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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 Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project

Minister Col Zaw Min inspects undertakings of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project.

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NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min went to Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project site, about 26 miles east of Pinyin, yesterday and inspected implementing the project.

The project site is located at about 15 miles upstream of Paunglaung Hydropower Plant. The station of the project will be equipped with two 70-megawatt generators, and

on completion, the project is expected to produce 411 million kwh yearly.

At the briefing hall of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project, Acting Project Director U Tin Aye reported to the minister on facts about the project, construction tasks for the diversion tunnel, progress of the construction for the embankment and future tasks for 2007-2008. After hearing reports, Minister for Elec-

tric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min attended to the needs of the project.

Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project will also supply water to Paunglaung Dam and Paunglaung Hydropower Plant which is currently producing electricity.

On his tour of inspection, Minister Col Zaw Min also inspected the site chosen to build a power plant and sub-power station of Upper Paunglaung

Hydropower Project.

He also went to the construction site of the project's diversion tunnel which is 33 feet in diameter and 968 feet in length, and so far, 768-foot-long section of the tunnel have been completed. Acting Project Director U Tin Aye and Assistant Director U Nyein Chan reported to the minister on construction tasks of the diversion tunnel and the minister fulfilled the requirements. On his tour of inspection, Minister Col Zaw Min also visited the construction site of Paunglaung Bridge measuring 300 feet by 24 feet. The bridge is a reinforced concrete one across Paunglaung River, and so far, 99 per cent of the construction task have been completed. — MNA

Construction Minister addresses conclusion of work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — The Ministry of Construction concluded its work coordination meeting at the hall of the ministry here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, departmental heads, superintending engineers of the states and divisions and road, bridge and airport projects, senior engineers and engineers in charge.

Speaking on the conclusion of the meeting, the minister stressed the need for speeding up the under-

takings of the construction projects, repairs of the damaged roads and bridges in open season, close supervision of the projects by the engineers in charge, implementation of the projects meeting the set standards, minimizing loss and wastage in using construction materials and fuel, systematic use of machinery and use of budgets according to the departmental procedures.

The minister also spoke of the need for performance of duties and carrying out of departmental task and financial matters.

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ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT

Economy is of vital importance for national development, and duck farming in Thanatpin Township has been helping fulfill food needs of the people of Myanmar and develop regional economy.

ARTICLE: THAN THAN NU AND AYE THANDA THEIN
PHOTO: TIN SOE (MYANMA ALIN)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Take precautionary measures against natural disasters

There can be heavy rains, floods and inundation in northern part of the nation and coastal regions as June and July are the months of incessant rain.

According to the Meteorology and Hydrology Department, there can be much more rain than normal in the third week of July, and it can cause floods in Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers. Due to swelling rivers, the water level in Myitkyina, Bhamo and Katha may rise about eight feet above the existing level, that in Mandalay and Sagaing about six feet above the existing level, that in Khamti and Homalin about nine feet the above the existing level and that in Mawlaik, Kalewa and Monywa about seven feet above the existing level.

Local people who reside in coastal regions as well as by the rivers and creeks are to take preventative measures against floods, observing the rising water level on a daily basis.

Measures such as inspecting dykes, setting up water watches, stockpiling sand bags and forming flood prevention groups, rescue teams and health care teams are to be taken without fail.

In the meantime, goods sheds are to be repaired in time to prevent rain water from entering the facilities to be able to avert unnecessary damage.

As natural disasters including flooding can occur any time people are to exercise a constant vigil against them. Therefore, local authorities, departmental officials and local people are to take preventive measures against disasters that can cause a lot of damage.

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People's Desire

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

Industry-1 Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received President Mr An Xiaoyan of Shemzhen Asia-Pacific New Era Consultants Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China and party at the minister's office yesterday.

The minister and Chinese delegation held preliminary discussions on construction of 200-ton bamboo pulp factory.

Present also at the call were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

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Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung receives President Mr An Xiaoyan and party of Shemzhen Asia-Pacific New Era Consultants Co Ltd of PRC. — INDUSTRY-1

New Samsung brand computer accessories introduced

YANGON, 22 June — Jointly organized by Samsung Asia Pte Ltd and System Computer Sales and Service, a ceremony to introduce new Samsung LCD Monitor and Laser Printer models was held at the Parkroyal Hotel yesterday, attended by departmental officials, mediemen and sales representatives.

General Manager Miss Kenny Yeon Kyung Hee of Samsung Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore-based office extended greetings. Sales and Marketing Manager Mr John Chua of Samsung Asia Pte Ltd and General Manager Daw Thazin Tun of System Computer Sales and Service demonstrated on advantages and efficiency of latest Samsung LCD Monitor (15", 17", 19", 22") and better functions and capacity of Samsung Laser Printer ordinary, 3 in 1, 5 in 1 types and Color

Laser Printer.

Customers can enjoy three years warranty for Samsung Monitor and one year warranty for Samsung Printer. Gifts of Samsung Optical Mouse will be presented to customers who buy Samsung LCD Monitor and Laser Printer in the sales promotion period from 21 June to 15 July.

IT accessories including Samsung Monitor and Printer are now available at the sales centres in other towns. Those wishing to get maintenance and services are to contact System Computer Sales and Services, No 23, Bogalay Zay Street in Botahtaung Township (Ph: 392171, 4412517) and can access email - system@myanmar.com.mm.

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General Manager Miss Kenny Yeon Kyung Hee of Samsung Asia Pte Ltd of Singapore speaking at introduction of new Samsung brand computer accessories. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Foreigners make up 20 per cent of TB cases in Malaysia

BALIK PULAU, 21 June —Foreign workers made up 20 per cent of the 16,665 tuberculosis (TB) cases recorded in the country last year, said Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek.

He said the number of TB cases was on the rise and attributed this to the increase in foreign worker arrivals in the country.

“Many TB cases are reported in Sarawak,

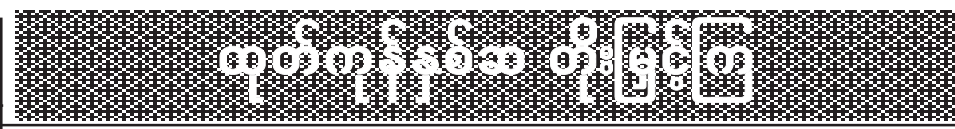
Sabah, Selangor and Johor because there are many foreign workers in these states,” he told reporters after opening a Durian Festival here Thursday.

“As such, the ministry is stepping up measures to detect active TB carriers by making it compulsory for foreign workers to have a medical check-up within a month of their arrival in Malaysia.”

He said the increase in

TB cases was also due to more people infected with HIV, adding that HIV patients could easily contract TB.

“A total of 1,488 HIV carriers have TB,” he added. Dr Chua said some TB patients could not be cured of the disease with the existing medicines, adding that 43 of such cases were reported last year, from 17 cases in 2005.—*Internet*



China's Great Wall may not be named one of the "new" Seven Wonders of the World because few Chinese are willing to cast a vote for it, the Great Wall administrators have said recently.—INTERNET

A group of women share a light moment as they take photos under eaves of flowers grown in the newly developed 'Tokyo Flower Mats' in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district on 20 June, 2007.

INTERNET

US military hospital guard fires gunshots at colleague

WASHINGTON, 21 June — A security guard at Washington's Walter Reed Army Medical Centre, a major US military hospital, fired gunshots at another

guard during an argument Wednesday morning, police said. No one appeared to have been injured in the incident, which happened shortly

after 8:30 am, and the guard who did the shooting was arrested, Hilton Burton, a local police spokesman told US media.

Burton said the guard fired between six and 10 shots from his weapon, but the other guard — who ran away quickly — was not hit. The two guards are employed by Vance Security, a private firm founded by Charles Vance, ex-son-in-law of former president Gerald Ford.

MNA/Xinhua

Israel destroys two rocket launchers in Gaza

JERUSALEM, 21 June—Israel Air Force (IAF) Wednesday destroyed two Palestinian rocket launchers in northern Gaza during the first attack since the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) took over the coastal strip last week, local media reported.

According to local newspaper *The Jerusalem Post*, the strike came shortly after two rockets landed in area near southern Israeli town of Sderot.

There were no immediate words on casualties from both sides. Palestinian militants in Gaza frequently fired rockets into Israel. Gaza now is in the grip of Hamas who defeated its rival Fatah movement led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and seized all Fatah positions in the strip last Thursday.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Blue Mountains needs saving: conservation groups

AUCKLAND, 22 June—Conservation groups want the Blue Mountains to be listed as an area 'in danger' under the world heritage list.

Lawyers from Greenpeace, the Nature Conservation Council and the Climate Action Network will hand over a petition to the World Heritage Committee which is meeting in Auckland.

The petition warns that

protection measures must be put in place because more intense and frequent fires threaten the mountains 'world heritage status'.

Dr John Merson, from the World Heritage Institute, says climate change is now the biggest threat to the region. “This area of course is fire dependent as is much of the Australian landscape,” he said.

“The problem is that the

ability of these species and the ecosystem to regenerate may be severely impaired and that could mean a shift to a much more limited ecosystem and the potential reducing of the area to a heathland.”

“Not only are we going to lose biodiversity, but if that happens, some of the Eucalypt species and ecosystems they depend upon will be severely impacted upon”.—*Internet*

Shuttle return delayed by weather

WASHINGTON, 21 June —Bad weather has forced Nasa to delay by 24 hours the landing of its space shuttle Atlantis.

The landing at Cape Canaveral had been set for 1855 BST (1355 EDT) but thick clouds and nearby rain showers forced the attempt to be scrubbed.

The weather did not

improve, and Nasa had to call off a second opportunity to land at 2030 BST (1530 EDT); Atlantis' return is now scheduled for Friday.

The shuttle has enough fuel and supplies to stay in space until Sunday.

On Friday, the shuttle will have two windows of opportunity to land at

Kennedy Space Center, Florida. The first of these is at 1818 BST (1318 EDT). If rains persist, it will have two more chances to touch down at the Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Atlantis spent most of its 13-day mission docked at the International Space Station (ISS).—*Internet*

The fire department removes a fallen tree from a damaged empty car after a heavy rainstorm in Zurich, Switzerland on 21 June, 2007.

INTERNET



Greece braces for power cuts in heatwave

ATHENS, 21 June—Greeks should switch off their air conditioning and avoid cooking to prevent power outages during this week's heatwave, Greece's electricity utility said on Wednesday.

Temperatures are expected to top 43 degrees Celsius (109.4 Fahrenheit) at the weekend and daily

energy demand jumped to a year-high on Tuesday.

A long, dry winter has given way to a scorchingly hot early summer that has cut water levels in hydro-electric power plants.

Rising energy consumption has triggered minor power cuts in parts of the mainland and islands over recent days

and fears of a nationwide electricity blackout have been growing.

"There may be some damage, mainly because of cable overload, but there will be an immediate response from us when this happens," Public Power Corp (PPC) distribution chief Dimitris Lathouris told reporters.

Athenians have been told to stay out of the sun, avoid unnecessary travel and switch off energy-hungry home appliances including washing machines, boilers and air conditioners.

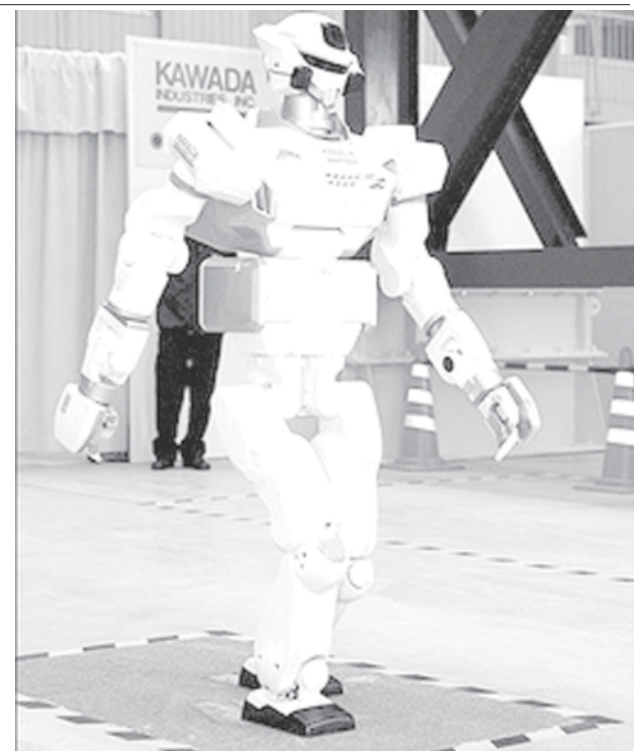
Across the country, municipalities have set up large air-conditioned halls to provide shelter for the elderly and people with heart problems.

Interior Minister Prokopis Pavlopoulos said medics, rescue teams and even the Army could be called in to help.

"The state apparatus is ready to deal with this heat wave," he told reporters on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

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The HRP-3 Promet Mk-II humanoid robot walks on a sand covered surface during its press preview at Kawada Industry's laboratory in Haga town near Utsunomiya city north of Tokyo. — INTERNET



Yoga enthusiasts stretch during the Times Square Alliance's Annual 'Summer Solstice in Times Square Yoga-thon', on 21 June, 2007 in New York. — INTERNET

Gaza could face food shortages in 2-4 weeks

JERUSALEM, 21 June—The Hamas-held Gaza Strip could start running out of flour, rice, edible oil and other commodities in 2-4 weeks unless Israel reopens the enclave's border crossings, the United Nations said on Wednesday.

Israel wants to isolate Hamas Islamists — economically, diplomatically and militarily — in the Gaza Strip, while allowing funds to flow to the Western-backed emergency government set up last week in the Israeli-occupied West Bank by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah.

Worried Gazans have been stocking up on essentials, fearing the border crossings with Israel will remain shut following Hamas's violent takeover of the territory last week. The World Food Programme estimates flour prices have risen 40 per cent. Israel plans to choke off all but humanitarian and basic supplies to the coastal strip, home to 1.5 million people, senior Israeli and Western officials say. Most freight passes through the Karni crossing from Israel. — MNA/Reuters

Unkonwn gunmen kill two guards from US Co in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 June — Unknown armed men opened fire at a vehicle and killed two Afghan guards working for a US security company in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, the police said.

"Gunmen fired at the vehicle, which belonged

to the US Protection and Investigations, on a major road in Zabul Province in the morning," local senior highway police officer Jailani Khan told Xinhua.

The militants fled the scene after the shooting, he added.

The USPI, a well-established private

security company in Afghanistan, has been attacked by militants from time to time in this volatile country.

A roadside bombing killed three Afghan guards working for the USPI in the southern Helmand Province on 30 May.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian elderly house fire kills at least 10

MOSCOW, 21 June—At least 10 people were killed Thursday morning in a fire that broke out in an elderly house in the Omsk region of Siberia, the Itar-Tass news agency reported.

Seven people were

injured and brought to the hospital and another 17 were still missing, according to the officials of Emergency Situations Ministry.

The blaze, which broke out shortly after midnight, started on the top floor of a three-

storey building, where 300 elderly people lived.

Six teams of firefighters were sent to put out the blaze, which had already engulfed large portions of the roof and the entire third floor when they arrived.

MNA/Xinhua

Artists work on a sand sculpture at the fifth international sand sculptures festival 'Sandsation' in Berlin on 17 June, 2007. Today the festival opens its doors to the public and runs till 29 July in the German capital. INTERNET

Albanian school building collapses with casualties

TIRANA, 21 June—A part of an Albanian school building under renovation collapsed on Wednesday, killing two men and wounding another seven.

The three-storey Hotel and Tourism High School building, on the outskirts of the capital city of

Tirana, collapsed in the middle part while the workers were still working on it.

Two people were killed on the spot, and another seven were injured in the accident, police said.

Some managers from

the construction company, which is in charge of the renovation, have been detained by police for questioning.

Albanian construction industry is booming, but sometimes in a chaotic and bad-planned way.

MNA/Xinhua



ECONOMIC NEWS

South Korea farmers slam US trade deal as talks near

SEOUL, 21 June—Thousands of South Korean farmers protested on Wednesday a sweeping free trade agreement with the United States ahead of a review this week by the two sides.

The deal reached in April would be the biggest US trade pact in 15 years but has raised hackles from South Korean farmers who see it costing them thousands of jobs and US automakers fearful of being swept aside by a fresh wave of Korean imports.

Seoul said there will

not be any major changes to the pact.

“We are planning to proceed with a signature of the accord on 30 June,” a South Korean trade official said referring to a date previously set by the two sides.

The call to reexamine the agreement came from a deal US congressional Democrats reached with the White House last month that grants the Republican Bush Administration a special authority to cut trade deals in exchange for adding enforceable labour and environ-

mental provisions into those pacts.

A small team of US trade negotiators will arrive in Seoul on Thursday for talks some South Korean officials say privately are less about the deal and more about domestic US politics.—MNA/Reuters



An Airbus A380 takes off for a flying display at the 47th Paris Air Show at Le Bourget airport near Paris, while in the background an Air France aircraft prepares to land at nearby Roissy Airport, on 19 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Secretary General: OPEC not to increase oil production in coming months

VIENNA, 21 June—OPEC Secretary General Abdullah Al-Badri said Thursday the oil-producing cartel will not

increase production in the coming months as the international oil market is currently well-supplied. Badri made the remarks here after meeting with European Union (EU) leaders at the 4th ministerial energy dialogue between the two sides.

Badri said even if OPEC increases its oil production the increased volume will go to national reserves of oil-consuming countries

rather than refineries.

German Economy Minister Michael Glos, who also attended the meeting, said that high oil prices on the international market have already influenced economic development and the 70-dollar-per-barrel price is the upper limit consuming countries could bear. According to an OPEC report released on Thursday, the average price per barrel of a basket of 11 crude types

was 67.78 dollars on Wednesday, 0.45 dollars lower than the previous trading day, and OPEC's monthly report in June maintained that predicted international oil demand in 2007 stood at the same level as estimated in May. The one-day meeting between the EU and OPEC kicked off on Thursday, aiming at strengthening energy cooperation between the two sides.—Internet

GE, Pearson give up bid for Dow Jones



The Dow Jones news ticker in New York's Times Square displays the headline that News Corp is bidding to buy the Dow Jones Company on 1 May, 2007. —XINHUA

NEW YORK, 21 June—General Electric Co and the Financial Times publisher Pearson have decided to give up the bidding for Dow Jones & Company, the companies said Thursday.

GE and Pearson said they would continue to explore “cooperative agreements between CNBC and the Financial Times Group” but have dropped Dow Jones from their

discussions.

Pearson spokesman Luke Swanson said a competing bid from Rupert Murdoch's News Corp, a 60 dollar-a-share buyout offer on the table for Dow Jones, had proved too rich for the two companies to overcome.

Earlier this month, Los Angeles billionaire Ron Burkle has joined the bid battle against Rupert Murdoch's offer for Dow Jones.

Burkle told the Independent Association of Publishers' Employees, which represents 2,000 Dow Jones workers, that he was interested in working with the union to put together an offer for the company.

Last month, Dow Jones, the publisher of The Wall Street Journal received the bid from News Corporation to buy the company for about 5 billion dollars, or 60 dollars a share either in cash or a combination of cash and News Corp stock.—Internet

An employee of Tsukioka Co Ltd poses with a cup of coffee which contains floating gold characters during the 20th Interphex Japan, Asia's largest pharmaceutical



industry exhibition, in Tokyo on 20 June, 2007. According to the company, the edible pure gold helps to refresh human body. — XINHUA

Minister: Australia remains committed to World Trade talks

CANBERRA, 22 June—Australian Trade Minister Warren Truss said Friday that Australia remains committed to finding way forward in the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Doha negotiations despite trade talks of so called Group 4 broke down in Germany.

Truss expressed disappointment with the breakdown of talks among the United States, European Union, India and Brazil, which stalled on the contentious issues of farm subsidies and open markets, which have blocked a multilateral agreement for nearly six years.

He said the failure of the meeting was a setback for world trade reform and the hopes and ambitions of countries like Australia and the Cairns Group which includes major agricultural exporting nations.

Internet

Deadline for Alitalia bids extended

ROME, 21 June—The deadline for presenting formal bids for a controlling stake in Italian national carrier Alitalia has been extended from 2 July to 12 July, the economy ministry said Thursday.

The decision to extend the deadline gave potential bidders extra time to examine the airline's books and complete due diligence. Earlier this week the

Treasury said the American equity firm Matlin Patterson Global Advisers would be allowed to see Alitalia's books in view of presenting a formal bid. Matlin Patterson had previously been part of a consortium with Texas Pacific Group and the Milan merchant bank Mediobanca which had been one of the three final bidders invited in April to present a formal offers for Alitalia. However, the consortium dropped out of the race last month because it said the conditions imposed by the Treasury were too strict.

The other remaining bidders in the running for

Alitalia are AirOne, Italy's second biggest airline allied with the Intesa San Paolo bank, and Aeroflot Russian Airlines, together with Italy's biggest bank UniCredit.

The Italian government decided at the end of last year to sell most of its 49.9 percent stake in Alitalia. At first the Treasury indicated it would retain “no more” than a 10 percent interest, but last month Economy Minister Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa told the parliament that the full 49.9 percent stake could be sold under the proper conditions.

Internet



Baby gibbon “Yuan Yuan” plays in its bed at Hongshan Forest Zoo in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 17 June, 2007. XINHUA



Indian External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee, left, sits with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, right, during a meeting on 20 June, 2007, at the Istana or presidential palace in Singapore. — INTERNET

Israel, new Palestinian Government open contacts

JERUSALEM, 21 June — Israel and the new Palestinian Government headed by Prime Minister Salam Fayyad opened formal high-level contacts on Wednesday, marking an end to Israel's 15-month-long boycott of the Palestinian Authority.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry statement said Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni told Fayyad that establishment of his emergency government,

replacing one headed by Hamas, would allow "progress on various issues... as well as advance the political process".

Livni's conversation with Fayyad was the first publicly disclosed contact between the two sides since Fayyad's emergency government was sworn in over the weekend.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, the Fatah leader, disbanded a Hamas-led government last week after the Islamist group's violent takeover of the Gaza Strip.

Abbas then appointed Fayyad's emergency government, which has won pledges of financial support from major Western powers who had imposed a crippling economic embargo on the Palestinian Authority after Hamas came to power in March 2006.

Israel boycotted the Hamas-led government because the militant group refused to recognize Israel, renounce violence and abide by interim peace deals.

MNA/Reuters

China demands its pilots to speak better English

BEIJING, 21 June— Less than a tenth of China's pilots meet international aviation English standards, the airline regulator said on Tuesday, encouraging them to rise to the challenge of bolstering their linguistic skills.

But some pilots have the wrong attitude and are prevaricating, the Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement on its website.

"The requirement to raise pilot's English abilities comes from a formal decision by the International Civil Aviation Organization," it quoted Deputy Aviation Minister Li Jian as saying.

"I hope those comrades who have the wrong thinking drop their illusions, don't wait around and don't rely on others, grasp the present good conditions for studying English and dare to fulfil their responsibilities," Li said.

"This will be long, hard, comprehensive work," he said.

At present, only 651 Chinese pilots had passed the English exams, the statement said.

That leaves some 8,000 who still need to pass.

MNA/Reuters



A mother breastfeeds her newborn baby at a government hospital in Manila on 21 June, 2007. Philippine health officials have stepped up enforcement of a law banning milk companies from promoting their products as breast milk substitutes for babies under one year, but milk companies have questioned the legality of the stiffer rules before the Supreme Court. — INTERNET

US Govt sued over immigrant drugging

LOS ANGELES, 21 June — The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on Tuesday filed a lawsuit against the federal government for sedating deportees against their will.

"Our Constitution does not allow the government to treat immigrants like animals," ACLU lawyer Ahilan Arulantham said in a statement.

The federal suit followed allegations aired in May by the civil liberties group, which contends two foreign nationals were injected with medications to make them less agitated when they were deported.

"Injecting people who are not mentally ill with psychotropic drugs is illegal, immoral, and medically inappropriate,"

said the statement.

The group alleges that Raymond Soeoth, a Christian minister who is an Indonesian citizen, was held down and injected with the anti-psychotic drug Haldol in December 2004 by immigration officials planning to deport him from a detention centre in San Pedro.

A doctor working for the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement allegedly prescribed the drug without examining Soeoth. Another drugged immigrant was Amadou Diouf, a Senegalese native married to a US citizen. He was being deported contrary to a court order when, while at Los Angeles International Airport on an airplane bound for Senegal,

officials pushed him to the ground and injected him with an unidentified psychotropic drug after he tried to talk to the flight's captain, the ACLU alleged. — MNA/Xinhua

Australian "Hell's Angels" gunman surrenders

MELBOURNE, 21 June — A member of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang suspected of shooting dead a man and wounding two people in central Melbourne surrendered to police on Wednesday, ending an Australia-wide manhunt.

Christopher Wayne Hudson, 29, turned himself in at a police station north of Melbourne after his parents made an emotional televised appeal to him to surrender, a police spokeswoman said.

Hudson is accused of assaulting a woman outside a city nightclub on Monday morning, then opening fire with a handgun on the woman and two passers-by who came to her aid, before fleeing.

Hudson was a Hell's Angels member who was himself shot twice last year during a violent brawl at a kick-boxing tournament in the Gold Coast tourist region of Queensland State.

Media reports said his shooting was in retribution for defecting from the rival Finks gang to the Hell's Angels.

Police said Hudson may have fled Melbourne on Monday after allegedly killing a 43-year-old male solicitor and critically wounding two people, including a female model he hauled from a taxi by her hair. The third man wounded was a Dutch backpacker.

MNA/Reuters



A relative of a baby watches on stage during a promotional event at a shopping mall in Hong Kong on 21 June, 2007, as part of celebrations to mark the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to Chinese sovereignty on 1 July. — INTERNET

Duck farms of Thanatpin region

Article: *Than Than Nu and Aye Thanda Thein*
 Photo: *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

Even the heavy rains could not stop us from visiting the duck farms of Thanatpin region of Bago Division on 5 May as our assigned task to inform the public about the business covered by One Village One Produce is indeed important.



U Myint Soe Khaing has many things to explain.

Thanks to its weather and geographical conditions, Thanatpin is an ideal place for raising ducks. So, it is like an age-old family business of the region. At least, a family raises from 300 to 400

Thanatpin Township Farming Association told us. The natives use only timber, bamboo and rice husk that are available in the region to build and run duck farms.

wooden boxes are used as incubators for hatching eggs. Six specially

designed man-made nests are put into each box. Empty spaces between the man-made nests are filled with rice husk to maintain and control heat. First, eggs that are suitable for hatching are chosen to be kept in the first man-made nest for five days. The eggs that are placed in the nest should not be wet nor dirty with duck droppings.

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said, "Experts from Thailand, Japan and China also inspected duck farms in the township. A team of experts visited the township and conducted medical check up on ducks and made diagnosis after a series of tests.

The largest duckling buyers are from Kayin and Mon States. Eggs are mostly distributed to Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, Yenangyoung and Chauk and Yangon Division.

In addition to traditional duck farming business, Thanatpin Township also produces green gram and rice.

Economy is of vital importance for national development, and duck farming in Thanatpin Township has been helping fulfil food needs of the people of Myanmar and develop regional economy.

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The process also includes sun-drying of eggs to reach 100 degrees Fahrenheit. If there is no sunshine, wood fire is used to warm up the eggs as artificial hatching is at its heights during the rainy season from June to October. Natives of the township measure the temperature of an egg to know whether it reaches 100 degrees Fahrenheit by touching it with their check. It is their skill and experiences that make them know the egg's exact temperature.

After five days, officials of Thanatpin Township Livestock and Veterinary Department and Township Farming Association explained that egg laying rate, hatching rate and growth rate depended on the quality of egg; and that FAO in cooperation with Township LVD had taken preventive measures against bird flu. He also

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ducks. Hence, it is the nation's main distributor of ducklings and duck eggs.

"Skill and experience are what the natives are using in hatching ducklings and gender differentiation, without applying scientific means or equipment", U Myint Soe Khaing, the chairman of

They use fermented husk to generate heat till reaching the required temperatures for hatching duck eggs. They mix eggs that have been heated through the process for a number of days and the newly heated ones to control the temperature.

Thirty-two inches high one-yard by five-yard



Duck farm in Thanatpin, Bago Division.

A & I Minister calls for seeking ways and means to boost incomes of farmers

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held a meeting here yesterday morning to seek ways for boosting agricultural production.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo said that the nation has achieved development to a certain degree in the education, health and social sectors with peace and stability restored due to the efforts the government has been making through the political, economic and social objectives to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation with flourishing discipline. The agricultural, industrial and energy sectors are fundamental for national development. With the concept that only through agricultural development will it be possible for the nation to achieve economic growth, the government has given first priority to the development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo speaks at the meeting on boosting of agricultural production.—MNA



sectors of the economy as well, he said.

He called for cooperation of the departments and enterprises under the ministry to achieve the goals. The ministry is in pursuit of the programmes for raising cultivation capacity, extensive reclamation of lands and boosting per acre yields of the crops. Paddy output exceeds the demand as a result. He stressed the importance of using high-yield strains, extensive land reclamation and growing of

edible oil crops, and wider-scale establishment of physicnut (*jatropha curcas*) plantations to extract bio-diesel from it.

He said that the government is rendering assistance to local farmers to get permission to reclaim the vacant and virgin lands in Sagaing Division, Magway Division and Kachin State. It is also providing allotments for growing number of farmers wishing to grow oil palm and rubber.

Discussions are to be

focused on seeking better ways and means to increase incomes of the people through agriculture and to ensure that the states and divisions that have not achieved sufficient output of crops can enjoy food security, he said, underscoring extensive highland reclamation, alternative use of high-yield crop strains, cultivation of quality paddy strains, correct data and figures, minimizing loss and wastage, practising thrifty, efficient use of equipment,

and effective use of machinery to save manpower and time.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, members of the Myanmar Academy of Agricultural, Forestry,

Livestock and Fishery Sciences, experts of the Agricultural Research Department, the rector and professors of the University of Agriculture, and officials of state/division branches of Myanmar Agriculture Service and the Settlement and Land Records Department.—MNA

MOC Chairman's Cup and ISD Boxing Championship reaches finals

YANGON, 22 June — The Fifth Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup A Class and the 38th Inter-State/Division Men's and Women's B & C Classes Boxing Championship continued for the semifinal stage today.

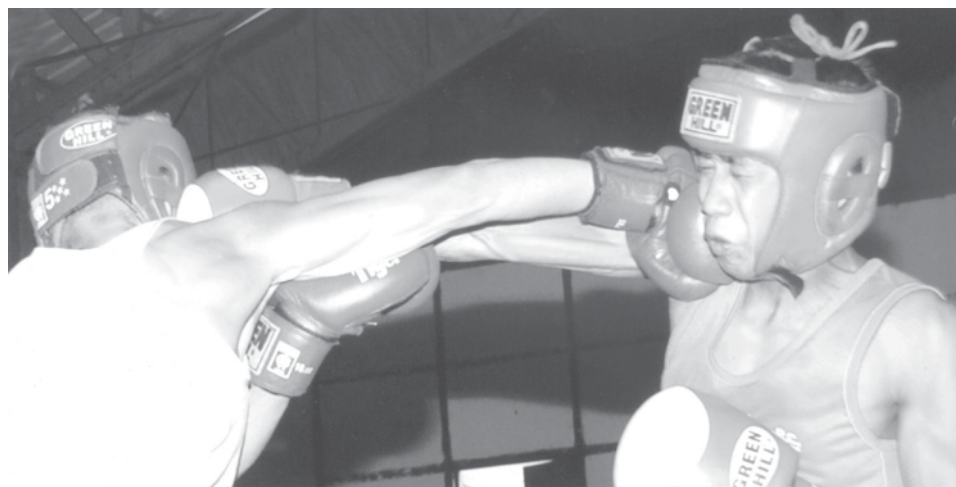
A total of 22 semifinal matches in the 42-kilo, 45-kilo, 48-kilo, 51-kilo and 54-kilo events for the junior class and Pin Weight, Light Flyweight, Flyweight, Bantamweight, Feather-weight and Light Welterweight events for the A class boxers took

place at Aung San Gymnasium.

In the semifinals, Kaung Hla San (Mandalay Division) and Ye Naing (Yangon Division) in the 42-kilo events, Nyi Nyi Aung (Rakhine State) and Chan Myae (Ayeyawady Division) in the 45-kilo

events, Nyi Nyi Tun (Kayin State) and Thet Paing Hein (Bago Division) in the 48-kilo events, Thet Hlaing Hein (Bago Division) and Thet Paing Soe (Taninthayi Division) in the 51-kilo events, Saw Kyee Doe (Sagaing Division) and Phyo Maung Maung (Ayeyawady Division) in the 54-kilo events, Aye Min (Taninthayi Division) and Zaw Myo Min (Mandalay Division) in the A-class Pin Weight events, Kyaw Swa Aung (Bago Division) and Min Zaw (Shan-East) in the A-class Light Flyweight events defeated their opponents, and they cruised into the finals.

The championship continues tomorrow afternoon. — NLM



Thet Hline Hein of Bago Division boxes against Yan Naing Kyaw Zaw of Mon State in 58-kilo events.—NLM

Coord meeting of F & R Ministry concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The first work coordination meeting (2007) of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue continued for the second day at the ministry here this morning.

Directors in charge of branch offices of the Internal Revenue Department reported on targets and work progress. Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun instructed service personnel to collect taxes and revenues correctly and to discharge the duties in an honest way.

Directors in charge of the branch offices of the Customs Department reported on levying taxes on import and export services, preventive measures against illegal import and export, follow-up programmes and steps to be taken for making Custom Law more effective. The minister assessed the reports.

Director U Lin Aung of the Budget Department reported on e-Government works and future tasks; and Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar, on banking services and follow-up programmes. Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe gave a supplementary report.

The minister gave concluding remarks.—MNA

Deputy Health Minister meets UNAIDS Coordinator

YANGON, 22 June — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe met Coordinator Mr Brian Willams of UNAIDS at the office of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) this morning.

Present also at the call were Acting Director-General Dr Kyaw Min of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar), Deputy Director-General Dr khin Pyone Kyi and Project Manager Dr Min Thwe of STD/AIDS. — MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects pumps in Yeku Water Pumping Station in Mayangon Township.—YCDC

Mayor inspects undertakings for more water supply

YANGON, 22 June —Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accompanied by officials inspected 710-kilowatt pump and accessories to be installed in Yeku Water Pumping station in Mayangon Township and transformer and electrical accessories to be used in 33 KV sub power

station this morning.

The Mayor heard reports on construction of buildings and installation of steel pipeline and pumps presented by Head of Department of Water and Sanitation Dr Tun Tun and gave necessary instructions.

Later, the mayor and party also looked into installation of prestressed

concrete pipeline and Jyobu pipeline in North Okkalapa Township and fulfilled the requirements.

Later, they inspected tube wells being sunk under the arrangement of Dagon Myothit (North) Township Union Solidarity and Development Association at Ward 49 and attended to the needs. — MNA

Eleven State-owned enterprises to be auctioned

YANGON, 22 June—Three factories of the Myanma Foodstuff

Enterprise under the Ministry of Industry-1, and five rice mills and

three bran oil mills of the Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading under the Ministry of Commerce will be privatized through competitive bidding system.

Those persons and organizations wishing to buy the State-owned facilities may get proposal forms at the Privatization Commission (No 32, Planning Scrutinization and Progress Reporting Department) in Nay Pyi Taw. The proposal forms are to be submitted from 10 am to 4 pm on 25 July alone.

Contact the office (Tel: 406069) for further details.—MNA

Two more members disappointed with party's acts Wish to take part in State's development drives

Two of Danubyu Township NLD quit

YANGON, 22 June — Two members—U Tint Lwin and U Aung Myint of Alamyo Village of Danubyu Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division resigned from the party of their own accord on 14 June.

They sent resignation letters to NLD headquarters and local authorities concerned. They said in their letters sent to Danubyu Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commission, that they were disappointed with acts of the party, that they had no longer trusted in party's leaders and had no more wish to work as party members. Therefore, they resigned from the party. It is also stated that they would take part in the development drives of the State in cooperation with the people.—MNA

Don't Smoke

Dy Health Minister meets reproductive health researchers

YANGON, 22 June — Dr Paing Soe, Deputy Minister for Health, held discussions with reproductive health researchers of Medical Research Departments (Lower Myanmar), (Upper Myanmar) and (Central Myanmar) at MRD (Lower Myanmar) on Ziwaka street, here, this morning.

The deputy

minister explained tasks on reproductive health being carried out in Myanmar, its-related researches and important role of youth and adults to the attendees.

Acting Director-General Dr Kyaw Min of MRD (Lower Myanmar) reported on reproductive health researches and the researchers also submitted reports on their

tasks.

The discussion ended with the concluding remarks by the deputy minister.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Director-General Daw Khin Pyone Kyi of MRD (Lower Myanmar), advisor Dr Than Tun Sein and officials of the Ministry of Health.

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Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe meets reproductive health researchers.—HEALTH

Olympic Day hockey for 2007 takes place

YANGON, 22 June — Hockey matches to mark Olympic Day for 2007 took place at Theinbyu Hockey Pitch this morning.

Among the spectators were Brig-Gen Myint Soe, President of Myanmar Hockey Federation and executives, officials of the Ministry of Sports and hockey fans.

In women's match, the red team beat the white team 1-0. In U-16 men's match the two teams ended in a goalless draw. In addition, the two tentatively selected Myanmar teams drew.

Responsible persons presented prizes to the players and the president of MHF gifts to tentatively selected Myanmar team.

MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June— Myanmar delegation led by member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force U Aung Myint arrived back here by air this morning after attending the 3rd Information Media Business Exchange Ministerial Forum held in Singapore. General Manager U Tint Lwin of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications also arrived back here on the same flight. — MNA



Vice-President U Kyaw Naing of Myanmar Hockey Federation presents prize to U-16 Hockey Team.—MHF

UAE's low-cost carrier to increase flights to Mumbai

ABU DHABI, 22 June — Air Arabia, a low-cost carrier of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will increase two flights a week to India's Mumbai, *Emirates News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

The Sharjah-based Air Arabia, the first low-cost airline in the Middle East and North Africa, currently operates daily non-stop service to Mumbai.

From 22 June to 15 September, Air Arabia will operate additional flights to Mumbai on Fridays and Saturdays.

"India is an extremely important market for Air Arabia, and

we are always eager to adapt our flight schedule to meet the needs of those travelling to this key South Asian destination," the carrier's Commercial Director Kyle Haywood was quoted as saying.

"Our decision to operate two additional flights to Mumbai demonstrates our continued commitment to the needs of our customers here in the UAE and in

India," he added.

Air Arabia currently operates 46 flights a week to seven cities in India — Ahmedabad, Chennai, Jaipur, Kochi, Mumbai, Nagpur and Thiruvananthapuram.

Launched in October

2003 and modelled after leading American and European low-cost airlines, Air Arabia became profitable in 2005. It currently provides services to 35 destinations in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqi President Jalal Talabani (C, front) visits the Summer Palace in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 June, 2007. Talabani arrived in Beijing on Wednesday evening, starting the first China visit by an Iraqi president since the two countries forged diplomatic ties in 1958. — XINHUA

Lightning kills 7 in central India

NEW DELHI, 22 June — At least seven people, including five children, were killed by lightning in Central India's Chhattisgarh's Jashpur District, *Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)* reported here Thursday.

"Lightning killed seven persons in Jashpur Nagar Town late Wednesday. The deceased included two middle-aged women, three boys and two girls," *IANS* quoted Jashpur District police chief Akbar Ram Korram as saying.

Three children also sustained minor injuries when lightning struck at

two different places at Jashpur Nagar.

The injured have been admitted to a local hospital.

Korram said heavy rains accompanied by high velocity winds have paralyzed life in the entire district, a thickly forested hilly area, for the second consecutive day on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

Homer Simpson kidnapped in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 June — Cartoon character Homer Simpson has been kidnapped in Malaysia and Hollywood is offering a reward of 1,000 ringgit (292-US dollar) for his safe return.

Film studio Twentieth Century Fox announced the bounty after a 1.2-metre (4-foot) statue of Simpson was stolen from a cinema display in a mall in the Malaysian capital.

It was one of a set of outsize replicas of the family being used to advertise "The Simpsons", a movie spinoff of the US television series that is set for release in Malaysia next month.

"This guy is really dumb, because he must

know that in a mall there are lots of surveillance cameras," said Nor Hayati Yahaya, country manager of the Motion Picture Association that groups major film studios. "We got footage of his car, plate number, his face, everything."

The New Straits Times newspaper published grainy closed-circuit TV pictures showing two men bundling Homer out of the mall before he was driven off in the boot of a car.

MNA/Reuters

Moderate quake strikes northern Philippines

MANILA, 22 June — A magnitude-5.1 quake hit the Batanes Islands in the northern Philippines at noon Thursday, local media reported.

The quake was recorded at about 12:08 pm, said a report by *GMA* news network, citing the United States Geological Service.

The epicentre was traced 80 kilometres northwest of Basco in Batanes, or 195 kilometres south of Taitung in Taiwan.

As of Press Time, no casualty or damage to property was reported. — *MNA/Xinhua*

M-E satellite giant launches new price plan to attract customers

ABU DHABI, 22 June — Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Co one of the leading Middle

East mobile satellite operators, has launched a new pre-paid price plan to attract customers, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Thursday.

The new price plan, branded as "ThurayaECO", offers new low rates that are up to 70 per cent cheaper than currently applied in 81 African, Asian and European countries around the world, according to the report.

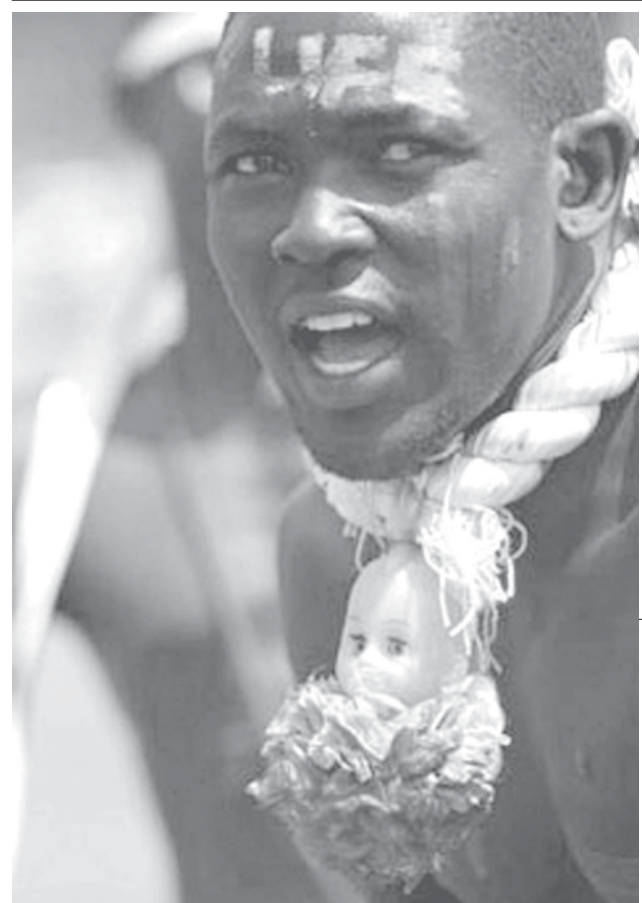
ThurayaECO is designed to offer Thuraya users a competitive,

terrestrial-like pricing for a premium satellite service that provides uninterrupted, blanket coverage in 81 countries.

Under the new price plan, the charge for calls to Thuraya users will be 20 US cents per minute, while that for calls to other networks will be 39 cents per minute.

Thuraya, based in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, has a share of some 26 per cent in the global mobile satellite market.

MNA/Xinhua



A refugee from Sudan sings a war song during celebrations to mark "World Refugee Day" in Nairobi, on 20 June, 2007. Last year was one of the worst on record for refugees and the crisis is deepening in 2007 thanks to conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and Sudan's Darfur region, the United Nation's refugee chief said.

INTERNET

Robber holds hostages in US bank

WASHINGTON, 22 June — A robber fled into a bank and is holding an unknown number of hostages there in Arcola, Ill on Thursday, after being chased by police.

The bank is now surrounded by dozens of policemen and a helicopter is hovering around, according to reports from CNN.

There were two suspects chased by police earlier Thursday, and one was caught while the other fled into the First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust and held an unknown number of hostages.

A sheriff's sdeputy was shot by the suspects in the face during the chase and he was taken to a hospital and was in stable condition.

The incident started with a robbery. In early morningj, the two suspects allegedly robbed a family in their home then fled in that family's van.

According to an Illionrs State Police Spokesperson, Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Martin then spotted the suspicious van on a highway, and ordered it to pull over.

MNA/Xinhua

Pentagon's e-mail system hacked

WASHINGTON, 22 June — The Pentagon's e-mail system was hacked, forcing its computer servers going offline, CNN reported Thursday.

Pentagon officials have confirmed the incident and described it as "a fairly serious matter", according to the report.

About one third of the computer users in the Pentagon that work for Defence Secretary Robert Gates had their e-mail system penetrated.

As a result, the Pentagon's computer server was taken off line on Wednesday, along with the e-mail server.

At present, service is not yet fully restored to the secretary's staff.

MNA/Xinhua



A man operates a flight simulator manufactured by China Aviation Industry Corporation I (AVIC I) during the 47th Paris Air Show in Paris, France, on 20 June, 2007. Five Chinese aero corporations, including AVIC I and China National Aero-Technology Import and Export Corporation (CATIC), attended this year's Paris Air Show to show the strength of the Chinese aviation industry. — XINHUA

UAE launches new business aviation company

ABU DHABI, 22 June — A new business aviation company which provides business charter flights has been launched in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Wednesday.

Empire Aviation Group, the new business aviation company, aims to meet the demand for business aviation services in the Middle East, which is witnessing considerable growth, the report said.

"Empire Aviation will operate in accordance with the highest international standards in the aviation industry, backed by knowledgeable personnel with extensive industry expertise," the company's chairman Shaikh Tariq bin Faisal Al Qassimi was quoted as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

Colombia seizes dollars, busts counterfeiters

BOGOTA, 22 June — Colombian and US agents busted a top international counterfeiting ring on Wednesday, seizing 5.7 million US dollars in high-

quality fake dollars from a cluster of Bogota hide-outs, authorities said.

Investigators also found phony local lottery tickets along with

counterfeit Colombian pesos and euros, Colombia's DAS intelligence agency said in a statement.

Nine suspects were arrested in raids throughout the capital city. MNA/Reuters



Two-month-old snow leopard cubs are seen at a zoological park in Darjeeling, about 80 km (50 miles) north from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri on 21 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Death toll rises to 17 in suicide tanker bomb attack in N Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 June — The death toll from a suicide tanker bombing attack in a city in Salahudin Province, north of Baghdad, rose to 17 on Thursday, including the mayor of the city, a provincial police source said.

"So far, the death toll rose to 17 killed and 68 others wounded in the suicide attack that also

killed the mayor, head of the city council, and several members of the council," the source from Salahudin Province told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

A suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden oil tanker into the government compound of the Sulaiman Pek Town, some 90 kilometres east

of the provincial capital of Tikrit, the source said.

Earlier, the source put the casualties at 13 people killed and 30 others injured, including women, children and policemen.

Many of the victims were pulled out from the debris as the government building and police headquarters in the targeted compound were destroyed in the bombing, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua

"Stick shift" foils US car thieves

ATLANTA, 22 June — Two US car thieves failed to make their getaway in a car they had just stolen because they could not figure out how to use its manual transmission, a witness said on Wednesday.

The teenagers armed with a gun approached a man outside a pizza restaurant in Marietta, Georgia, late on Monday. They stole his wallet and the keys to his Honda Accord, got into the car but could not make it start because it had stick shift, according to John Williamson, 18, a restaurant employee.

"The kid was just sitting in the car trying to start it but he had no idea what to do. He looked dumbfounded. The only thing he had going was the radio," said Williamson who witnessed the scene.

While the thief was trying to start the car, restaurant employees called the police who

arrived and caught the teenagers as they tried to escape into nearby woods.

Unlike many parts of the world, the majority of cars in the United States are automatic and many drivers are unused to driving "stick shift" vehicles, in which a clutch pedal must be depressed to change gear.

MNA/Reuters

Study finds herpes virus, carbon killing coral reefs

BEIJING, 21 June — A common cold sore is not lethal, unless you happen to be a coral reef.

Scientists have known for years that humans are killing corals indirectly and directly through global warming, overfishing and pollution. Recent research into why coral reefs are dying found a herpes virus infection and other diseases are other big factors in the deaths of coral reefs caused by humans.

"For some reason, when you put people next to reefs, they die," said microbiologist Forest Rohwer of San Diego State University at a recent symposium at the American Museum of Natural History here.

When humans overfish a reef, there's no small fish left to eat the food produced by algae. No small fish means no big fish and the result is an organic carbon build up in the water column that feeds microbes on the

reef, overwhelming the coral.

"The coral is actually losing control of its microbial community," Rohwer said.

Rohwer and his colleagues tested their idea by placing pieces of Panamanian corals in cups with seawater, and adding different "treatments" to each cup, and essentially "just look[ing] for the coral to die," Rohwer said. Organic carbon was indeed the biggest coral killer.

Rebecca Thurber, one of Rohwer's postdoctoral researchers, also took chunks of coral and changed conditions such as nutrients, temperature and water pH, then cut up the coral and sequenced the DNA of the microbes that grew on their surface.

Thurber found the number one disease affecting the corals were herpes viruses. — Internet



An Iraqi soldier directs traffic at a checkpoint in Baghdad, on 21 June, 2007. — INTERNET

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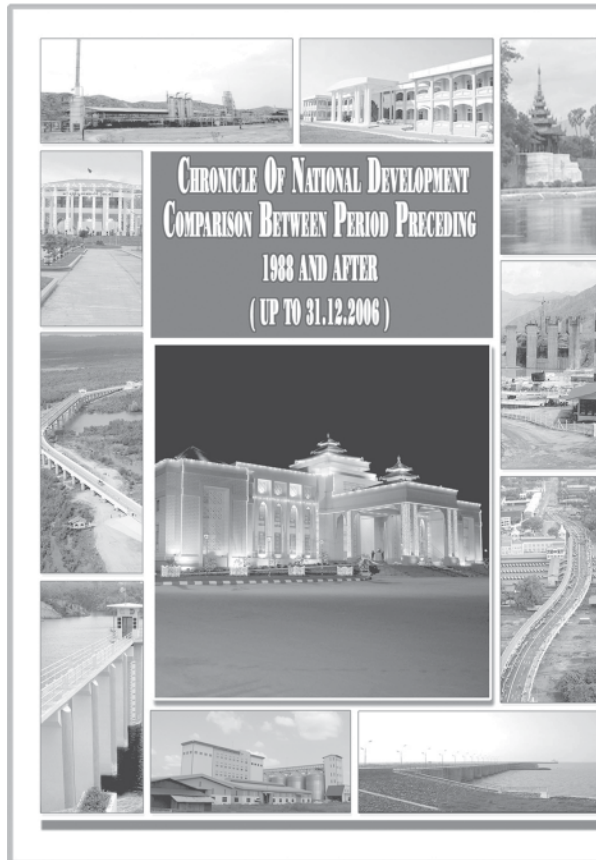
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Abbas convenes PLO body to back emergency Cabinet

RAMALLAH (West Bank), 21 June—President Mahmoud Abbas, backed by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) executive, summoned the group's Parliament on Wednesday to try to boost support for his newly formed emergency Cabinet.

Abbas wants the 129-member Palestine Central Council (PCC), long the

main Palestinian legislative body, to supersede the newer, Hamas-dominated Palestinian Parliament, a move that could allow him to keep in place the government he formed after Hamas's violent takeover of Gaza last week, analysts said.

The Parliament, the Legislative Council (PLC), has ceased functioning since Israel's

arrest of dozens of Hamas lawmakers and the latest violence between Abbas's secular Fatah and the Islamist Hamas factions. The PCC has not met for four years.

"The aim of today's meeting is to topple the coup plotters in Gaza," council member Ahmed Abdel Rahman of Fatah told reporters before the session began, referring to

Hamas. It was the Central Council that set up the Palestinian Authority for the Gaza Strip and occupied West Bank, in a 1993 decision taken at Tunis, where PLO leaders including Yasser Arafat were once based. Many of its members still live in exile.

Riyad al-Malki, Information Minister in the new Cabinet, said Abbas would announce policy steps aimed at further distancing his government from the former unity Cabinet. Hamas still says that it heads. One of these steps would be the issuing of new Palestinian passports from the West Bank city of Ramallah from July, invalidating the current travel documents, Malki said.

MNA/Reuters

Colombia, Venezuela hit by moderate earthquake

BOGOTA/CARACAS, 21 June—A moderate earthquake hit Colombia and Venezuela on Wednesday but there have been no reports of damage.

Colombia's seismology network recorded the earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter Scale in the centre of the nation.

The quake struck at 2:05 pm local time (1805

GMT). Its epicentre was 20 kilometres beneath Cubara, a small town in Boyaca State and it was felt in the areas of Santander, Boyaca and Arauca.

The quake frightened local residents in Bucaramanga, but the authorities have not yet reported any damage or casualties.

The earthquake also hit

southwestern Venezuela but produced no significant damage to the region, including its oil facilities, said local officials.

Venezuela's seismological officials said the quake had a magnitude of 5.3 on the Richter Scale, a little lower than the figure from Colombia.

MNA/Xinhua

Six Palestinians killed in clashes with Israel

GAZA, 21 June—Israeli troops killed six Palestinians on Wednesday, including four in the first deadly clash in the Gaza Strip since Hamas Islamists took control of the territory by force last week.

Several Israeli tanks and troops crossed the

border fence into Gaza overnight near the key Kissufim border crossing in the central Gaza Strip, witnesses said.

An Army spokesman said the force was searching for wanted militants.

Two Hamas militants, a member of another militant group, the Popular Resistance Committees, and an unidentified gunman were killed in the Gaza gunbattle.

One Israeli soldier was moderately injured in the Gaza clash, an Israeli Army spokesman said.

Israeli troops have largely stayed out of Gaza since Hamas' armed wing routed security officials loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in fighting last Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

Rainstorms kill 36 in S-W China

BEIJING, 21 June — Parts of southwest China suffered more flooding and landslides on Wednesday as officials raised to 36 the death toll from heavy rainstorms that have plagued the region since the weekend.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs said 13 others were still missing, while some 292,000 residents had been evacuated as of Wednesday after 17,000 houses collapsed.

Worst hit were the municipality of Chongqing and the neighbouring provinces of Sichuan, Guizhou and Hubei, where some 8.7 million people had been affected, the ministry said in a statement on its website.

"Flash mountain torrents triggered serious flooding, landslides and mudslides," the release said.

"Rain is continuing in Hubei, Chongqing,

Sichuan and Guizhou at present. The disaster is still growing."

Some 44,000 hectares of crops have been destroyed, causing 900 million yuan (118 million US dollars) of agricultural economic losses, the ministry said.

In Sichuan's Dazhou, where at least 10 people died as a result of storms, 13 village schools were flooded, roads were blocked and telecom-

munication and power lines were downed, the local government said on its website.

The massive Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River started discharging some of the backed-up flood water on Tuesday because of heavy rainstorms in upstream areas, the *People's Daily* said on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

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

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British censor bans first video game in 10 years

LONDON, 21 June — British censors on Tuesday banned a video game for the first time in 10 years, rejecting US-published “Manhunt 2” for what they described as an unrelenting focus on sadism and brutal slaying. The decision by the British Board of Film

Classification, or BBFC, means the game, from publisher Take-Two Interactive Software, which made the controversial “Grand Theft Auto” series, cannot be legally supplied anywhere in Britain.

The ban prompted one US family group to start

lobbying for a rating to ensure major American retailers cannot sell the game in which players become an insane asylum escapee sneaking up on enemies and killing them in gruesome ways.

In a statement on the board’s website, BBFC director David Cooke said rejecting a work was a very serious action and not taken lightly. He said the board preferred to consider cuts or changes but that was not possible in this case.

MNA/Reuters



In this photo released by LG Mobile Phones, Jesse Metcalfe from television's 'Desperate Housewives' tries out the drivers seat of the Batmobile at Paramount Studios in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, on 19 June, 2007 to celebrate LG's Mobile TV Party with some of television's greatest stars and to launch LG Mobile Phones LG VX9400 unit, which is capable of delivering television programming from popular TV channels to your cell phone. — INTERNET



A man cools his friend down with a bottle of mineral water in Athens central Klafthmonos Square ahead of an open-air concert, on 21 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Regulations detail 19 dos and donts for on-duty Chinese police

BEIJING, 21 June — China’s police have been banned from dying their hair unnatural colours, wearing jewellery and smoking in public while in uniform.

And those who repeatedly violate the new dress and conduct regulations face the sack, the Ministry of Public Security announced on Wednesday.

Officers who come to work with coloured hair will be ordered to redye it back to the original colour, while necklaces and rings will be prohibited to comply with new regulations to ensure a neat image.

The regulations detail 19 dos and donts for on-duty police officers.

“Minor offenders will be lectured and asked to redress,” say the regulations. “Those who repeatedly break the rules or whose behaviour has a detrimental impact could be sacked.”—MNA/Xinhua

Bangladeshi boatmen struggle against the wind as they try to cross the River Buriganga during heavy rainfalls in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 20 June, 2007. Strong monsoon winds with rainfall are also likely for the next couple of days across the country, according to meteorological report. — INTERNET



Dozens of Fatah men cross border into Egypt

EL ARISH(Egypt), 21 June — Dozens of Fatah loyalists, including security men, entered Egypt from Gaza overnight fearing they may be targeted by Hamas Islamists who have seized control of the coastal strip, Egyptian security officials said on Tuesday.

They said about 70 men were found by border agents on the Egyptian side of the Gaza-Egypt frontier on Monday night, and that some were police officers with their

weapons. More than 340 Palestinians have now taken refuge in Egypt since last week’s Hamas takeover of Gaza, while 108 others have returned

to Gaza after Hamas agreed to readmit them provided they left their guns in Egypt, the officials said.

“Palestinian policemen and civilians entered Egypt via a border point north of the Salaheddin gate and have been transported to central security camps in Rafah” an Egyptian security official in north Sinai told

Reuters, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

Another security official said negotiations were under way to transfer the Palestinians currently in Egypt via Jordan to the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah movement has retained its sway.

MNA/Reuters

Britain admits errors in Iran kidnap incident

LONDON, 21 June — Britain admitted on Tuesday that a series of “shortcomings” combined in March to allow Iranian Revolutionary Guards to kidnap 15 naval personnel on a boarding and inspection mission in the Gulf.

But it insisted that no individual was responsible and no disciplinary action would be taken. Operational steps would be and had been taken to prevent a recurrence.

The government also confirmed as permanent an interim ban it imposed after the sailors’ release in April on any serving member of the Armed Forces selling their stories to the media.

Defence Secretary Des Browne made the twin announcements to parliament after two reviews lasting six weeks.

The report into possible operational mistakes in the lead-up to and during the hostage-taking was not published as it contained secret details of British troops’ rules of engagement, but Browne did present a brief synopsis which included the admission of shortcomings. The report has been presented in confidence to the House of Commons defence select committee, Browne said.—MNA/Reuters



Rescue workers clad in protective clothing against a biological attack shower a dummy inside a decontamination tent during a demonstration in Mitaka, near Tokyo on 20 June, 2007. Japan’s Fire and Disaster Management Agency will deploy the tent next month in Tokyo, Osaka, Sapporo, Nagoya and Fukuoka in case of a bioterrorism attack. — INTERNET

SPORTS



Jamaica's Richard Edwards (L) and Mario Harriso (2nd R) fights for the ball with Indonesia's Atep (2nd L) and Muhammad Ridwan during their friendly soccer match at Gelora Bung Karno stadium in Jakarta on 21 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Gasquet turns on style in Nottingham

LONDON, 22 June — Top seed Richard Gasquet stayed on course for hat-trick of titles at the Nottingham Open grasscourt tournament on Wednesday with a 6-4, 6-0 demolition of Czech qualifier Jan Vacek.

The Frenchman, who turned 21 on Monday, was a class apart from his opponent as he cruised through to the third round of the Wimbledon warm-up with a flurry of flashing winners.

Gasquet will face compatriot Arnaud Clement next after the eighth seed continued his good form on grass when he beat Russia's Teimuraz Gabashvili 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

Earlier, Russian Dmitry Tursunov ended home hope Tim Henman's mini-revival, beating the 32-year-old Briton 7-6, 3-6, 6-2 to also reach the third round. — MNA/Reuters



The pack of riders passes the village of Ulrichen where the sixth stage of the Tour of Switzerland cycling race had to be restarted following a hail storm and bad weather conditions on 21 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Henin races into Eastbourne semifinals

EASTBOURNE (England), 22 June — World number one Justine Henin brushed aside Czech teenager Nicole Pietrangeli to reach the semifinals of the Eastbourne International grasscourt tournament on Thursday.

Henin, the defending champion at the Wimbledon warm-up event, won 6-2, 6-2 in 55 minutes.

Fifth seed Pietrangeli, the youngest player in the draw at 18 and a semifinalist at the Australian Open in January, has a big serve but when that started to let her down she had no other weapons to use against the Belgian top seed.

She found herself 5-0 down within 20 minutes, having held only one game point. Pietrangeli broke Henin as the Belgian served for the first set at 5-1 up but then surrendered her next serve to love. — MNA/Reuters

Safina beats Krajscek in Den Bosch second round

AMSTERDAM, 22 June — Last year's runner-up Dinara Safina beat champion Michaela Krajscek 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in the second round of the Den Bosch Open on Wednesday.

It took the Russian fourth seed almost two and a half hours to beat her unseeded Dutch opponent, serving 14 aces to Krajscek's 10.

Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova, 10th in the WTA rankings, reached the quarterfinals after American Meghann Shaughnessy retired in the third set.

In the men's event, Argentine third seed Guillermo Canas lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in his second round match to Germany's Michael Berrer, while second seed Ivan Ljubicic beat Italy's Andreas Seppi 6-3, 6-4. Top seed Tommy Robredo beat Belgian Kristof Vliegen 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

MNA/Reuters

Boca win Libertadores with Riquelme double

PORTO ALEGRE (Brazil), 22 June — Juan Roman Riquelme scored two second-half goals as Boca Juniors beat Gremio 2-0 away on Wednesday to win the South American Libertadores Cup.

Riquelme, playing the final match of his spell on loan from Spain's Villareal, took his tally to eight goals as the Argentines completed a 5-0 aggregate win over their Brazilian opponents in the two-leg final.

The lanky playmaker scored with a superb long-range effort in the 69th minute and slid home a rebound nine minutes from time.

Boca striker Martin Palermo, who famously missed three penalties for Argentina against Colombia at the Copa America in 1999, spared Gremio further punishment when he missed an 85th minute penalty.

It was the sixth time Boca have won the competition, leaving them only one short of compatriots Independiente's

record of seven titles.

Twice former champions Gremio, needing to overturn a 3-0 first-leg deficit, were given a rous-

ing reception by the 45,000 crowd at the Olimpico Stadium, who were hoping for a historic fightback.

MNA/Reuters



Labourers work at the Jose Luiz Anzoategui soccer stadium in Barcelona, Venezuela on 21 June, 2007. The stadium is one of nine venues for matches that will be played during the Copa America soccer tournament in Venezuela starting on 26 June. — INTERNET

Inter, AC try to calm fans over probes

MILAN, 22 June — European champions AC Milan and city rivals Inter hit back on Thursday over two investigations into the conduct of the clubs.

Inter president Massimo Moratti and Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani look likely to be sent to trial over allegations they inflated transfer fees to obtain fictitious capital gains between 2003 and 2005.

Prosecutors said on Wednesday that Inter

would not have had the necessary financial security to have been allowed in the 2005/06 championship if full figures had been available.

Media had speculated that a hefty fine would be the worst punishment if either official was found guilty but a judge has the right to impose points deductions, exclude a club from the championship or strip them of a title.

"I tell the fans to be

calm," Moratti told reporters. "These are intense days and there is always something that needs answering. Inter are clean."

Inter were awarded the 2005/06 Serie A title after original winners Juventus were stripped of the championship, or scudetto, and demoted in Italy's match-fixing probe.

Real Madrid coach Fabio Capello, Juve boss two seasons ago, hinted that his former club AS Roma should now be awarded the 2006 title despite finishing fifth in the original table before Juve, AC Milan and Fiorentina were punished in the scandal.

MNA/Reuters

Mastercard, FIFA settle World Cup sponsor fight

New York, 22 June — MasterCard has reached a settlement with world soccer's governing body FIFA resolving a dispute over sponsorship of the next two World Cups.

MasterCard said on Thursday it will discontinue sponsorship of the 2010 and 2014 tournaments, with FIFA agreeing to pay 90 million dollars to compensate the credit card provider.

As part of the pact, 87.5 million US dollars is being paid to MasterCard in the second quarter of this year and 2.5 million US dollars in the third quarter, it said in a regulatory filing. MasterCard said the parties had also agreed to

terminate legal proceedings in the United States and Switzerland.

MNA/Reuters

A bull rolls over on the ground after being pulled by a Colombian cowboy during "Coleo" sport event in Bogota, Colombia on 18 June, 2007.

INTERNET



Out-of-control Colorado wildfire threatens homes

DENVER, 22 June — Sparked by lightning and fanned by erratic winds, a wildfire in western Colorado has spread to within a half mile of a 400-home sub-division, forcing evacuations, fire officials said.

Residents of 30 houses in the path of the 350-acre (141 hectare) blaze near Glenwood Springs, about 155 miles (250 kilometres) west of Denver, have been ordered to leave and the remaining residents have been warned to prepare for evacuation, said Larry

Helmerick of the Rocky Mountain Coordination Centre.

“The fire is crowning and torching and making a run today,” Helmerick said. “It is real active.”

Helmerick said high temperatures, low humidity and gusting

winds are hampering firefighting efforts.

About 200 firefighters are on scene, with air tankers and helicopters making fire retardant and water drops. The fire is about 15 per cent contained.

A second, larger fire has blackened 1,000 acres

(404 hectares) of federal land in a remote area about 50 miles (80 kilometres) east of the Utah border, said Mel Lloyd, spokeswoman for the US Bureau of Land Management. Seventy-five firefighters are battling that fire from the ground and air. — MNA/Reuters



Archbishop Giuseppe Malandrino walks in front of the restored Baroque Cathedral, whose dome collapsed in a 1996 earthquake, in the Sicilian town of Noto on 18 June, 2007. The eight cities and towns in the Noto valley are considered jewels of baroque architecture. The area was mostly flattened by an earthquake in 1693 and rebuilt in the ornate style of the time, and added to UNESCO's World Heritage list in 2002. — INTERNET

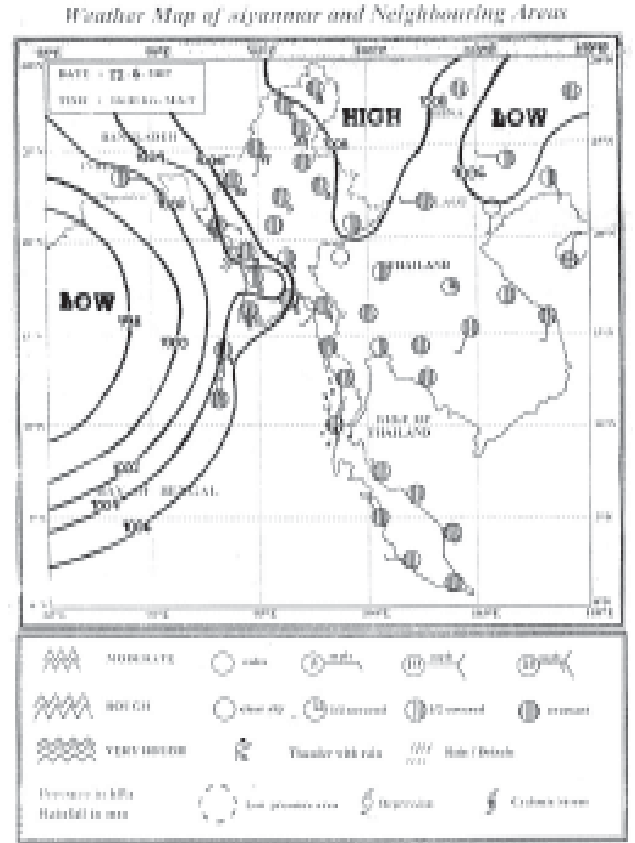
Three killed as filed as Filipinos try to cut huge oil tank

MANILA, 22 June — Three Filipino men were killed and another injured in a landslide on Thursday after they tried to saw off one of the buttresses of a hillside fuel tank to sell as scrap.

The men had hacked away at the one of the steel support beams for the huge oil tank in the former US airbase at Clark, north of Manila, police said. But tons of earth loosened by the hacking fell on them.

Ismael Rafanan, regional police chief, said rescue workers were still trying to locate the body of one of the men.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Friday 2:00 pm, 22 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Mon State and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwebo (1.73) inches, Kyaukse (1.38) inches and Myitkyina (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-6-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 22-6-2007 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-6-2007 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 21-6-2007 was (6.6) 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 Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 21-6-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs today, yesterday's tropical depression over West Central Bay has crossed the Andhra Pradesh Coast near Kakinada (India). Monsoon is generally weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 23-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kchin State, Yangon, Bago and upper Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayin States and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather Outlook for last weekend of June 2007: During the coming weekend, Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions and widespread Yangon Division.



Saturday, 23 June
View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌ ၇၇၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိတ္ထသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To be healthy exercises
- 7:30 am**
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
- 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am**
- 6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am**
- 7. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 8:30 am**
- 8. International news
- 8:46 am**
- 9. Grammar made easy

- 11:00 am**
- 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
- 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
- 3. News
- 11:40 am**
- 4. Games for children
- 12:00 pm**
- 5. “ထိချက်မှန်သော မြားတစ်စင်း” (ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ထွန်းထွန်း(Examplez), ချိုပြုံး၊ နဝရတီ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးအေး)
- 1:05 pm**
- 6. မွန်မြတ်နိုးလုံးသား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 1:25 pm**
- 7. Dance of national races
- 1:35 pm**
- 8. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ်ဇူလိုင်လ (၃)ရက် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ အထိမ်းအမှတ် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးစံပြပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 2:45 pm**
- 9. International news
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
- 3. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ

- ပထမနှစ် (သပိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သပိုင်း)
- 4:45 pm**
- 4. နားဝင်ပီယံသူ့လက်သံ
- 4:55 pm**
- 5. Musical programme
- 5:05 pm**
- 6. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 5:15 pm**
- 7. Games for children
- 5:30 pm**
- 8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm**
- 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
- 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
- 11. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:05 pm**
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်”(အပိုင်း-၃၆)
- 8:00 pm**
- 13. ထူးချွန်ထင်ရှား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ
- 8:00 pm**
- 14. News
- 8:00 pm**
- 15. International news
- 8:00 pm**
- 16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm**
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ပန်းနှင်းဆီ” (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 8:00 pm**
- 18. The next day's programme



Saturday, 23 June
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Be with you again
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -One love
- 8:50 am** National news
- 9:00 am** Music: -I love it when we do
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: -Like I love you
- 1:30 pm** News /Slogan
- 1:40pm** Music at your request -Like a rose
- 9:00pm** ASEAN news Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:20pm** Myanma Culture ... Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -Myat Maw Tin Ye Le Pagoda
- 9:30 pm** Souvenirs -Just walking in the rain
- 9:45 pm** News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



23rd Meeting of Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities (HAPUA XXIII) organized

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June —A ceremony to open the 23rd Meeting of the Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities (HAPUA XXIII) was held at the meeting hall of City Hall here this morning.

Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint extended greetings.

Also present at the meeting were Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, departmental heads of the Ministries for Electric



Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint addresses opening of HAPUA-XXIII. — MNA

Power No 1 and No 2, organizations from Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia,

Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam and Myanmar of ASEAN region, senior officers and representatives of ASEAN Secretariat.

Myo Myint posed for documentary photo together with heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities.

Next, the HAPUA-XXIII took place at the meeting room on the first floor of City Hall. Director-General Dr Thein Tun of Electric Power Department presided over the meeting together with Vice-President Mr Oscar C Larico of National Power Corporation of the Philippines.

The participants discussed accomplishments on tasks of eight working groups formed with representatives of ASEAN member countries for the electric power sector. They also held discussions on supply and sale of power in ASEAN region.

Prior to the 23rd Meeting of the Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities, the working groups organized their meetings at City Hall here on 20 and 21 June.

MNA

Cash and kind provided for older persons in Tatkon

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Under the programme of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association for taking care of older persons, a ceremony to provide assistance to older persons was held at MCWA Hall in Tatkon Township of Pyinmana District yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were MMCWA CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt together with CEC members Daw Thazin Nwe and Daw Khin Nwe Nwe, Chairperson of Nay Pyi Taw Command MCWA Daw Swe Swe Oo, Chairman of Pyinmana District Peace

and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw, the chairman of Tatkon Township PDC and members of Tatkon Township MCWA.

CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt explained the purpose of donations and presented cash assistance and provisions to older persons.

CEC members Daw Thazin Nwe and Daw Khin Nwe Nwe and Chairperson of Nay Pyi Taw Command MCWA Daw Swe Swe Oo presented clothes to 15 men and women who took care of the older persons. — MNA



MMCWA CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt speaking at cash and kind donation ceremony for older persons in Tatkon Township. — MNA

Chairman of the HAPUA President & CEO Mr Che Khalib bin Mohamad Noh of Tenaga Nasional Berhad of Malaysia delivered an opening address.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister Col Zaw Min and Deputy Minister U

Storm News

According to the observations at (09:30) hour MST today, yesterday's tropical depression over West Central Bay has crossed the Andhra Pradesh Coast near Kakinada (India). — MNA

