

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

Kalaw Township holds physic nut growing ceremony for 2007

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June —Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thuang Aye and Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo of Kalaw Station, on 11 June inspected Meiktila-Taunggyi Road and Nampantat-Kalaw Road, conservation of Wet Phyu Yay, Kalaw and Ma Kway reserve forests in Kalaw Township and establishment of teak plantations.

In Kalaw, they attended the physic nut plant growing ceremony for 2007 near Aungpan-Pindaya Road.

It was also attended by Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo of Kalaw Station, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, in his speech, cited the guidance of the Head of State to put 500,000 acres each under physic nut plants in States and Divisions in three years beginning from 2006. So the targeted acres are to be met in growing season annually. Tasks for growing physic nut plants are being carried out in vacant lands across the country as a national duty to extract bio-diesel. It is necessary to extend cultivation of major crops with the use of hybrid strains in the region. Shan

State has exceeded the target of rice sufficiency in the region but efforts are to be made for cultivation of edible oil to exceed the target in the region. He stressed the need for cultivation of physic nut plants to meet the targeted acres in order to fulfil the fuel requirement of the region.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Commander Maj-Gen Thuang Aye presented physic nut saplings to departmental personnel and members of social organizations. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the commander planted the saplings.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence delivers an address at physic nut planting ceremony in Kalaw Township, Taunggyi District. — MNA

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Kammam
Bhikkhave:
one's intention
predetermines
one's future**

The latest democracy stunt of the remnant NLD members and "88" generation anarchist group to say prayers in the precinct of the pagodas is nothing like the practices of any religion but it has been done at the expense of Buddhist Sasana. They have committed sacrilegious acts for the benefit of their party and their leader and with the ill intention of destroying the nation. Well, the result is that they have been opposed by the mass of the people and taken into custody.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 14 June, 2007

Nurturing students for development of human resources

The government is making endeavours for uplift of national education with the lofty aim, the emergence of a constant learning society. The task of creating such a learning society has become the main objective of the education sector in the knowledge age.


Concerted efforts are being made with greater momentum for quantitative and qualitative improvement in various sectors such as basic and higher education sectors, formal and non-formal education sectors.

Education promotion programmes are being implemented systematically from primary to university levels with the aim of creating opportunities for students to pursue education.

Moreover, the government is building educational infrastructures furnished with modern learning methods, teaching aids and electronic networks in education.

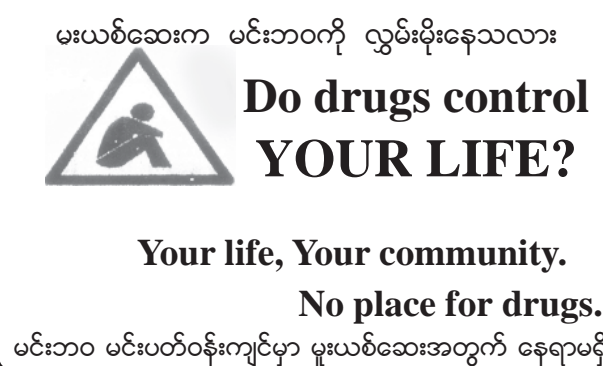
Better foundations and surroundings have now emerged in the education sector in the country. There are learning opportunities nationwide and the youths in respective regions can make a choice according to their preference in higher education. Qualified teachers are needed to implement the government's tasks.

It is the duty of the teachers to nurture the students to become intellectuals and intelligentsia with high efficiency.



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Your life, Your community. No place for drugs.

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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

British Ambassador calls on NPED Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha received British Ambassador Mr Mark Canning and Director Ms Sue Wardell of Department for International Development at the minister's office yesterday afternoon. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and officials.



Minister U Soe Tha receives British Ambassador Mr Mark Canning and Director of Department for International Development Ms Sue Wardell.—MNA

Minister hosts dinner in honour of Laotian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo yesterday hosted a dinner in honour of Laotian delegation led by Minister for Public Security Mr Thongbanh Seng-Aphone at Golden Guest Hotel in Hotel Zone here.



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo hosts dinner in honour of Laotian Public Security Minister Mr Thongbanh Seng-Aphone at Golden Guest hotel.—MNA

Present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, officials of Myanmar Police Force and departments under the ministry.

The Laotian delegation left here this morning and they were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw airport by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe and officials.

MNA

Minister receives guest

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—A delegation led by Director Ms Sue Wardell of Department for International Development called on Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at the minister's office, here, yesterday morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, the director-general, the deputy director-general and officials of Health Department.

MNA

MMCWA gives educative talks on dengue fever

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Executives of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held an educative

talks on Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever at Myatheintan Dhammayon in South Okkalapa Township today. Dr Daw Khin

Mya Win, Executive of MMCWA, explained the purpose of the educative talks and Dr Than Oo gave talks on preventive measures against the mosquito-borne disease.

Executives Daw Tin Tin Mya and Daw Khin Nwe Nwe donated mosquito nets and educative posters to Chairperson of South Okkalapa Township MCWA Daw Khin Win. Also present at the educative talks were township and wards MMCWA members and townsenders.

After the educative talks, the executive members visited a ward in the township where preventive measures against dengue fever were being carried out.—MNA



Daw Khin Win, Chairperson of South Okkalapa Township MCWA, accepts mosquito nets donated by executives of MMCWA.—MCWA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BBC says Britain's MoD authorized secret Saudi payments

LONDON, 12 June—The BBC said on Monday that Britain's Defence Ministry had authorized secret payments totalling more than one billion pounds (2 billion US dollars) to be made to a Saudi prince in connection with a major Saudi defence deal.

Responding to the allegations concerning the al-Yamamah defence contract and Prince Bandar bin Sultan, made by the BBC's Panorama television programme, the Ministry said:

"Commenting on these allegations could involve disclosing confidential information about al-Yamamah, which in turn could cause precisely the damage that ending the

investigation was designed to prevent.

The revelation comes amid growing calls for a full investigation into the al-Yamamah deal following the government's decision late last year to call off a probe by the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) into the contract.

"That does not mean that we accept that the allegations made by BBC Panorama are accurate," a ministry spokeswoman said. According to the BBC, the Ministry of Defence authorized "quarterly invoices" to be paid to Prince Bandar for "support services" related to the al-Yamamah deal, a contract between the Saudi Ministry of Defence and Britain's

BAE Systems. Prince Bandar and BAE Systems have denied any wrongdoing in the defence contract, which was originally struck by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government in the mid-1980s. Panorama alleged that the MoD instructed BAE to make the transfer of the funds, totalling in excess of one billion pounds over nearly a decade, to Bandar's bank accounts in the United States. Bandar is a former Saudi ambassador to Washington.

MNA/Reuters

"F-15" crashes in mid-air collision

WASHINGTON, 13 June — An F-15 fighter jet crashed on Monday after a mid-air collision with another military jet during a training exercise over Alaska, Air Force officials said.

The pilot of the crashed F-15C ejected safely and was taken to a military hospital but he was considered not to have serious injuries, said Airman Jennifer Anton, a spokeswoman at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks.

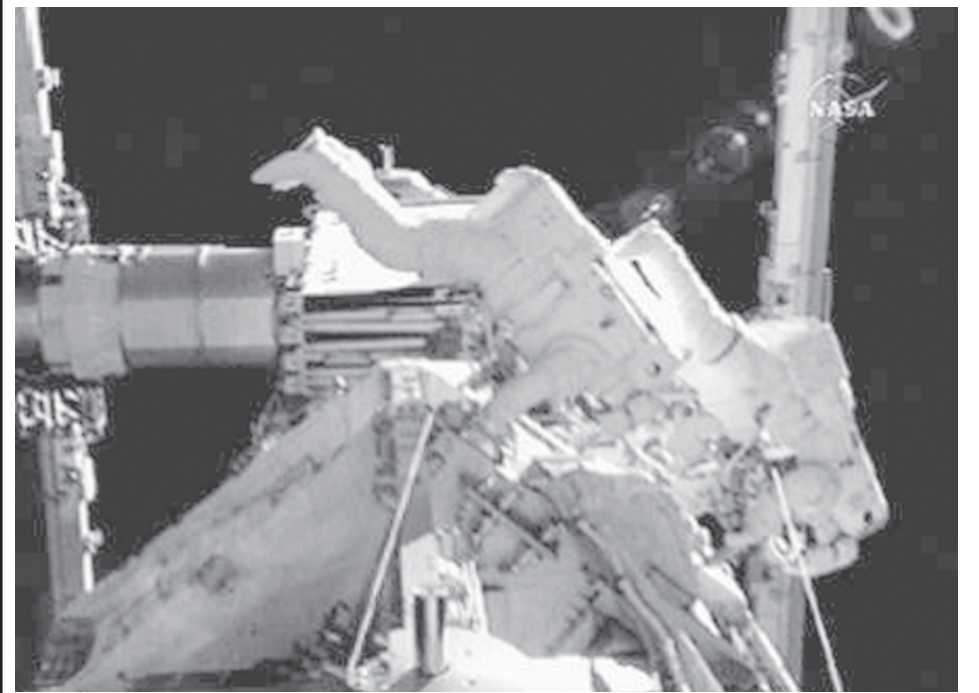
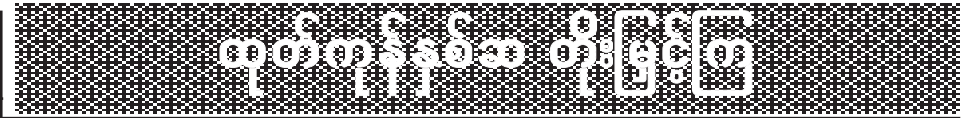
The pilot of the other jet, an F-16C that landed safely, was uninjured, the spokeswoman said.

The collision of the two jets occurred at 11:23 am local time during a training exercise about 90 miles east of Fairbanks in Alaska's interior, Anton said. But the cause of the tragedy is not immediately known.

MNA/Xinhua



A walnut is placed on a patient's eye and ignited dry moxa leaves in his ears during a traditional Chinese medical treatment for curing facial paralysis, at a hospital in Jinan, the capital of eastern China's Shandong Province, on 12 June, 2007. —INTERNET



Spacewalker John D. Olivas (L) works side-by-side by spacewalker James Reilly (R) in this view from NASA TV on 11 June, 2007. The spacewalking pair will activate the new S3/S4 truss segment during the planned six-hour spacewalk. —INTERNET

Nuremberg prosecutor says Guantanamo trials unfair

MIAMI, 12 June—The US war crimes tribunals at Guantanamo have betrayed the principles of fairness that made the Nazi war crimes trials at Nuremberg a judicial landmark, one of the US Nuremberg prosecutors said on Monday.

"I think Robert Jackson,

who's the architect of Nuremberg, would turn over in his grave if he knew what was going on at Guantanamo," Nuremberg prosecutor Henry King Jr told Reuters in a telephone interview.

"It violates the Nuremberg principles, what they're doing, as well

as the spirit of the Geneva Conventions of 1949."

King, 88, served under Jackson, the US Supreme Court justice who was the chief prosecutor at the trials created by the Allied powers to try Nazi military and political leaders after World War II in Nuremberg, Germany.

"The concept of a fair trial is part of our tradition, our heritage," King said from Ohio, where he lives.

"That's what made Nuremberg so immortal—fairness, a presumption of innocence, adequate defence counsel, opportunities to see the docu-

ments that they're being tried with."

King, who interrogated Nuremberg defendant Albert Speer, was incredulous that the Guantanamo rules left open the possibility of using evidence obtained through coercion.

"To torture people and then you can bring evidence you obtained into court? Hearsay evidence is allowed? Some evidence is available to the prosecution and not to the defendants? This is a type of 'justice' that Jackson didn't dream of," King said. —MNA/Reuters

Seven police killed in US-led strike

KABUL, 12 June — US-led forces killed seven Afghan policemen, an official said overnight, and three people were shot dead at a NATO checkpoint, raising concern about mistaken fire in Afghanistan.

In a separate incident, gunmen riding on a motorbike opened fire on schoolgirls on their way home, killing two and wounding six, officials said. Violence has surged in Afghanistan in recent months and with it, civilian casualties and cases of mistaken fire.

Efforts to cut civilian casualties will top the agenda of a meeting of NATO defence ministers in Brussels on Friday amid growing concern the incidents could undermine public support for the mission both in Afghanistan and in NATO countries.

The policemen were killed in an air strike after the Taliban stormed police posts yesterday in Khogiani district of the eastern province of Nangarhar, district police chief Adel Balwal said. —INTERNET



A model displays a flowery pearl necklace during a pearl products exhibition held in Jinan city, capital of east China's Shandong Province on 12 June, 2007. Dubbed "Splendid Night", the necklace is made of 18K yellow gold and 456 natural pearls. —XINHUA

Iran rejects G-8 summit's call for enrichment suspension

TEHERAN, 12 June— Iran on Sunday rejected a call of the Group of Eight (G-8) leading industrialized nations for Teheran to suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities.

“There will be no (uranium) enrichment suspension in whatsoever form,” Iran’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini told his weekly news briefing.

He urged all members

of the UN Security Council to take a “realistic” approach to Iran’s nuclear programme, saying that “they should take a stance on the case based on logic and on international rules”.

Hosseini also said that Javad Vaeidi, deputy to Iran’s top nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani, would meet on Monday with a representative of European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana for preparing the next round of their talks.

But the Iranian spokesman did not disclose the venue of the meeting, although it is expected to be either in Vienna or Brussels. 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”. “Bringing up Iran’s nuclear issue in the UN Security Council is clearly contradictory to international community demands,” he added.

MNA/Xinhua

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Gentoo penguins (*Pygoscelis papua*) return to land after a day at sea looking for food near New Haven, in the Falklands Islands, on 11 June, 2007. A large population of these penguins live throughout the islands. — INTERNET

Heatwave cooks north India, Pakistan, dozens dead

NEW DELHI, 12 June— Hot and dusty desert winds have caused a heatwave across the plains of northern India and Pakistan killing more than 120 people over the past week, officials and media reports said on Monday.

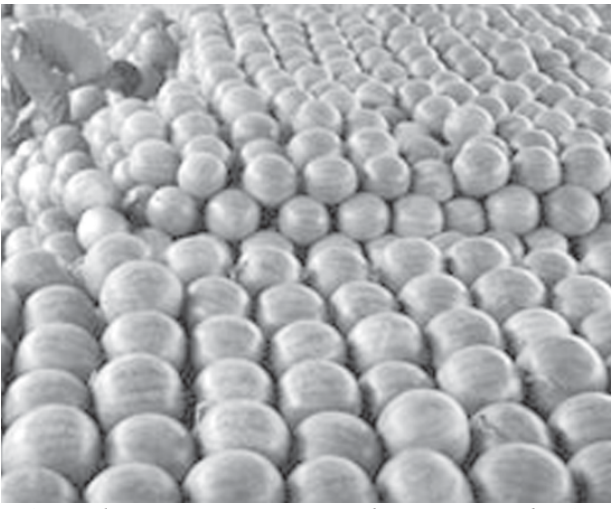
Most of the dead were beggars, homeless and people working in the open hit by sunstroke and dehydration.

The *Press Trust of India* put the toll at 74, including 15 in the western Indian desert state of Rajasthan and nine in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh at the weekend.

In neighbouring Pakistan, at least 50 people had died from the heat over the past four days, a senior provincial health official said.

The highest temperature in this heatwave was in the Sibi District of Pakistan’s Baluchistan Province — 52 degrees Celsius (125.6 Fahrenheit) on Sunday — just less than the country’s record of 52.2C (125.9F) set in 1992, a meteorological official said.

In India, temperatures peaked on Saturday, reaching 48.9C (120F) in Ganganagar in Rajasthan, said SC Bhan, director at the Regional Meteorological Centre in New Delhi.—MNA/Reuters



A vendor arranges water-melons at a market in Nanjing, East China’s Jiangsu Province, on 12 June, 2007. —INTERNET

11,000 British soldiers have gone AWOL since Iraq war

LONDON, 12 June— More than 11,000 British soldiers have gone absent without leave (AWOL) since the start of the Iraq war in 2003, according to a report by *The Daily Telegraph* on Monday.

Although most of the missing soldiers have been caught or have returned of

their own free will, nearly 1,000 currently remain on the run, the report said, according to figures from the British Ministry of Defence.

According to the report, the number of soldiers who remain AWOL from this year is 283, in addition to 279 from last year, 157 for the year before and 135 from 2004. And since 2000, the total number of Army personnel who remain AWOL stands at 947.

The military is now carrying out a study into why soldiers are going AWOL, said the report.

The MoD claimed that the rates of desertion had more to do with domestic problems than the war.

“There is no rise in the number of soldiers going AWOL each year.

On the contrary, the number of new cases has actually been declining over the past three years.” said a spokesman for the MoD.

“There are many reasons why somebody could go AWOL.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that most AWOL is caused by soldiers’ domestic circumstances rather than wishing to avoid military service,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

British coach crashes in Belgium, five seriously hurt

BRUSSELS, 12 June — A British coach carrying holidaymakers crashed into a house in Belgium recently seriously injuring five people on board, police said.

“Five people have been taken to hospital. No one is in a life-threatening condition, although one could lose an arm,” a spokesman from Middelkerke police said, adding a further 19 people were lightly injured.

The crash took place near the village of Slijpe, 10 kilometres (six miles) southwest of the coastal town of Ostend.

The police spokesman from nearby Middelkerke said the coach had struck a house

as it tried to avoid an oncoming car at a bridge.

The seriously injured were the coach co-driver and four passengers.

The passengers were pensioners from Kent in southeast England, he said. Leger Holidays, the company running the coach tour, said the coach, carrying 35 passengers and two crew, was returning to Britain after a nine-day tour of Prague, Vienna and Budapest.

The car’s driver and passenger and three people in the house were among those lightly injured, who were treated on the spot.

The seriously injured were taken to three nearby hospitals.

MNA/Reuters

Moon jellyfish swim in a fish tank at the Sunshine International Aquarium in Tokyo on 13 June, 2007. INTERNET



ECONOMIC NEWS

India, Russia sign pact on trade

NEW DELHI, 12 June— India and Russia recently signed a pact to set up a Joint Task Force (JTF) to monitor the implementation of the programme recommended by Joint Study Group (JSG) to reach a bilateral trade of 10 billion US dollars by 2010, a Press release issued by the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry said here Monday.

The pact also aims at

exploring the feasibility of concluding Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between the two countries.

The Press release said that the recent agreement was signed by Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry Kamal Nath and the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation, Gref, in St Petersburg in Russia on 9 June.

The Joint Task Force will further the objectives laid down by the JSG, set up between India and Russia in February 2006.

The JSG was set up to formulate a programme for increasing the bilateral trade through increase of trade turnover between the two countries in various areas, particularly in goods and services, investment and economic cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi attends a foundation-laying ceremony of a Chinese Trade Centre in Moscow on 12 June, 2007. —XINHUA

Vietnam woodwork export to rise this year

HANOI, 12 June — Vietnam's woodwork export turnovers are estimated to increase to 2.5 billion US dollars this year and nearly 5.6 billion dollars in 2010 from over 1.9 billion dollars last year, according to the country's Wood and Forest Products Processing Association on Monday.

Vietnam's woodwork turnovers saw a year-on-year rise of 22.7 per cent in the first five months of this year, reaching 947 million dollars. To gain bigger turnovers, the country should focus on intensify afforestation and

plywood production, and raising quality of human resources, the association said.

Last year, Vietnam had to import 716 million dollars worth of wood materials, or 80 per cent of its total demand for the materials. It currently has only four plywood factories, and five forestry vocational schools.

The association said besides such key markets as the European Union, the United States, Japan and Taiwan, woodwork firms in Vietnam should intensify exportation of their products, including

tables, chairs, beds and wardrobes, to potential markets such as Canada, Russia and East Europe, and seek more material suppliers.—MNA/Xinhua

Iran talks with China on strategic oil reserves

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 June — Iran is in discussions to store strategic oil in China and to build refineries around Asia, Oil Minister Kazem

Vaziri-Hamaneh said on Monday, as it seeks secure outlets for its crude in the face of Western economic sanctions.

He said there is no

shortage of crude in the market and the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries has no plans to increase supplies, in the latest producers' rebuff to consumer nation calls for more oil. Vaziri-Hamaneh said the world's fourth-largest oil exporter is in discussions to store strategic crude in the world's second-largest oil consumer China, which has been building up reserves in the past year.

"We have some plans we have discussed with them to have a role in storing strategic reserves in China," he told reporters on the sidelines of the Asia Oil and Gas Conference in the Malaysian capital.—MNA/Reuters



Former Brazilian swimmer Gustavo Borges (R) and beach volleyball player Sandra Pires hold the official torch for the Pan American Games after ceremony outside Planalto Palace in Brasilia, on 11 June, 2007. —INTERNET

Russia calls for new economic world order

ST PETERSBURG (Russia), 12 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin called for practical steps to redraw the world economic order to reflect the growing role of fast-growing emerging nations.

He told an economic forum in St Petersburg many global trade and financial institutions tailored to meet the interests of a few key economies were ineffective and pointed to flexible regional groupings as an alternative. Putin told the gathering of foreign officials and top

executives 60 per cent of the world's GDP was produced outside the Group of Seven (G-7) leading nations — the United States, France, Germany, Britain, Japan, Italy and Canada.

"The interests of stable economic development demand the creation of a new architecture of international economic relations based on trust and mutually beneficial integration," Putin said, days after attending a summit of the Group of Eight industrial nations, which includes Russia.

Putin, who has

pledged to stop the Group of Eight from turning into a club of "fat cats", said the principle of international investment was not applied fairly in practice.

Making an apparent reference to the rebuffs Russian companies have received when trying to invest in some Western markets, Putin said:

"We see the doctrine of free investment being replaced in the developed countries by completely different approaches."

"It turns out that foreign investment is not always seen as positive and

foreign participation is practically closed in sectors such as infrastructure, telecoms and energy."

Putin said Western protectionism was damaging the work of the World Trade Organization (WTO), of which Russia wants to become a member.

"Today protectionism, which the WTO is meant to fight, often comes from developed economies," he said, adding that new regional unions and agreements were already being formed.

MNA/Reuters



A HTC Touch phone is seen in an undated publicity photo. High Tech Computer Corp (HTC) said on 12 June, 2007 it will launch one of its own-brand touch-screen phones in the United States by the end of the year, as it seeks to compete with Apple's iPhone. —INTERNET



Picture taken on 7 June, 2007 shows a view of the Mt Shixin of Huangshan Mountain in Huangshan City, east China's Anhui Province. Mt Shixin will be reopened from 1 July after four years' close. —XINHUA

Eyes on Iran, Israel launches new spy satellite

JERUSALEM, 12 June — Israel launched a new spy satellite on Monday in a move that defence officials said would boost surveillance over states like Syria and Iran.

Ofek 7, which was launched from an air base on Israel's coast, will join its predecessor *Ofek 5*, in space since 2002. The new satellite will orbit 200 to 500 kilometres (125 to 315

miles) above the earth and is expected to begin relaying photographs by week's end.

"The successful launch adds an important layer to Israel's defence capabilities and it is a testament to Israel's technological strength," Defence Minister Amir Peretz said in a statement.

Haim Eshed, head of the Defence Ministry's space directorate, told Army Radio that *Ofek 7*

would help Israel "deal with the Iranian issue". Iran's nuclear programme has raised fears in the West, though Teheran denies it has hostile designs.

Eshed declined to discuss *Ofek 7's* capabilities. But he said that its civilian counterpart, Israeli satellite *Eros*, was able to photograph objects as small as 70 centimetres (28 inches) across.

MNA/Reuters

NATO forces mistakenly kill three Afghan civilians

KABUL, 12 June—The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mistakenly killed three Afghan civilians and injured two others in the eastern Kunar Province on Monday, an ISAF statement said. A vehicle, carrying a number of passengers, failed to stop at a traffic-control point despite being directed to halt by ISAF personnel, the statement said.

ISAF soldiers opened fire toward the vehicle and caused the casualties, it added. The soldiers were conducting meetings with local officials when the incident occurred, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese firms keen to build railway in Vietnam

HANOI, 12 June — Two Chinese firms have submitted a feasibility study on constructing a rail route linking Ho Chi Minh City and Binh Phuoc Province in Vietnam, part of the Trans-Asia railway, local newspaper *Saigon Liberation* reported on Monday.

A partnership between the China Railway Construction Corporation and the China Machinery Import and Export Corporation have submitted

Vietnam's Transport Ministry the study on building the 128.5-kilometre route running from the edge of southern Ho Chi Minh City to the Vietnam-Cambodia border with estimated investment of 438 million US dollars. The future route will allow passenger trains and cargo trains to run at a maximum speed of 120 kilometres per hour and 80 kilometres per hour, respectively. Construction of the route is scheduled to

start in 2010 or earlier if funds for it are smoothly sought. The route is part of the 5,500-kilometre Trans-Asia railway, which is to begin in Kunming, Chinese Yunnan Province, and travel through Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Malaysia before terminating in Singapore. The Trans-Asia railway, initiated by Malaysia in 1995, is expected to be completed in 2015.

MNA/Xinhua

Six people hurt in Istanbul blast

ISTANBUL, 12 June — At least six people were wounded on Sunday in an explosion outside a store in Istanbul, Turkey's CNN

Turk private television said. The blast occurred in the Bakirkoy District of Turkey's largest city, the state *Anatolian* news agency said.

Police were not immediately available to comment on what may have caused the blast.

CNN Turk showed ambulances rushing to the scene and taking away some of the injured. It also showed passers-by rushing away from the area of the explosion.

Explosions are not uncommon in Turkey, where radical groups ranging from Kurdish separatists to militant Islamists and far-leftists

are all active. Tensions are running especially high at present amid increased clashes between Turkish troops and militants of the banned Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in mainly Kurdish southeast Turkey.

MNA/Reuters



Victoria Beckham wears a Los Angeles Dodgers jacket to throw out the first pitch before an MLB baseball game between the New York Mets and the Dodgers in Los Angeles, California, on 11 June, 2007. —XINHUA

Southern China rainstorms death toll rises to 71

BEIJING, 12 June—Seventy-one people have been killed in southern China by torrential rains which are expected to resume over the next couple days, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

"Mud slides and floods triggered by widespread rainstorms have also left 13

people missing, affected about 350,200 hectares of crops, completely destroying 57,600 hectares of them," said an official with the ministry. The number of houses destroyed by floods has risen to 56,000, with another 104,000 houses damaged in southern China. Some 643,000 people were forced to evacuate from their homes, the official said.

Last week, continuous rainstorms hit Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Jiangxi and Fujian, affecting more than

10.63 million people. The disasters have caused overall economic losses of more than 3.43 billion yuan (436 million US dollars), half of which was in the agriculture sector, according to the ministry.

Heavy rains are still ravaging several Guangdong cities such as Meizhou, Heyuan, Zhaoqing and Shaoguan, killing at least 20 people, injuring 279 others and leaving four people missing, according to the ministry's latest report. —MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 11 June, 2007 shows the bell tower of the Shanghai Customs in maintenance in the Bund of Shanghai, east China. The bell tower, which was built in 1927 and considered as a landmark in the Bund for 80 years, stopped running on 1 June, for a 4-month maintenance. —XINHUA

Kalaw Township holds physic nut growing ceremony...

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party viewed the process. So far, Kalaw Township has grown 1532 of the targeted 5500 acres of physic nut plants for 2007. A total of 500,000 acres of physic nut plants will be grown in Shan State (South), and 183,754 of 150,000 acres had been grown in 2007.

At Ayethaya Nursery in Taunggyi, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on distribution of physic nut saplings, growing of coconut saplings and nurturing of flowers to

build Taunggyi as a garden city presented by an official.

They inspected nurturing of physic nut, coconut saplings and flowers in the nursery. Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye reported on the plan to grow more physic nuts in Taunggyi Station and Bahtoo Station.

At the briefing hall near City Hall in Taunggyi, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on drawing alternative systems on sewage and funeral services for local people in Innlay region

and construction of bio-fitter tank presented by responsible persons. He gave necessary instructions.

The commander gave an account of the tasks for greening of Innlay region.

Later, member of the Panel of Patrons of Union Solidarity and Development Association Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with executives and members of Sate/District/Township USDAs at Shan State (South) USDA.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win fulfilled the requirements and urged them to actively participate in the implementation of seven-step Road Map, upholding



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence inspects Ayethaya Nursery in Taunggyi. — MNA

Union spirit.

He viewed the train-

ing of the members at Public Internet Access Centre

and encouraged them.

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Commander attends physic nut growing ceremonies in Yangon South District



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects Sluice Gate in Kungyangon Township. — MNA

YANGON, 13 June — Local authorities in Yangon South District organized physic nut growing ceremonies in Kungyangon and Twantay townships yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

The commander planted physic nut saplings beside the entrance road to Kungyangon at the ceremony. In Twantay, he delivered an address at a similar ceremony held on either side of the bypass to Twantay.

While in Kungyangon, the commander inspected Kungyangon Sluice Gate and gave instructions on maintenance of the sluice gate for its durability and growing of trees for greening its environs.

In Kawhmu, they viewed construction of low-cost fly-proof latrines and wickerwork products.

During his tour, the commander inspected development tasks in Kungyangon, Kawhmu and Twantay townships.

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Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries holds coordination meeting on promotion of export products

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—A coordination meeting on promotion of export products of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at Myanmar Fisheries Federation here on 10 June.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivered an address. Director-General of Fisheries Department U Khin Maung Aye reported on duties assigned for promotion of export items and implementation of the tasks in states and divisions, President U Htay Myint of the federation on export of marine products and Chairman U Han Tun of Committee for Promotion of Export Products on efforts for exceeding the targets.

Those present reported on work done and to be done and the minister fulfilled the requirements,

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Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivers an address at work coordination meeting for promotion of export products. — L & F

Cetanam Kammam Bhikkhave: one's intention predetermines one's future

Pauk Sa

I would like to open my heart to the people through this article because many awkward things are taking place these days. It has come to the knowledge of the people that some persons said group prayers blatantly among the pilgrims at pagodas, so some public members who could not stand for the inelegant sight stopped the activities and handed over such clumsy persons to the authorities concerned for taking action against them. The incidents indicated that the people with duty-consciousness and concept prevented them from destroying stability and peace of the State and inciting mass protests by disturbing the peaceful life of the people.

However, with the intention of making the people misunderstand the prevailing situations, remnant NLD leaders made accusations through their propaganda flyer which says that a group of people under the name of public members violently blocked the NLD members' saying of prayers for the release of the female NLD leader and sent them to the authorities concerned, and that it is illegal and an act of persecution.

In this regard, I would like to present what I have heard as NLD leaders with an air of a saint said that the government should not prevent the NLD leaders from saying prayers. Regarding the all-round renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda by the Tatmadaw government in 1989, NLD leader Daw Suu Kyi said that **the government was pulverizing the cultural heritage**. In addition, in 1997-99, a war veteran as well as an NLD executive criticized the Tatmadaw government saying, **"Now there are a large number of glittering pagodas and monasteries throughout the nation and members of the Buddhist Order are leading a comfortable life with four kinds of requisites provided in abundance for them. But,**

how can we say "well done!" for that? It is because all those I have witnessed in donation ceremonies are members of the Sangha and soldiers only. And all the donations are in reality the things they (Tatmadaw members) have extorted from the people. So, I would say, the military is acting like a donor with donations of others". Saying so, the cantankerous old man expressed his total disregard for the Tatmadaw he had once served in as well as his negative attitude to the Tatmadaw. The NLD vice-chairman, who recited incantations at the ceremonies to open the party signboard and office, criticized the Tatmadaw government's hoisting Htidaw (ornamented tiered finial) atop the Shwedagon Pagoda, saying that **it was doing improper works**.

The old man harshly attacked the missionary work the people and the Tatmadaw are carrying out hand in hand for promotion and propagation of the Sasana. The prayers of the NLD members under the influence of such remnant NLD leaders were just intended to gather a crowd and incite protests to create unrest in the nation, but were not intended to pay reverence to the Buddha.

In the nation, the people profess four main religious faiths of their choice — Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Hinduism. Relevant discipline of respective religions is prescribed for the people to follow in saying prayers at the religious edifice concerned.

To my knowledge, in visiting a pagoda or monastery, a Buddhist man has to wear traditional costumes. And a woman has to wear a white or Yogi (dark brown colour) traditional blouse and a Yogi sarong, putting a Yogi shawl or scarf over her shoulder without applying any kinds of make-up on the face, nor using perfume and wearing flowers in her head. At the

religious buildings, some of them observe Precepts, while some practise meditation without making any sound. In some pagodas and monasteries, there are signs prohibiting any noises.

In like manner, before entering a mosque, a Muslim has to wash his hands, feet and face first. In saying prayers, he has to do so just in a quiet manner. He has to wear clean and modest clothes. Concerning a female Muslim when saying prayers, she is not allowed to wear thin clothes and has to cover her whole body with clothes except her face, palms and feet. While saying prayers, they, in accordance with the directives stipulated in the Koran, have to concentrate all their attention just on Allah without thinking any worldly affairs. They pray for welfare of their parents and relatives and development of their region and nations, and appeal for forgiveness from Allah for their sins if any.

In his prayer services in a church, a Christian has to wear modest costumes only, and has to concentrate all his attention on the services without considering any mundane affairs. And he has to recite the Supreme Attributes of God and ask for blessings for him as well as the government and the leadership. In accordance with the doctrines prescribed by Jesus, Christians have to extend a helping hand to the government concerned, to observe the rules and regulations and not to carry out activities that are against the government concerned. Except religious services, no political activities are allowed in the Church.

Not all people are allowed to get close to the God in a Hindu temple, and only vegetarians wearing white clothes with clean bodies are allowed to do so and pay respects to the God. Only virtuous people are allowed to enter the temples daily. While worshipping, a Hindu may pray for his welfare freely, but is not allowed to make a noise that disturbs other pilgrims. Any activities associated with political matters are prohibited in the temple. And pilgrims have to wear clean traditional costumes neatly and tidily.

My presentation is just to enable the readers to compare prayer services conducted in line with relevant discipline of the four religions with so-called prayer services done in groups by the NLD members and "88" generation student group members in their late forties at pagodas with the aim of inciting protests to create panic among the pilgrims.

The political stunt of the NLD remnants and "88" generation anarchists visiting pagodas and saying prayers is quite different if compared

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While the remnant NLD members and "88" generation anarchists using political stunts by visiting pagodas and organizing prayers for the release of their party leader woman, who has been placed under restrictions in most lenient terms, some of the imperialist group nations including the US plus their minions expatriates and renegades and terrorist insurgents are voicing that Myanmar will become prosperous overnight only when the woman is released and dialogue is arranged. Myanmar public feel shame to hear such words although they do not feel the same.

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Pauk Sa

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with the practices of saying prayers and worshipping of the four major religions. Such unwholesome acts are truly and totally unacceptable to the public.

Well, this is the refuge of Buddha and dhamma for everyone in search of peace and merits by keeping in mind the attributes of the Buddha and practising meditation. But they, wearing T-shirts with the pictures of the party leader woman, said words in praise of non-existing honours of the woman loudly. This, indeed, is most disturbing to the pilgrims.

Clear enough. There have left blemishes in both political and religious fields after a former prime minister attempted to muddle up religion and politics. Finally he was criticised as a deceiver by the members of the Sangha. This also led to religious problems.

Now again. Their style of saying prayers veers from any practice of the faithful of other religions. Their intention of coming to the pagoda precinct is not to gain merits but to praise their leader, draw the crowd and then incite unrest when the crowd gathers. Although they have said it is non-violence and peaceful expression, they have ill intention to incite disorder in accordance with their anarchic character.

I would like to recall the instances during the "88" disturbances in which anarchist acts were common.

They got rough and rowdy after opening strike camps on the pagoda premises. They had gone so far as to break and plunder the donation boxes. They used the money as strike funds. Sacrilegious acts indeed.

The people of Myanmar, including myself, are quite simple. We cannot forget the fact that anarchist acts of the 1988 disturbances drew the people who were honestly desirous of democracy into the chaotic situation which we see as above-ground and underground subversive acts of leftists and rightists. At the same time, we cannot accept moves in praise of such anarchist acts to be democracy activities. Based on our bitter experiences, all the Myanmar people should never accept or trust "88" generation anarchists. But there is one thing. We would warmly welcome the "88" generation persons who have come to realize the truth and corrected their mistakes and are carrying out national and community welfare tasks.

While the remnant NLD members and "88" generation anarchists are doing political stunts by visiting pagodas and organizing prayers

When the remnant NLD members and "88" generation anarchist group said prayers in the pagoda precinct for the release of the NLD leader woman with ulterior motives to stir up unrest, members of the public took control of the political stunt and handed the persons over to the authorities. In my view, this is not the mob rule. This resulted from the wish of the honest people who could not stand national stability and peace being disturbed.

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The NLD party leader woman had staged various political stunts including lone protest walks in the districts saying words critical of the government and the Tatmadaw; her prompt expression of welcome and support for the US sanctions law against Myanmar before President Clinton had finished his announcement about the news; dissuading foreigners from visiting the country during the Visit Myanmar Year 1996 but asking them to come only when democracy was installed in the country; formation of an unlawful Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Committee and issuing announcements saying such and such laws were to be abolished and illegal in an attempt to undermine the National Convention; accommodating and abetting the expatriate and renegade ABSDF insurgent group members; secretly accepting US \$ 85,000 given by the foreign spies; so on and so forth. The Tatmadaw Government has taken action against her and placed restrictions on her most leniently for her violation of existing laws at will. Earnest calls for the release of their puppet woman are in fact infringement of our national sovereignty and also shameless acts of interference.

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members of the public took control of the political stunt and handed the persons over to the authorities. In my view, this is not the mob rule. This resulted from the wish of the honest people who could not stand national stability and peace being disturbed.

The mob rule occurred in the 1988 disturbances in which innocent persons were beheaded when anarchism was supreme, persons wearing red head bands and red arm bands marched holding sticks, swords and spears; the mob ransacked government offices, State- and co-operative-owned shops, godowns and set fire to the public houses. Moreover, they broke the tombs of the Kyandaw Cemetery and took away the bricks. Chaotic situation indeed.

Allow me to refer to the Teachings of Buddha. **One's deeds, words or thoughts predetermine one's future and good or bad future depends on one's good or bad intention.** In Pali, Cetanam Kammam Bhikkhave. In short, one's intention predetermines one's future.

The latest democracy stunt of the remnant NLD members and "88" generation anarchist group to say prayers in the precinct of the pagodas is against the practices of any religion but it has been done at the expense of Buddhist Sasana. They have committed sacrilegious acts for the benefit of their party and their leader and with the ill intention of destroying the nation. Well, the result is that they have been opposed by the mass of the people and taken into custody. So, I am thoughtful about the essence of "Cetanam Kammam Bhikkhave" or one's intention predetermines one's future.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends ceremony of polio ...

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The cash assistance provided to victims from Zaydipyin, Thazinmyaing and Padaukmyaing villages was K 4,790,237.95 in total. Next, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint accepted K 600,000 donated by wellwishers for the funds of Zaydipyin Village Station Hospital.

On arrival at Rathedaung Township Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party provided refreshments to patients and inspected operation theater, medical store and X-ray room. Next, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presented medicines worth K 2 million to the head of Township Health Department.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party paid homage to Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway, donated cash and signed in the visitors' book.

Next, they paid homage to Atulamarazein Pylonchantha Pagoda, donated cash and signed in the visitors' book.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than drops a polio vaccines into the mouth of a child in Maungtau, Rakhine State. — MNA

MWAF gives educative talks on legal affairs in Thingangyun Tsp



Daw Ni Ni Win, leader of the working group of the Legal Affairs Studies and Counseling, gives talks on legal affairs. — AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

YANGON, 13 June — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held an educative talks on legal affairs at Thingangyun Township Peace and Development Council office in the township today.

The educative talks were organized by Administration Department and Working Group for Legal Affairs Studies and Counseling of MWAF.

Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin The

Htay, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai also attended the talks.

First, Daw Ni Ni Win, head of the Working Group of the Legal Affairs Studies and Counseling,

made an opening address and law officers gave educative talks on legal affairs.

Afterwards, the talks were ended with concluding remarks by Professor Daw Than Nwe (Retd). — MNA

Workshop on Tencate Polyfelt Geosynthetics Application in Civil Engineering 2007 held

YANGON, 13 June — A workshop on Tencate Polyfelt Geosynthetics Application in Civil Engineering 2007, organized by Agricultural & Industrial Development Co Ltd of Myanmar and Tencate Geosynthetics Asia Sdn Bhd of Malaysia, was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were departmental officials, guests, responsible persons of companies, enthusiasts and engineers. First, General Manager IR Dr Loke Kean Hooi of Tencate Geosynthetics Asia Sdn Bhd made a speech and extended greetings on the occasion. Next, Marketing Manager Mr Preedidhep Anujorn explained about Geosynthetics Applications. Afterwards, IR Dr Loke Kean Hooi dealt with matters on Soft Soil Stabilization, Road Paving, Filtration, Piled Embankments and Marine & Industrial Dewatering with the use of Geosynthetics technology.

Next, Regional Technical Support Engineer Mr Loh Wooi Chuan discussed matters on Reinforced Soil Structure and Sales Engineer U Win Myint Than of Agricultural & Industrial Development Co Ltd on Case Histories in Myanmar.

Afterwards, Managing Director U Soe Myint of Agricultural & Industrial Development Co Ltd spoke words of thanks and the workshop came to a close.

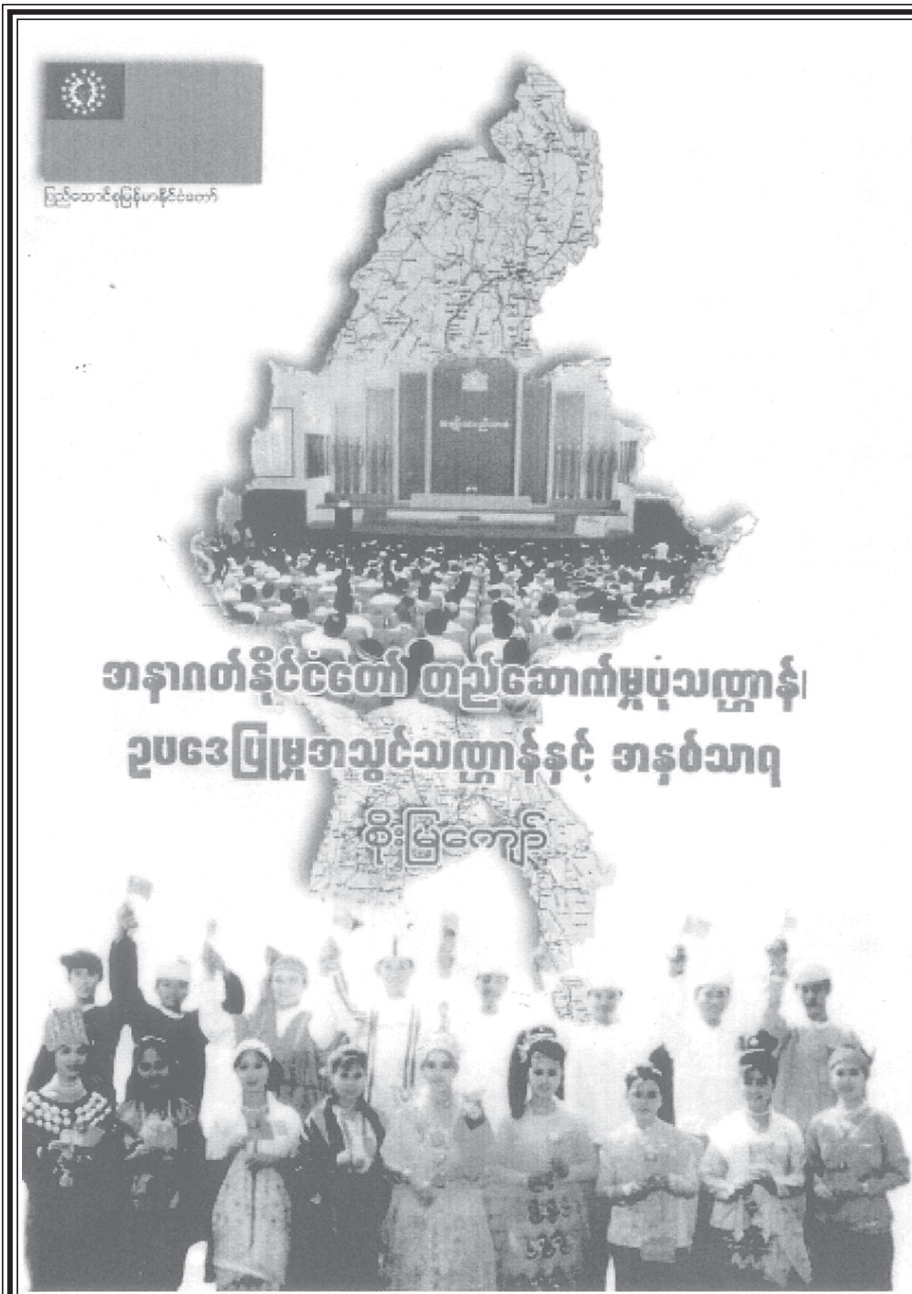
The Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Construction, Irrigation Department and Yangon City Development Committee as well as private companies which are implementing the projects of the State are widely using technology of Tencate Polyfelt Geosynthetics. There are 20 kinds of Tencate Geosynthetics products. The products are available at A & ID Co Ltd, No 156, Thiri Yeiktha-2 Street, lower Kyimyindine Street in Ahlon Township (Tel-01-229826, 01-223251 and 01-212015). — MNA



All this needs to be known

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

General Manager of Dr Loke Kean Hooi delivers an address at Workshop on Tencate Polyfelt Geosynthetics Application in Civil Engineering 2007. — MNA



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Peres elected Israel's President

JERUSALEM, 13 June— Veteran Israeli politician Shimon Peres has been elected the country's next president, after his two rivals pulled out of the race.

Mr Peres, 83, won support from 86 of the

parliament's 120 MPs after voting went to a second round.

In a cumulative Moshe Katsav is on leave of absence since being accused of rape and other sexual offences, which he denies.

Mr Peres, of the ruling Kadima party, has served twice as prime minister and is a Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Earlier, Mr Peres won 58 ballots in the first round, short of the 61 needed to be elected to the post by the 120-member Knesset.

Reuven Rivlin of the opposition Likud received 37 votes and Labour's Colette Avital 21. They both declared their support for Mr Peres after the first-round results.

Mr Peres will be sworn into office on 15 July. — Internet



Mr Peres was an architect of peace accords with the Palestinians. INTERNET

Anti-Syrian Lebanese MP killed in apparent assassination; 7 others dead

BEIRUT, 13 June — Anti-Syrian Lebanese lawmaker Walid Eido was killed Wednesday in a massive explosion that struck western Beirut, an attack believed to have been aimed at assassinating him, hospital sources told CNN.

Lebanese media reported Eido's son, Khalid, and two of his

bodyguards also were killed in the blast.

The explosion in the seaside Manara neighbourhood killed at least eight people, Lebanese internal security forces told CNN.

Eido, a distinguished lawmaker and constitutional expert, was a member of a political bloc led by Saad Hariri, the son of former Lebanese Prime

Minister Rafik Hariri, whose assassination two years ago sparked widespread protests that led to the ouster of Syrian forces from Lebanon.

Eido was a vocal supporter of the United Nations tribunal investigating Hariri's killing, approved earlier this month by UN Security Council.

Internet

Indonesia finds asymptomatic H5N1

JAKARTA, 13 June — Indonesia has found traces of H5N1 bird flu in apparently healthy-looking poultry, making it tougher to detect the disease in the country hardest hit by the virus, officials said on Monday.

Sick or dead chickens are used as a sign of H5N1 infection, but the appearance of "asymptomatic" chickens means humans could become more easily infected with bird flu. Indonesia has the world's highest death toll from the disease, killing 79 people.

"The poultry death rate is not so high, but there is a trend that chicken or poultry are infected by the virus but they don't die. So, the H5N1 virus is not fatal to poultry," Musny Suatmodjo, director of animal health at the Agriculture Ministry, told

a news conference.

Bird flu is endemic in poultry in many parts of Indonesia, which has been struggling to contain the disease because millions of backyard chickens live in close proximity to people across the archipelago.

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Models display creations designed by the college graduates in a fashion show in the Guangxi Arts College on 8 June, 2007. — INTERNET

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Landslides, rain kill over 80 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 12 June — Rain and landslides have killed more than 80 people in Bangladesh as monsoon showers swept the country, officials said on Monday. Heavy rains triggered landslides that buried homes, killing 71 people and leaving scores of others missing in the port city of Chittagong, police and witnesses said.

Some 70 others were admitted to hospitals with injuries while nearly 100 more are missing, rescuers and Chittagong District officials said.

"We are facing a hell of a situation here," one rescuer said by telephone. "It's still heavily raining, and visibility has sharply declined. Roads are all under water," one rescuer said.— MNA/Reuters

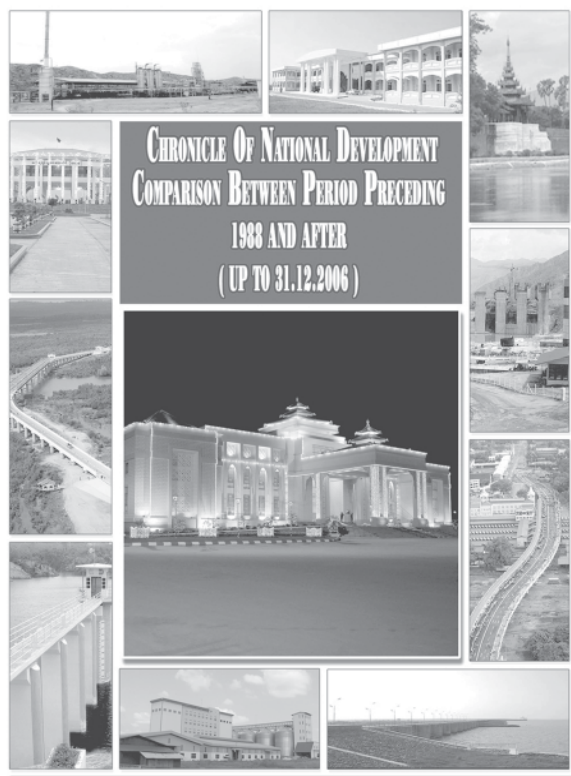
China's envoy urges climate cooperation with Japan

TOKYO, 12 June — China's ambassador to Japan urged on Monday that the two Asian giants cooperate on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, *Kyodo News* agency reported.

Wang Yi's comments came after Group of Eight countries agreed last week to make "substantial" cuts in emissions but fell short of European hopes of a deal to seek reductions of 50 per cent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Major developing nations including China and India pledged to do an unspecified "fair share" to fight climate change.

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Iran to answer IAEA's questions on N-programme at Vienna

VIENNA, 12 June — A senior Iranian envoy is to attend a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) here on Monday, to answer some of the key questions in the IAEA's investigation of Iran's nuclear programme.

Javad Vaedi, a deputy to Iranian chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani, will meet with European Union negotiator Robert Cooper on Monday, then with IAEA senior official Olli Heinonen, to answer some questions about Iran's current nuclear programme, and prepare for another meeting between Larijani and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana.

On Monday, the IAEA's 35-nation board of governors will meet to discuss Iran's nuclear programme. Vaedi's visit is considered to be the latest attempt by Iran to delay, if not prevent, new UN sanctions.

An IAEA report two weeks ago said that Iran continued to resist the Security Council ban on enrichment and instead was expanding its activities.

MNA/Xinhua



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White tiger, perfect diver!

BEIJING, 12 June — Cats aren't known for their love of water, but this white Bengal tiger Odin loves to hit the water. British trainer Lee Munro discovered his 202 kg-tiger's talent when he dropped Odin's dinner into the water. Odin, 6, who lives at the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom Zoo in San Francisco, is 3.1 metres long from its head to the tail. —Internet



White Bengal tiger Odin is diving in a pool at the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom Zoo in San Francisco.—INTERNET

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Hollywood actor Bruce Willis (C), actress Maggie Q (R) and Justin Long promote their new film "Die Hard 4?Live Free or Die Hard" in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 12 June, 2007.—XINHUA

Libya urges Bush to stay out of nurses case

TRIPOLI, 12 June— Libya urged US President George W Bush on Monday to stay out of the case of six foreign medics sentenced to death for infecting Libyan children with HIV and allow Tripoli to reach a solution with the European Union.

"We hope that Bush and others will leave us to continue negotiations with the concerned parties so as to find a solution to this crisis," Abdelati Labidi, Libya's Junior Foreign Minister, told reporters.

Bush, ending a European tour in Bulgaria, said securing the release of five Bulgarian nurses —

who with a Palestinian doctor have been convicted in the case — was a high priority for the United States.

Bush spoke on Monday after EU External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner and German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier held talks in Libya.

They left Libya on Monday without commenting on the outcome of meetings with government officials in Tripoli who have said they fear Bush's intervention could hurt negotiations with the EU.

On Sunday, Libyan leader Moammar Kadaffi's son, Saif al-Islam, praised the EU's efforts to end the stand-off on the case which has hindered Tripoli's drive to normalize ties with the West fully.

"The outcome will be good. We hope that this is the beginning of the end of this problem," said Islam, who has been a regular participant in talks between the EU and the families of the infected children.

Ferrero-Waldner and Steinmeier visited some of the infected children at a Benghazi hospital and met some of the families during their visit.

MNA/Reuters

Court orders release of "enemy combatant" in US

WASHINGTON, 12 June— President George W Bush cannot order the military to indefinitely imprison a suspected al-Qaeda operative, who is the only foreign national held in the United States as an "enemy combatant," a court ruled on Monday.

The 2-1 appellate ruling was a major setback for Bush's contention in the war on terrorism that he has the power to detain people in the United States without charging them. The court panel based in Richmond, Virginia, ruled that the Qatari national involved, Ali Saleh Kahlal al-Marri, must be released from

military custody.

"The decision protects legal residents and citizens from secret detention," said al-Marri's lawyer, Jonathan Hafetz of the Brennan Centre for Justice in New York.

The fresh blow to Bush's policies, already under scrutiny on Capitol Hill and in military tribunals, followed last week's dismissal of charges against two terrorism suspects at the US prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

Judges in those high-profile cases have been considering acceptable standards for trying terrorism suspects since the

11 September attacks.

The Pentagon is asking for reconsideration of the rulings that two were being held in the controversial prison because they were designated only as "enemy combatants," and not "unlawful enemy combatants" as required by a 2006 law crafted after earlier definitions were rejected. In the case involving al-Marri, who has been held in a US Navy brig in Charleston, South Carolina, for about four years without charges, Judge Diana Gribbon Motz made a clear distinction for suspects being held in the United States.—MNA/Reuters



A baby Russian sea otter (top) is groomed by its mother on the surface of a fish tank during a Press preview at Sunshine International Aquarium in Tokyo on 13 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Space Station spreads new wings

WASHINGTON, 12 June— The International Space Station spread its new set of wings on Tuesday, with new solar arrays successfully unfurled, according to NASA's Atlantis mission updates.

The solar arrays on the newly installed truss segment deployed to their full length with the assistance of the Atlantis crew.

The forward-facing array was first deployed to its length of 115 feet (about 35 metres). The procedure was repeated for the rear-facing array and was fully deployed about 1:58 pm EDT (1758 GMT).

The arrays will increase the station's ability to generate power when they go online.

The new segment was installed onto the station Monday before the start of

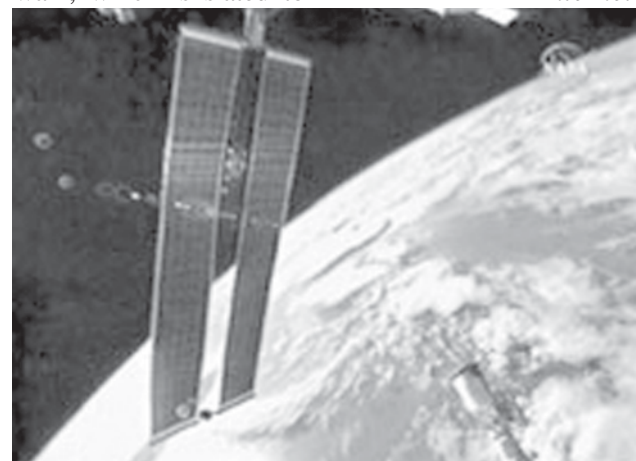
the mission's first spacewalk, during which the two spacewalkers began activating the truss.

Atlantis astronauts are scheduled to enjoy a few hours of off duty time this afternoon before beginning preparations for the mission's second spacewalk, which is slated to

begin at 2:03 pm EDT (1803 GMT) on Wednesday.

NASA managers have decided late Monday to extend the mission two extra days and add a fourth spacewalk so astronauts can repair a thermal blanket gap.

Internet



The International Space Station's new S3/S4 truss solar array is shown fully deployed in this image from NASA TV with the earth in the background on 12 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Fears over vaccines link to autism reaches US court

BEIJING, 12 June— A hearing began Monday on whether vaccinations have caused autism in many children with its first test case in the US Court of Federal Claims in Washington, according to media reports.

More than 4,800 families filed against the government that routine childhood vaccines are linked to a rise in autism. Many of them contend that a preservative called thimerosal (thymeHR'-uh-sahl) is to blame for the impaired social interaction that is typical of autism. Scientists weighed in heavily with strong evidence that there is no link



Child vaccine. —INTERNET

between autism and vaccines containing thimerosal. But a very vocal group of people remains unconvinced.

Many parents say their children's symptoms did not show up until after their

children received the vaccines, required by many states for admission to school.

The parents are seeking payment under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Programme, a no-fault system that has a 2.5 billion US dollars fund built up from a 75-cent-per-dose tax on vaccines.

"Monday will mark the first time ever that evidence of autistic harm from childhood vaccines is examined and cross-examined in a court of law," activist David Kirby, who wrote a book about the purported vaccine and autism link, said in a statement.—Internet

SPORTS

Iraq held to 0-0 draw by Jordan

SYDNEY, 13 June — Iraq drew 0-0 with Jordan in a friendly international in Amman on Tuesday, their second warmup match for next month's Asian Cup, the Asian Football Confederation said on its website.

Iraq's Brazilian coach Jorvan Viera included several overseas-based players, including goalkeeper Noor Sabri, Bassem Abbas and Mohammad Nasser, but neither side created many chances in a dull game.

Iraq, who also drew 1-1 with Jordan on Friday, play Iran in the West Asian Football Federation Championship on Saturday.

They begin their Asian Cup campaign against co-hosts Thailand in the tournament's opening match on July 7 before further Group A games against Australia and Oman. —MNA/Reuters

US hit four past El Salvador

BOSTON, 13 June — The United States, already through to the Gold Cup quarterfinals, beat El Salvador 4-0 in their final Group B match to make it three wins out of three for the tournament hosts.

DaMarcus Beasley put the US ahead in the 32nd minute, driving home after El Salvador failed to deal with a corner and LA Galaxy striker Landon Donovan made it 2-0 with a re-taken penalty on the stroke of halftime.

The impressive Beasley then started the counter-attack which led to the third goal, converted by Taylor Twellman.

Beasley, who plays in the Netherlands for PSV Eindhoven, added his second and his team's fourth, with two minutes remaining, coolly finishing after a smart pass from the outstanding Clint Dempsey.

Bob Bradley's side, defending champions in the tournament which brings together teams from North and Central America and the Caribbean, play their quarterfinal on Saturday. —MNA/Reuters



China's Zheng Zhisheng (middle) won the gold medal of men's over 69kg class with a total of 325kg at the Junior World Weightlifting Championships in Prague on 12 June, 2007. —INTERNET

Thailand leaves for training camp in Germany

BANGKOK, 13 June — AFC Asian Cup 2007 co-hosts Thailand left on a two-week training camp in Germany on Sunday for friendlies against amateur German clubs.

For coach Chanvit Phalajivin, five key players, namely Therdsak Chaiman, Nirut Surasiang, Sarayud Chaikamdee, Datsakorn Thonglao and Sutee Suksomkit, are absent due to club commitments in Singapore and Vietnam.

"One of the most important things is for our players to improve their fitness and physical strength. Against Holland the other night the Dutch players were much stronger physically," the 51-year-old Chanvit told the *Bangkok Post*, referring to the team's 3-1 defeat to the Netherlands in a friendly last Wednesday. —MNA/Xinhua



China's Li Na returns a shot to Yaroslava Shvedova of Russia during their match at the Birmingham Classic tennis tournament in Birmingham, central England, on 12 June, 2007. Li Na overcame a sluggish start to beat Yaroslava Shvedova 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 for the third round of the Birmingham Classic on 12 June, 2007. —INTERNET

UEFA relaxes Denmark stadium punishment after fan attack

COPENHAGEN, 13 June — UEFA has relaxed the punishment it handed out to Denmark over the staging of future Euro 2008 home matches after a drunken fan attacked a referee in their qualifier against Sweden earlier this month.

The June 2 Group F match was abandoned in the 89th minute with the score tied at 3-3 in Copenhagen, when the fan attempted to confront the official after he awarded a penalty to the visitors.

Last week, UEFA handed Sweden a 3-0 victory, fined the Danish Football Association (DBU) 100,000 Swiss francs (80,840 US dollars) and ordered Denmark to play their next four home qualifiers at least 250 kilometres (155 miles) away from the capital, the first in an empty stadium.

The DBU, however, has successfully appealed the venue decision as too harsh, after arguing there were no stadiums appropriate for international matches that met the distance requirement in the small Nordic country.

MNA/Reuters

Real Madrid refuses to let Robinho join Brazil's practice

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 June — The Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said Monday that it got a statement from Spain's club Real Madrid saying striker Robinho was not allowed to join the national team on Tuesday, when practice for the Copa America is scheduled to start. According to CBF, Real Madrid argued that the team is playing for their 30th title in the Spanish League, which is in its last round of the 2006-2007 season.

On Sunday 17 June, they will have to beat Mallorca at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in order to ensure the title. The club only agreed to let Robinho leave for Brazil on Monday June 18. The same situation applied to wingback Marcelo, who was drafted to practise with Brazil's U-20 team for the FIFA U-20 World Cup, to be held in Canada.

CBF stated it will not agree with the players' participation in Real Madrid's games this week, and will try to prevent at least Robinho from playing.

MNA/Xinhua

Eto'o adamant he is staying at Barcelona

MADRID, 13 June — Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o on Tuesday rubbished reports that he will leave the Primera Liga club at the end of the season.

"I am tired of saying it. I have a contract and I am in control of the situation. The club can't get rid of me because of my contract and as we both want to continue anyway, there is nothing more to talk about," he told reporters.

"I am staying at Barcelona and I don't know where these stories saying I'm going come from."

Last week AC Milan confirmed their interest in signing the Cameroon international and said they would make an approach when the Spanish season finished.

Defending champions Barcelona travel to play relegated Gimnastic Tarragona on Sunday, in what promises to be a gripping showdown to the end of the season.

Barca are level on 73 points with leaders Real Madrid, but second due to their inferior head-to-head record. Sevilla are two points back in third.

Frank Rijkaard's side have to win their game and hope Real slip up at home to mid-table Real Mallorca, Eto'o's former club, to claim their third consecutive league title.

When asked if he hoped for any favours from his former teammates, Eto'o said Barca should just focus on winning their own game and forget about Real's.

"I don't play for Mallorca any more, although I would love to return again one day, and I can't ask for anything from them. It's all out of our hands now," Eto'o added.

MNA/Reuters



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (R) drives to the basket against the San Antonio Spurs Bruce Bowen in the first quarter during Game 3 of the NBA Finals basketball series in Cleveland, Ohio, on 12 June, 2007. —INTERNET

Urine samples of Ugandan players sent to FIFA HQs

KAMPALA, 13 June — Urine samples of 30 players of Uganda's Super League football club Simba have been sent to Zurich over the weekend for tests to determine the testosterone levels for the Africans.

The Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) medical instructor James Sekajugo collected and sealed the specimens at the club's Kyambogo training ground on Saturday.

The three-hour exercise was followed by immediate dispatch of the samples by international couriers TNT to the FIFA Headquarters in Zurich.

MNA/Xinhua



Toronto Blue Jays AJ Burnett throws to the San Francisco Giants in the first inning of their MLB baseball game in San Francisco, California, on 12 June, 2007. —INTERNET

3,500 Japanese wartime bombs found buried in N-E China

CHANGCHUN, 13 June — Three thousand five hundred bombs abandoned by Japanese troops during World War II have been unearthed from the base of a hill in Dunhua City in northeast China's Jilin Province, police said on Tuesday.

The bombs, weighing more than 40 tons, were found buried in a rectangular pit 15 metres long and two metres wide at the foot of a small hill in

Dunhua's Shaheyuan Township, which was once the site of a Japanese military airport, police said.

The bombs, potentially the biggest weapon find ever in Jilin, were discovered by three local farmers from Daqiao Township on 3 June using a metal detector to find scrap iron left by Japanese troops which they hoped to sell for money, police said.

The bombs were in a good state of preservation. Experts from the local bomb disposal centre said that if the largest one — weighing around 35 kilos — were to explode, people and livestock within a radius of at least five kilometres would be in danger.

The bombs have been transported to the centre to be destroyed.

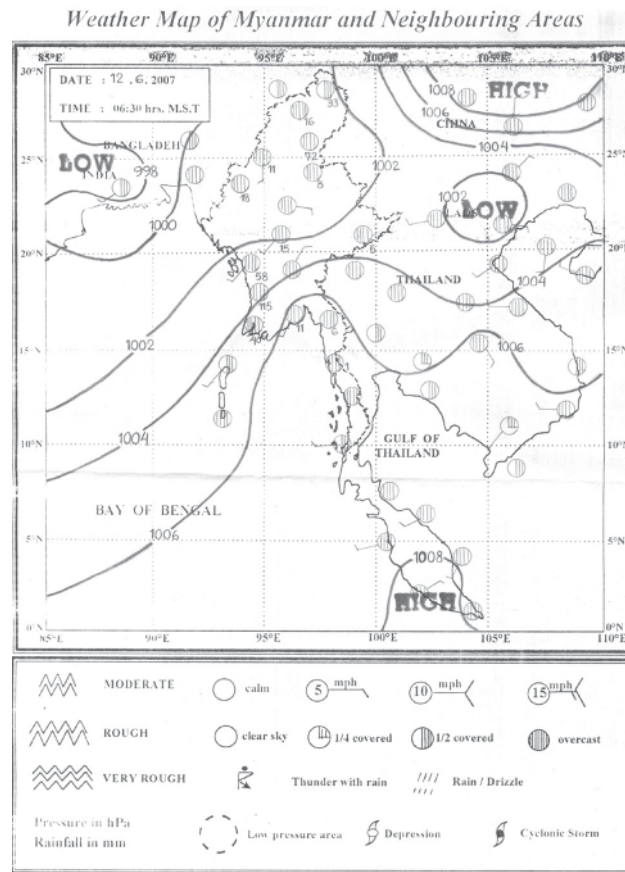
Chinese official statistics show Japan

abandoned at least two million tons of chemical weapons at about 40 sites in 15 provinces at the end of World War II, mostly in the three northeast provinces of Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning.

China and Japan joined the United Nations Chemical Weapons Convention in 1997. Two years later, they signed a memorandum obliging Japan to remove all weapons by June 2007 and provide all necessary funds, equipment and personnel for their retrieval and destruction.

But the Japanese Government has asked for an extension of the disposal deadline to April 2012.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 13 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Shan and Rakhine States and isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.83) inch, Kyaukpyu (8.11) inches, Thandwe (5.67) inches, Pinlaung (4.61) inches, PyinOoLwin (3.98) inches, Maungtaw (3.34) inches, Thipaw (3.07) inches, Kyauktaw (3.03) inches, Sittway (2.84) inches, Pyinmana and Magway (0.59) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 12-6-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 13-6-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 13-6-2007 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 12-6-2007 was (1.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-6-2007 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.31) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (36.26) inches at Mingaladon, (40.59) inches at Kaba-Aye and (39.25) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (14:15) hours MST on 12-6-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 14-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Mon and Kachin States, lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 14-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 14-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 14-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).



Bobby Pacquiao, of the Philippines, braces for a punch from Humberto Soto, of Mexico, during the fifth round of boxing action on 9 June, 2007 at Madison Square Garden in New York. Pacquiao lost the fight with a 7th round TKO. — INTERNET



Thursday, 14 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -A thousand miles
- 8:50 am National news / Solgan
- 9:00 am Music: -Just like a pill
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -More than a feeling
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -Teddy bear -I hear you now
- 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar -Myanmar harp; pride & crown of Myanmar musical instrument
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Pourri
- 9:30pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 14 June
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Saya-daw 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. Dance of national races
- 8:15 am 6. Dance variety

- 8:30 am 7. International news
- 8:45 am 8. 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. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm 7. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm 8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. သီရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm 12. အပြောကတွေ့ဆုံဆွေးနွေးရေး အလုပ်က(၉၀)ပြည့်နှစ် ရလဒ်အကောင်အထည်ဖော်ရေး လူထုဆူပူအုံကြွရေး
- 7:10 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေရောင်သန်းသော အသည်းနှလုံး" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကြမ္မာနတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 18. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီးပိတိတ္ထသာရာဘိဝံသ ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်
- 19. The next day's programme

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends ceremony of polio vaccination, presents relief aids to storm victims in Rakhine State



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects direct paddy seeding at ploughing ceremony for 2007-2008 monsoon season in Maungtau Township. — MNA

YANGON, 13 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, senior military officers and departmental officials held a meeting with officers, other ranks, family members at

Naymyo Hall of Border Areas Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters in Maungtau Township and made a speech on the occasion on 10 June.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe urged officers and other ranks to discharge the duties conscientiously and try to become qualified members. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech on the occasion, saying that officials are to lay emphasis on carrying out families welfare and fulfill the requirements of education, health and social affairs

of the families and perform the tasks dutifully.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented stationery and clothes to the Head of Border Areas Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants in Kyeeganpyin Village-tract in Maungtau Township and participated in the ceremony.

A total of 3,600 physic nut plants were grown on three acres of land in Maungtau Township. A total of 2,137

acres had been put under physic nut plants in Maungtau Township in 2006-2007. Maungtau has so far cultivated 374 acres of physic nut plants against the target of 28,397 acres in 2007-2008.

Afterwards, they attended monsoon paddy ploughing ceremony and direct paddy seeding ceremony. Maungtau Township has already cultivated 2,045 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 88,626 acres in 2007-2008.

At Thiri Yadana Hall in Maungtau, they attended the ceremony of polio vaccination for the second time in Maungtau Township. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presented reports on polio vaccination programmes to be implemented in 17 townships of Rakhine State. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged parents to feed polio vaccine to their children under 5.

Afterwards, they inspected thriving physic nut plantations of the lo-

cal battalion at the entrance to Buthidaung and attended the rubber growing ceremony in Letwedatpyinshay Village-tract. Rakhine State grew 15,000 acres of rubber in 2006-2007. More 10,000 acres of rubber will be extended in 2007-2008. Upon arrival at Zaydipyin Village Station Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with local people and presented cash assistance K 520,000 for storm victims to rebuild their houses.

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NLD party cannot bring about national interest, hinders national development greatly

Two members quit Einme Township NLD

YANGON, 13 June—Two members—U Hla Yi and U Tun Myaing—of Einme Township National League for Democracy, Ayeyawady Division, resigned from the party of their own accounts and sent their letters of resignation to the NLD and authorities concerned.

In their letters sent to Einme Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said the NLD could not bring about national interest and it greatly hindered the national development. NLD members keep distance from the people and they are condemned by the people. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, the letters said.—MNA

Weather Forecast for (14-6-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas

One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

New Rainfall Record

The amount of rainfall (117) mm (4.61 inches) observed at (09:30) hour MST on 13 June 2007 in Pinlaung is the (24) hours new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of June during last (41) years. The former record was (101) mm (3.98 inches) on 6 June 1994.