

# Minister inspects Shanmange Dam Project, water storage in dams in Meiktila Township

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected construction of Shanmange Dam Project and water storage in Mondaing and Nyaunggon Dams in Meiktila Township yesterday.

First, the minister went to Shanmagne Dam constructed on Shanmange Creek in the township by the Construction Group-7 of the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

On completion, the dam will supply water to Mondaing Dam and contribute towards the greening of Meiktila Plain.

Shanmange Dam is 89 feet high and 6,800 feet long. It will have a storage capacity of 21,910 acre-feet upon completion.

According to the report to the minister, the control tower and conduit pipe of the dam have been



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo visits Meiktila Lake. — MNA



constructed and the spillway is under construction.

On his tour of Meiktila, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo also inspected Mondaing Dam which has a storage capacity of 27,045 acre-feet. The dam is now irrigating crop and summer paddy fields between the dam and Meiktila Lake.

Mondaing Dam has already stored 27,401 acre-feet of water despite its storage capacity of

27,045 acre-feet.

Afterwards, the minister went to Mondaing Village and inspected a tube-well donated by staff family of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Union Solidarity and Development Association and local residents and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister viewed irrigated water fed-paddy fields on his way to Nyaunggon Dam which

supplies 120 acre-feet of water to Meiktila Lake daily.

He inspected flow of water into Nyaunggon Dam and its irrigation tasks.

Due to proper flow of water this year, Chaungkauk, Lunngin, Latkhokpin and Nyaunggon Dams which have supplied water to Meiktila Lake have

already stored waterfully. The minister and party also visited Meiktila Lake. It has a storage capacity of 21,661 acre-feet and, so far, it has already stored 16,789 acre-feet. — MNA

**Shanmange Dam is 89 feet high and 6,800 feet long. It will have a storage capacity of 21,910 acre-feet upon completion.**

INSIDE

## Those being exploited

No external element or force has the right to direct or ask how the shaping of national interest of a sovereign nation should be. And it should be the same with Myanmar's affairs in which no other nation or force has the right to interfere.

One and all nations are trying to realize their aims of shaping national interests relying on their prevailing conditions. Each and every nation has the right to freely assess its own prevailing conditions and realize its aims and objectives of its own accord.

PAGES 8+9

WUNNA MIN GAUNG

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 19 June, 2007

### Exert relentless efforts for rural development

The government has laid down and is implementing the five rural development tasks—bringing about better transport, providing water for human consumption and agriculture, uplift of education standard, improvement of health standard and economic development.

Of the five tasks, better transport plays the most important role. This being so, village-to-village roads and village-to-town roads were built and the old ones upgraded, thereby contributing to the development of socio-economic life of local people.

Altogether 200 dams and reservoirs have been built the length and breadth of the nation for supplying irrigation water, and river water pumping projects implemented. As a result, local people are able to engage in double and mixed cropping in addition to cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, thereby bringing about rural development.

In the meantime, tube-wells are being sunk for availability of clean drinking water, while steps are being taken for ensuring full health care services. A total of 55,717 libraries have been opened in villages across the nation for development of human resources and uplift of education standards of the people.

Therefore, local authorities, social organizations and the people are to make concerted efforts for successful realization of the five rural development tasks which are indispensable for development of the whole Union.

### Special Appellate Bench sits

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Sein Hlaing and U Kyaw Win sitting at Court No(1) of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw), heard final argument of four Special Civil Appeal Cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000.

MNA

## People's Desire

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

### USDA Secretariat member meets executives of Township USDAs

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Secretariat member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung yesterday morning attended the stake-driving ceremony of a new building for Bonthaweyandhamma Monastery donated by U Tun Aung-Daw Myat Thu, being held at Moehtiaungsi Sasana Yeiktha in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Division, this morning.

The USDA Secretariat member drove stakes at the designated places and sprinkled them with scented water.

Next, the USDA Secretariat member met with the secretary of Pyigyidagun Township USDA and executives, the secretary of Chanmyathazi Township USDA and executives, the secretary of Mahaaungmye

Township USDA and executives and the secretary of Aungmyethazan Township USDA and executives at the respective USDA offices and attended to their needs.

The USDA Secretariat member also stressed the need for the secretaries and executives to actively take part in regional and national development tasks being implemented by USDAs.

After that, member of Myanmar War Veterans Organization's Central Organizing Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with chairmen of the Township WVOs and members at the Kanaung Hall of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries in Mandalay and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

### Gold umbrellas hoisted atop encircling pagodas in Pantapwinttaung Sasana region

YANGON, 18 June — A ceremony to hoist gold umbrellas atop encircling pagodas to mark 10th founding anniversary of Pantapwinttaung Tawya Sasana region was held at the region in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District yesterday.

It was attended by members of the Sangha, nuns, wellwishers and invited guests.

First, the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sondara and offered religious objects to be hoisted to Patron Sayadaw of the region Saddhamma Jotikadaja Bhaddanta Paññasara.

Next, the gold umbrellas were hoisted atop the encircling pagodas and the religious objects were enshrined into the pagodas. The donors offered *soon* (day meal) to the members of the Sangha and gave a feast to those present.

Vice-Chairman of Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone U Kyaw Lwin-Daw Than Than Tin and family donated 240 dozens of exercise books worth over K 500,000 to Pantapwinttaung Monastic Education School.



Wellwisher donates exercise books to a school girl.—H

The Pantapwinttaung Sayadaw preached a sermon to the congregation and prizes were presented to the outstanding students.—MNA

### Swimming competitions at National Swimming Pool



YANGON, 18 June— To mark the International Olympic Day 2007, swimming competitions jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Swimming Federation was held at the National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road this morning.

After the competitions, President of MSF Dr Khin Shwe presented cash awards to winners and the diving team. Afterwards, officials of the Ministry of Sports and MSF presented awards to outstanding swimmers.—NLM

President of Myanmar Swimming Federation Dr Khin Shwe presents prize to a winner.—MSF



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**US troops could be in Iraq for a decade: commander**

WASHINGTON, 17 June—US forces could be needed in Iraq for a decade to battle insurgents, the top coalition commander said Sunday while vowing a “forthright” review in September on whether a troop surge is working.

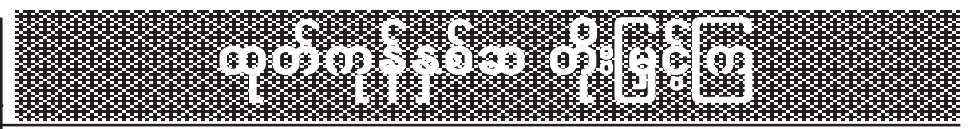
Speaking on Fox News, General David Petraeus said there was broad

recognition in Washington that Iraq’s daunting challenges would not be resolved “in a year or even two years.”

“In fact, typically, I think historically, counter-insurgency operations have gone at least nine or 10 years,” he said. Petraeus said that any long-term deployment will depend on

whether Iraq’s sovereign authorities want to extend the US military presence.

A Pentagon report last week said that overall levels of violence in Iraq have not gone down, even if unrest has eased in Baghdad and the long-restive province of Anbar, where the US military surge is focused.—Internet



*People from Dai ethnic group and visitors splash water during a water-splashing festival in Jinan, East China’s Shandong Province, on 17 June, 2007.—INTERNET*

**Lords to look at legality of Iraq war**

LONDON, 17 June—Britain’s highest court is to hear a case which could force the government to hold an independent inquiry into the way the attorney general reached his conclusion that the war in Iraq would be lawful. The law lords have agreed to hear an appeal by the mothers of two soldiers killed in Iraq, who argue that the government

violated their sons’ right to life by rushing into war on inadequate legal grounds.

“The legality of the war on Iraq — the most important question of law of our generation—remains unresolved by any court or other independent and authoritative body in the United Kingdom,” begins the petition which persuaded the judges to let

the appeal go ahead.

The petition was drafted by two of the country’s leading human rights QCs — Rabinder Singh of Matrix chambers, where Cherie Booth QC practises, and Michael Fordham of Blackstone chambers, the stable that includes Lord Woolf, the former lord chief justice.

The judges are unlikely to reach a conclusion

themselves on whether the war was legal. But the mothers’ solicitor, Phil Shiner, said yesterday that the arguments put forward by the lawyers had hardened since the court of appeal rejected the mothers’ case, and would require the law lords to consider the government’s moves in the last few weeks before the war.

Internet



*Korean actor Lee JunKi walks on the red carpet in Shanghai Grand Theatre on Saturday night, on 16 June, 2007, before the opening ceremony of the 10th Shanghai International Film Festival.—INTERNET*

**Children die in Afghan air raid**

LONDON, 18 June—Seven children were killed in a US-led coalition air strike against a suspected al-Qaeda hideout in eastern Afghanistan, the coalition has said.

A statement said that a number of militants were also killed in the raid in Paktika province near Pakistan.

The children are believed to have been students at a madrassa, or Islamic school, at the targeted compound.

In other violence, three US troops and their local translator died in a bomb blast near Kandahar in the south.—Internet



*Hot air balloons float during a contest over the Qiongzhou Strait between Guangdong and Hainan provinces in south China, June 17, 2007. Ten fire balloons succeeded in flying over Qiongzhou Straits separating Hainan Island from the Chinese mainland.—INTERNET*

**Britons die in Malawi plane crash**

LONDON, 17 June—Five British tourists and a Canadian pilot have died in a plane crash in northern Malawi, authorities said.

The Cessna aircraft had been heading from the capital city, Lilongwe, to the north of the country.

“The wreckage of the plane was found by villagers in a ravine, and there were no survivors,” police spokesman Willie Mwaluka said, Reuters reported.

Investigators were trying to find the reason for the crash, he said. The next of kin are yet to be notified.

“The five Britons were on a cycling tour in the northern part of Malawi and they took a plane yesterday (Saturday) with a Canadian pilot for sight-seeing,” Mr Mwaluka was quoted by Reuters.

“The plane was expected back at camp after 45 minutes but never returned.”

Internet





France's new President Nicolas Sarkozy (R) shakes hands with outgoing President Jacques Chirac before the handover ceremony at the Elysee Palace in Paris on 16 May, 2007.—XINHUA

## US forces launch offensives around Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 17 June — US forces have launched “offensive operations” around Baghdad in the past 24 hours, the top US military commander in Iraq said on Saturday, a day after the US military said it had completed its troop buildup.

“Now for the first time we are going to a couple of the really key areas in the belts from which ... al-Qaeda has sallied forth with car bombs, additional

fighters and so forth,” General David Petraeus told reporters in Baghdad.

US President George W Bush has sent an extra 28,000 troops to Iraq, mainly to Baghdad.

The operation has reduced the number of sectarian killings in the capital, but violence has spiked in other provinces where militants have set up new bases.

The Pentagon said in its quarterly report on Iraq published this

week that overall levels of violence in the country were unchanged despite the crackdown in Baghdad, blaming a surge in suicide and car bombings by Sunni Islamist al-Qaeda.

MNA/Reuters

*Floral carpets of the “Infiorata” appear on the central Via italo Belardi street in Genzano, Rome on 17 June, 2007. This huge floral carpets cover an area of 2,000 square metres, attracting many people in the city.*

XINHUA



## ဝက်မှူးမီးအား ခေတ်တော်ပွား

## Arab FMs' meeting ends, calls for halt of Palestinian infighting

CAIRO, 17 June — Arab foreign ministers on late Friday ends their emergency meeting, which focused on the latest developments on the Palestinian territories and in Lebanon, with call for a halt of Palestinian internal fighting and national unity of Lebanon.

During the meeting held here at the Arab League (AL) Headquarters on Friday evening, Arab foreign ministers decided to set up committees to follow up the situation on the Palestinian territories and in Lebanon.

The committee on the Palestinian situation will submit a report within a month, said a joint statement issued after the meeting ended late Friday.

On the situation in Lebanon, a commission will also be established to maintain contact with the Lebanese Government, the Parliament and various political factions in order to create suitable environment for a national dialogue in the country, said a statement following the meeting.

Arab nations in the statement condemned the killing of Lebanese

lawmaker Walid Eido in a car bombing attack in western Beirut on Wednesday afternoon.

Arab countries support Lebanon's efforts to stop terrorist activities in the country, calling for national unity of the Lebanese people and urging various political factions back to the negotiation table, said the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fire alarm prompts evacuation at US State Department

WASHINGTON, 17 June — A fire alarm sounded at the US State Department on Friday and employees streamed out of the building as a loudspeaker warned there had been “a fire emergency reported”.

Two fire engines were

outside the building in the Foggy Bottom section of Washington, DC and about six firemen walked in slowly.

There was no sign of smoke or fire from the outside.

The fire alarm went off

around 2:30 pm (1830 GMT) and a recorded warning on a loudspeaker said: “There has been a fire emergency reported in the building. Please leave the building by the nearest exit.”

MNA/Reuters

## Explosion breaks windows at Tajik Supreme Court

DUSHANBE (Tajikistan), 17 June — An explosion broke windows and damaged a fence at the Supreme Court building in the capital of Tajikistan, the city's chief prosecutor said on Saturday. “We believe the explosion was aimed at intimidation,” Kurbonali Mukhabbatov told reporters at the scene.

He suggested the blast

was a terrorist attack. No one was hurt.

Tajikistan, a Central Asian Muslim nation of seven million bordering Afghanistan, remains volatile and flooded with weapons after a 1992-97 civil war between Islamist guerillas and the secular government that killed more than 100,000.

Tajikistan has been relatively calm since a peace deal.

But its economy is ruined, and poverty and drug trafficking from neighbouring Afghanistan have fuelled discontent.

Two blasts rocked the Emergencies Ministry building in January and June of 2005.

MNA/Reuters

## Ten Indian hostages freed in Nigeria

PORT HARCOURT (Nigeria), 17 June — Nigerian militants released 10 Indian hostages, security and company sources said on Saturday.

The move followed the release on bail of former

militia leader Mujahid Dokubo-Asari on Thursday, whose imprisonment in 2005 triggered a surge in violence in Africa's top oil exporter.

The 10 Indians were freed overnight, a security

official working in the region for an oil company said.

Militants said they released them in response to the bail for Asari, he added.

MNA/Reuters



Afghan officers check the site of a suicide attack in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 16 June, 2007.—XINHUA



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## India sees possibility of economic cooperation with Indonesia

NEW DELHI, 17 June — India has said there is possibility of closer economic cooperation with Indonesia as

External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee arrived in Jakarta Sunday to push the "Look East" policy. Mukherjee would be in Indonesia for two days during which he will co-chair the Joint Commission meeting with his counterpart Hassan Wirajuda.

During the meeting, the two sides will review the status of bilateral relations and ways to strengthen these further, particularly in areas like trade and economy, investment, defence, pharmaceuticals, health, banking, agriculture, science and technology and space technology.

Addressing a function in Jakarta soon after his arrival, Mukherjee said that close political and cultural bonds existed between the two countries.

He said there are possibilities of closer economic cooperation which need to be further worked upon.

The two countries have strategic partnership under

which areas are identified for enhancing cooperation for mutual benefit. Indonesia is India's third largest trade partner in the 10-member ASEAN region with a trade value of 4.79 billion dollars last year. The two countries have set up a trade target of 10 billion dollars for 2010.

Internet



People exit a clothes shop in a commercial centre in New Delhi on 17 June, 2007. India's economy grew 9.4 percent in 2006/07, its fastest rate in 18 years and second only to China among major global economies.—INTERNET



## Thailand hosts ASEAN, EU intellectual property fair in November

BANGKOK, 17 June — Thailand has invited its fellow members in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to join with some members of the European Union (EU) to participate in an intellectual property (IP) fair to be held 16-18 November, a senior commerce ministry official said.

Intellectual Property Department director-general Puangrat Asavapisit said the fair would be held at a major mall here in order to celebrate the 80th birthday of His Majesty the King on 5 December.

Each participating country will display patented innovative products which would enable Thai manufacturers to further develop on commercial basis, said Mrs Puangrat. The Intellectual Property Department will also organize another IP fair 20-22 July at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre in Bangkok, but only Thai-made products will be on display for sale.—Internet

## Vodafone to invest \$2b in India

MUMBAI, 17 June—United Kingdom's telecom giant Vodafone on Friday said it will invest two billion US dollars in India this year for expanding its business, according to *Press Trust of India* (PTI).

"We will invest two billion dollars this year in India," PTI quoted Vodafone CEO Arun Sarin as saying after emerging from the first meeting of the new board.

"The investment would be raised based on the progress," he said, adding

that the Constitution of the board marks the beginning of integration of Vodafone and its Indian partner Essar, which Sarin hoped would be completed by September.

The integration will be an ongoing process, it is likely to be completed by the end of September, the India-born chief of the British mobile giant said.

He also said that the company is keen on creating a platform for infrastructure sharing, and welcomes industry players to join it.—MNA/Xinhua

Falklands veterans take part in a march down along The Mall in London, during a service to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Falkland Islands conflict on 17 June, 2007.—INTERNET

## China investigating alleged GM ingredients in foreign food products

BEIJING, 17 June—The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) said on Friday that it is investigating allegations that food products of two foreign firms contain genetically-modified (GM) ingredients.

"We will find out

whether the two firms have used GM ingredients that are not approved by the ministry in their food products, and will deal with the issue based on the results," said Zou Ping, deputy director of the GM security office with the MoA.

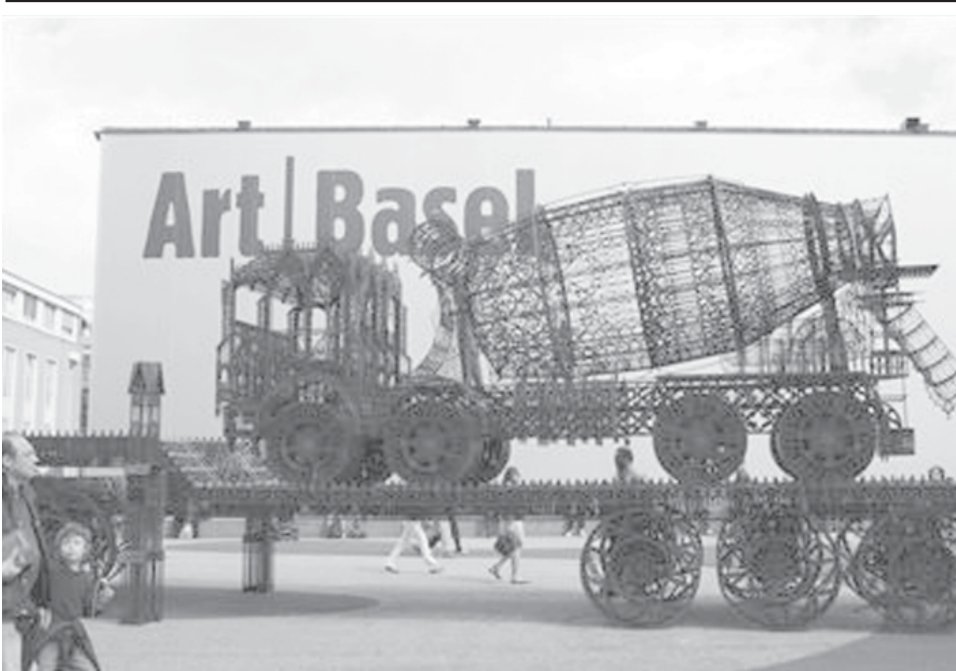
Greenpeace said on Thursday that GM ingredients were detected in four snacks made by Japan's Ezaki Glico Co and one by Germany's Metro Group, according to tests on 21 products sampled in supermarkets in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

GM agricultural products must obtain a licence

from the MoA and have identification labels on their packages before they can be sold on the Chinese market, according to Zou.

Yet, there are no laws to restrict GM ingredients in biscuits, cookies and other snacks at present in China, as noted by Greenpeace. Greenpeace accused the Japanese confectioner and the German retail giant of "double standards" in supplying Chinese consumers with food containing genetically-modified ingredients, while both have promised to stop using GM ingredients in the products sold in their own countries.

MNA/Xinhua



A truck-shaped work is on display during the 38th Basel Art Exhibition in Basel, Switzerland, on 16 June, 2007. More than 2,000 artworks from over 300 galleries and companies were displayed here between on 13 and 17 June.

INTERNET





*Takuma Sato, left, of Japan, drives past Jenson Button, of England, under a yellow flag following an earlier crash during the US Grand Prix auto race on 17 June, 2007, at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. Sato was penalized 10 spots on the grid at the next race for passing under a yellow. Trailing them is Christijan Albers, of the Netherlands.—INTERNET*

## First passenger trains run through new Swiss tunnel

**ZURICH, 17 June —** The first passenger trains ran through a new tunnel under the Alps on Saturday as Switzerland took a major step towards completing an engineering project to improve transport links through the mountains.

Special trains will run through the 35-kilometre (22-mile) tunnel, which links the capital Berne with the south of the country and northern Italy, all day to mark the opening.

The new Loetschberg tunnel runs at a greater depth than a previous

tunnel, meaning trains can travel faster. Scheduled trains will start to run through the new tunnel from December.

“After eight years of construction work, the Loetschberg basis tunnel project has been completed on time,” BLS AlpTransit AG, which is

overseeing the construction, said in a statement.

A new link under the Gotthard pass between Zurich and Milan, due to be completed in 2016, will be the world’s longest rail tunnel at 57 kilometres (35.4 miles).

MNA/Reuters

## Seven bodies of Hamas members found in Gaza security compound

**GAZA, 17 June —** Seven bodies of Hamas members were found at the basement of a pro-Fatah security headquarter in Gaza City, Hamas’ military wing said on Saturday.

Izz el-Deen al-Qassam Brigades of Hamas said the bodies were found at the basement of the general compound of the Preventive Security forces, which was seized by Hamas after bloody clashes on Wednesday.

According to official figures released by the Palestinian Health Ministry, more than 130 were killed and over than 200 others wounded during Fatah-Hamas clashes in the Gaza Strip since early this week.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two aid workers kidnapped in Afghanistan

**BRUSSELS, 16 June —** Two Afghan staff members of a Dutch medical aid organization have been kidnapped in eastern Afghanistan, Radio Netherlands reported Friday.

The two staff members of HealthNet TPO, a doctor and his chauffeur, were on a work visit and failed to return to the hospital where they are based, said Radio Netherlands, without specifying the time of the incident.

A ransom demand for 100,000 US dollars was later received by telephone. The kidnappers are threatening to behead the two men if the ransom is not paid, Radio Netherlands said.

The abduction

happened in the troubled Nangahar Province, where the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and US forces are operating against Taleban and al-Qaeda fighters.

HealthNet, a non-governmental organization, has informed the United Nations mission in Afghanistan of the situation in the hope that it can mediate in the hostages’ release.

MNA/Xinhua



*Labourers work at a construction site in Kunming, capital of southwest China’s Yunnan province on 15 June, 2007.—INTERNET*

## Floods in China kill 128, leaving 24 missing

**BEIJING, 17 June —** China has seen 128 people killed and 24 missing in floods by June 15 this year, the Office of the State Flood Control and Draught Relief Headquarters said on Saturday. Meanwhile, China’s north is experiencing severe drought, according to the office.

A total of 22.72 million people and 1.22 million hectares of crops had been affected by the floods by June 15 this year, which inflicted a direct economic

loss of 8.92 billion yuan (1.17 billion US dollars), according statistics from the office. In the first half of June alone, 63 people were killed. Economic loss of 6.55 billion yuan was incurred as 14.24 million people and 717,000

hectares of crops were affected by the floods.

Meanwhile, the widespread and prolonged drought has left 10.91 million Chinese short of drinking water by June 14 this year.

The drought has hit 165

million mu (about 11 million hectares) of arable land and 120 million mu (about 8 million hectares) of crops in most parts of northern China and some parts of the southwestern Chongqing, Sichuan and Yunnan.—MNA/Xinhua

*Polar bear cub Knut is shown to the public in Berlin zoo on recently. Knut, born on 5 Dec, 2006, had to be hand fed by zoo employee Thomas Doerflein after its mother Tosca refused the baby.—XINHUA*





## USDA CEC member attends opening ceremony of basic organizing course No 30 in Insein



**CEC Member of USDA U Khin Maung Myint accepts applications for USDA membership at opening of Basic Organizing Course No 30 in Insein Township. — MNA**

YANGON, 18 June — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Insein Township In-charge Minister for Electric Power No 2 U Khin Maung Myint attended the opening ceremony of Basic

Organizing Course No 30 at Theingu Dhammayon in Peinhnegon Ward in Insein Township on 16 June.

CEC member U Khin Maung Myint said the government is making efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern

developed nation. The National Convention is being held phase by phase in the interest of the people and for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

He said USDA members are to serve the interest of the people.

Local people are responsible for the development of the respective regions, he said.

He said it is necessary for the USDA members to learn to gain political, organizational and social outlooks constantly and cooperate with the people for successful implementation of the future tasks of the USDA.

CEC Member U Khin Maung Myint accepted 300 USDA membership applications.

Chairman of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board U Khin Maung Soe and Joint Secretary of Yangon Division USDA accepted K 230,000 donated by wellwishers.

CEC Member U Khin Maung Myint cordially greeted the trainees.

MNA

## MMCWA donates stationery, cash to monastic education schools



**Dr Than Oo of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association presents exercise books to students at Myanmar Nyunt Monastic Education School in Thakayta Township. —MCWA**

YANGON, 18 June — CEC member of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Than Oo and party donated cash and stationery to Myanmar Nyunt Monastic Education School in Thakayta Township through Abbot Bhaddanta Sobana this morning.

Likewise, cash and kind were donated to Dhamma Linkara

Monastic Education School in North Okkalapa Township. At the donations, Dr Than Oo clarified the purpose of donation. They donated 50 dozens of exercise books, stationery and K 100,000 to the monastic education schools each. —MNA

## MoH holds workshop on prevention of infectious disease

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — A workshop on prevention of infectious disease and management of waste materials was held at General Hospital (300-bed) here today.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivered an opening address. The deputy minister called for keeping the hospital compound, patient wards and operation unit clean. He also stressed the need for personnel hygiene and cleanliness of medical equipment so that infectious diseases would not occur at the hospital.

He also urged officials concerned to throw away waste materials properly not to pollute the environment.

Also present at the workshop were the directors-general, deputy directors-general of the departments under the ministry, officials and medical superintendents of the state/division/district/township hospitals. The workshop will last till 20 June.

MNA

## Nine papers read at Workshop on Initiative for ASEAN Integration : Tourism Sector

YANGON, 18 June — Initiative for ASEAN Integration: Tourism Sector of ASEAN Information Seminar Series Year V (Fy 2006-2007) was held at Myanmar Info-tech building in Hline University Campus today.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials of Ministry of Information, Ministry of National Planning and Economic

Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, faculty members, trainees of tourism diploma, responsible personnel of Myanmar Hoteliers Association and foreign correspondents.

First, Chairman of Information Subcommittee of ASEAN Cultural and Information

Committee Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television made an opening address and he also presided over the meeting.

At the meeting, Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department read out papers on “Overview on ASEAN” and Director Daw Kyi Kyi Aye of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism on “Initiative for ASEAN Integration

Roadmap for Integration of Tourism Sector”.

Afterwards, Director Daw Tin Tin Htwe of National AFTA Unit read out papers on “ASEAN Economic Community” and Director Daw Tin Tin Win of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration on “ASEAN Investment Policy and Opportunities” and Deputy Director Daw Thida Myint of National AFTA Unit on

“Trade in Services”.

The meeting continued in the evening. Professor Dr Daw Myint Kyi (Retd) of University of International Relation presided over the meeting. Deputy Director U Hlaing Oo of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism read out papers on “Liberalization of Tourism Services Sector”, Professor Daw Khin Swe Myint of Myanmar Department on “Tourism Knowledge for People”, Pro-Rector Daw Nanda Mhon of University of Culture on “The ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information” and Joint-Secretary-1 U Thet Lwin Toe of Myanmar Hoteliers Association on “Situation on Myanmar tourism Development in Line of Partnership with Public & Private Sectors”.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the director-general of ASEAN Affairs Department. — MNA



**Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay delivers an address at Workshop on Initiative for ASEAN Integration: Tourism Sector. — MNA**



# Those being exploited

Wunna Min Gaung

Paw Oo Tun (Min Ko Naing)

The reason I am writing about you these days is that your group of '88' new generation students is going too far with its craving for popularity and making various political stunts.

These days, we can hear voices of foreign broadcasters all the time in parallel with the voices of various species of frogs in early monsoon. It is so disgusting that some countries from so-called international community attempting to harm the interests of Myanmar are meddling in the country's internal affairs and fabricating false news hand in glove with lackeys.

Similarly, your group, taking opportunity of such a situation, has shouted again with the use of letters even putting blame on China and Russia in order to popularize itself and dance to the tune of its masters.

Well, I'll let you know about this...

Today, global countries have come to realize it is not quite possible that peace and security of each and every nation as well as international peace can be achieved just by signing an agreement on some code of ethics. Therefore, they are working with prudence to serve their national interests and to defend themselves. As your group is ignorant of this concept, it is not strange that you are yearning for your aunt over your mother.

**One of the global countries, Myanmar is striving to serve its national interests with the strength and unity of the national brethren. Don't you know about this? Otherwise, you are pretending to be ignorant! In reality, prudence means the ability of a government to distinguish**

**between good and bad in a certain important situation.**

Regarding the matter of national interest, terms 'international relations' and 'international politics' emerged in the course of history. These terms embrace the following three points:

- **The right of a nation to determine its own fate**
- **Ways and means of a nation to act**
- **Limits to these ways and means**

The self-determination of a nation derives from its sovereignty. Sovereignty of a nation means that it is the right of that nation to shape its economic, political and social affairs freely.

**Therefore, no external element or force has the right to direct or ask how the shaping of national interest of a sovereign nation should be. And it should be the same with Myanmar's affairs in which no other nation or force has the right to interfere.**

**One and all nations are trying to realize their aims of shaping national interests relying on their prevailing conditions. Each and every nation has the right to freely assess its own prevailing conditions and realize its aims and objectives of its own accord.**

Moreover, they have the right to adopt their own policies and systems that are in conformity with their prevailing conditions. From the point of view of a nation, its national interests and policies must be for its own. This is a natural phenomenon.

**A nation that is a member of the world community has the right to adopt any policy it likes. And regarding decisions made it is**

**accountable to the nation but to no other nations.**

A nation has the right to realize its goal employing various ways and means. However, ways and means of a nation to act are as follows-

- (1) **Political action based on diplomacy**
- (2) **Economic action based on production and sharing of wealth systems**
- (3) **Psychological warfare based on organizing the mass of people**
- (4) **Military action based on arms superiority**

Global nations try to realize their goals based on conditions of the above-mentioned four ways. In the field of international relations, there are also limits — **formal limits** and **informal limits**.

Formal limits are the international laws and international organizations. The international law means in the face of a situation of a certain nation, there is a prescribed law that is based on internationally-accepted code of ethics. That law may not be comprehensive in practical field and its effectiveness is uncertain to put into binding. However, that law can limit the activities of the nations to a certain extent.

In this regard, I mean the United Nations. Being bestowed with the power to judge the activities of member countries in accordance with the Charter and to lay down international principles, United Nations can impose restrictions on capacities of the nations.

Indeed, informal limits derive from the system in which world countries have to coexist. In implementing its own principles, a sovereign nation has to contend with other nations. So, there may be confrontation between the contending nations sooner or later.

Here, a salient point is in no position to confront many other nations at the same time. Therefore, nations have to set up harmonious relations with others whose interests have no or just a little adverse effect on its interests.

**In the face of confrontation, a nation will have to observe a principle of limitation — according to true incidents, a nation should not exert excessive capacity in putting pressure on another nation.**

I am sure that the nations, organizations and persons that are variously criticizing Myanmar's democratic transition and the ruling government with negative attitude do not understand the above-mentioned principles. If your group members really want to witness a prosperous

*(See page 9)*

**One of the global countries, Myanmar is striving to serve its national interests with the strength and unity of the national brethren. Don't you know about this? Otherwise, you are pretending to be ignorant! In reality, prudence means the ability of a government to distinguish between good and bad in a certain important situation.**



(from page 8)

future of the nation, you should take a positive approach to and participate in the development tasks instead of serving the interest of and echoing the voices of such nations, organizations and persons.

Paw Oo Tun,

National interest of a nation consists of three sectors:

- perpetual existence of the State,
- State security, and
- ensuring sustainable progress of the State.

These sectors are the ones to be taken into consideration in general as well as to be designated as norms in the long run.

In laying down and implementing policies for national interests, the nations maintaining international relations may face opposition of other countries. And in responding to the policies of other countries, these countries have to resist, cooperate or accommodate one way or another based on their interests.

**In view of the principles of sovereign nations in the international relations, if there arises a disagreement, there is the only way “negotiation” to come to agreement. And sometimes, an agreement is reached independently through persuasion and negotiation and sometimes, under pressure.**

So, in the sphere of international relations, both the system of the use of force to reach an agreement and the system of reaching an agreement independently through persuasion and negotiation are related to the capability of these countries.

So, the situation attracts a problem of power gap in the international relations. In an attempt to enhance their national interests, powerful countries have come to apply various means, political tricks and deceptions to control over and influence weak countries.

**In view of the principles of sovereign nations in the international relations, if there arises a disagreement, there is the only way “negotiation” to come to agreement. And sometimes, an agreement is reached independently through persuasion and negotiation and sometimes, under pressure.**

**Due to their low capabilities, weak countries have to withstand hegemonism, high-handedness, and disregard for their sovereignty by more powerful countries. In order to achieve their political goals, big nations ally themselves and resort to various ways and means such as putting pressure on and coercing targeted nations, and creating misery and chaos and inciting mass protests in the targeted nations by neglecting the prevailing situations and wishes of the people and putting in the fore the interests of a specific group under their influence. I hope you can make a review of your acts through what I have presented.**

In their plot to take control of the national interests of a specific nation with the exploitation of their lackeys from inside the nation, certain big countries and blocs apply various tactics to undermine the sovereignty and the ruling government of such a nation.

The tactics to pose danger to the nation’s sovereignty are:

- (1) to interfere in the internal affairs of the nation under various pretexts including democracy and human rights,
- (2) to nullify the nation authority,
- (3) to block variously the nation’s internal

affairs, external relations and rights.

And the tactics to pose danger to the government of the nation are:

- (1) to harm and make the ruling government’s authority null and void,
- (2) to make the ruling government’s administrative functions ineffective through manipulation,
- (3) to make accusations and manufacture fabrications to curb public trust in and admiration of the ruling government,
- (4) to resort to various means to topple the ruling government,
- (5) to aid and abet anti-government groups to rise against and practise armed insurgency against the ruling government,
- (6) to violate the existing laws of the ruling government,
- (7) to try to control the ruling government.

Everyone with political views perceive how you are being exploited. So what are you going to do?

Translation: ST+MS

Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 17-6-2007

**Due to their low capabilities, weak countries have to withstand hegemonism, high-handedness, and disregard for their sovereignty by more powerful countries. In order to achieve their political goals, big nations ally themselves and resort to various ways and means such as putting pressure on and coercing targeted nations, and creating misery and chaos and inciting mass protests in the targeted nations by neglecting the prevailing situations and wishes of the people and putting in the fore the interests of a specific group under their influence. I hope you can make a review of your acts through what I have presented.**



## Minister visits factories in Kyaukse Industrial Zone



**Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung inspects stoves which run on physic nut oil. — INDUSTRY-1**

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 16 June morning paid homage and offered alms to the Shwegyin Nikaya Chancellor Chairman Maha Nayaka Sayadaw of Maha Withodayon Monastery in Maha-aungmye Township, the Chairman Sayadaw of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka at

Myataungtaik Sasanapala Shwe Wah Win Monastery and the Taungsalin Taikthit Maha Nayaka Sayadaw.

Yesterday morning, the minister accompanied by officials inspected the test-production of stoves that will use physic nut oil at the sewing machine factory (Kyaukse). The sewing machine factory, bicycle factory and ceramics and steel ware factory (Minsu) in Kyaukse Industrial Zone

have test-produced six stoves that will use of physic nut oil.

Next, the minister and party inspected operation of new model sewing machines at the sewing machine factory (Kyaukse). At the vest factory (Kyaukse), they viewed demonstration of generating electricity by use of a paddy husk-fired plant. Afterwards, the minister and party inspected production of vests and shirts at the vest factory.

Later, they attended a ceremony to raise funds of K 5 million for 'soon' offering for members of the Sangha by Minister U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi and family. — MNA



**COMPLETION OF CHRONICLE OF MYANMAR FOOTBALL : Managing Director of Eleven Media Group Dr Thein Myint presents book on "Chronicle of Myanmar football" and its copyright to Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 18 June, 2007. Eleven Media Group donated copy right of the book to Myanmar Olympic Committee and Myanmar Football Federation. — NLM**

## Ministry of Rail Transportation holds work coordination

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—The Ministry of Rail Transportation held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the ministry here this morning with an address by Minister of Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

Also present on the

occasion were Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, directors-general, managing directors, the principal of Central Institute of Transport and Communication, advisers, officials from the states and divisions

and others.

In his address, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min stressed the need for officials to make relentless efforts to have advantages, after reviewing strengths and weaknesses in implementing the project, to use funds systematically, to put more efforts in new projects, to minimize loss and wastage of fuel and to make arrangements in order

to present flood and inundation from sections of railways.

Next, the deputy ministers made speeches.

After that, the directors-general, managing directors, and the principal presented work carried out by the departments and enterprises and future tasks.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA



**Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe poses for photos together with high-ranking officials of Financial Institutions of Asia Europe in Muju, Republic of Korea.**

F&R

## UMFCCI Chairman meets Korean Ambassador

YANGON, 18 June — Chairman of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry

U Win Myint and officials held talks with Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong at the office of the UMFCCI, here, this morning.

At the meeting, they discussed matters related to promotion of investments and businesses, on strengthening of friendly ties of the merchants of the two countries and on helping Korean merchants who are doing bussiness in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing and Joint-Secretary-2 U Tun Aung.

MNA



**UMFCCI President U Win Myint meets Ambassador of Republic of Korea Mr Park Key-Chong in Yangon. — MNA**

## F&R Deputy Minister attends financial meeting in ROK

YANGON, 18 June— Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe attended the 8th meeting of Asia Europe Deputy Heads of Financial Institutions held in Muju of the Republic of Korea on 14 and 15 June. Chief of the financial institutions from 35 countries from Asia and Europe, officials of IMF, World Bank, ADB and European Commission also attended the meeting.

The meeting focused on international and regional economic and financial developments and Asia and Europe Fund. The participants also discussed matters related to preparations made for Asia Europe Finance Ministers' meeting to be held in 2008. Vice-Governor U Maung Maung Win of the Central Bank of Myanmar accompanied the deputy minister. — MNA



## Drag-racing stunt kills six in Tennessee

NASHVILLE (Tennessee), 18 June — State police in Tennessee investigating a drag-racing stunt that killed six people and injured 18 were seeking photographs and video on Sunday of the accident at a charity event for children.

The dragster car, with professional driver Troy Critchley at the wheel, went out of control on Saturday while performing a “burnout” — sending up clouds of smoke by spinning the tyres.

The accident happened during a parade at the Cars for Kids fund-raising event in Selmer,

about 80 miles (130 kilometres) east of Memphis.

Two people died at the scene and four died in hospital. The dead were between 15 and 20 years old, Tennessee Highway Patrol spokesman Mike Browning said.

Eighteen injured people, including Critchley, were taken to area hospitals.

Browning said officers were seeking pictures and video that spectators may have taken.

One video showed the dragster spinning its tyres, speeding down a roadway lined with spectators and then skidding into the crowd amid screams and a cloud of white smoke.

MNA/Reuters



China has opened 18 rural community banks by the end of May offering farmers easier access to loans and providing credit to businesses in the countryside that want to expand.—INTERNET

## Lightning kills eight in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 18 June — Lightning during heavy monsoon rains Saturday struck a remote Pakistani village, killing at least 8 people and leaving several others injured, officials said.

The deadliest strike

occurred overnight in the tiny hamlet of Matta, a town some 160 kilometres northeast of Peshawar, capital city in the North-West Frontier Province, local councillor Noor Alam said.

The lightning struck

several homes of villagers, destroying them. At least four people are stated to be buried under the rubble.

The injured were taken to a local hospital. The people with the help of local authorities pulled the dead and injured out of the rubbles.

Parts of northern Pakistan received heavy rains in recent days after a heat wave spell, which killed more than 50 people in the country with the majority of them in central Punjab Province.

MNA/Xinhua

## Earthquake jolts eastern Indonesia's Papua

JAKARTA, 18 June — An earthquake measuring 5.7 magnitude on the Richter Scale rocked parts of Papua Province in eastern Indonesia Sunday, but there were no reports of any damage yet.

The earthquake took place at about 6:52 am (2252 GMT, Saturday) with epicentre approximately 229 kilometres southwest of Jayapura, the capital of Papua Province, according to Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency.

Tremors made residents of Jayapura flee homes, but there were no immediate reports of any casualty or properties damage.

The location of Indonesia, which lies above the Pacific 'Ring of Fire' causes frequent earthquakes from volcanic eruptions and continental plates collision.—MNA/Xinhua

## Heavy snow strands over 6,000 trucks in Andes

BUENOS AIRES, 18 June — The main mountain pass connecting Argentina with Chile has been closed after a four-day snow storm in the Andes, stranding more than 6,000 trucks, a transport official said on Saturday.

Only a few cars were allowed to pass through the Christ the Redeemer Pass, 3,800 metres above sea level, according to Ernesto Arriaga, spokesman for Argentina's highway depart-

ment.

About 3,300 trucks are stuck along the pass on the Argentine side and there are another 2,800 on the Chilean side, he said.

The road blockage has also seriously affected the regional trade. The highway is a major trade route for Asian goods which enter the region through Chile's Pacific ports, and for Argentine and Brazilian products exported through the same ports.

MNA/Xinhua

## China seethes over US' religious report

BEIJING, 18 June — Leaders of China's religious community have expressed their opposition to a US report accusing the Chinese Government of violating religious freedom and persecuting the Falungong sect.

The Annual Report on International Religious Freedom was released in May this year by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, an agency under the State Department.

Chen Guangyuan, president of the Islamic Association of China, said: “China's ban of the anti-social cult Falungong is legitimate, a reflection

of public opinion and it shows that the government is protecting citizens' rights”.

Accusing the report of “distorting the truth for political reasons”, Liu Bonian, vice-chairman of the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association, said the US support of Falungong is harmful to relations between the two countries. Xue Cheng,

vice-president of the Buddhist Association of China, said China's Buddhist community would continue to oppose actions by Falungong that run counter to orthodox Buddhism.

He also called on the US side to refrain from interfering in China's internal affairs via religious issues.

MNA/Xinhua



## Milan Airport blocked by hare hunt

MILAN, 18 June — Flights to and from Milan's Linate Airport were suspended for three hours on Sunday while staff and volunteers tried to capture hares and rabbits which have been overrunning the runways.

The hunt succeeded in herding 57 hares and four rabbits into fenced off areas of the airport where they were captured to be taken to nearby nature reserves.

Airport authorities, more used to flight disruption due to wildcat strikes among staff of ailing national carrier Alitalia, said the operation had been a full success.

“It was necessary because animals passing in front of ground radar were creating false alarms in the control towers,” said Marco Alberti, a director of SEA, the company which manages Milan's airports.

MNA/Reuters

A model wears a creation from designer Miguel Vieira's 2008 spring/summer collection during Sao Paulo Fashion Week on 17 June, 2007.

INTERNET



**ADVERTISEMENT**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KOTA TERAJU VOYNO (237)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TERAJU VOYNO (237) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.6.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER  
LINES PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV XIANG FENG VOYNO (7035)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG FENG VOYNO (7035) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.6.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING  
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**Suicide bombing kills four  
Afghan civilians, injures  
foreign soldier**

KABUL, 17 June—A suicide car bombing targeting a Western convoy killed four civilians and wounded one foreign soldier in west of the Afghan capital Kabul on Saturday morning, Kabul deputy police chief Alishah Paktiawal told *Xinhua*.

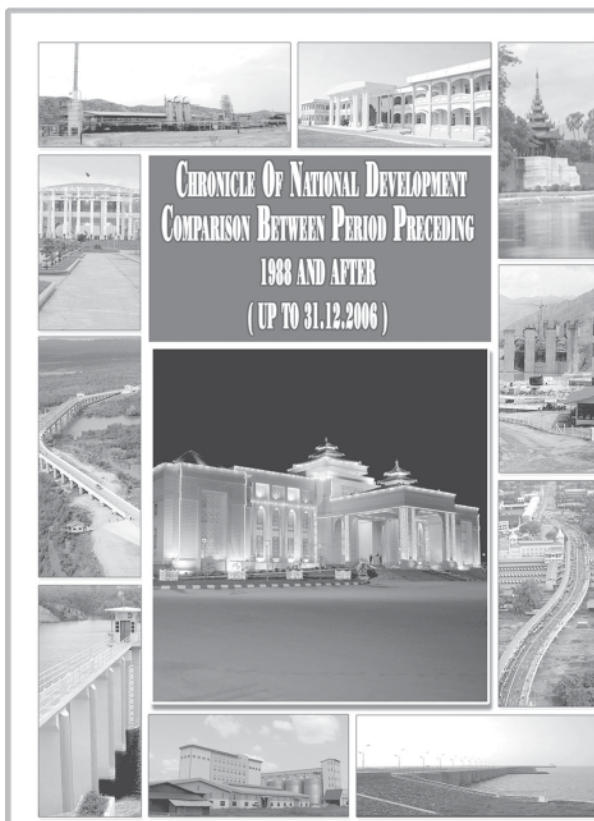
Paktiawal earlier said one foreign soldier was killed in the bombing, but he corrected his saying after getting more accurate information. "The foreign soldier was only injured instead of being killed," he said.

Three civilians were also injured in the attack, which occurred at 8:45 am local time (0415 GMT), he added.

The bombing was targeting a US military convoy, a *Xinhua* reporter at the site said, adding that eight civilian vehicles and one military vehicle were damaged.

Most of foreign soldiers operating in Kabul belong to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). However, an ISAF Press officer told *Xinhua* he had no immediate information about the incident. "We are still gathering information now," he said. —MNA/*Xinhua*

**The best time to plant a tree was  
20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.**



**CHRONICLE OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**COMPARISON BETWEEN PERIOD PRECEDING 1988 AND AFTER (UP TO 31 - 12 - 2006)**

- \* This book features firm evidences, correct data and figures and documentary photos.
- \* This book reflects the success in building the infrastructure according to the political, economic and social objectives for the brighter future of the State.
- \* Illustrated with charts and colourful photos.
- \* Published by the Ministry of Information.

Now On Sale USD 3.00

**Available at**

- 📖 Sarpay Beikman Book Shop, 529-531, Merchant Street, Yangon ☎ 01-381448, 249031
- 📖 Sarpay Beikman Book Shop, No-55, Thabyaygon Market, Nay Pyi Taw
- 📖 News and Periodicals Enterprise Book Shop, 212, Theinbyu Street, Yangon ☎ 294306
- 📖 Hotels, Supermarkets and Shopping Malls in Yangon.

**Oil hits 10-month high on US fuel, mideast tension**

NEW YORK, 17 June—Oil prices touched a 10-month high on Friday sparked by worries of low US fuel supplies from creaking refineries and an upsurge of violence in the Middle East.

It was the third day of gains after a weekly US report on Wednesday showed gasoline stocks failed to build up and heating oil inventories fell. That sparked concern US refiners, running at 89 per cent of capacity, would be have a hard time making enough fuel during prime vacation driving season.

"Gasoline is very strong because refinery runs are at 89 per cent and stocks are below average,"

said Christopher Belle, senior vice-president, Bache Commodities.

Brent crude, now the contract most representative of the global market, last settled 11 cents higher at 71.47 US dollars a barrel, after hitting 71.88 US dollars the highest level since August 2006. US crude settled 35 cents higher at 68.00 US dollars after hitting a fresh nine-month high.

Markets were rattled further after Hamas Islamist fighters took control of Gaza after six days of civil war.

Dealers weighed the potential of a wider conflict drawing in

neighbouring Middle East states which pump a quarter of the world's oil.

Tension was already high over supply disruptions in Nigeria, Iran's atomic programme and low supplies of gasoline in top fuel consumer the United States.

US gasoline stocks were running about 6 per cent below a year ago following a prolonged stretch of refinery outages, while heating oil inventories slumped to levels one-third below last year.

"Both markets are very bullish," said Makoto Takeda, of Tokyo's Bansei Securities. With oil demand rising, the stage was set for even further tight-tening, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA).

The adviser to 26 industrialized countries has repeatedly called on the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries to pump more crude to avoid a supply crunch later this year.

MNA/Reuters

**Bird flu kills one Vietnamese, toll now 43**

HANOI, 17 June—Bird flu has killed one patient in Vietnam, the first death in the country since 2005, state-run television quoted a government report on Saturday as saying.

The death brought the total death toll from bird flu in Vietnam to 43.

The patient died last week in the northern province of Ha Tay, television cited the Health Ministry report as saying. It gave no details of the gender of the deceased or how the patient became infected.

World Health Organization officials in Vietnam could not immediately be reached for comment on the death.

The last human death from bird flu in the Southeast Asian country took place in 2005, a year in which the H5N1 virus killed 19 patients out of 61 infected cases.

Vietnamese officials warned early this week that more people could be infected as bird flu among ducks and chickens has spread to nearly one third of the country's 64 provinces and cities since early May.

Ha Tay is not in the watchlist of infected areas but the province lies next to Hanoi and is the biggest poultry supplier to nearly three million people in the capital. The death in Ha Tay takes the number of people in Vietnam confirmed as infected by bird flu since May to five, the Health Ministry report said.—MNA/Reuters

**Three Canadian friends quit jobs after huge lottery win**

OTTAWA, 17 June—Three Canadian friends and neighbours say they will be retiring early after learning they have won 40 million Canadian dollars (38 million US dollars) in Lotto 6-49 jackpot, according to local media reports.

William Brush from Burlington, Ontario checked the lottery website at work Thursday and promptly quit on the spot when he saw he had the winning numbers for Wednesday's draw, Canadian Television reported Friday. The 40 year-old father of two shook everyone's hands walking out the door of his office.

Brush will share the prize with his friends and neighbours Kenneth Bard and Reginald Wall. The three have been playing the lottery as a group for the past 18 months.

Bard, 51, plans to retire from his job as a diesel and heavy equipment mechanic, and Wall, who turns 50 next week, is also planning to stop working as a manufacturing technician.

"I'm going fishing," Wall said. —MNA/*Xinhua*



ပညာရေးဖြင့် ဆေးဝါးပြုစုတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်ဖို့



## Elton John given Kiev HIV concert

UKRAINE, 17 JUNE—Elton John has given a free concert in the main square of Ukraine's capital, Kiev, to promote HIV-Aids awareness.

President Viktor Yushchenko and other leading politicians were among the 200,000 people attending the show.

Ukraine has one of the

highest HIV infection rates in Europe with a new case every 10 minutes, according to Ukraine's Anti-Aids Foundation.

The organisers said they hope the UK star's performance will help reduce ignorance surrounding the disease.

The free, open-air concert, which was broadcast live on Ukrainian TV, was the biggest ever seen in Ukraine. The event's slogan was "Stop Aids before it stops us" and Elton John told the crowd that he would do all he could to help Ukraine in its battle against the disease.

His Aids foundation already funds 23 HIV-Aids projects in Ukraine and he said that the concert would allow them to do even more. Before the show free condoms were handed out along with leaflets on HIV testing and counselling centres.

A religious group had

urged Ukrainians to boycott the event, describing it as blasphemous and accusing Elton John of trying to promote a gay lifestyle.

Despite the Western outlook of Ukraine's leader, it is a conservative and predominantly Orthodox Christian country, the BBC's Helen Fawkes in Kiev says. Even in the capital, very few men are openly gay, while lesbians are virtually invisible, our correspondent says.

An estimated 400,000 people are HIV-positive in Ukraine and it is believed that gay men make up only a small percentage of that figure.

Experts say that the disease, which was initially spread by drug-users, is now becoming widespread and that within the next decade one in 50 people in Ukraine could be HIV-positive.—Internet

*Elton John's Aids foundation already funds projects in Ukraine.—INTERNET*

## Willis to appear with daughter in comedy

BEIJING, 18 Jun — "Die Hard" star Bruce Willis is to appear alongside teenage daughter Rumer in a movie for the second time, *The Hollywood Reporter* said Friday.

Willis is to portray a Gulf War veteran and school principal while his daughter will play the trouble-making accomplice to Mischa Barton in the comedy "The Sophomore," the report said. It is the third time Rumer Willis, 18, has appeared in movies involving one

of her movie star parents.

She appeared alongside mother Demi Moore in "Now and Then" as a 5-year-old, and more recently starred in the 2005 film "Hostage" with her father. Willis split from Moore in 2000.—Internet

*Bruce Willis poses with his daughter Rumer at the GM Ten, General Motors' annual fashion show, at Paramount studios in Hollywood, California recently.*

INTERNET



## Taklimakan Desert 1.8 mln years older than thought

BEIJING, 17 June — The Taklimakan Desert located in China's northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, the second largest desert in the world, could have been 1.8 million years earlier than previously thought, Chinese scientists said here Sunday.

Scientists said they've found as testing on samples of loess in a stratum from the Cenozoic Era on the southwest tip of Taklimakan near the Kunlun Mountains, indicates the desert is 5.3 million years old. Experts believe the loess must have been blown to the region by wind from the Taklimakan Desert, Sun Jimin, a

researcher with the Institute of Geology and Geophysics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences said.

Chinese scientists have been studying the formation of the Taklimakan for decades but they have never reached a universally-accepted theory when it was formed.

In 2002, a group of researchers from the Shanghai Tongji University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences concluded that the Taklimakan Desert was likely formed some 3.5 million years ago, after studying sediment and loess in the desert.

Sun said scientists reached different con-

clusions because they studied different locations in the desert. The stratum studied by the researchers of Shanghai Tongji University was 80km to the west of the region discovered by Sun's team.

Internet



*The Taklimakan Desert located in China's northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, the second largest desert in the world, could have been 1.8 million earlier than previously thought, Chinese scientists said in Beijing Sunday.*

INTERNET

## Tanzania to join Global Bio-Energy Partnership

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 17 June — Tanzania is set to become the first African country to join the Global Bio-Energy Partnership (GBEP).

"Tanzania has principally been accepted to join the GBEP with the

condition that it agrees to adhere to the terms of reference of the global body," said Arcadio Ntagazwa, executive director of the Kitomondo Plantation Ltd.

The executive director was quoted by Saturday's

*This Day* newspaper as saying that bio-energy farming in Tanzania involves plantation of oil-producing plants such as jatropha, neem, moringa and pongamia pinata.

He said that the seeds of these plants would not only provide efficient fuels but also environmental-friendly fuels.

The GBEP serves as a global political forum promoting bio-energy and the use of green fuels with particular focus on developing countries.

MNA/Xinhua

**DRIVE WITH CARE**



# SPORTS

## Real win 30th title in heart-stopping finale

MADRID, 18 June — Real Madrid ended their four-year trophy drought when they won the league title for the 30th time after a dramatic 3-1 comeback victory over Real Mallorca at the Bernabeu on Sunday.

Substitute Jose Reyes Antonio was Real's hero, equalizing a minute after coming on in the second half and putting the icing on the cake with a spectacular third seven minutes from time. The nine-times European champions topped the final standings by virtue of a better head-to-head record against arch-rivals Barcelona, whose 5-1 victory at already relegated Gimnastic Tarragona was to no avail. For over an hour the title looked to have slipped from Real's grasp as they trailed to a 17th-minute strike from Mallorca's Fernando Varela, while Barca overpowered Gimnastic.

But Real produced their customary late show, including a headed goal by Mahamadou Diarra, to storm back to victory and

snatch the title from Barcelona's grasp. "This team has recovered its spirit, this was a fantastic victory," Real coach Fabio Capello told reporters. The match marked the final appearances of David Beckham and Roberto Carlos, who signed off with a championship medal in front of 76,000 adoring fans at the Bernabeu.—MNA/Reuters



Members of China's badminton team pose for photos after the awarding ceremony for Sudirman Cup World Team Badminton Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, on 17 June, 2007. China claimed the Sudirman Cup for a record sixth time after beating Indonesia 3-0.—INTERNET

## Baghdatis to face Berdych in Halle open final

HALLE (Germany), 18 June — Marcos Baghdatis saw off German favourite Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-6, 6-4 to book a place in the final of the Halle Open on Saturday.

Baghdatis, the eighth seed from Cyprus, will play Czech fourth seed Tomas Berdych, who reached the final for the second year in succession by beating Jarkko Nieminen of Finland 7-6, 6-4 in Saturday's first semifinal. Both Baghdatis and Berdych stepped up their game at key moments to win tight matches on the grass Stadium Court.

Baghdatis, a semifinalist at Wimbledon last year, was under pressure throughout the first set as Kohlschreiber started strongly.

The German failed to take his chances, though, missing two breakpoints when he had his opponent on the ropes in game nine.

The set went to a tie-break and a bad forehand miss from Kohlschreiber set the tone as Baghdatis broke three times to take it 7-1.—MNA/Reuters

## Real fans celebrate at Cibeles four years on

MADRID, 18 June — Thousands of Real Madrid fans converged on the Cibeles Fountain in the centre of the Spanish capital to celebrate the nine-times European champions' 30th league title after a 3-1 win over Real Mallorca on Sunday.

Elated fans flooded down the Paseo de la Castellana from the Bernabeu Stadium for the first time in four years to cheer their heroes who followed them in a gleaming white open-top bus bearing the word "Campeones" on the side.

England midfielder David Beckham, Italy captain Fabio Cannavaro, Mali international Mahamadou Diarra and Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas dangled off the front of the bus as it reached the fountain at 0045 local time (2045 GMT).

Their arrival was greeted with a deafening chorus of "We are the champions" while the players danced and celebrated as they jumped on to a specially constructed catwalk that surrounded the his-

toric fountain. Club captain Raul, celebrating his fifth league title with Real, was lifted on to the monument by a crane and draped a Spanish flag and a club scarf around the statue of the goddess as his teammates looked on.—MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's David Beckham (R) celebrates winning the Spanish league soccer title on top of their bus at Cibeles fountain in central Madrid on 17 June, 2007.—INTERNET

## Sociedad, Celta relegated from Primera Liga

MADRID, 18 June — Real Sociedad and Celta Vigo were relegated from the Primera Liga after a heart-stopping final round of games on Sunday.

Sociedad dropped out of the top flight for the first time in 40 years after drawing 3-3 at Valencia while Hristo Stoichkov's Celta will join them in the Second Division despite a 2-1 victory at home to Getafe.

Real Betis avoided the drop thanks to a 2-0 win at Racing Santander, both

goals coming from Brazilian forward Edu in the last 10 minutes, while Athletic Bilbao were saved from their first relegation after a 2-0 win at home to Levante.

Already-relegated Gimnastic Tarragona will end the season at the bottom of the standings no matter what happens in their late match at home to Barcelona.

Real Sociedad finished the season with 35 points and Celta on 39, one behind Athletic Bilbao and

Betis.

Celta looked to have escaped the drop when they came from a goal down to take a 2-1 lead over Getafe after Argentine defender Matias Lequi steered in a header at the near post following a free kick in the 67th minute.

But their hopes of survival were dashed by Brazilian forward Edu who scored two late goals to earn Betis their win at Racing Santander.

MNA/Reuters



Angel Cabrera of Argentina poses with the trophy on the 18th green after winning the 2007 US Open Championship golf tournament at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pennsylvania, on 17 June, 2007.

Cabrera became the first South American to capture the US Open golf championship on Sunday, edging superstar Tiger Woods and former champ Jim Furyk by one stroke.—INTERNET

## Capello future still in doubt despite another title win

MADRID, 18 June — Fabio Capello maintained his peerless record as one of the game's most successful coaches when he steered Real Madrid to the league title on Sunday but his future at the club remains in doubt.

"I've said many times before that I want to carry on as coach of Real Madrid, but it all depends on (club president Ramon) Calderon," the Italian told a news conference after his side's 3-1 comeback victory over Real Mallorca.

"I told him that when we met last week, but he didn't give me an answer."

Calderon remained tight-lipped when asked about Capello's future, even though the Italian has two years left on his contract. "We have to enjoy this for a few more days and we will start talking within a week," he told Canal Plus television. "We will make the best decision for the club, but we haven't decided what to do yet."—MNA/Reuters



A fire balloon inflates before it rises during the first Haikou Fire Balloon Festival in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 17 June, 2007. Ten fire balloons succeeded in flying over Qiongzhou Straits separating Hainan Island from the Chinese mainland.—INTERNET



# Iraqi PM says US should stop arming Sunni militias

**BAGHDAD, 18 June** — The United States runs the risk of creating new militias in Iraq if it arms Sunni Arab tribesmen indiscriminately to battle al-Qaeda, Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki said.

In an interview with *Newsweek* magazine, Maliki gave the first indication his government disagrees with the US military policy of arming and equipping Sunni Arab tribes to fight al-Qaeda militants under a model first used in Anbar Province.

“We want to arm some tribes that want to side with us but on condition that we should be well aware of the tribe’s background and sure that it is not connected with terror,” Maliki said.

“Some (US) field commanders make mistakes since they do not know the facts about people they deal with. I believe the Coalition forces do not know the background of the tribes,” he told *Newsweek* on Friday.

“They make mistakes by arming tribes sometimes, and this is dangerous because this will create new militias,” he said.

Maliki also appeared

to reject criticism of his government’s performance in meeting three key political benchmarks aimed at promoting national reconciliation between majority Shiites and Sunni Arabs, who were dominant under Saddam Hussein and who now form the backbone of Iraq’s bloody insurgency.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates visited Baghdad at the weekend to push Iraq’s political leaders on those reconciliation targets and told them

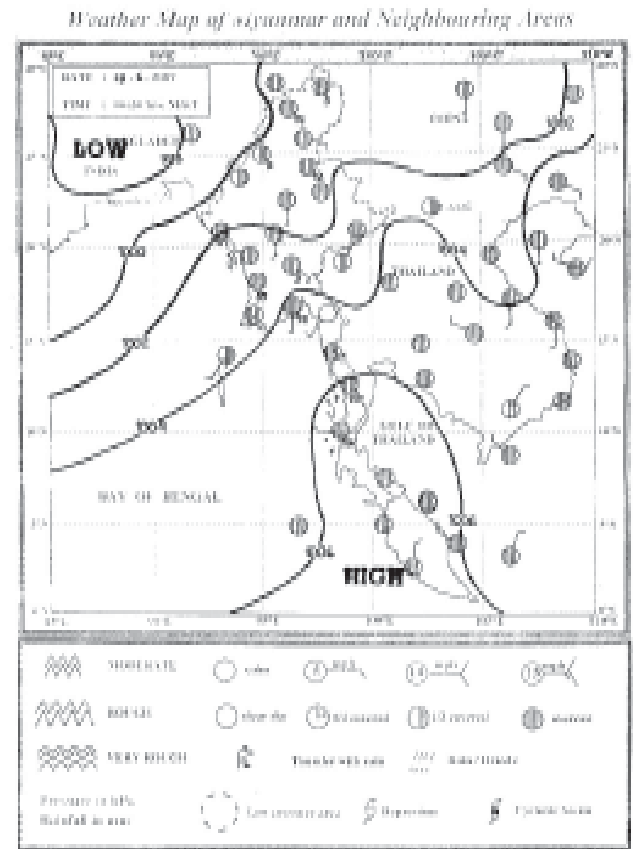
Washington was disappointed with their lack of progress.

But Maliki said in the interview that drafts of three key laws — a revenue-sharing oil law, provincial elections and a law allowing former members of Saddam’s Baath Party to return to public office — would be handed to Parliament next week.

US forces have just completed the placement of an extra 28,000 soldiers in Baghdad and other areas as part of a major security crackdown that is seen as a last-ditch attempt to drag Iraq back from the brink of civil war.

It is also meant to buy Maliki’s Shiite-led government time to reach Washington’s benchmarks.

MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Monday, 18 June, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan State, fairly widespread in Mon and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (3.43) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.92) inches, Katha (2.37) inches, Thandwe (2.33) inches, Kyauktaw (2.01) inches and Mogok (1.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-6-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 18-6-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-6-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 17-6-2007 was (7.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 18-6-2007 was (0.98) inches at Mingaladon, (2.92) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.32) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (41.26) inches at Mingaladon, (46.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (42.05) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 17-6-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 19-6-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Chin States and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of increase of rain in Taninthayi Division.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 19-6-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).


**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-6-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-6-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



25 people were injured and several structures were knocked over during a sudden storm at the Heineken Jammin’ music festival in Venice, Italy on 15 June.

INTERENT



**Tuesday, 19 June**  
View on today

**7:00 am**  
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**  
3. Morning news

**7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song

**7:55 am**  
5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

**8:05 am**  
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:15 am**  
7. Song of national races

**8:30 am**  
8. International news

**8:45 am**  
9. Let’s go

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာအထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)

**4:45pm**  
4. Dance of national races

**5:00 pm**  
5. ခံစားနားဆင်းတေးဇာတ်ဝင်

**5:10 pm**  
6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

**5:25 pm**  
7. Sing and enjoy

**6:00 pm**  
8. Evening news

**6:30 pm**  
9. Weather report

**6:35 pm**  
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

**6:50 pm**  
11. “ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါး----တို့မစား” (ဇရာ၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ မေပိုးအိ၊ ညိုညိုစိမ့်၊ မြသက်ထား) (ဒါရိုက်-ရဲဝင်းနီ)

**7:00 pm**  
12. “ကျွန်တော်နိုင်ရေးသမား”

**7:10 pm**  
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သန်းတစ်ရာရွှေအိပ်မက်” (အပိုင်း-၉)

**8:00 pm**  
14. News

**15. International news**

**17. Weather report**

**18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)**

**19. The next day’s programme**

Radio Myanmar

**Tuesday, 19 June**  
Tune in today

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music:  
-Walking in the sun

**8:40 am** Perspectives

**8:45 am** Music:  
-Closing time

**8:50 am** National news / Slogan

**9:00 am** Music:  
-Turn my head

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Music:  
-A life less ordinary

**1:30 pm** News / Slogan

**1:40pm** Lunch time music  
-You’ve got away  
-Swear it again

**9:00pm** English speaking course

**9:10pm** Article

**9:20pm** Weekly sports reel

**9:35pm** Music for your listening pleasure  
-I believe  
-Daddy’s girl

**9:45 pm** News /Slogan

**10:00 pm** PEL

\*R 489 Published by the News and Periodicals Enterprise, Ministry of Information, Union of Myanmar. Edited and printed at The New Light of Myanmar Press, No 22/30 Strand Road at 43rd Street, Yangon. Cable Newlight, PO Box No. 43, Telephones: Editors 392308, Manager 392226, Circulation 392304, Advertisement 392223, Accounts 392224, Administration 392225, Production/Press 297028



**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

# Minister inspects Saw Mills in Lewe Township



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits special teak plantation in Minpyin Forest.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected No 19 Saw Mill (Winteku), No 56 and No 7 Saw Mills (Thitpokpin) and No 8 Saw Mill (Minpyin) in Lewe Township on 15 June.

At the briefing hall, Managing Director of Myanma Timber Enterprise U Win Tun, General

Manager U Khin Maung Win and factory managers reported on work carried out. The minister inspected operation of the mill and sawn timber.

The minister and officials then visited the 700-acre special teak plantation in Minpyin Forest reserve in Lewe Township. The minister heard reports by Director-General of Forest Department U

Soe Win Hlaing, Deputy Director-General U Aye Myint Maung and staff officer U Than Kyaw of Lewe Township Forest Department.

The minister inspected cultivation and transport of saplings. And the minister and party inspected the plantation.

They proceeded to Yanpal forest reserve in Taungdwingyi Township. They looked into the 30 acres of timber extraction site and the 250-acre teak special plantation. Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing and Director U Win Naing of Magway Division Forestry Department briefed on the related matters on the forest reserve to the minister.—MNA

## NLD's activities detrimental to the State and the people

### 31 members resign from Eimme Township NLD

YANGON, 18 June—Altogether 12 members of Eimme Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division, including U Myint Swe of Chaunghthagy Village, U Soe Lay and U Mya Hsaung, nine members including U Tha Aye of Pulon Nyaungwaing Village and U Myint Swe, U Tin Nyunt of Tagundaing Ahnyasu Village, U Ba Gyan and U Cho Cho, four members including U Tin Yi of Takaw Village and U Ahpaung and others including U San Lwin of Paramidaung Village and U Win Oo, U Hla Yi of Razugo Village and U Tun Myaing totalling 31 resigned from

the party of their own accord on 7 June, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their letters of resignation sent to the Eimme Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commissions, they said that the NLD's activities are detrimental to the State and the people as the party didn't engage simply in politics simply, and that they no longer wished to be members of the party and did not trust the party leaders. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said.—MNA

### Weather Forecast for (19-6-2007)

**Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas**  
Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Mandalay and neighbouring areas**  
Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).