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Tree plantation ceremony held to mark World Environment Day 2009

YANGON, 2 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the tree plantation ceremony held near Milepost 87 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District this morning in commemoration of World Environment Day 2009 and grew a teak plant.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint urged those present to conserve plantations and plants for thriving and sustainable development.

Afterwards, the director of Yangon Division Forest Department explained the purpose of holding the tree plantation ceremony in commemoration of World Environment Day.

After that, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the Yangon mayor and responsible persons distributed teak plants to social organizations and local people, and grew teak plants.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed collective planting of teak saplings on either side of Yangon-Mandalay Highway.—MNA

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 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

Yangon, 2 June — UG Researchers from the University of Granada (UGR) have developed Inmamusys, a software program that can create music in response to emotions that arise in the listener. By using artificial intelligence (AI) techniques, the program enables original, copyright-free and emotion-inspiring music to be played continuously.

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**Use dam water effectively and grow high-yield quality crops**

Myanmar’s economy being based on agriculture, agricultural requirements are being fulfilled for increased production of the agricultural sector. To provide sufficient water for agricultural use, dams, sluice gates and diversion weirs are being built wherever possible in all regions.

The central part of Myanmar has a vast area of farmland but it does not get much rain. In the past, farmers had to rely on rain for cultivation of crops and therefore production of crops was not good. But now, as the government has been implementing dam, river-water and underground water projects, there has been an increase in acres of irrigated farmland.

The Madan dam built by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation near Nanwin village in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township was opened on 30 May. As a total of 33 dams, including the Madan dam, has been built in Nay Pyi Taw and its surrounding area, mixed, double or triple crops can be grown all the year round.

There are more than 8,000 acres of farmland in nine village-tracts in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township. Monsoon paddy, sesame and maize, green gram and vegetables are grown as the first crop, monsoon paddy, black gram and peanut as the second crop and black gram and peanut as the third crop.

Now, with the opening of the Madan dam, cultivation of mixed, double or triple crops can be extended. As a result, there will be more than 20,000 cultivated acres.

Out of 28 million of cultivated acres across the nation, five million acres are irrigated farmlands. If farmers grow high-yield quality crops by using dam water effectively, the production of the agriculture sector will become higher.

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**F & R Minister tours Kyaukpadaung, Meiktila, Yamethin**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June** — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended a ceremony to inaugurate the new school building in Kabyu Village in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division, and donated exercise books, stationery, sports gears to students. After the ceremony, the minister viewed the students learning at the two-storey building and cordially met with teachers.

Among other things, the minister also inspected the Myanmar Economic Bank in Meiktila and Myanma Economic Bank in Yamethin.

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**Talk on “Leadership in You” held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June** — CEO Magazine conducted a talk on “Leadership in You” at the Hotel Mandalay in Mandalay on 30 May. Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet gave the talk. Present at the talk were CEO Magazine readers, managers and those in-charge of companies, and MBA degree holders.

The talk was mainly sponsored by Mingyi Kyaiik Longyi (Sarong) and cosponsored by MCC Training Institute (Yatanapon) and Zami Electronics.

After the talk, Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet responded to the queries raised by the attendees. Books published by Today Publishing House were sold at 10 percent discount.
Four US soldiers among 28 killed in Afghan unrest

KABUL, 2 June—A surge in militant-linked unrest across Afghanistan left 28 people dead including four US soldiers killed in bomb strikes near the capital, officials said on Monday.

Violence has picked up across the war-scarred country in recent weeks with Afghan and international troops launching operations to clear out militants ahead of August 20 elections and militants also stepping up attacks.

A 40-nation NATO-led force helping to fight a Taleban-led insurgency announced the deaths of four of its soldiers in a statement that did not give their nationalities.

“Four International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members were killed as a result of two improvised explosive device attacks in eastern Afghanistan today,” it said.

An ISAF official told AFP on condition of anonymity that they were American troops who were killed in Wardak Province near Kabul. — Internet

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,307

WASHINGTON, 2 June—As of Monday, 1 June, 2009, at least 4,307 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes nine military civilians killed in action. At least 3,448 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

The British military has reported 179 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.

Bomb kills six Afghans

KABUL, 2 June—A bomb ripped through a vehicle northeast of Kabul on Tuesday and killed six Afghan civilians, including two children, the interior ministry told AFP.

It was not immediately clear if the bomb was planted in the road, which runs past the largest US military base in Afghanistan, or was fixed to the vehicle. An interior ministry spokesman told AFP.

Two men and two women and two children are killed,” he said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for attack.

Such blasts are usually directed at the Afghan or foreign security forces that are trying to put down an insurgency led by the Taleban. — Internet

Afghan Roadside bombs kill 4 ISAF Troops

KABUL, 2 June—Two roadside bombs in eastern Afghanistan killed four troops from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) on Monday, a spokesman for the alliance said in a statement.

Taleban militants regularly use roadside bombs to target foreign and Afghan soldiers in a bid to topple the government and force withdrawal of foreign troops stationed in the country.

ISAF does not release the nationality of the dead and wounded soldiers. Most of the ISAF forces stationed in eastern Afghanistan are American but also include troops from France, New Zealand and other nations.

The insurgency has been gathering strength despite a rise in the number of foreign troops on the ground, and recent months have been the bloodiest since US-led and Afghan forces toppled the Taleban’s Islamist government in Kabul in late 2001. — MNA/Reuters

Afghan journalist killed in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 June—An Iraqi sports broadcaster was killed by a bomb attached to his car in northern Iraq, while two other journalists were wounded in a similar blast in Baghdad, officials said. The attacks underscored the continued dangers to Iraqi journalists who frequently have been targeted or caught up in the violence plaguing the country.

Alaa Abdul-Wahab, a 37-year-old reporter for the Cairo-based independent Baghdadiya TV station, was killed and two other journalists wounded on Sunday when the bomb exploded as he got into his Opel car in the northern city of Mosul, according to police.

The station confirmed the death.

The journalists, who had just finished lunch, were planning to do a story on the local Olympic committee, a police officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to release the information. The head of the Iraqi Journalists’ Union, Mouyyad al-Lami condemned the attack and called upon the Iraqi government to step up protection for journalists. — Internet

Militants storm prison in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 June—Anti-government militants raided a prison in Laghman Province of east Afghanistan, local newspaper reported on Monday.

Armed Taleban fighters on Saturday night attacked the jail in provincial capital Mehtarlaman but caused no loss of life and damage,” daily Arman-e-Millie reported. This was the second attack of the prison in Laghman over the past one month which according to Taleban purported spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid had inflicted casualties on jail officials. In the previous attack on the same jail, one Taleban detainee was killed and another made his good escape. In the other incident on the same day, Taleban fighters also gunned down a jail official in Helmand province south of Afghanistan. — Internet

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One US soldier killed, another hurt in Arkansas shooting

WASHINGTON, 2 June--A US soldier was killed and another was hurt on Monday in an apparent drive-by shooting at a military recruiting station in Little Rock, Ark., authorities said.

The second soldier’s injuries were not life-threatening, Little Rock police spokesman Terry Hastings told reporters.

Authorities were notified about 11:19 am eastern time (1519 GMT) about a shooting at the recruiting station, Army/Navy Career Center.

Officers who arrived at the scene found the two soldiers had been shot.

The soldiers were helping the station to recruit new soldiers at the time.

Police believe a man in a black SUV drove by and fired on the soldiers as they were standing outside. Hastings said. A suspect was arrested after officers saw a vehicle matching the description on a nearby interstate and pulled it over.—INTERNET

Strong earthquake hits near Vanuatu Islands

HONG KONG, 2 June —An earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale hit near Vanuatu Islands at 10:28 am (0228 GMT) on Tuesday, the Hong Kong Observatory said.

The epicenter was initially determined to be 17.7 degrees southlatitude and 167.9 degrees east longitude, about 41 kilometres west of Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu, according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damages.—INTERNET

Russia, US hold second round of nuclear disarmament talks

GENEVA, 2 June—Russia and the United States on Monday started here their second round of full-format talks on a new strategic arms reduction agreement to replace the 1991 START treaty.

Diplomats from both sides began their talks behind closed doors at the Russian mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and they would move to the US mission on Tuesday, diplomatic sources said.

The talks are expected to last two or three days.

The two sides have described the first round of negotiations in Moscow on 19-21 May as a “success,” and agreed to submit the results of work on a new treaty at a Russian-US summit in Moscow in early July, according to Russian media reports.

Signed in 1991, the START treaty (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) obliges Russia and the United States to reduce nuclear warheads to 6,000 and their delivery vehicles to 1,600 each. The treaty is set to expire on 5 December, 2009.

Two US airmen killed in England car crash

LONDON, 2 June —British police say two US airmen died when their car collided with another vehicle in eastern England.

Police say they were killed when their BMW collided with a car on a road in the village of Icklingham in Suffolk late on Saturday.

The men were based at nearby Lakenheath airfield.

A call to the base rang unanswered after hours on Monday.

Three people in the other car were seriously injured in the crash.

Police said a 2-year-old boy in the car had minor injuries.

Police say two other passengers traveling in the BMW were left with minor injuries.

Four police officers killed in Somalia roadside bomb

MOGADISHU, 2 June—Police in Somalia say a roadside bomb in the capital has killed at least four police officers and several civilians.

Somali police chief Abdi Hassan Awale said it was not immediately clear how many civilians died in Monday’s attack in Mogadishu.

A demonstration is given of the new XBox Project Natal, new technology that uses Natals motion control to let gamers take control of titles using their entire body, at the Microsoft XBox 360 E 2009 media briefing in Los Angeles, on 1 June, 2009.—INTERNET

A surge of violence in Somalia since mid-May has killed nearly 200 people, militiamen are trying to topple the country’s Western-backed government and install a strict Islamic state.

The insurgency has killed thousands of civilians and sent hundreds of thousands fleeing for their lives in recent years.

Somalia has not had a functioning government since 1991, and the US worries that Somalia could be a terrorist breeding ground.—INTERNET

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World's largest retailer Wal-Mart Stores Inc and local partner Bharti Group opened their first wholesale outlet in India as rising disposable incomes boost demand in the world's second-fastest-growing major economy.—INTERNET
Energy experts to gather in Jakarta for addressing climate change issues

Jakarta, 2 June—Some 120 energy experts from around the world are expected to gather in Jakarta, Indonesia’s capital, next week for addressing current challenges posed by climate change, local media reported on Tuesday.

The experts are expected to attend a workshop on advanced technologies of renewable energy, according to a report as saying. It also has a significant link to tackling the issues of climate change and global warming. We are hoping that we can get much more information about sharing energy through the workshop, so that at least we can also be a part of the system.”

GM’s Japanese unit to continue business

Tokyo, 2 June—General Motors Asia Pacific (Japan) Ltd, a Japanese unit of General Motors Corp, said on Tuesday it will continue its business in the wake of the embattled US auto giant filing for bankruptcy protection.

“With the new GM as our parent company, we will continue our operations like before,” he said.

Brown emphasized that he currently plans no job cuts at the Japanese unit. He said GM will continue its joint venture in Canada with Suzuki Motor Corp even after the US auto giant filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, saying the joint venture company, CAMI Automotive Inc, will be part of the new GM.

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Havana, 2 June—Cuba restored on Monday the flights from and to Mexico out of the belief that the H1N1 flu outbreak has passed.

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The Tempe, Arizona-based trade group said its manufacturing index, which reflects the opinions of purchasing managers at factories, plants and utilities, registered 42.8 last month, slightly better than the 40.1 reading in April. A reading above 50 indicates growth while a reading below 50 indicates contraction. Analysts had been expecting a reading of 42.3 for May.

Last month, the ISM’s production index registered 60.0, up from 40.4 in April. The index for new orders rose to 51.1 from 47.2. But the employment index edged down to 34.3 from 34.4.

Five of the 18 manufacturing industries reported growth last month and 13 reported contraction, according to the ISM. While the sector continued to contract in May, “there are signs of improvement,” Norbert Ore, chair of the ISM manufacturing business survey committee, said while releasing the report.

“May is the first month of growth in the new orders index since November 2007, with nine of 18 industries reporting growth,” Ore said. “New orders are considered a leading indicator, and the index has risen rapidly after bottoming at 23.1 in December 2008.”

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DNA test to discover Tutankhamun’s parentage
CAIRO, 2 June—Egyptian researchers are using DNA tests to discover the lineage of pharaoh king Tutankhamun, whose ancestry remains a mystery to Egyptologists, antiquities chief Zahi Hawass said on Monday.

The young king, whose mummy was found in a gold and turquoise sarcophagus by English archaeologist Howard Carter in 1922, ruled Egypt between 1333 and 1324 BC. His ancestry has been as much a source of speculation as his abrupt end.

“Until now, we don’t know who his father was. Was it Akhenaten or Amenhotep III,” Hawass told reporters at a press conference.

The antiquities chief said the testing would be done with help from experts at Cairo University’s faculty of medicine and would also include X-raying and the reconstruction of possible relatives’ features.—INTERNET

Three died in house fire near Los Angeles
LOS ANGELES, 2 June—A father and two children died on Monday in a house fire near Los Angeles, while a young sister of the boys was hospitalized in critical condition, authorities said.

Firefighters arrived at the flaming house in Hesperia, about 100 kilometres northeast of Los Angeles, at about 1 am in the morning with the father and two boys still inside, according to the local fire captain.

A 9-year-old boy and his 34-year-old father died at the scene and a 4-year-old boy later died at a hospital.

Meanwhile, a 10-year-old girl, who along with her mother had escaped the house through a bedroom window before firefighters arrived, was in critical condition at a hospital. There was no immediate word on the mother’s condition.—INTERNET

Nigerian militants say British hostage refuses freedom
LAGOS, 2 June—The main armed militant group in southern Nigeria said that a British hostage it has planned to release on Monday after holding him for about nine months has refused being freed.

“Mr Mathew Maguire has declined the gift of a release from captivity with an argument that he is now an advocate for change in the region and a honorary member of the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND),” the group said in an email to the media.

“This has come as a surprise to us and we can not forcibly eject him from our camp against his will,” MEND said in the statement. “He insists that his release should only be considered when Henry Okah is freed to participate in a credible peace process or has been allowed to travel for his urgent kidney surgery,” it added.—INTERNET

Louisville Zoo train derailed, injuring at least 22
LOUISVILLE, 2 June—A small train carrying visitors to the Louisville Zoo fell off the tracks on Monday, sending 22 people to hospitals including one child who was critically injured, officials said.

The train of open-air cars is pulled by a small engine and circles the zoo along a two-mile track. It was carrying about 30 passengers when three cars and the engine fell off the rails near the gorilla exhibit. A person briefly trapped was able to be freed, zoo spokeswoman Kara Bussabarger said.

Wis school catches fire, turns up 1897 US flag
A recent fire in a Milwaukee public school that dates back to 1894 resulted in an unusual find: an American flag left in an unused attic area for more than 100 years.

District officials say the flag is from 1897 and has just 45 stars, representing the number of states at that time. They said the flag has signs of wear, including some tears, and is believed to have been in the attic for 112 years.

The flag was found after lightning set fire to the steeple of the Dr Martin Luther King, Jr K-8 School.
Passengers waiting at Mingalon Station in DaikU Township, Bago Division, to travel between Nay Pyi Taw and Mawlamyine.

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improve the transport sector in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State. It links DaikU Station on Yangon-Mandalay Railroad and Hsatthwagon Station on Yangon-Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei Railroad in the west of Sittoung Bridge in Waw Township. It was put into service on 21 April 2007.

Feasibility study for DaikU-Sittoung Railroad section was launched on 12 December 2005. Then, groundwork was carried out constantly. Lying in a low-lying area, the worksite was flooded in the rainy season.

Therefore, it took one year and four months to complete the project.

DaikU-Sittoung Railroad section is 24 miles long with four above-100-foot bridges, 17 under-100-foot bridges and 11 bends.

Owing to the facility, the people can travel directly in a shorter time between Myitkyina in Kachin State and Dawei in Taninthayi Division through Dawei, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Myitkyina, without passing through Bago. Previously, there was not a direct train link between upper Myanmar and lower Myanmar.

Therefore, several projects were implemented with the funds of the State under the guidance of the Head of State. One of which is DaikU-Myitkyo-Sittoung Railroad section project in DaikU Township. With its progress, Nay Pyi Taw saw a growing requirement in the transport sector.


Due to DaikU-Sittoung Railroad, people can now travel directly between Mawlamyine and Nay Pyi Taw, thus saving 38 miles or about two hours. The railroad consists of four stations: Einchelayse, Mingalun, Myitkyo and Hsatthwagon and two halts: Palit and Fakkaleik.

Public Works under the Ministry of Construction built 21 miles and two furlongs long DaikU-Myitkyo-Nyaungkhashe laterite road linking DaikU Township and Waw Township in Bago Division.

So, local people transport their goods in a short time through the road, which also links Yangon-Mandalay Highway in DaikU Township and the road between Kayin and Mon states in Waw Township. So, local people can now travel to Kayin and Mon states through Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

The transport facilities the Tatmadaw government has built in DaikU Township, Bago Division, provide the spur to the national goal of building a developed nation the people are trying to achieve.

Translation: MS

Myanma Alin: 2-6-2009
NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe inspected the construction of new primary school being constructed in Chaungtha Ward-7 in Shwethaungyan Township at 7.30 a.m. on 20 May, and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Minors handed over to parents

YANGON, 2 June—The Work Committee for Prevention against Recruitment of Minors today handed over eight minors who joined the Tatmadaw of their own accord to their parents.

At the ceremony to hand over the minors to their parents held at Mingaladon Station, a commandant of the local station briefed on matters related to the handing over the minors.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of the Committee Maj-Gen Ngwe Thein of the Ministry of Defence and members of the work committee, resident representatives of UNICEF, Save the Children (Myanmar), World Vision (Myanmar), the minors and their parents.

Resident representatives and responsible persons of the NGOs cordially met with the parents of the minors and raised questions.—MNA

Minister for Industry-2 inspects Pakokku Industrial Region

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected progress in construction of main building of Industrial Training Center (Pakokku) construction sites on 30 May. The minister urged officials concerned to finish the buildings to be ready for installation when teaching-aid machines arrive from aboard.

On arrival at Machine and Machine Tools Factory (Myaing), the minister inspected machines parts that are ready for sale produced by the factory and gave instruction on meeting income and expenditure ratio and carrying out regular maintenance of high-tech machines.—MNA

Mosquito evolution spells trouble for Galapagos wildlife

LEEDS, 2 June—The Galapagos giant tortoise and other iconic wildlife are facing a new threat from disease, as some of the islands' mosquitoes develop a taste for reptile blood.

Scientists from the University of Leeds, the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) and the Galapagos National Park have discovered that while its mainland ancestors prefer the blood of mammals and the occasional bird, the Galapagos form of the black salt marsh mosquito (Aedes taeniorhynchus) has shifted its behaviour to feed mainly on reptiles—primarily Galapagos giant tortoises and marine iguanas.

The findings raise fears that these changes could devastate the islands' unique native wildlife if a new mosquito-borne disease is introduced—a scenario which is increasingly likely with the continuing rise in tourism.—Internet

Shwe Naing Ngan Journal comes out

YANGON, 2 June—The Shwe Naing Ngan News Journal carrying a wide array of local and foreign news in addition to articles on nation-building endeavours such as democracy analysis of Myanmar, auspicious sound of peace of Phasi (frog drum), ideas of leader, seven reservoirs project, etc has been in circulation.

The copies of the journal are available at Sarpay Beikman Bookshop on Merchant Road, Kyautada Township, Panshwepyi Bookshop of News and Periodicals Enterprise and the NPE bookshop on Theinbyu Road, Botataung Township.—MNA
School enrolment in Amarapura Township launched

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—The school enrolment for 2009-2010 Academic Year took place at Basic Education High School in Amarapura Township on 27 May, with an address by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe. Afterwards, the commander and wife and the officials presented exercise books to the students and viewed the school enrolment.—MNA

Kanbalu Tsp sees school enrolment activities

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—School enrolment activities were carried out at No (1) Basic Education High School in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Division, on 31 May. Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein made a speech. The minister and townselder U Kyaw Nyunt handed over textbooks, exercise books and stationery worth K 2.6 million donated by well-wishers to students. The minister inspected construction of Kanbalu Town-ship 100-bed Hospital Project. He viewed school enrolment activities at Leikhtu Village basic education post-primary school and presented textbooks, exercise books and stationery to the school. He also visited Nat-inn Village and presented textbooks, exercise books and stationery to the villagers.—MNA

UMFCCI officials leave for ROK

YANGON, 2 June—A 24-member delegation led by Vice-President U Aung Lwin of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) left here for Jeju-Do of the Republic of Korea by air on 29 May to attend ASEAN-Korea CEO Business Summit, Korea, from 30 May to 1 June. They were seen off by Vice-president U Zaw Min Win of UMFCCI, Secretary-General Dr Maung Maung Lay and responsible persons at Yangon International Airport.

Neurological disorder in golden retriever dogs

STOCKHOLM, 2 June—Sensory ataxic neuropathy (SAN) is a recently identified neurological disorder in Golden Retriever dogs with onset during puppyhood. Affected dogs move in an uncoordinated manner and have sensory deficits. Researchers from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala University and the Karolinska Institutet have now revealed that SAN is caused by a mutation in mitochondrial DNA, which was confirmed by the identification of a one base pair deletion in the mitochondrial tRNA-Tyr gene. Further analyses revealed that the mutation leads to mitochondrial dysfunction, which in turn causes a progressive loss of neurons.

Researchers in Sweden have figured out the basis for a neurological disorder in Golden Retriever dogs called sensory ataxic neuropathy.
Information Minister visits Yegu transmission station

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects Yegu transmission station in Mayangon Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visited Yegu transmission station in Mayangon Township here yesterday.

The minister viewed test transmission with medium wave transmitter and called for timely completion of the works for running the transmitters at full capacity and regular maintenance of the transmitters.

The minister then inspected round maintenance works of antenna towers and transmitters, gave instructions on safety of the station and prevention of destructive acts and urged staff families to raise poultry and farm on a manageable scale.—MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe participates in ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Reduction and Rural Development. — MNA

PBANRDA Deputy Minister arrives back from Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe attended the 6th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Reduction and Rural Development held in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 25 to 28 May and arrived back here on 30 May.

Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe together with Director-General U Myo Myint and Deputy Director Dr Tun Lwin of the Development Affairs Department also attended related meetings, Prearrangement Meeting of Senior Officials for Ministerial Meeting and ASEAN+3 Meeting.

Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung gave an opening speech.

In the meeting, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe discussed rural development programmes, the Border Areas Development Project and the 24-Special Region Development Project being undertaken for rural development and poverty alleviation in Myanmar. He highlighted domestic food sufficiency as Myanmar was able to produce 1,600 million baskets of paddy in 2008-2009, thanks to the irrigation facilities built under the special project by the government which contributes to extended sown acreage.

The meeting focused on effects of climate changes in ASEAN regions, decline of agricultural produce market due to economic downturn, cooperation in prevention against A/H1N1 virus, cooperation for narrowing development gap among ASEAN countries with the spirit of providing mutual assistance to each other, exchange of information among member countries, analysis of effect on socio-economic life in the region due to global financial crisis.—MNA

Educative talk on Intellectual Property Rights to be held

YANGON, 2 June—With the sponsorship of Yadanar Kyaw Co, the monthly educative talk (June 2009) organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will be held on First Floor, Mingalar hall of UMFCCI Office Tower on Minyeykawswa Road, Lanmataw Township, here, at 2 p.m. on 6 June (Saturday).

U Than Maung (Sittway), law advisor, will give a talk on Intellectual Property Rights.

Executive members of UMFCCI and its brother associations, members and any interested persons may attend the talk.

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Acer brand notebooks introduced

YANGON, 2 June—Latest models of Acer notebooks were launched in a ceremony held at Acer Showroom at the corner of Strand Road and Lanthit Street in Lanmadaw Township here on 21 May.

U Aung Ko Myint, Deputy General Manager of Shwe Lamin Nagar Co Ltd, introduced Acer Aspire 4937 G notebook specially designed for utmost satisfaction of gamers and Acer Aspire 4736 Z.

The notebooks are available at Shwe Lamin Nagar Co Ltd, Acer Authorized Distributor, No.570, corner of Strand Road and Lanthit Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, Ph:221683, E-mail address shwelaminnagar@gmail.com.

MNA
Call for Buckingham Palace to open doors more often

LONDON, 2 June—Buckingham Palace should open its doors to tourists more often and the money raised should be spent on maintaining crumbling royal buildings and monuments, a parliamentary spending watchdog said on Tuesday.

The Royal Household has built up a £32-million-pound maintenance backlog for the Occupied Royal Palaces Estate, which also includes Windsor Castle, Prince Charles’ residence Clarence House and the Palace of Holyrood in Edinburgh.

But it receives less than half that amount a year in government funding from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee said. The repair list includes the burial site of Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert at Frogmore House, near Windsor Castle, where three million pounds of work is urgently needed.

Their mausoleum, completed in 1871, has been awaiting restoration for 14 years and is on English Heritage’s buildings at risk register, but a lack of funds means there are no plans for repairs to start. Queen Elizabeth’s London home Buckingham Palace opens to paying visitors for around 60 days in the summer.

Admissions raised £7.2million pounds in the last financial year, indicating the potential for additional income. The committee called for extra admissions and dismissed concerns that opening days were constrained by the amount of time the palace is used for state and royal occasions, with the queen in residence for 111 days in 2008.—MNA/Reuters

Chinese police seize nearly 3 tons of cocaine

BOGOTA, 2 June—Colombian police said Monday that they have seized about 3 tons of cocaine hidden in a ship at a port area in Uraba, Antioquia Province.

According to the police, the cocaine, addressed to the United States via Panama, Honduras and Mexico, has an estimated value of 105 million US dollars on the black market. The cocaine belonged to Daniel Rendon, alias “Don Mario”, who was captured in April.

In the same area, Colombian Navy on early Monday morning confiscated two submarines worth 900,000 dollars. Each of them has a capacity of 6 tons of cocaine.

Colombia has an annual production of 600 tons of cocaine and it is the largest producer and second exporter of cocaine in the world.—MNA/Xinhua

South Korea, ASEAN sign investment agreement

SEOUL, 2 June—South Korea and the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on Tuesday signed an agreement to boost investment in each other, which they said completed their broader free trade pact.

The agreement gives investors from South Korea, the fourth-largest economy in Asia, easier access to a market with a population of some 600 million people and a combined gross domestic product of some 1.3 trillion US dollars. Trade between the two sides rose 25 per cent during 2008 alone to 90 billion US dollars, and President Lee Myung-bak said Seoul aimed to boost the amount to 150 billion US dollars by 2015.

Trade ministers from South Korea and the ASEAN member countries signed the agreement at the end of their two-day summit held on the South Korean resort island of Jeju to mark the 20th anniversary of their partnership. South Korea and ASEAN signed a free trade agreement on goods in August 2006 and a separate one on services in November 2007.

Lee pledged on Monday to boost aid and transfer more development know-how to Southeast Asia to jointly fend off a larger threat to export-driven economies from rising protectionism in Western economies. Several ASEAN countries are also rich in energy and minerals, which resources-deficient South Korea desperately needs to power its factories making products from chips to autos and televisions. ASEAN is now the third largest export market for South Korea and its second biggest destination for investment.—MNA/Reuters
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Bids are to be reached the above offices on or before the closing date.
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MV JIAO CHENG VOY NO (91)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV JIAO CHENG VOY NO (91) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 5 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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NYC’s West Village has lots of rats
NEW YORK, 2 June—New York officials say complaints about rats are down overall this year, but residents of the West Village say they’re having a rough time with the vermin.

Some residents of the area — which is home to many celebrities — have told Fox 5 TV rats are overrunning the neighborhood. Some are even chasing down mice and eating them.

The health department has dispatched the rat patrol, the TV station said, and advised residents to call 311 to complain if a building has a rat problem and the landlord isn’t handling it.—Internet

New Zealand likely to impose car cellphone ban
WELLINGTON, 2 June—New Zealand Transport Minister Steven Joyce said on Tuesday that he wanted action this year to ban drivers from using hand-held cellphones.

Joyce would seek rule changes to ban voice calls and texting, subject to recommendations from officials and Cabinet approval.

The Transport Ministry is preparing a report based on public consultation on the use of cellphones while driving. Steven Joyce said he expects to hear from the ministry in the next few weeks and will take the recommendations to Cabinet. Joyce said he was keen for the cellphone issue to be given high priority.

Road safety researchers said using a cellphone while driving increases the risk of crashing by up to nine times.—Internet
Cervical cancer cells are seen in a magnified image in a handout photo.

Healthy skin crawls with bacteria

WASHINGTON, 2 June — The estimated 1,000 species of bacteria inhabiting healthy human skin are likely necessary for proper body functioning, researchers said.

Bacterial colonies reside on different parts of the skin, some in the armpit and belly button, which are akin to tropical rain forests, and others on the forearm, which resembles a arid desert, researchers from the National Institutes of Health told the Los Angeles Times in a story published on Saturday.

“We live in a microbial world, and these things are akin to tropical rain forests, and others on the forearm,” Noah Fierer, a microbial ecologist at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Researchers in the $115 million Human Microbiome Project, are cataloging microorganisms that inhabit the skin, stomach, nose, mouth and vagina. Fierer studies bacteria on hands.

For the project, the researchers collected a total of 112,283 microorganisms from 10 racially diverse volunteers before dividing the organisms into roughly 1,000 species, the Times reported.

Cervical cancer vaccine benefits older women

WASHINGTON, 2 June — Older women can benefit just as much as younger women from Merck’s Gardasil vaccine against cervical cancer, researchers in Colombia reported on Monday.

They found that women ages 24 to 45 who had no history of cancer-causing genital warts or cervical disease were much less likely to become infected with the wart virus if they got the vaccine than women who got placebo jabs. The study, published in the Lancet medical journal, points to a potentially lucrative new market for the vaccine against human papilloma virus or HPV. Merck, which paid for the Colombian study, has also shown that Gardasil is 90 percent effective in preventing sexually transmitted warts in men.

Study finds cancer survivors not getting needed tests

ORLANDO, 2 June — Adult survivors of childhood cancer who most need mammograms and other tests to watch for second cancers are less likely to follow screening recommendations than the general public or even their healthy siblings, a new study finds.

Less than half of the cancer survivors in the study received mammograms, colonoscopies or skin cancer screenings as often as recommended. Cancer survivors are at higher risk of getting the disease again, because treatments like radiation raise this chance, and because of genetic factors that led to the disease in the first place.

Some people may avoid screening tests because they want to put the scary experience of having had cancer behind them.

However, “many survivors do not know the specific treatments they had,” let alone what follow-up tests should be done, said Dr. Paul Nathan, a cancer specialist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He led the study and gave results Monday at an American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting in Florida.

More than 11 million Americans are cancer survivors, including more than 325,000 who were diagnosed when they were 15 or younger.

A/H1N1 virus invades all US states

HOUSTON, 2 June — All the 50 states in the United States reported cases of A/H1N1 flu on Monday, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the country to 10,053, according to the latest figures released by the federal government.

Until last week, Alaska, West Virginia and Wyoming were the last three states which had been free of the newly found virus, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Friday that the state of Wyoming had confirmed its first case, and reported on Monday that the states of Alaska and West Virginia had finally been invaded by the A/H1N1 virus.

Also on Monday, California health officials reported the state’s first two deaths from the new flu virus, bringing the nationwide total to 19 fatalities. Both victims were middle-aged people, a man from San Bernardino County and a woman from Los Angeles County, who had pre-existing medical conditions.

The virus, which spreads easily and causes mostly mild disease, has been diagnosed in 17,564 people in 64 countries, killing 115, according to the World Health Organization. Experts believe that the world’s medical community had based much of their pandemic planning on the 2004 H5N1 “bird flu” outbreak in Southeast Asia, which proved to be a poor model for predicting how the latest novel flu strain, H1N1, would play out.

Canada adds 194 new cases of A/H1N1 flu over the weekend

OTTAWA, 2 June — Canada added 194 new cases of the A/H1N1 flu since Friday to Monday, bringing the total to 1,530, according to the latest figures of Public Health Agency of Canada Monday.

The outbreak has spread to nine provinces and three territories out of the total of 10 provinces and three territories. Northwest Territories reported its first confirmed case. Only the province of Newfoundland and Labrador now has no report of any cases. The provinces that have most cases are Ontario (715), Quebec (309), Saskatchewan (153), British Columbia (132) and Alberta (126). As of Friday, the average age reported is 22 years or younger with median age at 17 years.

To date 57 hospitalizations and two deaths have been reported among laboratory-confirmed cases.

Bulgaria reports first case of A/H1N1 flu

SOFIA, 2 June — Bulgarian operative system for infectious diseases has identified the first confirmed case of A/H1N1 flu on June 1, 2009, the press center of the Health Ministry announced on Monday.

The patient, 21-year-old Ivan Dimitrov, is a student at Pennsylvania University in the US, arrived back for the holiday from New York on a flight via Amsterdam on 27 May.

Women more sensitive to looks rejection

BUFFALO, 2 June — Women are more sensitive than men to appearance rejection, US researchers say.

Lora Park, assistant professor of psychology, graduate student Ann Marie DiRaddo of the University at Buffalo, and Rachel Calogero of the University of Kent in England said the study also finds men and women whose internalized media ideals of attractiveness had higher levels of appearance-based rejection sensitivity than did their peers.

The study, published in the Psychology of Women Quarterly, says no relationship was found between parents’ perceptions of attractiveness and study participants’ increased sensitivity to appearance-based rejection. Therefore, peer and media influences, rather than parental influence, play a key role in appearance-based rejection sensitivity, the researchers say. "There is a lot of research to suggest that physically attractive people are less stigmatized by others in this society, and have significant advantages in many areas than those who are viewed as physically unattractive," Park says in a statement.
**SP OR T S**

**Terry wants Ancelotti in Chelsea title win**

**Madrid, 2 June—**

Florentino Perez, the inspiration behind the Real Madrid ‘Galacticos’, launched his second term as president on Monday by bringing in Chile’s Manuel Pellegrini as the club’s new coach and France legend Zinedine Zidane as a top advisor.

The club also announced former Argentine striker and coach Jorge Valdano as its new director general. “Real Madrid C.F. and Manuel Pellegrini have reached a deal for the Chilean to become the first team head coach,” Real said in a statement. It said he would be officially presented at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium on Tuesday.

He replaces Juande Ramos, who began a six-month contract in mid-December in place of German Bertil Schuster. Pellegrini, 55, a qualified civil engineer, joined Villarreal in 2004 from River Plate of Argentina and was under contract with the club until 2010.

In his first season there, Villarreal qualified for the Champions League by finishing third in La Liga. Last season, they were second behind champions Real Madrid.

**Real’s ‘Galactico’ president signs Pellegrini, Zidane**

**Sund erland, 2 June—**

Sunderland are on the verge of appointing Steve Bruce as their new manager after agreeing a compensation package for the Wigan boss. Bruce is set to replace Ricky Sbragia, who resigned on the final day of the season after narrowly keeping the club in the Premier League.

Wigan chairman Dave Whelan, who paid Birmingham three million pounds to release Bruce from his St Andrews contract in November 2007, has insisted Sunderland had to come up with a similar remuneration.

That financial package has now been agreed and Sunderland officials are believed to be in Portugal - where Bruce is on holiday - to thrash out personal details after being given permission to speak to the former Manchester United defender.

**Wigan Athletic manager Steve Bruce pictured before his side’s Premier League match against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park in Blackburn, north-west England, in April.**

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**Federer keen to avoid burden of expectation**

**Paris, 2 June—**

Roger Federer is just three wins away from both a career Grand Slam and joining Pete Sampras as a 14-time major winner, but he’s desperate to avoid sinking beneath a tidal wave of expectations. With four-time champion Rafael Nadal, who defeated the great Swiss star in the last three finals here, beaten for the first time at Roland Garros, Federer has been widely-tipped to cruise to a first French Open title.

That would make him not only the sixth man in history to have won all four Grand Slam titles. But the 27-year-old insists that Rafa or no Rafa, there is still work to be done on the claycourts which have, year in, year out, resembled more of a scrapyard for him than a playground.

“I’m used to any kind of a situation, so (Nadal’s defeat) doesn’t affect me in any way,” said Federer who battled back 6-7 (4/7), 5-7, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2 to beat German veteran Tommy Haas in the fourth round on Monday.

**Monfils beats Roddick, into French Open quarters**

**Paris, 2 June—**

Gael Monfils reached a second successive French Open quarter-final on Monday when he beat America’s Andy Roddick, the sixth seed, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 in a bad-tempered Roland Garros clash.

Monfils will face second seed Roger Federer for a place in the semi-finals, while Roddick was left seething that his best French Open performance petered out in the Paris gloom.

Roddick argued continually with chair umpire Eric Molina that it was too dark to play, but in truth he had little answer to Monfils’s impressive armoury, which saw the 22-year-old Frenchman fire down 45 winners to the American’s 18.

He also out-aced Roddick 17-4.

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**Shearer denies playing hardball over Newcastle job**

**Newcastle, 2 June—**

Alan Shearer has denied making unreasonable demands in his discussions with Newcastle owner Mike Ashley about taking charge of the Championship club on a permanent basis.

Former Newcastle and England striker Shearer failed to keep the St James’ Park team in the Premier League during his brief reign at the end of last season.

But Ashley is keen to hand Shearer the job of hauling Newcastle back into the Premier League and has been negotiating a permanent contract.

However, recent reports made various claims concerning the talks, suggesting Shearer was seeking a big-money contract and a multi-million-pound transfer budget.

Ashley has also confirmed he is keen to sell the club as soon as possible, providing he can find a buyer willing to meet his asking price.

**Mickelson plans to return in time for US Open**

**Dublin, 2 June—**

Phil Mickelson plans a brief return to the PGA Tour in time to play in the U.S. Open. The world’s No. 2 player suspended his schedule indefinitely upon announcing two weeks ago that his wife, Amy, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Recent tests have given them hope the cancer has been caught early, with more tests over the next month.

Mickelson intends to return next week at the St Jude Championship in Memphis, Tenn, then play the following week in the US Open at Bethpage Black, according to a person informed of the plans.

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**French player Gael Monfils returns a ball to US player Andy Roddick during a French Open tennis round of 16 match at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. Monfils won 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.**

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**Kuznetsova not scared of text mate Serena**

**Paris, 2 June—**

Russian seventh seed Svetlana Kuznetsova says she won’t be intimidated by American world number two Serena Williams when the two go head-to-head for a place in the French Open semi-finals on Wednesday.

Williams has a 5-1 career record against the 23-year-old Russian, but Kuznetsova, a runner-up at Roland Garros in 2006, said the pair were too close for there to be any thoughts of fear in her mind.

“I respect her a lot,” said Kuznetsova, who picked up her first career title in two years on the Stuttgart clay in April.
Emirates launches first “A380” service to Bangkok

BANGKOK, 2 June—Thailand’s Suvarnabhumi Airport greeted the first commercial flight by an Airlines A380 on Monday, the world’s first A380 service to Bangkok, local media reported on Tuesday.

The Emirates Airline’s EK 372 carrying 432 passengers took off from Dubai at 0940 (0540 GMT) on Monday and landed at Suvarnabhumi International Airport at 1850 (1150 GMT), the first commercial A380 jet touch down on Thailand’s soil, the Bangkok Post said.

The A380 is the world’s only twin-deck, four aisle airliner that has 14 First Class Private Suites, 76 Business Class and 399 Economy seats, 35 per cent more seats than its closest rival. The aircraft burns up to 20 per cent less fuel per seat than today’s next largest aircraft, and is quieter, generating less than half the noise of other aircraft on takeoff. Unique to the Emirates A380 is its shower spas—two fully-equipped bathrooms in the First Class cabins with shower facilities.

Hailing the arrival of the A380 as a positive development for Thailand’s tourism industry, Chaisak Angkasuwan, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport said Thailand feels delighted.

The Emirates Airline’s A380 service to Bangkok

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, scattered in Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States, Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.40 inch), Myikyina (3.54 inches), Gwa (3.50 inches), Mookok (3.31 inches), Kyekkane (2.87 inches), Thandwe (2.76 inches), Kyaukphyu (2.26 inches), Taunggg (Aviation) (2.09) inches and Shwebo (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-6-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 2-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-6-2009 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 1-6-2009 was (3.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-6-2009 was (0.04) inch at Mingladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.45) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (16.46) inches at Mingladon, (20.98) inches at Kaba-Aye and (26.14) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 1-6-2009.

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Wednesday, 3 June

Forecast for Mandalay and neighboring area for 3-6-2009:

Throughout the day, weather is partly cloudy with a chance of isolated thundershowers in the remaining areas, the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama off and along Mon-Taninayi and most of the coast. Moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama off and along Mon-Taninayi, coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighboring area for 3-6-2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Chin, Kayah States and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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Throughout the states and divisions are a large number of transport barriers: rivers, creeks, tributaries, mountains, mountain ranges and ravines.

But most incredibly, there has been a network of transport facilities to overcome the barriers to the transport sector including uphill roads and railroads full of sharp bends, railroads that go through tunnels, and river-spanning bridges.

Among them is DaukU-Sittoung Railroad in DaikU Township, Bago Division, built by the Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation.

First analysis of effect of habit changes on migrating grazers

SCIENCE DAILY, 2 June — Densely packed wildebeests flowing over the Serengeti, bison teeming across the Northern Plains—these iconic images extend from Hollywood epics to the popular imagination. But the fact is, all of the world’s large-scale terrestrial migrations have been severely reduced and a quarter of the migrating species are suspected to no longer migrate at all because of human changes to the landscape. A recently published research paper highlights this global change and presents the first analysis of the dwindling mass migrations.

Organic acids, plant extracts, irradiation combine to beat bacteria

LITTLE ROCK, 2 June — A mixture of some organic acids and some extracts from plants turns out to be enough to greatly reduce pathogenic bacteria on chicken breast meat. Add some irradiation to the mix and it makes a lethal combination against the bacteria.

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Mawlamyine-Nay Pyi Taw train seen at Mingalon Station in DaikU-Sittoung railroad section.

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