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Brighter prospects for cooperation in forestry, mining, hydel power projects, bilateral trade and tourism sector briefed.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Governor of Yunnan Province hold talks

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong called on Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at Empark Grand Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, on 7 June.

Also present at the call were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-

Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-Gen-

eral U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy At-

torney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to China U

Thein Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development

Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and (See page 8)



Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong calls on Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at Empark Grand Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China. — MNA

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

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 12 June, 2007

Further cementing PRC-Myanmar friendship for mutual benefit

At the invitation of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein paid a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China from 5 to 10 June.

During his goodwill visit, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Mr Wu Bangguo, State Councillor Mr Tang Jiaxuan of the People's Republic of China and Vice-Chairman Mr Li Tieying and discussed matters on economic cooperation.

The PRC and Myanmar have had friendly ties since time immemorial. And they have been good neighbourly nations. The stance of PRC to firmly stand by Myanmar as a good neighbour whenever Myanmar affairs occurred highlights an established friendship between the two countries.

The trade volume of the two countries is increasing year after year. The trade volume in 2006 increased up to \$ 1.4 billion.

Being neighbours, the two countries are joining hands in the fight against narcotic drugs. They are also enhancing cooperation in the energy, mining and other industrial sectors.

Therefore, we firmly believe that the goodwill visit of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein to the PRC will contribute to further cementing the existing PRC-Myanmar friendship and creating favourable conditions for mutually beneficial cooperation.

NLD ignores unity and national reconsolidation among democratic forces

Seven quit Kayan Tsp NLD

YANGON, 11 June — A total of seven members — U Aye Win of Tamangyi Village, U Maung Hla of Ale Village, U Sein Myint of Kyonotoo Village, U Khin Latt and U Khin Hlaing of Hla Belu Village, U Myint Aung of Kanbe Village and U Hla Maw Thein of Kinmon Village — of Kayan Township National League for Democracy on 9 June resigned from the NLD of their own account by sending their resignation letters to the party and local authorities concerned.

In their letter sent to Kayan Township Multiparty Democracy Election Subcommission, they said they had voted for the party because they believed that NLD would march on the national political path through national reconsolidation and it would strive for drafting of a State Constitution after 1988. However, the NLD tried to gain only power and it ignored the unity and national reconsolidation among the democratic forces. It assumed that the Tatmadaw government was an enemy. The party also demanded to gain the power instead of participating in drafting of the State Constitution. That was why they had no longer faith and trust in the NLD and reigned from the party.—MNA

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends physic nut growing ceremony of Yangon South District, cash donation for Maha Atuladhammayanthi Sasana Beikman in Thanlyin

YANGON, 10 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the physic nut growing ceremony of Yangon South District and the third cash donation ceremony for construction of Maha Atuladhammayanthi Sasana Beikman in Thanlyin Township this morning.

At Technological University in Thanlyin, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended the physic nut cultivation ceremony of Yangon South District and planted physic nut.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander of Thanlyin Station Commodore Win Shein, Secretary of Yangon Division PDC U Hla Soe, local authorities, faculty members and students, social organization members and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that tree growing ceremonies were held in the entire nation in every rainy season. Not only tree planting ceremonies but also physic nut cultivation ceremonies were organized. At present, industries have been developing across the world and fuel consumption has risen. Myanmar grows physic nut plants to substitute its oil in place of fuel. He stressed the need to grow trees to be able to preserve climatic conditions. The government assigned duties to Yangon Division to put 500,000 acres of land under physic nut. Yangon Division has grown over 30,000 acres of physic nut in the previous year and 7,495 acres this year. Efforts are to be made for cultivation of 100,000 acres of physic nut.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party viewed participation of departmental personnel and



Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donation from wellwishers.—MNA

social organization members in growing physic nut on 7.5 acres of plot.

At Shin Saw Pu Hall in Thanlyin, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony to submit progress in construction of Thanlyin Model Town. Chairman of Yangon South District PDC U Zaw Win reported on arrangements for greening Thanlyin Model Town, keeping the town clean and pleasant with hygienic and secure facilities. Executive Officer U Soe Naing Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee presented reports on construction of roads and bridges, supply of water and rural development tasks and District Senior Engineer U Mya Thet of Public Works on extension of Pyay Road.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander gave necessary instructions.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs awarded model townships under control of Development Affairs Department. Among 45 townships in Yangon Division, DAD controls 12 townships including Thanlyin Township. Departmental personnel and local people are to strive for construction of Thanlyin Township to be-

Foreign Minister felicitates Russian counterpart

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FM sends felicitations to the Philippines

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come a model town.

At Maha Atuladhammayanthi Sasana Beikman at the corner of Kyaikkhauk Pagoda Road and the road to Cooperative Degree College in Thanlyin, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended the third cash donation ceremony for the Beikman.

The commander gave a speech. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 500,000 donated by the commander; K 500,000 by naval servicemen and families of Thanlyin Station through Station Commander Commodore Win

Shein; K 6 million by U Nyunt Htay-Daw Nilar Shwe, K 5.5 million by groceries shops of Thanlyin Township; and others, and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

The commander also accepted cash donations from wellwishers. Next, the commander, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Today's donation totalled K 78,524,000 for the Beikman.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Germany describes Putin's missile suggestion positive

BERLIN, 10 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin's surprise suggestion to the United States on missile defence shield cooperation is positive, German Foreign Ministry Spokesman Jens Ploetner said on Friday.

"We view this as a positive, a constructive signal in the dialogue that could lead to an easing of tension," said Ploetner.

Putin offered on Thursday the suggestion to his US counterpart George W Bush at a private meeting on the sideline of the Group of Eight (G-8) summit of leading industrial nations in Germany's Baltic resort of Heiligendamm.

Putin has strongly criticized the US plans to deploy anti-ballistic missile shield in Poland and the Czech Republic.

He proposed that the United States jointly use with Russia the Gabala radar base in Azerbaijan, a former Soviet republic.

Bush described the proposal as "interesting" and said the two sides had formed a working group of experts to see how they could cooperate on missile defence.

Ploetner would not make hasty judgements on the proposal until it had been examined thoroughly by the US side.

Bush is currently visiting Poland after the G-8 summit to discuss the controversial missile plan with Polish President Lech Kaczynski.

MNA/Xinhua



Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty performs on stage during the Indian International Academy Awards (IIFA) in Sheffield, northern England on 9 June, 2007.

XINHUA

Truck bomber kills nine Iraqi police

TIKRIT, 10 June—A suicide bomber killed nine Iraqi policemen and wounded dozens more as he exploded his truck outside a police post near the northern hometown of executed dictator Saddam Hussein.

The attack — part of the sustained insurgent assaults on security forces in a bid to thwart US and Iraqi efforts to stabilize the war-torn country — was the second of its kind in as many days.

The bomber detonated the vehicle against a police

department building in an area called Albu Ajil, east of Tikrit, on the main road between the city and the oil hub of Kirkuk, police officials said.

At least 40 people, many of them policemen, were also wounded in the attack that took place at 10:15 am (local time) they said.

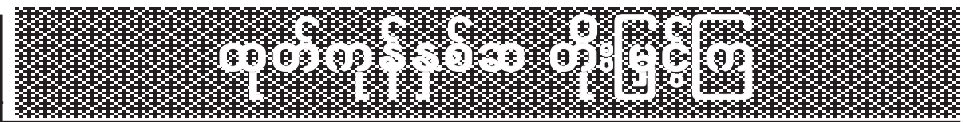
"Nine policemen have died in the blast and 40 more are wounded, mostly policemen," Major Abdul Karim Mohammed, a security official at Tikrit general hospital, said.

The attack came a day after a suicide bomber exploded his truck at an Iraqi army base near the town of Iskandiriyah, southwest of Baghdad, killing 12 soldiers and wounding 30.

Iraqi security officials said two people were killed and seven wounded as a car bomb exploded near a petrol station in Baghdad's Al-Bayaa district and one person died when another car bomb targeted a gas station in the Saidiyah area of the capital. —Internet



An Iraqi policeman stands near a destroyed police vehicle after a bomb attack in the village of Albu Ajil in Tikrit, 170 km north of Baghdad, on 10 June, 2007. — XINHUA



Chinese President Hu Jintao (2nd L), accompanied by Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf (3rd L), steers the replica of the 18th Century Swedish merchant ship "Gotheborg" as they attend a ceremony for the return of the vessel from a China tour, in Goteborg, Sweden, on 9 June, 2007.

XINHUA

Protest staged in Poland ahead of Bush visit

WARSAW, 10 June — Some 100 Poles took to the streets in the seaside town of Jurata Friday afternoon to protest against the upcoming visit by US President George W Bush, who is in Poland to talk with his Polish counterpart about deployment of a missile shield system in the Eastern European country.

The protest was organized by Inicjatywa Stop Wojnie (No Wars Initiative), and the participants include representatives from Poland's New Left Party and Young Socialists among others.

The protesters, who gathered at the railway station at Jurata on the Baltic Coast, marched to the presidential seaside residence, where Polish President Lech Kaczynski is scheduled to meet the US President later in the afternoon, Polish PAP news agency reported.

MNA/Xinhua

Napoleon's golden sword fetches more than £3m

PARIS, 11 June— Its gold-encrusted blade holds the secrets of the young Napoleon, who carried it into one of his legendary, seemingly doomed battles. Far outnumbered by the enemy, and hampered by a series of botches, he miraculously managed to turn around his army's fortunes in the final hour.

The last of Napoleon's swords in private hands yesterday sold for D 4.8m (£3.26m) at auction south of Paris, over three times its estimate. Napoleon carried the sword at Marengo in June 1800, where his troops pushed the Austrian army from much of Italy.

The intricately decorated, gently curved blade is also an example of Napoleon's "oriental complex". It was based on an inspiration he drew from his Egyptian campaign.

"He noticed that the Arab swords, which were curved, were very effective in cutting off

French heads" and ordered an imitation made upon his return, the auctioneer, Jean-Pierre Osenat, said. "It symbolises more than anything else the power, the force and the incontestable strength of the emperor Napoleon."

After the battle at Marengo, Napoleon gave the sword to his brother Jérôme as a wedding present, and it has never left the family until now. The sword was declared a national treasure in 1978. The buyer, unidentified yesterday, must have an address in France and keep the sword in the country for five to six months a year.—Internet

Russia touts radar offer, says US shield not needed

MOSCOW (St Petersburg), 10 June — Russia said on Saturday its offer to the United States of joint use of a radar it controls in Azerbaijan made a planned American missile shield in Central Europe unnecessary.

It stressed its offer was still open, despite Washington's signal it will press ahead with its plan to base radar and missile interceptors in Poland and the Czech Republic to counter the threat of a

nuclear attack from "rogue" states like Iran.

Russia's foreign and first deputy prime ministers set out Moscow's stance after President Vladimir Putin surprised Washington on Thursday with the radar offer.

Putin, keen to avoid Washington placing its missile defence shield in Central Europe where Moscow says it could threaten Russian security, had suggested both sides instead use the Russian-

rented *Qabala* radar in Azerbaijan.

"This (Qabala station) is an efficient element of a reliable early warning system," Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told journalists in Moscow.

"It remarkably well copes with all its tasks and it fully serves our interests without causing any strain in Russia's ties with its neighbours."

He rejected at the same time an idea that Moscow could take part

in the US missile shield system: "To suppose that we will take part in building such a potential which creates a threat to us is wishful thinking."

Putin said on Friday the interceptors could be placed in southern Europe or Turkey and that Russia was happy to share intelligence picked up by the Azeri radar.

Moscow would also then not retarget its own missiles towards Central Europe.

MNA/Reuters

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Singapore's former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew speaks at the St Petersburg International Economic Forum on 10 June, 2007. Russia hosted the 11th St Petersburg International Economic Forum at the weekend, drawing 6,000 executives and politicians to showcase its emerging economic power. — INTERNET

A Malaysian health official collects chicken eggs at a village in Paya Jaras outside Kuala Lumpur on 9 June, 2007. Malaysia has found no human cases of bird



flu so far, with 10 of 11 people taken to hospital with symptoms having tested negative, a Health Ministry official said on Saturday. — INTERNET

Rome's anti-Bush protesters throw bottles at police

ROME, 10 June — Demonstrators protesting against US President George W Bush's visit threw bottles at police and

overturned tables in central Rome on Saturday, witnesses said.

Police fired tear gas to try to control the demon-

strators, who also shattered a window of a bank. At least one policeman was injured by glass.

Dozens of protesters, some wearing motorcycle helmets, remained in the area near Rome's famed Campo de Fiori area as police closed in to contain them. Restaurants and shopkeepers lowered their shutters.

The incident was far from where Bush was staying at the US ambassador's residence, in another quarter of the city.

About 12,000 demonstrators, most of them peaceful, staged protests in Rome against the US-led war in Iraq and the expansion of a US military base in Italy.

MNA/Reuters



A model shows off her hair during the Imperia Vodka Hair Competition in Manchester, NH, recently. More than 40 contestants are competing for the biggest hair and a first place prize of \$7,500 as they raise money for breast cancer.

INTERNET

Israeli helicopters strike on Gaza

GAZA, 10 June — Israeli *Apache* attack helicopters struck by air-to-ground missiles after midnight three different targets belong to Islamic Jihad and Fatah movements in the Gaza Strip, security sources and witnesses said early

Sunday. The eyewitnesses said that the Israeli helicopters hovered over Gaza City at midnight, and then several explosions were heard in the western and northern parts of the city. They said that the first target which was hit is an office belongs to the

Islamic Jihad movement in western Gaza City, adding that one Palestinian was moderately injured and severe destruction was caused to the building.

Two other targets belong to Fatah movement's armed wing, al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, said the sources, adding that no injuries were reported, but severe damages were caused to the two constructions.

The sources said that the two other targets were hit by the Israeli *Apache* missiles are metal workshops, which Israel says it manufacture homemade rockets and mortars that militants fire from Gaza at Israel.

MNA/Xinhua



A villager injured in an explosion at a tea shop arrives at a hospital in Thailand's Yala province, nearly 1084 km (672 miles) south of Bangkok on 8 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Flash floods caused by Cyclone Gonu kill 12 in Iran

TEHERAN, 10 June — Twelve people have been killed and nine others injured in southeastern Iran in flash floods caused by Cyclone Gonu, local *Mehr* news agency reported on Saturday.

"According to the latest information, 12 people have been killed as the result of flash floods in Hormozgan and Sistan-Baluchistan provinces,"

Farzad Panahi, head of Iran's emergency services, was quoted as saying.

About 70 per cent of the residential houses in the southern port town of Jask in Hormozgan Province have been damaged, he added.

No report is available so far about any outbreak of infectious diseases in the area, said Panahi, adding that but due to the

shortage of clean water, there would be some sanitary and health problems.

Oman's official *ONA* news agency reported on Friday that Cyclone Gonu, which hit the Gulf sultanate this week before moving towards Iran, killed at least 49 people and left another 27 missing in Oman.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Ericsson signs \$1 billion
China GSM deal

STOCKHOLM, 10 June—Telecoms network firm Ericsson on Sunday signed a framework agreement to provide \$1 billion worth of networking equipment to China Mobile Communications Corp.

Ericsson Chief Executive Carl-Henric Svanberg signed the deal in Stockholm during a state visit by China's President

Hu Jintao, the first by a Chinese leader to Sweden.

"The most important thing was that we signed a contract today for deliveries of \$1 billion worth of telecoms equipment.

"We have a third of the telecom market in China so this was another significant step in that development," Svanberg told reporters at the

ceremony.

Ericsson said the new framework agreement would see it supply core and radio network equipment, along with related technical support and services, to China Mobile as it expands GSM coverage in 19 regions of China.

The Swedish company said deliveries had already started. — *Internet*



Former North Vietnamese platoon commander Nguyen Van Quy, 52, points at the Kontum area of central Vietnam on a map showing in red where US wartime forces sprayed the toxic defoliant Agent Orange, in Hanoi, on 8 June, 2007. — *INTERNET*

Barclays seeks Moscow office
to expand fast

BEIJING, 11 June—Barclays Plc, Britain's third-biggest bank, plans to open a Moscow office and "quickly" expand to gain a bigger share of investment-banking fees, Hans-Joerg Rudloff, chairman of the securities unit, has said.

"We want to open a local presence this year and expand it quickly to 200 people," Rudloff said in an interview at the St Petersburg International

Economic Forum on Saturday. "Local capital markets are growing very quickly."

Barclays Capital, which won its first loan in Russia in February 2005, fell three places to the seventh in terms of arranging Russian syndicated loans this year, according to Bloomberg News data. ABN Amro Holding NV, the Dutch bank that Barclays is trying to buy, has about

300 people in Moscow and is the top-ranked underwriter of Russian loans.

"We also intend to enter consumer banking," said Rudloff, who ran Credit Suisse First Boston in the early 1990s, when the firm expanded into Eastern Europe after the collapse of the Soviet Union. "We would have done something already, but now ABN Amro delays it."

Internet



Women work in a garment factory in the outskirts of Phnom Penh on 9 June, 2007.

Cambodia has approved new labour laws allowing night shift work, a move that should boost its garment industry, which accounts for two thirds of the impoverished southeast Asian nation's exports. — *INTERNET*

China becomes second largest exporter of auto parts to US

BEIJING, 10 June—China overtook Germany in the first quarter to become the second largest exporter of automotive spare parts to the United States, *Shanghai Securities News* reported Friday.

China exported 1.936 billion US dollars' worth of auto parts to the US in the first quarter this year, pipping Germany which notched up 1.934 billion US dollars, according to statistics from the US Commerce Department cited by the newspaper.

Japan is way out in front with a substantially higher 3.57 billion US dollars. During the same period last year, China exported 1.52 billion US dollars' worth of auto parts to the US, less than the 1.73 billion attributed to Germany.

Statistics from the China Association of

Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM) show that China's exports of auto parts grew at 54 per cent annually from 2000 to 2005, far outpacing the

29.5 per cent rise in imports.

In the first three months this year, China exported a total of 2.57 billion US dollars worth of auto parts,

a surge of 36 per cent year on year, and imports stood at 2.42 billion US dollars, up 27 per cent, according to China's Customs figures. — *MNA/Xinhua*

India agrees to exchange more power
with Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 June—India has agreed to exchange 40 megawatt more of electricity with Nepal by October, local newspaper *The Himalayan Times* reported on Saturday.

The agreement was reached at the eighth meeting of the Nepal-India Power Exchange Committee (NIPECS) which concluded here on Friday.

India has agreed to upgrade the Duhabi-Kataiya, India-Nepal transmission line, which will enable Nepal to

import an additional 40 megawatt (mw) of electricity annually. Currently, Nepal has been importing 50 megawatt of electricity through the transmission line annually

The upgrade of the transmission line is expected to be completed by October this year. "I believe we will be finally able to import 40 megawatt of electricity. Load-shedding next year may not be as severe as this year," Arjun Kumar Karki, managing director of the Nepal Electricity Authority and head of the

Nepali delegation at the meeting, told reporters after the meeting.

Nepal will also export 40 megawatt of electricity to India during the rainy season at a competitive price.

The issue of revision of power tariff, which has remained undecided since 2003, was also resolved, with Indian and Nepali officials agreeing on an annual tariff hike of 5 per cent for January 2004 to June 2008 against the annual tariff hike of 8.5 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



The Dell Inspiron E1501 in an image courtesy of the company. Wal-Mart said on Friday its Sam's Club unit will start selling Dell notebook computers for \$899 each at more than 580 US stores beginning in mid-June. — *INTERNET*



A Filipino vendor sells Philippine flags along a street in Manila on 10 June, 2007. 12 June marks the 109th Independence Day anniversary of the Philippines. — INTERNET

HK winters may vanish in 50 years

HONG KONG, 10 June — Hong Kong's winters could vanish within 50 years, with the number of cold days declining virtually to zero due to global warming and urbanization, the head of the city's weather observatory warned on Friday.

"According to our projections, toward the end of this century ... there will be less than one cold day each winter, so winter practically will have disappeared," said Lam Chiu-ying, director of the Hong Kong observatory.

Cold days are defined as those with temperatures below 12 degrees Celsius (53.6 degrees Fahrenheit) at some point during the

day. Despite its sweltering summers, the former British colony enjoys a sub-tropical climate, with cool winter temperatures and hoar frost sometimes found on its highest peak of Tai Mo Shan.

Between 1961 and 1990, there was an average of 21 cold days every winter but this figure had already halved by 2000, Lam said. Over the past century, temperatures in Hong Kong rose around 1.2 degrees,

almost double the global average, said Lam, who warned that the city's winters might actually vanish half a century earlier if Hong Kong's rapid urbanization trends were taken into account.

"We would really start losing the very distinct seasonal march throughout the year ... We would really look more tropical than we (are) now," Lam told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

Heavy rains in S China kill 66

BEIJING, 10 June — Torrential rains that plagued southern China for days have killed 66

people and resulted in 12 missing by 6:00 pm (Beijing time) on Sunday, according to the Ministry

of Civil Affairs.

"Floods caused by heavy rains have affected about 294,800 hectares of crops, completely destroying 53,000 hectares of them," said an official with the ministry,

The floods have torn down 48,000 and damaged 94,000 houses in southern China, and forced about 591,000 people to evacuate from their homes, the official said. From Wednesday

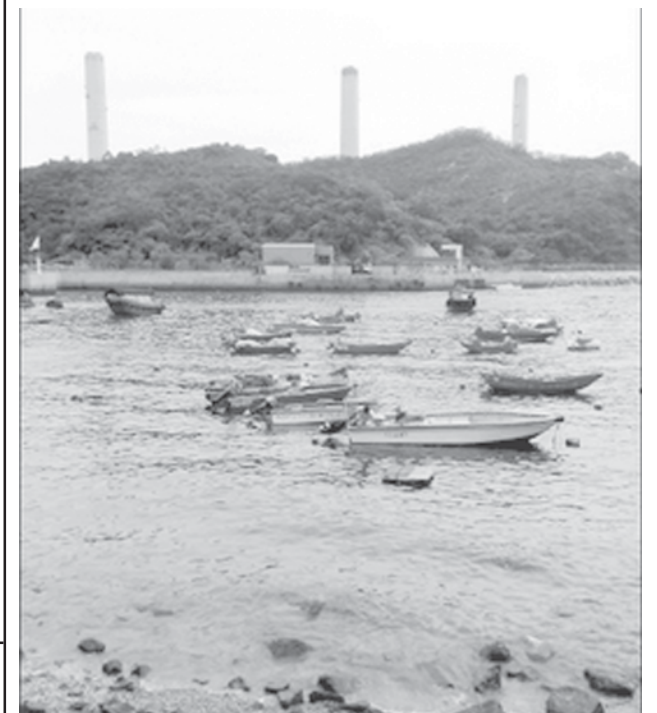
to Saturday, continuous torrential rains, mudslides and floods hit Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Jiangxi and Fujian, affecting more than 8.97 million people.

The disasters have caused an overall economic loss of more than 2.9 billion yuan (371 million US dollars), according to the ministry.

The ministry has sent rescue teams to the disaster areas to assist relief work. Xinhua



A man tries to climb to a floodgate to unlock the valve to sluice in Zijin County of south China's Guangdong Province, on 9 June, 2007. — XINHUA



The waters around Hong Kong's outer island of Lamma are swamped with a red tide, or huge blooms of non-toxic algae, on 7 June, 2007. The huge blooms of algae affecting the waters around Hong Kong have spread to a popular beach on the south of the island, authorities said on Sunday. — INTERNET

Survivors of a ferry incident arrive in Manila on 10 June, 2007. Hundreds of people were rescued when a wooden-hulled ferry caught fire in rough seas near Mindoro island in the southern Philippines on Sunday, a coast guard spokesman said. — INTERNET

Dutch smoking ban to cover coffee shops

AMSTERDAM, 10 June — A Dutch smoking ban will come into force in July next year for all restaurants and cafes — including coffee shops where cannabis is the top attraction, the government decided on Friday.

"Coffee shops will be treated in the same manner as other catering businesses. They will be smoke-free," Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende told NOS television.

"It would have been

wrong to move towards a smoke-free catering industry and then make an exception for coffee shops. People would not have understood that."

Establishments will not in fact have to be completely smoke-free.

Proprietors will be allowed to set up a separate room or glass partition behind which people can smoke, but customers will not be served there to protect staff.

"Employees should not have to work in an environment where they are constantly exposed to the harmful effects of smoking," Balkenende said after the Cabinet's decision on Friday.

Amsterdam's renowned coffee shops, where marijuana can be smoked openly in a relaxed atmosphere, are one of the city's biggest draws for tourists.

Coffee shop owners argue that the ban only applies to tobacco and was unlikely to hit them hard. — MNA/Reuters

Two roadside bombings kill four Afghan policemen

KABUL, 10 June — Two roadside bombings killed four policemen and injured six others in Kandahar Province of southern Afghanistan, officials said Friday.

A remote-controlled roadside bomb struck a police vehicle in Panjwai District on Friday morning, killing two policemen and injuring four others, Bismullah Khan, district police chief, told Xinhua.

Meanwhile, another roadside bombing killed two policemen and injured two others in Shorabak District, the police said. No one has claimed responsibility, but Taliban militants have frequently carried out similar attacks.

Kandahar has been a hotbed of Taliban insurgents, who clash with government and foreign forces frequently.

MNA/Xinhua



Talking dialogue but insisting on 1990 election results and inciting civil unrest

Aung Moe San

Everyone can say that he wants dialogue, that he is in favour of national re-consolidation and that he yearns for democracy. But whatever he says or whatever colour and badge he represents, the decisive factor is his deeds. There are many instances in which some persons trying to realize the 1990 election results while saying that they want to hold a dialogue with the government; opposing and trying to break up national unity while saying that they are in favour of national re-consolidation; and practising personality cult while advocating democracy.

The Tatmadaw government abolished single party system and centralized socialist economy to adopt market economic system. It is building a democratic state through market economy and is implementing the 12 objectives. It has been holding peace talks with underground and above-ground organizations to strengthen national solidarity. It has been able to restore unity with 17 armed groups opposing the successive governments for many years. It has been building infrastructures tirelessly for building a new democratic state. The government's words meet its deeds. It has been implementing the seven-point Road Map to set up a discipline-flourishing democratic state.

Everything would not happen as expected. We will have to start from achieving what is possible, not from doing to get what we want. The quarters that wish to practise democracy at once and copy the Western democracy model are extreme rightist dreamers. Hence, those quarters can do nothing for the emergence of a democratic state and social development, while doing a lot of sloganeering. They ignore all the practical facts that democracy is not a licensed business; that it takes time to adopt and practise democracy. They are opposing all nation-building tasks while relying on aliens and holding negative views. Fareed Zakaria who wrote the book *The Future of Freedom* concerning the task of building a democratic state says that the West had to strive for 400 years to set up a workable democracy; and the East Asian nations took 40 years to reach the same end; that the US wants to install democracy in Iraq

within four months. What he wants to state is that we cannot install democracy overnight or in a short period.

Myanmar history stands witness to the fact that only the Tatmadaw governments can do more for national re-consolidation. The Tatmadaw governments have implemented the national task—non-disintegration of Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — at the risk of their lives. Hence they usually give priority to national reconsolidation. Today, the government is able to build the nation harmoniously with former armed groups. The government has been bringing peace and progress even to the remote border regions of the nation on equal terms.

In Myanmar history, the Revolutionary Council Government held talks for internal peace with armed groups in 1963. It could achieve peace with only one Kayin armed group. It cordially held talks with all the insurgent groups including the BCP and BCP (Red Flag). In 1969, the Revolutionary Council Government invited all above-ground political organizations and formed the 33-member internal advisory body. U Nu demanded to entrust power back to him. And there was no unity even between the 33 members. Hence, the government's plans to reunite with above-ground political organizations reached nowhere. We might say that it failed as it was held only once. Today, the Tatmadaw government has held talks for national re-consolidation many times. But there are organizations that have no regard at all for national cause as they are relying heavily on aliens. The leadership of the Tatmadaw government has already held talks with Daw Suu Kyi and NLD brass for four times, in addition to 20 meetings at the ministerial level officials held with them. The government has also invited them again and again to participate in the National Convention. But Daw Suu Kyi and NLD are insisting on the 1990 election results and to grab power through short cut by instigating unrest to topple the government.

The following facts bring unity between the Tatmadaw government and the national race armed groups:

(1) Both sides have learned the same lesson from

the evil consequences of bloody armed conflicts;

- (2) As the armed conflicts lingered armed groups began to realize the no-win situation;
- (3) They began to have trust in and reliance on the government's national re-consolidation and nation-building endeavours;
- (4) Both sides have been able to address the national problems with Union Spirit and patriotism. They are able to choose the road to unity that is free from foreign influences.

When I analyze the reason behind the failure of Daw Suu Kyi and NLD to reunite with the government, I find the following facts:

- (1) Some organizations and some forces that came to exist only after 1988 unrest were unable to correctly calculate the actual political climate of Myanmar as they lack maturity and political experience;
- (2) They are drifting further away from national re-consolidation due to the attempts of some foreign powers to disunite Myanmar;
- (3) They are relying too much on aliens instead of paying attention to national re-consolidation;
- (4) They are giving priority to copying the model of US democracy instead of joining hands with national forces for building a democratic state that suits the social lives of the people;
- (5) They are supporting the economic sanctions and political pressures of the US and its Western allies. They are trying to grab power by creating civil commotion and opposing the government.

The Tatmadaw government had to brave many hardships to ensure national peace and stability. The government will not tolerate any acts to destroy national stability and democracy transition. National stability and democracy transition are interest of the entire country.

Recently, the media under the control of the West broadcast that former prime minister of Norway and 58 other former leaders of nations around the world signed a petition calling for the release of Daw Suu Kyi. In reality, those persons and the countries that wish Daw Suu Kyi free should request Daw Suu Kyi to change her stance. They should demand US and allies to stop imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar and continue humanitarian aids to the country. In my view such biased demands will not bring any constructive results because Daw Suu Kyi and NLD are talking dialogue while still insisting on 1990 election results and inciting civil unrest.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein,...

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departmental officials, the president and members of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs.

At the meeting, China's side includes Member of China's National People's Congress Legislative Committee Mr Zhang Chunsheng, Deputy Chairman of Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People's Congress Mr Liu Shaoyao, Vice Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Liu Ping, General Secretary Mr Ding Shaoxiang, officials and Chinese entrepreneurs in the province.

At the meeting, Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong said during his visit to Myanmar, he held talks with Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein on bilateral cooperation and China implemented the agreements reached during his visit to Myanmar step by step. Yunnan-Myanmar Economic Forum was held

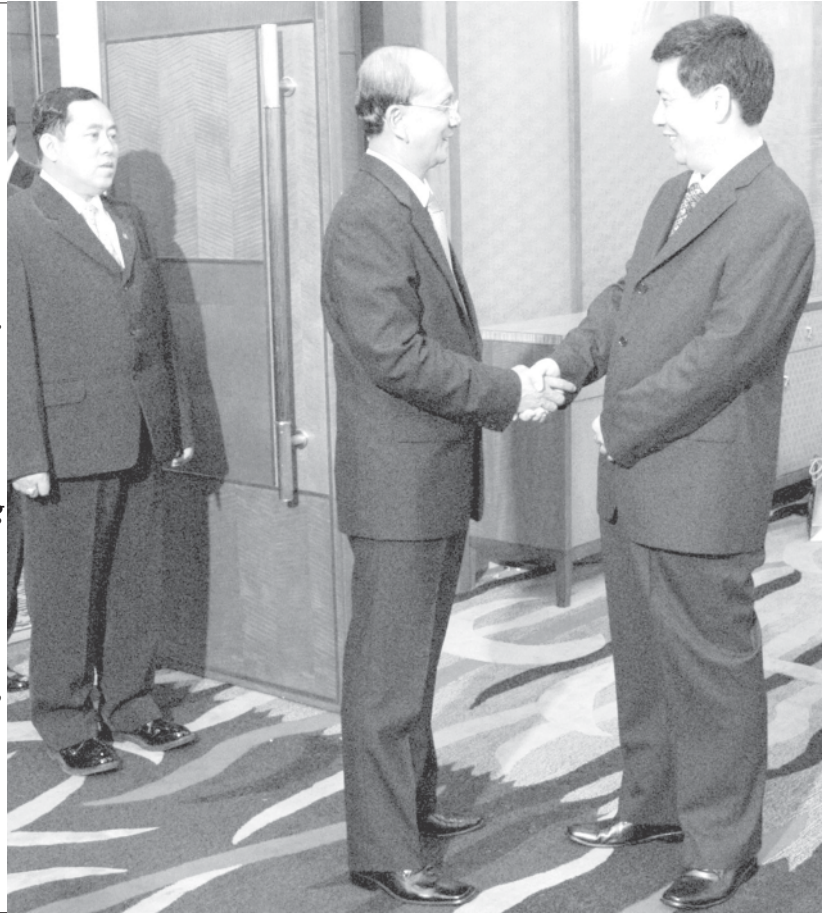
in China, he said.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said Myanmar shares border with the People's Republic of China and most of China's border sharing with Myanmar is that of Yunnan Province. Therefore, there are innumerable relations between Myanmar and Yunnan Province. Some national races on both sides and their customs are similar and leaders of Myanmar also had visited the province.

During the visit, he also met with leaders of China. Myanmar delegation also includes Minister for Commerce and entrepreneurs to promote bilateral trade, he said. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein also briefed on brighter prospects for cooperation in forestry, mining, hydel power projects, bilateral trade and tourism sector.

Next, Mr Qin Guangrong pledged to promote cooperation between Yunnan and Myanmar, and the meeting ended. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein shakes hands with Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong at Empark Grand Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China.
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Myanmar delegation led by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein holds talks with Vice Chairman of China Southern Power Grid Co Ltd Mr Wang Liangyou and party. — MNA

Secretary-1 visits Dounan...

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They heard a report presented by the Chairman on establishment of the steel factory, investment and

producing of steel rods and steel sheets.

After inspecting documentary photos on production process of the factory, the Secretary-1 signed in the visitors' book.

After that, the Myanmar delegation had a docu-

mentary photo taken together with the Chairman of the company. At the factory, they viewed the production of steel sheets and finished products.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party arrived back at the Empark Grand Hotel.

At 2.45 pm, the Myanmar delegation arrived at the World Horti-Expo Garden and were welcomed by Chairman of Expo Garden Co Ltd Mr Wang Xing and party. After that, they had a documentary photo taken together with the chairman. In the garden, the Myanmar delegation observed various kinds of trees grown in tropical regions, thriving flowers, park of Myanmar and parks of other nations.

Next, they proceeded to Yunnan Power Grid Corporation and heard a report presented by the Vice-Chairman of China Southern Power Grid Co on functions of the corporation and investment.

The Secretary-1 had a documentary photo taken together with those from the corporation and signed in the visitors' book.

The Myanmar delegation left Kunming for Lijiang. Accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of People's Congress Mr Don Zeng, Myanmar Consul-General U Myo Tint and officials, the Secretary-1 and party left Kunming and arrived at Lijiang Airport at 8.20 pm.

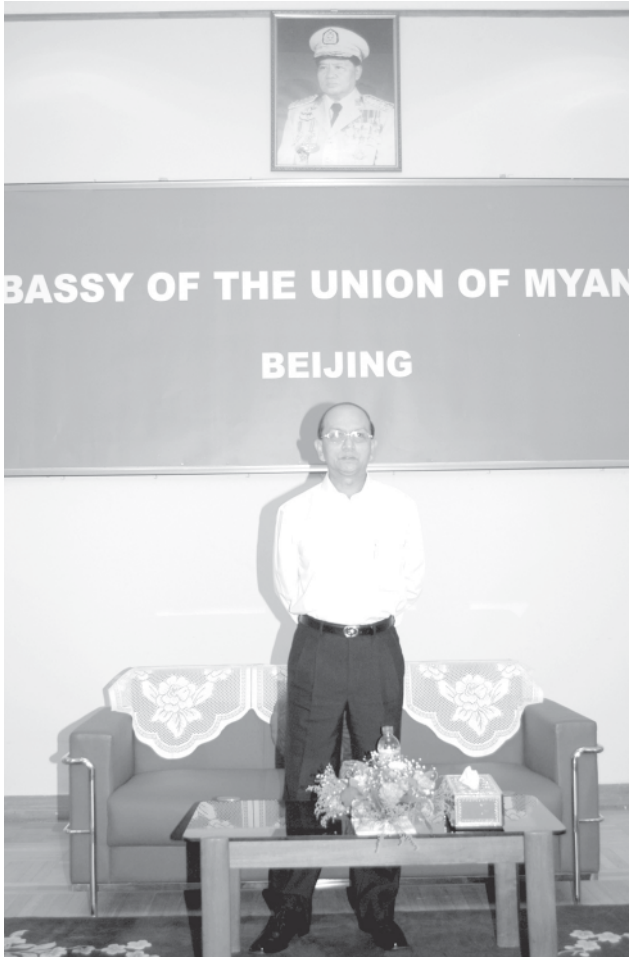
Next, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at Guan Fang Hotel Lijiang where they were going to stay.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party visit Dounan flower market in Kunming. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets Embassy staff, scholars in China



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with staff of Myanmar embassy and scholars in Beijing. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Myanmar delegation led by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein visited Myanmar Embassy in Beijing, People's Republic of China, on 7 June.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented gifts to members of the staff of the embassy and scholars in Beijing through Ambassador U Thein Lwin and Military

Attaché Col Tint Wai.

In his address at the meeting with staff of the embassy and scholars, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said the delegation arrived in China to promote and strengthen the bilateral friendship and promote cooperation in all sectors between the two countries.

Efforts are being made to reach a goal of a modern developed nation. The Government laid down 12 political, economic and social objectives and has implemented the tasks to achieve the goal. The country has achieved success in implementing the economic objectives, he said.

The National Convention was held to lay down detailed basic principles for drafting the constitution which is required to build a modern developed nation. The National Convention will be finalized in the near future, and the constitution will be written based on the

detailed basic principles.

To build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, prevalence of peace, security and law and order across the country are required. Moreover, food sufficiency and higher living standards of the people and the strong economy are necessary for building a modern democratic nation. Therefore, the government has been building necessary infrastructures for the country.

Staff of the embassy and scholars are to keep up progress in implementing the objectives of the State.

In his conclusion remarks, Lt-Gen Thein Sein urged staff of the embassy and scholars to work to strengthen the friendship between the two countries.

Afterwards, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and wife hosted a dinner in honour of Myanmar delegation at the embassy. — MNA



Arrangements made to export...

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Chinese Citizen Affairs Committee and External Affairs Mr Wang Yunsheng and officials.

At the meeting Mr, Bai Enpei extended greetings and said that he was

very pleased to know that the Secretary-1 met with Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Mr Wu Bangguo and Vice-Chairman Mr Li Tiesing and discussed matters on in-

ternational affairs, strengthening friendship between Myanmar and China, economic cooperation between the two countries and reached agreements.

He continued to say

that sharing the same border, Myanmar and Yunnan Province have a good tradition of friendship; that reciprocal visits of leaders of the two countries have forged the friendship between the two countries; that trading and mutual cooperation of the two countries have also been thriving well; and that the visit of the Secretary-1 would surely contribute much towards the existing situation.

He also said that a motor road from Yunnan Province to Myitkyina of Myanmar is under construction and arrangements are also being made to build a railroad. In conclusion he said that as there was a good foundation in relations and trade between Myanmar and Yunnan Province there would be success and progress in the future.

The Secretary-1 also

extended greetings and presented his entourage to the hosts and explained the purpose of the goodwill visit. In his address, the Secretary-1 said that Myanmar and China have been making arrangements to cooperate in mining and hydro electric power sectors. Moreover, he said, plans were under way to boost tourism industry between Myanmar and Yunnan Province. Arrangements are also made to export natural gas from Myanmar, he said. In meeting with State Councillor Mr Tang Jiaxuan, matters relating to boosting trade between Myanmar and Yunnan Province, hydro electric power projects and building of motor roads and railroads were discussed, the Secretary-1 said.

The Secretary-1 pointed out that to forge friendship and mutual un-

derstanding between Myanmar and China, leaders of the two countries have often exchanged goodwill visits and as new generations, his visit is to strengthen this fine tradition.

The Secretary-1 said that combining the Chinese technology with Myanmar's abundant minerals, forestry and other natural resources will surely benefit both sides. The Secretary-1 also said that as a result of cooperation between Myanmar and Yunnan Province, success has been achieved in drug control activities and Myanmar has laid down and implemented the 15-year Drug Elimination Plan.

After the meeting, Mr Bai Enpei hosted a lunch in honour of Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives chairman of the Standing Committee of Yunnan Province's People's Congress Mr Bai Enpei and officials at Empark Grand Hotel in Yunnan Province, China. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits China's Great Wall



Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party visit the Great Wall at Ba Da Ling in Beijing, China. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — The Myanmar delegation led by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by officials of China's Standing Committee of National People's Congress visited the Great Wall in Ba Da Ling on 7 June morning and posed for documentary photos.

Next, they went to the Myanmar Embassy to the People's Republic of China and met embassy staff and the Myanmar scholars in China. The Myanmar

goodwill delegation arrived at Beijing International Airport to leave for Kunming, Yunnan Province. The delegation, accompanied by member of China's National People's Congress Legislative Work Committee Mr Zhang Chunsheng, Attaché Mr Li Xuelin of Asia Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, arrived at Kunming International Airport by China Air at 7.55 pm local time. Consul-General U Myo Tint boarded the plane and greeted the Secretary-1.

The Secretary-1 and delegation members were welcomed by Vice-Chairman Mr Dan Zeng of Yunnan Province People's Congress Standing Committee, Director General of Foreign Affairs Department of Yunnan Province Government Mrs Zhou Hong and officials.

A Yunnan national girl and a Myanmar girl presented bouquets to the Secretary-1. Then, the Secretary-1 and party went to Empark Grand Hotel by car. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Yunshangping Meadow Park, old Lijiang city

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members of goodwill delegation, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Yunnan People's Congress Standing Committee Mr Dan Zeng, Kunming-based Consul-General U Myo Tint and officials,

arrived at Yunshangping Meadow Park, a major business in Lijiang, on 9 June.

They also visited Jade Dragon Snow Mountain Scenic Spot. Yunshangping Meadow Park is located 32 kilometres south-west of Lijiang. It is a snow-capped mountain, a tourist attraction.

Secretary Mr He Zis Xing of Lijiang Party Committee hosted lunch in honour of the Secretary-1 and goodwill delegation members at Guan Feng Hotel in Lijiang.

The lunch was attended by Kunming-based Myanmar Consul-General, Mr He Zis Xing, Mr Dan Zeng and

Chairman of Lijiang People's Congress Mr Wang Guo Wu.

The Secretary-1 and party visited Black Dragon Pool Park and they had documentary photos taken.

They visited Dongba Museum where they observed wall paintings of Naxi people and their customs.

They were conducted round by museum in-charge Ms Mu Lan Hua.

The Secretary-1 and party went to old Lijiang and observed ancient architecture and works of art.

The Secretary-1 and party arrived at Lijiang airport and bid farewell to Mr Wang Guo Wu and

officials concerned.

They arrived at Kunming International Airport at 9.20 pm and they went to Empark Grand Hotel and stayed there.

On 10 June, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at Kunming International Airport to return home.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted Vice-Chairman Mr Dan Zeng, Attaché Mr Li Xuelin of Asia Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director-General Mr He Mingsheng of foreign office of Yunnan Province Government, Consul-General U Myo Tint, staff and families.

Members of the goodwill delegation arrived back here in the afternoon by special flight.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party visit Lijiang in Yunnan Province. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects physic nut plantations in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and officials of the SPDC office, arrived in Sittway, Rakhine State, by air on 8 June morning. They were welcomed at Sittway Airport by Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein and departmental officials.

In meeting with officers and other ranks and their families at Bandoola

Hall of Sittway Station, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than called for officials' supervision of health, education and social affairs of staff families and undertaking of agricultural and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale. He next donated exercise books, stationery and school uniforms for the families of the station. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party visited the 30-acre physic nut plantation No.1 and rubber plantation of the station. They also inspected physic nut plantation Nos. 5, 2, 3, 4, and 6 and left instructions on growing of physic nut plants as targeted at the local battalions and regiments under the station.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended

a meeting on affairs of townships affected by strong wind held at the meeting hall of Swittway Station. It was attended by Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein, Ministers Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Dr Kyaw Myint and members of state, district and township PDCs.

First, Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung reported that although cyclone Akash hit Rakhine State on 14 May 2007, no serious damage occurred due to preventive measures taken according to weather forecast and rescue work was carried out in time. He also reported on assistance provided for the victims and arrangements to be made.

Rakhine State PDC Secretary U Ye Naing Aung

reported on condition of storm-affected townships and cash and relief equipment donated by well-wishers and Head of Rakhine State Health Department Dr Cho Tun on giving polio vaccines to the children of the state and future work.

Ministers Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Dr Kyaw Myint also reported on the tasks being carried out by their ministries. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said there occurred a little damage after the cyclone thanks to the weather forecast of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology and pre-emptive measures taken by the public and local authorities. In addition, the damaged houses were repaired in a short time with the assistance of the ministries concerned. He thanked departmental officials, social organizations and public donors for their donations of cash and kind for the victims. He then called for public awareness of weather news.

Cyclone Akash hit Sittway, Ponnakyun, Kyauktaw, Mrauk U,



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents aids to storm victims in Sittway Township. — MNA

Minbya, Pauktaw, Kyaukpyu and Myebon townships. However, due to weather news forecast, no serious damage occurred and relief work is being carried out for the victims. Over 10,000 corrugated iron sheets were donated for the schools.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party paid homage and offered alms to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha at Kyetaw Village monastery.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended a ceremony to donate relief equipment to the storm victims. Then, cash, medicine and clothing were donated to the victims. The donations were clothing worth K 1307754, 11 items of consumer products and cash by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and medicine and medical equipment worth K 2000000 by the Ministry of Health totaling K 3307754. — MNA



Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Russia to Myanmar Dr Mikhail M Mgeladze and wife at a reception to mark the National Day of the Russian Federation on 12 June 2007.

Secretary-General of USDA meets Vice-Chairperson of China's Standing Committee of NPC

YANGON, 11 June — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo met members of the goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and Chairperson of China-ASEAN Association Madame Gu Xiuliom at the USDA Headquarters on New University Avenue in Bahan Township this morning.

Present were CEC members U Aung Thein Lin, U Maung Pa, U Nyan Tun Aung and officials of the USDA Headquarters.

Madame Gu Xiuliom was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and goodwill delegation members.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo extended greetings to the guests.

The documentary video on activities of the USDA was shown to the guests.

Madame Gu Xiuliom explained the purpose of

her visit to Myanmar, cooperation with the USDA, programmes for women's affairs and China-ASEAN Association's cooperation with ASEAN nations.

Next, Secretary-General U Htay Oo and Madame Gu Xiuliom signed the MoU and they exchanged gifts. They had documentary photos taken together with officials.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo hosted dinner in honour of the guests at Sedona Hotel.

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MWAF Vice-President meets Chinese President of ACWF

YANGON, 11 June — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay met with Madame Gu Xiuliom, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, President of All China Women's Federation,

Chairperson of China-ASEAN Association, at the MWAF office on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township, here, this afternoon. They discussed matters on women's affairs of the two countries and exchanged souvenir.

Madame Gu Xiuliom signed in the visitors' book of the MWAF, posed for documentary photos, and

viewed photos showing movements of state and division Women's Affairs Organizations.

Also present at the call were CEC members of MWAF, CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Nyan Tun Aung, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and officials.

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Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay meets Chairperson of China-ASEAN Association Madame Gu Xiuliom. — MNA

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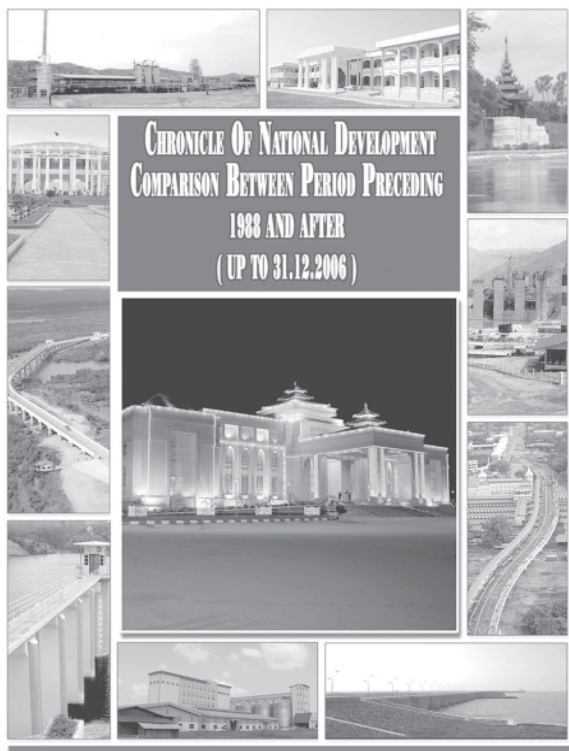
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Magpie found dead in Hong Kong infected with H5N1

HONG KONG, 10 June—A magpie found dead in a densely populated residential district of Hong Kong has tested positive for the H5N1 bird flu virus, the government said on Friday. It was the 17th bird to have been found with the virus this year, a phenomenon blamed on the wild bird trade and which a growing number of experts say must stop.

The bird was found dead in Sha Tin in the New Territories, home to one of Hong Kong's two race-courses, on 31 May.

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China buys French flight simulator

BEIJING, 11 June—China's civil aviation regulator and France-based Thales Group recently held a signing ceremony on the purchase of a flight simulator in Beijing.

The General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC) and China Aviation Supplies Import and Export Group Corporation (CASC) signed a contract to buy a set of full-operational Airbus A320 flight simulator from Thales Group, an international electronic and systematic solution provider. The first flight simulator CAAC purchased will be used to facilitate training for its own supervisors. They will

decide whether a domestically-made simulator meets the requirements for A320 flight simulation.

The simulator has two components: an A320 1.5.0-standard D grade full-operational flight simulator and an A320 flight maintenance exerciser. It is developed based on the mature C2000X system, adopting the latest technologies and provides full-range simulation for CFM56-5B4 and IAEV2527-A5 engines. It also has a pilot assessment system and an instructor work station.

The flight maintenance exerciser is a low-level training device, which can simulate the piloting

environment in a classroom. With the assistance of the aviation electronic supply software and reality piloting model, it creates an authentic effect that is very similar to the full simulator.

The A320 full simulator and exerciser will be installed at the Sino-Europe Training and Support Center. The center will operate and maintain the A320 simulator set for CAAC. "Today's event is a reflection of our high-speed growth in the China market," said Jean-Paul Perrier, executive vice

president of Thales. "We've delivered and received orders for more than 20 sets of the simulators. Our buyers here include Sichuan Airlines and Shenzhen Airlines. China has become one of our largest client destinations."

Vice chairman of CAAC Li Jian said his bureau chose Thales for its expertise and professionalism as a leading simulator supplier of the world and he hoped there could be further cooperation between the two sides.—Internet

Iran expresses regret over G-8 call for enrichment suspension

TEHERAN, 10 June—Iran on Saturday expressed regret over a declaration of the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized nations urging Teheran to suspend all enrichment-related and

reprocessing activities. In a Press release, Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini said that the G-8 industrialized nations have ignored Iran's inalienable

right to enjoy nuclear technology and use it in a peaceful way.

"While the Islamic Republic of Iran have had a close cooperation with all regional and international organizations... unfortunately, the G-8 summit in its declaration has accused Iran of being inattentive towards international community's demands," Hosseini said.

In the statement issued at the conclusion of the three-day G-8 summit at the German Baltic resort of Heiligendamm, the G-8 said it is still committed to resolving the Iranian nuclear issue by diplomatic means.

However, the G-8 said that it will "support adopting further measures, should Iran refuse to comply with its obligations" under UN Security Council Resolutions 1696, 1737 and 1747.

Hosseini lashed out at the G-8 threat of imposing more sanctions against the country, saying that Iran's principled policy is to defend its "indisputable rights". "Imposing sanctions against Iran and trying to make it isolated by certain powers will never affect the will of Iran's government and nation to demand its indisputable rights," Hosseini said.

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A woman takes part in an anti-war demonstration in Seoul on 10 June, 2007, demanding the withdrawal of South Korean troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. — INTERNET



A girl from the Dhimal tribe, one of India's smallest tribal communities, performs a folk dance behind a fishing net in Malbari, 35 km (22 miles) from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri, on 10 June, 2007. — INTERNET

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Indonesia installs 90 tsunami early warning systems

JAKARTA, 10 June — Indonesia has installed 90 tsunami early warning systems in a number of regions in 2007, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BMG) official said on Saturday.

“We are planning to install 70 more tsunami detecting devices so that all of the 160 early warning systems worth 200 billion rupiah (about 100 million US dollars) will have been

installed in the country by 2008,” Antara news agency quoted secretary of BMG’s Makassar (capital of South Sulawesi Province) branch Andi Eka Sakiya as saying. He said the devices were among others installed in Java’s southern coastal areas and in Sumatra.

According to Andi, the BMG had also installed seven weather radars to serve as an early weather

monitoring system in several areas such as Jakarta, Medan, Surabaya and Palembang.

“We need 22 more radar units to cover all of Indonesia so that natural disasters can be anticipated anywhere in the country,” he said. It was expected that all of the devices would have been installed in various regions by 2010, he added.

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The German ICE high-speed train arrives from Frankfurt into the Gare de l’Est railway station during the first commercial journey to Paris on 10 June, 2007. —INTERNET

United Arab Emirates’ boat Victory 77 with drivers Jean Marc Sanchez of France and Arif Saif Al Zafeen of UAE competes as the Ancient Parthenon temple atop of the Acropolis hill is seen in the background during the race of the Class 1 first round World Powerboat Championship 2007 in Athens, on 10 June, 2007. Victory 77 won the race. —INTERNET



China law to make officials listen to “complaints”

BEIJING, 10 June—China has approved a new regulation promising its citizens more power to lodge complaints and request reviews into government decisions and actions that infringe upon their rights, state media reported.

The Regulation on Implementing Administrative Review Law approved by China’s State Council on Friday would allow for the sacking of officials of relevant government departments who failed to take petitions seriously, Xinhua news agency said.

“It is an important platform for China’s administrative organs to solve disputes, ease social tension and strengthen inner monitoring,” Xinhua quoted an unnamed official with the State Council’s legal office as saying in a written statement late on Friday — MNA/Reuters

Indian-born Chinese origin boy rocks on Indian television

NEW DELHI, 10 June— Indian-born Chinese contestant Meiyang Chang Friday night made it to top 12 of India’s most popular music contest, Indian Idol, telecast across the nation on Sony Entertainment Television.

Chang, a dentist, is the third generation Chinese in India. His grandfather came to India from China many years ago.

Born and brought up in

Dhanbad in central India, Chang believes music has no language. The 24-year-old has become the heart throb of many Indian girls, and has been categorized as the “cutest” contestant in the show. Chang has come a long way. After being screened in the most preliminary audition round, he celebrated by jumping into the swimming pool. At the insistence of other

contestants, he repeated his act again!

Judge Anu Maliik, who is a music director, told Chang after one of his performances that “I love your voice. It is magical. You will make it to the top five.” The Chinese boy with an Indian heart believes he is the best and can keep an audience entertained. Called “simple and easygoing” by fellow contestants, he

has never trained in music, but believes he inherited his genes from his father.

The channel yesterday showed Chang’s grandmother making a small Chinese prayer for his success in the show.

Indian Idol has become the most popular music contest among the Indians. Auditions are held throughout the country from big cities to small towns to select the best talent by a team of judges, who are big names in Indian music industry.

MNA/Xinhua



Men look at a sand sculpture during the Sixth International Contest of Main Sculptors of Sand in the central Spanish town of Valladolid on 8 June, 2007. —INTERNET



Alevi men and women dance during a peace rally in Istanbul, Turkey, on 10 June, 2007. —INTERNET

Beijing reports 325 cases of HFMD

BEIJING, 10 June—Beijing reported 325 cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in the first week of June, a sharp rise from the 89 cases reported in the same period of last year, the local health authority said.

Most of the patients were children at nurseries, kindergartens or primary schools, and nearly 90 per cent of them were under five, Beijing Municipal Health Bureau said in a Press release on

Friday.

The bureau said more cases could be reported in the coming weeks because the virus, which typically causes painful blisters around the mouth, throat, hands and feet, spreads more easily in the summer heat.

Beijing’s high temperature has been hovering at 36 degrees Celsius for the past week.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Ducati's MotoGP rider Casey Stoner of Australia is followed by Yamaha's Valentino Rossi of Italy, Honda's Dani Pedrosa of Spain and Suzuki's John Hopkins of US during Catalunya Grand Prix in Montmelo, near Barcelona, on 10 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Napoli, Genoa promoted to Serie A

MILAN, 11 June — Genoa and Napoli were both promoted to Serie A on Sunday after a tense goalless draw on the final day of the season which ended in chaotic scenes. The game in Genoa was billed as a virtual promotion playoff, but in the end the two sides joined champions Juventus in going up under Italy's complicated league rules.

The draw meant Napoli finished second on 79 points and Genoa stayed third on 78 points.

Normally only the top two are automatically promoted but as Genoa finished 10 points above fourth-placed Piacenza, who drew 1-1 with Triestina, they took a third automatic spot and avoided

the need for playoffs between third, fourth, fifth and sixth.

When the result from Piacenza was confirmed, fans invaded the pitch in Genoa to celebrate even though their match was not finished. Several ecstatic players thought the game had ended and gave away their shirts.

However, the referee said the remaining minute of stoppage time had to be played and once the fans had been cleared from the pitch, club officials had to find spare shirts for some of the players. The final day clash was a tight affair although Genoa's Julio Cesar Leon went close twice in the second period.

MNA/Reuters



Walter Centeno of Costa Rica (L) is tackled by Jean Sony Aleccinat of Haiti during their CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida on 9 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Netherlands beat Israel 1-0 in UEFA under -21s opener

AMSTERDAM, 11 June — Hosts and title holders the Netherlands secured a 1-0 win over Israel to kick off the 2007 European Under-21 Championship finals in the Abe Lenstra Stadium in Heerenveen on Sunday.

Midfielder Hedwiges Maduro, who has 12 caps for the Dutch senior team, put the Netherlands ahead in the 10th minute.

The host nation dominated from the start as Israel failed to find the form which saw them cause a major upset by knocking out France in the play-offs.

The Dutch, who won the trophy last June in Portugal after beating Ukraine 3-0 in the final, will also face Portugal and neighbours Belgium in Group A.

In Group B five-times champions Italy will face Serbia, the Czech Republic and England.

MNA/Reuters

Dynamo Kiev clinch 12th Ukrainian title

KIEV, 11 June — Dynamo Kiev clinched their 12th Ukrainian league title by beating Karpaty Lviv 3-1 on Sunday with one round of matches remaining.

Dynamo needed a point to reclaim the title from Shakhtar Donetsk, who had held it for the past two years. They went into the match with a six-point lead over their arch-rivals.

Karpaty surprised the home team by scoring in the first minute but Dynamo stormed back with three goals. Brazilian striker Diogo Rincon equalized with a 25th minute penalty, Ukraine international Oleg Gusev made it 2-1 just before the break and Uzbek forward

Maxim Shatskikh sealed the victory two minutes from time.

The win gave Dynamo 71 points from 29 matches

while Shakhtar, who have 63 points after being held to a 0-0 draw at Chornomors'k Odesa, will finish as runners-up. — MNA/Reuters

South Korea's Lee Sung tees off on the first hole at the Bangkok Airways Open at Santiburi Country Club on Samui Island on 10 June, 2007. Lee, who was born deaf, landed his first career title after firing a nervy final round 71 to win the Asian Tour's Bangkok Airways Open on Sunday. — INTERNET



Recreativo turn on style to crush Deportivo 5-2

MADRID, 11 June — Recreativo Huelva turned on the style to crush Deportivo Coruna 5-2 at the Riazor in the Primera Liga on Sunday. The Andalucians, who were promoted to the top flight at the start of the season, produced some entertaining, one-touch football as they tore Deportivo apart in front of their own fans.

Santi Cazorla was the star of the show, setting up the opener for fellow midfielder Cheli with a sharp through-ball and scoring two classy efforts of his own. Strikers Javi Guerrero and Florent Sinama-Pongolle weighed in with the other goals.

MNA/Reuters

South Korean Lee seals first tour victory at Samui

KOH SAMUI (Thailand), 11 June — South Korea's Lee Sung landed his first career title after firing a nervy final round 71 to

win the Asian Tour's Bangkok Airways Open on Sunday.

The 27-year-old clung on to his lead from day

one to finish 16 under par for the tournament, three strokes ahead of Thailand's Prayad Marksaeng for his first tour victory since turning professional in 2000.

Lee, who was born deaf, started the day seven strokes ahead and looked set for victory after extending it to nine following three birdies on the front nine.

But with the in-form Prayad hot on his heels, Lee let his advantage slip to just two strokes after a double-bogey and a bogey on the 14th and 15th holes. A birdie on the 17th stretched his lead to a comfortable three strokes heading to the 72nd hole.

Lee, who lost his card on the Asian Tour after a miserable 2005 season, said he had already decided how he would spend his 47,550-US-dollar prize money.

MNA/Reuters

Nadal leads 2 sets to one in French Open final

PARIS, 11 June — Rafael Nadal moved closer to a rare hat-trick of French Open titles by opening up a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 lead over Roger Federer in Sunday's final.

World number one Federer, chasing

the only Grand Slam crown to elude him, fought back after dropping the first set to level a fiercely contested match but world number two Nadal moved back in command by taking the third set.

Spain's Nadal showed superior mental strength at crucial moments to win the first set while Swiss Federer struggled with his serve and showed uncharacteristic signs of nerves.

There were no break opportunities for either player until Federer earned two break points in the fourth game of the first set. Nadal saved them both to hold serve. — MNA/Reuters



Russia's Evdokia Gretchichnikova (R) and Britain's Heather Fell cross the finish line during the modern pentathlon European Championships competition in Riga on 10 June, 2007. — INTERNET



South Korea's Kim Jin-hee (3rd L) celebrates a goal with her team mates during their 2008 Beijing Olympic Games qualifying women's soccer match against Japan, in Bucheon, about 22 km (14 miles) west of Seoul, on 10 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Dog bite forces Borg out of grasscourt return

LONDON, 11 June — Five-times Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg has been forced to pull out of his first grasscourt singles match in England for 26 years after being bitten by a dog.

The 51-year-old Swede had been due to play in the Liverpool International tennis tournament but organizers said on Sunday Borg was hurt trying to stop a dog-fight at his home in Sweden.

The tournament website (www.liverpooltennis.co.uk) said Borg's Golden Retriever dog had been attacked by a German Shepherd and the former French Open champion was severely bitten on his right leg after stepping in to separate them. — MNA/Reuters

Chandigarh to become first Indian smoke-free city

NEW DELHI, 11 June — India's greenest and cleanest city Chandigarh is all set to add another feather to its cap—it will become the first smoke-free city in the country, *Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)* reported here Saturday.

The Chandigarh Administration is working to get the city declared smoke free by 1 July.

The joint capital of two north Indian states Punjab and Haryana will have designated smoking areas at all public places and buildings to ensure that smoking is restricted and the general public is not forced to passively inhale smoke.

"Besides protecting children, women and non-smokers from the harmful consequences of tobacco and smoking, such an initiative will improve the global image of Chandigarh and will be helpful in promoting business and tourism," *IANS* quoted an unnamed official as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Bird flu spreads in Bangladesh, more fowls culled

DHAKA, 11 June—Bird flu has spread to another district in Bangladesh forcing authorities to cull 3,000 more chickens over the last two days, officials said on Sunday.

The infected chickens were found at a farm in Dinajpur District 450 kilometres (280 miles) northwest of the capital Dhaka.

With the latest cull, some 160,000 chickens have now been slaughtered and 1.5 million eggs destroyed on 62 farms in 12

districts since the virus was first detected at six farms at Savarnear Dhaka in March.

There have been no reported cases of human infection.

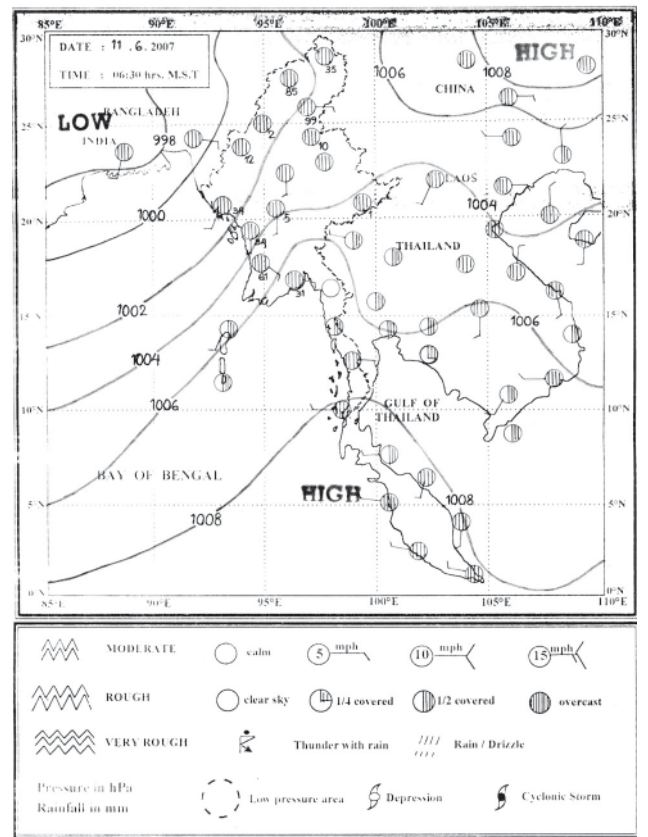
More than 100,000 farms have been inspected and some 125 million chickens vaccinated since the outbreak emerged, a fisheries and livestock ministry statement said.

The World Bank last week pledged more than 30 million US dollars to a Bangladesh project to fight bird flu until 2012.

Earlier last month the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said Bangladesh needed a long-term strategy to control the H5N1 strain of bird flu.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 11 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, scattered in Shan, Chin and Mon States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.67) inch, Maungtaw (4.77) inches, Hkamti (3.47) inches, Sittway (2.52) inches, Myitkyina (1.93) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.81) inches, Putao (1.50) inches, Magway and Taungdwingyi (0.87) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 10-6-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 11-6-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-6-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 10-6-2007 was (2.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-6-2007 was (1.81) inches at Mingaladon, (1.22) inches at Kaba-Aye, (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (35.35) inches at Mingaladon, (40.04) inches at Kaba-Aye and (36.89) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South at (19:15) hours MST on 10-6-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery activities in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree or certainty is (60%).



A fisherman living on a lake walks with his children on 9 June, 2007 in Sumbulu village in a once heavily forested in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.

INTERNET



Tuesday, 12 June
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 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. ကဗျာပန်းညွှန်
- 8:05 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:15 am
 7. Song of yesteryears
- 8:25 am
 8. လှပခုံညားဖျာပုံတံတား
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (စီပွားစီမံအထူးပြု) (စီပွားရေးပညာ)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Dance of national races

- 5:15 pm
 6. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:25 pm
 7. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 7:00 pm
 11. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:05 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သန်းတစ်ရာရွှေအိမ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm
 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 17. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 12 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
 - Rain, rain
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
 - Runaway
- 8:50 am National news
- 9:00 am Music:
 - Suspicious mind
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
 - Fantasy
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music:
 - Girl in your dreams
 - Sweetheart like you
- 9:00pm English Speaking Course Level (3) Unit (6)
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30pm Music for you listening pleasure
 - Paint my love
 - For you I will
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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Prime Minister sends felicitations to Russian Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mikhail E Fradkov, Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June 2007. — MNA

Myanmar and China have been making arrangements to cooperate in mining and hydro electric power sectors.

Arrangements made to export natural gas from Myanmar to China

Lt-Gen Thein Sein

Motor road from Yunnan Province to Myitkyina under construction

Mr Bai Enpei

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets Mr Bai Enpei

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— Chairman of the Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People's Congress General Secretary of Yunnan Province Committee of China Communist Party Mr Bai Enpei called on Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thein Sein at noon on 8 June at Empark Grand Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province.

Together with the Secretary-1 at the call were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and depart-

mental heads.

Mr Bai Enpei was accompanied by member of the Legislative Work Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Mr Zhang Chunsheng, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People's Congress Mr Liu Shaoyao, Attorney General Mr Li Chunlin of Yunnan Province People's Attorney-General Office, Yunnan Province People's Congress Standing Committee General Secretary Mr Shan Anbo, Counselor of Asia Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Li Xuelin, Deputy Director-General Mr Gao Zuxing of Yunnan Province People's Congress Internal Affairs and Legal Affairs Committee, Deputy Director-General of Yunnan Province People's Congress (See page 9)

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein shakes hands with Chairman of Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People's Congress General-Secretary of Yunnan Province Committee of China Communist Party Mr Bai Enpei. — MNA



Secretary-1 on tour of Kunming, Yunnan Province



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party visit Kunming Iron & Steel Company Ltd in Kunming, Yunnan Province. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of People's Congress of Yunnan Province Mr Dan Zeng and officials, visited Dounan flower market in Kunming where they looked into producing of flowers through advanced technology, sale and export.

The Secretary-1 and party observed the sale of over 130 kinds of flowers, making flower baskets, display of colour flowers made of silk, and sale of a wide range of orchids at the market.

At the briefing hall of Kunming International Flower Auction Centre, the Secretary-1 and party heard a report on producing of various kinds of flowers in Yunnan Province, sale and export.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party visited the Auction Hall where flowers are being sold.

After that, the Secretary-1 and party inspected flower patches in Kunming.

At 9.30 pm, they proceeded to Kunming Iron & Steel Company Ltd where they were welcomed by Chairman of the company Mr Wang Chang Yong and officials.

(See page 8)