

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

NCC Management Committee discusses preparations for reconvening final session of National Convention

Officials urged to make preparations for reception, welfare, health and transport matters for the delegates



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung delivers an address at coordination meeting of National Convention Convening Management Committee.
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men and secretaries of sub-committees and departmental officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung said that the final session of the National Convention will be reconvened at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township of Yangon Division on 18 July 2007. Hence, the time is getting near to hold the National Convention.

The National Convention Convening Management Committee and sub-committees are to discuss coordination tasks to successfully reconvene the National Convention. The NCC Management Committee is to make

proper preparations for smooth holding of the convention.

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thermore, he stressed the need to prepare regular tasks such as reception, welfare, health and transport matters for the delegates. The NCC Management Committee has assigned sector-wise duties (See page 8)

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 June — The National Convention Convening Management Committee held a coordination meeting at the hall of the Auditor-General's office, here, this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, members of the Management Committee deputy ministers and departmental heads, chair-



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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 22 June, 2007

Expedite tasks for elimination of narcotic drugs

Today, narcotic drugs continue to pose a grave danger to the entire mankind.

Myanmar is expediting drug elimination drive as a national duty in pursuit of the 15-year drug elimination plan for wiping out poppy cultivation.

In addition, the government is taking measures on a wider scale in cooperation with national people, neighbouring countries, regional countries, sub-regional countries and international organizations for supply elimination, demand reduction and law enforcement.

It is rendering assistance for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops and establishing agricultural and livestock farms and businesses for raising the socio-economic life of local national race people in the regions where poppy farming was common in the past. As a result, Kokang, Mongla and Wa regions in Shan State have been declared as opium-free areas.

As part of the drive for eradication of narcotic drugs, the Tatmadaw and the Myanmar Police Force are destroying poppy plantations and taking action against the dealers and consumers of poppy and heroin. In Yangon alone, a large volume of narcotic drugs and precursor chemicals have been put to torch 20 times.

Myanmar is making all-out efforts on self-reliant basis to ward off the menace of narcotics. The people should, therefore, participate in the programme with a sense of duty so as to step up the drive for stamping out the danger of narcotic drugs.

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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

Commander inspects development tasks in Sagaing Division

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye attended physic nut plants growing ceremony at Myayne Village in Monywa Township on 14 June.

The commander, military officers and departmental officials took part in the physic nut plants growing ceremony together with members of social organizations and local people.

Afterwards, the commander also participated in the tree growing ceremony held in the compound of Bodhitahtaung Monastery in the township. A total of 30,700 plants were grown at the ceremony.

While in Monywa, the commander visited Laykyunsetkya Standing Buddha Image which is under construction in the compound and fulfilled the requirements for the construction.

The commander attended the opening of consumer products show and sales in Monywa organized by Golden Lion Cooperative Ltd. Sagaing Division PDC member U Tin Oo and Deputy Director U Wai Lin of Sagaing Division Cooperative Department formally opened the exhibition. The commander and party visited the booths displayed at the exhibition.

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NyaungU Jail equipped with water purifying plant and toilets

YANGON, 20 June — The opening ceremony of Water Purifying Plant and toilets for NyaungU Jail of Myanmar Correctional Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the jail on 15 June, attended by officials of NyaungU District PDC and members of social organizations.

Director-General U Zaw Win of Myanmar Correctional Department, wellwishers U Aung Myat (Mother Trading Co Ltd), U Tun Win (Step Co Ltd) and Dr Maung Maung Aye (Moe Hein Co Ltd) formally opened the plant



and toilets that were constructed at the cost of over K 11 million.

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Director-General U Zaw Win of Myanmar Correctional Department, wellwishers U Aung Myat, U Tun Win and Dr Maung Maung Aye formally open Water Purifying Plant at NyaungU Jail. — MCD

238 drug-related cases exposed in May

YANGON, 21 June — The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department had exposed 238 drug-related cases in May, 2007. They seized 94.2873 kilos of opium in 51 cases, 0.4976 kilo of heroin in 61 cases, 11.9854 kilos of opium oil in 12 cases, 2.97 kilos of morphine in one case, 317. 653 kilos of inferior opium in 26 cases, 2.3619 kilos of marijuana in 16 cases, 634,622 stimulant tablets in 53 cases, 4.4244 kilos of speciosa in 11 cases, 69.501 kilos of Ephedrine in two cases, 433.7 kilos of stimulant powder, 102.3 kilos of caffeine and 1027.5 kilos of chemical powder, 95 tablets of buprenorphine in one case, and four other cases. Action was taken against 278 persons — 278 men and 74 women. — MNA

Shwe Naing Ngan Journal Vol 6 No 2 in circulation

YANGON, 21 June — Shwe Naing Ngan Journal Vol 6 No 2 is put into circulation today.

The journal features the articles written by Chit Naing (Psychology), Saya Nyo, Myat Khine, Soe Thiha Soe, Nyunt Han (Kyutaw), Sandar Lin and Kyaw Htay (BAC) and other interesting local and foreign news.

The journal is available at the bookstalls of Tun Oo (Mandalay), Hsin Taung Gyi, Tin Soe, Wah Moe Aung, Sarpay Beikman, Ma Nila, NPE and Pan Shwe Pyi. Manuscripts can be sent to the Chief Editor of Shwe Naing Ngan Journal, No 228, Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Theinbyu Street, Botahtaung Township (Tel: 382070).

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Reports slam British response to Iran sailors kidnap

LONDON, 20 June—Britain on Tuesday banned military and naval personnel from selling tales of their exploits to the media, following an outcry when sailors seized by Iran published stories in exchange for cash.

One report commissioned by the government into the incident concluded the Ministry of Defence was guilty of “a collective failure of judgment or an abstention of judgment” in allowing two of the former hostages to profit from recounting their experience to the media.

Another government commissioned report into

operational mistakes during the group’s seizure concluded the individuals involved “could have done more to prevent what happened” and recommended improvements in intelligence handling, communications and training. The boarding party of 15 British sailors and Marines was captured by Iran in the Gulf in March and held for 13 days, prompting questions about why they had been taken with such apparent ease and why help was slow to come.

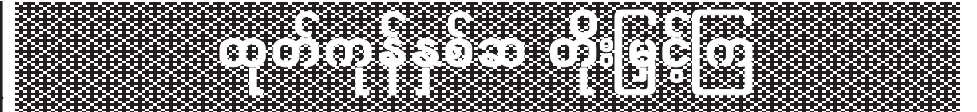
Upon their return, Defence Secretary Des Browne allowed the Navy

to permit two of them to sell their stories to newspapers for cash, causing public outrage.

“The acceptance of payments from the media offended the public and their view of the special place of the armed forces in British life,” the report into the media side of the incident said on Tuesday.

Its author, Tony Hall, formerly BBC director of news, said he had not been able to identify a single person who in practice took the decision to authorise payment.

“Nobody said ‘stop’. Nobody said ‘that’s not right’.”— *MNA/Reuters*



A Chinese farmer stands among the ruins of his house after a landslide in Zhenxiong, South China's Yunnan Province, on 20 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Wild storms bypass Australia’s east coast

CANBERRA, 21 June—A storm off Australia’s southeast coast caused high seas and snow falls west of Sydney on Wednesday, but spared coastal areas from an expected battering by cyclonic winds, forecasters said.

Australia’s Bureau of Meteorology said the

storm had moved out into the Tasman Sea, with cyclonic winds failing to strike coastal areas of New South Wales State as previously forecast.

“It’s well, well into the Tasman Sea now,” duty forecaster Peter Zmijewski told *Reuters*, adding that the strong winds had remained out to sea while

lighter conditions hit coastal areas. “It was a close call,” he said. The deep low pressure system was moving rapidly to the northeast and away from the Australian coast, but had still caused ocean swells of up to seven metres (23 feet) in some parts before easing.

— *MNA/Reuters*

Heavy mortar bomb attack on Baghdad Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 20 June—Militants fired a spate of mortar bombs at Baghdad’s Green Zone on Tuesday in one of the heaviest attacks in weeks on the heavily fortified compound that houses the US Embassy and Iraqi Government offices.

It was unclear if there were any casualties from the barrage of around 10 mortar bombs. *Reuters* reporters could see several plumes of smoke rising from the compound on the

west side of the Tigris River. Loud sirens warning people to take cover echoed across the zone.

The Green Zone is Baghdad’s most secure area but often comes under rocket and mortar attack by militants in other parts of the city. The strikes have lately become more frequent and more accurate.

A mortar attack last week killed an employee of a hotel in the compound, which is also home

to numerous Western embassies. There were also a number of casualties in April and May.

— *MNA/Reuters*

Police chief of Basra moved after mosque attacks

BASRA (Iraq), 20 June—Basra’s police chief has been transferred to a new post in the Interior Ministry, Iraqi officials said on Monday, just days after militants destroyed two Sunni mosques in the southern Shi’ite city.

Major-General Mohammed Hamadi has been locked in a dispute with the governor of Basra Province, a member of the small but locally powerful Fadhila Party, who has accused him of inefficiency and re-fusing to obey orders.

The provincial governing council has been in negotiations with the central government in Baghdad for months to resolve the dispute, a source in the council told *Reuters*, but the bombing of the two Sunni mosques was seen as “the last

straw”.

The mosques were destroyed at the weekend in apparent retaliation for the bombing of a revered Shi’ite shrine in Samarra north of Baghdad.

Hamadi told *Reuters* he was being transferred to Baghdad to become a director general in the Interior Ministry.

He is to be replaced by Major-General Jalil Khalaf. — *MNA/Reuters*

Iraq attacks kill 14 US soldiers

BAGHDAD, 21 June—Armed groups in Iraq have killed 14 US soldiers in just two days, the US military has announced.

Twelve troops died in four separate attacks in Baghdad, officials said, with another two killed by a bomb in the western province of Anbar.

US forces have begun a major offensive against militants linked to al-Qaeda north of Baghdad.

Elsewhere at least 15 people died and 40 others were hurt in a suicide truck bomb attack in northern Iraq. — *Internet*



iPod nano is displayed at the Paris Apple Expo at Porte de Versailles exhibition hall, in southern Paris. INTERNET

Visitors gaze at a Keichousaurus Hui fossil on 20 June, 2007. The fossil, 350cm by 85cm in size and dating back 200 million years, was unveiled on a craftwork and artwork exhibition held in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province on 20 June. INTERNET





Tian Congming (1st R), president of China's Xinhua News Agency, and visiting Chief Executive Officer of Reuters Tom Glocer (2nd R), sit at the studio of Xinhua News Agency in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 June, 2007. —XINHUA

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Iran-EU talks set for 23 June in Lisbon

TEHERAN, 20 June — Iran's chief nuclear negotiator and the European Union's foreign policy chief will meet for a new round of talks about Teheran's disputed nuclear programme on 23 June in Lisbon, an Iranian news agency said on Tuesday.

Citing an official Iranian statement, the Mehr news agency said Iran's Ali Larijani and the EU's Javier Solana would hold talks in Portugal's capital on Saturday. In Brussels, Solana's office could not confirm the date or place of any meeting.

Their last meeting in Madrid on 31 May yielded no breakthrough on Iran's refusal to suspend uranium enrichment as a

condition for broader negotiations on trade and other benefits.

Iran says its programme to produce nuclear fuel through uranium enrichment is solely for electricity generation but Western powers suspect it wants to build bombs.

Two sets of UN sanctions have been imposed on Iran and a third round is wanted by Washington and EU powers. Instead of halting enrichment, as the UN Security Council has ordered, Iran has rapidly extended its programme.

In Washington, US President George W Bush reiterated that all options were on the table over Iran. At the start of a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Bush was asked if military action remained an option for dealing with Iran.

"My position has not changed. All options are on the table. I would hope that we could solve this diplomatically," he said.

Iran, OPEC's number two producer, has often threatened to strike back if attacked by the United States.—MNA/Reuters

World's longest bridge span connects over Yangtze River

NANJING, 20 June—The two ends of the bridge with the world's longest span were connected over China's Yangtze River on Monday.

The bridge linking two major cities in the eastern Jiangsu Province is being built by the Second Engineering Corp of the China Road and Bridge Corp at a cost of 6.45 billion yuan (830 million US dollars).

Started simultaneously in the cities of Nantong and Suzhou in 2003, the Sutong Yangtze Road Bridge, linking Nantong and Changshu in Suzhou, runs 32.4 kilometres, with 8,146 metres spanning the Yangtze, China's longest waterway.

It has the world's longest span of 1,088 metres, usurping the previous record holder, the Tataru Bridge in Japan,

which has a main span of 890 metres.

Its steel and concrete bridge towers, the tallest in the world, stand at 300.4 metres. Experts say the bridge will serve as a major land link between Nantong, Suzhou and Shanghai after it opens to traffic in 2008. It will also

promote economic growth in the Yangtze River Delta and promote tourism.

Around 150,000 bridges had been built in China over the past 15 years, an average of 10,000 a year, said Xu Kuangdi, president of the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

MNA/Xinhua



Palestinians hoping to flee from the Gaza Strip walks through the tunnel passageway towards the Erez Crossing in the northern Gaza Strip, on 20 June, 2007.—INTERNET

13 dead, 31 injured in German bus accident

BERLIN, 20 June—A tour bus crashed on a highway near the eastern German city of Magdeburg on Monday, killing 13 elderly passengers and injuring 31 people, police said.

The bus was carrying a group of senior citizens to Dresden and had about 48 people, all adults, aboard. Police said some of the injuries were serious. The bus driver survived the accident.

According to first reports, police said a lorry hit the bus from behind as it slowed due to an accident on the other side of the road. The out-of-control bus then veered down a nearby slope and overturned.

MNA/Reuters

Missile strike kills 32 militants in Pakistan

MIRANSHAH (Pakistan), 20 June—A missile attack, possibly launched by US forces in Afghanistan, killed at least 32 pro-Taliban militants on Tuesday in a Pakistani tribal region near the border, Pakistani officials said. The missiles targeted a militant training base in Mamy Rogha, a village near Datta Khel District, 60 kilometres (40 miles) west of Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan, the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Reuters.

"There was a cluster of three houses and a tent which were hit. There were about 45 people in that area," a senior government official told Reuters. A Pakistani military spokesman confirmed an "explosion" in the area, but said the Pakistani Army had not launched any operations there.—MNA/Reuters

Two US soldiers killed in bomb attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 June — Two American soldiers were killed and five others injured in two bomb attacks in Iraq, the US military said on Wednesday.

A US soldier was killed and three more were wounded when a roadside bomb hit their patrol in an area south of Baghdad on Monday, the military said in a statement.

A second soldier died of wounds sustained from an explosion occurred near his vehicle while conducting operation in Diyala Province on Tuesday, another statement said.

Two more soldiers were wounded in the attack and had been evacuated to an Army medical facility for treatment, it added.

MNA/Xinhua



A visitor looks at pottery artworks at a ceramics exhibition in Beijing on 19 June, 2007. More than 1,000 pieces of pottery creations produced in the eight major ceramics kilns were on display.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Second China-Arab Business Conference opens in Amman

AMMAN, 20 June—The second China-Arab Business Conference opened here Monday, some 1,000 entrepreneurs from China and 16 Arab countries participated in the conference. The two-day conference, under the theme of “Deepening Cooperative Partnership to Achieve Common Prosperity,” includes workshops on fields such as energy, trade and

medium and small-sized projects. Businessmen from the two sides will also sign agreements and deals during the conference.

Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference National Committee Luo Haocai said during the opening ceremony that as a significant event under the framework of China-Arab Cooperation Forum, the conference is expected

to provide an opportunity to promote understanding and to strengthen bilateral trade relations between the Arab world and China.

The China-Arab Business Conference is organized by the China Council for Promoting International Trade, Arab Businessmen Federation and Arab Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture.

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Jia Qinglin (L 4), chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), and other representatives attend the opening ceremony of the tenth plenary of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS) in Beijing, on 20 June, 2007.—XINHUA

Laos eyes 8% economic growth in 2007-2008 fiscal year

HANOI, 21 June — Laos has targeted gross domestic product (GDP) growth of eight per cent in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, Laos’ news agency KPL reported on Tuesday. The country has also eyed per capita income of 728 US dollars and

inflation rate of 6 per cent in the year, starting in October, the agency quoted Lao Prime Minister Bouasone Bouphavanh as saying at an ongoing session of the National Assembly of Laos.

To this end, Laos is promoting goods pro-

duction and exports, he said. Laos gained GDP growth of 7.6 per cent in the first six months of the 2006-2007 fiscal year, compared with the target of 7.5 per cent for the whole year.

In the six-month period, the agricultural sector, which recorded growth of 2.4 per cent, contributed 40.7 per cent to Laos’ GDP. Meanwhile, the industry and the service posted respective growths of 15.2 per cent and 7 per cent, which made up 33.3 per cent and 26 per cent of the GDP. —MNA/Xinhua



The People’s Bank of China started to put on sale the second set of precious metal commemorative coins for the 29th Olympic Games on 20 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Canon tops list of climate-friendly companies

WASHINGTON, 21 June — Canon Electronics Inc, athletic gear leader Nike Inc, and food and consumer goods giant Unilever Plc topped a list rating climate-friendly companies released on Tuesday.

There was a cluster at the bottom of the list of 56 companies.

Six tied for last, with a score of zero on a 100-point scale — Jones Apparel Group Inc, CBS Corp, Burger King Holdings Inc, Darden Restaurants Inc, Wendy’s International Inc and Amazon.com.

Even for those at the top, there was room for improvement on the ClimateCounts scorecard,

put together by a non-profit group organized by the New England-based environmental entity Clean Air-Cool Planet and Stonyfield Farm, a US organic yogurt maker that placed sixth on the list, with 63.

“It’s not enough to recycle paper and change lightbulbs,” said Gary Hirshberg, Stonyfield Farm’s chief and chair of Climate Counts.

“We need to significantly reduce our carbon footprint ... Nobody deserves, or for that matter is getting, an A.”

Stonyfield offsets 100 per cent of its carbon emissions from manufacturing, Hirshberg said, but it needs to do more

with renewable energy to cut the greenhouse gases that spur global warming.

MNA/Reuters

China calls for US to loosen high-tech export control

BEIJING, 21 June — Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said here Tuesday that the United States should relax export control on high-tech products to China so as to redress the trade imbalance between the two countries.

“Joint efforts are needed to enhance China-US trade cooperation and we hope the US make positive and constructive

efforts on the trade imbalance, including relaxing control of high-tech products export to China,” Qin said.

MNA/Xinhua

Overseas tourists to Beijing up 11.8% in first five months

BEIJING, 20 June—Beijing received 1.6 million tourists from abroad in the first five months, a rise of 11.8 per cent from the same

period last year, the government statistics showed Tuesday.

The figure includes 220,000 tourists from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, up 7.1 per cent, with the other 1.38 million tourists from other countries and regions, up 12.6 per cent, according to the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Statistics.

Japan, the United States and the Republic of Korea remain the top three source countries of overseas tourists to Beijing, accounting for 38.8 per cent of the total.

Beijing received more than 400,000 overseas tourists last month, representing an annual growth of 9.8 per cent, statistics show.

MNA/Xinhua



Government workers clean the Bird Garden in Hong Kong on 21 June, 2007. The Bird Garden, a tourist attraction in the territory, is closed to the public until further notice after the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu was found in the faeces of a daurian starling in one of its pet stores last Saturday. —INTERNET



Hong Kong holds dragon boat races on 19 June, 2007. The Dragon Boat Festival is a combination of tradition and a fast-paced sporting spectacular!—INTERNET

Michael Jackson settles \$48m lawsuit with finance firm

NEW YORK, 20 June — Lawyers for US pop singer Michael Jackson on Monday settled a lawsuit brought by a New Jersey-based finance firm that claimed the star cheated it out of 48 million US dollars, local media reported.

The suit, by Prescient Acquisition Group, was settled just as it was about to go to trial in US District Court in Manhattan.

The company claimed Jackson reneged on payments he owed after it helped the star refinance a bank loan of 272 million dollars that allowed him

to avoid foreclosure on loans secured by his stake in the Beatles' song catalog.

The terms of the settlement was kept confidential at the request of Jackson. L Londell McMillan, Jackson's lawyer, said the settlement "presents a win-win for everybody".

"The most important thing is that Michael Jackson's publishing catalog remains safe and sound," McMillan said.

Jackson, 48, said last year that the entertainment industry was "full of sharks, charlatans and impostors".

MNA/Xinhua

Iran delays gasoline rationing for another month

TEHERAN, 20 June — Iran will delay for another month a plan to ration the sale of subsidized gasoline in the oil-rich country, a lawmaker was quoted as saying on Tuesday after meeting a senior Oil Ministry official.

Iran imports 40 per cent of the fuel it consumes, making it possibly vulnerable if further sanctions were imposed by world powers in their spat with Teheran over Iran's nuclear programme.

"With the agreement of Parliament the implementation of the rationing law has been delayed until the beginning of Mordad (the Iranian month starting on 23 July)," MP Naser Soudani, a member of Parliament's energy commission, told the Oil Ministry's website

SHANA. Despite big energy reserves, Iran lacks refining capacity to meet domestic fuel demand, which analysts say is rising at about 10 per cent a year. Heavy subsidies which drain state coffers make fuel so cheap it encourages waste, analysts say.

Seeking to rein in demand, Iran on 22 May raised the gasoline price by 25 per cent to 1,000 rials (around 11 US cents) per litre, still among the cheapest in the world, but it delayed until June a scheme to also ration the fuel.

The first phase of gasoline rationing started last Thursday, limiting fuel that drivers of government cars can buy. But ordinary Iranians still do not know when the full

plan will be implemented and what their quota of subsidized fuel will be.

MNA/Reuters

Study says more women suffer mid-life stroke than men

LOS ANGELES, 20 June — More women than men appear to suffer a stroke in middle age, according to a new study published on Wednesday in the on-line edition of *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

In the study, researchers analyzed data from 17,000 people over the age of 18 who participated in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Of the participants, 606 people experienced a stroke. The study found that women in the 45-54 age range were more than twice as likely as men in the same age group to have had a stroke.

There were no sex differences in stroke rates found in the 35 to 44 and the 55 to 64 age groups.

"While our analysis shows increased waist size and coronary artery disease are predictors of stroke among women aged 45 to 54, it is not immediately clear why there is a sex disparity in stroke rates among this age group," said study author Amytis Towfighi at the Stroke Centre

and Department of Neurology at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"While further study is needed, this mid-life stroke surge among women suggests prompt and close attention may need to be paid to the cardiovascular health of women in their mid-30s to mid-50s with a goal of mitigating this burden," he said

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Actress Constance Marie poses as she arrives as a guest at the premiere of the film 'Yellow' in Los Angeles, California on 19 June, 2007.— INTERNET



Egyptian actor Khaled Saleh poses with his award during the Arab Radio and Television (ART) festival in Cairo on 19 June, 2007. INTERNET



Two soldiers injured in bomb attack in Thai south

BANGKOK, 20 June — Two soldiers were injured when insurgents detonated a roadside bomb in southern Thailand's province of Narathiwat Monday morning.

Six soldiers were patrolling the Bang Khunthong-Torlung Road in Yuyo Village in Takbai District at around 10:30 am local time (0330 GMT) when the explosion occurred, according to the local newspaper the *Nation's* website.

Two of them were injured by bomb shrapnel and rushed to the district hospital.

Police said the soldiers had escorted teachers to a school and were patrolling the road after the escort.

Narathiwat and its neighbouring provinces of Yala and Pattani have been hit by insurgents very often and nearly 2,200 persons have been killed in over three years of violence.

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Exportable Myanmar handicrafts of Letpadan region

Article: Nu Nu Yee and Tin Tin Win
Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



Bamboo is the main raw material in weaving bouquet-holder baskets

We of Myanma Alin daily were at the pottery of U Khin Thein in Ohbodan village, Letpadan Township, Bago Division (West). The morning at the village was not sunny or rainy.

Everything was pleasant under the dim

a finished pot in an oven. As the pottery was founded by the owner's

ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT

grandparents, it is now nearly 50 years old. It is now producing

kettles, goblets, specially designed pots to welcome Myanmar New Year, basins, vases and pots.

In Chanthagon village-tract, we visited the workshop of U Win Aung that was weaving bouquet-holder baskets.

Bamboo, the main raw material of the workshop comes from Bago mountain range. After weaving a basket, it is

heated in an oven. Then raw baskets are transported to a factory in



A vast array of vases is being sun-dried.

Hlinethaya, Yangon Division, which paints them dark brown.

Afterwards, the baskets are ready for markets.

The workshop is manufacturing four types of baskets and exporting about 4500 baskets to Japan monthly.

It is an honour for Letpadan region as its handicrafts have ready markets abroad.

Actually, Myanmar traditional arts and crafts need a lot of concentration and patience and what's more, skill.

The Government on

its part is promoting the One Village, One Product project in the whole nation to further improve the social and economic standard of the rural people.

In addition, it has been building village-to-village roads, rural-urban roads and town-to-town roads and upgrading the existing ones to facilitate the transport sector.

Transport facilitation helps ensure smooth flow of goods, thereby



Molding needs a lot of skill.

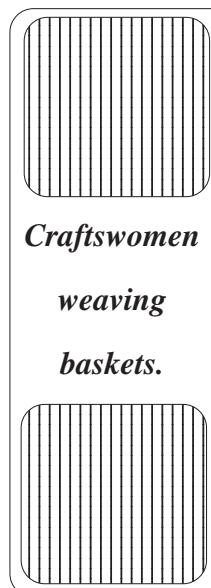


A craftswoman decorating a pot with floral designs.

morning sunlight.

The pottery used a mixture of clay and sand to mould raw pots. After sun-drying a raw pot, a blend of red ochre, diesel and edible oil was applied to its outer surface.

Sometimes pebbles are used to make floral designs on the surface. The next stage is to bake



Craftswomen weaving baskets.



further improving economy and living standards of the rural population.

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Ministry of Finance and Revenue organizes coord meeting



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at first work coordination meeting for 2007 of Ministry of Finance and Revenue. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June —The Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the first coordination meeting for 2007 at the ministry, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun said that all are to implement plans on finance and revenue tasks that contribute to the

growth of economic sector of the State and he urged all the service personnel to correctly and honestly discharge finance and revenue duties in line with the rules and regulations, law and by-laws.

Managing directors and directors-general of Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanma Economic Bank, Myanma Foreign Trade Bank,

Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank, Myanma Small Loans Enterprise, Myanma Insurance, Budget Department, Customs Department, Internal Revenue Department, Pension Department and Revenue Appellate Tribunal reported on accomplishments of their assignments and future tasks.

General managers of MEB also reported on the accomplishments of their bank branches. Later, officials of MEB read papers on reviewing the banking services and efficient use of communication networks.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein.

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NCC Management Committee discusses...

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and functions to respective subcommittees. Hence, all are to harmoniously strive for gaining success in the respective tasks. In conclusion, the Chairman invited the subcommittees to submit reports on progress of the tasks.

The chairmen and secretaries of the subcommittees presented reports on completion of tasks and future plans.

Officials of Yangon City Development Committee and the Ministry of Energy reported on their respective sectors and future tasks.

The members of the NCC Management Committee took part in the discussions.

After reviewing the reports, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung instructed all to make complete preparations for tasks of the Management Committee not later than 13 July. — MNA

CSSTB soccer team to take part in Inter-Ministry soccer tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June — Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun met with the soccer team representing the CSSTB here today.

The football team will participate in the First Inter-Ministry soccer tournament to be held here.

At the meeting held at the office of CSSTB here, Dr Than Nyun cordially greeted players of the team individually, and the manager of the team reported to him on preparations for the tournament.

MNA

Health care services of hospitals supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June — Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo supervised medical treatments, extended construction of hospitals and public health care services at hospitals in Shan State (South) and Mandalay Division on 13 June.

On his tour, the

minister inspected Shwenyaung Station Hospital, Pindaya Township Hospital, Pwayhla Station Hospital, Nanpantet Rural Health Centre and Yinmabin Station Hospital in Thazi Township.

In meeting with members of the health committees, health staff, members of social organizations and local

people at respective hospitals, the deputy ministers explained combating HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria as national concerns, emphasis to be placed on maternal and child health care tasks, use of fly-proof latrine and supply of clean drinking water.

After inspecting the hospitals, he attended to the needs. — MNA

Sein-le-shwe-pyi journal comes out

YANGON, 21 June — Sein-le-shwe-pyi (Green Nation) Journal Volume-4 No-13 comes out today. It has covered extraction of bio-diesel from tapioca, China's purchase frangipani from Myanmar to make perfume, growing of garlic, cooperation with international organizations to set up tsunami

warning system, bamboo and nipa palm prices, rice and paddy production, establishment of self-reliant electric power spending K 100 million, profitable Brazilian banana cultivation, prediction for rice cultivation in Myanmar in 2025 and other local news. It has also covered international news and articles.

The journal is available at Sarpay Beikman Bookshop, Wah Moe Aung, Hsintaunggyi, Ma Ni Lar, NPE Book Shop and Pann-shwe-pyi Book shop. Those wishing to send manuscripts to the journal can address to the Chief Editor of the journal No 228, Theinbyu Street in Yangon (Ph 382070).

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Dr Than Nyun meeting with players of the football team representing Civil Service Selection and Training Board. — MNA

Talks on control of avian influenza organized

YANGON, 21 June — The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Avian Influenza Programme Myanmar of FAO jointly organized the talks on control of avian influenza at the hall of the LBVD in Insein Township this afternoon.

Senior Consultant Dr Masao Sasaki of Avian Influenza Programme Myanmar, International Expert Dr Alessandro Cristalli of FAO/OIE

Reference Laboratory, Adviser Dr Than Hla of the LBVD and Deputy Director-General Dr Than Tun of the department gave talks on control of avian influenza. Those present took part in the discussions.

Also present at the talks were senior officers, heads of state/division LBVDs and laboratory technicians, totalling 40.

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Myingyan Jail facilitated with water purifying plant



Director-General of Myanmar Correctional Department U Zaw Win and Donor U Win Lwin formally open water purifying plant at Myingyan Jail. — MNA

YANGON, 21 June — A ceremony to open the water purifying plant was held at Myingyan Jail of Myanmar Correctional Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs on 15 June.

It was attended by local authorities and officials, the Secretary of Myingyan District Union Solidarity and Development Association and townselders. Director-General U

Zaw Win of Myanmar Correctional Department and wellwisher U Win Lwin (Kyaw Thar Co Ltd) formally opened the factory. The water purifying plant was built spending K 28,678,703. — MNA

Buildings nearly complete at Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Taikthit in Kayan Township

YANGON, 21 June — Under the aegis of Nayaka Sayadaws of two Masoeyein monasteries in Mandalay, buildings of Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Taikthit are under construction in Kwammoedein Model Village in Kayan Township with the donations of Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein,

wife Daw Myint Myint and wellwishers.

Construction of the main building measuring 90 feet by 40 feet has been completed by 90 per cent and Maha Wizaya Ordination Hall and Maha Wizaya Pagoda by 60 per cent each.

The plan is under way to construct two hostels for student monks, one lecture hall, 10-apartment toilets, two

water tanks and the walls. At present, there are about 30 members of the Sangha at Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Taikthit.

Wellwishers may contact Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesarabhivamsa of Masoeyein Taikthit of Mandalay, Tel: 02-39598 and 09-2002625 and the Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Taikthit of Kwammoedein Model Village, Tel: 01-390071. — MNA

Joint Secretary of Myanmar Boxing Federation U Than Zaw awards a winner of the boxing championship to mark International Olympic Day for 2007. (News on page 16) NLM



Blood donation ceremony organized



A sales assistant of Bayintnaung Market donates blood at 6th blood donation ceremony of the market to National Blood Unit of Yangon General Hospital. — MNA

YANGON, 21 June — The Bayintnaung Market under the Market Division of Yangon City Development Committee organized the sixth blood donation ceremony at the office of the market this morning.

Head of the Market Division U Aung Naing Htwe, Bayintnaung Market Welfare Committee Chairman U

Myint Tun and Secretary U Khin Maung Lwin explained the purpose of the ceremony, and Pathologist Dr Thida Aung of the National Blood Unit of Yangon General Hospital, collecting of donated blood at the National Blood Unit for the people.

The chairman and executives of the market welfare committee

presented K 1,506,700 donated by the shop owners to Dr Thida Aung. Altogether 320 sales assistants donated blood.

So far, the donations made by shop owners of Bayintnaung Market have amounted to K 5,586,700, and 1,412 shop owners and sales assistants have donated blood.

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Boeing secures huge order for “787” “Dreamliner” jets

LOS ANGELES, 21 June — Boeing announced on Tuesday that the Los Angeles-base International Lease Finance Corp. (ILFC), the largest airplane leasing company in the world, has ordered 63 airplanes worth 8.8 billion dollars at list prices.

The much-anticipated order, including 52 of

Boeing's new 787 Dreamliner jets, helped push sales of the biggest passenger plane-maker's latest model to an astonishing 634 firm orders even before the first jet rolls out.

The deal, signed by ILFC chief executive Steve Udvar-Hazy Tuesday in Paris,

dominated the second day of the Paris Air Show, where Boeing's arch rival Airbus made the headline Monday by taking orders and commitments totalling 45 billion dollars at list prices for its various models, including new mid-sized A350s and the delay-plagued A380s.

MNA/Xinhua



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France announces formation of new government

PARIS, 21 June — French President Nicolas Sarkozy Tuesday announced a Cabinet reshuffle of Francois Fillon led government, with Jean-Louis Borloo becoming the new Minister for Energy, Ecology and Sustainable Development in replacement of Alain Juppe, who resigned after losing in legislative elections.

Christine Lagarde, former minister of Agriculture and Fishing, was appointed Economy, Finance and Employment Minister in replacement of Borloo. Michel Barnier was chosen to replace Lagarde at the Agriculture and Fishing Ministry.

Michele Alliot-Marie will remain Interior and Overseas Territories

Minister while Bernard Kouchner will stay on as Foreign and European Affairs Minister. Likewise, Herve Morin will remain in charge of the Defence Ministry, with Brice Hortefeux remaining as Minister for Immigration, Integration and National Identity.

In accordance with the republican tradition,

Prime Minister Fillon resigned Monday, a day after the conclusion of the second round of legislative elections. Following the resignation, French President Nicolas Sarkozy moved swiftly to reappoint him prime minister with the specific task of forming a new government.

During the second

round of the legislative elections, France's ruling Union for a Popular Movement and its allies won a comfortable majority in the 577-seat National Assembly, with 345 seats. However, that was fewer than the 359 seats the party had in the outgoing Parliament.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia Airlines offers fares discount at travel mart

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 June — Malaysia Airlines (MAS) is offering up to 70 percent discount off its travel fares and attractively priced Golden Holiday packages for both domestic and international travel at the three-day Malaysian International Travel Mart (MITM) starting tomorrow.

The national carrier said these deals are its second promotion after the "50-hour Open House" online sales which will end tomorrow.

The deals are also part of the airline's three-month long "Let's Fly Malaysia" Merdeka campaign to reward customers for their support, MAS said in a statement Thursday.

"We are making travelling more affordable with these amazingly low

fares and packages. There is no better time to fly Malaysia Airlines than now," said the airline's commercial director Datuk Rashid Khan.

According to him, the airline has attractive packages on offer during

the three-day MITM at the Putra World Trade Centre and the travel period will extend until Dec 10, 2007.

On offer are individual fares to destinations in Asean, the Orient, North Asia, the Indian sub-

continent, Australia, New Zealand and Europe.

Return airfares start from RM89 to Medan, RM659 to Hong Kong, RM859 to China-Taipei, RM1,709 to Sydney, and RM2,129 to Paris.

Internet



Flood water is discharged through the sluice on the Three Gorges Dam on 19 June, 2007. Continuous downpour on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River has resulted in this year's heaviest flood, with 3,3000 cubic meters of water flowing into the Three Gorges Reservoir every second. The 2007 plan for flood prevention and control has been implemented.—INTERNET

Woman delays Turkish plane with fake bomb warning

ANKARA, 21 June — A woman falsely claimed there was a bomb on board a Turkish airliner on Wednesday to try to delay the flight so her husband could catch it, Turkey's Onur Air said on Wednesday. Both of them were arrested.

Airline staff found out the bomb warning was a hoax in time to stop the plane from making an emergency landing in Ankara and it was able to continue to Istanbul as planned from the southeastern city of Diyarbakir, the airline said.

"We learned that the

warning came from the wife of a passenger who was late for the airplane. We believe that the warning was made in order to delay the flight," said Onur Air spokesman Rauf Gerz.

"The police detained the passenger and his wife. They told us the warning was fake and that the plane

could continue its flight."

Ankara is about halfway between Diyarbakir and Istanbul. Bomb warnings and plane hijackings are far from unknown in Turkey, where a number of radical groups ranging from Kurdish separatists to far-left militants operate.

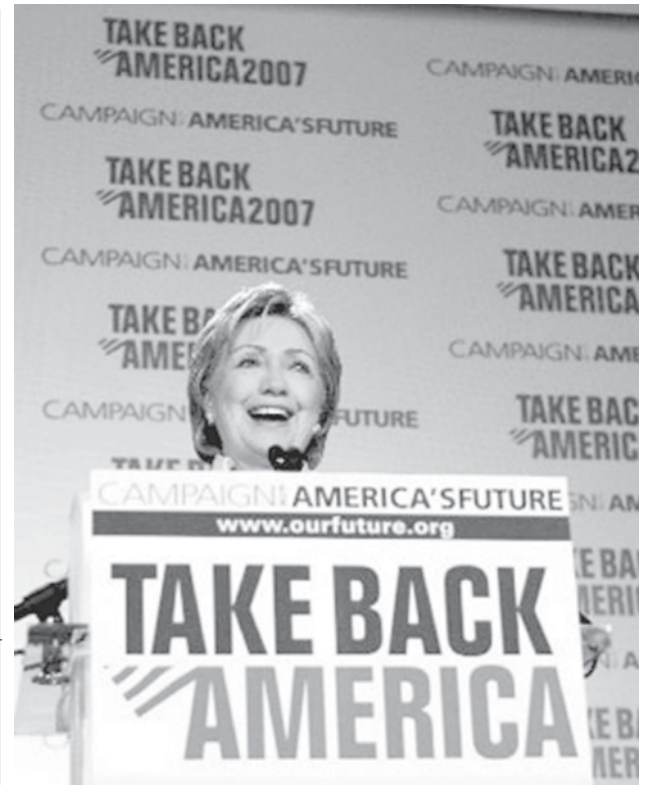
MNA/Reuters

Singapore hit by dengue epidemic

SINGAPORE, 21 June — The number of people infected with dengue in a single week in Singapore has hit epidemic levels this year, a government website showed on Wednesday.

A total of 401 cases of the mosquito-borne disease were reported last week in the Southeast Asian city-state, according to Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA). It is the highest weekly level reported this year, breaching the 378 cases in a week that the Health Ministry has set as the level to declare an epidemic. Other regional nations such as Thailand, Malaysia and Cambodia are also battling a surge in dengue cases this year due to warmer weather and rising rainfall, leading some experts to warn that 2007 may be the worst year on record.

MNA/Reuters



An anti-war activist holds up a peace sign as US Senator and Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) speaks at the 2007 "Take Back America" conference in Washington, on 20 June, 2007.—INTERNET

84-year-old-Dutchman admits driving without licence for 67 years

AMSTERDAM, 21 June — An 84-year-old Dutch driver astonished police this week when he admitted during a random check that not only was his car uninsured but he had been driving without a licence for 67 years.

Dutch media said on Wednesday the man had escaped detection because he had never got a speeding ticket or been involved in a crash.

The man promised police he would ditch his car, which had also never been put through a vehicle safety test, reports added. — MNA/Reuters

Scorching heat kills 10 in Yemen

ADEN (Yemen), 21 June — Scorching temperatures have killed 10 people in Yemen's southern port city of Aden, Yemeni media reported on Tuesday.

State media quoted a hospital official in Aden as saying three more people had died, after *al-Ayyam* daily said seven people, most of them elderly, had died after being brought to state hospitals on Monday.

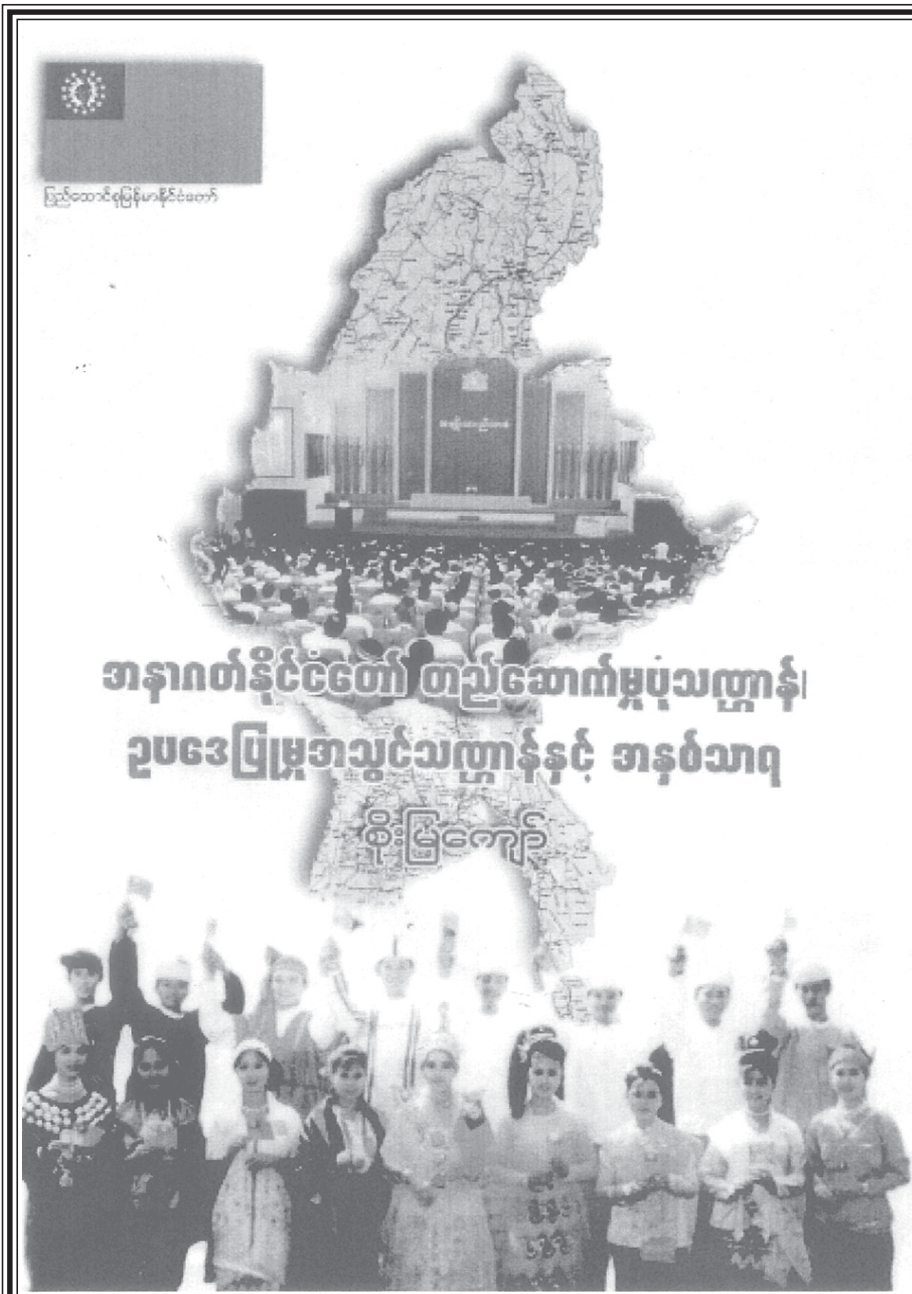
Temperatures in Aden, a humid coastal city on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula, reached 43 degrees Celsius (109 degrees Fahrenheit) on Monday, while intermittent power cuts have put cooling systems out of action.—MNA/Reuters

At least 20 children die from measles in Nigeria

MJIMTILO (Nigeria), 21 June — At least 20 children have died from a measles outbreak in a village in northeastern Nigeria, residents and health officials said on Tuesday.

About 50 other children are being treated for the virus, which is highly contagious and frequently kills children in poor countries, authorities said.

"We have received reports of more than 20 people killed by measles and airborne diseases," said Abdulrahman Usman, director of disease control at the Health Ministry in Borno State. —MNA/Reuters



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Russian President, Malaysian PM hail bilateral ties

Moscow, 21 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin and Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Tuesday hailed bilateral relations and pledged to continue cooperation in the fields of energy and space technology, news agencies reported.

“Our relations have been developing quite successfully. This year we mark the 40th anniversary of our diplomatic relations and a Malaysian astronaut is to fly to the International Space Station (on Russian aircraft),” Putin told

Badawi at Kremlin.

Russia and Malaysia have witnessed growing economic ties in recent years. Bilateral trade hit 1.13 billion US dollars last year, nearly double that of 2002 and Malaysia ranks No 1 among Southeast Asian countries in trade

with Russia. The two countries are also enhancing military relations, besides cooperation in other sectors such as telecommunication and information technology, education and tourism.

MNA/Xinhua

Filipino mayor criticizes US troops presence in Mindanao

MANILA, 21 June — A Filipino mayor in Mindanao has criticized the presence of US troops in the southern Philippine region, saying it could only aggravate the conflict there, reported local daily *Philippine Star* on Wednesday.

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte of Davao City, the third largest city in the Philippines, said the US troops participating in joint military exercises in parts of Mindanao has worsened the tension brought about by the recent bombings in Davao

del Sur and Cotabato City. Duterte said he has nothing against the Americans but he is against their presence. “The presence of these American soldiers is a magnet to the Islamic militants who are really up against anything

American,” he was quoted as saying in the report.

He also said the separatist problem in Mindanao is a long drawn one and could not be solved by military might alone, like the way the US invaded Iraq, according to the report.—MNA/Xinhua



Dancers perform during a Korean dance “Four Seasons are Like Songs” in Yanji City, Northeast China’s Jilin Province, on 20 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Australian Navy to get 5 advanced warships

CANBERRA, 21 June — Australian Prime Minister John Howard on Wednesday announced that Australia is to spend 11 billion Australian dollars (9.3 billion US dollars) to buy three Spanish designed warships and two large Spanish landing ships.

Howard told reporters here that the three F100 air warfare destroyers, worth 8 billion dollars (6.8 billion US

dollars), will enter service from 2013.

They are designed by Navantia, Spain’s leading state-owned ship-building firm, and are Australia’s most advanced and expensive warships.

The Australian Defence Department said in a statement that the Australian Navy will undergo a quantum leap in its air warfare capability when the F100 warships enter service.

“They are very significant decisions for the future combat capability of the Royal Australian Navy,” Howard said. Meanwhile, the Australian Navy will be equipped with two 27,000-ton *Navantia* landing ships at a cost of about 3 billion dollars (2.5 billion US dollars).

Howard said the landing ships will help with disaster relief efforts.

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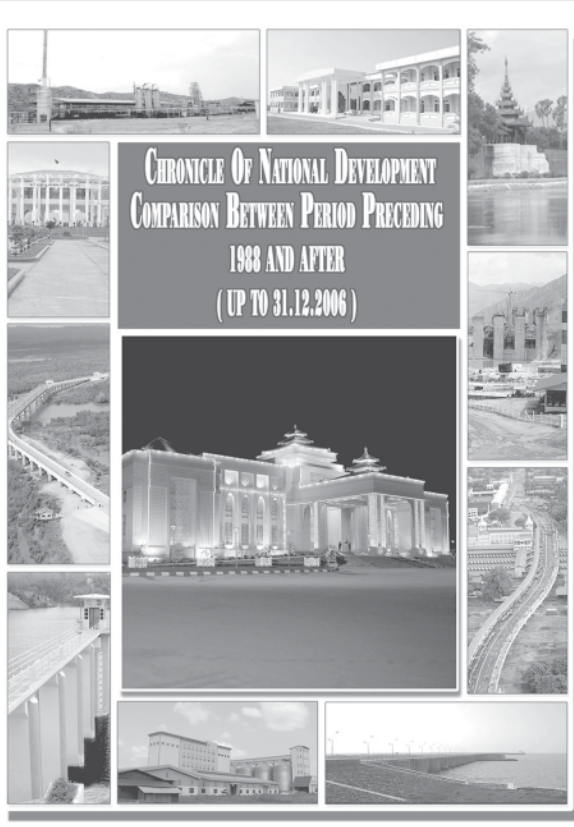
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Three, 10 injured by lightning in Thailand

BANGKOK, 21 June—At least three people were killed and another 10 injured during a sudden lightning in northeastern Thailand Wednesday afternoon.

The flash of light came at about 2:00 pm (0700GMT) before a heavy storm and hit an area of field at Kra Nuan District of northeastern Khon Kean Province while dozens of local farmers were working at the farmland.

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Spanish police seize four tons of cocaine in Atlantic

MADRID, 20 June—Spain's national police have seized 4 tons of cocaine in a ship in the Atlantic and arrested 11 traffickers, the police said on Monday.

The ship was seized west of Portugal's Azores Islands as it was heading for a seaport in Spain's northwest region of Galicia. All six people aboard were arrested while five of their accomplices were netted in separate operations in Madrid and Galicia.

MNA/Xinhua

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

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Estrogen therapy safe for younger postmenopausal women

BEIJING, 21 June — Estrogen replacement therapy for younger postmenopausal women is proved to be safe after it was blamed for a higher risk of heart disease for five years and even breast cancer, according to a news research result in US released Wednesday.



Heart disease

In 2002, the mammoth Women's Health Initiative startled millions of women and their doctors with the finding that women who take menopausal hormone supplements have a higher risk of heart disease.

Now, researchers from the same study say hormone therapy actually lowers the risk of heart disease for some women, at least while they're taking the drugs. Women in their 50s taking estrogen pills had 40 percent to 60 percent fewer calcium deposits in

their coronary arteries — a reliable marker of heart disease.

The new study is the latest attempt to sort out how menopause hormones affect the risk of cancer, Alzheimer's disease, stroke and heart problems, and whether those risks and benefits differ by age.

The findings are from an ancillary study of 1,064 women who were 50-59 years of age at the start of the Women's Health

Initiative Estrogen-Alone Trial. Participants were randomly assigned to either 0.625 milligrams per day of Premarin or placebo.

Participants took the medications for an average of nearly seven and one-half years. A year after treatment ended, researchers measured the level of calcium plaque in the women's coronary arteries. Those who had taken estrogen were 30 to 40 percent less likely

to have measurable levels of coronary artery calcium compared to those on placebo.

"These new results offer some reassurance to younger women who have had a hysterectomy and who would like to use hormone therapy on a short-term basis to ease menopausal symptoms," says Dr Elizabeth G Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health.

However, in general, experts' advice hasn't changed: Use hormones only as needed to treat hot flashes, sleeplessness and other symptoms at the start of menopause.

And use the lowest possible dose for the shortest possible time — no longer than four or five years.

Internet

Singer Twins to become "moms" of Koala twins

BEIJING, 21 June — Hong Kong girl band Twins will adopt the rare koala twins born in the Chime-Long Xiangjiang Safari Park in south China's Guangzhou on Saturday.

Twins say that they have always dreamed of having a koala. And after learning that the koala in Guangzhou had given birth to twin cubs, which are the only koala twins in the world, they couldn't wait to realize their dream.

The pop band also plan to initiate a charity activity, raising money to finance more poor children to come to the park to visit the koalas.

The six koalas in the park were presented by the Australian government last year. —Internet



Twins will become moms of the koala twins born in the Chime-Long Xiangjiang Safari Park in south China's Guangzhou. —INTERNET

Russia eyes \$12b "MiG" fighter sales by 2020

Moscow, 20 June — Russian warplane maker MiG said on Monday it planned to sell 350 of its new generation fighters for about 10-12 billion US dollars by 2020 as it breaks into new markets, according to Russian news agencies.

Aircraft make up almost half of Russia's arms exports, with MiG

and Sukhoi taking the lion's share of those sales.

The modernized MiG-29, based on a classic Soviet design, has new navigation systems and new generation weapon systems.

"By 2020, we plan the delivery of 350 modernized MiG-29s for about 10 billion US dollars to 12 billion US dollars"

Vladimir Vypryazhkin, deputy head of marketing at MiG, was quoted by RIA news agency as saying at the Le Bourges air show outside Paris.

"We are also having talks on modernizing MiG-29s with countries in Latin America, Southeast Asia and North Africa," Vypryazhkin said.

MNA/Reuters

Lake mysteriously disappears in Chile

BEIJING, 21 June — A lake in Chile's southern Andes has mysteriously disappeared, prompting scientists' speculation.

It was a glacial lake located in Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, with most of its water from melting glaciers.

It had a surface area of between 4 and 5 hectares (10-12 acres) — about the size of 10 soccer pitches.

"In March we patrolled the area and everything was normal ... we went again in May and to our surprise we found the lake had completely disappeared," said Juan Jose Romero, regional director of Chile's National Forestry Corporation CONAF.

"No one knows what happened," he added. "The only things left were chunks of ice on the dry lake-bed and an enormous fissure."

Romero said a group of

geologists and other experts would be sent to the area 2,000 kilometers southeast of the capital Santiago in the next few days to investigate.

One theory is the water disappeared through cracks in the lake bottom into underground fissures.

But experts do not know why the cracks would have appeared because there have been no earthquakes reported in the area recently, despite Chile having been shaken by thousands of minor earth tremors this year.

Internet



A general view of a dried lake in Magallanes, south of Santiago, on 20 June, 2007. The lake in southern Chile has mysteriously disappeared, prompting speculation the ground has simply opened up and swallowed it whole. —INTERNET



Cast members attended the premiere of "The Longest Night in Shanghai" in Beijing on 20 June, 2007. —INTERNET

SPORTS

China holds anti-terrorist exercise for 2008 Olympics

BEIJING, 21 June — China held here Tuesday afternoon a state-level anti-terrorist exercise for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

The exercise, dubbed Great Wall No. 4, held in Beijing, focused on security work for the Beijing Olympic Games and tested Chinese police's capacity to handle a hostage-taking incident during the Olympics.

As soon as the combat exercise started, the blue side, acting as terrorists, hijacked more than 20 athletes and confined the hostages in a building.

After the simulated hijacking occurred, the red side, the special police, sealed off the building, scouted the surroundings, and attacked the hijackers.

In the end, the red side successfully rescued the hostages, sources with the Ministry of Public Security (MPS) said. The red side made an emergency response to the hijacking on-the-spot without prior rehearsal, MPS sources said. The two sides did not know the tactics of the other side and had to make on-the-spot decisions, according to MPS. — MNA/Xinhua

Tursunov, Karlovic progress in Nottingham

LONDON, 21 June — Russian Dmitry Tursunov ended home hope Tim Henman's mini-revival at the Nottingham Open on Wednesday, beating the Briton 7-6, 3-6, 6-2 to reach the third round.

Henman, who won just his second tour match of the year on Tuesday when he beat American Michael Russell, squandered three set points in the first set tiebreak against the powerful Tursunov but battled back to win the second set. The 32-year-old could not stay with the second seed in the decider, however, as Tursunov, who reached the semifinal at Queen's Club last week, powered through.

Croatia's Ivo Karlovic, another dangerman on grass, also progressed at the Wimbledon warm-up event when he ousted Frenchman Gilles Simon 7-6, 6-7, 6-4. Karlovic fired down 30 aces during the match.

MNA/Reuters

Champions Inter rapped in financial probe

MILAN, 21 June — Inter Milan would not have been able to compete in the 2005/06 Italian championship if important financial information had come to light, a commission said on Wednesday.

Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti and AC Milan vice-president

Adriano Galliani are being investigated after accusations that some transfer fees were inflated between 2003 and 2005 in order to obtain fictitious capital gains.

Covisoc, the body which monitors Italian soccer club finances, said Inter would not have had the necessary financial security to have been allowed in the 2005/06 championship if full figures had been available.

MNA/Reuters



Vice Premier Hui Liangyu, who is also the honorary chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 2007 Shanghai Special Olympics Games, unveils in Beijing Wednesday the design of the torch for the Games' Law Enforcement Torch Run, which will start on 29 June in Athens. Shanghai Party Secretary Xi Jinping unveiled the logo for the run.

INTERNET



Diego Souza (L) of Brazil's Gremio jumps for the ball against Benjamin Ibarra (2nd L), Manuel Cristian (C) and Martin Ladesma (R) of Argentina's Boca Juniors, as Gremio's Tuta (2nd R) looks on during their Copa Libertadores soccer final match at the Olimpico stadium in Porto Alegre on 20 June, 2007. —INTERNET

Federer, Henin top Wimbledon seeding

LONDON, 21 June — Four-times winner Roger Federer was named top seed for the Wimbledon championships with French Open holder Rafael Nadal favourite to meet him in a rematch of last year's final.

American Andy Roddick, twice a runner-up at Wimbledon, was third in the seeding announced on Wednesday for the championships starting next week.

Below them, the All England Club has again used players' grasscourt results in the last two years to come up with their top 32, unlike the other Grand Slams where they are de-

ecided purely on world rankings in the men's and women's singles.

Czech Tomas Berdych is the chief beneficiary of the unique system, having been seeded seven in the men's event compared to a world ranking of 11.

The leading women's seeds go according to ranking with world number one Justine Henin, fresh from clinching a hat-trick of French Open titles, at the top. The world's best on clay, she is looking for her first Wimbledon triumph.

Last year's women's winner Amelie Mauresmo is fourth seed, behind 2004 champion Maria Sharapova and in-form Serb Jelena Jankovic.

Australian Open champion Serena Williams, twice a Wimbledon winner in 2002

and 2003, is the seventh seed, in accordance with her ranking. Her sister Venus, who won the third of her titles in 2005, has suffered injury woes this year and is seeded 24th.

Russian world men's number four Nikolay Davydenko drops to sixth in the seeding, meaning Serbia's Novak Djokovic and hard-hitting Chilean Fernando Gonzalez are bumped up to fourth and fifth respectively. World number seven Tommy Robredo finds himself down at 11th because of his poor record on grass.

Marcos Baghdatis, a semifinalist last year, is seeded 10th, six places higher than his world ranking. Likewise, veteran Swede Jonas Bjorkman finds himself seeded 20th, compared to a world ranking of 31, after his surprise last-four run in 2006.

MNA/Reuters

Henin, Mauresmo enjoy fine Eastbourne start

EASTBOURNE (England), 21 June — Justine Henin began the defence of her Eastbourne International title in fine style on Wednesday, beating Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska 6-4, 6-1.

Eleven days after winning her fourth French Open title on clay, the world number one sailed through her first grasscourt match of the season, impressing the Devonshire Park crowd with her volleying skills.

The Belgian top seed now plays Czech teenager Nicole Pietrangeli, who swatted aside British qualifier Elena Baltacha 6-3, 6-2 on a calm day at the normally windy seaside resort.

Wimbledon champion Amelie Mauresmo joined Henin in the third round, looking equally at home on her favourite surface after just a few days' practice in the British Embassy grounds in Paris.

The world number four, who last year lost in her first match here before going on to win Wimbledon, beat Italian Mara Santangelo 6-2, 6-3 in 61 minutes.

Henin, who next week will set out to succeed Mauresmo at Wimbledon — the one Grand Slam title

to elude her — needed just one break, in the third game, to take the first set against 18-year-old Eastbourne debutante Radwanska.

After getting a break at the start of the second set, Henin raced to a 5-1 lead and went 15-40 up. She wasted one match point by putting a backhand long but hit a winning backhand volley on the second.

"The first match on grass is not easy," said Henin, adding that her aim was to get to the net even more.

"When I am at the net I am okay, it is just (I need) to go to the net and make the effort and be brave enough. But it starts to get much more natural."

Mauresmo, who served superbly and finished her match with the flourish of an ace in a love game, was visibly delighted to be back on grass after losing in the third round at the French Open at the start of the month.

MNA/Reuters



Martin Palermo of Argentina's Boca Juniors holds up the trophy after winning the Copa Libertadores final soccer match against Brazil's Gremio in Porto Alegre on 20 June, 2007. —INTERNET



Colorado Rockies pitcher Jeff Francis throws against the New York Yankees in the top of the first inning during their MLB interleague baseball game in Denver, Colorado on 20 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Five Malaysian fishermen missing in storm

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 June — Five fishermen on their way back to land after a fishing trip to Pulau Saya

near Sungai Petani, Malaysia's northern Kedah State, were missing in storm on Tuesday, local

official said.

"According to the family members, the fishermen went to sea this morning and were supposed to be back at noon today," said Chok Kuan Lok, Officer-in-charge of the Sungai Petani fire station, adding that a team comprising 18 firemen in 2 boats from Sungai Petani

and Alor Star are searching for them.

Strong waves as high as 3 metres hit the beach since 1 pm on Tuesday, Azizan Darus, head of Butterworth Fishermen Unit in Malaysia's Pinang State, was quoted by the national news agency *Bernama* as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

British soldier killed in southern Iraq

LONDON, 21 June — British Ministry of Defence on Wednesday confirmed that a British soldier was killed in southern Iraq.

"It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence must confirm the death of a soldier from the 4th Battalion The Rifles in Basra City today," MoD said in a statement.

"The soldier died as a result of an indirect fire

attack on the Provincial Joint Coordination Centre in Basra in the early hours of the morning, local time," the ministry said.

The soldier's next of kin have been informed, further details are expected to be released on Thursday, the MoD said.

The death has raised the number of British soldiers killed in Iraq since 2003 to 152.

MNA/Xinhua

Three Slovenians killed in accidental blast

BELGRADE, 20 June — Three Slovenian people were killed and two others wounded in an accidental blast on Monday as a team of an explosive factory attempted to dismantle old unexploded ordnance, the Slovenian Defence Ministry said.

The explosion ripped through the explosives demolition facility near Pivka in southwestern Slovenia, a ministry statement said, adding that the facility belongs to the ministry's Civil Protection

and Disaster Relief Administration.

The victims were employees of Kik Kamnik, an explosive factory in central Slovenia, which uses the facility as part of cooperation in training and other activities related to explosive ordnance, according to the statement.

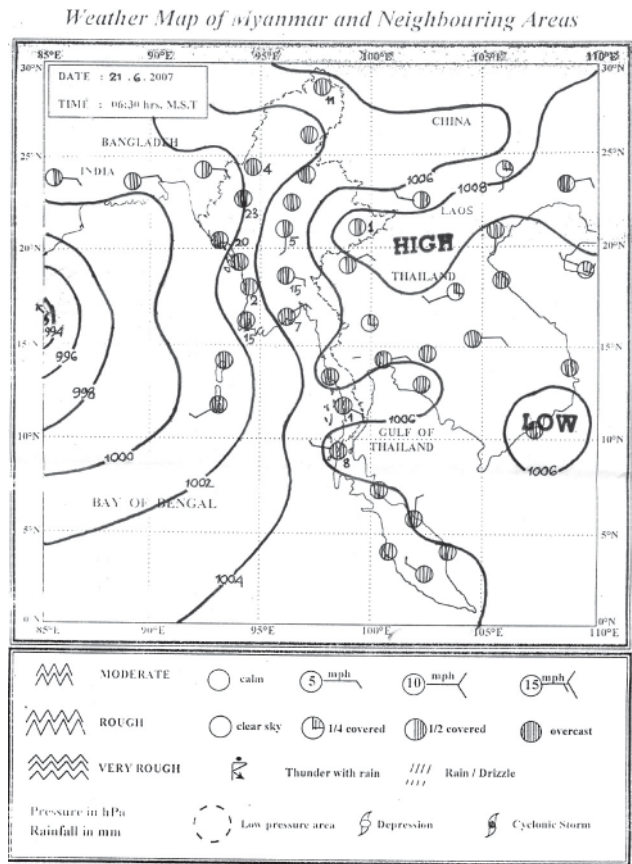
MNA/Xinhua

13 missing as Indonesian fishing boat capsizes off W Sumatra

JAKARTA, 21 June — A fishing boat carrying 14 fishermen sank off West Sumatra Province and only one of them has been evacuated, local media said Tuesday.

The accident occurred Monday as the boat was slammed by a giant wave during a storm in Sumatra, reported the national *Antara* news agency.

Rescuers began searching for the missing fishermen in the waters of West Sumatra and nearby Bengkulu Province. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 21 June, 2007
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Kayah States, Magway Division, scattered in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.67) inch, Shwegyin (3.70) inches, Mawlaik (1.53) inches, Katha (1.30) inches and Kalewa (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-6-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 21-6-2007 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-6-2007 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 20-6-2007 was (4.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 21-6-2007 was (0.23) inch at Mingaladon, (0.31) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.23) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (42.95) inches at Mingaladon, (47.91) inches at Kaba-Aye and (44.21) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South at (11:30) hours MST on 20-6-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs today, yesterday's low pressure area over the Southeast Bay and adjoining East Central Bay has moved into West Central Bay and it is intensified into a depression. It is centered about (160) miles South-South East of VISHAKHAPATNAM (India) and it is forecast to move North West Ward. It is likely to cross Ardrhrapradesh Coast of India within next (48) hrs commencing noon today. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 22-6-2007: 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, upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 22 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -If I told you that
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Walking on the water
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Why
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Faint
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -You take it all -Heal
- 9:00pm WOM
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request -Forever love
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 22 June
View on today

- 7:00 am
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- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:00 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 7. The mirror of the musical oldies

- 8:20 am
 8. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 4:45pm
 4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
 5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:10 pm
 6. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 5:20 pm
 7. "မပြောမပြီးမတီးမမြည်" (နေရဲလင်း၊ မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ ရှင်ဖုန်းအိမ်ချယ်၊ ဖိုးဇော်)

- ခိုင်ဆူသွယ် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)
- 5:35 pm
 8. Song of yesteryear
- 5:45 pm
 9. အမျိုးသမီးများပြဿနာ အဖြေရှာ (ကျော်သူ၊ မေသာဉာဉ်၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm
 13. ဂုဏ်ရည်မြင့်မားစွမ်းဆောင်ရင် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ
- 7:10 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေရောင်သမီးသောအသည်း နှလုံး" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
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Commander inspects preventive measures against flooding in Nyaunglebin

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko on

13 June inspected preventive measures against flooding in Sittoung Valley and other areas in Nyaunglebin.

First, the commander

went to Leinpin Creek in Nyaunglebin Township and inspected dredging the creek and gave instructions to officials.

Afterwards, the com-

mander met with local people and discussed matters related to cultivation in the region and fulfilled the requirements.

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko also inspected a tributary of Wahpadaw creek in the township and gave instructions on prevention of floods in the region.

Afterwards, the commander and party met with officials of the Irrigation Department at Nyaunglebin Township Irrigation Department.

At the meeting, offi-

cials of the Irrigation Department reported on tasks for reclamation and preventive measures against flooding in Sittoung Valley and other areas and dredging Yenwe Creek and other creeks for their proper flow of water.

After hearing reports, the commander urged officials concerned to make efforts for successful implementation of plans of the government and fulfilled the requirements.

After the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party visited

Mokkamu Bridge across Mokkamu River and Pyu Bridge across Pyu Creek in the township and inspected dredging the creeks.

After hearing reports of officials, the commander attended to the needs for tasks for prevention of floods in the region.

During his tour of inspection, the commander also went to Yenwe Bridge across Yenwe Creek in Nyaunglebin and inspected maintenance of the bridge. — MNA

Fifth MOC Chairman's Cup and 38th Inter-State/Division Men's and Women's Boxing C'ship and International Olympic Day commemorative bouts begin

Paing Phy (R) of Shan State (South) lands a blow on the face of Lar Htan Hsan Ngar of Sagaing Division in a light flyweight match.



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YANGON, 20 June — The Fifth Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup and 38th Inter-State/Division Men's and Women's Boxing C'ship in conjunction with International Olympic Day commemorative bouts for 2007 were held at Aung San Stadium at 3 pm today.

Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik, Secretary of Myanmar Boxing Federation U San Myint, Joint-Secretary U Than Zaw and executives,

guests and fans watched the boxing matches.

A total of 10 bouts—two of women's 50-kilo class, two of pinweight, two of light flyweight, one flyweight, one bantamweight, one lightweight, one light welterweight in the men's C class—were held as the International Olympic Day commemorative bouts.

Next, a total of 12 bouts for the Fifth MOC Chairman's Cup and 38th Inter-State/Division Boxing C'ship followed. The bouts were one middleweight in the A class, two

of lightweight, two of bantamweight, two of flyweight, two of light flyweight and two of pinweight in the B class and one light welterweight in the C class.

Afterwards, Director-General U Thaung Htaik, officials of SPED, Joint-Secretary U Than Zaw and executives presented prizes to winners succeeded in the International Olympic Day commemorative bouts.

The bouts continue at Aung San Stadium tomorrow.

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NLD gives priority to seizing power, ignores national reconsolidation, commits destructive acts to undermine State and people

40 members from Wakema Township collectively resign

YANGON, 21 June — A total of 40 members including U Po Ngo, U Po Ni and U Chit Win from Wakema Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division collectively resigned from the party of their own accord, sending

their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignation letters sent to Wakema Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said that the party was focusing on seizing power ignoring

national reconsolidation and committing destructive acts to undermine the State and the people. That is why they became disappointed at the efforts of the party and no longer had wish to stand as party members any longer, they said.—MNA

ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT

Exportable Myanmar handicrafts of Letpadan region



The Government on its part is promoting the One Village One Product project in the whole nation to further improve the social and economic standard of the rural people.

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Storm News

(Issued at 10:00 hr MST on 21-6-2007)

According to the observations at (06:30) hr today, Yesterday's Low Pressure area over the Southeast Bay and adjoining East Central Bay has moved into West Central Bay and it is intensified into a depression. It is centered about (160) miles South-Southeast of VISHAKHAPATNAM (India) and it is forecast to move North West ward. It is likely to cross Andhra Pradesh Coast of India within next (48) hrs commencing noon today.