

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Croatian President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Stjepan Mesic, President of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia which falls on 25 June 2007.

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Secretary-1 attends work coordination meeting of Myanmar Police Force With emergence of State constitution the election will be held in accord with laws

Power will be handed over to civilian government after electing Hluttaw representatives as well as forming Hluttaw and cabinet



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at work coordination meeting of Myanmar Police Force.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—The Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs held its work coordination meeting at the Ahreindama Hall of MPF Headquarters here at 3 pm today with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the Attorney-General, the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs, the Director-General of MPF, the Director-General of

the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department under the ministry, senior police officers, heads of the State and Division Police Forces, principals of Police Training Schools and officials.

In his address, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the final session of the National Convention will be held in July, adding that upon completion, the remaining tasks will be carried out phase by

phase in line with the seven-point Road Map.

He continued to say that the State Constitution will be drawn on the basis of basic principles and detailed basic principles. And the State Constitution will be approved after holding the referendum, he noted.

With the emergence of the Constitution the election will be held in accord with the laws. And the State power will be handed over to the civilian government after electing

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Grow marketable pepper commercially

The mainstay of Myanmar economy is agriculture, and the government has been providing necessary assistance for the development of the agriculture sector. It is making concerted efforts for boosting production of paddy, and edible oil sufficiency in the country, increase of export items such as beans and pulses and industrial crops.

Moreover, the government is giving encouragement to extended cultivation of new crops that can earn more income for farmers and marketable crops and fruit and vegetables.

One crop that can earn more income for farmers is pepper. Pepper, a spice, grows best in warm, moist regions. In the arid zone, it can be grown through irrigation.

Many varieties of pepper are grown commercially. Pepper can grow well in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States. One acre of pepper yields 600 viss of seeds in a year.

It is necessary for farmers to commercially grow pepper that increases their income and contributes towards progress of socio-economic life of the farmers.



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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 meets families of Monghkat Station, inspects agricultural tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with military officers, other ranks and their families at the hall of Monghkat Station on 7 June.

In the meeting, he gave instructions on agricultural tasks in respective regiments and units and regional development tasks to be carried out in cooperation with departments concerned, and then fulfilled the requirements.

On 8 June, the commander inspected thriving physic nut plantations in the station and attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants in Wanpyan Village in Monghkat Township. Chairman of Township PDC U Nyein Htwe briefed the commander on growing of physic nut plants.

The commander presented physic nut saplings to members of social organizations and local people. Afterwards, he together with those present grew physic nut saplings.

At the ceremony to



Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presents physic nut grafts to a military officer in Monghkat Station.— MNA

provide sanitation aids for keeping the school and its environs clean held at Monghkat Basic Education High School (Branch), the commander gave instructions on condition of cash assistance for the students and regional development tasks.

Next, the patron of Shan State (East) Women's Affairs Organization presented sanitation aids to the schools through Township Education Officer U Myint Ko. Afterwards, the commander and wife and party oversaw classrooms and conversed with the students cordially.

The commander attended a ceremony to

grow physic nut plants on both sides of Monghkat-Mongyan motor road and then Shan State (East) Manager U Aung Khin of Myanmar Agriculture Service briefed him on growing physic nut plants.

Next, the commander looked into land preparations to cultivate monsoon paddy in Monghkat

Township and harvesting of summer paddy in the farm of peasant U Aik Nan. Shan State (East) Manager U Aung Khin briefed the commander on production of summer paddy. After hearing the reports, the commander left necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements.— MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Croatia

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Kolinda Graber-Kitarovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia which falls on 25 June 2007.—MNA



The Patron of Shan State (East) WAO gives sanitation aids to Mongyan Township Education Officer U Myint Ko.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UNSC urges protection of civilians in armed conflict

UNITED NATIONS, 23 June — The UN Security Council on Friday expressed “grave” concern over the casualties of civilians in armed conflict and called for measures to ensure their protection.

In a Press statement read out after an open Council meeting, Belgian Ambassador Johan Verbeke, the Council’s June president, said “Council members welcomed progress in, and increased awareness of, the issues surrounding protection of civilians, but expressed their grave concern that civilians continue to account for the majority of casualties in situations of armed conflict”.

“They reaffirmed that parties to armed conflict bear the primary res-

pensibility to take all feasible steps to ensure the protection of affected civilians,” he said.

“Members of the Security Council recalled the obligations of international humanitarian law regarding the protection of civilians,” Verbeke said. “They urged all concerned parties to allow full, safe and unimpeded

access by humanitarian personnel to civilians in need of assistance in situations of armed conflict.”

During the open debate on the protection of civilians in armed conflict, the 15-member Council was briefed by Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs John Holmes.

MNA/Xinhua



The gold and silver, diamond-adorned sword of General Ulysses S Grant is shown at the Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas, on 15 June, 2007. The sword that was presented to Grant by the citizens of Kentucky in 1864 is part of a Civil War era public auction on 24-25 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Eight US soldiers killed in Iraq violence

BAGHDAD, 23 June — Eight American servicemen were reported to have died in Iraq on Saturday, bringing the four-day death toll to at least 23 as insurgents continued to use huge roadside bombs to rip through combat vehicles.

The deadliest attack on Saturday killed four American soldiers in combat northwest of Baghdad. Insurgents detonated a roadside bomb near the soldiers’ vehicle. An Iraqi working as an interpreter for the Americans was wounded.

Though the military did not specify the location of the attack, American forces have been stepping up patrols and other operations in the area immediately northwest of here as part of new

offensives to try to bring some control to the insurgent-dominated belts around the capital.

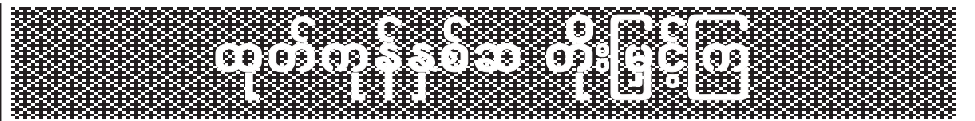
Another insurgent attack — a coordinated strike using rifles and at least one bomb — led to the deaths of two American soldiers in eastern Baghdad early on Saturday. The soldiers first were struck by the

explosion of a roadside bomb, then they were fired upon, the military said. Three other soldiers were wounded in the attack.

Another American soldier died from a “nonbattle-related cause” on Saturday. An American airman also was killed in Tikrit when a bomb exploded near his vehicle.—Internet



The submarines ‘Neptune’, foreground, and ‘Explorer’ take Disneyland guests on an undersea adventure in 11 June, 2007 file photo, in Anaheim, Calif. The Finding Nemo Submarine Voyage ride opened to the public on 11 June at Disneyland, and it proved so popular that voyagers waited in line up to five hours to cast off. — INTERNET



A rainbow arches over a hot air balloon during the opening of the Hot Air Balloon World Cup in Tsarskoe Selo outside St Petersburg on 21 June, 2007. Some 45 hot airships from 20 countries are to take part in the competition, the organizer said. — INTERNET

Democrats attack Cheney for secrecy, vow probe

WASHINGTON, 23 June — Vice-President Dick Cheney came under fresh Democratic criticism for secrecy on Friday as a top lawmaker vowed to investigate his handling of classified national security documents.

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid also rejected Cheney’s claim he was exempt from an executive order that sets government-wide procedures for safeguarding such information.

“There will be hearings held on this,” Reid said on Capitol Hill. “We have to hold up to the light what has been going on in this White House. ... The will of the

Congress has been ignored, the will of the American people has been ignored.”

The flap is the latest between Congress and Cheney, whom Democrats have accused of excessive secrecy on matters from drafting energy policy to privately funded travel.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino brushed off the newest complaints, saying, “The President and the vice President are complying with all the rules and regulations regarding the handling of classified material and making sure that it is safeguarded.”

MNA/Reuters

Morning sickness tied to lower breast cancer risk

NEW YORK, 22 June — If there’s any good news about morning sickness, this may be it. Women who experience nausea and vomiting during pregnancy may have a lower risk of breast cancer later in life, according to new research.

Dr Jo Freudenheim from the University at Buffalo in New York reported the finding this week in Boston,

at the annual meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research.

Freudenheim and her colleagues interviewed 1001 women with recently diagnosed breast cancer, ages 35 to 79, and 1917 “control” subjects matched to the case patients by age, race and county of residence.

Several pregnancy-

related factors — pregnancy-induced high blood pressure, preeclampsia, gestational diabetes, and weight gain — were evaluated, but had no significant effect on future incidence of breast cancer.

In contrast, pregnancy-associated nausea and vomiting was associated with about a 30 percent lower risk of breast cancer. Greater severity and longer duration of the symptoms reduced the risk even further.

Internet



View of what used to be the bottom of a glacial lake in the Magallanes region, 2000 km south of Santiago, Chile. Officials are trying to solve the mysterious disappearance of a large lake in southern Chile after recently discovering a 30-metre (98-foot) deep crater instead of the body of water. — INTERNET

57 die in rain, floods in India

HYDERABAD, 23 June — Three days of heavy rain and flash floods killed 57 people across several Indian states and forced more than 100,000 from their homes, officials said Saturday.

The southern state of Andhra Pradesh was the worst hit with 32 dead, down from the previous official toll of 41 as missing people thought to have perished were found.

More than 100,000 people had been evacuated to 95 relief camps, officials said.

Some people feared dead were “traced stuck in trees half-a-kilometre away and have since been rescued in boats,” the state’s chief minister Rajasekhar Reddy told a news conference in its capital, Hyderabad.

Incessant rains since Thursday night dumped almost 200 millimetres

(eight inches) on low-lying areas in three districts, causing rivers and streams to flood.

Most of the deaths took place in the southwestern district of Kurnool.

A disaster management official told *AFP* there was concern about the situation in Kurnool, where the Kundu River has

overflowed and marooned Nandyal, a town of approximately 150,000 people.

Rains had weakened but were expected to continue through Saturday.

State officials said the flooding had disrupted road, rail and air traffic, and caused power and telecom failures.—*Internet*



Indian villagers in a flood-affected area in Andhra Pradesh recently. Three days of heavy rain and flash floods had left 57 people dead and forced more than 100,000 from their homes in India’s southern Andhra Pradesh state. — INTERNET

Stranded Australian ship may be broken up

SYDNEY, 23 June — A 40,000-ton coal ship stranded on an Australian beach after fierce storms two weeks ago may be broken up for scrap rather than refloated, a newspaper report said on Saturday.

The head of a salvage team working on the ship told the *Daily Telegraph* that the cost of refloating the ship and fixing its damaged hull was so close to the vessel’s 41-million-

Australian-dollar (353-million-US-dollar) replacement price that it was not financially viable.

The ship, the *Pasha Bulker*, was swept on to a beach near the huge coal port of Newcastle north of Sydney on 8 June in a fierce storm. Though empty of cargo, the ship was carrying some 700 tons of fuel, raising concerns of environmental damage.

Those fears have abated

after the ship withstood subsequent storms, and calm weather returned to the area. Its crew were all rescued during the initial storm.

The salvage team leader said breaking up the ship would take more than six months. The ship’s 11,000 to 12,000 tons of steel, which would fetch several million dollars, could then be melted down and recycled, he said.

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Senior party official expects “Reuters” to depict China fairly

BEIJING, 23 June — Senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Li Changchun on Thursday called on *Reuters* to report China as it is.

“*Reuters* should be a bridge in helping the world obtain a better understanding of China and report China as it is,” Li said in a meeting with a *Reuters* delegation headed by *Reuters* chairman Niall FitzGerald.

Li, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, also hailed the good partnership between *Xinhua* news agency and *Reuters* over the past 50 years.

The meeting came after *Xinhua* and *Reuters* on Thursday afternoon held

celebrations in the Great Hall of the People to mark their five decades of cooperation.

Reuters was the first Western news agency to forge cooperation with *Xinhua*. In May 1957, the two news agencies signed a deal on news story exchange.

Li said exchanges and

cooperation among news organizations of different countries have become increasingly important as the world has entered an era of information and globalization.

FitzGerald hailed China’s rapid development in economic and social sectors.

MNA/Xinhua

Nicaragua police seize \$1m in drug cash on jet

MANAGUA, 23 June — Nicaraguan police have seized almost one million US dollars in suspected drug money stashed in cardboard boxes on a private jet travelling from Mexico, authorities said on Friday.

Police arrested the plane’s 34-year-old Mexican pilot, who they said had a history of drug trafficking, after it landed in the capital’s airport on Thursday night following a stopover in Guatemala.

Much of the cocaine travelling from South America to the United States passes through Central America, which is increasingly attracting the attention of Mexican drug cartels seeking to expand their power base and control over smuggling routes.

Nicaragua launched a crackdown on Mexico’s Sinaloa cartel in April, arresting 17 people and uncovering a secret landing strip.—*MNA/Reuters*

US airstrikes kill 17 gunmen in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 June — US attack helicopters killed 17 suspected al-Qaeda gunmen on the outskirts of the town of Khalis near Baquba in Iraq’s volatile Diyala Province early on Friday, the US military said.

The military said in an e-mail to *Reuters* that those killed had been moving around an Iraqi police patrol. US ground forces taking part in a large offensive in Diyala confirmed that the 17 killed were all armed.

It said there were no civilian casualties.

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A general view shows damaged houses after a mudslide hit Yunyang county, southwest China’s Chongqing municipality on 22 June, 2007. No casualties were reported, according to local media. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Business group criticizes French EU treaty move

BRUSSELS, 23 June — The European Union's top business lobby said on Friday an attempt by France to remove unfettered competition as a core EU objective from a new draft treaty could trigger worrying consequences.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy wants to remove a key reference to "free and undistorted" competition from a treaty to reform the EU that is being negotiated by EU leaders at a summit in Brussels.

"We are concerned that it is removed. It's an

important aspect of the internal market," said Jerome Chauvin, director of legal affairs at BusinessEurope.

"You can never know how it will be interpreted by the European Court of Justice. You can say it's symbolic but it may have an impact that we should not underestimate," Chauvin said. An EU presidency source said on Thursday evening that references to free markets would still

appear in a dozen other parts of the text.

Former Competition Commissioner, Mario Monti, said it could still pose problems even if free markets are mentioned elsewhere in the treaty.

"It's one thing to be mentioned in the technical part of the treaty but it's another thing to be mentioned in the list of the key objectives of what the union is," Monti said.

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A view of the Ferrari logo at the luxury and racing automaker's 60th anniversary celebrations at the headquarters Fiorano race track, in Maranello central Italy, on 23 June, 2007. — INTERNET



A man uses a car axle to pound sand into dust in an effort to extract precious metals from beach sand, in Senegal's capital Dakar, on 21 June, 2007. Labourers in Dakar earn the equivalent of a dollar or two a day by sifting through sand on a downtown beach and collecting gold and silver dust cast off as waste by jewelry makers, who then buy back the recycled precious metals. — INTERNET

Arroyo says investor confidence in Philippines at all-time high

MANILA, 23 June — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said on Thursday that investor confidence in the Philippines is "at an all-time high", citing great changes in the country over the past years.

The Philippines has become a competitive location for companies looking to establish or expand their operation in the Asia-Pacific Region, President Arroyo said at the 2nd Annual Philippine Investment Conference in

Cebu.

Citing the recent decision of several big companies to invest in the country, Arroyo said the Philippines has got "widespread international recognition" as one of the best values for money in Asia for investors.

"There has never been a better time to invest in the Philippines. The

world is taking notice," she said.

Arroyo attributed this good economic condition to important measures that her administration had been pushing.

She said the measures also sent an unmistakable signal that her government was serious about moving the economy forward.

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UAE lifts ban on Saudi poultry products

ABU DHABI, 23 June — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has lifted the ban on the import of chilled and frozen chicken and table eggs from neighbouring Saudi Arabia, *Emirates News Agency* reported on Thursday.

The decision to lift the ban on Saudi poultry products was made by the UAE Ministry of Environment and Water based on information from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the report said.

The OIE has earlier given Saudi Arabia a clean sheet as a result of safety measures taken by the Saudi Government to put bird flu under total control.

The UAE barred

the import of poultry products from Saudi Arabia six days after

Saudi Arabia confirmed its first outbreak of the H5N1 bird flu

virus among birds on 23 March.

MNA/Xinhua



Sydney's Opera House, seen here, the French wine capital Bordeaux and the South Korean volcanic island of Jeju will be among 45 sites in competition for a coveted spot on UNESCO's World Heritage list from Saturday.

INTERNET



A worker installs solar cells at the new soccer stadium Letzigrund in Zurich, on 21 June, 2007. The building site will be finished in August 2007. — INTERNET

Bangladeshi expats remittance rises 19%

DHAKA, 23 June — Bangladesh's expatriates have remitted 5.713 billion US dollars to the country during the first 11 and a half months of the current fiscal year ending this month, 19 per cent more than the same period of last fiscal.

Bangladeshi Bank (BB) officials was quoted by local newspaper the *Financial Express* as saying that the inward remittance growth has increased due to higher migration of the Bangladesh manpower to different countries.

Sources in the central bank said that the inward remittance has been gradually increasing over the last few months making the foreign exchange reserve of the country robust. — MNA/Xinhua

National duty to protect Intellectual Properties

Maung Maung Myint Thein (Mingin)

One out of four Myanmar's economic objectives is to establish successful market economy in the nation. In order to achieve this objective we do have obligations to lay down the legal framework to protect intellectual property rights such as:-

- (1) Copyrights
- (2) Patent rights
- (3) Trade marks
- (4) Industrial designs

In Myanmar, Intellectual Property Protection Laws are being drafted jointly by Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Science and Technology and Attorney General's Office. The 9th draft had already been drawn so far.

In daily newspapers and journals, you can find out articles on "Intellectual Properties" contributed by lawyers and journalists every now and then.

There are also educative and public awareness enhancing talks and discussions on Intellectual Property protection issues by numerous learned persons of high profiles and reputations. Even in post-graduate level University courses, Intellectual Property Protection subjects are included and taught thoroughly. So it is of high complacency and delightfulness to observe that Intellectual Property Awareness is highlighted and its importance is recognized by the general public. We should welcome the fact that public attach importance to the Intellectual Property issues.

In fact we have not yet promulgated new laws with regard to Intellectual Property Protection, such rights are quite well protected by currently valid laws which were promulgated quite a long time ago.

You can't make use of a song composed or sung by a vocalist without the prior permission of the owner of its composing rights. Similarly, you can't imitate the product design invented or innovated by someone. There are already laws to take action or to litigate such issues.

These laws prohibit you not to make use somebody's intellectual property without authorization or permission. Similarly, your inventions and intellectual properties are well protected by such laws not to be abused or embezzled by others.

Intellectual property protection laws which are currently valid and enforceable are listed below. These laws are directly relating to the above mentioned issues.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is just like somebody's private property such as gold, silver or jewelleries in possession. But IPR is not a tangible property such as gold, silver or jewelleries which could be touched and handled. It is an intangible property which nobody can touch, feel or handle like a physical property.

By effectively protecting (IPR) in a country, this will enhance the economic development of such a country very effectively. It will also foster more inventions and more songs will be com-

Types of Intellectual Properties	Substantive Law	Related Laws
Trade Marks	Nil	Penal Code (1860) - Commercial Trade Marks Act (1889). - Specific Relief Act (1877) - Sea Customs Act (1878) - Registration Act (1908)
Copyrights	1914-Myanmar Copyrights Act	- Specific Relief Act (1877) - Television and Video Law (1996) - Motion Picture Act (1996)
Patents	Nil	- Emergency Provisions on Patents and Designs Act (1946) - Specific Relief Act (1877) - Science and Technological Development Law (1994)
Industrial Design	Nil	- Emergency Provision on Patents and Designs Act 1946 - Specific Relief Act (1877) - Science and Technological Development Law (1994)

posed, more novels and poems will be written by talented people of such country. National prestige will be enhanced and standard of living of the people will be significantly elevated.

By enacting effective and enforceable IPR protecting laws, more and more foreign investors would come in and invest in many kinds of industries and businesses.

By protecting the IPRs of foreign investors with regard to their Trade Marks, inventions, technologies, industrial designs effectively, the country concerned would acquire more foreign direct investments, would obtain more hard currencies, new technologies; more jobs would be created and achieve very high profile and reputation in the international commercial arena.

The prominent issue recognized by international community is "Intellectual Property Rights Protection is the tool for economic growth of a State". People used to say that there is no such country on this earth which does not promulgate (IPR) protection laws. The only thing is to verify whether all the countries are complying and enforcing (IPR) protection laws in most effective manner. Some countries enforce IPR protection laws very strictly whereas some do not comply very strictly. This is the only difference.

(IPR) law is indispensable for a developed country. Intellectual property is created not of human being's creative thought and construction imagination. It depends on human mind's intelligent capacity creating thinking ability. Intellectual property is not easy to make or create as it is arising out of human mind's intensive creative thoughts.

The books, sculptures, paintings and ten kinds of traditional fine arts and inventions of every kind are the direct products of invaluable IPRs.

Efforts made by Classical literary authors, sculptors, painters had beautifully decorated this world with their creative products and their efforts are considered as invaluable treasures.

Similarly, the efforts and creations made by Science and Arts academics had contributed extremely to the entire mankind that it is difficult to express in words in respect of the value of their works and efforts. We are grateful to them enormously and profoundly. There were numerous inventors since that era of stone age, bronze age and iron age.

Because of the invention of "wheel" at the early period of history people can move things much more easily than pushing them. Due to the invention of "lever", lifting cranes were invented subsequently. We can write on papers because of the efforts made by inventors. Today, we are making use of high technologies due to successive inventions made by numerous inventions. Therefore it is quite obvious that "Patents" and "Copyrights" are extremely important.

To distinguish your quality products from others' similar products, you have to make use of your own duly registered trademarks. And you are in a position to produce your products in mass production. This is the most essential condition in today's international trading system. That is the reason why numerous international conventions with regard to IPRs are being ratified in almost every country in the world.

There are numerous cases of imitated production of original literary works, artistic creations, copyrights and invented materials on almost every part of the world and almost every day and it becomes an enormous problem gradually. So we ought to protect the IPRs of all kinds of IP products such as consumer goods, motion pictures

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(cinema), video cassettes, musical cassettes in all the developing nations all over the world so as to crack down black marketeers and their illegal imitations. Then only would we be able to enhance international trade volume, to enlarge the scope of foreign direct investment and to create and generate much more job opportunities for all citizens of our countries.

Myanmar's independence was regained on 4th January 1948 and became a member of United Nations Organization on 14th April 1948. UN was formed in 1945. Under the auspices of UN, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was formed in 1947. Myanmar entered into this agreement as a signatory on 29th June 1948.

To be in conformity with present global situations, many negotiations were conducted and finally reached an agreement on 15th of April 1994 during an international trade conference held in the city of "Marrakech" in Morocco in North Africa. World Trade Organization (WTO) was organized under the agreement reached during this international trade conference.

By the time when WTO agreement inaugurated its normal functions, on 1st January 1995, Myanmar is already a founder member country. WTO continued its functions relating to the international trade treaties adopted since the time of GATT activities. As a consequence of becoming a founder member country, Myanmar automatically adopted the main international treaty of "Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement". As it has sorted out best norms and principles with respect to IPRs since several years ago, it becomes a standard international agreement for international trade rules and IPRs.

Such agreements contain:-

- (a) Rome Convention (1961) in respect of entertainers, broadcasters and producers of all kinds of entertainments.
- (b) Paris Convention (1967) related to industrial designs.
- (c) Berne Convention (1971) related to IPRs of literature and artistic works.
- (d) IPIC Treaty (1980) related to electrical circuits. (The Treaty on IP in Respect of Integrated circuits).
- (e) GATT (1994) related to Trade and Tariffs.
- (f) WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (1994).

One significant feature of WTO is that, according to Article II,z of WTO agreement, all WTO member countries are bound to comply with "TRIPS". Any member country of WTO which has not yet entered into each and every agreement should also comply with all agreements under TRIPS stipulations and each country is under obligation to do so.

For example, although Myanmar has not yet entered into any agreements, she has obligation to comply all the agreements covered under TRIPS. Each agreement has its own specific stipulations and each country has every right to decide whether to enter a particular agreement or not. TRIPS had separated copyright, Trademarks, Patents etc for (7) different kinds of IPRS. It also

enacted rules for IPRs dispute settlement mechanism.

With regard to IPRs, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is playing a pivotal and crucial role. WIPO had arisen out of BIRPI formed in 1893. In 1970 only, it was modified to form United International Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Property.

WIPO issued guidelines to formulate international IPRs agreements. For developing countries and for different kinds of Intellectual Properties, WIPO drafted model IP laws to facilitate the process. That is why you can assume that WIPO had enumerated and developed IPRs principles most effectively.

In 1974, WIPO became a specialized agency of United Nations. Myanmar became the member country of WIPO on 15th May 2001. WIPO had already rendered a lot of assistance to Myanmar in drafting new laws relating to Intellectual Properties by sending WIPO legal experts to Myanmar and conducted numerous seminars and workshops on IPRs matters.

On 22nd December 1995, WTO and WIPO (both UN specialized agencies) agreed to establish WTO-WIPO Agreement 1995 with the intention to mutually cooperate in trade, legal and IPRs affairs more effectively. Therefore within WTO and WIPO member countries, TRIPS is recognized more as standard agreement for IPRS issues.

By virtue of the country's situations and limitations, TRIPS allowed each member country to comply with its rules in different manner as a kind of leniency.

Myanmar had the right to enjoy a normal grace period of one year since its entrance to WTO on 1st January 1995 plus another seventeen and a half years. So we have plenty of time to make necessary preparations to implement the provisions containing in TRIPS up till 1st July 2013.

ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) was formed in 1967 and Myanmar became the member country of ASEAN on 23rd July 1997. In ASEAN there are numerous agreements relating to trade, economy, tariffs and taxations, education, culture and it also has "ASEAN Framework Agreement on Intellectual Property Cooperation. All ASEAN member countries have obligations to comply with that alone mentioned agreement and also have duties to implement its stipulations prescribed accordingly. In this agreement also, TRIPS is regarded as standard guideline and model agreement. In order to cooperate in that field of intellectual property affairs, ASEAN has already formed "ASEAN Working Group of IP Cooperation- (ASGIPC) and Hanoi Plan of Action was adopted in 1998. Therefore Myanmar has to comply with IPRS issues in accordance with the stipulations containing in TRIPS being a member country of WTO, WIPO and ASEAN.

Patents protect the rights of technological and mechanical invention whereas Trade marks protect the rights of company logo and trade marks products designs rights are well protected by Industrial Designs property rights. Sometimes these were commonly know as "Industrial Property Rights" generally.

To enhance human culture and civilizations man has to invent and innovate new products and machines by using his creative thinking power. The rights of such inventors and innovators have to be protected by appropriate laws and such rights are basically and commonly known as Intellectual Property Rights.

It is very difficult to copy the ancient literature written on rocks, cemented walls. There include ancient musics, poems, novels etc. Such kind of copying methods consumed a lot of time and efforts. Those who had written such things were not meant for earning money but according to their hobbies, they did it. Some people had done it for expecting rewards to be made by their kings.

During the 15th century, printing press was invented and technology for printing was progressing and evolved and they can produce many copies at a time. So book publishing became beneficial and profit making business since that time. Since then there were some disputes arising between authors of books and publishers on account of sharing the dividends or profits produced by publishing business.

In order to protect the rights of authors "Copyright Law" was promulgated by legislators. Therefore copyright was not arising out customary rights or law but it has arisen out of statutes or enacted laws. Therefore Copyright is also known as statutory rights.

United Kingdom (England) is the first country in the world to enact the copyright law in the world to enact the copy right law in 1709 and enacted by Queen Ann. So it is known also as statute of Queen Ann in England. Copyrights laws were amended and substituted in 1814, 1942, 1911 and 1956. The Copyrights, Designs and Patents Act was promulgated in 1988. America, which was a former colony of England succeeded English legal system up to the present era. American had enacted the copyright law in 1790 and they had adopted the basic British legal principles and doctrines in their copyright law. New American Copyright Law was reenacted in 1891 the present American Copyright Law was enacted in 1976.

In Europe, Copyrights were taken initiatives by French people and the legal process started in 1791 and 1793. Current Myanmar Copyright Act was made effective since 24th February 1914 and originally it was Indian Act and that was enacted in 1914 as Indian Act number 3. According to the Union of Burma (Adaptation of Law) order 1948 it remains valid as Myanmar Law as Myanmar is a Sovereign state. The source of Myanmar Copyright law is "British Copy right law of 1911. That time, England was already a member country of "Berne Convention" which is officially called as "Berne Convention" for the protection of literary and artistic works, to protect literary works. The Treaty was put signature in the city of "Berne" in Switzerland. In 1908, the first amendment was made in Berlin. 1911 English Copyright law is officially connected with Myanmar. Myanmar has plenty of time to prepare up to 1st July 2013 and it is our national duty to enact the required laws in time.

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Discipline is necessary for the police force, an armed organization

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the Hluttaw representatives as well as forming the Hluttaw and the cabinet, he stressed.

In the constitution of a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation there will be the President, two Vice-Presidents and three Hluttaws, and also be Hluttaws, cabinet and chief ministers of seven regions and seven states. And there will be leading bodies of self-administered divisions and self-administered zones, he disclosed.

At that time, the primary task of the Tatmadaw is to discharge defence duties of the State. General administrative bodies and Myanmar Police Force are responsible for stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order.

He quoted the Head of State as saying that general administrative bodies and MPF must be good. The above-mentioned bodies must possess capabilities, good spirit and good morals. Administrative work and police procedures can be done without any difficulty due to work efficiency and capabilities. Good morals mean — morale that has no wish to carry out unfair or bullying cases or morale that is to be accomplished the duty assigned, patriotic spirit or Union Spirit, he said.

Moreover, possession of good morals is a basic requirement. Without good morals, one can neither

He said community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order are related to each other. If there is prevalence of law and order, there will be community peace and tranquillity and vice versa.

He spoke of the need for police officers to understand prescribed laws, orders and directives themselves first and to strictly follow these laws, orders and directives.

Administrative bodies and police forces need to direct the public to follow the State-issued decrees,

need both material evidence and living evidence and the cases brought to the court must be fair and just. The police forces are to be free from irregularities, corruption, bribery and nepotism. Some might have committed crimes without deliberate intention and they might have done so just for defending themselves and against their property. That is why, a lawsuit should be filed in a case only after analyzing the case objectively.

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directives and laws. Besides they themselves must respect such decrees and laws.

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committed crimes only after thorough investigation of the cases without any discriminations. There are still complaints about the bribery committed in the legal cases and appeals coming from the suspects due to some unfair and unjust punishments. As it is concerned with morality, individuals as well as organizations are to try to be morally good. So, administrators at township, district and state/division levels are to get their subordinates to cultivate such a kind of good conduct.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 said for ensuring the peace and stability of the State and rule of law, each and every member of administrative bodies and police forces must have good qualifications, work efficiency and good training. In addition, they need to be trained to be morally good, to follow their personnel code of conduct and to be members on whom the State and the people can rely.

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lead one's organization nor supervise one's village, ward, township or district, he said.

He said especially, discipline is necessary for the police force, an armed organization. The armed organization without discipline is very dangerous for the people as it may earn its living by using arms or bullying the people. Therefore, discipline is essential for the armed organization and it is of great importance for the police force. Myanmar Police Force Management Reform Committee was formed on 28 January 1994 under the notification No 14/94 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

Five sub-committees, namely, judicial affairs sub-committee, legal affairs sub-committee, construction sub-committee, management sub-committee and training sub-committee were formed under the committee on 15 March 1994.

He said the sub-committees carried out their tasks in the respective sectors in order to improve the police force both in form and in essence. He said the police force is being upgraded qualitatively under the 30-year concrete plan and revising of curriculum and syllabus and supplying vehicles and other related equipment.

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USDA S-G presents cash and kind for schoolchildren in Pyu Township



YANGON, 24 June — A ceremony to present cash and kind for the schoolchildren was held at the Shwe Myitta hall of Basic Education High School (branch), Kanyutkwin in Pyu Township, Bago Division yesterday, with an address by Secretary-General U Htay Oo of Union Solidarity and Development Association.

In his speech, the Secretary-General said that human resource development is a fundamental factor in the nation-building endeavors. So, the government is implementing national education promotion programmes across the country for the development of human resources in cooperation with members of social organizations including USDA, local people and aid donors. There are 56 basic education primary schools in 20 village-tracts in Kanyutkwin region. Next, he urged members of social organizations, local people and wellwishers to

beef up the activities for promotion of education in the nation in collaboration with the members of committee for promotion of education.

Next, the Secretary-General presented school uniforms, stationery and cash to the teachers and students. He also presented 25 sets of prescribed texts for middle and high school students to Pyu Township education officer Daw Myint Myint Than.

Afterwards, officials of Township PDC, USDA executives and well-wishers presented cash and kind to the students.

After, the Secretary-General inspected construction of new school building at the compound of the school and attended to the needs.

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Tatmadaw, departmental vehicles checked on dry day

YANGON, 24 June — Dry Day Supervisory Committee Chairman Brig-Gen Myint Soe and party accompanied by departmental officials supervised the inspection teams which were checking Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles at the main points of Yangon this morning and evening.

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Minister visits Brick Factory (Mingon)

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited Brick Factory Project of Myanmar Ceramics Industries near Mingon Village-tract in Pinyin Township this morning.

Managing Director U Soe Yee of MCI reported on site for construction of buildings at the factory and functions

of machines.

The minister inspected production process of the factory. He viewed land preparations for construction of the workshops.

Brick Factory (Mingon) has so far manufactured 13 million pieces of brick from 7 July 2006 to April of 2007 and distributed over 10 million of bricks to project sites of Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo donates school uniforms and stationery through Township Education officer Daw Myint Myint Than in Kanyutkwin. — A & I

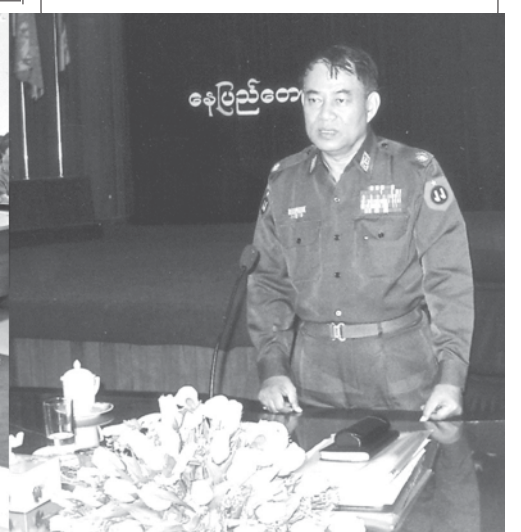
Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addresses work coordination meeting of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. — L & F



Ministry of Electric Power No 2 hosts dinner to representatives of HAPUA-XXIII and sixth coordination meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June — The Ministry of Electric Power No 2 hosted dinner to representatives who attended the HAPUA-XXIII and sixth coordination meetings at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall on 22 June.

After the dinner, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presented gifts to the representatives. — MNA



Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June — The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held its coordination meeting at the hall of the ministry, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

Director-General U Myint Swe of Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries, Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Director-General U Khin Maung Aye of Fisheries Department, Director-General U Myint Shwe of Beekeeping Department, Managing Director Dr Than Shwe of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise and Dr Myint Thein of University of Veterinary Science reported on their respective sectors.

Next, certificates of honour and gifts were presented to retired heads of department. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

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27 killed, 11 wounded in insurgent shooting spree

Terrorist insurgents attack passenger buses in Kayin and Kayah States

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June — A monk was among the 10 innocent passengers killed in insurgent attack in Kayin State on 21 June morning.

When the passenger bus with plate No 5/Kha 9123 arrived at Alebote, terrorist insurgents attacked the car by blowing up a bomb and shooting randomly at it. Three passengers were also wounded in the shooting spree that killed 10 others while the bus was on its way to Thingannyinaung from Kawkareik at about 8.45 am.

In Kayah State also, terrorist insurgents brutally killed 17 passengers in another shooting spree that occurred at 6 pm on 22 June. Eight other passengers were also wounded in the insurgent attack on passenger bus bearing number plate 3Kha/5054 that was travelling from Mawchi to Loikaw.

The wounded were rushed to Myawady Township People's Hospital and Loikaw Township People's Hospital. Officials are also providing all necessary assistance to them. Tatmadaw columns of the respective regions are in hot pursuit of the terrorist insurgents.

Terrorist insurgents are trying to undermine national stability, community peace and the rule of law just for their survival and are bullying and killing innocent people. — MNA

Fry shrimp, fingerlings released into dam

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June — A ceremony to release fresh water fry shrimp and fingerlings into No 29 dam of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at the dam, here, yesterday morning.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, departmental heads and officials freed 12,000 fry shrimps and 100,000 fingerlings into the dam. The plan is under way to hold similar ceremonies at the dams of the respective ministries, here.

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Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R) shakes hands with Sheika Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, president of the 61st session of the United Nations General Assembly, in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Cambodia, Vietnam commemorate 40-year anniversary of dip ties

PHNOM PENH, 24 June — Cambodia and Vietnam celebrated the 40-year anniversary of diplomatic relations at a ceremony here on Saturday, while both countries determined to have more cooperation and help each other for development, a joint statement said.

Cambodia and Vietnam determined to cooperate to work harder than before and maintain their relationship as good forever because they are neighbours which used to help each other, the statement said.

It added that the diplomatic relations have

made the two countries help each other in liberating from new and old colonies and made they have independence, national unity, peace and development subsequently.

The ceremony was attended by about 50 senior governmental

officials from both countries, including Cambodian Senior Minister Men Sam On.

The Kingdom of Cambodia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam established diplomatic relations on June 24, 1967.

MNA/Xinhua

Blair's top lawyer to step down

LONDON, 24 June — The top British Government lawyer who gave Prime Minister Tony Blair the green light for the war in Iraq is to step down after six years, his office said on Saturday.

Attorney General Peter Goldsmith faced a political storm over allegations he changed his mind on the legality of the US-led invasion after intense government pressure.

He also faced controversy over a police investigation into whether political parties awarded state honours in return for loans and the scrapping last year of an inquiry into a weapons deal with Saudi Arabia.

The 57-year-old father of four, who left a

career as a barrister to join the government, will step down next week at the same time as Blair, who hands over to his Chancellor Gordon Brown after 10 years.

In an exchange of letters with the Prime Minister, Goldsmith said he was "honoured and proud" to have served for six years.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesian girl suffers bird flu

JAKARTA, 24 June — A four-year-old girl from Indonesia's Riau Province has been tested positive of bird flu but her condition is improving because of quick medical response, doctors said Saturday.

Vivi was admitted to the Arifin Achmad Hospital in the provincial capital of Pekanbaru several days ago with high fever. Her family suspected she was

developing bird flu symptoms as she had had contact with a dead chicken.

"She is still being treated at the bird flu care unit. Her condition is improving because she got immediate treatment and took the tamiflu," the hospital's bird flu team head, Dr Azizman Saad, was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

Cyprus braces for heatwave

NICOSIA, 24 June — A sweltering heatwave is to hit Cyprus as temperatures are expected to hit 40 degrees Celsius from Sunday in the capital Nicosia.

Weather experts say the high temperatures are due to a hot air mass affecting the east Mediterranean.

Doctors warn citizens to take plenty of fluids, wear light clothing and avoid strenuous exercise during the day.

Hot weather has also coincided with one of the driest winters on record putting the island's water resources in short supply. The dams are at a dangerously low ebb, less

than 25 per cent capacity, the latest *Cyprus Weekly* reported.

Furthermore, the Forestry Department warns that the hot weather makes the island more vulnerable to fires and urges the public to exercise extreme care when in the countryside.

MNA/Xinhua

Writing on wall does not mean gloom for US in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 24 June — The US military has a host of sophisticated equipment in Iraq but also uses a low-tech method to get a feel for public opinion in the war zone.

"One of the things we do as part of our foot patrols among the population centres is monitoring graffiti to gauge public sentiments," Army Lieutenant-General Ray Odierno told Pentagon reporters by videolink from Iraq on Friday.

Odierno, the top US commander in Iraq for day-to-day operations, said two pieces of graffiti in Baghdad's volatile Rasheed District suggested support for a security crackdown by the US military and an end to sectarian strife.

MNA/Reuters

Around 12 survive in Kyrgyz plane crash

MOSCOW, 24 June — Around 12 people aboard a *Yak-40* plane survived after the aircraft crashed in Central Asia's Kyrgyzstan, Russian news agencies reported on Saturday.

The plane crashed in northern Kyrgyzstan's Naryn Region early Saturday and was carrying senior Kyrgyz officials of civil aviation for an inspection flight in the country.

"The plane was damaged, but nobody was harmed in the accident," Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Alisher Tashmatov was quoted as saying.

ITAR-TASS and Interfax news agencies reported earlier that the crashed aircraft was an *Mi-8* helicopter and the accident has killed eight people on board.

MNA/Xinhua

Helicopter crash in Russia kills pilot

MOSCOW, 24 June — A helicopter crashed near Leningrad Region of north Russia on Saturday, killing one pilot, Russian news agencies reported.

The Baltic Airlines Eurocopter AS-355 fell into the Gulf of Finland near Vyborg District of Leningrad Region at 7.51 pm Moscow Time (1451 GMT) on Saturday.

One pilot died. Another pilot and three passengers were rescued alive, the Federal Air Transport Agency was quoted by ITAR-TASS as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

British soldier killed in bomb attack in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 June — The British military said Saturday that one of its soldiers died of wounds incurred from a roadside bomb attack in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

The soldier from the 4th Battalion, the Rifles, was seriously injured in the attack in the Saraji area in southeastern Basra on Friday morning, the military said in a statement.

The soldier was then transported to the military medical facility at the

airport for treatment but later died of his injuries, it added.

It also said that British positions came under "indirect fire attacks" several times over the past 24 hours, but suffered no casualties.

The term "indirect fire attack" usually refers to rocket or mortar attacks in the US and British military statements.

At least 153 British soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

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British soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) patrol the streets of Kabul, on May 2007. ISAF forces in Afghanistan said on 23 June, 2007, they had killed around 80 insurgents in the past 24 hours, most of them in a strike on rebels preparing an attack near the Pakistan border. — INTERNET

Arab League hails China's role on Darfur issue

CAIRO, 23 June — The Cairo-based Arab League (AL) on Thursday hailed the Chinese Government's efforts to maintain the world's peace and stability, especially its role over the issue of the western Sudanese region of Darfur.

During his talks with visiting China's special representative for Darfur Liu Guijin, AL Assistant Secretary-General Ahmed Ben Hali expressed the AL's appreciation of the Chinese efforts to push for a comprehensive solution to the Darfur issue.

Hali welcomed the latest positive development after a joint statement was issued on 12 June in Addis Ababa of Ethiopia by the African Union (AU), UN and Sudan on the deployment of a hybrid AU-UN peacekeeping force of between 17,000 to 19,000 troops in Darfur.

Hali noted that the international community should encourage the Sudanese Government for its positive attitude in solving the Darfur issue,

establish mutual trust and push for the political process and solution as well as the comprehensive implementation of the deployment of the hybrid force. The deployment is the final part of a three-phase support plan, also known as the Annan plan, since it was drawn up by former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan, with a view of ending armed conflicts in Darfur.

The Sudanese Government has been accused by the United States of delaying the deployment of the hybrid force. But Khartoum strongly requested that the joint force be predominantly African.

Hali stressed that sanction or pressure was no good to the solution of the Darfur issue, adding that the AL exerted unremitting efforts to seek a final solution to the issue and would like to strengthen coordination and communication with the Chinese side.

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A promoter demonstrates an MP3 keypad built into a swimsuit during a photo call at the Solution and Contents Exhibition of Korea in Seoul on 20 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Indonesia mulls joint arms industry with India

JAKARTA, 23 June — Indonesia is considering the establishment of joint ventures with India to produce military equipment after defence officials of the two countries met here last week, local Press said Friday.

Indonesia also is seeking ways to procure tanks, ships and heavy ammunition from India and studying the possibility of using India's maintenance services for war planes it bought from Russia, reported English daily *The Jakarta Post*.

Indian military and

defence officials have reviewed Indonesia's defence companies, including PT LEN, PT PAL, PT Pindad and PT Dirgantara, to determine what types of military products the two countries can produce together, the newspaper quoted a government spokesman as saying.

Defence officials from the two countries gathered here last week in the first-ever Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting.

"During the joint committee meeting, we talked about how we can cooperate in the military and defence sector, as well as what kind of products and services India can provide for the Indonesian Army, Navy and Air Force," said Defence Ministry spokesman Brigadier-General Edy Butar Butar.

MNA/Xinhua

EU confirms trade talks have collapsed

BRUSSELS, 23 June — Talks between four trade powers to save the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Doha Round of free trade negotiations have collapsed, a European Union official said, confirming a comment from an Indian official.

"Talks have finished

without an agreement," the EU official said, adding officials were due to give media briefings.

The top negotiators of the United States, the European Union, India

and Brazil had hoped to narrow differences at a meeting in Germany in order to pave the way for a long-delayed WTO deal that risks running out of time.

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South Africa launches nuclear organization

JOHANNESBURG, 23 June — An association to support the development of South Africa's nuclear industry was founded in Pretoria on Thursday.

Rob Adam, chairman of the Nuclear Industry Association of South Africa (NIASA), said:

"Due to the nuclear renaissance in South Africa and the world, it has become important to create an umbrella body to interact with government and other key stakeholders on behalf of the nuclear industry."

He said NIASA would

aim to form common perspectives on issues affecting the industry, create coherence in the industry, be a soundboard for government for new ideas and commission research on nuclear energy.

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In this photo released by Universal Studios Hollywood, ten-time US Olympic swimming medallist Gary Hall Jr, last row far right, joins kids from Citywide Aquatics, a division of the Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, on 'Jurassic Park-The Ride' on 21 June, 2007, at Universal Studios Hollywood, in Universal City, Calif.—INTERNET



The USAF Airborne Laser aircraft sits on the tarmac at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington on 21 June, 2007. The modified 747 aircraft uses a high-energy Chemical Oxygen Iodine Laser to generate an energy beam from the aircraft's nose to intercept and destroy a hostile ballistic missile during the boost phase of its trajectory. —XINHUA

Teenager charged with Croydon girl's murder

LONDON, 23 June — A teenager was appearing in court on Thursday, charged with the murder of 18-year-old student Sian Simpson who was stabbed to death in a south London street.

Unemployed Chelsea Bennett, 18, from Croydon, was arrested at the scene of the stabbing on Tuesday.

Simpson died from a wound to the heart after a

disturbance in Mann Close, Croydon, police said. Her father, Joseph Simpson, 41, paid tribute to his daughter during a visit to the scene of her death.

"Sian was a good kid: she was bubbly, bright and she was beautiful," he told the *Daily Mail*. "I have never cried so much in my life. It is so shocking"

Her aunt, Cheryl Simpson, 43, said she was

a happy, outgoing teenager who hoped to become an accountant.

Police said the stabbing was not thought to be gang-related.

"Obviously, our thoughts are very much with the family at this most difficult time," said Detective Chief Inspector Nick Scola, of Scotland Yard's Homicide and Serious Crime Command.

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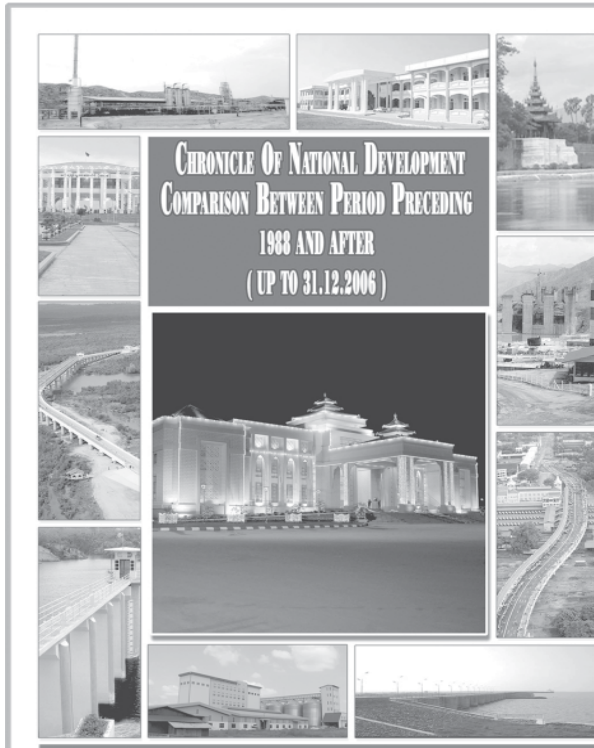
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UN says civilians still being brutalized in war zones

UNITED NATIONS, 23 June—Despite campaigns to protect civilians in war zones, progress is gradual and failure too obvious in many places in the world, the UN emergency relief coordinator said on Friday.

John Holmes told the UN Security Council that in many areas, such as Sudan's Darfur Region, Somalia or Afghanistan, 18 children died as a result of attacks by insurgent and multinational forces.

In Iraq, the United Nations estimates 94 civilians died violently every day through 2006. In the first three months of 2007, 700 civilians were killed and more than 1,200 injured. This week, the bombing of a mosque in Baghdad resulted in the death and injury of over 200 civilians, Holmes said.

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help protect civilians. But the statistics were still horrific, Holmes said. In Somalia, fierce fighting in Mogadishu involving heavy weapons between March and early May resulted in the killing of over 400 civilians and the wounding of 700 more, including women, children and the aged. In Afghanistan, 18 children died as a result of attacks by insurgent and multinational forces.

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Haniyeh calls for talks with Abbas' Fatah faction

GAZA, 23 June— Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, Prime Minister of the Palestinian Government dismissed by President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah, called for renewed talks on Saturday between the factions, Haniyeh's office said. Abbas has ruled out any dialogue with Hamas Islamists, whom he accused of trying to assassinate him and of launching a coup in the Gaza Strip.

Hamas has denied Abbas's allegations and accused him of participating in a US-led plot against its democratically-elected government. "The way out of the current situation is launching a Palestinian dialogue without preconditions," Haniyeh told the Yemeni President by phone.

Haniyeh said these talks should be held "on the basis of no loser and no winner, and on the basis of no harm to anyone, and on the basis of a national unity government", according to Haniyeh's office. The United States and Israel wants to isolate Hamas economically, diplomatically and militarily in the Gaza Strip, where the Islamist group seized control just over a week ago.—MNA/Reuters

AL chief urges Lebanese leaders to revive national dialogue

BEIRUT, 23 June — Visiting Arab League (AL) Secretary General Amr Moussa on Friday urged the Lebanese political leaders to revive the national dialogue and to form a national unity government. Moussa made the remarks during a Press conference at the end of his four-day mediation tour in Lebanon in the hope of resolving the political standoff in the country. Moussa said the AL delegation has failed to broker an agreement between the anti-Syrian bloc and the pro-Syrian opposition and bring them back to the negotiation table. —MNA/Xinhua

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Drug from sea squirt treats rare sarcoma

NEW YORK, 22 June — A drug derived from the sea squirt showed anti-tumor activity in more than half of 51 patients with a type of cancer called advanced pretreated myxoid liposarcomas.

This soft-tissue tumor is a subtype of the liposarcoma group of cancers associated with specific chromosomal mutations.

A team of international researchers reviewed data on patients who received the drug trabectedin (ecteinascidin-743) as part of a compassionate-use programme.

They found that tumors disappeared completely in

two of the patients who received the drug, while the longest diameter of tumors shrank by at least 30 percent in 24 other patients.

Previous studies of the drug showed response rates not higher than 20 percent.

Of the 26 patients who showed a response, 23 underwent radiological review of their tumors. Of those 23, 17 showed reduced tumor density prior to tumor shrinkage or disappearance, the study said.

At six months, the progression-free survival rate was 88 percent, and

median progression-free survival was 14 months.

The study is published in the July issue of *The Lancet Oncology* journal.

“If the results of this analysis are reproduced in ongoing prospective studies, myxoid sarcoma would represent a uniquely sensitive subgroup to trabectedin treatment in the heterogeneous family of soft-tissue sarcoma,” the study authors wrote.

Internet



Activists of German environmental protection organization BUND stage a carbon dioxide licences auction in front of Reichstag's building, seat of the German Lower House of Parliament Bundestag, in Berlin on 21 June, 2007. The parliament will decide on carbon dioxide licences the next day. The text on placards reads: 'CO2-Auction and CO2-Licence (R)'. — INTERNET

Hirst most expensive living artist in record week

LONDON, 23 June — Britain's Damien Hirst has been crowned the world's most expensive living artist at auction, lifting a title held for 18 years by America's Jasper Johns.

It was the high point of a frenetic week of London art auctions that saw records tumbling like ninepins and which is likely to get close to one billion US dollars when it ends later on Friday.

Hirst took the title on Thursday when Sotheby's sold his "Lullaby Spring" pill cabinet for 9.6 million pounds (19.1 million US dollars). Johns' "False Start" had held the record since 1989 when it sold for 17.1 million US dollars.

The Hirst sale was just 24 hours after Lucian Freud's portrait of "Bruce Bernard" sold at

Christie's for 7.9 million pounds briefly making him the most expensive living European artist.

"This was the highest totalling week of sales London has ever seen — confirming beyond all doubt London's rapid ascent as a central hub in the art market," said Robin Woodhead, chief executive of Sotheby's International.

"Bidding across the sales was truly global. New buyers locked horns with long-time collectors in a bid to secure top masterpieces," he added.

Christie's, which kicked off the week on Monday with the highest auction total ever in Europe at 121 million pounds, said its auctions set records for 23 artists including Joan Miro and Freud — whose portrait price remains a personal record.

Arch rival Sotheby's, which claimed the most expensive work during the week when Francis Bacon's "Self Portrait, 1978" sold for 21.6 million pounds, also set a series of records for artists including Henri Matisse, Tracey Emin and Frank Auerbach.

MNA/Reuters



A work by artist Damien Hirst (R), famed for preserving a shark (L) in formaldehyde, on 21 June, 2007 became the most expensive by a living artist ever sold at auction, the auctioneers said. — INTERNET

Int'l "IT" fair opens in northeast China

DALIAN, 23 June — The Fifth China International Software and Information Service Fair opened on Thursday in Dalian, a port city in northeast China's Liaoning Province.

More than 700 IT businesses, including Lenovo, Intel, Siemens and Toshiba, from home and abroad are demonstrating consumer electronics, integrated circuits, IT outsourcing and consultancy, digital entertainment and other services and products at the fair, which covers 30,000 square metres.

Major events during the four-day fair will include forums on innovation in the software industry, IT personnel training, outsourcing of China's software and information services, and an IT job fair, organizers said.

Intel Corp which announced in March plans to build a 2.5-billion-dollar chip factory in Dalian, is to hold themed seminars to promote its software.

Infosys, the world's second largest software exporter, will be represented at the fair for the first time.

MNA/Xinhua

Somali gunmen release hijacked Indian dhow

NAIROBI, 23 June — Somali pirates released an Indian merchant ship after holding it for a month, but four other vessels were still being held, a maritime official said on Friday.

Military forces were

concentrating around the hijackers' stronghold on the coast north of Mogadishu, which could put captured crew members in danger, East African Seafarers Assistance Programme

Director Andrew Mwan-gura said.

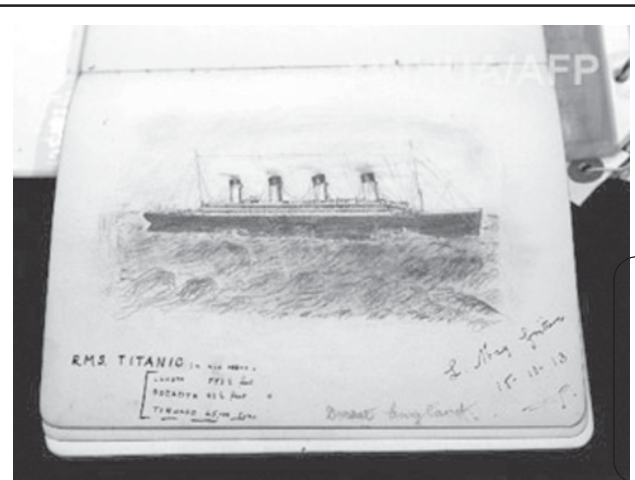
The *Al Haqeeq*, a dhow with 14 Indian crew members and a cargo of 800 tons seized close to Mogadishu on 24 May, was free and its crew safe in a southern Somali port.

"The dhow was released about three days ago, it is currently offloading its cargo in Kismayu Port," Mwan-gura told Reuters.

Pirates have made Somali waters some of the most dangerous in the world and another four ships were still being held off Somalia's coastline, Africa's longest and least policed.

The other captured vessels — a fishing boat from Taiwan, two from Tanzania and a Danish cargo ship — were seized at various times.

MNA/Reuters



A drawing of the Titanic from an original handwritten account of the disaster by Laura Marie Cribb is shown at a Press preview at Christie's in New York, on 22 June, 2007. Eighteen lots relating to the ill-fated ship RMS Titanic are to be offered at a Christie's sale on 28 June. — XINHUA

SPORTS



A man walks past graffiti promoting the Copa America soccer tournament in Caracas on 23 June, 2007. Caracas is one of nine venues for matches that will be played during the Copa America soccer tournament in Venezuela, starting on 26 June.—INTERNET

Henin, Mauresmo reach Eastbourne final

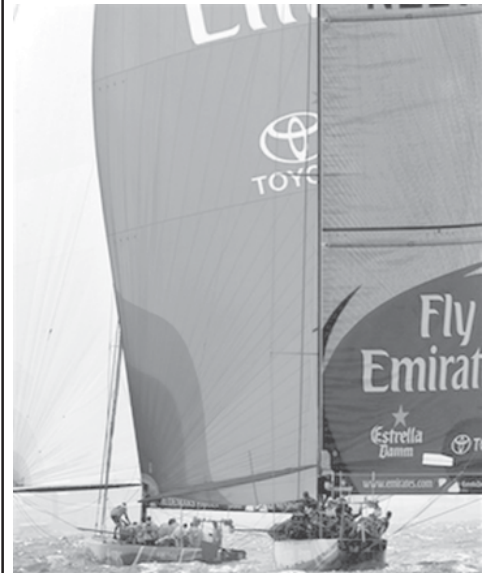
EASTBOURNE (England), 23 June — World number one Justine Henin reached the final of the Eastbourne International grass-court tournament with a swift 6-1, 6-3 win over Marion Bartoli on Friday. In Saturday's final, the Belgian will play world number four Amelie Mauresmo, last year's Wimbledon champion, who went through when her Russian semifinal opponent Nadia Petrova pulled out with injury after losing the first set 4-6.

Henin, Eastbourne defending champion and a favourite for Wimbledon which starts on Monday,

was on Devonshire Park's Centre Court for barely an hour and made the victory look easy.

"It is perfect preparation for me," smiled Henin, who has won every Grand Slam title except Wimbledon, losing to Mauresmo in last year's final.

"My serve has been good in the last few days -- I hope it is going to be a weapon for me in the next two weeks." Frenchwoman Bartoli, the eighth seed, has an unorthodox but impressive serve which she used to great effect in thrashing fourth seed Elena Dementieva on Thursday.—MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Alinghi, left, leads Emirates Team New Zealand down wind during the first race of the 32nd America's Cup off the coast of Valencia, Spain, on 23 June, 2007. Swiss Defender Alinghi leads 1-0 in the best of nine series of races.—INTERNET

Italian FA clear Inter in spying case

ROME, 23 June — Inter Milan have been cleared of allegations they spied on players and a referee and the file on the case has been closed, the disciplinary committee of the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) announced on Friday. Former Inter strikers Christian Vieri and Ronaldo were among those allegedly spied on by the club, as well as former Italian referee Massimo De Santis, who was found guilty of attempting to influence the results of games in last year's Serie A match-fixing scandal.

The FIGC's decision to close the case did not spell the end of the controversy, however. Vieri is currently pursuing a separate civil action against his former club and Telecom Italia for a total of 21 million euros in damages.—MNA/Reuters

Tursunov follows Gasquet out of Nottingham

NOTTINGHAM (England), 23 June — Ivo Karlovic beat Russia's Dmitry Tursunov 7-5, 6-4 indoors in the Nottingham Open semifinal as the second seed followed champion Richard Gasquet out of the tournament on Friday.

Organizers of the grasscourt event moved the day's matches inside because of the bad weather, which prevented all but one of Thursday's quarterfinals from being completed. It was Tursunov's second appearance of the day after finishing the final set of his quarterfinal win over Spain's Guillermo Garcia Lopez and the Russian was on the back foot from the start against the Croat's huge serve.—MNA/Reuters



DC United midfielder Rod Dyachenko, of Russia, right, gets to the ball first against Real Salt Lake forward Atiba Harris, of St Kitts, during the first half of an MLS soccer game on 23 June, 2007, in Salt Lake City.—INTERNET



Ricky Hatton of England celebrates his fourth round knockout victory over Jose Luis Castillo of Mexico in a junior welterweight boxing fight at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 23 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Hanson defies weather to lead in Munich

MUNICH, 23 June — Swede Peter Hanson shrugged off a stroke of bad luck before a suspension for lightning to establish a two-shot early lead in the BMW International Open second round on Friday. Hanson blamed a sudden change in the wind for dumping his ball in the hazard on the sixth, his 15th, as a storm blew up in early afternoon.

After returning to the course following a two-hour weather suspension, however, Hanson took his punishment with a penalty-drop and bogey, then hit back with two closing birdies for a round of six-under 66. That took him to 134, 10-under, two strokes ahead of Britain's Nick Dougherty and three in front of South African David Frost and Frenchman Christian Cevaer.—MNA/Reuters

Arsenal confirm Henry transfer

LONDON, 23 June — Arsenal announced on Saturday that they have reached an agreement with Barcelona for the transfer of striker Thierry Henry.

"Arsenal Football Club can confirm that it has reached an agreement with Barcelona for the transfer of Thierry Henry. The deal is subject to a medical and the completion of formalities," the club said on its Web site www.arsenal.com.

The 29-year-old French, who scored a club record 226 goals in 364 games for Arsenal, is expected to agree terms on a four-year deal for an estimated 16 million pounds.

"I still must pass a medical on Monday but yes, I have chosen Barcelona," he told Saturday's French sports daily L'Equipe.

Earlier, Barcelona revealed that they were close to bringing Henry to the Nou Camp, with vice-president Ferran Soriano telling Spanish sports newspaper Marca that it was "the wish of all parties".

He also insisted that Barcelona waited for the green light from Arsenal before making a move for the France international. "This is solely my decision, no one has forced me to do anything and I will represent myself in this transaction. I feel it is something I just had to do," Henry said in an open letter carried on Britain's Sun newspaper.

He referred to the shock departure of Gunners vice-chairman David Dein and manager Arsene Wenger's decision not to extend contract as the main reasons for his leave. "Arsene has been part of my life for as long as I can remember," he wrote.—Internet



Thierry Henry

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Tired Dougherty, Casey follow up on US Open success

MUNICH, 23 June — Britons Nick Dougherty and Paul Casey overcame jet-lag on Friday to put themselves in the running for the BMW International Open title.

Following his seventh-place finish in the US Open last weekend in Oakmont, Dougherty practised 30-footers during a two-hour delay for lightning in early afternoon.—MNA/Reuters

Militants killed, 20 detained in central Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 June—The US-led coalition forces killed some militants and captured 20 others early Saturday in Ghazni Province of central Afghanistan, a coalition statement said.

The joint forces carried out operations against three compounds in Giro District, which credible intelligence said was a shelter of al-Qaeda militants, the

statement said. "Al-Qaeda fighters fired rocket propelled grenades and machine guns at coalition forces as they approached one of the compounds," it said, adding "The forces returned fire, killing the assailants".

The forces also captured 20 suspected militants, according to the statement.

A RPK machine gun with 250 rounds of ammunition, an AK-47 machine gun with four full magazines, and two fragmentation grenades were recovered from the compounds, it added.

About 13,000 coalition forces are being deployed

in Afghanistan to hunt down militants and keep security.

Due to rising Taleban-linked insurgency, over 2,300 persons, most of whom were Taleban militants, have been killed in Afghanistan this year.

MNA/Xinhua

40 insurgent suspects detained in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 24 June — A combined military and police force conducted searches in Thailand's southern province of Narathiwat on Saturday and detained 40 local residents suspected of involvement in the southern unrest for questioning.

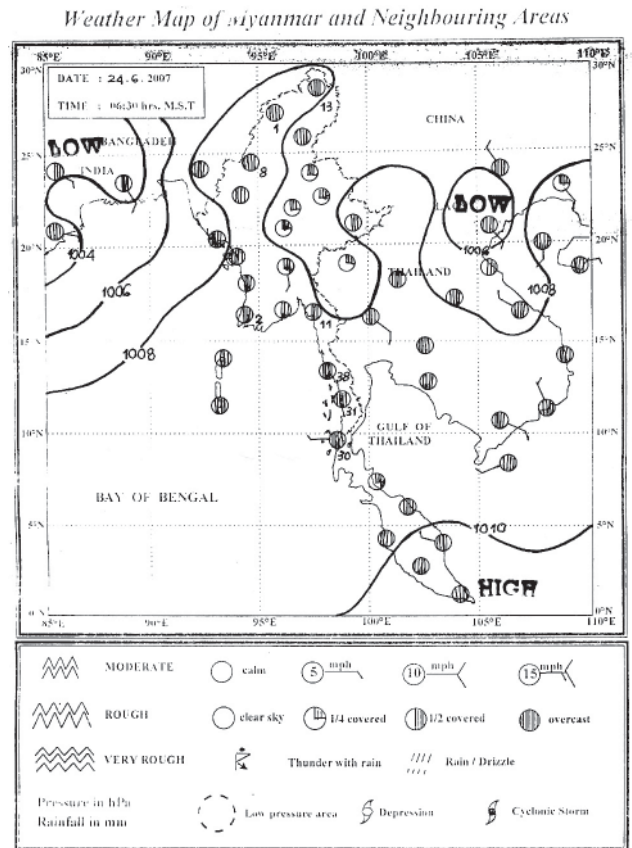
The 400-man strong force raided 30 locations in Sungai Padi District Saturday morning, the state-run Thai News Agency reported. During the raid, mobile phone signals were cut off in Sungai Padi and five other districts nearby.

Police detained 40 men and women for questioning at a military camp in nearby Pattani Province.

Thailand's three southernmost provinces —

Yala, Narathiwat and Pattani have been troubled with insurgency-related violence which has claimed more than 2,300 lives since it resumed in early 2004.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 24 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Mon States, Ayeyawady Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (1.50) inches, Myeik (1.22) inches, Kawthoung (1.18) inches, Mawlaik (1.10) inches, Pyapon (1.06) inches and Haka (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-6-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 24-6-2007 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-6-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 23-6-2007 was (6.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-6-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye, Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (43.03) inches at Mingaladon, (47.99) inches at Kaba-Aye and (44.49) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Northeast at (14:30) hours MST on 23-6-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

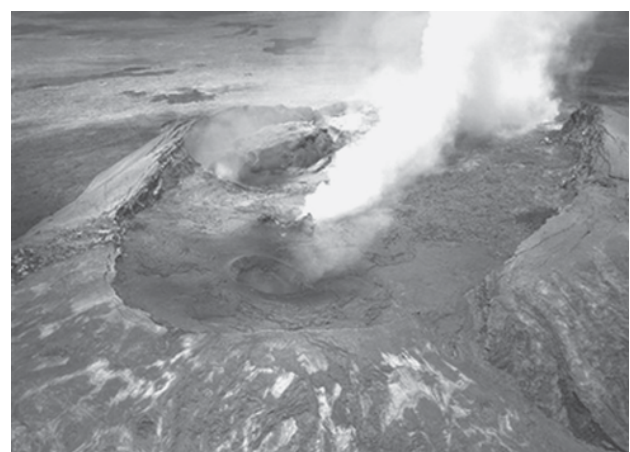
State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally weak monsoon.


Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 25-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



In this undated photo provided by the USGS, the Kilauea Volcano's Pu u 'O'o crater is shown, in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, in Hawaii. Scientists say lava oozed out of a new spot on Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes. Researchers had been on the lookout for a new lava breakout point after they recorded hundreds of small earthquakes on 17 June that suggested magma was shifting under the surface. — INTERNET



Monday, 25 June
View on today

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Saya-daw U Ottamathara

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
5. Song of national races

8:00 am
6. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

8:10 am
7. Cute little dancers

8:20 am
8. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Dance variety

4:45 pm
4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)

5:00 pm
5. မြန်မာရိုးရာတောဓလေ့ ကျေးလက်တေးသံများ

5:10 pm
6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:20 pm
7. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:30 pm
8. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm
9. "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာအနုပညာ ကမ္ဘာ" (လွင်မိုး၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊

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5:45 pm
10. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

6:00 pm
11. Evening news

6:30 pm
12. Weather report

6:45 pm
13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:55 pm
14. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံအမျိုးသမီးရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ ဝင်များ၏စွမ်းရည်ပြပွဲ

7:05 pm
15. "မူးယစ်ဒုက္ခမပေါ့ဆနှင့်"

7:15 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သန်းတစ်ရာရွှေအိမ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm
17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)

21. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Monday, 25 June
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-Tron horse

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-What's your flava

8:50 am National news

9:00 am Music:
-Oxygen

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music
-Club hopping

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40pm Lunch time music
-I keep it to myself
-Life time affair

9:00pm Spotlight on a star
-Collective soul

9:10pm Article

9:20pm Drug/ Women Affairs

9:35pm Golden Land melody/ Vocal gems
-Listen to your heart

9:45 pm News /Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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

Commander attends ceremony to put up signboard of Myanmar Women's Day



Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, unveils the signboard of Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June — A ceremony to put up the signboard of the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2007 was held near Pyinmana Township Information and Public Relations Department yesterday morning.

Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command

Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, unveiled it. Next, the commander and wife cordially conversed with members of social organizations and local people.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw and members, the Chairman of Pyinmana

Township PDC and members, the chairperson of Pyinmana Township Women's Affairs Organization and members, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, War Veterans Organization and departmental person-

nel, totalling 550.

Near Pyankapyay Village, the commander and wife attended the physic nut growing ceremony as a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day.

In his speech, the commander said that all

the people are growing physic nut as a national duty to supply fuel demand of the nation. Therefore, the people are to cultivate physic nut in the command area exceeding the target.

The commander and

wife planted physic nut saplings joined by the people at the ceremony.

Pyinmana District has so far put 12,742 acres under physic nut against the target of 20,400 acres in 2007-08.

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NLD does not serve interest of people NLD's acts concentrating on undermining State, people

Inexperience of NLD leaders leads to its downfall

YANGON, 24 June — A total of 22 members of Einme Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division including members U Hsan Lwin, U Mya Win, U Maung Kyaw, U Thein Lwin, Daw Khin Ma Ma, U Tin Shwe, U Kyin Kwe, U Hsin Pauk, U San Tu and U Kan Shein resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 16 June, and they sent letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In the resignation letter sent to Einme Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that the NLD does not serve the interest of the people; that acts of the NLD are concentrating on undermining the State and the people; and the inexperience of NLD leaders led to its downfall. Hence, they no longer wished to discharge duties of the party, and they resigned from the NLD on their own volition, they said. — MNA