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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives incoming Military Attaché of Cambodia Col Rumdas Cheav and outgoing Military Attaché Col Ngi Vanndim in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Japanese Military Attachés



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Win respect and trust of the people

Community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order are interrelated. Only when there is prevalence of law and order will the nation be peaceful and tranquil.

Every citizen is to abide by the law. As administrative bodies and the police force are the ones that are to direct the people to follow the decrees, directives and laws promulgated by the State they themselves must respect such decrees, directives and laws.

The duty of the police force is to prevent those from breaking the law and to safeguard the lives and property of the people. Likewise, judges and law officers from the administrative field are to pass sentences on those who have committed crimes only after conducting a thorough investigation into the cases without any discrimination.

Those from the two institutions are to be well-qualified, established and morally upright. Only then will their tasks be accomplished and successful.

Fully equipped with morale, integrity and uprightness the administrative bodies and the police force are therefore to carry out their tasks dutifully in accord with the codes of conduct of civil service and the police. Only then will they constantly win the respect and trust of the people.

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

Thais donate cash for Jivitadana Sangha Hospital

YANGON, 25 June—Members of a Thai delegation led by Chairman of Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association General Lertrat Ratanavanich and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar and party this morning visited Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Bahan Township.

First, Thai ambassador and party offered a day meal to members of the Sangha.

At the cash donation ceremony, Chairman of Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association General Lertrat Ratanavanich presented a note to donate US\$ 20,000 to be spent on one floor of the new six-storey building built



Members of Thai-Myanmar association donate US\$ 20,000 to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Bahan Township.— H

at the hospital. The note was accepted by Retired Ambassador U Ko Ko Gyi, a patron of the administration board of the hospital.

Afterwards, The Thai Ambassador donated K 300,000 for a day meal for the members of the Sangha who were treated at the hospital.

General Lertrat Ratanavanich explained the purpose of the donation and U Ko Ko Gyi spoke words of thanks.

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Fifth MOC Chairman's Cup and 38th Inter-State/Division Men's and Women's Boxing C'ships conclude

YANGON, 20 June — The final bouts and the prize presentation ceremony of the Fifth Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup A Class and 38th Inter-State/Division Men's and Women's Junior C and B Class Boxing Championship were held at Aung San Stadium at 3 pm today.

Secretary of MOC Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik watched the final bouts and attended the prize presentation ceremony and presented championship shields to winners.

A total of 17 final bouts were held today. President U Win Myint of Myanmar Boxing Federa-



Director-General U Thaung Htaik presents championship shield to Yangon Division.

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17th AGM of MRMA on 29 June

YANGON, 25 June — The 17th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association will be held at 4 pm on 29 June at UMFCCI Office Tower at No-29 Min Ye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township. Members of the association delegates from states and divisions are invited to attend the meeting. Booths on rice milling will be displayed on the day and those interested may visit the booths.

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tion presented best awards to Hnin Ei Swe (Taninthayi), Kyaw Win Htay (Kayin), Kyaw Kyaw Aung (Yangon) and Sai Soe Myat (Sagaing).

Next, U Thaung Htaik handed the best player award to Kyaw Swa Aung (Bago). Afterwards, President U Win Myint gave away championship shields to Kayin State in the women's class and Mandalay Division in the junior class, Yangon Division in the C class and Shan (North) in the B class.

Next, U Thaung Htaik presented MOC Chairman's cup to Bago Division in the A class and Inter-State/Division championship shield to Yangon Division. — NLM



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US could cut troops in Iraq next spring

WASHINGTON, 24 June — It could be next spring before US troops in Iraq can hand over areas gained in their latest offensive to Iraqi forces and start to draw down, a top American commander said on Friday.

Army Lieutenant-General Ray Odierno also said Iran appeared to have boosted support and training for Shiite militia groups in Iraq in recent

months. Odierno, the top US commander for day-today operations in Iraq, said the United States was not arming groups responsible for insurgent attacks to fight al-Qaeda but he defended working with them in some areas.

US and Iraqi forces last week launched what commanders described as a major effort to eliminate al-Qaeda fighters and their bomb factories with

simultaneous attacks in various areas around Baghdad.

“The key piece will be the follow-on operation of Iraqi police, Iraqi Army and coalition forces,” Odierno told reporters at the Pentagon by video link from Iraq.

He said the Iraqis’ ability to hold areas cleared by US soldiers would determine when the United States could reduce troop levels, which have increased this year by some 28,000 to more than 155,000. “I think if everything goes the way it’s going now, there’s a potential that by the spring we would be able to reduce forces and Iraqi security forces could take over,” Odierno said.

“It could be this fall, because we continue to build, and they continue to improve. It might take a little bit longer than that. It might be until the spring.”—MNA/Reuters

A model displays a creation as part of Versace's Spring/Summer 2008 men's collection during Milan Fashion Week on 23 June, 2007.

XINHUA



Three cases of H5N1 bird flu confirmed in Germany

BERLIN, 24 June — Three wild birds in Germany have died of the feared H5N1 strain of bird flu, a health official in Nuremberg in southern Germany said.

Katja Guenther said tests carried out by the Friedrich Loeffler Institute confirmed that two swans and a duck suffered

from the H5N1 strain of the virus. She said tests were being conducted on another seven birds who died of bird flu to see whether they too had been carriers of H5N1, which is potentially lethal for humans.

The dead wild birds who were infected with the virus were found near

Nuremberg in the past week. Local authorities said at the weekend that they planned to cordon off areas to prevent the disease spreading. H5N1 was found on a poultry farm in the Czech Republic last week, prompting the slaughter of some 6,000 turkeys.

Germany battled a bird

flu epidemic in 2005. It broke out on the Baltic Sea island of Ruegen and spread to six of the country’s 16 states.

The disease spread to mammals, killing a cat and a stone marten, but did not affect humans.—Internet

A veterinary worker wearing a protective suit throws a turkey into a container on 21 June, 2007, at a farm in Tisova village, some 160 kms east of Prague. — INTERNET



Car bursts into securities office in Shanghai, 17 injured

SHANGHAI, 24 June — Seventeen people were injured, two seriously, after an out-of-control car burst into a securities trading office in Shanghai on Friday morning.

The accident took place at about 10 am at a Shanghai branch of Zhongshan Securities Co, when a Volvo sedan smashed through the plate glass windows on the ground floor and came to a stop in

the middle of the office, witnesses said.

All of the injured people were rushed to a nearby Zhongshan Hospital and two are still being treated for severe injuries.

The other 15 people have been discharged. Police investigations show that the driver of the sedan, a security guard of the company, was parking the Volvo for a customer.—MNA/Xinhua



The 10th China International Environmental Protection Exhibition and Conference, as known as the CIPEC 2007, is being held in Beijing, with 204 enterprises from 20 countries and regions taking part in the expo. The pictures were taken on 22 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Five UN peacekeepers killed in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 24 June — A car bombing killed five United Nations peacekeepers in southern Lebanon on Sunday, opening another potentially disastrous fault line in a country held hostage to violence and political deadlock.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack on the peacekeepers, who were deployed along the border with Israel after last summer’s war with Hezbollah.

But suspicion immediately fell on militant Islamists, who are fighting the Lebanese Army in the country’s north. The United Nations force, Unifil, has been on alert for weeks because of that fight and several bombings that are believed to be related to it.

The attack hit two United Nations vehicles on a main road near the

southern town of Khiyam. Witnesses said ammunition in at least one of the vehicles exploded after the initial blast.

“Apparently it was a car bomb attack,” said Milos Strugar, a spokesman for the United Nations force. He said investigations were under way.

The Spanish defence minister, José Antonio Alonso, said three Colombian and two Spanish peacekeepers had been killed. Three Spanish soldiers were also wounded, he told reporters in Madrid, according to The Associated Press.—Internet

Cambodia supports Pakistan as full dialogue partner for ASEAN

PHNOM PENH, 24 June—The Cambodian Government fully supports Pakistan as full dialogue partner for the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), local media reported Saturday. Cambodian Foreign Minister Hor Nam Hong has told newly appointed Pakistani Ambassador Mohammad Younis Khan that Cambodia supported Pakistan which was

proposed to be full dialogue partner with ASEAN, Sin Bun Thoeurn, head of Press department of the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, was quoted by the *Raksmey Kampuchea Daily* as saying. Meanwhile, Cambodia and Pakistan will improve bilateral ties and co-operation through the embassy in Phnom Penh,

which was opened in 2005, Sin Bun Thoeurn said. Hor Nam Hong also urged the Pakistan side to help implement the project with 10 million US dollars of loan for an irrigation system in Kampong Speu Province, which was pledged by Pakistan while its Premier Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali visited Cambodia in 2004, Sin Bun Thoeurn added. *MNA/Xinhua*

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People practise Taiji, a form of Chinese martial arts, during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Cultural Festival in Shenyang, northeastern China's Liaoning Province on 23 June, 2007. INTERNET



An automobile is caked in mud in front of a home in Colchester, NY, on 21 June, 2007. Searchers recovered the body of one person killed after flash floods surged through the edge of the Catskill Mountains and were looking on Thursday for up to six people missing. —INTERNET

Workshop collapse kills nine, injures six in N-E China

BENXI (Liaoning Province), 24 June—Nine people were killed and six injured when a factory's main workshop, which was under construction, collapsed in northeast China's Liaoning Province on Thursday, according to local authorities. The accident occurred at about 5:50 pm on Thursday at a feed company in Huanren County, Benxi City, a spokesman with the local government said on Friday. The injured were being

treated in hospital, he said, without giving details. An investigation into the accident has been launched.—*MNA/Xinhua*

US, Iraqi troops kill 55 in major offensive on al-Qaeda

BAGHDAD, 24 June—US and Iraqi forces continued large-scale sweeping, hunting for al-Qaeda operatives in the volatile Diyala Province, killing at least 55 insurgents, the US military said on Saturday.

During four days of a major crackdown dubbed "Operation Arrowhead Ripper," the combined forces killed 55 insurgents, detained 23 others and seized numerous weapons caches, the military said in a statement.

Guard kills one, wounds five at Yemen oil plant

SANAA, 24 June — A Yemeni security guard at a US-run oil installation in Yemen opened fire on

colleagues on Saturday, killing an Indian engineer and wounding five others, a security source said. Two British workers, one American and two Yemeni pilots were hurt when Jamil Mohammed al-Raai began firing indiscriminately at the installation run by US oil and gas firm Occidental Petroleum Corp in Shabwa, the source said. Raai was seized by Yemeni security forces. Preliminary investigations showed he was suffering from psychological problems, the source added. *MNA/Reuters*

Early on Tuesday, more than 10,000 troops, including 2,000 Iraqi soldiers and policemen, backed by US aircraft, have launched a massive assault aimed at hunting for the al-Qaeda militants operating in and around Baquba, some 65 kilometres northeast of Baghdad. "Since the beginning of Operation Arrowhead Ripper, at least 55 al-Qaeda operatives have been killed, 23 have been detained, 16 weapons caches have been discovered, 28 improvised explosive devices have been destroyed and 12 booby-trapped structures have been destroyed," the statement said. *MNA/Xinhua*

Rains cause chaos in Pakistani city, kill over 220

KARACHI, 25 May—Storms and torrential rain have killed more than 200 people in Pakistan's biggest city, Karachi, a provincial minister said on Sunday, and left angry residents without power. "Now the total number of those killed because of rain is 228," provincial Health Minister Sardar Ahmed told *Reuters*. "These deaths are caused by electrocution, falling trees, house collapses and road accidents." More bad weather is forecast for Pakistan and neighbouring India, where dozens have died after prolonged downpours across the country in the last few days. Aid workers and military helicopters in India's southern state of Andhra Pradesh were battling on Sunday to provide food for 200,000 people displaced by monsoon floods.

Karachi residents hurled stones at passing cars and power company vehicles and burned tyres in protest at the power outage affecting most of the country's commercial hub. Low-lying neighbourhoods were submerged after 17.7 millimetres (0.7 inches) fell on the city from

Saturday. The rains were followed by a strong storm which uprooted trees and signboards and cut electricity wires. — *MNA/Reuters*

A car is buried under a collapsed wall after thunderstorms and rain in Karachi on 24 June, 2007. INTERNET



ECONOMIC NEWS

US export controls cost firms trade opportunities in China

BEIJING, 24 June— US restrictions on high-technology exports to China were costing US firms potential trade opportunities and putting them at a disadvantage, said Wang Qinhu, a senior official with China's Ministry of Commerce on Friday.

"The controls have affected not only the number of products requiring export licenses, but also exports that do not require licenses," said Wang.

"The US side believes the rejected export licenses are a small fraction of US exports to China, with a negligible effect on bilateral trade," said Wang. "But that's not the case."

China's hi-tech imports grew at an annual rate of 31 per cent over the past six years, but the US

contributed 9.1 per cent of China hi-tech imports in 2006, down from 18.3 per cent in 2001.

In 2006, China imported machine tools worth 7.24 billion US dollars, but only eight per cent were from the US.

Meanwhile, 6 per cent of China's integrated circuits imports and less than 3 per cent of its

semiconductor imports were from the US.

Wang said the new US rules, which imposed licensing requirements on 31 export items to China for military use, had increased firms' operation costs and political risks and hindered the smooth development of Sino-US hi-tech trade.

MNA/Xinhua



Ferrari cars are parked on the company's track in the Italian town of Fiorano during a relay for the celebration of Ferrari's 60th anniversary on 23 June, 2007. — XINHUA



In this file photo models pose with NTT DoCoMo mobile phones at a news conference in Tokyo on 23 April, 2007.

INTERNET

WB approves \$309m credit for Vietnam's development

HANOI, 24 June— The World Bank (WB) has approved a loan of 309.4 million US dollars for Vietnam to support its social and infrastructure development, according to a Press release issued by the World Bank in Vietnam on Friday.

Of the total money, 175 million dollars will be poured into poverty reduction support; 59.4 million dollars, higher education improvement; 50 million dollars, urban development in southern Ho Chi Minh City; and 25 million dollars; infrastructure development in southern Ca Mau City and the southern Mekong Delta.

The 6th Poverty Reduction Support Credit provides resources directly to the government budget, supporting Vietnam's efforts to become a middle-income country by the end of the decade.

The 2nd Higher Education Project with total investment of 70.5 million dollars, including 59.4 million dollars from the World Bank, aims to increase the quality of teaching and research in universities, in ways that improve the employability of graduates and the relevance of research.

The Ho Chi Minh City Investment Fund for Urban Development Project is expected to increase private sector participation in financing municipal infrastructure projects in the city. — MNA/Xinhua

Billionairess arrested for illegal money raising in E China

HANGZHOU, 24 June— Another billionaire in east China's economically booming Zhejiang Province has been detained on charges of illegal fund

raising and fraud, local police said on Friday.

Dong Lixiong, 29, a native of Hutou Township, Wucheng District, Jinhua City, allegedly collected

more than 300 million yuan (37.5 million US dollars) between May 2006 and March this year by promising investors high returns, a spokesman with the Jinhua Municipal Public Security Bureau said.

Dong promised investors lucrative returns ranging from 10 to 25 per cent. Investors lent money hand over fist, with sums ranging from hundreds of thousands of yuan to tens of millions of yuan, the spokesman said.

Most of the victims were Dong's relatives and friends, in addition to private business bosses, farmers, workers and civil servants, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Young models display creations during the final parade at the end of Gianfranco Ferré's Spring/Summer 2008 men's collection during Milan Fashion Week on 24 June, 2007.

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Russia interested in energy partnership with SE Europe

BELGRADE, 24 June— Russia is interested in partnership and co-operation in the field of energy with countries of Southeastern Europe, but also with Europe as a whole while respecting high ecological standards, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in the Croatian capital Zagreb on Sunday.

Addressing a Balkan energy summit in Zagreb, Putin said that Russia has always had good relations with Balkan countries, and good economic and political links are important for stability and security in the region, the Serbian official news agency Tanjug reported.

Putin, who arrived in Zagreb on Sunday as a special guest invited by Croatian President Stjepan Mesic, said he expected that, along with an open dialog, precise directives will be outlined for cooperation among

Russia, the region and the European Union in the field of energy and transport of energy sources.

"The strategic goal of our joint work in the field is to achieve that energy sources be made available and guaranteed to all countries in the region," Putin said.

Russia, "one of the world's leaders in the production and delivery of energy, should do everything to solve the energy problems of the region," he said.

Internet



Cambodia concerns about fish production over Mekong River

PHNOM PENH, 24 June — Cambodian officials are worried about the fish production this year because of the low water level of Mekong River, a senior fishery official said Saturday.

The low water level could cause difficulties for fish to lay their eggs in lakes and branches of the Mekong River, Nao Thouk, head of fisheries department of the Cambodian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, told *Xinhua*.

Nao Thouk said that if the water level of Mekong River still does not rise in the next few weeks, the fish production this year will decline.

Last year, Cambodia had about 442,000 tons of fish production across the country and it provided over 200 million US dollars national revenue as well as about two million US dollars tax from fish lot, Nao Thouk said. The revenue did not include the

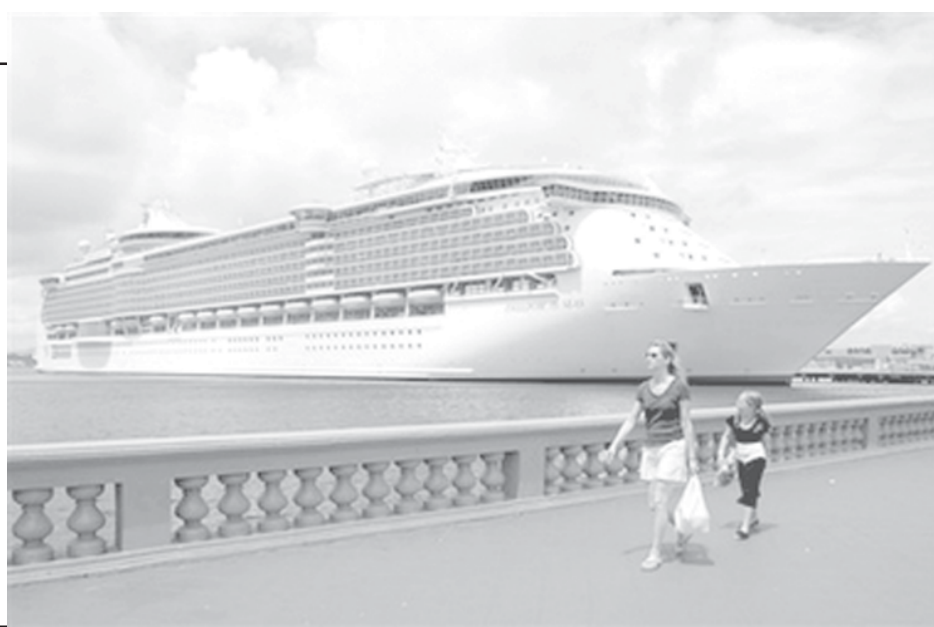
income from fish exportation to China, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, the US and Australia, he added. — *MNA/Xinhua*

A man performs during a contest in Moscow on 24 June, 2007. The contest was part of festivities organized every year by Moskovsky Komsomolets youth-oriented newspaper at Moscow's Luzhniki sports area.

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The Freedom of the Seas cruise ship is seen docked at the San Juan Port, Puerto Rico, on 20 June, 2007. The ship, operated by Royal Caribbean Cruises, resumed its voyage after a passenger, an unidentified 24-year-old American man, was reported missing on 18 June, when sailing the waters east of Eleuthera Island, in the Bahamas. — INTERNET



China drought causes water shortages for millions

BEIJING, 24 June — Drought affecting large swathes of China has left more than eight million people short of water, and many livestock have died of hunger, the official *Xinhua* news agency said.

The country's northern regions, including Inner Mongolia and Liaoning and Jilin provinces, were among the worst affected areas, it said late on Friday, citing the flood prevention and drought control headquarters.

In Liaoning in the northeast, a leading corn-producing area, *Xinhua* said that close to 90 reservoirs had dried up and

25,000 wells could no longer supply adequate water supplies.

State media reported last week that Liaoning was suffering its worst drought in 30 years as a result of high temperatures and little rain and that some 1.4 million hectares of crops had been damaged.

Drought had also sapped water supplies for 870,000 people and around 1.5 million livestock in Inner Mongolia, *Xinhua* said. Cattle had died for lack of grass to eat in the most severely affected parts of that region, it said.

MNA/Reuters

Hungarian investigative journalist severely beaten

BUDAPEST, 24 June — A Hungarian journalist, who had reported on the illegal oil dealings of the 1990s, has been beaten and is in hospital with life-threatening injuries, national news agency *MTI* reported on Saturday.

A spokesman for Budapest police told *Reuters* an angler had found a woman bound up on Friday night by the Danube River and she was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The spokesman could

not reveal her identity due to the ongoing investigation, but *MTI* reported it was Iren Karman, 40, who had written a book entitled *Facing the Mafia* on illegal oil dealings of Hungarian criminal gangs and police corruption.

The Association of Hungarian Journalists (MUOSZ) said it had had talks with Karman a few days ago about the presentation of a documentary entitled *Oiled Relations*.

"We have no certainty about the real reasons for the attack, yet we find it important to express our solidarity in connection with this unprecedented atrocity through this

statement," MUOSZ said on its webpage.

MTI said in November a bag containing court documents relating to her book and a documentary recorded on a tape had been stolen from Karman's car.

MNA/Reuters

South Carolina executes security guard killer

MIAMI, 24 June — A South Carolina man was executed by lethal injection on Friday for the killing nearly 10 years ago of an elderly security guard during an armoured car robbery outside a rural bank, authorities said.

The sentence against

Calvin Shuler, 40, was carried out at 6:17 pm (2217 GMT) at the state's Lieber Correctional Institution, South Carolina Department of Corrections spokesman Josh Gelin said.

Shuler was the 278th inmate executed in South Carolina's history, Gelin said, adding that his death was witnessed by one attorney and a spiritual adviser but no family members.

There was no final

statement from Shuler, Gelin said.

Shuler was convicted of killing 77-year-old security guard James Brooks during a December 1997 armoured car hijacking outside the First National Bank in Harleyville, South Carolina.

The state Supreme Court had unanimously upheld his conviction and death sentence in 2001.

MNA/Reuters



Residents gather near a crater on a road after a roadside bomb attack that targeted a British patrol in Basra, Iraq, on 22 June, 2007. A British soldier from the 4th Battalion The Rifles died from injuries he sustained in Friday's bombing, the Ministry of Defence in London said on Saturday. — INTERNET

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

(26 June)

Aye Phyu

On 26 June every year, the "International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" is celebrated worldwide to commemorate the signing of the Declaration adopted at the International Conference against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking on that day in 1987.

In resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided to observe 26 June as the International Day as "an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse."

Every year a theme is established and it is said that thousands of people around the world are mobilized through UNODC's field office network to celebrate this special day with a variety of activities.

Some of the past themes can be seen as follows:

- 1998: Youth Uniting To Prevent Drug Abuse
- 1999: Music Against Drugs
- 2000: Facing Reality: Denial, Corruption, and Violence
- 2001: Sports Against Drugs
- 2002: Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS
- 2003: Let's Talk About Drugs
- 2004: Drugs: Treatment Works
- 2005: Value Yourself: Make Healthy Choices
- 2006: Drugs Are Not Child's Play

The theme for this year (2007) is:

Do Drugs Control Your Life?

Your Life, Your Community. No Place for Drugs

We know that narcotic drugs pose a great threat to our entire humankind with their adverse effects on the users and their social surroundings. Each nation has to be engaged in the fight against narcotic drugs, putting emphasis on the control and eradication.

Our government has been taking systematic measures through various strategies and tactics with the aim to control production, use and prevention of drugs. All possible efforts are being exerted to eradicate narcotic drugs at home while cooperation with other nations and international organizations has been consistently made to speed up anti-narcotics drive.

While our government is trying its best in the fight against drugs, we, as good citizens, should join hands and participate in the fight as a national concern.

One area we can be of great service is the prevention area. We should see it as society's responsibility to care for the well-being of our youth. As "Prevention is better than cure", we must educate the young generation and raise their awareness of the destructive power of drugs. Besides, we need to make them realize that alcohol and drug use can progress into abuse and even addiction. They must say "no" to any kind of narcotic drugs. Encouragement must be given to them anytime, anywhere to refrain from bad habits such as smoking or drinking alcohol.

Parents play a significant role in the prevention area. If children are close to their parents, they usually feel more attachment to the latter and are less likely to smoke or drink or use drugs.

The greatest risk seems to lie around those families where both parents have to work long hours with no time to get involved in their children's lives. To raise healthy children free from drugs, parents need to get closer to their kids. Open lines of communication must, at all times, be maintained to listen and understand the challenges that the children face. It is far better if parents can be role models for their kids. Besides, parents should know their children's whereabouts, their activities and friends. It is also advisable to have knowledge regarding the signs and symptoms of teen substance abuse and the conditions that increase the risk.

Teachers and all the adults in the community can also help in the prevention effort by keeping alert to any changes in the behaviour of a particular youth or group of youngsters.

Once a member becomes a drug-addict, the family has to suffer from all kinds of social menace. Here, the community is also important. We must try to reduce the stigma attached to drug users and help them to realize the effectiveness of drug treatment and re-hab centres. They must be urged to undergo treatment for a positive future and to be engaged again in a productive life thereafter.

If we combine all our efforts and join in our Government's anti-narcotics drive, Myanmar will undoubtedly become a drug free nation in the very near future.

Message from Major-General Maung Oo, Minister for Home Affairs and Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control

YANGON, 26 June—The following is the message from Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Home Affairs and Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking today.

Countries all over the world are commemorating the International Day against Drug Abuse Illicit Trafficking which falls today. Similarly, all States and Divisions of Myanmar will be holding commemoration ceremonies for this important and auspicious day with shared common objectives.

This year's theme chosen by UNODC for this day is "DO DRUGS CONTROL YOUR LIFE? YOUR LIFE, YOUR COMMUNITY. NO PLACE FOR DRUGS."

This theme was chosen with the aim of garnering community participation in the fight against drugs and its dire consequences. HIV, as it is destroying the community environment in which youths are the key persons.

In accordance with this theme, I would like to call upon each and everyone to join hands with CCDAC at the State and Division, District and Township levels and help youths who are using drugs so that they shall become free from drugs.

Myanmar has embarked on a 15-Year Drug Elimination Plan since 1999 and has now successfully reached the second 5-Year phase of the three 5-Year phases.

In the Supply Reduction Sector, it has been documented that cultivation of opium has been declining significantly according to the reports of the Myanmar-US Opium Yield Survey and Joint Myanmar-UNODC Illicit Crop Monitoring Program.

Moreover in the Demand Reduction Sector, the respective Sub-Committees of CCDAC, namely Treatment, Rehabilitation, Education and Information have also drawn up project plans and are implementing drug abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation activities.

The Education Sub-committee has conducted successful programs for preventing drug abuse among students through awareness raising activities by the teachers, such as essay, music, art, cartoon and poster competitions.

The Treatment Sub-Committee has also opened 26 major drug treatment centres and 40 minor drug treatment centres all over the country. The Rehabilitation Sub-Committee is also operating 7 drug rehabilitation centres in the States and Divisions while two youth correctional centres, Shwe Pyi Thar and Shwe Pyi Aye, have been opened under the direct supervision of CCDAC.

It is also evident that the number of drug users have decreased from a baseline survey of 63,615 in 2004 to 56,823 in 2007 reflected in the annual surveys.

In the law enforcement sector comprising the armed forces, police force and other relevant departments, Myanmar has also enjoyed success through close collaboration with law enforcement agencies of neighbouring countries as well as international enforcement agencies, interdicting and dismantling international syndicates and drug traffickers.

In conclusion, may I urge all the people of Myanmar to join hands and fight the scourge of drugs in accordance with this year's theme "DO DRUGS CONTROL YOUR LIFE? YOUR LIFE, YOUR COMMUNITY. NO PLACE FOR DRUGS.".....in order to make our community become drug free. — MNA

The fight must go on

- * Drug Addicts
Often thought as 'the most selfish'
Do commit
Variety of crimes to their wit
- * Let them be punished
Help them or leave them to slowly perish
Different people, different wish
For addicts ending their life with 'nothing accomplished'
- * Relatives and friends
Those ready to defend
Get deeply hurt to no end
By addict' shameful deeds to a thousand
- * Sympathize with those loved ones
who feel hurt and lost, with hopes of none
Please offer help of any kind
Some soothing words still be fine
- * But help and cure are out there
Rehab-centres and medical care
Just a will to be shared
To turn over a new leaf and do the repair

- * Drug Traffickers
Profiting as sellers and carriers
Are the real destroyers
Of our generations, past, present and future
- * Stay put for the moment
Till the time comes for you to regret
For what you've done in the web
Having led many to ruins and to their deathbeds
- * Today's youth, tomorrow's leaders
You are to make our world stronger and better
For consequences and the fatal threat
To drugs, say 'NO' and shake your heads
- * Drug Abuse, a problem not to a family,
Nor to a country but one to all societies
Let's fight with all our might
To foster a future shiny and bright
- * In an unprecedented global world
With tech-access to nations big and small
Many things possible in our call
To make drug lords and their empires fall
And to crush drug traffickers once and for all

Aye Phyu



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with outgoing Military Attaché of Cambodia Col Ngi Vanndim.
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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with incoming Military Attaché of Cambodia Col Rumdas Cheav in Bayintnaung Yeiktha.
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Community development helps improve...

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committees will be first discussed. Officials of townships, states and divisions development affairs committees are discharging duties in their respective regions and their work activities can be seen in daily newspapers and TV programmes. However, the activities found on the screen are only part of their efforts, and in reality, they are exerting more efforts. For smooth transport, more roads and bridges are being built. With the emergence of such transport facilities, towns and villages across the country are busy with the people traveling and trading freely. Besides, beautifying and sanitation tasks are being carried out in order to make the towns and cities neat and tidy.

The Secretary-1 said making the towns and villages clean and tidy can provide not only pleasure but also good health for the dwellers. If there are piles of garbage and pools of mud lying about, such infectious diseases as malaria, DHF, elephantiasis and diarrhoea can break out. Although the tasks of development affairs committees seem to be ordinary, it is necessary to pay attention to such tasks as they can help people to feel happy and healthy, he noted.

That is why administrative officers of township development affairs committees and engineers are to supervise not only building roads and bridges but also carrying out beautifying tasks so as to make the towns and villages neat and tidy.

The Secretary-1 added that community development helps improve health and economy as well as indicates the standard of a people. And it is necessary to make the tourists be convinced of this fact. So, for the dignity of the State and the people, more efforts are to be made for making the towns and villages neat and tidy for ever. Responsible officials in cooperation with health staff are to organize the people to systematically dispose of waste materials and garbage, to make their houses and compounds always clean and tidy and to use fly-proof latrines by giving educative talks.

The government is undertaking the 24 special development region project and five rural development tasks for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the country and national races. At the same time, the State is striving its utmost to develop in various aspects such as politics, economy, education, health and social affairs.

The Government has laid down five rural development tasks and is implementing them. The Development Affairs Committees are carrying out the tasks for ensuring better transport and supplying safe water to rural people that is one of the five tasks.

Moreover, the DACs are building village-to-village roads and village-to-town roads to narrow the gap

between rural and urban areas. They are taking measures for ensuring better rural transport in order that crops can be distributed to the markets in time and for the convenience of rural people in education and health care services.

The Development Affairs Department started the project of rural road and bridge in 2001-2002 fiscal year and laid down 30-year plan. It built rural roads with the total length of 24,954 miles and a total of 4744 bridges until 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The DACs are to draw plans systematically in upgrading earth roads into gravel ones and tarred ones and to maintain the roads and bridges yearly for their durability. They are to upgrade urban roads in accord with the characteristics of a city year by year. The DACs have built rural roads with the total length of 4,640 miles and 2307 urban bridges so far. Sixteen tasks for keeping the urban areas beautiful and pleasant have been laid down and are being implemented. Trees are to be grown on both sides of the urban roads like those of international cities.

The Government is building No 1 district-to-district road which will pass Mandalay, Bago (West), and Yangon and No 2 district-to-district road which will pass Mandalay, Bago and Mon.

Until 2006-2007 fiscal year 54 miles of tarred road, 323 miles and two furlongs of gravel road and 100 wooden bridges at No 1 district-to-district road have been covered. Three miles of tarred road, 52 miles and 6 furlongs of the gravel roads, 163 miles of earth road and 57 wooden bridges at No 2 of district-to-district road have already been built.

To acquire safe water is the chief duty of the DACs in the process of rural development tasks. Therefore, a 10-year plan has been laid down for acquiring safe water in the states and divisions including three divisions in the arid zone and is being implemented. Health care services and life style of the rural people will improve due to efforts made for ensuring safe water in the rural areas. A total of 17,250 villages— 7,911 in three divisions in the arid zone and 9,339 in remaining states and divisions— have access to safe water. The DACs are to make efforts in the drive to acquire safe water in every village with added momentum.

Apart from discharging duties to acquire safe water in the rural areas, the DACs are supplying water to urban areas. Until now they are supplying water to 179 towns. Tasks will be carried out to acquire safe water in the remaining towns.

The Ministry of Progress for Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs initiated the rural housing project in cooperation with other departments and organizations in seven divisions in 2003-2004 and managed to build a total of 3420 houses until 2006-2007 fiscal year. The officials concerned are to take measures for the emergence of model rural housing suitable to the condition of region through the combina-

tion of experience and knowledge.

The DACs are fulfilling the basic requirements of the people as well as keeping environment clean and beautiful. The Government issued the development affairs committees law No (5/93) on April 1993. The staff of the DACs and the entire people alike are to follow the law enacted by the Government. Thirty-one tasks to be carried out for the entire people are included in the law. In a bid to carry out the tasks for basic requirements of the people and development of rural and urban areas. The DACs are to collect taxes and revenues in accord with the laws.

He said the revenue collected will be used in urban and rural development projects and officials concerned at different levels are to supervise the expenditure.

He said that since 2004 prizes have been presented to the respective development affairs committees for their best performance in a year.

He said the tasks of the development affairs committee are wide and great. In dealing with the people it is necessary for officials to avoid mis conduct and misuse of power. They are to try to become a body on which the people can rely.

The Secretary-1 spoke at length on implementation of 30-year road-bridge project and 10-year safe drinking water project, building of district-to-district roads and proper use of funds.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented prizes to the winning township development affairs committees for their best performance in 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The Secretary-1 and party observed documentary photos of State and Division Development Affairs Committees on their performance.—MNA



Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to an official of PyinOoLwin Township Development Affairs Committee. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets outgoing Japanese Military Attache Colonel Yoshihiko Izaki at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. (News on page 1) — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets incoming Japanese Military Attache Colonel Mitsugi Saratani at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. (News on page 1) — MNA

Uplift of health, fitness...

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Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor, members of Myanmar National Olympic Council, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and committee members, deputy ministers, the Deputy Chief Justice, the Deputy Attorney-General, members of CSSTB, the Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, the President of Myanmar Football

Federation and officials, athletes and families.

In his address, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint said that The First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament for 2007 is being held with the aim of contributing to the National Fitness, of fostering friendship among staff members of the respective ministries,

and of enabling service personnel to actively discharge their duties all the more.

In an effort to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation the government is laying emphasis on the development of the sports sector, he said. Of the four social objectives the uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation is directly related

to the development of the sports sector, he noted.

The government has laid down and is implementing short-term and long-term projects for the uplift of the sports standard under the motto "Myanma Sports The World To Conquer", he stressed.

At a time when steps are being taken for the uplift of the sports standard as a national

duty plan is well under way for the development of Myanmar Football sector, he added.

In conclusion, the minister spoke of the need for all the athletes to play the football showing talent and sporting spirit, to compete in a fair way and to try their utmost to become healthy and qualified service personnel.

Next, the minister

formally opened the football tournament.

After taking the sports oaths, the athletes left the venue in order.

After the ceremony, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party viewed the match between the Ministry of Defence team and the Ministry of Energy team. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses opening of First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament for 2007. — MNA

Lao PDR delegation arrives

YANGON, 25 June — At the invitation of Union Solidarity and Development Association, a Laotian delegation led by Mr Boun Nhang Xaysanavong, Director-General of External Relations Department and Department of Public Administration and Civil Service of Lao People's Revolutionary Party, arrived here by air today.

The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by CEC member of USDA U Maung Pa, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and responsible personnel of USDA.— MNA



CEC member of USDA U Maung Pa welcomes Laotian delegation led by Director-General Mr Boun Nhang Xaysanavong.— MNA

Five members resign from Myaung Township NLD

YANGON, 15 June — Five members of the Myaung Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division resigned from the party on 16 June.

Those who resigned from NLD are U Bo Kyaw, U Myo Tint, Ma Aye Aye Khaing, U Nyunt Shein and U Swe Nyein of Mayogon Village, Myaung Township.

They sent their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In the letters sent to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commissions, they said that NLD party entirely relies on other big countries and actions of the party are leading to make the country in servitude to other country. They do not believe that some NLD leaders relying on foreign assistance can serve the interest of the nation and the people if they get power. These are the reasons why they resigned from the party, they said.

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Ministry of Mines holds work coordination meeting



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivers an address at work coordination meeting of Ministry of Mines. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June— Ministry of Mines held work coordination meeting at the ministry here today with an address by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

Directors-General, Managing Directors, Deputy Directors-General, Directors and General Managers of Departments and Enterprises under the Ministry were present at the meeting.

They reported on work done and arrangements for exceeding the targets.

The minister gave instructions on targets and requirements of the departments and enterprises. He explained the guidance of Head of State.

He stressed the need for staff to follow laws, rules and regulations, procedures and to grow the physic nut plants for bio-diesel.—MNA

Auditor-General's Office holds work coord meeting



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung delivers an address at first work coordination meeting for 2007 of Auditor-General's Office. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June —The Auditor-General's Office held its first work coordination meeting for 2007 at the meeting hall of the office, here this morning, with an address by Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin, Director-General U Myo Myint, deputy directors-general, directors and heads of administration departments from the states and divisions and deputy directors.

First, Auditor-Gen Maj-Gen Lun Maung made a speech on the occasion, saying that

auditors are to be free from corruption when they discharge their duties. They are to systematically check annual budget of the organizations under the respective ministries in accordance with law, rules and regulations. They are to check the budgets in a correct and just way in order to focus on reaching the right track. They are to examine special projects that required large amount of capital thoroughly and present reports. Auditors should monitor to ascertain that the respective department faithfully follow and pay serious attention to the

audit report, he said.

Next, directors from the states and divisions presented reports to the Auditor-General on annual audit of departments and enterprises in the states and divisions and their reports, accomplishment of organizations concerned for taking action against those who violated laws concerning the important findings, strength of staff of the Auditor-General's Office, construction of office buildings and service quarters and following and paying serious attention to the minutes of previous meetings.

Afterwards, the

Deputy Auditor-General gave a supplementary report and the discussions were made. Next, the Auditor-General gave necessary instructions and the meeting ended with concluding remarks.

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Message from Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

YANGON, 26 June—The following is the message from Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for Drug Abuse Control commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking today.

As we mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, there is some grounds for optimism that the run-away train of drug addiction is being slowed down. The 2007 World Drug Report issued today by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) provides further evidence that the world drug problem is being controlled. For almost every kind of illicit drug— cocaine, heroin, cannabis and amphetamine-type stimulants—there are signs of overall stability, whether we speak of cultivation, production or abuse.

Some obvious problems remain, like opium in the South of Afghanistan— a cancer that threatens security and health and breeds corruption. Furthermore, progress made in some countries is being offset by negative trends elsewhere. It is also hard to be conclusive about the drug situation in some of the world's biggest and fastest growing countries because of a lack of data. Nevertheless, from a global perspective, the problem seems to be contained. In the past few years, the world drug situation has stabilized.

This does not mean that the drug problem has been solved or that we can become complacent. Drugs remain a deadly form of addiction, pose a real danger to security and health, and are ruining the lives of millions of people worldwide. There is still much work to be done.

Since we should not take our foot off the brake, I encourage you to use the occasion of this day to impress upon your governments, your family, friends and co-workers the need to continue to push back against drugs.

Further support is needed to reduce the vulnerability of farmers to the temptation of illicit incomes. Further improvements are needed in drug law enforcement—particularly through regional cooperation—to stop the drug producers and traffickers.

But even if the entire supply of drugs could be eliminated at the source and seized along trafficking routes, there would still be millions drug addicts looking for a way to satisfy their addiction. Therefore, the highest priorities in the fight against drugs should be prevention, helping people free themselves from drug dependence, and getting them back into society.

It is encouraging to see a growing realization that drug addiction is an illness that can be prevented and treated. More investment is needed. This is an investment in the health of our societies as much as treating HIV, diabetes or tuberculosis.

In the years ahead, we hope that evidence will grow to support the trend towards a tipping point in the fight against drugs. If we all, within our communities and among the family of states, continue to shoulder our share of the responsibility, further progress can be made. — MNA

Talks on Famous Business Leaders held

YANGON, 25 June — Talks on Learning from Famous Business Leaders was held at Sedona Hotel here on 23 June.

Managing Director of Smart Technical Services Co Ltd U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing gave talks on learning from six famous business

leaders in the world and their views, establishment of successful business farm and abstracts from ways for successful business. He also answered the questions of those present.

After the talks, books published by Today Publishing House were sold at 10 %

discount. Moreover, the house also sold subscription to monthly Lifestyle magazine and CEO economic and management magazine at 33 % discount. Sponsored by MK Fashion and Scott Tissue, the talks were organized by CEO economic and management magazine. — MNA

Malaysia rebukes EU envoy over race policy remark

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 June — Malaysia has accused a European Union envoy of meddling in its affairs after he criticized Kuala Lumpur's affirmative action plan favouring majority ethnic

Malays, a newspaper said on Sunday.

The European Commission's chief representative to Malaysia, Thierry Rommel, said on Thursday Malaysia should roll back its 37-year-old New Economic Policy (NEP), which gives privileges in businesses, jobs and education to Malays.

Rommel said it was discriminatory and amounted to protectionism. Malays form just over half of Malaysia's 26 million people, with ethnic Chinese and Indians forming sizeable minorities.

Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Razak hit back at Rommel, saying he had overstepped diplomatic boundaries.

"Once we make a comment on the policies of a country where we serve as an envoy, it means we are meddling in its internal affairs," the *New Sunday Times* quoted Najib as saying.

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A bird feeds on a durian fruit near Kuala Lumpur on 24 June, 2007. — INTERNET



Musicians from the Republic of Korea & Myanmar perform dances at the concert staged by Korea-Myanmar Friendship Association and Myanmar-Korea Friendship Association on 23-6-2007 at Karaweik Palace in Yangon.—NLM

Thai rebel snipers kill 4 in road ambushes

BANGKOK, 25 June — Suspected militants killed two soldiers and two villagers in ambushes in Thailand's rebellious Muslim south on Sunday, police said.

The soldiers were executed and their bodies burned by suspected Muslim snipers on a road in Narathiwat Province after their motorcycle came under fire, police

said.

In nearby Pattani Province, two elderly civilians riding on a motorcycle were attacked by pistol-totting gunmen.

The two men were doused with benzene and set on fire, police said.

The military had detained 130 Muslim militant suspects and sympathizers during a security sweep through

Narathiwat and nearby Yala Province since Wednesday, Army spokesman Akara Thiproj told reporters on Sunday.

Bomb attacks, shootouts have become almost daily events in the rebellious region where more than 2,300 people have been killed in a three-year insurgency.

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San Francisco bans bottled water for workers

LOS ANGELES, 25 June — San Francisco Mayor Gavin Nesom has issued an executive order prohibiting city departments from buying bottled water so as to protect the environment and save cost, it was reported Saturday.

The decision would save taxpayer money and combat global warming, the *Los Angeles Times* reported, quoting Tony Winnicker, spokesman for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

More than 40 million gallons of oil are needed to make the plastic water bottles Americans

purchase each year, according to data cited by the mayor when he made the decision earlier this week.

City offices must rely on tap water, said the mayor, citing environmental concerns and cost.

The ban would take effect on 1 July and extend to all city and county water coolers by 1 December.

The decision also cited the environmental effect of transporting and disposing of the bottles, more than a billion of which end up in California's landfills each year, according to the paper.

MNA/Xinhua

Torrential rain leaves 4 dead, displaces 20,000 in C China

YICHANG (Hubei Province), 25 June — Four people have died, two are missing and more than 20,000 have been displaced due to landslides and floods triggered by torrential rain in the past week in central China's Hubei Province.

The rain began to hit Yichang, southern Hubei, on 17 June. By Saturday, the area had reported rainfall of 167 millimetres,

according to the Yichang City government.

Around 450,000 people in 71 townships have been affected, and

nearly 8,000 houses have been damaged or even destroyed.

The rain pelted rural roads, bridges and river dams and affected 47,000 hectares of cropland.

Traffic, power and telecommunications were completely cut off in three townships of Wufeng Autonomous County of Tujia Nationality after the area was hit by the strongest rainstorm in half a century on Friday.

The continuous rain has caused economic losses of 280 million yuan (36.8 million US dollars) in Yichang.

Government working teams have rushed to the worst-hit areas to carry out disaster relief operation.

MNA/Xinhua

23 hurt as bombs rip through Colombian port city

BOGOTA, 25 June — Seven bomb and grenade attacks blamed by authorities on leftist rebels wounded 23 people in Colombia's main port Buenaventura on Friday and Saturday, part of an intensifying drug war in the city.

The attacks were directed at a police station and commercial areas frequented by civilians. Seven of the victims were

children.

Another bomb was deactivated by police in the Pacific port city, which moves about half of Colombia's international shipments.

Police said the attacks began on Friday evening in The Oasis restaurant, which was destroyed by the blast. The last explosion happened at daybreak on Saturday.

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Palestinian boys cool off in a Jerusalem's fountain during a heatwave on 23 June, 2007. — INTERNET

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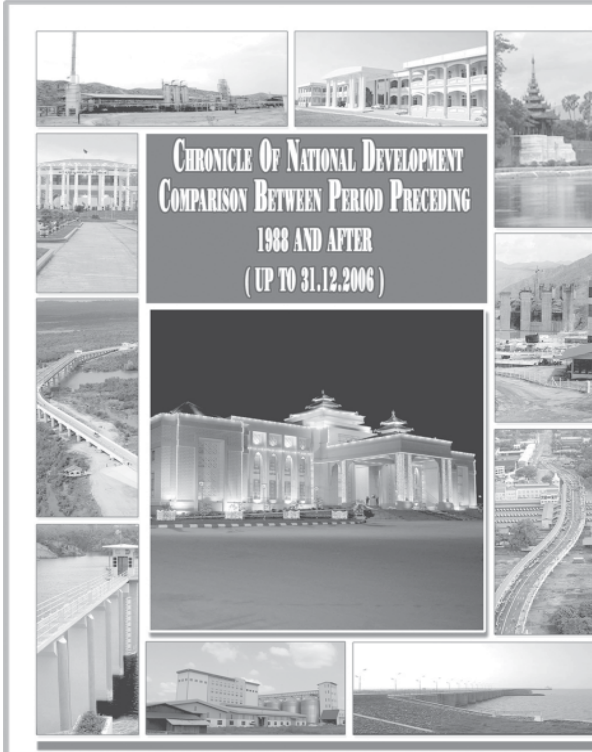
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Wild elephants kill two children in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 25 June—Wild elephants trampled to death brothers aged 5 and 7 in their home, and destroyed 10 bamboo houses when they strayed into a Bangladesh village, officials said on Sunday.

The herd of elephants also uprooted trees and damaged crops on Saturday night at Panihata Village, in Tangail District Town, 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of the capital Dhaka.

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Dutch PM says new EU treaty "good to take home"

BRUSSELS, 24 June — A deal on a mandate for a new treaty to reform the European Union's institutions is "good to take home" to voters who rejected the EU Constitution in 2005, Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende said on Saturday.

"I think we have a good story to say that this is really something different from two years ago," Balkenende told a news conference after EU leaders agreed a detailed negotiating mandate for the new treaty.

"The idea of a Constitution and all the elements that go along with it... is gone," he said, noting the Netherlands had also succeeded in introducing new elements such as a strengthening of the role of national parliaments.

But Balkenende refused to say whether voters in the Netherlands who rejected the Constitution in 2005 would have the opportunity to voice their views in another referendum. He reiterated his government would consult with a government advisory body before deciding how to proceed.

An opinion poll found this week that a majority of Dutch voters want another referendum on a new treaty, and that almost two out of three Dutch voters would approve it this time.—MNA/Reuters

World heritage meeting opens to celebrate Pacific heritage

CHRIST CHURCH, 24 June — The Pacific region's traditional respect for both natural and cultural preservation was celebrated at the opening of the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee, chaired by Tumu te

Heuheu of New Zealand, here Saturday.

Speaking in Maori, Rick Tau, Respected Elder of the Ngai Tahu tribe of South Island (New Zealand) welcomed the participants, notably those of the Northern Hemi-

sphere.

The Governor General of New Zealand, Anand Satyanand, spoke of the need to protect world heritage sites in the face of serious challenges including "climate change, depleting fisheries and

water resources, declining ecosystems and a host of other problems".

New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark said her country had undertaken to represent the Pacific Region as a whole.

MNA/Xinhua

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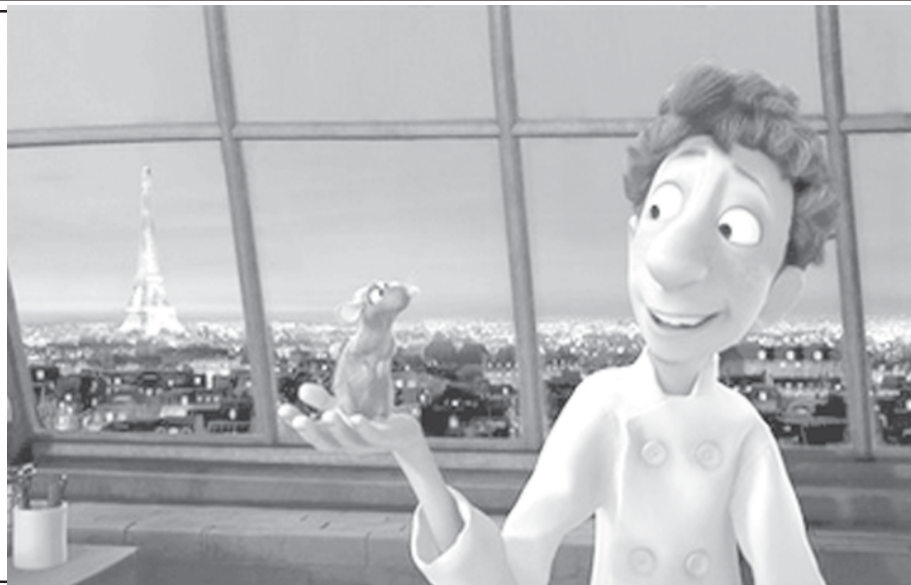
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This image, provided by Disney and Pixar Animation, shows a scene from 'Ratatouille,' the story of a rat that loves to cook and gets his chance by teaming with the klutzy human garbage boy in the kitchen of a fancy French restaurant. Its the latest effort from Brad Bird, the filmmaker behind the Academy Award-winning 'The Incredibles.'

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Bliss wins the Best Film of Asian New Talent Award

BEIJING, 24 June — "Bliss" from China, directed by Shen Zhiming, is chosen as the best film for its sincerity and artistic integrity. Golam Rabbany Biplob of "On the Wings of Dreams" from Bangladesh is awarded for his clear thoughts and the spirited story-telling. "The Case" is selected as "the College Students' Favourite Asian Film".

As one of the most important parts of Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF)'s Jin Jue Forum, the Asian New Talent Award aims to find and support young film makers from Asia, which will help them to contribute for the film art and the industry.

The Asian New Talent Award is the only award with prizes. Under the principle of Innovative, Energetic and multi-cultural, the prize will do help in realizing new talents' new plan and their films' distribution.



The 10th SIFF's Asian New Talent Award declares its Best Film and Best Director winner on 23 June, 2007. —INTERNET

signing up for the competition, the Asian New Talent Award shows its Asian impact in its 4th year.

Finally, 10 selected films, which reflect the latest change of Asian young film makers, are nominated. Especially with the rising of some once film weakness, it has been a growing focus on what their living and working condition are and how they present their countries and nations and paint for the colourful world film industry.

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Zendai Group, who invests in culture industry, sponsors this year's Asian New Talent Award with 150,000 RMB for the producer of the Best Film and the best director

winner respectively. In addition, the Zhoushan Government provides each winner 300,000 RMB worth of film studio use.

With 101 films from 21 countries and regions

Private sector to bridge gap in US space flight

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 24 June — Far from being a hiatus in US manned space travel, the gap between the retirement of the US space shuttle and the debut of replacement ships looks set to be a renaissance led by private companies.

NASA, which on Friday saw the safe return of the shuttle Atlantis, is providing financial assistance to two private companies and technical advice and oversight to five others.

"By stimulating the growth of commercial space enterprise, NASA will free itself to focus on long-range exploration of the moon and Mars," said Scott Horowitz, a NASA associate administrator.

NASA needs to find another way to get cargo and crew to the space station once the shuttles are retired in 2010 and until the Orion capsules, under development to replace the shuttles, are ready to fly people in 2014 at the earliest.

Not that industry seems to need NASA's help.

Three years ago a group known as the X Prize Foundation organized a

10-million-US-dollar challenge for private enterprise to create and fly a manned ship to sub-orbital space.

Aircraft designer Burt Rutan teamed with Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen to create Space ShipOne, a rocket-powered craft that slipped beyond Earth's atmosphere three times in 2004 to clinch the prize and make history.

The vehicle now hangs in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, but its legacy lives on.

MNA/Reuters

Vicky Zhao awarded at Shanghai Int'l Film Festival

BEIJING, 24 June— Chinese mainland actress Vicky Zhao won the Media Award for the most popular actress during the ongoing 10th Shanghai International Film Festival, scheduled from 16 to 24 June.

Vicky Zhao won the award for her breakthrough performance as a taxi driver in "The Longest Night in



Chinese mainland actress Vicky Zhao portrays a taxi driver in "The Longest Night in Shanghai."

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Shanghai." The nationally projected film was hailed for its potential at the box office.

The 31-year-old actress missed the awards ceremony on Friday as she is shooting a new film "The War of the Red Cliff", directed by John Woo.

She expressed her thanks for the honour over the phone.

The most popular actor award went to 47-year-old Taipei actor Winston Chao, for his portrayal of Sun Yat-sen in a revolutionary's love story.

The Media Award held by CCTV-6, the China Central Television's movie channel, focuses on the development of Chinese films.

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Mechanics protect Paul Whight from rain as he sits in his vintage Formula One car at the Goodwood Festival of Speed near Chichester, southern England on 24 June, 2007.

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SPORTS

Saudi Arabia beat UAE 2-0 in Asian Cup warm up

SINGAPORE, 25 June — Saad Al Harthi and Malek Maaz scored second-half goals to guide Saudi Arabia to a 2-0 win over United Arab Emirates in an Asian Cup warm-up match in Singapore on Sunday.

Al Harthi opened the scoring in the 49th minute when he headed a corner from Abdulrahman Al Qahtani into the back of the net. Maaz sealed the win by scoring eight minutes later when he connected with a free kick from Al Qahtani in an encouraging buildup to next month's Asian Cup.

"I was very pleased with the performance of the players today," Saudi Arabia's Brazilian coach Helio Dos Anjos told the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) website.

"It was a hard game for us especially in the first half but the players did well and created opportunities and I think we deserved to win the game."—MNA/Reuters

S Korean Lee earns British Open spot with Japan win

TOKYO, 25 June — South Korea's Lee Dong-hwan captured his first title on the Japanese men's tour at the Mizuno Open after Sunday's final round was halted by heavy fog.

The 20-year-old was three strokes ahead when tournament organizers decided to abandon the final round after waiting for two hours for visibility to improve.

Lee, a former South Korean amateur champion, was the overnight leader following three successive rounds of 68 in Nishinomiya, western Japan.—MNA/Reuters



Players of the US celebrate after their CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer tournament final game against Mexico in Chicago, US on 24 June, 2007. US won 2-1.—XINHUA

Fasth holds off charging Langer for 2-shot win

MUNICH, 25 June — Sweden's Niclas Fasth withstood a remarkable charge by Bernhard Langer on Sunday before winning the BMW International by two strokes.

Fasth's closing two-under 70 for a 13-under 275 total kept out Langer, who had to settle for his fifth runner-up spot in the only German European Tour event he has never won.

Langer, finishing with a 67, shared second place with Portugal's Jose-Filipe Lima (72), who led the third round with Fasth.

Three strokes ahead of the field at the turn, Fasth's sixth European Tour title looked a formality with the Swede in the form that earned him fourth place in the US Open the previous week.

But with the 49-year-old Langer holing a series of outrageous putts, a 40-footer, two 25-footers and two from 15 feet, and Fasth double-bogeying the 10th, the outcome remained in doubt until the 71st hole.

Langer tangled with the rough on 18 and could only manage par to set an 11-under target. Fasth stayed only one in front of the German until holing a seven-footer for birdie on 17 to extend his victory margin.

While Fasth took the 445,000-US-dollar winner's cheque and with it a move close to the world's top 20, Langer, who becomes a senior in August, took top marks for determination.—MNA/Reuters



Sevilla's players celebrate after winning the King's Cup final soccer match against Getafe at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 23 June, 2007. — XINHUA

NZ beat Alinghi to level America's Cup

VALENCIA, 25 June — Team New Zealand staged a stunning comeback to beat Alinghi on Sunday, levelling the best-of-nine America's Cup series 1-1 and ending a 16-race winning streak for a group of Kiwis on the Swiss team.

In one of the most exciting races in recent Cup history, Alinghi led at the first mark despite being beaten off the start by New Zealand after a closely fought pre-match duel.

But the Kiwis ground Alinghi down on the second upwind leg and the balance of the race shifted on one critical tack, with Team New Zealand rounding the final mark with a 15-second lead.

Team New Zealand extended their gain downwind to win convincingly by 28 seconds, dispelling any idea of Alinghi's newly-built SUI100 having a clear speed advantage.

MNA/Reuters



Emirates Team New Zealand pull in the spinnaker on the second day of racing in the 32nd America's Cup in Valencia. Challenger Emirates Team New Zealand beat Swiss defender Alinghi to win the second race of the America's Cup here on Sunday and draw the best-of-nine series level at 1-1.—INTERNET

Zenit beat lowly Nalchik 4-3 to go top in Russia

MOSCOW, 25 June — Zenit St Petersburg scored a nervy 4-3 victory over lowly Spartak Nalchik on Sunday to move to the top of the Russian Premier League.

Russian internationals Vladislav Radimov and Alexander Anyukov scored two late goals to break a 2-2 deadlock and although Nalchik pulled one back in added time, Dick Advocaat's team held on for their sixth win from 14 games.

Zenit, on 24 points, lead Spartak Moscow by a point.

Champions CSKA Moscow failed to join Zenit at the top of the table, going down 1-0 at Krylya Sovietov Samara. CSKA, who have lost Brazilian strikers Vagner Love and Jo to international duty, have now gone three successive games without scoring, dropping from first to sixth place on 21 points.—MNA/Reuters



French soccer striker Thierry Henry gives thumb up on arrival at FC Barcelona's stadium in Barcelona, Spain, on 24 June, 2007. Henry, a former Arsenal player is due to take a medical examination on Monday ahead of signing for the Catalan club, their first major summer signing.—XINHUA

Beijing Airport to launch emergency alert system for Olympics

BEIJING, 25 June — Beijing's Capital International Airport will set up an emergency alert system for extreme weather and security threats so as to ensure smooth transportation for millions of visitors from home and abroad during next summer's Olympic Games.

A five-colour grading system will be used, said Su Langen, senior official with the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC).

Green indicates normal conditions in which the airport can predict flight times accurately and an absence of bad weather in cities where the Games are being held.—MNA/Reuters

France, Russia take European Cup honours in Munich

MUNICH, 25 June — France snatched the tightest of victories over Germany to retain the men's European Cup crown on Sunday, while Russia's women extended their dominance with an 11th straight win.

The Russian women took the first two events on day two at a sunny Olympic Stadium to leave no one in doubt that they would continue a winning streak dating back to 1997 when the event was last held in Munich. Despite being disqualified from the closing 4x400m relay they took the title with a total of 127 points, with France second on 107 and Germany third on 94.5.

The tussle in the men's competition was much tougher, as France and Germany finished level on 116 points and the same number of individual victories, the French prevailing thanks to more second places. Poland were third on 110.

Greece and Spain were relegated from the women's category. Ukraine and Belgium lost their top flight status in the men's.

Germany's men held a slim lead after the first day and Tim Lobinger extended it when he cleared 5.70 metres at the second attempt to beat Romain Mesnil in the pole vault.—MNA/Reuters

Iraqi court sentences "Chemical Ali" to hang

BAGHDAD, 25 June — Saddam Hussein's cousin, widely known as "Chemical Ali", was sentenced on Sunday to hang for masterminding a genocidal military campaign that used poison gas against Iraq's Kurds in the 1980s.

Ali Hassan al-Majeed, looking frail and wearing traditional Arab robes, stood silently as the judge read the verdict. As he was escorted from the Baghdad courtroom, he said: "Thanks be to God." "This is judgment day for the aggressors against the Kurdish people," said

Namiq Horamy, as he handed out sweets to colleagues in Kurdistan's Ministry of Martyrs, which looks after victims of the campaign.

Majeed, whose very name once sparked fear among Iraqis, directed a military campaign against the Kurdish north in which

chemical weapons were used, villages demolished, agricultural lands destroyed and tens of thousands of people killed.

The court also sentenced to death Saddam's defence minister, Sultan Hashim, and a former military commander for their roles in the campaign.

Two other commanders received life in prison. Charges were dropped against the former governor of Mosul.

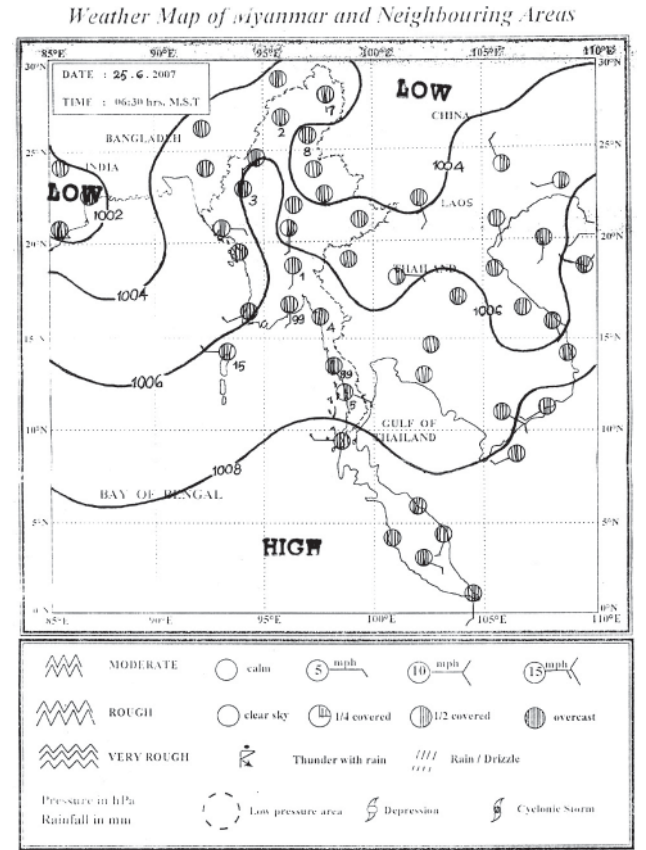
Saddam was the seventh defendant, until his execution in December in a separate trial for crimes against humanity.

Kurds have long sought justice for the so-called Anfal or "Spoils of War" campaign that has left lasting scars on their mountainous region. Prosecutors say up to 180,000 people were killed in the seven-month "scorched-earth" operation in 1988.

MNA/Reuters



Rebecca Preston from Australia celebrates after winning the women's Ironman Switzerland event, on 24 June, 2007, in Zurich, Switzerland. Triathletes taking part in the competition had to swim 3.8 kilometres, then cycle 180 kilometres and run 42 kilometres. — INTERNET



WEATHER

Monday, 25 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Chin States, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Bago Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Yangon Division and isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Mingaladon) (3.98) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (3.90) inches, Dawei (3.50) inches, Yangon (Central) (3.07) inches, Katha (1.26) inches and Shwegyin (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-6-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 25-6-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-6-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 24-6-2007 was (6.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-6-2007 was (3.98) inches at Mingaladon, (3.90) inches at Kaba-Aye, (3.07) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (47.01) inches at Mingaladon, (51.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (47.56) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (19:40) hours MST on 24-6-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Rakhine States, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread 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: Likelihood of increase of rain in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 26-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).


Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 26 June

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -You give me love ... Faith Hill
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Forever your girl ... Paul Abdul
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Giving you the best
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -In your perfect world
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -The girl from yesterday -Always you -I see your smile
- 9:00pm English Speaking Course Level(III)Unit(7)
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30pm Music at your listening pleasure -I love you -How do I live without you
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 26 June
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. ကဗျာပန်းညွှာညွှာ</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့. ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>7. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>8. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့်</p>	<p>တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့. တေးများ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. Dance of national races</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>6. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့. ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>8. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>9. Weather report</p>	<p>6:35 pm</p> <p>10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p>6:50 pm</p> <p>11. "မြန်မာလိုလှစေချင်သည်" (ကြည်းရိုး(IC) မျိုးမောင်မောင်သီဟ၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဝါဝါအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရိုးရိုး)</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>12. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့. အထိမ်းအမှတ်ကျပန်းစတား ပြောပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:10 pm</p> <p>13. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့. တေးများ</p> <p>7:20 pm</p> <p>14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သန်းတစ်ရာရွှေအိမ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>15. News</p> <p>16. International news</p> <p>17. Weather report</p> <p>18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)</p> <p>19. The next day's programme</p>
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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

Community development helps improve health and economy as well as indicates standard of a people

Secretary-1 addresses meeting of development affairs committees



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at annual work coordination meeting of the development affairs committees of Development Affairs Department.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June — Annual Work Coordination Meeting of the development affairs committees of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs took place at the meeting hall of the department here this morn-

ing with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present at the meeting were Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney general, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training

Board, deputy ministers, the director-general of the SPDC Office, departmental heads and officials.

Addressing the meeting, the Secretary-1 said at this annual work coordination meeting, matters related to the policy of the development affairs (See page 8)

Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation related to development of sports sector

Secretary-1 attends opening of First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—The First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament for 2007 jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation was opened at No 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground here at 4 pm today, attended by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein enjoys football match of the First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA