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- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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NAVPYITAW, 4 June—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected the left canal of Kinda Dam and Zawgyi regulating dam in Myittha Township on 21 May morning.

The commander viewed construction project of 25-bed station hospital near Phyuaukseikpin Village in Kyaukse Township and heard reports on progress of tasks presented by officials.

After inspecting the place for construction of Basic Education High School in Chaungson region of Phyuaukseikpin Village, the commander left necessary instructions.—MNA

Mid-year meeting of FEIAP kicks off

YANGON, 4 June—The first mid-year meeting of the Federation of Engineering Society of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) was held at the building of Myanmar Engineering Society in Hline Township this afternoon.

Chairman of Myanmar Engineering Society U Han Zaw extended greetings and President of FEIAP Mr Tar Seng Chuan delivered opening address.

Over 40 representatives of engineering institutions from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, South Korea, Australia, China (Taipei) and Myanmar are participating in the meeting.

The mid-year meeting of ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organization (AFEO) will be held tomorrow at the same venue.—MNA

Stimulant tablets seized in Muse

NAVPYITAW, 4 June—Muse Township Special Anti-drug Squad of Shan State (North) seized 38,000 stimulant tablets in Muse Township at 10pm on 27 May.

The special anti-drug squad found the stimulant tablets carried in a bag on the motorcycle driven by Phon Shan en route from Monepaw Village to Namtaung Village.

The special squad arrested Phon Shan, but Arshan who also rode the motorcycle managed to escape from the scene. Phon Shan is now under investigation, and in connection with the case, the special squad is trying to arrest Arshan and other drug traffickers. — MNA

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YANGON, 4 June—The National League for Democracy (Headquarters) has kept in touch with the US and British embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of the NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it.

Those from the US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine Street here 25 times in May 2009. During their visit, they met with CEC members of the party and gave large and small envelopes and parcels to the latter.—MNA

TOBACCO KILLS
Iran’s Ahmadinejad defends his policies in TV debate

Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad attends a TV debate between him and Iran’s presidential hopeful — former Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi in Tehran, Iran, on 3 June, 2009. — Internet

TEHERAN, 4 June — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Wednesday defended his government’s foreign and domestic policies in a TV debate with presidential hopeful — former Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi. “During this four years, great dignity has been established in both outside and inside Iran,” AHmadinejad said at the beginning of the debate broadcasted live by the state-run television.

“The Iranian nation has made itself an adorable image in the international community,” he said. AHmadinejad has been criticized by reformists and some conservatives for the country’s soaring inflation and social problems such as high unemployment and housing shortage.

He has also been confronted with sharp criticism towards his hardline approaches which resulted in Iran’s gloomy image. “The social problems are not formed in just four years,” he said, adding that unemployment and economic problems are not new issues in his government.

Iraqi PM calls to resolve deadlocks with Kuwait by dialogue

BAGHDAD, 4 June — Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki said on Wednesday that pending issues between Iraq and Kuwait could be settled by dialogue. M aliki’s remarks came during a meeting in his office with Kuwaiti ambassador to Iraq Ali al-Mu’min, to discuss the tension which rose lately between the two countries as some Iraqi politicians and media accused Kuwait of hampering Iraqi efforts to lift UN sanctions imposed on the war-torn country since 1990.

“Committing to calmness and dialogue between both sides could resolve problems inherited from the era of the former regime,” M aliki was quoted as saying in a statement issued by his office. “The two brotherly and neighboring sides can ensure their rights through dialogue,” M aliki said. A few days ago, M ohammad Albulhassan, a representative of Kuwaiti Emir, visited some capitals of the permanent members of the UN Security Council to explain Kuwait’s stance as to Iraq’s efforts to lift the Chapter VII sanctions.

The Kuwaiti official demanded that sanctions imposed on Iraq should not be lifted until Iraq fulfills all its obligations in line with international resolutions. The Kuwaiti move prompted tension between the two countries as politicians and media of both sides exchanged accusations during the past few days. The United Nations imposed severe economic sanctions on Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

Some 12,000 households hit by floods in N Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, 4 June — Some 12,000 households in nine provinces in northern and north-eastern Afghanistan have been affected by floods since April, according to the latest United Nations-backed assessments.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported here on Wednesday that another round of flooding is expected to hit the northeastern part of the South Asian nation, as the snow remaining on the mountains of the Kunduz sub-basin begins to melt in the coming weeks, exacerbating the situation.

Given the amount of snowfall and the Kunduz River’s rising water levels, OCHA predicts that the new floods could surpass the deadly 2005 floods in the region in both extent and duration. — Internet

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The blast occurred at a cafe in the Shiite neighborhood of al-Shurta al-Rabia, which was crowded with people, including old men, who were gathering there to drink tea, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The bomb was apparently hidden in a bag brought in by an unidentified man who fled the scene before the blast, the source said. — Internet

US military arrests Afghan journalist

KABUL, 4 June — US forces arrested an Afghan journalist from Khost Province east of Afghanistan, a local newspaper reported on Thursday.

“Ameriran troops on Tuesday night raided the house of a local journalist Noora Jan Baheer and took him into custody along with his two brothers,” Daily Armen-e-Millie writes.

Noora Jan, according to the newspaper, was working as reporter for Kiiid group, a media outlet running a local radio and a magazine.

Governor of Khost Province Hamidullah Qalandarzai, the newspaper reported, would talk with the US forces on the subject while Media Center, a body to defend journalist rights has called for the early release of Bahera. — Internet

Israeli minister vows to facilitate settlement expansion

JERUSALEM, 4 June — Israeli Interior Minister Eli Yishai vowed on Wednesday that he would exhaust his resources to help expand West Bank settlements, reported local daily The Jerusalem Post.

“I promise to use my ministry, all the resources at my disposal and the ministry’s impact on local authorities for the good of expanding settlements,” the chairman of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party was quoted as saying at a meeting with settlement leaders.

The hardline minister made the remarks as the US government under President Barack Obama has repeatedly urged Israel to totally freeze settlement activities, which the Jewish state sees as a tall order.

A boy wounded in a bomb attack lies in a hospital as he receives medical treatment in a hospital in Baghdad on 4 June, 2009. A bomb planted in a cafe in a mostly Shi‘ite district of southwest Baghdad killed nine people and wounded 31 others, police said. — Internet

A resident walks past the site of a bomb attack in a wholesale vegetable market in Baghdad June 1, 2009. A bomb planted in the popular vegetable market killed four people and wounded 13 in southern Baghdad on Monday, police said, the second time the market has been attacked in just over two weeks. — Internet

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Venezuelan, Argentine, Chilean leaders hail “historic” OAS resolution on Cuba’s reentry

MEXICO CITY, 4 June — Venezuelan, Argentine and Chilean leaders on Wednesday hailed the “historic” resolution of the Organization of American States (OAS) on revoking the exclusion against Cuba.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said at national TV and radio broadcast that the OAS decision “recognized the revolutionary Cuba.” The countries in the Americas are no longer colonies or backyards of the US, Chavez said. “We are in the 21st century with a very different reality than the one in the 1960s,” he added.

In Argentina, President Cristina Fernandez said the OAS’s decision to annul the sanction against Cuba imposed many years ago was “historic.” Fernandez said that during the 5th Summit of the Americas, held in Trinidad and Tobago, she had called for lifting the OAS sanctions against Cuba. “In the Americas, new winds are blowing,” she said. Meanwhile, Chilean Foreign Minister Mariano Fernandez celebrated on Wednesday Cuba’s possible re-entry to the OAS. —Internet

Massive storm hits large area of Romania

BUCHAREST, 4 June — A violent storm on Tuesday evening hit the capital and 15 of Romania’s 41 counties, killing one person and uprooting hundreds of trees, authorities said on Wednesday. Ramona Nistor, spokeswoman for emergency situations, said a 49-year-old woman died in the southern town of Drobeta Turnu Severin after the roof of an abandoned house in which she had sought shelter collapsed. Dan Nica, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister, said 533 houses lost their roofs, seven social and economic establishments were destroyed, 600 hectares of farmland were flooded, and two bridges, 37 footbridges, five national and three village roads were affected.

Israeli soldiers wound Palestinian in northern Gaza

GAZA, 4 June — Israeli troops stationed near the border between northern Gaza Strip and Israel Wednesday shot and wounded a Palestinian young man, witnesses and medics said. Gaza emergency chief Mo’awey Hassanein said the Palestinian was injured when Israeli soldiers stationed east of the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Hanoun fired, adding that he was in moderate condition.

The soldiers opened intensive gunfire at the farmers’ area, causing fire to large fields of wheat and barley, and firefighters managed to put out the fire, according to witnesses. Earlier on Wednesday, six Palestinians were injured after Israeli forces entered some hundred of meters deep into the northern Gaza Strip, medical sources and fighters said.

UN Headquarters renovations on schedule, project manager says

UNITED NATIONS, 4 June — The head of the 1.9-billion-US-dollar United Nations Headquarters makeover said here on Wednesday that the plan was on schedule for completion in 2013 and, although a little over now, could finish within budget.

UN Assistant Secretary-General Michael Adlerstein told a news conference here that the project, which includes relocating 6,500 UN staff members to a temporary building on the grounds or to rented spaces and completely renovating the 39-story secretariat building, “remains on track.” He said the UN General Assembly had voted a budget of 1.876 billion dollars and, after the adoption of a UN-adopted accelerated strategy, the projected cost-to-complete is about 90 million dollars over that figure.

“We were 219 million dollars over budget last year, and we are still over-budget, but the gap is closing,” he said. “We continue to seek opportunities to align the project to the budget, and I remain confident that we will complete the project within the approved budget.”

UN Secretary-General’s Message for World Environment Day

5 June 2009

The following is UN Secretary-General Ban Kimoon’s message for World Environment Day, to be observed today:

The economic and financial turmoil sweeping the globe is a true wake-up call, sounding an alarm about the need to improve upon old patterns of growth and make a transition to a new era of greener, cleaner development. The theme of this year’s World Environment Day “Your planet needs you!” is meant to inspire all of us to do our part.

The Earth faces the grave threat of climate change. While all countries will suffer, the poor will bear the brunt of the impact. But we also have an opportunity to change course. Crucial climate change talks will take place in Copenhagen in December. Together, we must press governments to “Seal the Deal” for a new climate agreement.

The world also needs a “Green New Deal” focused on investing in renewable sources of energy, eco-friendly infrastructure and energy efficiency. This will not only create jobs and spur recovery but also help tackle global warming. If we invest even part of the substantial new economic stimulus packages in the green economy, we can turn today’s crisis into tomorrow’s sustainable growth. Moreover, countries that make the transition to a low-carbon society will reap more than significant environmental benefits; they will be well placed to share their new technology with others.

But our planet needs more than just action by governments and corporations; it needs each of us. Although individual decisions may seem small in the face of global threats and trends, when billions of people join forces in common purpose we can make a tremendous difference.

On this World Environment Day, I encourage all people to take concrete steps towards making the planet greener and cleaner. Switch off the lights. Take public transportation. Recycle. Plant a tree. Clean up your local park. Hold corporations responsible for their environmental practices. And urge your government representatives to Seal the Deal in Copenhagen. —UN
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Cuba’s Fidel Castro calls OAS a “US Trojan horse”

HAVANA, 4 June—Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro on Wednesday slammed the Organization of American States (OAS) as a “US Trojan horse,” despite the group’s decision to lift suspension against the island country.

Castro, who ruled Cuba from 1959 to 2006, ruled out Cuba’s potential return to the body. The OAS was “complicit” in all the crimes committed against Cuba and against other Latin American nations by Washington, he said in an article published in Wednesday’s state-run media. Cuba was barred from attending OAS meetings in 1962, three years after its revolution, as part of a broader US economic and political blockade against the island. Castro’s article argued that the OAS served only to help the US interfere with other nations in the region, and called for the organization to be dissolved.

“It is naive to think that the good intentions of one president justifies the existence of a body that... supported... neoliberalism, drug trafficking, military bases and economic crises,” Castro said. Since the January inauguration of Barack Obama as US president, Cuba-US relations have warmed but remain tense. Washington has lifted US restrictions on travel and cash remittances to Cuba for Cuban-Americans with relatives on the island. — Xinhua

Cameron: Drug companies profited from war on drugs

London, 4 June — Drug companies have profited from the US war on drugs in Central America, a report to the UK government said Wednesday.

The report, commissioned by the government, found that the UK had spent more than £1.7 billion (US$2.7 billion) on counter-narcotics operations in the region from 1990 to 2007.

But it said that the money was not being well spent, with drug-related deaths in Central America rising significantly over the same period.

The report, by the London-based Center for Research on Globalization, said that drug companies had made huge profits from the war on drugs.

Xinhua

NE China police seize 55 suspects for growing, processing, trafficking marijuana

CHANGCHUN, 4 June—Police in north China’s Jilin Province have seized 55 suspects involved in growing, processing and trafficking marijuana, said the provincial Public Security Bureau on Thursday.

The police, who worked with their counterparts in 19 cities in nine provinces and regions including Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Chongqing Municipalities and Heilongjiang Province, also confiscated 1,400 kg of refined marijuana, 6,200 kg semi-finished marijuana joints, 300,000 yuan (about 44,000 US dollars) of drug-related money, five vans for conveying marijuana and 23 controlled led tools and some drug-making facilities, a report from the police detailed.

The Jilin Provincial Public Security Bureau got a tip-off in June last year and discovered that 12 farmer households had planted 12.6 hectares of marijuana in Yongjiu township, in the city of Songyuan. The bureau set up a team to follow the case and found 600 hectares of planted marijuana, with the earliest planting date traced back to 2004. — Xinhua

Drugs destroyed to mark Humen Opium Destruction

BEIJING, 4 June—Beijing police Wednesday set fire to 393.5 kg of illegal drugs to mark the 170th anniversary of the famous Humen Opium Destruction.

A majority of the banned substances destroyed included heroin, methamphetamine (ice), cocain and marijuana.

Shi Dawei, the political commissar of the capital’s anti-drug committee, said the police destroyed “only about half of the drugs they seized” between 2006 and 2008. The police seized more than 773 kg of drugs over the three-year period, he said. On 3 June , 1839, Lin Zexu, a senior official of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), ordered that 1,000 tons of smuggled opium, confiscated from foreign dealers in China, be set on fire in Humen, Guangdong Province. — Xinhua

USOC may lose Bank of America sponsorship

WASHINGTON, 4 June — The US Olympic Committee is considering losing its sponsorship from the Bank of America after the latter said on Wednesday bad economic situation forced them not to renew their deal.

The bank’s senior vice president of global media, relations and restrictions and highlighted the challenges for the future generations, taking into consideration the limited resilience displayed by the most vulnerable and poor populations, while calling for stronger international cooperation in this direction. Delegates from all over the world discussed the topics focusing on the repercussions of climate change on more vulnerable social groups, as well as investment issues and funding aimed at limiting the emissions of “greenhouse” effect gases and the adjustment to climate change. The vulnerable communities in the region of the Mediterranean, such as the elderly and the very young, especially those suffering from chronic diseases, are most likely to be among those who will be greatly affected by the destabilization of the climate system coupled with the imminent disruption of the eco-systems, the declaration said.

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Helicopter falls down in Venezuela

CARACAS, 4 June — A Bell 407 helicopter with five people aboard went down on Wednesday in Venezuela’s southwestern Andean region, officials said. It was unclear whether there were any survivors, Venezuelan Interior and Justice Minister Tarek El Aissami told reporters. Aissami said the weather and geographic conditions of the area where the chopper fell were complicated, and a rescue team had been sent to search for possible survivors. The copter probably went down due to bad weather, he said. Regional Civil Protection Director Alfredo Jacczo said the helicopter, with two crew members and three passengers on board, was making a supervision trip at the hydroelectric dam Uribante Caparo. The accident occurred near the city of Uribante which borders Colombia. — Xinhua

Internal parts of Air France Flight 447 found

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 June—Brazil’s Defence Minister Nelson Jobim announced on Wednesday evening that Air Force planes managed to spot some internal parts of the crashed Air France Airbus over the Atlantic Ocean.

Mercantile and Brazilian Navy ships searching the zone where wreckage was spotted, are collecting the materials for analysis. The objects will be delivered to the French government which leads the investigations, according to the Minister. — Xinhua

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Chile reinforces sanitary measures to curb A/H1N1 flu

SANTIAGO, 4 June — The Chilean government decided on Wednesday to reinforce nationwide sanitary measures after the country reported its first death from the A/H1N1 flu on Tuesday.

The government will reinforce medical staff training and hand out clinic guides to emergency service officers, Health Minister Alvaro Erazo said after a meeting with health authorities and experts.

Patients over five years old and with a fever over 38 degrees, cough, muscles pain or headache could receive antiviral treatment without a clinic analysis, Erazo said.

Chinese man celebrates 10th anniversary of ground-breaking intestine operation

XI’AN, 4 June — A Chinese man who had a successful small intestine transplant a decade ago, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the operation on Tuesday and is now believed to be Asia’s longest surviving patient of such an operation.

Yang Feng, a 29-year-old native of central Henan Province, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the operation Tuesday evening with scholars and doctors at the Xijing Hospital in Xi’an, capital of Shaanxi Province.

In 1999, Yang suffered acute ileus, an intestinal obstruction which reduced his weight from 60 kg to less than 35 kg. His small intestine was cut to only 40 centimeters, about one tenth that of healthy people. Doctors at the Xijing Hospital transplanted 150 cm of small intestine from his father Yang Runsheng. This was the first successful small intestine transplant in China from a living person.

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Small intestine transplant patients generally survive a few years after the operation because of strong repulsion reactions and serious infection threats. — Internet

Study shows estrogen linked to lowered immunity in fish

WASHINGTON, 4 June — Exposure to estrogen reduces production of immune-related proteins in fish. This suggests that certain compounds, known as endocrine disruptors, may make fish more susceptible to disease.

Results of the study were published online Wednesday in the journal, Fish & Shellfish Immunology.

Ward pleads guilty for stealing $20K cookie cash

A Kansas man accused of beating a Heermann’s gull appeals $275 fine

Police say Djuric beat a Heermann’s gull and struck birds with a gull he was trying to eat when the bird swooped down and hit his wife’s head after the bird swooped down, hit his wife’s head and tried to grab her ice cream.

A work by Spanish artist Pamen Pereira is displayed during the exhibition “This is a love story” at a culture centre in Burgos.

Get Enough Dietary Protein

Protein helps your body replace damaged cells and make new ones. Women who are pregnant, children and teens should be especially careful to get enough protein, according to the US National Library of Medicine.

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Scouts Boss to repay $20K cookie cash

A former Ohio Girl Scouts leader has agreed to pay the organization $20,000 as restitution for stealing money from a cookie account and using it for vacations, groceries and other personal expenses.

Prosecutors say Tamara Jo Ward had access to a bank account the Dayton-based troop used to deposit cookie sales revenue that was to pay for the troop’s recreational activities.

The 45-year-old Ward pleaded guilty in April to grand theft. Under a restitution agreement, she’ll pay $8,000 up front. She’ll also pay $250 a month during a five-year probation and spend 30 days in jail.

Man, 81, charged for clearing pothole for repair

An Ohio man said he chipped away loose material to prepare a pothole for repair and thought he was helping the city, not breaking the law. An undercover police officer spotted 81-year-old James Stacy in the street near Stacy’s home with a pickax and a broom last week. Stacy said he cleared the 3-foot-wide hole because he expected a crew to patch it and wanted the patch to last longer.

Public works manager Paul Barnett said he’d always like to do such cleaning. But he said it created a greater safety hazard until the hole was patched.

Police charged Stacy with criminal damaging, saying he destroyed fresh asphalt and ignored an officer’s warning. Stacy denies that. He is scheduled in court Tuesday and faces up to 90 days in jail.

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The study, led by US Geological Survey genomics researcher Dr Laura Robertson, revealed that largemouth bass injected with estrogen produced lower levels of hepcidin, an important iron-regulating hormone, in mammals that is also found in fish and amphibians. This is the first published study demonstrating control of hepcidin by estrogen in any animal.

Besides being an important iron-regulating hormone, researchers also suspect that hepcidin may act as an antimicrobial peptide in mammals, fish and frogs.

Antimicrobial peptides are the first line of defence against disease-causing bacteria and some fungi and viruses in vertebrate animals.

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The 45-year-old Ward pleaded guilty in April to grand theft. Under a restitution agreement, she’ll pay $8,000 up front. She’ll also pay $250 a month during a five-year probation and spend 30 days in jail.

INTERNET

Yang Feng, a 29-year-old native of central Henan Province, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the operation Tuesday evening with scholars and doctors at the Xijing Hospital in Xi’an, capital of Shaanxi Province. In 1999, Yang suffered acute ileus, an intestinal obstruction which reduced his weight from 60 kg to less than 35 kg. His small intestine was cut to only 40 centimeters, about one tenth that of healthy people.

Doctors at the Xijing Hospital transplanted 150 cm of small intestine from his father Yang Runsheng. This was the first successful small intestine transplant in China from a living person.

Yang and his father are all alive and healthy. Yang married in 2007. He has been working as a temporary staff member at the hospital for eight years.

Small intestine transplant patients generally survive a few years after the operation because of strong repulsion reactions and serious infection threats. — Internet

Study shows estrogen linked to lowered immunity in fish

The study, led by US Geological Survey genomics researcher Dr Laura Robertson, revealed that largemouth bass injected with estrogen produced lower levels of hepcidin, an important iron-regulating hormone, in mammals that is also found in fish and amphibians. This is the first published study demonstrating control of hepcidin by estrogen in any animal.

Besides being an important iron-regulating hormone, researchers also suspect that hepcidin may act as an antimicrobial peptide in mammals, fish and frogs.

Antimicrobial peptides are the first line of defence against disease-causing bacteria and some fungi and viruses in vertebrate animals.

INTERNET

Get Enough Dietary Protein

Protein helps your body replace damaged cells and make new ones. Women who are pregnant, children and teens should be especially careful to get enough protein, according to the US National Library of Medicine.

Meat is a good source of protein, but because it’s often high in cholesterol it shouldn’t be relied on as the only protein source, the agency states. Fish, poultry, eggs, nuts, whole grains, soybeans, peas and dairy products are also fine sources of protein. 
Commander inspects factories in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Chairman of Aye- yawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe inspected Pathein Glass Factory in No. 5 Fertilizer Plant project in Kangyidaun Township of Myanma Ceramics Industry under the Ministry of Industry-1 on 19 May. He also visited the re-transmission station of Myawady TV in Pathein and gave instructions to officials concerned. MNA

Myanmar youth secure three wins, one draw, two losses

YANGON, 4 June—The Under-13 Asian Youth Football Match was held at Saban of Malaysia on 3 and 4 June. Myanmar youth football team had three wins, one draw and two losses in six matches.

In the competitions, Myanmar youth beat Australia 2-1, Cambodia 1-0 and the Philippines 1-0. Myanmar played a 1-1 draw with Singapore, and lost to Thailand 1-2 and Laos 1-2. MNA

2nd coord meeting for marking World Population Day held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—The 2nd coordination meeting of the Organizing Committee for World Population Day, which falls on 11 July 2009, took place at the Ministry of Immigration and Population here this afternoon.

First Chairman of the Organizing Committee Director-General U Maung Myint of Population Department extended greetings.

Next, officials from the working committee and subcommittees reported on progress of implementing the plans and future tasks. Those present took part in the discussions.

The motto of World Population Day for this year is designated as “Protecting Marginalized populations from the global economic crisis” and the poster, essay, photo and article contests will be held. On 13 and 14 June, the poster and essay contests will be organized at the cities of the States and Divisions including Nay Pyi Taw at the same time. Those wishing to take part in the colour photo and article contests are to send the entries for colour photo contest not later than 26 June and the entries for article contest not later than 22 June to No. 416, the Population Depart-ment (Yangon Branch) on Maha Bandoola Street, Yango. MNA

Establishment of village fuel wood plantation assigned

YANGON, 4 June—Myothit Township Forest Department organized the ceremony to assign duties for growing trees in the rainy season at the meeting hall of Township Peace and Development Council office on 27 May morning.

Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Hsan Win Tun assigned duties to every household for growing three teak plants and 20 hard wood and eucalyptus plants and for establishment of one-acre village fuel wood plantation and explained the cultivation methods.

Next, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Naing Soe presented letters of assigning duties to chairmen of Ward Peace and Development Councils. MNA
Myanmar invites investors of ASEAN countries and ROK to invest in the exploration of oil and gas.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends Green Growth... (from page 1)

Bougavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato’ Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Republic of the Philippines Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

At the exhibition, a young Korean lady conducted them round the booths of Metropolitan Eco & Energy Town, Clean Water From Source To Top, Nuclear Power & Sea Water Desalination, Biomass, Wind Power Generation & Smart Grid and Fuel-cell Driving.

World Green.

At 10 am, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit Session-II held at Halla Hall on the third floor of ICC. Also present were the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and ROK, the ASEAN Secretary-General and high-ranking officials of ROK and ASEAN countries.

The Thai Prime Minister acted alternate chairman of the summit and the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries discussed global challenges such as global financial crisis, climate change and food security and exchanged their views.

In his discussion, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said he welcomed the establishment of ASEAN+3 emergency rice reserve to avert insecurity of major food such as rice. He said he wished to see agricultural cooperation and technological exchanges for security of food, for alleviation of poverty and for sustainable development.

Energy security needs cooperation of the regional and international organizations. It is also necessary to expand the regional cooperation in order to extensively employ renewable energy and pure energy resources including hydro-power, solar power and bio-energy for prevention of instability of energy prices and climate change and for conservation of the natural environment. The Prime Minister said Myanmar invited investors of ASEAN countries and ROK to invest in the exploration of oil and gas. He continued that he welcomed and encouraged the measures to increase the amount of Chiang initiative reserve managing waste products and reducing carbon emissions.

He also thanked the Republic of Korea for organizing the Climate Forum held recently in Seoul. He also praised ROK for its effort to adopt the ‘Low Carbon, Green Growth’ scheme. He said he welcomed the announcement of ROK that it would provide US$ 200 million for East Asia Climate Partnership. Myanmar would cooperate closely with ROK for conservation and ensuring sustainable development of the environment.

MoU signing ceremony took place at Samda Hall on the ICC third floor. The economic pooling scheme from US$ 80 million to US$ 120 million, approved at ASEAN+3 finance ministerial meeting, and to establish a reliable observation mechanism. Commitments and responsibilities are necessary for all the nations according to the UN climate change framework.

The Prime Minister added that he was delighted to see more cooperation in the technologies of conserving forests, managing waste products and reducing carbon emissions.

Myanmar will cooperate closely with ROK for conservation and ensuring sustainable development of the environment.

(See page 9)
Prime Minister attends dinner hosted by Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan at the Lotus Hall of the Shilla Hotel in Jeju of the Republic of Korea at 7 pm on 2 June.

Also present at the dinner were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea U Myo Lwin, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Park-Kei Chang, President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim and guests.

On arrival at the dinner, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan and guests.

Governor Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province of ROK extends greetings at dinner. MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein explains friendly ties between two countries and cooperation in economic affairs at dinner in Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province.—MNA

Self-governing Province Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan and officials.

Next, a Korean girl presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister. At the dinner, Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan extended greetings.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein explained friendly ties between the two countries and cooperation in economic affairs.

Mr. Yae-Yeo Huh of Supreme member of Hanblara Party of the Republic of Korea and President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim spoke words of delightedness.

Later, Governor Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan hosted a dinner to the Prime Minister and party. MNA

Prime Minister arrives back from Jeju, Republic of Korea

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—After attending the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit and Related Summits of Bilateral Summit in Jeju, the Republic of Korea, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the luncheon hosted by the Korean President at the Shilla Hotel Payora Observatory at 1 pm. Also present were the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General.—MNA

They left Incheon International Airport at 9 am Korea local time.

They were seen off at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein and embassy staff.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party left Suvarnabhumi International Airport by special flight and arrived back here in the afternoon.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein... (from page 8)

The joint-declaration stated that it was heartening to see that USS 39 million had been contributed to the ASEAN-Korea partnership fund since the establishment of ASEAN-Korea partnership ties. According to the ASEAN-Korea partnership framework, it had been estimated to expand the annual fund of the partnership from USS 3 million to 5 million.

In 2009, the ASEAN-Korea Centre was opened in Seoul, ROK with a view to promote ASEAN-Korea trade, investment, tourism and cultural sectors. ASEAN-Korea group of celebrities was formed in early 2009 as a more consolidated ASEAN-Korea friendship tool. The Republic of Korea is a major contributor to ASEAN cooperation for narrowing the development gap between the ASEAN nations. It has pledged to contribute additional USS 5 million to the second phase of the ASEAN cooperation. For creating more job opportunities, ROK will train 7,000 people from ASEAN countries in five years. It has also been arranged to exchange trainees under the ASEAN-Korea education exchange programme. The declaration reiterated that the nations would closely cooperate in addressing the challenges of global climate change, environmental, economic and financial crises. It has also recognized the importance of Chiang Mai initiative multilateralization scheme to prevent the regional financial crisis, the firmness of Asian loan security market scheme and ROK’s effort for Low Carbon, Green Growth scheme.

Later, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the luncheon hosted by the Korean President at the Shilla Hotel Payora Observatory at 1 pm. Also present were the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General.—MNA

Thant Shin and heads of department, left Jeju, ROK by air yesterday morning and arrived at Incheon International Airport of ROK at 9 am Korea local time.

The Prime Minister and entourage were seen off at Jeju Airport by Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province Mr Kim-Tae Hwan and officials.

They left Incheon International Airport by the flight of Thai Airways and arrived at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok at 2 pm Thai local time.

They were seen off at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein and embassy staff.
**No Influenza A/H1N1 cases found in Myanmar**

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—The World Health Organization yesterday reported a total of 19,273 cases and 117 deaths in 66 countries from 17 April to 3 June due to Influenza A/H1N1.

International veterinarians have suggested that pig farmers vaccinate their animals against infectious diseases that are common in the countries concerned; and give regularly anti-worm tablets to their pigs. In Myanmar, classical swine fever, swine plague, and foot and mouth disease are common. So, farmers should immunize their pigs against the diseases in coordination with nearest branches of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, local administrative bodies at state and division, district and township levels, the Department of Health, the Development Affairs Department, the Myanmar Livestock Federation and livestock entrepreneurs are jointly taking precautionary measures against the diseases such as raising public awareness about influenza, distribution of pamphlets, carrying out surveillance work and giving educative talks on bio-safety.

Up to now, no Influenza A/H1N1 cases are found in Myanmar. The viruses cannot survive the heat at 70º Centigrade or 160º Fahrenheit. And the virus cannot spread to man if pork and pig products are touched systematically, said the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

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**Myanmar still remains influenza A/H1N1 free country**

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Influenza A/H1N1 has broken out since 17 April. The influenza infected 19,273 people and killed 117 across the world and the influenza infected in 66 countries including Mexico, according to the information released yesterday by the World Health Organization.

The virus A/H1N1 may be mutated into the global human pandemic disease. Therefore, the Ministry of Health has taken the necessary preparedness task on 25 April.

Not to break out the influenza A/H1N1 in the territory of Myanmar, the Ministry of Health is taking preparedness measures such as daily virus observation, preparations for medical treatment, providing of medicines and medical equipment and laboratory apparatuses to the hospitals and making ready for use of the special patient wards.

With regard to situations of outbreak of the influenza, the preventive measures and dissemination of health knowledge are being issued to the people through TV, radio and dailies in time.

Since 29 April, the visitors have been under medical checks at international airports, international seaports and exits of borders.

Up to now, the Ministry of Health released information that there is no case of influenza A/H1N1 in Myanmar. —MNA

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Prime Minister receives President & CEO...

(From page 16) of Lotte Hotel in Jeju of the Republic of Korea at 3 pm on 2 June.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea U Myo Lwin, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and departmental heads. —President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim was accompanied by Managing Director Mr. Juns-Han Kim of Myanmar Daewoo Co Ltd and responsible persons. —MNA

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**Baron’s “Commands Respect” Amateur Open Golf Challenge 2009 for Mandalay, Yangon**

YANGON, 4 June—The Baron’s “Commands Respect” Amateur Open Golf Challenge 2009, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, will be held soon.

Two qualifying cuts will be organized. Of them, the first qualifying cut will take place at Shweontaung Golf Course in Mandalay on 9 June and the second at Myanmar Golf Club at the 9th Mile on Pyay Road in Yangon on 15 June. A total of 12 qualified players will be selected from each cut.

Altogether 12 qualified players each from Mandalay and Yangon are to take part in the final stage at seven golf clubs in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, PyinOoLwin, Mandalay, Bagan and Pyay Golf Clubs on seven successive days.

The final match will be held for last four. All the rounds will be organized through the stroke play (scratch) Handicap 0 system.

Those wishing to take part in the golf challenge are to contact Han Golf Masters Pro Shop, Tel: 09-2210410, 09-2017639, 09-6804015 and 02-64583 for the Mandalay match, not later than 2 pm on 7 June, Han Event Management, Tel: 01-651374, 09-2037671 and 09-2210410 and Myanmar Golf Club, Tel: 01-661702 for the Yangon match, not later than 2 pm on 13 June. —MNA

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**Yangon Mayor signs Condolement Book**

YANGON, 4 June—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin signed Book of Condolence opened at the Embassy of Israel, No 15, Khaubang Street, here at 10.30 am, for the passing away of Professor Ephraim Katzir, Former President of the State of Israel, on 30 May 2009. —MNA

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**Health staff carry out preventive measures against A/H1N1 at Mandalay International Airport (TadaU).** —MNA

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**Yangon Mayor signs Condolement Book opened at the Embassy of Israel for the passing away of Former President Baron’s “Commands Respect” Amateur Open Golf Challenge 2009 for Mandalay, Yangon**
Ghazni province said.

provincial police chief of

militants last week, was kidnapped by

council candidate, who

Thursday found the dead

province of Wardak on

Police in central Afghan

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Nimitz, A/H1N1 flu have been confirmed on the aircraft carrier

in US Navy.—

The agency updates the figures on its website

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India's Jaipur in the past two weeks, local media

Mail

results of water testing laboratories revealed high

increased use of fertilizers are blamed to have raised

level of nitrates in Jaipur's water resources. The

which led to the deaths, according to the report.

Traces of arsenic in the ground water in some parts of

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 arranging the story, "said the official, speaking on condition of

anonymity because the results of the investigation

May stoked long-standing tensions between Afghans

and foreign troops over civilian casualties.

US air crews and ground troops had followed strict rules

to prevent civilian casualties.

“We do not have an issue with the accuracy of the

story,” said the official, speaking on condition of

anonymity because the results of the investigation

have not yet been announced. The incident in early May stoked long-standing tensions between Afghans

and foreign troops over civilian casualties.

Afghan officials put the civilian death toll from

the airstrikes in Farah province as high as 1-40 while an

Afghan human rights watchdog put the total at 97. The

rights group said no more than two Taleban fighters

were killed. The US military, by contrast, has said 20-

35 civilians were among 80-95 people killed, most of

them Taleban fighters who used the civilians as human

shields.—MNA/Reuters

Assistant
INVITATION TO TENDER
TENDER NO. 3 (T) AMD-FR(2009-2010)

1. Sealed Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of following Machines which will be purchased in US Dollar.

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2. The applicants—
(a) must be nationals of Union of Myanmar.
(b) must not be over 35 (40 if service personnel) on 25 June 2009.
(c) who need to have (2 years and 4 years) of work experience in financial section at some government organizations and must be still in service (or)
Any Bachelor degree and Diploma in Accountancy (D A) holders must have at least (4) years of work experience in financial section at some government organizations and working in the post of pay scale K 35000-1000-44000 and above

3. The applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by Expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 25 June 2009.

4. Regarding how to fill in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment for examination fee of K 500, and what should be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates have to follow the instructions manifested in the guide booklet published under Letter No 342/ Selection (Main Y) 2008 dated 8 October 2008 for those who apply for the positions advertised by the Civil Service Selection and Training Board.

5. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.

6. For service personnel, his or her original application with the permission of the ministry concerned must be sent to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board through the head of department by 25 June 2009.He or she also has to send another application attached with an extra photo to CSSTB in Nay Pyi Taw.

7. Examinations will take place on 25 and 26 July 2009. Identity cards will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 23 July 2009.

8. The Ministry of Electric Power No-2 has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. So, those candidates wishing to know them may contact in person or by phone to Office No (27) of the Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power No-1 in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067-410066, 410103, 410217, 410722).

9. If a candidate wants to know other information, he may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067-409052, 067-409430).

This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: cssth.imis.com.mm and www.cssth.gov.mm.

18 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Britain

LONDON, 4 June—Britain's Department of Health confirmed on Wednesday 18 new cases of A/H1N1 flu infections, bringing the total number of cases in the country to 381. The Department of Health statement said all the 18 new cases were new as well. The new total of 381 cases included 23 cases in Scotland announced Tuesday by the Scottish Executive and one in Northern Ireland announced by the Northern Ireland Executive. Testing of the swine flu virus is now carried out by the Health Protection Agency's regional network of laboratories. To date, 313 cases have been confirmed in England, 65 from Scotland, two from Northern Ireland and one from Wales. — Internet

Pregnant Chicago woman dies from A/H1N1 flu after giving birth

CHICAGO, 4 June — A pregnant Chicago woman became the fourth person in the US Illinois state to die of the A/H1N1 flu a day after she gave birth, officials of the Public Health Department said Wednesday. The latest death was a 20-year-old woman from Chicago who died on Saturday at the University of Illinois Medical Center. The woman was admitted to the hospital on 23 May suffering from flu-like symptoms. Officials said the woman's condition quickly deteriorated and the woman's baby, a 27-week fetus was delivered by cesarean section on Friday. The woman died the following day and was diagnosed with pneumonia and the H1N1 flu. — Internet
Ministry of Finance and Revenue
Internal Revenue Department
Commercial Tax Directorate

Reminding to furnish the Annual Return

1. Any Individuals, Partnerships, Joint Ventures, Companies, other taxable business enterprises, Cooperative societies, State economic enterprises, Sate-owned mills, factories, trading and service enterprises, who have taxable sale proceed or receipt from services in the financial year 2008-2009 (1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009) are reminded that they are according to the law, to fill up, sign and furnish an annual return to the respective Township Revenue Office or Company Circle Tax Office, by hand or by registered post not later than 30th of June, 2009.

2. If it is production business apart from salt production, those whose sale proceed in a financial year is kyat 240001 and above, or the sale proceed of Trading business during the financial year that is kyat 300001 and above, the receipt from Passenger transportation service kyat 180001 and above, Entertainments, Hotel and lodgings, Restaurants, Travel and Tours (including tour guide only), Motor vehicle servicing, Insurance (excluding life insurance), Hair dressing and beauty saloon, Body fitness centres, Printing, Computer desktop and design services (excluding photo copying) are responsible to fine the Annual sale or service Return attached with annual accounts, to the respective offices. Those returns will be accepted by the offices up to 18:00 hrs in the evening on the last date of 30th June 2009 (Tuesday).

3. If there is failure to file return without any sufficient cause, a sum not more than 10% of the tax due will be fined by way of penalty according to the Commercial Tax Law, section 21.

4. The prescribed Annual Return forms will be provided at the respective Township Revenue Offices or the Company Circle Tax Office, free of charge. If it is filed by hand, the concerning office will issue the acknowledgement slip instantly.

5. Enquiries can be made for further details at the Township Revenue Offices or the Company Circle Tax Office concerned.

San Lwin
Director
Commercial Tax

Million-year-old mammoth skeleton discovered in Serbia

BELGRADE, 4 June — A skeleton of a mammoth believed to be about 1 million years old has been discovered in an archaeological park in eastern Serbia, the park’s director said on Wednesday. Miodor Korac, director of Archaeological Park of Viminacium near Kostolac, said the agency that the skeleton was discovered in a layer of yellow sand at a depth of 27 metres on Tuesday and it was one of the oldest and rather rare types of mammoth. The skeleton is over four metres tall, five meters long and weighs 10 tons. Korac said, adding that the specimen is a descendant of the tropical, so-called “southern mammoths,” which arrived in Europe from northern Africa over 1 million years ago.

He also said that it is rather unusual to find such well-preserved mammoth skeleton in a river mound. — Internet

NASA sets 13 June as date for space shuttle Endeavour’s launch

WASHINGTON, 4 June — NASA managers completed a review on Wednesday of space shuttle Endeavour’s readiness for flight and selected 13 June as the official launch date for the STS-127 mission to the International Space Station, NASA said Wednesday in a Press release. Commander Mark Polansky and his six crewmates are scheduled to lift off at 7:17 am EDT (1117 GMT) from NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida, NASA said. Endeavour’s launch date was announced following a daylong Flight Readiness Review at Kennedy. During the meeting, top NASA and contractor managers assessed the risks associated with the mission and determined that the shuttle’s equipment, support systems and procedures are ready for flight. — Internet

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.
Berlusconi says Kaka still Milanese

ROME, 4 June — Brazilian playmaker Kaka remains an AC Milan player, despite reports from Spain he is heading for Real Madrid in a 65-million-euro deal, Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi said on Wednesday.

Spanish radio station Cadena Ser reported on Tuesday the deal had been agreed by newly-installed Real president Florentino Perez, AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani and Bosco Leite, Kaka's father and agent.

But Berlusconi insisted "there is still no decision" on a definitive move and added he would be meeting with the player on Monday after the latter returns from a weekend World Cup qualifier against Uruguay. "I will meet Kaka on Monday and then I'll tell you," Berlusconi told state broadcaster Rai.

Federer reaches 20th successive Slam semi, faces Del Potro

PARIS, 4 June — Roger Federer reached his 20th consecutive Grand Slam semi-final on Wednesday where he will face Juan Martin Del Potro, who'll be playing his first, for a place in the French Open final.

Federer claimed a 7-6 (8/6), 6-2, 6-4 win over France's 11th seed Gael Monfils to close in on a first Roland Garros title and a record-equalling 14th major.

Argentine fifth seed del Potro, seven years Federer's junior and who had reached the last eight at the US and Australian Opens, eased past Spain's Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in his quarter-final.

World number two Federer is now the overwhelming favourite for the title, following the defeats of four-time champion Rafael Nadal, as well as third seeded Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic, the fourth seed.

Carvalho ready to quit Chelsea

LEISON, 4 June — Veteran Portuguese international defender Ricardo Carvalho said on Wednesday that he was prepared to leave FA Cup winners Chelsea for a club that guaranteed him first team football.

The 31-year-old — capped 50 times — has been at Chelsea since 2004 but rarely played last season because of a succession of injuries.

"I am available for a club who wishes to have me," said Carvalho, who was speaking at Portugal's training camp ahead of leaving for a World Cup qualifier in Albania.

"But before being approached, an agreement must be found with Chelsea, although I am delighted that several clubs are interested in me."

I have had four extraordinary years at Chelsea till this year, which has not been very good, indeed the worst of my career. I wasn't in great shape, because I haven't played.

But if there is no transfer, I will be fine at Chelsea."

Serena Williams loses in French Open quarterfinal

PARIS, 4 June— One shot by Serena Williams sent Svetlana Kuznetsova to the court in a messy spill that left her covered with clay.

The Russian was down but not out. Showing newfound resilience, she squared a big lead in the second set Wednesday but ended Williams' 18-match Grand Slam winning streak in the French Open quarterfinals, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-5.

Williams, seeded second, was seeking her third successive major title and the 11th of her career. Williams was on the verge of reaching the women's final four after mounting a comeback and taking a 3-1 lead in the final set.

"She blamed nerves for her defeat.

In the third set I had an opportunity and I got really tight, and I pretty much gave it to her," Williams said. "It was like, 'Here, do you want to go to the semis? Because I don't.' She was like, 'OK.'"

The No 7-seeded Kuznetsova faced a set point serving at 5-6 in the first set but erased it with a slam and took the lead. After Kuznetsova's tumble in the second set, Williams erased a 5-3 deficit and rallied three points from defeat to even the match.

"It was very confusing," Kuznetsova said. "Yes, I missed my moments, but she also was playing good."

FIFA explores player imports, age limits

NASSAU, 4 June— FIFA will continue to examine the controversial "6+5" rule to limit foreign players on clubs that has angered European Union nations after a supportive vote at the FIFA Congress here.

Joseph "Sepp" Blatter, president of the global football governing body, backs the plan and cites a study on clubs that has angered European Union nations.

"The 6+5 will come. It's just a matter of time," Blatter said.

The Congress voted 188-3 on Wednesday to have FIFA's executive committee continue working toward passage of the plan, which Blatter wants to see voted upon next year in South Africa.

An exploratory task force was created to investigate changing age rules for Olympic football, now open to players 23 and under with three exemptions. FIFA's executive committee backed a reduction in the age cap to 21. "Certain members of the executive committee favor a reduction in the age," Blatter said. 

Everton boosted by trio signing contract extensions

LIVERPOOL, 4 June— Beaten FA Cup finalists Everton were boosted on Wednesday as international trio club captain Joseph Yobo, Tim Howard and Phil Jagielka signed contract extensions with the club.

England international defender Jagielka was Everton's player of the season but the former Sheffield United star missed the 2-1 FA Cup final defeat by Chelsea last Saturday because of a serious knee injury.

Costa Ricans rip US for World Cup lead

SAN JOSE, 4 June — Alvario Saborio and Selso Borges scored early goals to give Costa Rica a 3-1 victory over the United States here, putting the Ticos atop North America's World Cup 2010 qualifying.

Costa Rica improved to 3-1 for nine points in the North and Central America and Caribbean region (CONCACAF) to move past the Americans, who slid to 2-1-1 for seven points to stand second in the six-nation hexagonal qualifying event.

Bruce confirmed as new Sunderland boss

SUNDERLAND, 4 June — Steve Bruce believes he can transform Sunderland into a club more familiar with the top half of the Premier League than regular relegation dogfights.

The former Manchester United defender was finally appointed as the club's new manager on Wednesday and, after signing a three-year contract, insisted he could recapture the success he enjoyed at Wigan.

"The aim is to take the progression forward," the 48-year-old said. "We don't want to be flitting with relegation. We want to be up where we were with Wigan."

Bruce was brought up as a fan of Sunderland's biggest rivals, Newcastle, but he does not expect that to be a barrier to him forging a bond with the Black Cats faithful.
The association also exists in the general population. Disorders and in adolescents but it is unclear whether increased suicidal risk in people with psychiatric attempts are made, the UN agency estimates. For every suicide death, anywhere from 10 to 40 problems were four times more likely to commit patients who took sedatives and hypnotics for sleeping older than 65 who had committed suicide and compared them with a group of elderly people from among the general population who did not kill themselves. After adjusting for psychiatric conditions, the patients who took sedatives and hypnotics for sleeping disturbances to increased suicidal risk in people with psychiatric disorders and in adolescents but it is unclear whether the association also exists in the general population.

**WEATHER**

Thursday, 4 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon, Kayin States, and Tanintharyi Division, fairly widespread in Kayin State, scattered in Kayah State and isolated in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (9.37) inches, Coco Island (6.11) inches, Ye (3.82) inches, Hpa-an (2.16) inches and Putao (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-6-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 4-6-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-6-2009 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 3-6-2009 was 4.1 hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-6-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kabau-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (16.93) inches at Mingaladon, (21.06) inches at Kabau-Aye and (26.81) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 3-6-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 5th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-6-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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View on today

7:00 am 1. Aha oooyy 09:25 am

7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise 09:30 am

7:30 am 3. Morning news 09:35 am

7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song 09:40 am

7:50 am 5. aewwdd 09:45 am

8:00 am 6. The mirror image of the music oldies 09:50 am

8:15 am 7. Aweooyy 09:55 am

8:30 am 8. International News 10:00 am

8:45 am 9. Aha oooyy (Aha oooyy) 10:05 am (Aha oooyy)

(Phyu oooyy)

4:00 pm 4:05 pm

(Phyu oooyy)

10:10 am

7:00 am

11. Evening News 09:55 am

6:30 pm 12. Weather report 09:50 am

6:50 pm 13. aewwdd 10:00 am

7:05 pm 14. Musical programme 10:05 am

7:15 pm 15. Aha oooyy (Aha oooyy) 10:10 am

8:00 pm 16. News 10:15 am

7:10 pm 17. International News 10:20 am

6:50 pm 18. Weather report 10:25 am

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(Phyu oooyy)

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5:00 pm 6. Songs for uphold National Spirit 10:55 am

5:10 pm 7. aewwdd 11:00 am

5:20 pm 8. Aha oooyy (Aha oooyy) 11:05 am

(Phyu oooyy)

11:10 am

5:40 pm 9. Songs of yester years 11:15 am
NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—A discussion between the delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and the Korean delegation led by President Mr Lee Myung-bak of the Republic of Korea was held at Regency Ballroom (A) of Hyatt Hotel in Jeju of the Republic of Korea at 4 pm on 2 June.

Together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein at the meeting, were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to ROK U Myo Lwin, Director-General of Government Office Col Thant Shin and departmental heads, and Korean delegation members together with President Mr Lee Myung-bak of ROK were Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Yu Myung-huan, Minister of Commerce Mr Lee Youn Ho, ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key-chong and senior officials.

The two countries mainly discussed promoting bilateral relations and multi-sectoral cooperation including economic cooperation between the two countries.

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim called on Prime Minister General Thein Sein at the hall (See page 10)

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim at Lotte Hotel in Jeju, the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Low pressure area over Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—According to the observations conducted at 4.30 pm today, a low pressure area is forming over the middle of the Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department today.—MNA