

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends second donation ceremony for storm victims in Sittway

Preventive measures to be taken against natural disasters by reviewing past experiences



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivers an address at second relief aids presentation for storm victims of Rakhine State in Sittway. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 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 for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and departmental officials, attended the physic nut cultivation ceremony of Sittway Station in Sittway

on 11 June morning.

Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station reported on cultivation of physic nut on 400 acres last year and arrangements for growing it on 1,000 acres of land this year.

After giving instructions, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed growing of physic nut at the farm.

They also attended the collective ploughing and paddy seeding ceremony at the entrance to

Sittway.

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than stressed the need for Rakhine State to strive for ensuring food sufficiency, and harmonious efforts are to be made for boosting production and extending sown acreage.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed direct paddy seeding at the research farm and left necessary instructions.

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It is not too late to mend

To use your pat expression “the public” in my words, I trust your aspiration to see progress of the nation and the people, but I have doubt about the activities you are now carrying out in the interests of the people. If you think you are really patriotic, would you please continue your anti-government activities outside the country? Then, you will understand what sort of politician you are. If in doubt, you may take my suggestion. Moe Thee Zun, who left the country talking big as to whether he would do abroad, became an expatriate in the US in the end, didn’t he?

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WUNNA MIN KHAUNG

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 15 June, 2007

Maintain irrigation facilities, extend cultivation of paddy and crops

The government has designated the agricultural sector as the base for economic growth of the nation, and is now paying serious attention to supply of sufficient irrigation water for agricultural development.

It is building large, medium and small dams, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations in the arid regions in the central and upper parts of the nation according to their land conditions.

Simultaneously, in the lower parts of the nation, it is constructing dams, diversion weirs, sluice gates as well as embankments and canals to prevent the arable lands from flooding.

So far, it has constructed two irrigation facilities in Kayah State, one in Kayin State, 22 in Sagaing Division, one in Taninthayi Division, 43 in Bago Division, 37 in Magway Division, 48 in Mandalay Division, 10 in Mon State, five in Chin State, 17 in Yangon Division, four in Shan State and nine in Ayeyawady Division.

These 200 irrigation facilities benefit more than 2.6 million acres of farmlands across the nation.

It is also boosting production of farm implements in its plan to transform the nation from conventional farming to industrial farming. And it is distributing high-yield strains of crops and advanced agricultural methods to achieve the targeted yields of the crops.

Regional officials and peasants therefore have to maintain the irrigation facilities for their durability and extend growing of monsoon paddy, summer paddy and mixed cropping and multiple cropping for expediting the agricultural development.

Peoples' Desire

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

Weeding of sugarcane plantation, construction of Swa Creek Bridge under supervision

YANGON, 13 June — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected participation of family members of servicemen of the local station and workers of No 6 Sugar Mill in the collective weeding at sugarcane plantation of Shwepyigon farm of Southern Command in Yedashe Township on 2 June.



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko attends physic nut growing ceremony in Yedashe Township.— MNA

Together with local authorities and departmental officials, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and wife Chairperson of Bago Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Sao Nang Khun Hsam attended the physic nut growing ceremony on

100-acre land of Yedashe Township PDC.

Yedashe Township put 6,500 acres of land under physic nut in 2006 against the target of 19,800 acres.

At Swa Creek Bridge being built by

Bridge Construction Project Special Group-14 of Public Works, the commander also inspected construction of piers and approach structures.

Swa Creek Bridge is a major bridge on Yangon-Mandalay

Highway. At present, a new bridge measuring 270 feet by 48 feet flanked by three feet wide pedestrian way is under construction. The four-lane reinforced concrete bridge will withstand 60-ton loads.

MNA

USDA Secretary-General donates text books to schools

YANGON, 14 June — Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo donated text books to basic education high schools in Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Division, on 6 June.

The Secretary-General, secretaries of division/district/township USDAs and responsible persons of social organizations donated 120 sets of text books to each school in Hinthada Township.

Heads of BEHSs accepted the donation, and headmistress Daw Tin Myint of No-3 BEHS spoke words of thanks.

Departmental officials, townsenders, executives and members of division/district/township

USDAs and members of Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and War Veterans Organization also attended the donation ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo said the government has been making efforts for promotion of the education standard joining hands with the Tatmadaw and the people. Similarly, the USDA also has tried hard together with the social organizations to achieve success in implementing the tasks for the promotion of the education standard. USDA has donated school text books to schools so that students can borrow text books from schools, he said.—MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo meeting with departmental officials, townsenders and social organizations in Hinthada Township.— A & I

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International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 26-6-2007

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Do drugs control YOUR LIFE?

Your life, Your community.

No place for drugs.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Serbia will not trade Kosovo for EU or NATO

BELGRADE, 13 June — Serbia will never surrender Kosovo to the breakaway province's ethnic Albanian majority or trade its territory for European Union or NATO membership, Serb leaders said on Tuesday.

Serbia "will give up neither Kosovo nor its European future", President Boris Tadic said in a statement which rejected "any compensation for lost territory". "It would be damaging if any country recognized the independence of Kosovo without a proper decision by the Security Council", he said.

The statement was softer in tone but much the same in substance as a vow by Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica.

On Monday, he said US President George W

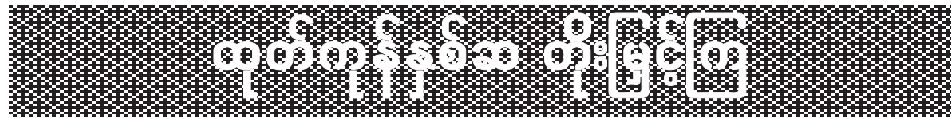
Bush had "disgusted" Serbs by promising independence to Kosovo and would not be forgiven.

Kostunica said on Tuesday taking land from a sovereign state "in return for the offer of a bright future" was unacceptable.

The row deepened as Kosovo marked the 8th anniversary of the deployment of 60,000 NATO troops. NATO bombed Serbia for 11 weeks in 1999 to compel it to withdraw forces who had killed some 10,000 Albanian civilians in a counter-insurgency conflict. Speaking in Paris, US Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said Western allies looked certain to press ahead with a plan drawn up by UN envoy Martti Ahtisaari to provide a platform for

Kosovo independence.

"Serbia needs to get beyond Kosovo. It lost Kosovo ... I don't believe you can turn the clock back. So independence is our objective and I believe we can get there," Burns told reporters ahead of a meeting with top diplomats from Europe and the United States. "It (the Ahtisaari plan) is the only way forward and there is no walking back from it in our judgment." —MNA/Reuters



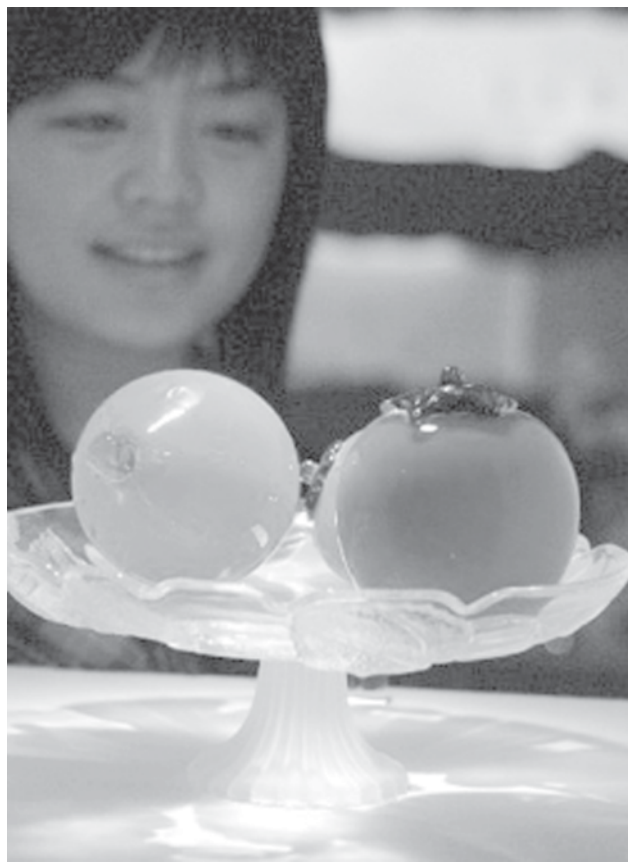
Chinese archaeologists have discovered the remains of a gigantic bird-like dinosaur in the Gobi Desert in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, which could overturn theories that dinosaurs became generally smaller as they evolved into birds. —INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq at 3,513

WASHINGTON, 13 June—As of Wednesday, 13 June, 2007, at least 3,513 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,881 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The *AP* count is five higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Wednesday at 10 am EDT. The British military has reported 150 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 20; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia, three; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Romania, South Korea, one death each. —Internet

A visitor looks at glass artworks in the Hua Fu Glass Art Museum in Chengde City in north China's Hebei Province, on 12 June, 2007. —XINHUA



Afghans say seven police killed in US-led strike

JALALABAD (Afghanistan), 13 June—US-led forces in Afghanistan mistakenly killed seven policemen in an airstrike after Afghan forces came under attack from the Taliban and asked for help, a provincial official said on Tuesday.

The airstrike came after the Taliban stormed police posts late on Monday in Khogiani District of the eastern province of Nangarhar, which borders Pakistan, district police chief Adel Balwal told *Reuters*.

Police sent reinforcements and called for help from US forces, he said. "In the coalition bombing, seven policemen lost their lives." A US military spokesman said he was aware of the raid but had no other details.

Thirteen policemen were missing, Balwal added.

If the deaths are confirmed, the incident would be one of the most serious cases of mistaken fire on Western or Afghan security forces by the US-led coalition force. — MNA/Reuters

Cast members of Hong Kong TVB's 60-episode mega TV series, "The Drive of Life," show up at the ongoing 13th Shanghai Television Festival on 12 June, 2007. —INTERNET

Letter: Missing girl buried under rocks

MADRID (Spain), 13 June—Portuguese police are investigating an area nine miles from where a young British girl was abducted after a tip-off to a newspaper in the Netherlands. An anonymous letter claiming 4-year-old Madeleine McCann's body is buried under rocks in deserted scrubland was sent to newspaper *De Telegraaf* and passed on to the Portuguese Policia Judiciaria.

A Dutch police spokesman said: "On Monday *De Telegraaf* received a letter from an anonymous sender which contained information about where Madeleine McCann may be.

"The letter included a map of the area where the sender claims she is. The newspaper handed the letter over to the police on Tuesday and immediate forensic tests were carried out.

"Today (Wednesday) the police sent the letter and the forensic report over to the Portuguese Police for immediate



Four-year-old Madeleine McCann disappeared from a hotel resort in Portugal on 3 May. —INTERNET

investigation." According to *De Telegraaf*, the letter said Madeleine was buried "north of the road under branches and rocks, around six to seven metres off the road" in a barren and deserted landscape. —Internet





A foreign woman walks inside a water ball at the Shilaoren Beach Resort in Qingdao city, in east China's Shandong Province on 12 June. The game attracted many visitors, especially young people and children, who were eager to try it. —INTERNET

British police officer stabbed to death in Luton

LONDON, 13 June — A 36-year-old police officer has died after being stabbed in Luton City centre recently responding to a call for help.

Police Constable Jonathan Charles Henry, a married father-of-one, received fatal injuries after he was knifed responding to reports of a stabbing in George Street in the town centre at 7:18 am.

Henry, who had been wearing a stab-proof vest, had only started work at 7 am

"John loved his job and was a dedicated member of the police service," said Bedfordshire Chief Constable Gillian Parker.

"Today like any other day, John was responding to a call for help from a member of the public. His dedication to duty cost him his life."

During the incident, police used a baton round and Taser stub gun to restrain the suspected knifeman. The man has been arrested on suspicion

of murder and is in police custody.

Two members of the public were also injured and both are being treated in hospital. One, a 53-year-old local man, is in a serious but stable condition after being stabbed in the back.

Parker said Henry's colleagues were saddened

and traumatised by the events. Officers said they could not recall any similar incident in Bedfordshire for decades.

Henry, who leaves a wife Mary and baby daughter Maggie, had been an officer for three years.

MNA/Reuters



Fifteen brides face off for WE tv's "Bridezillas" cake eating contest held in Times Square on 12 June, 2007. The winner, Stephanie Florio (back row, 3rd L) of Sayville, New York, received a prize of 25,000 US dollars in celebration of the fourth season of WE tv's hit series "Bridezillas".

XINHUA

Three hurt as squirrel goes nuts

BERLIN, 13 June — An unusually aggressive squirrel attacked three people in a German town before its last victim finished it off with a crutch, police said Wednesday.

The rodent jumped

through a living-room window in Passau, on the Austrian border, on Tuesday and bit its first victim. With the squirrel hanging on by its teeth, the woman ran out into the street, where she managed to shake the animal off.

The squirrel then bit a builder before fleeing into a nearby garden, where it bit a 72-year-old man who eventually killed it with his crutch, police said.

The dead animal was to be tested for rabies.

Internet

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Castro says Bush craving for affection in Albania

HAVANA, 13 June — Cuban leader Fidel Castro said US President George W Bush is so unpopular he had to travel to Albania and Bulgaria to get attention free of protests.

"Bush is craving for affection," the conva-

lescing Castro wrote in his latest column entitled "The tyrant visits Tirana" published Tuesday by Cuba's Communist Party newspaper *Granma*.

"He really enjoyed his reception without protests in Bulgaria," Castro, 80 and sidelined from power

by illness, said of his ideological nemesis.

Bush, whose popularity is at its lowest due to the Iraq war, delighted Albanians on Sunday by supporting independence for the breakaway Serbian province of Kosovo.

MNA/Reuters

Blair accuses British media as "feral beast"

LONDON, 14 June — Britain's media is like a "feral beast" that tears people and reputations to shreds, Prime Minister Tony Blair said on Tuesday in his parting shot at journalists after a decade in power.

Once known for his slick and sometimes obsessive media management, Blair accused the media of

sensationalizing facts, breeding cynicism and attacking public figures.

Blair, who steps down on 27 June, said he was not blaming the media for the "damaged" relationship with politicians but pointing the finger at the changing nature of modern news.

"The fear of missing out means that today's media, more than ever before, hunts in a pack. In these modes it is like a feral beast, just tearing people and reputations to bits," he said in a speech at Reuters headquarters in London.

Journalists are "increasingly and to a dangerous degree... driven by 'impact', and this is driving down standards and doing a disservice to the public, he said.

"The damage saps the country's confidence and self-belief... it reduces our

capacity to take the right decisions," argued Blair.

Britons became increasingly cynical about Blair's reliance on public relations "spin" to nurture favourable headlines and his relationship with the media and voters deteriorated during the divisive Iraq war and its aftermath.

Opposition politicians blamed Blair's media handling for the sour relationship between politicians and the Press.

"A fairer analysis would point to his own culture of spin," said Don Foster, a Liberal Democrat lawmaker.

Blair joked to reporters he was "poking them in the eye" but could do so because he was standing down. He advised his successor, Finance minister Gordon Brown, not to do the same.

MNA/Reuters



Residents row a yacht in flood-hit Liuzhou City in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 13 June, 2007. —XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

Ugandan Govt to earn \$60m annually from oil palm production

KAMPALA, 14 June — The Ugandan Government is to earn over 100 billion Ugandan shillings (60 million US dollars) in taxes annually once the oil palm production in Kalangala, an island district on Lake Victoria, kicks off.

Connie Magomu, a coordinator of the Vegetable Oil Development Project (VODP) in the Ministry of Agriculture was quoted by the state-owned *New Vision* on Tuesday as saying a total of 4,000 hectares of oil palm have been planted in Bugala Islands by investors operating under the BIDCO

Oil Palm Uganda Limited. Another 1,800 hectares by smallholders and out-growers have been established.

“The initial plan was to plant 10,000 hectares of oil palm, but BIDCO has planted 4,000 hectares. But with production in full capacity, the country will earn over 100 billion shillings per year from this investment,” Magomu said.

She said out of the required 10,000 hectares of land, about 7,000 had been secured. Of the 10,000 hectares, BIDCO is to plant 6,500 hectares of oil palm while out-growers would

have 3,500.

“We have given out over 500 million (300,000 dollars) in loans to small holders and out-growers through Kalangala Oil Palm Growers Trust for land clearing, planting, and buying fertilizers and seedlings,” Magomu said.

VODP is a joint effort between the Ugandan Government, International Fund for Agricultural Development, World Bank and the private sector aimed at increasing domestic vegetable oil production.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors check out furniture at the 12th International Furniture (Export) and Woodworking Machinery, which opened on 12 June, 2007, in Dalian, Liaoning Province. —INTERNET

NZ, Australia mull on Pacific trade agreement

WELLINGTON, 13 June — New Zealand and Australia are seeking discussions with Pacific Island countries on a free

trade agreement, said New Zealand Trade Minister Phil Goff on Tuesday.

He said the deal aims at involving member states

of the Pacific Islands Forum, the regional inter-governmental body.

“Forum Trade Ministers are scheduled to hold their annual meeting in Vanuatu in early August and we have asked the Forum Secretariat to convene preliminary exploratory consultations on how we should move forward to remove barriers to trade within the region,” said Goff.

Under the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER) signed in 2002, Pacific countries agreed on the need to cooperate to foster economic growth, investment and employment in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

EU's carbon trade 'set to fail'

LONDON, 13 June — The EU's carbon trading scheme — deemed a key to tackling climate change — is set to “fail” yet again, says the WWF.

The European Trading Scheme (ETS) was launched in 2005 to cut carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, but its success was limited, partly due to lax limits.

The wildlife charity is worried that the ETS' next phase will also “fail to deliver” significant emissions cuts.

Failure to cut carbon dioxide levels could cause irreversibly damaging climate change, scientists fear.

“While the mechanism of carbon trading is sound in principle, the first phase of the EU scheme (2005 to 2007) has been seriously undermined by weak political decisions,” said the WWF.

The first phase of the ETS — which covered around 40% of the EU's emissions — has been accused by critics of falling short of its promises because the CO2 limits were not strict enough.

Moreover, the large polluters were given credits free of charge.

For firms that managed to cut emissions easily, they then had a surplus of carbon credits, which they could then sell for a profit.

Now the EU has set new limits for the next phase of the scheme for a number of nations including the UK, Germany and Luxembourg. Others are yet to be finalised. —Internet



“King Kong” star

Naomi Watts and

boyfriend Liev

Schreiber were secretly

wed in a private

ceremony in front of

family and close

friends.

INTERNET

Programme launched to light villages nationwide in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 13 June — The Nepali Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPCC) has launched the second phase of the Energy Sector Assistance

Programme (ESAP) to promote the use of alternative energy in the rural areas of the country, *The Himalayan Times* reported on Tuesday.

According to the daily, the Phase II programme will wrap up in 2011. The programme focuses on the solar energy support programme, biomass support programme and micro-hydro projects.

The programme looks after the rural energy investment and institutional strengthening of the rural energy sector.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran to build five refineries in Asia

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 June — Iran is finalizing details on five proposed refinery project in Asia, with a total capacity of 1.1 million barrels per day (bpd), Iranian Petroleum Minister Seyed Kazem Vaziri Hamaneh has said.

Iranian firms are planning to invest in the building of refineries in China, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia, *The New Strait Times* reported on Tuesday, quoting the minister.

Some of the project details have been finalized, while others are still being discussed, Seyed Kazem said on Monday.

“There is no specific timetable,” he told journalists after delivering a keynote address on the political and economic scenario facing the energy industry at the 12th Annual Asia Oil & Gas Conference in Kuala Lumpur.

The partnerships are “to bring to the Asian countries the synergy for mutual relationships as we provide them with the crude oil”, he said.

Earlier in his keynote address, Seyed Kazem called on oil-consuming countries from Europe and Asia to invest in Iran's energy sector. — MNA/Xinhua



More than 15,000 Chinese and foreigners gather at a lobster feast in Xuyi county in east China's Jiangsu Province on 12 June. —INTERNET



Movie stars Jackie Chan (L) and Jet Li (R) pose with director Rob Minkoff during a news conference for the movie "The Forbidden Kingdom", in Hengdian, east China's Zhejiang Province on 14 June, 2007.—INTERNET

43 Palestinians killed in wave of violence in past 48 hours

GAZA, 13 June—Chief of emergency in the Palestinian Health Ministry Mo'aweya Hassanein said that 43 Palestinians were killed and 80 wounded in the worst ever wave of infighting between Fatah and Hamas. Hassanein told reporters that 21 Palestinians were killed only on Tuesday night during fierce gunbattles east of Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza Strip, adding that 60 others were wounded.

He added that since the eruption of clashes between rival Fatah and Hamas movements' militants, 22 Palestinians were killed and 30 wounded all over the Gaza Strip, adding that the death toll has now reached 43.

Earlier on Tuesday evening, fierce clashes flared near a compound belonging to the Pales-

tinian national security forces east of the refugee camp of Jabalia in northern Gaza Strip, eyewitnesses and security sources said.

Sources from Hamas and the security forces confirmed that the compound was totally occupied by Islamic Hamas militants and the auxiliary force of the interior ministry controlled by the movement in the national unity government.

Eyewitnesses said that there were dozens killed and wounded on the ground outside and inside the security compound, adding

that it was difficult for ambulances and rescue teams to get into the area.

MNA/Xinhua

Singer and actress Hilary Duff (R) and her sister, actress Haylie Duff, arrive as guests for the premiere of the film "1408" in Los Angeles, California on 12 June, 2007.

INTERNET



19th-century weapon found in whale reveals age

BEIJING, 13 June—A fragment of a 19th-century weapon was found in a 50-ton bowhead whale caught off Alaskan last month, providing precise proof that whales can live more

than 100 years.

The 3 1/2-inch arrow-shaped projectile was embedded deep under the blubber of the 49-foot male bowhead whale harvested in the traditional subsis-

tence hunt conducted by Alaska's Inupiat people.

It was likely manufactured in New Bedford, a major whaling centre at that time, and shot at the whale from a heavy shoulder gun around 1890, said John Bockstoce, an adjunct curator of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The fragment shows that the whale could be nearly 130 years old, according to Craig George, a wildlife biologist with the North Slope Borough's Depart-

ment of Wildlife Management.

"It was probably at least a yearling when it was struck, because the whalemen never took calves," George said.

The find adds to recent information suggesting that bowhead whales have life spans that extend past a century, George said.

It's rare to find a whale that has lived more than a century, but experts say the oldest were close to 200 years old.—Internet



A bowhead whale

EU-Iran nuclear talks fail; IAEA warns of risk

VIENNA, 13 June—EU talks with Iran on its nuclear programme broke off in failure on Monday, diplomats said, and the UN atomic watchdog said Teheran's behaviour posed a serious concern it might gain the ability to build atom bombs.

Diplomats said the meeting between Iranian deputy nuclear negotiator Javad Vaeedi and a top aide of European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, to prepare for higher level talks, foundered because Vaeedi would not discuss issues of substance.

"It was a failure," said one diplomat. Another said a planned meeting between Vaeedi and two senior

officials of the watchdog International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) had been cancelled for the same reason. The aborted meetings underlined the growing crisis over Iran's nuclear programme as Western countries consider whether to push for a third, harsher round of UN Security Council sanctions to try to force Iran to halt enrichment work.

The United States and its allies fear Iran is trying to develop atomic bombs behind the facade of a nuclear energy programme, rather than generate the electricity it

says it needs for peaceful economic development.

Iranian chief negotiator Ali Larijani promised Solana at a 31 May meeting in Madrid to do more to clear up IAEA inquests into its programme. But Teheran said the gesture depended on an end to Security Council action—a non-starter for world powers.

A 23 May IAEA inspector report said Iran had not only ignored a UN deadline to stop enrichment but had made big strides in its programme since the start of this year.—MNA/Reuters

Olmert considers international force for Gaza

JERUSALEM, 13 June—Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Tuesday the deployment of an international force along the Gaza-Egypt border should be seriously considered to counter Hamas's influence in the coastal strip. "If the Gaza Strip ultimately falls into the hands of Hamas, it will have regional significance," Olmert told the visiting Dutch Foreign Minister according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's office.

Olmert said Western nations should act soon to change the situation in the Gaza Strip and that "serious consideration" should be given to deploying an international force in the so-called Philadelphi Corridor between Gaza and Egypt. Israel has long resisted Palestinian calls for peacekeepers in Gaza and the occupied West Bank, saying their deployment would interfere with Israeli security measures.—MNA/Reuters

A model wears a creation from Forum Tufi Duek's 2008 spring/summer collection during Sao Paulo Fashion Show, on 13 June, 2007.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than plants a graft of physic nut at a ceremony to grow physic nut in Sittway Station for 2007-2008. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends...

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At the city hall in Sittway, they attended the second relief aids presentation ceremony for storm victims of Rakhine State.
Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that he

witnessed reconstruction tasks of Rakhine State PDC at the storm-hit areas in addition to providing assistance and cash donations for the storm victims by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Rakhine State PDC, social

organizations and wellwishers. He stressed the need to take preventive measures against the natural disasters by reviewing the past experiences. At present, the government is helping the families of victims as soon as possible, and local people and social organizations are also to participate in providing assistance to the victims.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe reported on relief tasks of the ministry.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than handed over 4,500 blankets, 40 tents and 960 water bottles worth K 120 million donated by the Ministry of SWRR to Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein.

The commander also accepted 2,160 units of relief aid worth K 16,207,500, K 1,820,000 for rice, cash assistance K

1.4 million for the death and 4,000 corrugated iron sheets worth K 20 million presented by Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe; 50 emergency pharmaceutical kits worth K 20 million by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint; and K 17,709,000 by wellwishers through export entrepreneur U

Kyauk Taung.

Today's second donation for the storm victims totalled K 197,136,500 — relief aids and cash worth K 159,427,500 by the Ministry of SWRR, pharmaceuticals worth K 20,000,000 by the Ministry of Health and K 17,709,000 by well-

wishers. At the first donation, Rakhine State PDC donated K 20.4 million for construction materials and K 27.5 million for corrugated iron sheets, Ministry of SWRR relief aids and cash worth K 16.7 million, and wellwishers K 3.7 million, totalling K 683 million. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe hands over aids for storm victims to Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein. — MNA

MWAF donates educational aid to schools in North Okkalapa Township



Members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and social organizations and students participate in round-table discussion at No 1 BEHS in North Okkalapa Township. — YCDC

YANGON, 14 June — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2007, a ceremony to donate desks, stationery, clothes and cash assistance to 10 Basic Education Primary Schools in North Okkalapa Township was held at No 16 BEPS on Bonma Road in the township yesterday afternoon, attended by Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe explained the purpose of the donations and matters related to education development tasks.

Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay presented desks to school heads and students of BEPS Nos 1, 13, 16, 22, 24, 27, 36, 38, 39 and 44.

Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw

Mar Mar Wai, Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe and responsible persons also presented exercise books to the school heads and students.

Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department presented certificates of honour to Secretariat Member of MWAF Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin, Daw Kyu Kyu and Bago Division Regional Organizer Daw Wai Wai Thin. Township Education Officer U Sein Win spoke words of thanks.

Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, Head of Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe and Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai and party also attended the educative discussions at the hall of North Okkalapa BEHS and cordially conversed with the students and social organization members. — MNA

Military code of conduct contest

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June— Military officers and other ranks of the Ministry of Defence took part in military code of conduct at Kyansittha Yeiktha of the ministry here today.

Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla

Aung Thein and military officers visited the hall where the participants were sitting for the contest. A total of 179 including 31 officers, 52 warrant officers, 62 sergeants and 34 privates participated in the contest.—MNA

MWAF donates sewing machine, books to community knowledge centres

YANGON, 14 June — To mark the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation contributed sewing machines and books to community knowledge centres in Thanlyin Township today.

Leader of the Social and Cultural Working Group of MWAF Dr Daw Sandar Aung and members went to Kayinseik Model Village in Thanlyin Township and they donated provisions to the Sayadaw of Aungmingala Monastery.

On the tour of the village, Dr Daw Sandar Aung and members visited community knowledge centre where ladies of village attending tailoring course. Afterwards, Dr Daw Sandar Aung donated sewing machines and books to the community knowledge centre of the village.

While in Thanlyin, Dr Daw Sandar Aung and members also visited the community knowledge centre of Thahtaykwin Village and donated books to the centre.—MNA



Leader of Social and Cultural Working Group of MWAF Dr Daw Sandar Aung hands over sewing machine and books to responsible personnel of a community knowledge centre. — EDUCATION

It is not too late to mend

Wunna Min Khaung

Paw Oo Tun (Min Ko Naing),

I am not sure you remember, but I still do that when we were serving our terms at the special ten-unit building in Insein Jail, from one room to another we talked to each other raising our voice before the bed-time of 9 pm.

In particular, the memories of your exchanging political views with a war veteran NLD representative-elect from Daze, Sagaing Division, that had not gone well are still fresh in my mind. At that time you made a comment on Daw Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo, and you named them pro-democracy activists without inherent character.

Frankly speaking, you knew best that you were not knowledgeable enough about politics. When you started to hold discussions about politics with experienced politician BCP (Burma Communist Party) UGs Thet Khaing and Maw Zin, you could notice how much your political experience was at that time. And what was the political principle you practise based on—leftist, rightist, or liberal democracy? If you are dare enough, respond to my question through a broadcasting station you are familiar with, please. I'll continue discussions based on your response.

You did not have an opportunity to get involved in the pre-election internal party political affairs in 1990 because you were put behind bars just after the 1988 unrest. And in the jail, you just came to be able to guess what the condition of internal politics would be like only after getting information about internal politics from your fellow prisoners and those who visited the prison to meet certain prisoners of their social circle. I am afraid but your political view at that time were somewhat different from the prevailing situations.

To use your pat expression "the public" in my words, I trust your aspiration to see

progress of the nation and the people, but I have doubt about the activities you are now carrying out in the interests of the people. If you think you are really patriotic, would you please continue your anti-government activities outside the country? Then, you will understand what sort of politician you are. If in doubt, you may take my suggestion. Moe Thee Zun, who left the country talking big as to whether he would do abroad, became an expatriate in the US in the end, didn't he?

Everyone knows how to put blame on the government when they do not have their personal wishes fulfilled. Even my younger daughter, who misses the ongoing Korean TV series due to power outage when the series is on screen, can express her dissatisfaction. You know, no government can fulfill all the wishes of a citizen.

It is a principle that there should be reciprocal forgiveness between the citizens and the government. In any country, no citizen is entitled to enjoy permissiveness. Watching the ruling government's attitude to aboveground groups, you will notice that the government pays no heed to the criticism and accusations against it made by an individual or a group even if their wishes do not conform with that of the majority of the people and the attacks do not have severe effects on the basic principles of democracy.

Do not overlook that point. And have a view about the activities Mya Aye, Htay Kywe and Ko Ko Gyi and you are carrying out under the name of the "88" generation student group to lead an easy life. As an organization, you have an opportunity to express your opinions and views through foreign media. That reflects the patience of the ruling government. You should apply this opportunity in a beneficial way.

I assume that deceiving others for own popularity putting personality cult and sectarianism in the fore is indeed a bad habit that is common among opportunist politicians.

If your group members really want to serve the interests of the nation and the people, you should work with positive attitude to the prevailing situations and present requirements, but you should not have yourselves exploited for your social welfare by the neo-colonialists on the path they have paved. Here, I am not accusing you of being axe-handles putting much reliance on external elements.

I would like to point out some facts so that you will notice who have paved the path you are marching forward along it. You have knowledge about what certain western countries that do not show positive attitude to and blocking our nation's democratic transition process are doing to introduce the political pattern they are in favour of to the nation and to install a puppet as the State leader in the forthcoming government. However, your view may not be the same as mine in this regard.

I will present some important points. You know Soros Foundation. It was founded in New York in 1979 by American millionaire George Soros who crushed the monetary market of Southeast Asia region. And the ex-CIA director US President gave instructions to the foundation several times.

The foundation invested heavily in Hungary in 1984 and in the Soviet Union in 1987. And before long, the Hungarian Socialist government met its end and the Soviet Union collapsed into pieces. Then, you can guess how much dangerous the foundation is. Some day, I will explain its destruction methods and incidents in detail to you.

Today's foreign organizations under various names providing assistance for pro-democracy activists from inside and outside Myanmar like you deal directly or indirectly with the Soros Foundation. In particular, Open Society Institute (OSI) receives direct assistance from the Soros Foundation to implement the Burma Project.

No one can deny that the OSI is aiding and abetting various anti-government groups along the border line and at home and abroad. All anti-Myanmar government media and broadcasting stations including the groups of expatriates such as NCGUB, NCUB, NLD (LA), ABSDF, DAB, KNU, ABSU, AAPP, MPU, FTUB and DPNS are standing with the assistance aided by the OSI. So are some internal political parties and politicians.

In this regard, I would like to present some points about the Burma Project. The project has made a huge investment in the schemes to keep

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renegades and to deal a devastating blow to Myanmar, but it has not made progress as expected. Those who are dealing very closely with American Phillip Robertson, who came to Myanmar from the US in January 1997 and presented 80,000 US dollars and some publications about politics to Daw Suu Kyi in Yangon through her trusted followers Myint Swe, Nge Ma Ma Than and Cho Aung Than, and John Vincent Osolnick from Bangkok-based Asian American Free Labour Institute (AAFLI) know best what sort of persons they are and how many sub-names they have. And do you know whom does expatriate Sein Myint, who distributes funds to exiled expatriate groups once every three months, represent?

Paw Oo Tun,

You are deliberately turning a blind eye to the salient point that a lot of political activities in our nation's party politics are at the instigation of certain external elements. You know best how and what organizations you are dealing with to make the activities of your group known to the world through foreign media.

Such neo-colonialist spies are spreading their wings and good at disguising themselves. We had already learned about this since we were in jail. Representatives of so and so organization who could speak Myanmar very fluently visited the jail where we two used to sit and chat privately in the chairs under a mango tree. Do you remember what they told us?

This means neo-colonialists can reach all corners of the world as a network of spies. Penetrating non-governmental organizations, they can not only make the way they want but also influence them. They can operate behind the UN agencies. What's more, they put pressure on the target countries through some organizations and persons that are associated with governments.

The most distinctive example is National Endowment for Democracy (NED) in the USA. It is mainly controlled by the US Department of State and mainly financed by the US Congress. It also gets financial assistance from other wealthy NGOs.

Do you know where NED spent its funded dollars? It poured its funds into the operations of various armed insurgent groups and those in exile as well as organizations like International Republican Institute, National Democratic Institute, Albert Einstein Institute, Asian Information Network, Human Right Watch, Burma Watch and Organization of Peace and National Developing Burma Political Defiance Programme that are resorting to wicked ways to harm State interests, cause instability of the State and make the international community put pressure on the Myanmar government.

According to some records, a meeting of the US Senate held on 24 June 1997 passed a resolution that NED was to provide US\$ 5 million yearly for the anti-government groups of Myanmar. Does it help democracy flourish in Myanmar by imposing various sanctions against the ruling

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government and giving such assistance generously to destructive elements? Is it the goodwill towards Myanmar people?

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Introduction
Chapter (1) The concept of political power
Chapter (2) Pillars
Chapter (3) Obedience
Chapter (4) Operational steps and procedures of nonviolent attacks
Chapter (5) Solution to the problem
Chapter (6) Strategic assessment
Chapter (7) Facts to be considered in planning military operations

Chapter (8) Psychological warfare
Chapter (9) The concept of strategic thinking
Chapter (10) Fears
Chapter (11) Leadership
Chapter (12) Confusion
Chapter (13) Influence of the audience
Chapter (14) Discussions and training courses, and
Appendices and Index.

After thorough reading I came to realize that all you are doing now is according to the instructions included in the book, Paw Oo Tun. The Appendix-B of the book includes non-violence protest and organizing methods. Among them, under the title 'Issuing disciplinary notices' are holding mass meetings, issuing letters of protest and recommendation, issuing notices by respective organizations, sending public-signed papers, issuing notices on action to be taken and lawsuit to be filed and issuing letters of amnesty submitted by mass of the people.

Under the title 'Gestures and expressions' are flying flags, holding banners, expressing colours and particular type of clothes and badges and holding prayers.

I don't think what you are doing is not concerned with it.

Well, Paw Oo Tun, your group says what you are doing is for the national cause. But in reality, you are dancing to the tune of foreign masters, aren't you? Overall, you should reconsider what you are doing actually serves the interests of the State and the people and bodes well in the long run. It is not too late to mend and if you want to, there is still time to mend.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends ceremonies to grow physic nut plants ...

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drains and cultivation of shade trees. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Brig-Gen Win Myint presented physic nut plants to families of military officers and gave encouragement to those who were taking part in the growing of physic nut plants in the local battalion.

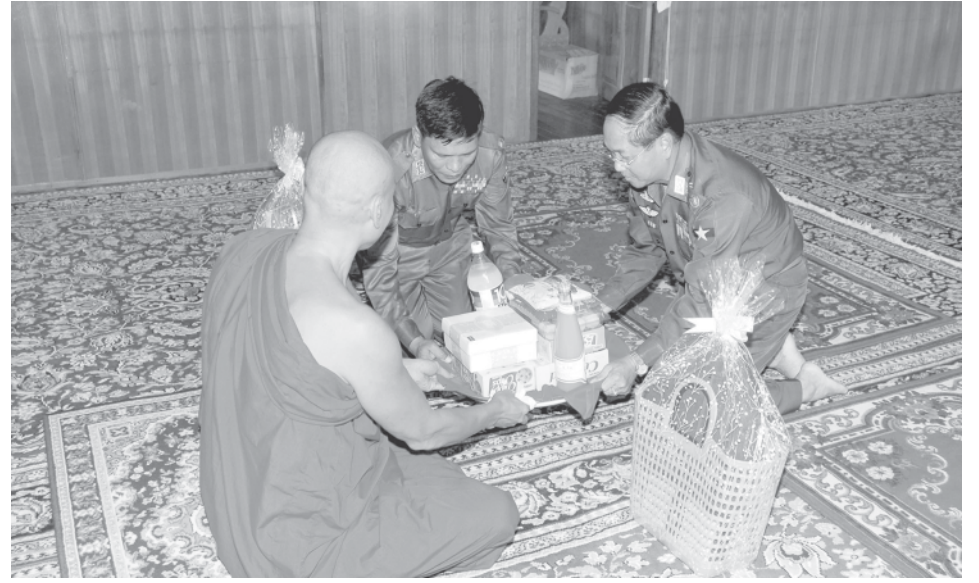
Next, they inspected thriving physic nut plants. At the briefing hall of the local battalion, Deputy Commanding Officer Major Kyi Win presented reports to them on cultivation of 90 acres of physic nut plants against the target of 100 acres and remaining 10 acres of physic nut plants to be grown.

Afterwards, they

presented physic nut plants to families of military officers, grew physic nut plants in the designated places and gave encouragement to those who were taking part in the growing of physic nut plants in the local battalion.

After inspecting thriving physic nut plants in the local battalion, they left there in the evening.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indacara of Mizzuthakayama Monastery in Bago. — MNA

Medics visit MMCWA

YANGON, 14 June — A total of 107 medical students of the University of Medicine-1 headed by the faculty members visited Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association this

morning. Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha clarified set-up of the association and tasks on health, education, economic and social welfare services, and the

executive director millennium goals and work programmes to the visitors, who later observed the clinic and the pre-school in the compound of the association. — MNA



Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha briefs on organizational set-up and activities of the association. — MMCWA

UMFCCI officials meet foreign business delegations

YANGON, 14 June — Vice-Presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretary-2 U Tun Aung, CEC members and executives met 19-member business

delegation led by Chairman of Beijing Beiao International Travel Service Co Ltd Mr Ke Peng Su of the People's Republic of China on 11 June. They exchanged views on investment, economic cooperation and promotion of mutual trade at the meeting.

On 12 June morning, UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win, General Secretary U Sein

Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-2 U Tun Aung and executives met six-member Korean delegation led by Mr Kim Sung Sik, Business Development Director, of GS Engineering and Construction on the same venue. They held comprehensive discussions on business opportunities, foreign investment and economic cooperation. — MNA



Officials of UMFCCI meet Mr Ke Peng Su, Chairman of Beijing Beiao International Travel Service Co Ltd. — UMFCCI

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — A Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here yesterday after attending the Sixth Asian Cooperation Dialogue Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ACD) held in Seoul, the Republic of Korea and paying an

official visit to Japan.

The Deputy Minister attended the opening ceremony of ACD meeting on 5 June and gave accounts on progress of Information Technology sector in Myanmar.

During his visit in Japan, the Deputy Minister called on Deputy Minister for Foreign

Affairs Mr Katsuhito Asano on 11 June and exchanged views on issue of mutual interest.

Together with the deputy minister, Director-General U Phae Thann Oo, Deputy Director U Soe Lynn Han and Assistant Director U Kyaw Thi Wa of the ministry also arrived back.

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Vice-Chairperson of SCNPC of China and party conclude visit

YANGON, 14 June — A Chinese Delegation led by Madame Gu Xiuliom, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and Chairperson of China - ASEAN Association, left here by air this morning.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by CEC members of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Aung Thein Lin and U Nyan Tun Aung, officials of USDA Headquarters, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and embassy staff.

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Chairperson of China-ASEAN Association Madame Gu Xiuliom being seen off by CEC Member of USDA U Aung Thein Lin at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

MRCS organizes Blood Donors' Day

YANGON, 14 June — Myanmar Red Cross Society held a ceremony to mark World Blood Donors' Day at Yangon University of Nursing today.

The ceremony was opened with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Tha Hla Shwe.

At the ceremony, officials concerned presented prizes to winners of the poster competitions to mark World Blood Donors' Day and awarded 28 people who donated blood over 100 times and 12 blood donors who were honoured for their performance in

social field.

Health Coordinator of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Ms Jennifer Jolly awarded Monyo Township which organized the largest number of blood donors.

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Bush job rating hits record low in NBC/WSJ poll

WASHINGTON, 14 June — President George W Bush's approval rating has dropped to 29 per cent in an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released on Wednesday, his lowest mark ever in that survey, which also found only 23 per cent approved of the job Congress was doing.

Bush's approval rating slid 6 points from 35 per cent in April, NBC said, citing a decline in support within his own Republican Party. Sixty-six per cent said they disapproved of Bush's job performance.

In the poll, 62 per cent of Republicans approved of Bush's job performance, down from

75 per cent in April. Thirty-two per cent of Republicans in the latest poll disapproved of Bush's performance, up from 21 per cent in April.

NBC tied the drop in Republican support to Bush's efforts to promote an immigration reform measure that many conservative Republicans oppose. Polls have also

shown a decline in Bush's popularity due to the war in Iraq.

The latest poll also found Americans growing more discontented with the Democratic-led Congress, with 64 per cent disapproving of Congress' job performance. Only 23 per cent approved, down 8 points since April.

MNA/Reuters



Qannik, a 6-year-old beluga whale, swims in a tank at his new home at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash, on Monday, 11 June, 2007. Qannik, an Inuit name for snowflake, arrived at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium early on Sunday after a flight on a chartered military transport plane from his previous home at Chicago's Joahn G Shedd Aquarium. Zoo officials said they plan to observe Qannik for a period of time before introducing him to Beethoven, a 14-year-old beluga who will share a tank with Qannik in Tacoma. — INTERNET



Light style : Two Taiwanese models demonstrate their LED light clothing during a photonics festival in China (Taipei) recently. — INTERNET

Syria refuses conditions on talks with Israel

DAMASCUS, 14 June — Syria is ready to negotiate peace with Israel but refuses conditions on the talks, Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmad Arnous said on Tuesday.

"Syria is prepared to resume talks, without any conditions, according to the land-for-peace principle and to achieve stability and security in the region," Arnous said in the first official reaction to an Israeli offer for talks.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has made clear Israel is willing to withdraw from the Golan Heights, captured by the Jewish state in a 1967 war, but has demanded in return that Syria cut ties with Iran, Hizbollah and Palestinian militant groups.

Arnous, speaking to reporters after he met Greek Foreign Minister Dora Bakoyanni, would not be drawn on whether Syria had sent a response to Israel on its peace offer through any of the numerous diplomats or foreign officials who have visited Damascus recently.

But he emphasized Syria's eagerness to strike a deal that returns the Golan Heights, captured by Israel from Syria in 1967. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese to clean up household with robots in 5 years

HARBIN, 14 June — A new generation of robot cleaners that not only sweep up but also recharge themselves automatically when battery power runs low, is expected to go on sale in the Chinese market in the next five years at a cost of just 1,500 yuan (about 200 US dollars).

The robots, 36 centimetres long, 34 centimetres wide and 12 centimetres high, have been developed at the computer department of Harbin Industry University in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.

"It is a combination of a mobile robot and a vacuum cleaner. First it reconnoiters the room using infrared remote control, and then works out the best path to the area that needs cleaning," said project chief Professor Hong Bingrong.

"The robot's memory function means it can return to the charger automatically when it runs out of power."

The infrared sensor enables the robot to locate the dirt and it does not leave a mess around the furniture, Hong added.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq imposes indefinite curfew in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 June — The Iraqi Government has announced the imposing of an indefinite curfew in the capital from 3:00 pm local time Wednesday (1100 GMT), in the wake of the bombing of a holy Shiite shrine in the northern city of Sammara earlier in the day, state-run TV reported.

The Iraqi capital has already been placed under nightly curfew, which begins at 11:00 pm (1900 GMT) and 6:00 am (0200 GMT) every day.

The expanded curfew was announced by the office of Iraqi Prime

Minister Nuri al-Maliki, said the report.

The announcement came several hours after the Shiite shrine of Ali al-Hadi, also called the Golden Mosque, was attacked by a bomb, which damaged its minaret.

The Golden Mosque is one of the four most revered Shiite shrines in Iraq. On 22 February of 2006, it was attacked by a bomb with its 100-year-old golden dome badly damaged.

The mosque contains two tombs of Ali al-Hadi, who died in A D, 868 and Hisson Hassan al-Askari who died in AD 874. The two are the 10th and 11th of the Shiite's twelve most revered Imams. Shiite pilgrims visited the shrine from all over the world.

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Senior Iraqi journalist kidnapped in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 June — A senior Iraqi journalist was kidnapped on Wednesday in Baghdad, police said, in the latest attack against the media in Iraq.

Gunmen in a convoy of cars seized Filaih Wadi Mijthab, managing editor of the state-run *al-Sabah* daily newspaper, while he was being driven with his son in Shiite-dominated Sadr City in east Baghdad. The son and driver were not taken.

The media has been consistently targeted in Iraq's bloody sectarian conflict, making it one of the most dangerous places in the world to report.

Mijthab's abduction would be the eighth

of a journalist this year in the country, according to a count kept by the Paris-based media advocacy group Reporters

Without Borders, in addition to the 27 who have died while doing their job.

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Zoo keeper Andreas Doerflein and polar bear Knut play in an open-air enclosure in the Zoo in Berlin on Thursday, 14 June, 2007. Knut was born on 5 Dec, 2006. — INTERNET

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General Manager, Myanma Steel Industries Co., Ltd.
(65) years

We would like to express our deepest sympathy for his family for the sad demise of U Myint Aung on (12.6.07).

Managing Director and Office Staff
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**Four US scientists win
2007 Shaw Prize**

HONG KONG, 13 June —The Shaw Prize Foundation announced on Tuesday that four US scientists are awarded The Shaw Prize of 2007.

The Shaw Prize consists of three annual prizes, Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences, with each prize bearing a monetary award of one million US dollars.

The Shaw Prize in Astronomy is awarded to Professor Peter Goldreich of the School of Natural Sciences at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and Professor Lee A DuBridges of astrophysics and planetary physics at the California Institute of Technology, of the United States, in recognition of his life-time achievements in theoretical astrophysics

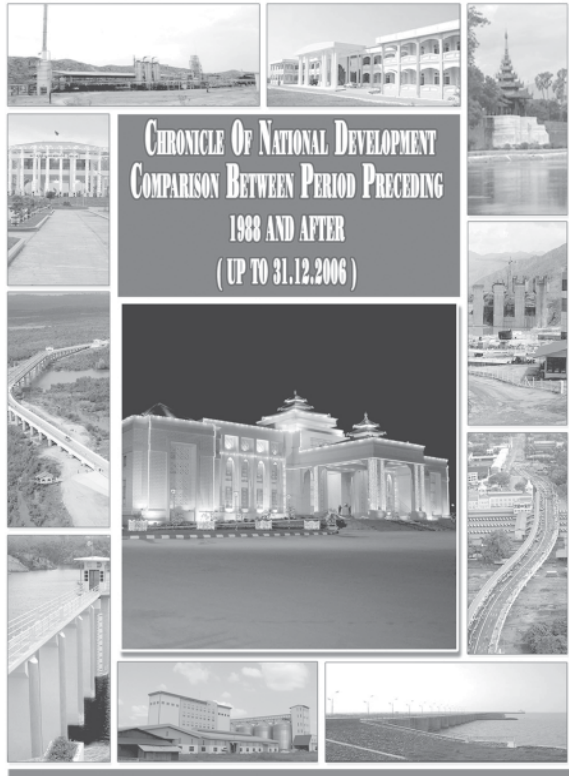
and planetary sciences.

The Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine is awarded to Professor Robert Lefkowitz, an investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Professor James B Duke of medicine and biochemistry at the Duke University Medical Centre in Durham, in North Carolina of the United States, for his relentless elucidation of the major receptor system that mediates the response of cells and organs to drugs and hormones.

The Shaw Prize in Mathematical Sciences is awarded in equal shares to Professor Robert Langlands of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and Professor Richard Taylor and Professor Herchel Smith of mathematics at Harvard University, the United States, for initiating and developing a grand unifying vision of mathematics that connects prime numbers with symmetry.

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Mudslides, floods kill nearly 130 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 13 June — Rescuers found 20 more bodies buried under mud in the Bangladesh port city of Chittagong on Tuesday, officials and witnesses said, taking the total number of flood-related deaths to nearly 130.

"So far, at least 102 bodies have been recovered from dozens of

homes buried under tonnes of mud following the landslides on Monday," a rescuer told Reuters by telephone. "The deeper we dig down, there are more corpses."

Disaster management officials said they feared the death toll would climb as a search by troops, firefighters, police and

volunteers intensified after the rains eased on Tuesday morning and the water started receding.

But heavy rain struck again in the afternoon. "We cannot say when this rescue will end," a rescuer said. "At the moment it looks unlikely that nature will smile on us soon."

MNA/Reuters

Lohan sued over car crash

BEIJING, 14 June—Actress Lindsay Lohan's legal problems continue even while she recovers in rehab. The 20-year-old starlet has been sued by Grandeur Inc, which claims the actress crashed into a company van in October 2005.

Lohan was behind the wheel in Beverly Hills when her car collided with a parked van, according to small claims court papers filed 18 May. Grandeur Inc is seeking 3,624.84 US dollars in damages, the celebrity news Web site CelebTV.com reported.

A judge will hear the matter 20 June. Lohan's spokeswoman had no comment on the case Tuesday.—Internet



American actress and pop music singer Lindsay Lohan. INTERNET

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Three new rheumatoid arthritis drugs mark “new era”

BEIJING, 14 June — Three new drugs for rheumatoid arthritis—rituximab, abatacept and tocilizumab—mark a “new era” in treatment for the sometimes-crippling disease of the joints, media reported Thursday.

The study, by Austrian researchers, was published online in *The Lancet* medical journal Tuesday.

Rituximab and abatacept have been approved for treatment of patients with this painful illness. Tocilizumab is currently being tested in phase III clinical trials. “The emerging agents show that a new era has started in the treatment of

rheumatoid arthritis,” according to the paper.

The drugs, when used either alone or in combination with existing treatments, slowed the progression of the disease and also reduced joint pain, swelling and stiffness by around half for up to 40 percent of patients.

Rituxamab targets the CD20 antigen in certain cells, leading to a reduction in the CD20 cell count. Abatacept interferes with T-cell activation response, believed to play an important role in rheumatoid arthritis. Tocilizumab targets interleukin-6, which activates many cell populations.

Rheumatoid affects between 0.5 and 1 percent of people, according to figures for the industrialized world.

Traditional treatments for rheumatoid arthritis include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), glucocorticoids, and disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs), which include the widely used Methotrexate. But only DMARDs, and to a certain extent glucocorticoids, can slow or halt rheumatoid arthritis’ inflammatory and destructive disease processes, according to background information in the study.

Internet



Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic inflammatory joint disease that causes joint pain, stiffness and swelling.—INTERNET

US FDA rejects new weight-loss drug

BEIJING, 14 June—A US Food and Drug Administration panel of experts unanimously rejected Sanofi-Aventis’s obesity treatment Acomplia, a weight-loss drug, Wednesday after hearing testimony that it increases the risk of suicidal thoughts, even in patients without a history of depression.

Although the drug is already marketed in 37 countries, it is now unlikely that the Food and Drug Administration will approve its sale in the United States.

It was a “unanimous 14 no vote about the safety of the drug,” said FDA spokeswoman Sandy Walsh. The FDA, which is not obligated to follow the panel’s recommendations but usually does, is expected to issue a decision in July.

The drug, which the French company had planned to call Zimulti in

the United States, works on the brain’s endocannabinoid system. The system was discovered through research into marijuana, which works on brain receptors to give users the “munchies.”

By suppressing those receptors, Zimulti sup-

presses hunger. Clinical studies revealed that patients taking it lost about 5 percent of their weight.

But the same brain system also modulates depression, phobias, anxiety and posttraumatic stress disorder.

Internet



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Mars: used to be blue planet?

BEIJING, 14 June—Mars was once covered by an ocean several miles deep according to a new research by a team of Canadian and American scientists, which will be released in the journal *Nature* Thursday. The red planet, they said, had once been a deep blue, just like Earth.

The University of Toronto’s Jerry Mitrovica and his colleagues together with scientists from

University of California-Berkeley reassessed and reinterpreted data about the topography of the Red Planet collected over the years by spacecraft visiting Mars.

The research focuses on a large plain surrounding Mar’s north pole that appears to be a sediment-filled ocean basin. But Martian topography mapping revealed the basin’s shorelines vary in elevation by more than a

mile, rising and falling like a wave with several thousand miles from one peak to the next. Because shoreline elevations on Earth are typically constant, many experts dismiss the idea Mars once had oceans.

Experts have debated the issue since the 1970s, when the Viking spacecraft located the features.

“This gets us all on the same page. This debate about whether these oceans existed, clearly it’s an important debate and one of the main issues people were trying to resolve,” Mitrovica said.

The researchers believe that Mars’s poles, along with the axis the planet spins on, have moved about 1,850 miles (3,000 kilometers) during the past two or three billion years.

“When the spin axis moves relative to the surface, the surface deforms, and that is recorded in the shoreline,” said co-author Michael Manga, professor of earth

and planetary science at the University of California, Berkeley.

The team also tried to figure out where all the water that was held in the ancient oceans went. Their calculations showed it couldn’t all have evaporated into space. This means it must have drained downward, beneath the surface of the planet. It is probably still there today — as ice, researchers said.

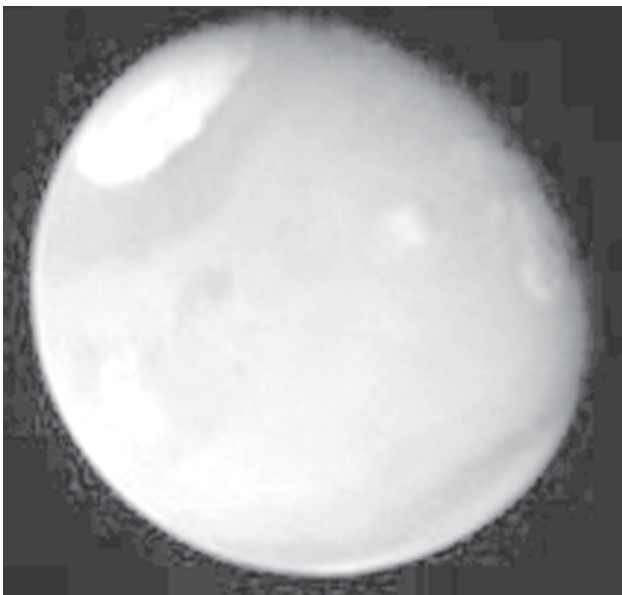
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New way to create human cells for drug testing

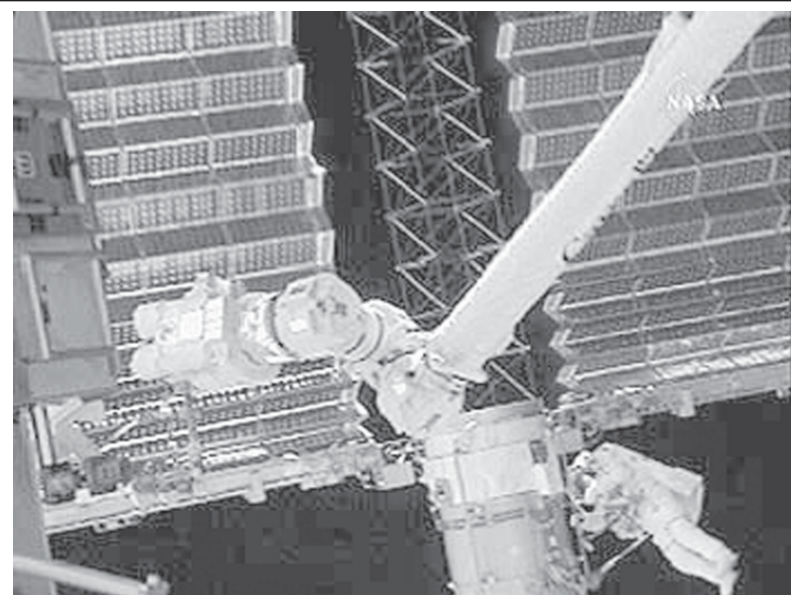
BEIJING, 13 June— Ian Wilmut, the scientist who made history when he cloned Dolly the sheep in 1966, is calling on scientists to inject human DNA into animal egg cells as a way around ethical and legal roadblocks to extracting the cells from human embryos.

Wilmut proposes in *Nature Reports Stems Cells*, an online stem cell resource created by the journal *Nature*, that scientists take a DNA-packed nucleus from a diseased person’s cell, then slip it into an animal egg from which the nucleus has been removed.

About one times out of eight, a clump of human embryonic stem cells should grow. Once the clump is large enough, medical researchers could test experimental drugs on the cells without destroying a single human embryo.—Internet



Mars



In this image from NASA TV spacewalker Steve Swanson works to retract the P6 solar array on 13 June, 2007. XINHUA

SPORTS



President of Bolivia plays soccer to protest FIFA's measure of barring high altitude matches on 12 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Myskina withdraws injured from Wimbledon

LONDON, 13 June — Former French Open women's champion Anastasia Myskina has withdrawn from Wimbledon because of a foot injury, the tournament's referee said in a statement on Tuesday.

The Russian has been struggling with a toe problem this year and was knocked out of the first round of the French Open 6-1, 6-0 by Meghann Shaughnessy. The men's draw for Wimbledon, which starts on June 25, will be without Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan, who has not missed the grass grand slam for eight years. He is nursing a wrist injury.

Zheng Jie of China who has an ankle injury and Italy's Romina Oprandi (arm) will be replaced, along with Myskina by Colombia's Catalina Castano, Melinda Czink of Hungary and Anna Smashnova of Israel.— MNA/Reuters

Peru leave Solano out of Copa squad, Pizarro returns

LIMA, 13 June — Newcastle United midfielder Nolberto Solano has been left out of Peru's provisional squad for the Copa America while striker Claudio Pizarro was recalled. Solano, who announced his international retirement two years ago, has been at loggerheads with the federation recently although he says he wants to play for his country again.

Peru coach Julio Cesar Uribe said last month he would be prepared to pick the player again.

Pizarro, recently signed by Chelsea from Bayern Munich, also fell out with the federation last year after missing the second of two friendlies away to Chile.

Uribe included PSV Eindhoven striker Jefferson Farfan and Hamburg's Paolo Guerrero in his 26-man squad, which will be whittled down to 22.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese Super League side Shanghai Shenhua claimed the A3 Champions Cup title on goal difference advantage here on Wednesday.

INTERNET

Brazil refuse to let Robinho play in Real decider

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 June — Brazil will not release Robinho to play for Real Madrid in Sunday's Spanish League decider but have asked him instead to join their Copa America training camp immediately.

"The Brazilian Football Confederation's position is that we are not releasing the player and we are going to exercise our rights," said national team supervisor America Faria.

Faria said under FIFA rules Robinho had to be free from club commitments for 14 days before the Copa, which is an official tournament.

The Copa America kicks off in Venezuela on June 26 and

Brazil face a tough match against Mexico the following day as they begin the defence of the title they won in Peru three years ago.

Real Madrid will win their first league title in four years if they beat mid-table Real Mallorca at home in the final game of the season on Sunday.

Brazil have already lost Ronaldinho and Kaka, who have both asked for a rest, while 32-year-old midfielder Ze Roberto announced his international retirement last week shortly after being named in the squad.

MNA/Reuters



Claudio Morel Rodriguez (bottom) of Argentina's Boca Juniors fights for the ball with Teco of Brazil's Gremio during their Copa Libertadores first leg final soccer match in Buenos Aires on 13 June, 2007.—INTERNET



Cleveland Indians runner Jhonny Peralta (R) is forced out by Florida Marlins shortstop Hanley Ramirez (2) during the second inning of their MLB baseball game in Miami, Florida, on 13 June, 2007. INTERNET

Roddick takes comfort on grass court

LONDON, 13 June — Three-times former champion Andy Roddick put the dark days of clay behind him on Tuesday to record a confident 6-4, 6-4 second-round victory over Radek Stepanek on the grass at Queen's.

The American second seed, ignominiously defeated in the first round of the French Open two weeks ago, delighted in the speed of the slick surface, hammering down 12 aces. Stepanek, no slouch himself on grass having reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon last year, tried to serve and volley but often found himself stranded at the net by some fine Roddick passes. The Czech dropped serve in the seventh game of the first set and the ninth of the second.—MNA/Reuters

Nadal warms up for Wimbledon with regulation win

LONDON, 14 June — French Open champion Rafael Nadal warmed up for Wimbledon on Wednesday with a 6-4, 6-4 win over regular victim Juan Martin del Potro in the second round of the Queen's grasscourt tournament.

The claycourt grand master, who had a bye into the second round, looked entirely comfortable on the fresh green lawn in West London, despite his protest that he has difficulty adapting his game to the faster surface.

Nadal, who completed a hat-trick of titles at Roland Garros on Sunday, barely broke sweat while he pummelled del Potro from the back of the court.—MNA/Reuters

Austrian champions sack joint coach Matthaeus

BERLIN, 13 June — Lothar Matthaeus was sacked on Tuesday as joint coach of Austrian champions Red Bull Salzburg due to differences of philosophy, the club said.

Matthaeus, 46, had been coach alongside Italian Giovanni Trapattoni since last year. The announcement released on Red Bull Salzburg's Web site said the club's board had unanimously decided to part company with immediate effect.

"Differences of philosophy meant that a good working relationship would not be sustainable in the long term," said the club, who will play in the Champions League qualifiers this summer.— MNA/Reuters

Parma name Di Carlo as coach

ROME, 14 June — Parma have named Domenico Di Carlo as their coach, the Serie A club announced on their website (www.fcparma.com) on Tuesday.

Di Carlo, 43, replaces Claudio Ranieri, who took charge of Serie B champions Juventus earlier this month.

Di Carlo has never coached in Italy's top flight before, but has done an impressive job in the last four seasons at Mantova, taking them from the Fourth Division Serie C2 to Serie B before twice narrowly missing promotion to Serie A. His job at Parma will be to turn the team back into a solid Serie A side.

The twice UEFA-Cup winners finished 12th in the 20-team division last season, three points above the relegation zone. — MNA/Reuters

Therese Alshammar of Sweden set a world record of 25.46 seconds for the women's 50-metre butterfly in the "Mare Nostrum" international trophy event in Barcelona on Wednesday.

INTERNET



Strong quake jolts Central America

GUATEMALA CITY, 14 June — A powerful earthquake rattled Guatemala and El Salvador on Wednesday, forcing terrified residents to flee shaking buildings, but there were no reports of casualties.

The US Geological Survey said the earthquake had a magnitude of 6.8 and was centred in the Pacific Ocean some 46 miles (75 kilometres) south of the Guatemalan town of Escuintla. The quake occurred at a depth of about 40 miles (65 kilometres).

Buildings in Guatemala City swayed for about 30 seconds and people ran into the streets. Parents formed long lines outside schools to look for their

children, and authorities asked residents to stay out of high buildings.

"I was kind of scared that something would collapse. It was strong," said Marcelo Rocha, a 19-year-old security guard at a sugar export facility in Puerto Quetzal, which is Guatemala's busiest port and close to the earthquake's epicentre.

Emergency services said the country escaped virtually unscathed.

MNA/Reuters

Woman held after teenage girls found dead in Cambridgeshire

LONDON, 14 June — Police arrested a 39-year-old woman on suspicion of murder on Wednesday after two teenage girls were found dead in a house in a Cambridgeshire Village.

The bodies were discovered after a telephone call was made from someone inside the house to a member of the public who then told an off-duty police officer.

"The scene was sealed off and investigations have begun to discover how these two teenage girls died," said Detective Superintendent Jeff Hill, of Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

No one else is being sought in connection with

the deaths, he added.

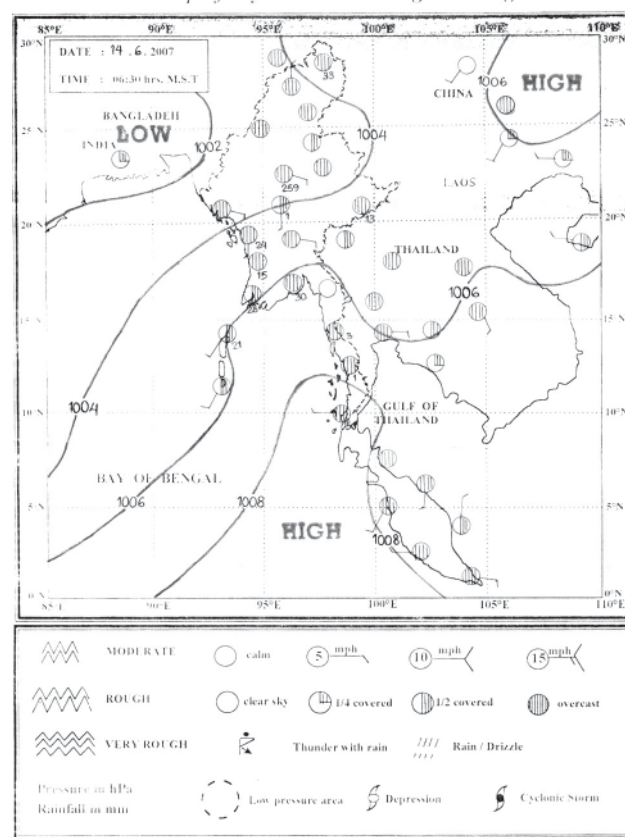
Hill refused to confirm reports that the pair are sisters, aged 13 and 15, and that the woman in custody is their mother.

Post mortem examinations are expected to be held on Thursday to find out how the girls died.

The detached house, in the small village of Stretham, less than 10 miles from Cambridge, has been sealed off. Forensics officers are searching the house and police have appealed for witnesses.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 14 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Mon and Shan States and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.07) inch, Mandalay (10.20) inches, Sagaing (5.39) inches, MraukU (5.20) inches, Machanbaw (2.01) inches, PyinOoLwin and Kawthoung (1.97) inches each, Shwegyin (1.73) inches, Gwa (1.42) inches, Putao and Kengtung (1.30) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 13-6-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 14-6-2007 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 14-6-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 13-6-2007 was (2.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-6-2007 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (1.18) inches at Kaba-Aye, (0.87) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (36.38) inches at Mingaladon, (41.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (40.12) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 13-6-2007.

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

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 15-6-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 15-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 15-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Chinese actress Fan Bingbing announces the establishment of her own company on Tuesday at a Press conference in Shanghai. — INTERNET

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 15 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
- Take it easy
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
- Straight up
- 8:50 am National news
/ Solgan
- 9:00 am Music:
- Holiday
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
- The model
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
- Smooth operator
- Lady writer
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request:
- Hold me
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Friday, 15 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. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
6. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:10 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
8. တော်ဘင်ရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:30 am
9. Internatational news
- 8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)
- 4:45 pm
4. Song of national races
- 5:05 pm
5. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 5:15 pm
6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm
7. Song of yesteryears
- 5:45 pm
8. "နှစ်မြို့နတ်မိမယ်" (မင်းသူ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်ကျော်)
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
11. သုခလင်ရွှေညက်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေရောင်သမ်းသော အသည်းနုလုံး" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 8:00 pm
13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကြမ္မာနတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 17. The next day's programme

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends ceremonies to grow physic nut plants at regiments and units of No 77 LID in Bago Township



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence views thriving physic nut plantations of local battalion in Bago Township. — MNA

YANGON, 14 May — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended ceremonies to grow physic nut plants at the regiments and units under control of No 77 LID in Bago Township this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win arrived at Wanbawdat Bridge at the edge of Bago Township where they were welcomed by No 77 LID

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers.

Upon arrival at No 2 physic nut plantation near Mazin Dam in Bago Township, Lt-Col Tin Tun Oo of No 77 LID briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party on the target set to grow 1,100 acres of physic nut, completion of growing 701.6 acres of physic nut plants and 398 acres of physic nut plants left to be grown and future tasks.

Next, Brig-Gen Win Myint gave a supplementary report and then Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions. Afterwards, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Tin Moe Kyaw briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party on cultivation of 40 acres of physic nut plants against the target of 60 acres in No 2 plantation and preparations for growing of remaining 20 acres.

Brig-Gen Win Myint gave a supplementary report. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Brig-Gen Win Myint presented physic nut plants to families of servicemen and gave encouragement to those who were taking part in the growing of physic nut plants at the local battalion.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indačara of Myitzuthakayama Kyaungtaik near Mazin Dam, donated alms and supplicated on the religious affairs.

On arrival at the local battalion of Bago, Acting Commanding Officer Major Ye Win Ko briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party on the target set to grow 100 acres of physic nut plants, thriving 39.5 acres of physic nut plants, cultivation of 50 acres of physic nut plants and remaining 10.5 acres to be grown. Next, Brig-Gen Win Myint gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on measures to be taken for digging
(See page 10)

NLD concentrating on confrontation harmful to State, people

12 members quit Kyaikmaraw, Hlegu, Einme Township NLDs

YANGON, 14 June — Members Daw Tin Tin Aye, U Maung Sein and U Khin San of Kyaikmaraw Township National League for Democracy of Mon State on 8 June, members U Maung Win and U Tin Hlaing of Hlegu Township NLD of Yangon Division and Einme Township NLD members U Zaw Myint, U Khin Maung Tint, U Tin Hla, U Maung Pein, U Win Myint, U Bo Bo and U Myint Oo of Theekwin Village-tract of Einme Township of Ayeyawady Division on 9 June resigned from the NLD of their

own volition, sending letters of resignations to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Kyaikmaraw, Hlegu and Einme Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommissions, they said that the NLD is concentrating on confrontation harmful to the State and the people, but not performing party politics. Therefore, they no longer trusted in the NLD and its leaders, and that is why they resigned from the NLD, they said. — MNA

New Rainfalls Record

(Issued at 11:30 hours MST on 14 June 2007)

The amounts of rainfall record at (09:30) hours MST today at the following stations observed the (24) hours new maximum rainfall records for the month of June.

No.	Station	New Rainfall Record		Previous Record		Late Rainfall Date	Record Period (Years)
		(mm)	(inches)	(mm)	(inches)		
1.	Mandalay	259	10.20	138	5.43	5-6-1965	61
2.	Sagaing	137	5.39	107	4.21	9-6-1990	42

Weather Forecast for (15-6-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80 %).

Yangon and neighbouring areas
One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80 %).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80 %).