmar has favourable conditions to implement afforestation. The people are to conserve the forests, he said.

He continued to say that Myanmar is an agro-based country, the government has made efforts for development of agricultural sector. Agricultural machinery have been widely used in the sector, and that makes demands on fuel, he said.

Being natural resources, the fuel used now in the world is limited to the demands. According to experts, the global production of fuel will decrease within 40 years. Instead of the fuel, it is required to use renewable energy, solar energy, hydro power, wind power and bio-diesel, physic nut

oil and ethanol extracted from maize and sugar are bio diesel that can be replaced naturally.

Out of 100,000-acre target of physic nut plants, Yangon Division has put physic nut plant on 39,250 acres so far. Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for making efforts for meeting the target of the division.

In his concluding remarks, Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged those present to cultivate physic to achieve the target.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Phugyi Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung distributed physic nut plants, seeds and grafts and trees to officials from townships in Yangon North District.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party planted trees. Departmental officials and members of social organizations also planted shady trees and physic nut plants.

After the tree planting ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party went to Phugyi Station and participated in the physic nut plants growing ceremony.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe grew physic nut plants along with families of officers and other ranks totalling over 1,200.

He also inspected the 20-acre physic nut plants cultivation of Phugyi Station and fulfilled the requirements.

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## Villager wounded in mine blast

YANGON, 7 June — An insurgent-planted mine ripped through the right leg of a resident of Thabyaynyunt village in Thandaung Township on 5 June.

The villager, Maung Kyaw Soe Moe, stepped on the mine and was wounded in his leg while on his way to collect vegetables in the forest, north of the village. The victim was rushed to the People's Hospital of Taungoo Township and treatment has been given to him.

MNA

## Staff urged to carry out finance and revenue tasks under prescribed rules and regulations

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June — Banks Supervisory Committee and Myanmar Banks Association met at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here this afternoon.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein gave speeches. Responsible persons of MBA reported on their respective sectors.

Next, Patron of the Supervisory Committee Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered an address.

The minister also attended the meeting on implementation of the aims of the ministry for 2007-08 financial year at the ministry.

In his speech, the minister pointed out that it is necessary to review weak and strong points in accomplishments of the ministry in 2007-08 and

to submit the plans on future tasks. Departmental heads are to supervise staff at different levels in their tasks. For ensuring development of the State, all are to carry out finance and revenue tasks under the prescribed rules and regulations, law and by-laws.

Departmental heads reported on their respective sectors. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe watering a sapling in tree planting ceremony in Hmawby. — MNA**



## Cheney's ex-chief of staff gets 30 months in jail

WASHINGTON, 7 June — I Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the former chief of staff of US Vice-President Dick Cheney, was sentenced to 30 months in jail on Tuesday for lying and obstructing investigators in the CIA leak case.

"People who occupy these types of positions, where they have the welfare and security of nation in their hands, have a special obligation to not do anything that might create a problem," said US District Judge Reggie B Walton.

Libby was also fined 250,000 US dollars and placed on probation for two years following his release from prison.

His 30-month sentence was for the obstruction of justice charge.

Libby also received shorter sentences on the other counts, to run concurrently.

He was convicted on 6 March of four counts in a five-count indictment alleging perjury, obstruction of justice and making false statements to the FBI.

The charges arose from

a federal probe into how the identity of Valerie Plame, then a covert CIA agent, was given to reporters in the summer of 2003.

Libby, 56, had served as Cheney's chief of staff and national security adviser between 2001 and October 2005, when he resigned after being indicted in the leak case.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, Libby — if imprisoned — must serve at least 80 per cent of his sentence, or two years.

MNA/Xinhua

## Gunmen kill female Afghan journalist

KABUL, 7 June — Gunmen shot dead a woman journalist in the north of Afghan capital Kabul, the second such killing in less than a week, officials said on Wednesday.

Zakia Zaki, who also served as headmistress of a school in Parwan Province, ran a private radio station, partially funded by a Western media group.

The 35-year-old married woman was killed at her house late on Tuesday night.

Zaki was threatened recently by some local commanders to shut down

the station or face death, the head of Afghanistan's Independent Journalist Association said.

"She believed in freedom of expression, that's why she was killed," Rahimullah Samander told Reuters.

Authorities said an investigation had been

launched to find out who killed Zaki, seen as an outspoken and courageous journalist.

Her killing follows the murder of Sanga Amach, a news presenter for a private television station, at her house in Kabul last Friday.

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A Palestinian woman holds a banner as she takes part in a protest in the West Bank city of Ramallah, on Tuesday, 5 June, 2007, on the 40th anniversary of the start of the Six Day War. In the 1967 fighting, Israel seized the West Bank and part of Jerusalem from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt, putting it in control of land.—INTERNET

## Syria denies connection with Fatah al-Islam

DAMASCUS, 7 June — Syria denied on Tuesday any connection with the radical Fatah al-Islam organization which was clashing with Lebanese forces in a Palestinian refugee camp in the country's north.

Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Muallem made the denial at a joint Press conference with his Italian counterpart Massimo D'Alema at the end of his two-day official visit here.

"Syria has no relation to this organization and the

Syrian security forces confronted its militants when they were trying to cross borders from Iraq," Muallem told the reporters.

"Fatah al-Islam militants are wanted in Syria and a number of this organization's members are detained in the Syrian prisons," the minister added.

Muallem stressed that Fatah al-Islam organization has nothing to do with the Palestinian issue and it harms the Palestinian issue on the contrary.— MNA/Xinhua

## Bosnia arrests Turk for human trafficking

SARAJEVO, 7 June — Bosnia has arrested a Turk suspected of leading a human trafficking ring smuggling people from the Balkans and Turkey into Western Europe, the state prosecutor's office said on Tuesday.

The man was arrested as part of a joint operation by five Balkan countries to crack down on a trafficking ring that has smuggled some 600 people in recent months, most of them Albanians and Turks, it said in a statement.

The five countries, former Yugoslav republics, work together to cut off smuggling routes. Around 70 people were

arrested at the end of May after months of surveillance.

"Collected evidence indicates that the suspect has had a leading position within an organized criminal group" which smuggled foreign nationals across Turkey, Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia to the West, the prosecution said.

The statement said the suspect was involved in the trafficking of more than 100 people, most of them Turks, whom he charged between 3,000 and 4,000 euros (4,000-5,400 US dollars) each for the service.

MNA/Reuters



Actress Beth Leavel of the Broadway production "As We Stumble Along" performs during the "Stars in the Alley" event celebrating the 2006-2007 Broadway season in New York on 6 June, 2007.—INTERNET

## Lift framework collapse leaves 7 dead in Nanyang

ZHENGZHOU, 7 June — Seven workers were killed on the spot at a real estate development site in Nanyang, a city in central China's Henan Province, when a lift framework being dismantled collapsed suddenly on Tuesday afternoon.

The accident took place at the Jinjiang International High-Rise Residential Building on Wolong Road, Nanyang City, when the seven workers were dismantling the structure, Xinhua learned on Wednesday from local sources.

A special team comprising staff from different government departments of Henan Province arrived at Nanyang to make investigations into the accident, according to information from Henan Provincial Bureau of Construction.

MNA/Xinhua

## Israeli scientists develop mini robot for keyhole neurosurgery

JERUSALEM, 7 June — Israeli scientists recently developed a tiny robot that can guide keyhole surgical procedures with great accuracy, the spokesman of Hebrew University said on Tuesday.

The invention was credited to Professor Leo Juskowicz of the School of Engineering and Computer Science at the Hebrew University.

Recent advances in neurosurgery have made it possible to precisely target areas in the brain with minimum invasiveness — using a small hole to insert a probe, needle or catheter.

But the small size of the openings reduces or eliminates direct site visibility and requires greater dexterity, stability

and precision by the surgeon.

Although keyhole brain surgery, based on pre-operative CT or MRI images, has obvious advantages for the patient, misplacement of the surgical instrument in these procedures may result in haemorrhage and severe neurological complications.

To overcome this problem, Juskowicz and his associates have developed a novel, image-guided system for precise, automatic targeting of structures inside the brain. The system is based on a miniature robot that can be programmed with detailed information obtained from pre-operative electronic scans of the patient.

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## Israeli troops pull out from West Bank town

RAMALLAH, 7 June — At least 70 Israeli armoured vehicles and jeeps had pulled out at Tuesday noon, several hours after they stormed the village of Qabatia near the West Bank town of Jenin, Palestinian eyewitnesses said.

Palestinian security sources said that during the ground military operation into the village, Israeli soldiers shot and wounded ten Palestinians and detained 14 others.

“The Israeli Army vehicles and bulldozers caused severe destruction to several houses in the village during the operation that last for five hours,” said one of the residents in the village.

Meanwhile, Israeli

forces withdrew from southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah but reinforced military massing in the north and the east of the Strip, raising fears of a large-scale ground offensive.

Palestinian residents in northern Gaza Strip told local radios that a number of Israeli tanks and bulldozers could be seen behind the border between Israel and the northeast Gaza Strip.—MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysia finds bird flu in village chickens

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 June — Malaysia has detected the H5N1 bird flu virus in village chickens in its central state of Selangor and has begun culling poultry nearby as a preventive move, a health official said on Wednesday.

Malaysia has reported no human cases of the infection, but Wednesday’s incident was the first time avian influenza had been found in the southeast Asian nation since March 21 last year when several chickens tested positive for the virus, he said.

“When we sent our

boys, we found bird flu in two village chickens but people said 60 chickens had died earlier,” Kamaruddin Mohamed Isa, the head of disease control for Malaysia’s veterinary services department told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters

## Two NATO soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 June — Two soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, an ISAF statement said.

The two soldiers were killed in two separate



Premier Wen Jiabao (R) holds a baby born on the day of the earthquake as he paid a visit to the quake-stricken Yunnan Province, on 5 June, 2007. —XINHUA

## Indian police stop “Marathon” boy’s 300-mile walk

BHUBANESWAR (India), 7 June — A five-year-old Indian boy, who became a celebrity after a seven-hour run that sparked charges of abuse, was stopped by police on Wednesday from participating in a 500-kilometre (300-mile) walking event.

Police in the eastern state of Orissa said they were ordered to stop Budhia Singh from embarking on the 11-day

walk after he tried to defy a ban on him by authorities from long-distance running or walking in the searing heat. “Nobody can exploit Budhia for their personal gain. The authorities told us to ensure that,” Amitabh Thakur, a police officer, told reporters.

In May last year, Budhia entered the *Limca Book of Records*, an Indian publication similar to the *Guinness Book of World*

*Records*, after running 65 kilometres (40 miles) uninterrupted in seven hours and two minutes.

MNA/Reuters

## Three Finns detained in Iranian waters

DUBAI, 7 June — Three Finnish men working for a mobile phone company in Dubai have been detained by Iran while fishing near a disputed island in the Gulf, the Finnish Embassy said on Wednesday.

The three had apparently drifted into Iranian-controlled waters accidentally while on an angling trip from the United Arab Emirates, said Esa Hurtig, Charge d’Affaires at the Finnish Embassy in Abu Dhabi.

MNA/Reuters



Girls pluck roses to celebrate the rose festival in Kazanlak, in Bulgaria on 3 June, 2007. The first Sunday of June every year is the rose festival of Bulgaria. — XINHUA

## Strong undersea quake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 7 June — A strong undersea earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter Scale hit eastern Indonesia, although there were no reports of casualties or damage, an official at the country’s meteorological agency said on Wednesday.

The US Geological Survey said in a bulletin sent by e-mail that the quake struck the Moluccas Islands in the Banda Sea at 1128 GMT and put the magnitude at 5.8.

The Indonesian official said by telephone

there was no potential for a tsunami from the quake, with an epicentre 122 kilometres (75.81 miles) northwest of the town of Saumlaki at a depth of 77 kilometres.

He said residents felt the quake in Saumlaki and

the island of Aru. Joni Sabono, a resident in Saumlaki, said by telephone people had run outside after the quake, although he said there was no serious panic in his area.

MNA/Reuters



An endangered snow leopard walks inside its enclosure at Padamaja Naidu Himalayan zoological park in Darjeeling, about 80 km (50 miles) from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri, in this 6 November, 2006 file photo. Forest guards in western India are using cell phones with ringtones of cows mooing, goats bleating and roosters crowing to attract leopards that have wandered into human settlements, officials said on Monday. — INTERNET



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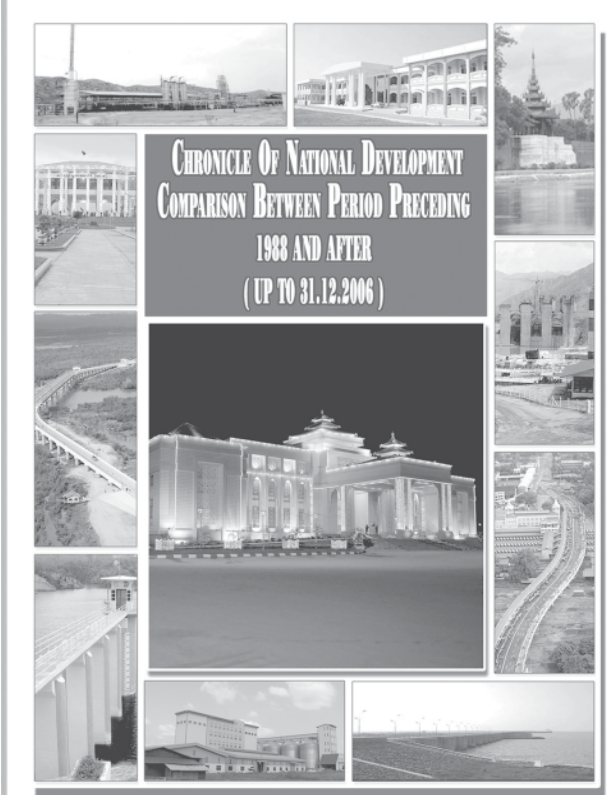
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**Eight killed, 50 injured in truck-train collision in Australia**

CANBERRA, 6 June — Eight people were killed and about 50 injured when a truck collided with a passenger train at a level crossing in the northwest of Australia's State of Victoria on Tuesday, police said.

The accident happened at the level crossing several kilometres from Kerang, about 40 minutes after the train left Swan Hill early Tuesday afternoon.

The train is believed to be due to arrive at Southern Cross Station in Melbourne, capital of Victoria, late in the afternoon. "There are 12 with serious injuries and we've got around 40 people who are wounded," a police spokeswoman was quoted by *Australian Associated Press* as saying.—MNA/Xnhua



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**ECB raises key rates to six-year high**

BERLIN, 6 June — The European Central Bank (ECB) raised expectedly key interest rates to 4.0 percent on Wednesday, the highest in six years.

The bank announced after its 19-member rate-setting council met that its benchmark rates would be raised by 25 basis points to 4.0 percent.

This is the eighth increase since December 2005, when the bank started the cycle of rate hike, and the highest level since August 2001.

ECB President Jean-Claude Trichet hinted at a press conference that the

interest rates in the 13-member euro zone had not yet peaked.

He noted as oil prices have picked up, there were "prevailing upside risks"

to inflation.

He said that monetary policy in the euro zone was "still on the accommodative side" and that there was "ample

liquidity".

Experts predicted that the Frankfurt-based ECB will further increase its key rate to at least 4.25 percent or higher within this year.

The ECB said that the threat of higher oil prices meant inflation would come in at between 1.7 and 2.2 percent in the euro zone this year, which was higher than the bank's March forecast. The bank also revised down its projections of economic growth in the zone for this year and next from 2.3 percent and 2.9 percent to 1.8 percent and 2.8 percent respectively.—Internet



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**Vietnam's farm, forestry product exports up in first 5 months**

HANOI, 6 June — Vietnam shipped abroad agricultural and forestry products worth nearly 3.7 billion US dollars in the first five months of this year, up 29 per cent over the same period last year, according to *Vietnam News Agency* on Monday.

Between January and

May, the country earned nearly 2.7 billion dollars from exporting farm products and over one billion dollars from forestry items, the agency quoted sources from the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development as saying.

In the period, items

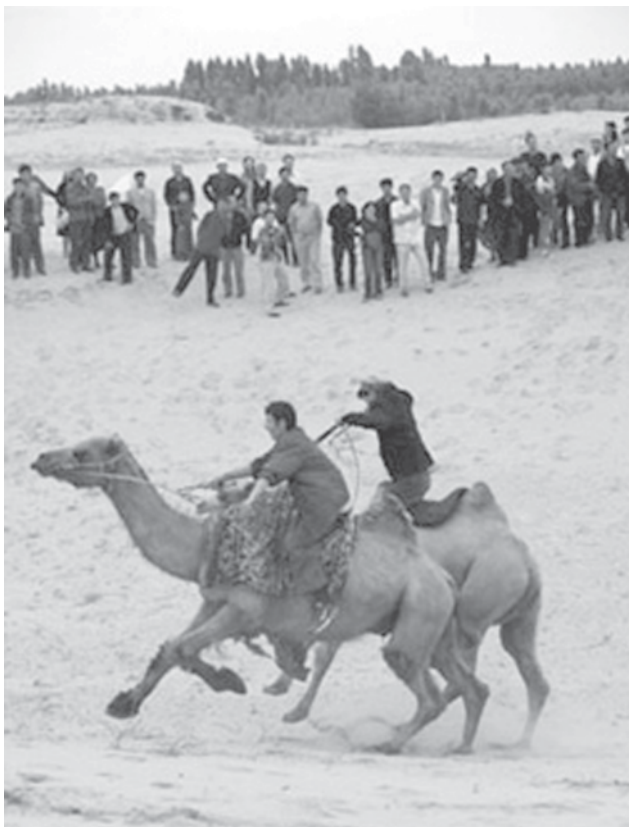
recording high export revenue included coffee, reaching over 1.1 billion dollars; woodwork, 947 million dollars; rice, 611 million dollars; and rubber, 415 million dollars.

Vietnam has targeted to ship abroad agricultural and forestry products

worth 7.4 billion dollars this year. To this end, it is centering on boosting production of items with big export advantages, establishing large-scale production zones attached to processing establishments and markets, and developing husbandry industry.—MNA/Xinhua



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Two riders compete in a camel race during the opening ceremony of the Ethnic Cultures and Tourism Festival in Huocheng County, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 6 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Studies find new way to make embryonic stem cells

BEIJING, 7 June—What if scientists could find a way to produce embryonic stem cells without having to tamper with embryos?

On Wednesday, three teams of researchers said they had found a way to do just that — but in mice.

Researchers have taken ordinary skin cells from a mouse and reprogrammed them to look and act like embryonic stem cells in a long-promised experiment that provides an alternative way to get the valued and controversial cells.

All of the researchers worked on mice and say it will be a while before they can demonstrate their techniques using human cells.

Embryonic stem cells are the source of every cell,

tissue and organ in the body. So experts believe the human versions might be used for transplant therapies in people who are paralyzed or have illnesses ranging from diabetes to Parkinson's disease.

But their use is controversial, with opponents

saying it is wrong to use a human embryo in this way. US President George W Bush has blocked legislation that would expand federal funding of such research.

The US House of Representatives was expected to give final

congressional approval on Thursday to another bill promoting the research -- but Bush has promised to veto it.

The researchers said they were not trying to get around the politics of the issue.

"The reason that we embarked on these experiments was not to come up with a solution to those people who have objections to embryonic stem cell," Dr Kevin Eggan of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, who led one of the studies, told reporters.

"All of us strongly agree with human embryonic stem cell research. These experiments were not motivated by a desire to find an end run around those issues."—Internet



3 teams of scientists mimic embryonic stem cells using ordinary skin cells in mice.—INTERNET

Atlantis ready for launch on Friday

BEIJING, 7 June—The US space shuttle Atlantis is ready to blast off on Friday, the first space shuttle mission of the year.

Atlantis was originally set to launch 15 March, but a freak hail storm damaged the shuttle's massive external fuel tank as the orbiter stood on its Florida launch pad, forcing NASA to bring it back to its hangar for repairs.

Meteorologists on Wednesday predicted a 70 percent chance that the weather would be suitable for launch.

"The team is ready to go and we're just really excited to be at this point after a very long and arduous spring and a lot of really hard work by the entire team," LeRoy Cain, launch integration manager for the Space Shuttle Program, told a news conference Wednesday.

A double piece of the International Space Station's structural backbone is in the cargo bay of shuttle Atlantis.

NASA plans at least 13 shuttle

missions to finish the 100-billion-US-dollar station by 2010, when the US space agency retires its three-shuttle fleet.

If Atlantis is launched on Friday it will arrive at the station on Sunday. NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, replaced by Clayton Anderson, will be returning home aboard Atlantis.—Internet



Mission Commander Rick Sturckow boards the Shuttle Training Aircraft as he prepares for launch on the space shuttle Atlantis at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 5 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Ducks die en masse in Vietnam's central province

HANOI, 6 June—Tens of ducks in Vietnam's central Thua Thien Hue Province have died with unidentified causes over the past few days, while bird flu has continued to spread in the country.

Specimens from the fowls in a flock raised by a household in the province's Huong Thuy District are being tested for bird flu viruses, Vietnam News Agency on Tuesday quoted the provincial Veterinary Bureau as reporting.

The local veterinary agency has slaughtered the flock's 480 remainders, and disinfected affected area.

Bird flu, starting to strike Vietnam in December

2003, has hit 15 Vietnamese cities and provinces, namely Quang Ninh, Son La, Nam Dinh, Hai Phong, Bac Giang, Ninh Binh, Bac Ninh, Ha Nam, Vinh Phuc, Hung Yen and Thai Binh in the northern region, Nghe An and Quang Nam in the

central region, and Can Tho and Dong Thap in the southern one, since early May, according to the Department of Animal Health under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. — MNA/Xinhua

14-year-old girl's Holocaust diary unveiled

BEIJING, 6 June — A diary of a young Jewish girl dubbed the "Polish Anne Frank" was published on Monday by Israel's Holocaust museum, media reported on Wednesday.

The diary was written by Rutka Laskier in 1943 shortly before she was deported to Auschwitz.

Laskier, 14, the same age as the Dutch teenager Anne Frank, recorded what



Rutka Laskier wrote the 60-page diary over a four-month period in Bedzin, Poland.—INTERNET

is both a daily account of the horrors of the Holocaust in Bedzin, Poland and a memoir of the life of a teenager in extraordinary circumstances.

The last entry is dated 24 April 1943, at which point she hid the notebook in the basement of the house her family was living in, a building that had been confiscated by the Nazis to be part of the Bedzin

ghetto.

In August that year, the teenager and her family were transported to the Auschwitz concentration camp and it is thought she was killed immediately.

Rutka's father, Yaakov, was the only member of the family to survive the camp. He moved to Israel and had a new family. He died in 1986.

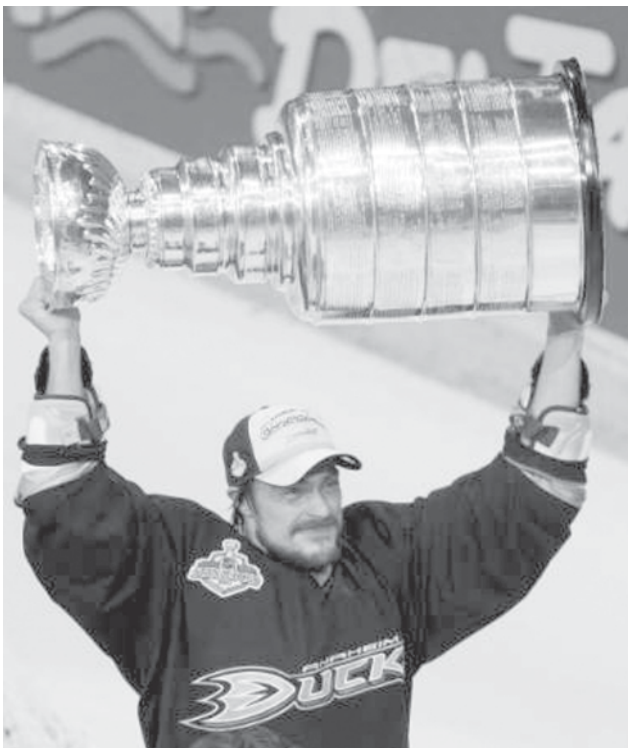
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A model presents a creation at Rio de Janeiro Fashion Week in Brazil on 5 June, 2007. Rio de Janeiro Fashion Week is Rio de Janeiro's most important event in Fashion. More than 30 designers present their creations at the fashion week. —XINHUA



# SPORTS



Anaheim Ducks' Teemu Selanne of Finland raises the Stanley Cup after beating the Ottawa Senators during Game 5 of the 2007 NHL Stanley Cup Finals hockey series in Anaheim on 6 June, 2007. —INTERNET

## Unbeaten Germany win again to close in on finals

HAMBURG (Germany), 7 June — Germany scraped a 2-1 win over Slovakia on Wednesday to move five points clear in Group D and take another stride towards Euro 2008.

Germany took an early lead when Jan Durica put the ball into his own net, under pressure from Miroslav Klose, but another own-goal, this time from Christoph Metzelder, levelled the scores in the 20th minute.

Thomas Hitzlsperger headed Germany back in front two minutes before halftime and the tiring home side held on in a poor second half to maintain their unbeaten record with six wins and a draw from their seven matches.

Germany lead the group with 19 points, with the Czech Republic second on 14 and Ireland third a point further back. Slovakia, who needed a win to get back in the hunt, are fourth on nine.

Germany were without captain Michael Ballack and the Bayern Munich pair Lukas Podolski and Bastian Schweinsteiger and their only regular threat came from Marcell Jansen and Clemens Fritz on the wings. — MNA/Reuters

## Danish fan regrets drunken attack on referee Fandel

COPENHAGEN, 5 June — The drunken Danish fan who attacked referee Herbert Fandel who then abandoned Saturday's Euro 2008 qualifier between Denmark and Sweden, apologized to his countrymen for spoiling their chances of making it to next year's finals.

"I so want to say I'm sorry to everyone in Denmark. I spoiled a fantastic evening for so many," the 29-year-old Dane told Danish paper *Ekstra Bladet* in an interview.

The man, identified only as "R" by the paper, cannot be named for legal reasons but said at a court hearing he had drunk 15 to 18 beers before the match and had little memory of the actual incident.

He did remember he was angered by Fandel handing a red card to Denmark's Christian Poulsen and wanted to tell the referee his decision to dismiss the player was "nonsense". — MNA/Reuters

## Beckham puts England back on track in Estonia

TALLINN, 7 June — David Beckham set up two goals to steer England to a morale-boosting 3-0 win over Estonia on Wednesday that put their Euro 2008 qualifying campaign firmly back on track.

Winger Joe Cole gave Steve McClaren's side a 37th-minute lead with a crisp half-volley before Beckham set up Peter Crouch for the second in the 54th minute and then lined up Michael Owen for the third in the 62nd.

It made for a memorable competitive return for Beckham, recalled to the squad last week after being discarded by McClaren after last year's World Cup.

He made a promising comeback in last week's 1-1 friendly draw with Brazil at Wembley and fully justified his 96th cap for his country in the Group E clash.

McClaren was also relieved at the night's work, having been a target for critics after a defeat by Croatia, draws with Macedonia and Israel, and a laboured 3-0 win over Andorra.

The victory takes England to 14 points from seven games, one point behind Russia, who drew 0-0 in Croatia. Israel, 2-0 winners in Andorra, have 17 from eight with Croatia top on 17, also from seven matches.

England started well but had to wait until the 37th minute to break down the dogged hosts.

Wayne Bridge's long throw was nodded on by Crouch and Cole was able to chest the ball down before swivelling to beat keeper Mart Poom with a smart half-volley.

Beckham then killed the game with two superb crosses after the re-start, sending the first into the area

from deep and allowing Crouch to cleverly head past Poom on the bounce for his 12th goal in 19 internationals.

Owen flicked home the second at the far post to seal a deserved win, though Estonia nearly snatched a consolation goal in stoppage time.

Substitute Tarmo Kink beat Paul Robinson with a low shot but England captain John Terry was there to clear off the line to leave them without a goal after their seventh straight defeat in the group.

Estonia coach Jelle Goes announcing he would not be renewing his contract when it expires in November. — MNA/Reuters



England's David Beckham produces a cross from which Peter Crouch heads and scores against Estonia during their Euro 2008 group E soccer match in Tallinn, Estonia on 6 June, 2007. —INTERNET

## Villa earns Spain 2-0 win in Liechtenstein

VADUZ, 7 June — Striker David Villa scored a neatly taken double to earn Spain a 2-0 Euro 2008 qualifier win away to Liechtenstein that lifted them into second place in Group F on Wednesday.

Villa put Spain ahead in the eighth minute when he slotted home from a tight angle after rounding the keeper and took his tally to 12 goals in 23 games with a spectacular overhead kick soon after.

Villa's early goals were rare bright spots in an otherwise intermittent performance from Spain and the striker spurned the chance to complete a hat-trick when he fired an injury-time penalty against the post.

The win, Spain's fourth in a row in Group F, left them on 15 points from seven matches, one behind Sweden who crushed Iceland 5-0 in Stockholm.

The Swedes, however, could be awarded all three points from Saturday's match against Denmark which was abandoned with the score at 3-3 after a Danish fan attacked the referee.

Liechtenstein had notched up a win and a draw in their last two qualifiers, but they were caught cold by Spain with Villa striking twice inside the opening 15 minutes. Villa scored a coolly taken first when he raced on to a perfectly weighted through pass from Cesc Fabregas, drew keeper Peter Jehle and slotted home with his left foot from a tight angle.

He added a second six minutes later, this time finding the back of the net with a clever, angled overhead kick after Valencia team mate David Silva had clipped the ball across the area from the goalline.

MNA/Reuters

## Nasri on target as France beat Georgia 1-0

AUXERRE (France), 7 June — Samir Nasri netted his first international goal in his third appearance to earn France a 1-0 home victory over Georgia on Wednesday as the World Cup finalists remained top of their Euro qualifying Group B.

The Olympique Marseille midfielder, voted the league's best young player this season and superb in Saturday's 2-0 win over Ukraine, struck in the 33rd-minute of a one-sided contest. France now have 18 points from seven games and lead second-placed Italy by two points after the world champions beat Lithuania 2-0.

Franck Ribery, who is set to leave for Bayern Munich, was at his best, crossing from the right for Nasri to shoot France into a well-deserved advantage 12 minutes from the interval.

With 25 minutes remaining, Domenech strengthened his front line by bringing on striker Djibril Cisse in place of midfielder Florent Malouda but they could not fashion a second goal. Cisse, who twice the league's top scorer when he was playing for AJ Auxerre, wasted a clear chance after 77 minutes, failing to find the net after dribbling past Georgia goalkeeper Georgi Lomaia. — MNA/Reuters



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Kevin Millwood pitches to Detroit Tigers' Brandon Inge in the third inning of their MLB American League baseball game in Arlington, Texas, on 6 June, 2007. INTERNET



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Indian school kicks out 5 HIV-positive kids again

NEW DELHI, 7 June — Five HIV-positive children have been turned away from a school in southern India for the second time, despite a government promise that they would be allowed to return, newspapers reported on Wednesday.

The children — a boy and four girls aged between five and 11 — were first thrown out of their school in Kerala State in December after parents of other students complained.

But local authorities intervened and said the children could return to Mar Dionysius Lower Primary School in Kottayam District in the new academic year

which began on Monday.

They made it only as far as the school gate. "Many parents came to us threatening to pull out their wards if the HIV-positive children were readmitted," the *Hindustan Times* quoted an unnamed teacher as saying. "We are helpless."

The state government is now trying to convince

the school authorities to change their mind, the paper said.

Meanwhile, the children will receive private lessons at their charity-run care home. The United Nations says India has the world's largest HIV caseload, with an estimated 5.7 million people living with the deadly virus.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese police find 5 babies in stolen car

BEIJING, 7 June — Chinese police have found five babies abandoned in the back of a stolen car and have no idea who they are but suspect they may have been kidnapped, state media reported on Wednesday.

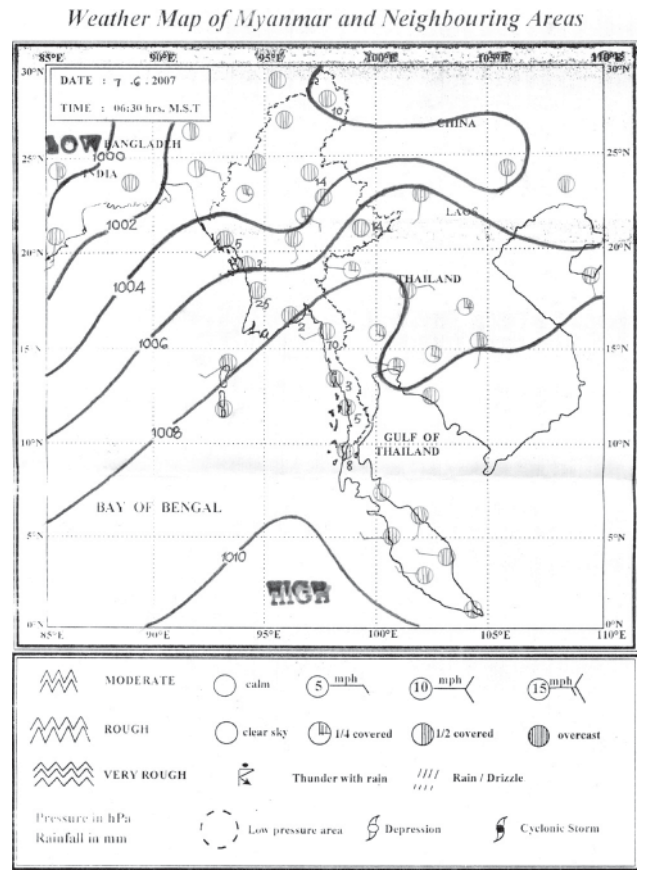
Officers in the northern province of Hebei flagged down a "suspicious" black car in the early hours of Sunday and two men inside, brandishing knives, fled the scene.

Police found the babies, three boys and two girls about 10 days old, in the back, newspapers said.

Police later found the car had been stolen in Shanghai but belonged to somebody from the eastern province of Zhejiang, the *Beijing Youth Daily* said.

At least one of the male babies could have been taken from a hospital in Zhejiang provincial capital Hangzhou, it added, and DNA samples had been sent to Hebei.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Thursday, 7 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon is advancing into the Northern Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Magway Division, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (3.19) inches, Mogok (2.72) inches, Thaton (2.00) inches, Hkamti and Hpa-an (1.77) inches each, Kayan (1.73) inches and Taungdwingyi (0.71) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-6-2007 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 7-6-2007 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-6-2007 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 6-6-2007 was (0.8) hour approx.

Rainfall on 7-6-2007 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (30.59) inches at Mingaladon, (37.20) inches at Kaba-Aye and (34.21) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (11:00) hours MST on 6-6-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 8-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawaddy and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division 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: Increase of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 8 June  
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ 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. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

- 8:00 am 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:25 am 8. သစ်လွင်ခုံညား ဖားတစ်ရှဉ်းတံတား
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Demonstration exercises for correct pronunciation
- 4:45 pm 4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာအထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)

- 5:00 pm 5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm 6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm 7. "လှေကားသုံးထစ် ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ" (အရိုင်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ အေးသီတာ) ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်(ဖီးနစ်)
- 5:45 pm 8. Song of yesteryears
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေရောင်သမီးသော အသည်းနုလုံး"(အပိုင်း-၉)
- 8:00 pm 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကြမ္မာနတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 19. The next day's programme



Friday, 8 June  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Nothing stops the rain
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -I'll be your shelter
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Wave wet sand
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Take the key
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music -The two of us -Angel's wings
- 9:00pm WOM
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request -Everyday I love you
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development tasks in Ye Township

**Concerted efforts of local people, personnel play important role in building discipline-flourishing, modern and developed democratic nation**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 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 officials, met servicemen and family members at the local battalion of Kyaungywa Station in Ye on 5 June morning.

Next, they attended the school enrolment day of the whole township at Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kyaungywa. On the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed those present to strive for realization of the aim — the modern and developed nation will be built through education, observe the education policies adopted by the State and join hands in nurturing outstanding students.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander, Brig-Gen Cho Tun Aung of Ye Station and Deputy Director-General U Tun Kyi of No 1 Basic Education Department presented textbooks and exercise books, stationery and school uniforms to students. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and wellwishers donated cash to the fund of the school.

At Chaungywa Station Hospital, they presented cash assistance to patients and inspected medical wards, operation theatre, medical store, delivery room and lab.

They attended the physic nut cultivation ceremony of Ye Township near Tumaung Village and planted saplings. Local people participated in the physic nut growing ceremony and put five acres of land under physic nut.

Ye Township has so far cultivated over 4,000 acres of physic nut against the target of 30,000 acres in 2007-08 and nurtured 10,000 acres.

At Muniyala Hall in Lamaing, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people. After hearing reports on progress of the town and sector-wise development by officials, Lt-Gen Maung Bo praised officials for (See page 9)



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects Kyaungywa Station Hospital in Ye Township. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe participates in tree planting ceremonies in Yangon North District

YANGON, 7 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence participated in the tree planting ceremony in Hmawby Township and Phugyi Station in Yangon North District today.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Brig-Gen Myint Naung of Phugyi Station, senior military officials and departmental officials.

Yangon North District set its target of 430,000

saplings to be planted in this rainy season. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for afforestation (See page 9)

### NLD members frown on sanctions, acts harmful to the State, people

### 6 members quit Twantay, Mawlamyine, Taungdwingyi Township NLDs

YANGON, 7 June — Four members — U Gwa To, U Tha Nyan, Daw Win Win Cho and U Po Thee of Kayinchaung Village in Twantay Township National League for Democracy of Yangon Division, U Aung Cho Oo of Mawlamyine Township NLD on 29 May and U Myo Myint of Taungdwingyi Township NLD of Magway Division on 5 June resigned from NLD of their own volition.

They sent resignation letters to NLD headquarters and authorities concerned. In the letters sent to Twantay, Mawlamyine and Taungdwingyi Township Multi-party General Election Subcommissions, they said that they had no interest in the party's activities and they frowned on the party's leaders causing imposition of sanctions against the nation and committing acts harmful to the State and the people by receiving outside help from some big nations. Therefore, they resigned from the party of their own accord.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents physic nut saplings to an official at tree planting ceremony in Hmawby Township. — MNA