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Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Sweden which falls on 6 June 2009.—MNA

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- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-rounded 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
Regional cooperation for food security, environmental conservation

Prime Minister General Thein Sein, at the invitation of President of the Republic of Korea Mr. Lee Myung-bak, attended the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit and Related Summits of Bilateral Summit in Jeju, the Republic of Korea on 1 and 2 June. The summits were attended by the Korean President, and the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries. They endorsed the Joint Declaration and the agreement of establishment of ASEAN-Korea free trade area.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivered an address to the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit Session-II, saying that Myanmar welcomed the establishment of ASEAN+3 emergency rice reserve to avert insecurity of major food such as rice; and that Myanmar wished to see agricultural cooperation and technological exchanges for security of food, for alleviation of poverty and for sustainable development.

ASEAN-Republic of Korea relations have improved from multi-sectoral cooperation to the level of dialogue partner since 1989. It is heartening to note that the joint declaration led to an increase in the funds for cooperation. In addition, the two sides will boost trade, investment, tourism and cultural exchanges.

All the countries concerned will have to cooperate in accordance with the principles manifested in the UN climate change framework. And they should welcome the announcement of ROK that it would provide 200 million US dollars for East Asia climate Partnership.

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Yayasan, 5 June—The Japan-Mekong Under-15 Football Tournament was held in Japan from 2 to 5 June.

Myanmar youth team secured three wins, one draw and one loss in five matches.

Myanmar lost to Laos 1-2 and held a goalless draw with Thailand. Myanmar youth routed Vietnamese youth 3-0, trounced Cambodian youth 4-0 and thrashed host Japanese youth 3-1.
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Bomb attack kills four Afghan farmers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 June—Four farmers were killed Wednesday as a mine struck their tractor in Kandahar Province in Afghanistan, the former stronghold of Taleban, police said on Thursday.

“The gruesome incident occurred in Shah Walikot district on Wednesday, resuently killing four farmers and destroying their tractor,” a senior police officer Abdullah Khan said.

This is the first time that farmers became victims of militants’ cruel tactic of roadside bombing in Taleban’s former stronghold. Taleban militants, who have vowed to step up activities this year in Afghanistan, have yet to make any comment.

Taleban militants kill Afghan candidate of provincial council

KABUL, 5 June — Police in central Afghan province of Wardak on Thursday found the dead body of a provincial council candidate, who was kidnapped by militants last week, provincial police chief of Ghazni Province said. “Yeya Mulayez Azhar, who has signed up for competing provincial election, was killed on Wednesday night and police found his body in Sayed Abad district of Wardak Province on Thursday,” Khil Baz Shirza told Xinhua.

Shirza added that the police chief blamed the enemy of Afghani stan, a term used by Afghan officials for Taleban militants, for the incident. The second presidential and provincial election in post-Taleban Afghanistan is set on 20 August this year while Taleban militants have warned Afghans to boycott the election.

US soldier killed in grenade attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 June — An American soldier died of wounds sustained from a grenade attack in northern Iraq on Thursday, the US military said. The attack occurred when militants hurled a hand grenade on his patrol in the province of Kirkuk, a military statement said without elaboration.

Kirkuk is a volatile area which is home to a mix of Kurds, Arabs and Turkomans, who are in territorial dispute. About 4,309 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the outbreak of Iraq war in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

Turkish soldier killed in clash with PKK

ANKARA, 5 June — One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed in a clash with the rebels of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey on Thursday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Three other soldiers were injured in the clash in the Bestler-Dereler region in the province of Sirnak, according to the report. The clash came three days after the PKK announced it would halt its armed attacks against Turkish targets until 15 July.

Turkish security forces conduct frequent operations against PKK militants in eastern and southeastern Turkey.

The PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Some 40,000 people have been killed in the over two-decade conflict. Turkey’s military forces have taken tougher actions against the PKK after the country’s legislature extended the government’s mandate to launch cross-border operations against the rebels in northern Iraq.

Two soldiers killed, six injured in clashes with rebels in Colombia

BAGOTA, 5 June — Two Colombian soldiers were killed and six others were injured during clashes with rebels in the border province of Narino early Thursday, Colombian authorities said.

Some members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) were detected by government soldiers in a minefield in the southern province early Thursday morning, a local government official said.

The two sides exchanged gunfire before the rebels detonated landmines, killing two soldiers and injuring six others, the official added.

The FARC, Colombia’s largest rebel group, has been fighting government troops for more than 40 years.

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Submarine rescue system delivered to Australia

CANBERRA, 5 June — A new submarine rescue system that will cut response time for underwater emergencies was delivered to Australia on Thursday.

The LR5 submarine rescue system from Britain had previously been “on-call” but was on the other side of the world if needed.

“The relocation improves response times and allows the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) to exercise the capability with Collins Class submarines,” the Defence Materiel Organization’s head of maritime systems Boyd Robinson said.

The LR5 is a manned submersible in operation with the British Royal Navy.

At least four rebels killed in S Philippines

COTABATO, 5 June — At least four separatist Muslim rebels have been killed and one soldier was wounded in the latest violence in southern Philippines, an Army official said on Thursday.

Fierce firefight broke out Wednesday at around 0800 pm local time after some members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) — the country’s largest guerrilla organization — stormed a military detachment at the village of Riena Reginte in the town of Datu Piang, Maguindanao Province, the military’s local spokesman Lt Col Jonathan Ponce told reporters.—Internet

Intel to buy US software vendor Wind River

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 June — Intel Corp on Thursday said it will buy Wind River Systems Inc for about $844 million US dollars in a deal which is aimed to boost Intel’s capabilities in embedded systems and mobile devices.

Intel said it has agreed to acquire all outstanding Wind River common stock for 11.5 dollars per share in cash and the transaction is expected to close this summer.

Wind River will become part of Intel’s strategy to grow its processor and software presence outside the traditional personal computer and server market segments into embedded systems and mobile handheld devices, the world’s largest computer chip maker said.

“This acquisition will bring us complementary, market-leading software assets and an incredibly talented group of people to help us continue to grow our embedded systems and mobile device capabilities,” Renee James, Intel’s vice president, noted in a statement.

Founded in 1981, Wind River is a leading software vendor in embedded devices.

Boeing Dreamliner may finally take flight this summer

CHICAGO, 5 June — The Chicago-based US Boeing Company might finally take flight with their 787 Dreamliner plane this summer, it is reported here on Thursday.

Boeing had originally set the first flight date for the new 787 Dreamliner back in the summer of 2007. The plane was touted to be among the lightest and most fuel-efficient in the industry. But Boeing has had to push back the flight date four times because of production problems and a labor strike last fall, according to a report by the Chicago Tribune.

According to another report, the head of Boeing thinks the Dreamliner could be in the air by the end of this month.

The company plans to begin delivering the planes by first quarter 2010.

Russia, US to hold third round of START talks in late June

MOSCOW, 5 June — The third round of Russia-US talks to negotiate a replacement for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I) will be held in Geneva in late June, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Thursday.

Russia and the United States on Wednesday concluded their second round of talks on a new strategic arms reduction agreement in Geneva. “The parties continued to discuss a wide range of issues, including the drafting of the future agreement, and the possible parameters of a report on the negotiating process to be presented to the Russian and the US presidents in July,” the Foreign Ministry said in a statement posted on its website.

They “also agreed to hold the next round of talks in the second half of June 2009, in Geneva,” it said. The Russian delegation at the talks is led by Anatoly Antonov, director of the security and disarmament department of the Russian Foreign Ministry, and the US delegation by Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller.

The two sides held their first round of negotiations in Moscow on 19-21 May , which was described as a “success.” The START I, which is due to expire in December, places a limit of 6,000 strategic and long-range nuclear warheads on each side. The subsequent Moscow treaty calls for reducing nuclear warheads to between 1,700 and 2,200 by the end of 2012.

Vietnam targets growth rate of 7-8% in 2011-2015

HANOI, 5 June — Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said Vietnam would set a target for economic growth of 7 to 8 percent each year in the 2011-2015 period, local newspaper the Nhan Dan reported on Friday.

This target will be included in the country’s socio-economic development plan in the 2011-2015 period, according to the newspaper.

Under the plan, the overall target is to develop an economy with fast and sustainable growth rate, enhancing the developmental potential of the country.—Internet

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Mitsubishi Motors Corp employees clean the company’s newly unveiled electric car ‘i-MiEV’ displayed in front of the automaker’s headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, on 5 June, 2009.—INTERNET

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China, Malaysia to upgrade cooperation

BEIJING, 5 June—China would take the 35th anniversary of Sino-Malaysia ties to promote cooperation, said President Hu Jintao here on Thursday. Hu made the remarks during a meeting with visiting Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

He said ties had developed smoothly in the last 35 years, with frequent high level visits, increasing political trust and fruitful cooperation in trade, energy and infrastructure. The two sides had also worked together to promote cooperation in east Asia and maintained coordination to deal with the international financial crisis, Hu added. Hu said cementation to deal with the international financial crisis.

Najib said China would take the action plan as an opportunity to push forward tangible cooperation. Najib said the action plan outlined future political, economic, cultural, and education cooperation. He said Malaysia would join with China to promote bilateral and regional cooperation to deal with the financial crisis.

Najib and Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu attended a business forum earlier Thursday, calling for stronger cooperation between companies from both countries. —Xinhua

Slovenian ship escapes Somali pirates attack

BELGRADE, 5 June—A Slovenian ship was attacked in the Gulf of Aden early on Thursday by Somali pirates, but managed to escape with the help of an Indian military ship, which escorted a convoy of ships, the radio said.

The pirates in three boats failed in their attempt to hijack the ship Postojna owned by the Slovenian maritime transport company Splosna plovba because of the quick response from the Indian military ship, which escorting a convoy of ships, the radio said.

According to the radio, the Indian ship fired several warning shots to discourage the attackers and no one was injured in the incident.—Xinhua

Air France says no hope of finding survivors

PARIS, 5 June—Air France has told families of passengers on Flight 447 that there is no hope that anyone aboard the plane could have survived, the media reported on Thursday. When meeting with families in a hotel near Charles de Gaulle airport on Wednesday, Air France’s CEO Pierre-Henri Gourgeon said the plane broke up either in the air or when it crashed into the ocean and there were no survivors, according to Gaëlle Denoix de Saint-Marc, a spokesman for a victim’s help group.

More Debris, including a seven-metre-long object and 10 other objects, some of them metallic, was found by the search planes over a wide area, but pilots had not spotted any signs of survivors, the Brazilian Air Force said.—Xinhua

Four killed in West Bank clashes

RAMALLAH, 5 June—Four people were killed in gunbattles between Hamas militants and Palestinian security forces in the West Bank on Thursday, a source said.

Three Hamas militants and a Palestinian policeman were killed in the gunbattles, the second such incident in less than a week, the source said, adding that the clashes which started early Thursday were over. The bodies of the three Hamas gunmen were found in a building in which they holed up in the northern West Bank city of Qalqilya, said the source.

Early Thursday morning, Qalqilya governor Rabeh al-Khandagi told Xinhua that a policeman was killed when he came under fire from a house the Palestinian security forces were trying to search.

Witnesses said the shooting began when the policeman approached the door of the house. A security source also told Xinhua that Hamas gunmen started the shooting.

Meanwhile, a source close to Hamas said the Palestinian National Authority sent troops to the house of Abdel Fatah Shraim, a Hamas member who has been in detention, in a bid to arrest his fellow militants hiding there. The Hamas source, however, denied that the militant attacked the security troops.—Xinhua

Russia to stage Int’l Military Music Festival in September

BEIJING, 5 June—First Russian International Military Music Festival will be staged in Red Square in early September, announced the organizing committee of the festival at a press conference in Moscow on Wednesday.

Khalilov, instructor-general of the festival and also conductor-general of Russia’s Defence Ministry’s Military Band, said at the press conference that military bands from China, Britain, Egypt, Israel, India, Italy, Kazakhstan, Finland, France and Switzerland will be invited to perform their traditional military music at the opening ceremony, scheduled on 5 September. Meanwhile, Military Band for Russian President will also stage a special music performance, which performs only on important occasions.

It is learned that during the military music festival, from 5 to 10 September, a live music performance will be staged every night in Red Square by military bands from different countries. In daytime, military bands will also stage charity shows on the main streets, squares and parks in Moscow. —Xinhua

A huge thermometre, located in front of the Flame Mountain, shows the temperature standing at 66 degrees centigrade, in Turpan, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 3 June, 2009.—Xinhua

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Today, so we are celebrating the World Environment Day in Myanmar in accordance with this year’s theme: “Your Planet Needs You: Unite to Combat Climate Change”, the World Environment Day is being celebrated in Mexico City of Mexico at the global level. Myanmar is cooperating hand-in-hand with the international communities in the movement to conserve the environment. Myanmar is actively taking part in the activities for the benefit of the human being, holding the Environment Day annually.

Today, natural disasters such as heavy rainfall, storms, flood, land slides, earthquakes and tsunami are being faced in some parts of the world while drought, intense heat, and extreme cold are also experienced in other parts of the world. At the same time, degradation of the environment such as air pollution, shortage of water, melting of ice sheets in the poles, rising of sea level, and greenhouse gases are threatening the existence of human being almost every day.

If we study the causes of the environmental degradation, we will find that GHGs such as CO2 and CFC (Chlorofluorocarbons) emission from industries for centuries has caused ozone depletion, deforestation and melting ice in poles, and as a consequence, ecosystem in which plants, animals and environment are intertwined, has been degraded.

Today, due to excessive utilization of resources and pollution of the environment which are the major causes leading to the environmental degradation, a poor environment will be left for the next generation. To avoid such circumstances and to be able to create a better environment, the environment must be conserved to ensure sustainable development.

For these situations, the world communities have made all-out efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and as a consequence, the Kyoto Protocol was adopted in 1997. According to the Protocol, most developed countries have to cut carbon emission from the industries by 5.2% in the first commitment period from 2008 to 2012.

At the same time, all countries in the world must systematically manage natural forests and establish forest plantations which can absorb CO2 to check global warming, to substitute fossil fuel with renewable energy, to extensively use more fuel-efficient stoves than we are using today, to use solar energy and wind energy and to extensively implement research activities.

Sustainable environmental conservation is one of eight goals of the UN for reducing environmental deterioration across the world in 2015 in addition to the development gap among the global countries and education and health requirements of developing countries. Myanmar, being a member of the UN, is striving for meeting the goals similar to that of other global countries.

Myanmar formed the National Commission for Environmental Affairs in 1990 in order to systematically and effectively perform the environmental conservation activities. The objectives of the NCEA are:

- to establish sound environmental policies for utilization of natural resources;
- to set environmental standards, rules and regulations to control the pollution of water, air, and noise, hazardous and toxic wastes, chemicals;
- to formulate policies and strategies which take into consideration needs for both environment and development; and
- to broaden the knowledge about the environmental conservation of the entire people through extension activities for their participation.

In addition, development tasks are being undertaken for uplifting living standard of the entire people and the aim is being realized for environmental conservation. Myanmar’s environmental policy was issued in 1994. In accordance with the environmental policy, the Nature Conservation Committee was formed in 2004 with the representatives from nine ministries as the members who are responsible for monitoring the environmental conservation activities at different administrative levels. The duties and responsibilities of the committee are as follows:

- To perform the activities with a view to greening and protecting the degradation of the natural environment;
- To conserve both water and land resources from being eroded and degraded by natural causes and anthropogenic activities in order to protect soil erosion and poor fertility in the soil;
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- To perform activities to ensure proper flow of water into dams and reservoirs and to prevent situation which causes damages to dams and generation of electricity due to alteration of flow of rivers and streams which are caused by illegal logging and mining;

- To implement other activities related to the conservation of the natural environment. In 1997, “Myanmar Agenda 21” was formulated as the long-term guidelines for integration of the activities related to conservation of the environment and development activities in Myanmar for sustainable development. The programme was implemented in accordance with the “Global Agenda 21” which was adopted at the World Summit on Human and Environment held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

UNDP Regional Coordinator Mr Bishow Parajuli reads out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in commemoration of World Environment Day 2009.—MNA

in June 1992. In addition, Myanmar signed the Kyoto Protocol on 13 August 2003 and has been implementing hydro-electricity projects, and encouraging use of bio-gas in rural development schemes in order to reduce GHG emissions.

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Regional Coordinator of UNDP Mr Bishow Parajuli reads out the message of UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and Deputy Regional Director Ms Dechen Tsering of Asia and Pacific Regional Office of UNEP, the message of UNEP Executive Director Dr Achim Steiner.

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In conclusion, the government cooperated with the UNEP in realizing the plan on recruitment of national ozone unit, the plan on national level sustainable development strategy and the plan on uplifting of efficiency for growing air quality control of the environment.

The commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers, departmental heads, Ambassadors of the foreign countries and resident representatives of UN agencies also grew gum-kino plants.

Likewise, staff of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Forestry planted saplings around the ministry to mark the World Environment Day.

The government is growing about 70,000 acres of valuable trees such as teak, ironwood and gum-kino plants in the forest reserves, and permissions were given to the private entrepreneurs to grow teak and other trees plantations.
Section 257 (1) of Code of Criminal Procedure says if the accused, after he has entered upon his defence, applies to the Magistrate to issue any process for compelling the attendance of any witness for the purpose of examination or cross-examination, or the production of any document or other thing, the Magistrate shall issue such process unless he considers that such application should be refused on the ground that it is made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice.

The court does not need to summon all the witnesses the accused has nominated.

Final statements of both sides for amendments regarding dismissal of three witnesses nominated by plaintiffs heard.

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Yangon North District Court this morning presided over criminal cases No. 47/2009, No. 48/2009 and No. 49/2009 against US citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma.

As the lawyers of the defendants submitted the application for amendment related to the decree on criminal case No. 47/2009 to the Yangon Division Court, the court could not hear the final statement and hearing of the cases were adjourned until 12 June.

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After hearing the statement of Lawyer U Nyan Win, Yangon Division Court accepted the application for amendments to the decree and the hearing was adjourned until 5 June.

The final arguments of both sides were heard at 3 pm today. In his statement, Lawyer U Nyan Win said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma presented four defence witnesses. The four defence witnesses are U Tin Oo, U Win Tin, U Kyi Win and Daw Khin Moh Moh. The court stated that it would examine U Kyi Win, out of the four proposed witnesses, and examined U Kyi Win on 28 May, he said. He assumed that three other witnesses were rejected as the court did not summon them to the court, he added. As they assumed that it was unjust and against the law, the applicants pleaded for amendments to the decree. He continued to say that it was against the law that in the daily records of the court, only U Kyi Win would be summoned to the court on 27 May and there is no decree related to other defence witnesses. It was wrong for the court that it did not issue a separate decree for other defence witnesses without tangible reasons and the decision of the members of the jury was biased, that the provision of the code of criminal procedure Section 257 (1) was submitted to the court for easy reference that the accused claimed that if the application was assumed to be made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice, summoning of a witness could be refused; that it was clearly stated that if refused, the reason must be put on record; that as for presenting the current witnesses, there was no intention concerning the points mentioned above for any reason, especially there was not any intention at all to cause delay; that it was wrong to reject without any evidence and to do so without any reason by deciding that summoning U Kyi Win alone and refusing other defence witnesses without issuing any separate decrees although four witnesses were claimed for examination as stated in the amendment form para-4 were aimed at harming the statements vexation, or delay or defeating the ends of justice prescribed in the provision of the code of criminal procedure Section 257 (1); and that the original court decree should be amended as such mistakes could not be remedied under Section 537 of the code of criminal procedure.

Yangon Division deputy law officer Daw Khin Mar Kyi in her final argument said, in the application for amendments, it was stated that in the original court decree dated 27 May U Kyi Win alone was to be examined as a witness; that refusing other witnesses without any separate decrees was contrary to the code of criminal procedure Section 257 (1); that although it was verbally said that the decree was issued in accord with the Section 257 (1) of the code of criminal procedure, it was not kept on daily record; and she added that according to the daily record of the court dated 27 May, the decision was made as follows: Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay submitted the list of witnesses, law experts U Kyi Win, Daw Khin Moh Moh, U Win Tin and U Tin Oo with regard to their character. There was no argument against the character.

Competent lawyers who advise the clients in the court have the rights to provide their arguments. Our decision is that we will summon Advocate U Kyi Win only to provide evidences in the arguments.

Of the four witnesses nominated by those who apply for amendments, U Win Tin and U Tin Oo are intended to provide some statements regarding the characters of the applicants and regarding the characters of the applicants, the court has already made a decision that there is no need to argue. Moreover, in the case filed for Mr John William Yettaw’s entering the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, there has not been any accusation against her for her characters. Therefore, the decision not to call and question U Win Tin and U Tin Oo, to say about the characters of the applicants, is not against the law. The applicants have submitted that they wish to hire Daw Khin Moh Moh as a legal expert. Lawyers, who will give the clients advise, have the rights to provide arguments on legal affairs in the case. The court has summoned U Kyi Win as a legal expert, so not calling and questioning Daw Khin Moh Moh is not against the law. Section 257 (1) of Code of Criminal Procedure says, “If the accused, after he has entered upon his defence, applies to the Magistrate to issue any process for compelling the attendance of any witness for the purpose of examination or cross-examination, or the production of any document or other thing, the Magistrate shall issue such process unless he considers that such application should be refused on the ground that it is made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice.” So, the court does not need to summon all the witnesses the accused has nominated. Apparently the witnesses the applicants have nominated are the ones who are not needed to present any evidences, so there is nothing more than delay if they are summoned and examined. Therefore, the court’s decision not to call and examine those witnesses complies with the law. Therefore, I would say the amendments proposed by the applicants should be dismissed.

Today, Supreme Court Advocates U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Myint and Daw Khin Htay Kywe were on the side of the applicants; and Yangon Division Deputy Law Officer Daw Khin Mar Kyi, Daw Khin May Day and U Myat Khang, on the side of those who defended the application.

After hearing the final arguments of both sides, Yangon Division Court fixed the date of the 9th of June to deliver the judgment on the case.

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YANGON, 5 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, heard reports on progress of Bago mountain range greening project presented by the director of Yangon Division Forest Department at Central Forest Development Training Department in Hmawby Township yesterday morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on conservation and establishment of forest plantations in Yangon Division.

At Phu Kyi station physic nut sapling growing ceremony in Taikkyi Township, they heard reports on cultivation of physic nut in the station and future tasks presented by officials.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and project manager on progress of construction.

For the use of words and impact of the announcement, the announcement is against the printing and publishing law. Therefore, the announcement has reached the public. The announcement was also put on website: Niknayman.com and was not distributed to outside. However, the announcement was intended to circulate inside the NLD CEC. Therefore, the NLD CEC is responsible for the use of words and impact of the announcement. The announcement was released with the approval of the NLD CEC.

After giving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected progress of construction tasks at the university.

Authorities concerned warn those in charge of NLD...

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Such an act of saying that there is no full rights of defence while the trial is still in progress in fact is like disturbing the court proceedings. In the fourth paragraph, the announcement states that the provisions of the dissolved 1974 constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Myanmar are referred to in filing the law suit against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The act of saying that the 1974 constitution has been dissolved without showing any firm proof is a lawless act; that stating of such incorrect and biased words in advance while the case is still in progress amounts to turning a blind eye to the truth and disturbing the court.

The announcement was issued by the NLD youth group. As this group is not legally registered at the Commission, the association is in breach of the law concerning the formation of organizations and associations.

When the authority concerned warned the NLD youth group yesterday, they said they extracted and quoted the announcements of the Central Executive Committee of the National League for Democracy to issue the NLD youth’s announcement.

The announcement was released with the approval of the NLD CEC. Therefore, the NLD CEC is responsible for the use of words and impact of the announcement. When they were warned by the authorities concerned on 4-6-2009, the NLD youth group said that the announcement was intended to circulate inside only and was not distributed to outside. However, the announcement was also put on website: Niknayman.com and other websites on 3-6-2009. Being put on the Internet without permission, the announcement is against the Electronic Act 33 (A).

Without seeking permission for publishing, the announcement has reached the public. Therefore, the announcement is against the printing and publishing registration law.

Though NLD has rights for freedom of speech, the announcement No 01/06/09 of the NLD youth group issued on 2 June 2009, with the approval of the NLD CEC, has harmed peace and stability and prevalence of law and order in the country and disturbed the trial proceedings of a court.

Moreover, that can mislead the people into misunderstanding the government, incite activities that may harm the public respect for the government, and cause unrest. So, security members are handling the activities with great care in order to maintain peace and stability.

NLD CEC members in response said that CEC Member U Than Tun explains to the members their lawyers’ questions and cross-questions heard in the court and they are recorded every day; that the purpose is that the people can know the hearing as though they listen to the hearing of the case; that they do not have any intention to disrupt the judicial system; that they allowed young members to issue the announcement according to their wish; that they are just expressing their opinion on the 1974 constitution; that anyhow the body that will have to deliver judgment on the case is the court; and that they will accept the judgment of the court.

NLD CEC members signed to state that they understood what the authorities explained to them. Similarly, the team comprising Bahan Township PDC Chairman U Aung Mon Lat, Chief of Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun, Township Court judge U Khin Maung Hte and Township law officer Daw Naw Doris again warned those in-charge of NLD youths; U Myo Nyunt, U Hla Oo and U Aye Tun at the Township PDC office from 4.25 pm to 4.50 pm today.

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NLD members of the NLD youths group signed to say that they knew well the warning and explanations given to them by the authorities.—MNA
Proficiency Course (1/2009) for staff concludes

YANGON, 5 June — The conclusion of Proficiency Course (1/2009) for staff conducted by the Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information took place at the Central Press of PPE in Botataung Township here this morning. PPE Managing Director U Aung Nyein delivered a speech and presented prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the trainees.

Managing Director of PPE U Aung Nyein presents prize to an outstanding trainee in Proficiency Course (1/2009) for staff.—MNA

UMFCCI officials leave for PRC

YANGON, 5 June — A six-member delegation led by Vice-President U Thaung Tin of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) left here by air for the People’s Republic of China on 2 June to attend GMS E-commerce Workshop to be held in Kunming, China from 2 to 6 June.

UMFCCI officials seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for PRC.—MNA

High population density triggers cultural explosions

LONDON, 5 June — Increasing population density, rather than boosts in human brain power, appears to have catalysed the emergence of modern human behaviour, according to a new study by UCL scientists published in the journal Science.

High population density leads to greater exchange of ideas and skills and prevents the loss of new innovations. It is this skill maintenance, combined with a greater probability of useful innovations, that led to modern human behaviour appearing at different times in different parts of the world.

In the study, the UCL team found that complex skills learnt across generations can only be maintained when there is a critical level of interaction between people. Using computer simulations of social learning, they showed that high and low-skilled groups could coexist over long periods of time and that the degree of skill they maintained depended on local population density or the degree of migration between them. Using genetic estimates of population size in the past, the team went on to show that density was similar in sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and the Middle-East when modern behaviour first appeared in each of these regions. The paper also points to evidence that population density would have dropped for climatic reasons at the time when modern human behaviour temporarily disappeared in sub-Saharan Africa.—Internet

How humans have disrupted nitrogen cycle

NUUK, 5 June — More and more, scientists are getting a better grip on the nitrogen cycle. They are learning about sources of nitrogen and how this element changes as it loops from the nonliving, such as the atmosphere, soil or water, to the living, whether plants or animals. Scientists have determined that humans are disrupting the nitrogen cycle by altering the amount of nitrogen that is stored in the biosphere.

The chief culprit is fossil fuel combustion, which releases nitric oxides into the air that combine with other elements to form smog and acid rain. But it has been difficult to know precisely the extent to which such emissions have altered the nitrogen balance.—Internet

Purple Ochre Sea Stars. New research by UBC zoologists indicates that elevated water temperatures and heightened concentrations of carbon dioxide can dramatically increase the growth rate of a keystone species of sea star.

VICTORIA, 5 June — New research by UBC zoologists indicates that elevated water temperatures and heightened concentrations of carbon dioxide can dramatically increase the growth rate of a keystone species of sea star.

The study is one of the first to look at the impact of ocean acidification on marine invertebrates that don’t have a large calcified skeleton or external shell, and challenges current assumptions about the potential impact of climate change on marine species.

The findings were published online this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.
Scientists get measure of Antarctica’s hidden heights

LONDON, 5 June — Scientists have produced the first detailed map of the last unexplored mountain range on earth, which was hidden under the thick ice of east Antarctica.

Research involving University of Edinburgh scientists shows that the Gamburtsev mountains, in the middle of east Antarctica, have a similar form and size to the European Alps, said a news release from the University on Thursday.

The findings shed light on how the climate in the region has changed, and offer some details about the timescale over which Antarctica’s ice sheet formed.

The site is also believed to mark the spot from which the ice sheet originated. According to the study, the mountain range was first eroded by water, then carved by glaciers, long before the Antarctic ice sheet came into being to be some 14 million years ago.

Scientists first realized the mountains existed over 50 years ago when a seismic survey indicated peaks in the area.

The latest survey, using radar, surveyed over 30km area in detail and represents the first in-depth study of the mountain range.

Fighter plane crashes in Greece with pilot ejecting to safety

ATHENS, 5 June — A Greek Airforce F-16 fighter plane crashed on Thursday morning near Ioannina, northwestern Greece, while its pilot managed to eject to safety.

According to an Airforce General Staff (GESA) announcement, the F-16 jet was on a training flight near the area of Ioannina when it crashed at 10:33 am local time on Thursday.

The pilot successfully used the automatic ejection system to eject to safety.

The announcement said that the pilot was in contact with another jet fighter in the area, adding that a Super Puma helicopter was on the way to pick up the downed pilot and transport him to the closest hospital.

Strong quake hits Japan’s Hokkaido

TOYO, 5 June — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.3 jolted Japan’s northernmost main island of Hokkaido on Friday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The focus of the tremor, which occurred at 12:30 pm (0330 GMT), was 20 km below the sea off Tokachi of Hokkaido.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to property, and no tsunami warning was issued.

Several militants killed in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 5 June — Several anti-government militants were killed as a clash erupted in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan, German forces based in the province said in a statement released on Friday.

The militants attacked the troops at 06:00 pm local time in Chardara district Thursday and troops returned fire, killing several militants, said the statement released by German Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT).

The troops would continue the operation until the area is cleaned up from militants, the statement stressed.

Militants have intensified their activities in the relatively peaceful Kunduz Province since the beginning of this year and it has conducted several attacks including roadside bombings so far.

Some 3,800 German forces with majority of them based in Kunduz have been serving in Afghanistan within the framework of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to stabilize security in the post-Taleban country.

Three sisters in 40s graduate together

North Carolinian Valerie Noel says graduating from the University of Phoe- nix with her two younger sisters was the culmination of a collaborative dream.

Noel said she and her sisters obtained human services/management bachelor’s degrees at the Raleigh, NC, campus of the for-profit educational institution thanks to their ability to lean on one another in their individual times of need.

The (Raleigh) News & Observer reported.

Flight delayed by search for ashtray

A British Airways flight was delayed for 25 minutes at London’s Heathrow Airport as crews searched for a replacement bathroom ashtray, officials said.

After passengers were told the crew needed to find a “vital” part before taking off, it turned out the important piece was an ashtray to replace one that was missing, even though smoking on the aircraft was banned, the Daily Mail reported.

A new ashtray was eventually found after much searching, during which the flight’s captain allegedly suggested the crew “find another plane of its bathroom ashtray.”
Ten-year-old girl battles breast cancer

Beijing, 5 June — Ten-year-old Hannah Powell-Auslasm from Southern California shocked the world when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in April. But even after her first chemo treatment recently, the girl is upbeat and determined to beat the disease.

“I always try to look on the bright side with everything,” Hannah—the fifth-grader at Escalona Elementary School—said ABC’s “Good Morning America” in an interview that aired on Wednesday.

Hannah, according to her family, is the youngest known girl to be diagnosed with breast cancer after complaining of an itch in her side in April. Her mother discovered a lump, and that led to a diagnosis of breast cancer. Her family said she was diagnosed with invasive secretory carcinoma, a type discovered in children in the 1960s. “You feel like you’re sick all the time,” Hannah said of the effects of her chemotherapy.

“You just want to go lay in bed and be in your closed-off little box.”

In a desperate attempt to save Hannah’s life, doctors removed her left breast on 7 May. The show filmed when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in April.

Rasmussen made the announcement on Wednesday after he introduced Leon Xu to cabinet as the newly appointed Cook Islands official in China with interests in New Zealand. The Cook Islands cabinet approved Xu’s appointment two weeks ago.

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Rasmussen said Xu will have the authority to also work for the Cooks as a special representative in Beijing and Asia in general.—Internet

Alaska leads US states in overall Internet access

San Francisco, 5 June — Alaska had the highest overall Internet penetration rate among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in the United States, a new study has found.

In October 2007, when the most recent data is available, 76.1 percent of Alaskans aged 3 and over had Internet access from any location either inside or outside their homes, Alaska’s largest newspaper Anchorage Daily News reported on Thursday, citing latest statistics from the US Census Bureau.

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Study identifies simple drug treatment may prevent nicotine-induced SIDS

WASHINGTON, 5 June — A new study has identified a specific class of phar-maceutical drugs that could be effective in treating babies vulnerable to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), because their mothers smoked during pregnancy. The findings are published on Wednesday in the US Journal of Neuroscience.

According to researchers at McMaster University in Canada, exposure of the fetus to nicotine results in the inability to respond to decreases in oxygen — known as hypoxia — which may result in a higher incidence of SIDS. In the same study on rats, they found that the diabetic medication ‘gilbenclamide’ can reverse the effects of nicotine exposure, increasing the newborn’s ability to respond to hypoxia and likely reducing the incidence of SIDS. “During birth the baby rapidly changes its physiology and anatomy so that it can breathe on its own,” explains Josef Buttigieg, lead author who conducted his research as a PhD graduate student in the department of Biology. “The stress of being born induces the release of the hormones adrenaline and noradrenaline — collectively called cate- cholamines — from the adrenal glands. During birth, these hormones in turn signal the baby’s lungs to become ready for air breathing.”

For some months after birth, the adrenal glands act as a critical oxygen sensor. — Internet

Study shows protein may be strongest indicator of rare lung disease

WASHINGTON, 5 June — Researchers at the University of Cincinnati (UC) have discovered a protein in the lungs that can help in determining progression of the rare lung disease Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF).

Researchers say the protein — Serum surfactant protein A — is superior to other IPF predictors and could lead to better decisions about treatment and timing of lung transplantation.

The study, led by Brent Kinder, will be published on Thursday in the journal™ Chest. “A simple blood test may give us the information we need to help determine the short term risk of death in a patient with IPF,” says Kinder, an assistant professor of medicine at the UC College of Medicine and pulmonologist with UC Physicians.

“This protein is a stronger predictor of the severity of illness than age, symptoms or diagnostic data, like breathing tests.” IPF is scarring of the lung. As the disease progresses, air sacs in the lungs become ready for air breathing. — Internet

Donuts, French fries and fried chicken. Children in the United States are at risk of “recession obesity” as parents substitute cheap, fast food for healthy meals to try to weather the economic slump, a report published on Wednesday showed. — Internet

Story of London festival launched in Britain’s capital

LONDON, 5 June — A month-long festival dubbed Story of London was launched here on Wednesday at the Tower of London.

The mayor of London, Boris Johnson, has joined forces with organizations across the capital to create a massive celebration of the city’s past, present and future, with over 400 events covering history and heritage, art and architecture, design and fashion, music, theater and film.

“The Story of London is about celebrating the people and communities that have shaped our capital, whilst also telling Londoners and visitors about the vast array of cultural and heritage organizations on their doorstep,” said the mayor. — Internet

Madrid schools report more A/H1N1 flu cases

MADRID, 5 June — The Spanish Ministry of Health confirmed on Thursday an increase in the number of cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus detected in three schools in the Madrid area. Another case has been detected in the north Madrid neighborhood of Fuencarral. The number of confirmed cases in the area has risen from two to three.

Malaysia to test vaccine against A/H1N1 flu on pigs

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 June — Malaysian scientists plan to conduct a trial testing of a vaccine against A/H1N1 flu on pigs next week, a government official said on Thursday.

The testing will be conducted on about 10,000 pigs in the Perak State and it would take six weeks for the results, said Veteran Services Department Director-General Abd Aziz Jamaluddin. If it is proven effective, the department will propose the vaccination for all the 1.7 million pigs nationwide, he was quoted as saying by local media. — Internet

Singapore confirms 12th Influenza A/H1N1 case

SINGAPORE, 5 June — Singapore has confirmed its 12th case of Influenza A/H1N1, the country’s Health Ministry said on Thursday.

The patient is an 18-year-old Singaporean man. He went to Melbourne on 16 May and returned to Singapore on Emirates EK405 on Monday.

He was admitted to Singapore’s National University Hospital on Wednesday after exhibiting symptoms of the flu, including fever, cough and myalgia. — Internet

A sample of blood is drawn from the leg of Dalma in Boston, Massachusetts. — Internet

US scientists develop new ways to make obese mice slim

LOS ANGELES, 5 June — US scientists have developed two new ways to make obese mice slim, without diet or exercise, the Health Day News reported on Wednesday.

The findings might someday help in the development of drugs that could be used to treat obesity or type 2 diabetes, the report said.

In one study, researchers inserted a molecular shunt into the liver cells of 94 mice. Despite chewing down on high-fat foods that mimicked a human fast-food diet, the mice with the genetically engineered shunts stayed skinny, compared with mice without the shunts.

Instead of accumulating in the blood or being stored by the body, the fat was metabolized, converted to carbon dioxide and exhaled.

“Exercise is always a good way to burn fat, but we found you can increase the metabolic channels for burning fat even without exercising more,” said study author James Liao, a professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Meanwhile the number of confirmed cases in the Pio Baroja college in Leganes has risen from two to three.

A sales assistant at a pharmacy in Melbourne Airport. Australian states have ordered children returning from the swine flu-hit region of Victoria to be quarantined as the number of infections across the country jumped to 634. — Internet

A sample of blood is drawn from the leg of Dalma in Boston, Massachusetts. — Internet
Champions League final defeat “out of the system”

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The quality of the playing surface in Almaty’s Central Stadium and shrugged off concerns about the five-hour time difference.

Garros stadium in Paris, on 4 June, 2009. —INTERNET

Rooney itching to make up for Barca heartbreak

Almaty, 5 June — Wayne Rooney is planning to get Manchester United’s Champions League final defeat “out of the system” by firing England to the brink of next year’s World Cup finals in South Africa. At the end of a long season, England’s stars could have done without an eight-hour flight to central Asia for Saturday’s match against Kazakhstan. But Rooney insists he is itching to play his first match since his club’s 2-0 defeat by Barcelona in Rome last month and shrugged off concerns about the five-hour time difference, high temperatures and concerns over the quality of the playing surface in Almaty’s Central Stadium.

“Of course you are disappointed but, at the end of the day, we just have to deal with it.” —INTERNET

Safina, Kuznetsova renew rivalry in French final

Paris, 5 June — The all-Russian women’s final at the French Open renews a rivalry dating back a decade, and Svetlana Kuznetsova hopes to fare better than the first time she faced Dinara Safina. They were juniors then — Kuznetsova from St. Petersburg, Safina from Moscow, both with athletic bloodlines. “I was like 12 or 13, and Dinara was an unbelievable girl,” Kuznetsova said. “She’s one year younger than me. I had no chance playing against her. I remember I lose to her 6-1, 6-love or something.” They’ve played each other many times since, and Kuznetsova leads 7-4 in tour-level matches. Saturday’s showdown will be the biggest yet, with a Grand Slam title at stake.

The group has credit facilities amounting to 350 million pounds which expire on 24 July 2009. The directors have initiated negotiations to secure the replacement finance required by the group and these negotiations are ongoing.” —INTERNET

Swansea City’s Spanish manager Roberto Martinez, is set to become the new manager of Wigan after the Premier League club reached an agreement with Swansea on the terms of his release. —INTERNET

Martinez set to become new Wigan boss

Wigan, 5 June — Roberto Martinez is set to become the new manager of Wigan after the Premier League club reached an agreement with his current club Swansea on the terms of his release.

Wigan owner Dave Whelan confirmed Thursday that he had agreed to pay the Championship club £6 million in compensation and sea on the terms of Martinez’s release. Martinez owner Dave Whelan confirmed Thursday that he had agreed to pay the Championship club around two million pounds in compensation and face two places of the Championship play-offs in successive seasons. —INTERNET

Maradona hits back at U-20 national team coach

Buenos Aires, 5 June — Argentine national team coach Diego Maradona on Thursday refused the complaints from Under-20 team coach Sergio Batista on the “lack of dialogue” between them.

“I do not know that is wrong with ‘Checho (Batista).’ I do not know if he has his period or what. I do not know what he wants, to kiss him on the mouth. I called him when the Under-20 team was out of the World Cup (in Egypt). Let’s stop this story. What do I have to do? He should respect me as I do,” Maradona said.

Maradona said that when he took over the national team “the first one” he went to look for was Batista and that “whenever I have a match where I’m playing my life, he comes out talking” with the press.

I’m staying and please don’t say that I’m not convinced or that I’m not motivated,” Spalletti was quoted. “I’m staying for the good of Roma.” Roma finished sixth in the league, securing a place for the Europa League, a new version of the UEFA Cup. —INTERNET

Valencia president resigns amid bad economy

Madrid, 5 June — Valencia president Vicente Soriano resigned on Thursday amid bad financial situation. According to Spanish media, the Spanish Primera Liga club now has debts of over 637.6 million US dollars.

Soriano had tried to sell Valencia’s stadium in a bid to help finance a move to a new venue that is under construction. But the club defaulted on payments to the team and the construction company.

Japan invited to play in 2011 Copa America

Tokyo, 5 June — Japan have been invited to play in the 2011 Copa America in Argentina, following their maiden appearance in the 1999 edition, the Japan Football Association said on Thursday.

Junji Ogura, the association’s vice president, learned of the invitation in Nassau, Bahamas, where he was attending the congress of football’s world governing body FIFA, a spokeswoman for the FA said.

“Japan should do more to help when the vice president returns home,” she added.

Japan competed in the South American continental championship in 1999 in Paraguay under French coach Philippe Troussier. The Blue Samurai were knocked out at the group stage with one point, losing to Paraguay and Peru and drawing 1-1 with Bolivia. —INTERNET

Japan striker Yoshito Okubo (centre) battles for the ball with Belgium defender Gill Swerts (right) during the first half of their Kirin Cup match in Tokyo. —INTERNET

Roma coach Spalletti stays until 2011

Rome, 5 June — AS Roma coach Luciano Spalletti will stay with the Italian Serie A club until 2011, Italian media reported on Thursday. Under a renewed agreement, Spalletti will have more decisional power in the market operations of the Rome club as he begins his fifth season with the red-yellows. His contract expires in 2011.

Rumors had it that Spalletti was likely to take over the coaching post at Juventus next season but the 50-year-old told local media that he would stay.

“I’m staying and please don’t say that I’m not convinced or that I’m not motivated,” Spalletti was quoted. “I’m staying for the good of Roma.” Roma finished in sixth in the league, securing a place for the Europa League, a new version of the UEFA Cup. —INTERNET
French military fails to find more Flight 447 debris

PARIS, 5 June—French search planes have not found any more debris from Flight 447, which crashed into the Atlantic with 228 people onboard, a senior military official said on Thursday. Four planes, including an AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft from the Dakar French air base, took part in locating the Air France passenger jet, said Christophe Prazuck, an official with the French Chief of Staff.

The search team spotted some metallic objects, which turned out not to belong to the plane, he said. Air France on Wednesday told families of passengers on Flight 447 that the airliner disintegrated either in the air or when it crashed into the ocean and there were no survivors. Some debris, including a seven-meter-long chunk and 10 other objects, was found by Brazilian planes over a wide area, but pilots had not spotted any sign of survivors, the Brazilian Air Force said.

The overall zone is roughly 480 km northeast of the Fernando de Noronha islands off Brazil’s northern coast. Investigators are working with Air France, Airbus and meteorologists to determine what caused the Airbus A330-200 with 216 passengers and 12 crew members to slam into the Atlantic Ocean after leaving Rio de Janeiro for Paris on Sunday night. —Xinhua

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Friday, 5 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayar Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (7.56) inches, Thandwe (5.44) inches, Yangon (Central) and Gwa (4.96) inches, Thaton (3.27) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.92) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.52) inches and Bago (2.01) inches. Maximum temperature on 4-6-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 5-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours on MST 5-6-2009 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 4-6-2009 was (3.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 5-6-2009 was (2.52) inches at Mingaladon, (2.94) inches Kaba-Aye and (4.96) inches Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (19.45) inches at Mingaladon (23.18) inches at Myeik and (31.77) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) m/s from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 4-6-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today the low pressure area over Central Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayar Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan States and Bago Division and isolated to scattered in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayar Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) m/s. Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-6-2009: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Weather outlook for second weekend of June 2009: During the coming week, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.

MRTV-3 Program Schedule (6-6-2009) (Saturday)

Transmissions Times
Local - (09:00am - 10:00am) MST
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Local Transmission
* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
* Colourful Lotus-shaped Candles
* A Memorable Market Day (Inle Khaung Taing)
* Progressive Scene of Danichuang Model Village
* The Beauty of the 2nd Defile of The River Ayeyawady
* Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission
* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
* TRASH TO TREASURE
* The Beauty of the 1st Defile of The River Ayeyawady
* Ancient Architectural heritage of Taungthaman Kyuakawgyi Pagoda
* Grow more trees for the sake of environment and national economy
* Oxen Brothers
* Naga Traditional Costumes and Dance
* Strive for Development of Industrial Zone
* The Conspicuous Dhammapayagi
* Colourful Lotus-shaped Candles
* A Memorable Market Day (Inle Khaung Taing)
* Progressive Scene of Danichuang Model Village
* The Beauty of the 2nd Defile of The River Ayeyawady
* Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-I)
* Typical Customary Customs of Mor Shan
* Build more dams for boosting crop production
* Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

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Emperor penguins congregate on an ice field near Wilkes Land in the Australian Antarctic Territory. Scientists have tracked down previously undiscovered colonies of Antarctic emperor penguins after spotting trails of their droppings on satellite pictures, a study has revealed.—INTERNET
Secretary-1 of the SPDC receives Japanese Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received delegation led by Mr Kenichiro Sasae, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan at the office of the SPDC today. Present at the call together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of Protocol Department and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Political Department and Director-General U Kyaw Tin of the MOFA and Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister accompanied by Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa.—MNA

Authorities concerned warn those in charge of NLD youth branch, NLD CECs regarding announcement dated 2 June issued by youth taskforce of NLD

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—The youth taskforce of the National League for Democracy released the announcement No. 01/06/09 on 2-6-2009. As the announcement contained falsehood detrimental to prevalence of law and order of the State and peace and stability and security, the authorities concerned on 4-6-2009 evening warned those in charge of NLD youth branch who released the announcement. Treasurer U Hla Thein (Tamway-1), youth in-charge U Myo Nyunt (Ahtlon), U Hla Oo (Mandalay) and U Aye Tun (Yankin) were present to hear the warning.

Those in charge of NLD youth branch said that the announcement was released with the prior permission of the CEC of NLD. They said that the points in the announcement were excerpts from the announcements of NLD CEC. They added that they compiled the draft announcement and the CEC edited and approved it before the release. Having sought the approval, the CEC assured that they would take responsibility for the announcement which was the attitude of CEC and the instructions of the authorities concerned would be submitted to the CEC, they said.

A group comprising Commissioner of Yangon Division General Administration Department U Khin Maung Tun, Division Law Officer U Zeya, Deputy Commander of Special Branch Police Col Win Naing Tun of Myanmar Police Force and Commander of Division Police Force Col Win Naing warned NLD CECs U Than Tun, U Nyunt Wai, U Hla Pe and U Soe Myint from 5.12 pm to 5.46 pm on 5-6-2009. Regarding the intrusion case of US citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, the paragraph 2 of the announcement No. 01/06/09 released by the youth taskforce undertaking group of NLD mentioned that the case against Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was being heard under Article 22 of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts without attendance of the public at the special court in the Insein Jail.

In reality, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s case is being tried at the special court with the court decision for the application of prosecution law officers and the crime of security violation. Although the trial is taking place at the special court, court reporters have been appointed and daily court hearings are reported in newspapers. Moreover, diplomats and local and foreign correspondents are allowed to visit the court occasionally. Therefore, the people are informed about the case in time. As stated in the announcement of the youth branch, there has been no report yet on the side of the accused that the people have no chance to know about the case. Therefore, the announcement with false accusations against the measures the court is taking in accord with the law is tantamount to disturbing the court and the existing laws.

It is stated in the third paragraph of the announcement that it is regrettable that up to date, authorities have been refusing the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi demanded by the UN Secretary-General and leaders of ASEAN, EU and the world’s countries. In reality, the case is being examined at the court as the accused including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi have violated the existing internal laws. The case is just the internal issue. The announcement that has been issued at the outside instigation is an act of misleading the public, causing misunderstandings and creating public unrest.

The fourth paragraph states that in hearing the lawsuit against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi she has no full right to defend herself. The truth is that the accused have had the rights to hire their lawyers as they wished, to consult with their lawyers and to apply for amendments regarding the controversial matters. For example, they were arranging for defence witnesses at Yangon Division Court at about 3 pm on 5-6-2009. This means they have their full rights.

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