Local people need to work with zeal for economic development as nation already has an abundant array of land and water resources

PM General Thein Sein inspects rehabilitation tasks in Bogale Township

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Sethsan Village, Bogale Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Chairman of Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, directors-general, departmental heads, left Pathem by air for Bogale yesterday morning. They were welcomed there by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials.

At the office of Bogale Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Prime Minister heard reports by Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe on monsoon paddy cultivation, per acre yield of summer paddy, and distribution of paddy seeds to seven storm-hit townships.

U Myint Thein, Manager of Ayeyawady Division Myanma Agricultural Service, reported measures taken for preventing pests and land preparation.

Minister for Agricultural and Irrigation (See page 7)

Photo shows Kyeinchaunggyi Model Village, Bogale Township.—MNA
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Friday, 26 June, 2009

Work together with the government conscientiously for total elimination of narcotic drugs

Today is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and nations all over the world, including Myanmar, are holding ceremonies to mark the day.

The problem of narcotic drugs is a global concern, not a nation’s or a people’s. Therefore, Myanmar is taking a wide range of measures to wipe out drugs, like educating people, especially the student youths, on the dangers of drug-taking and organizing them not to use drugs at all.

To effectively carry out the anti-drug campaign, the government is employing three tactics — supply elimination, demand elimination and law enforcement. Special emphasis is also being given to medical treatment, rehabilitation and education as they are very important for demand elimination.

Media is the most effective and successful means of organizing the people. Therefore, essay, poem, painting, cartoon and poster competitions are being held in various towns in states and divisions.

Myanmar is trying to solve the problem of drugs in its own way. It has signed agreements and MoU with its neighbours and other countries in the region and sub-regions and is cooperating with them in the fight against drugs.

We would like to call on the entire people to work together with the government conscientiously for total elimination of narcotic drugs to create a drug-free society.

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**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U San Lwin (II) of Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Forestry on expiry of the one-year probationary period.—MNA

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**Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects beautifying and upgrading tasks in Yangon**

YANGON, 25 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence looked into work being carried out for beautifying and upgrading of Yangon by Leading Committee for Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon City and gave necessary instructions yesterday.

First, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Secretaries Ms Satoko Toku and Dr Win Zaw Tun and Deputy Secretary Mr Tetsukazu Kiyosly of the Ministry of Forestry, visited Shwedaung Village on 22 June.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung together with Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min and departmental officials met with local people and presented exercise books, foodstuff, blankets and clothes to the responsible persons at Kyai-kawt PaO School in Kyai-kawt Village on 22 June.

The minister viewed integrated farming of U Zaw Tun at Shwedagon Village and attended to the needs.

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Japanese Ambassador Mr Yasuuki Nagawa presents trophy to Ministry of Forestry team. MNA
Iran successfully tests radar-evading, unmanned bomber

Tehran, 25 June — Iran’s Air Force commander Brigadier General Hassan Shahsafi announced Wednesday that Iran has successfully tested a home-made radar-evading unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) with bombing capabilities, the semi-official Fars news agency reported.

“This airplane is a model drone built on a one-seventh scale for the Defence Ministry,” Shahsafi said, adding that the UAV bomber would be produced in virtual size and would join the Iranian Air Force Fleet in the near future. He explained that the UAV has been designed and manufactured for reconnaissance and bombing missions, specially considering its radar-evading advantage, Fars said.

He made the announcement on the sidelines of a four-day airforce exercise which started on Monday. The manoeuvre is carried out in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman to preserve and enhance operational and supporting capability, according to local IRNA news agency.— Internet

Russia's Medvedev heads to Nigeria

Abuja, 25 June — Russia’s President said Wednesday his nation’s investment in Nigeria could stretch into the billions of dollars, as the two nations signed deals on nuclear energy, gas and oil exploration in Africa largest oil producer.

Russian leader Dmitry Medvedev was on his first trip to the West African nation. The deals pave the way for Russia to build power plants, pipelines to export gas, and explore energy deposits, officials said.

“If we carry out all our plans, Russian investment in Nigeria can reach billions of dollars,” Medvedev said.

Medvedev began his tour in Egypt Tuesday and left Nigeria’s capital, Abuja for the southern African nations of Namibia and Angola, both rich in uranium and diamonds. Internet

Suspected US troop remains send home from Vietnam

Hanoi, 25 June — Remains believed to be those of two American servicemen killed during the Vietnam War were placed on a plane in central Danang city on Wednesday and sent back to the United States to be identified.

One set of remains was recovered by joint excavation teams in central Quang Tri Province over the past month and the other was handed over by Vietnamese citizens, said Ron Ward, a spokesman for the US Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command detachment in Hanoi.

Ward said one set of remains is believed to belong to a member of ground forces, while the other could be of a serviceman who died in a helicopter crash. Internet

'Charlie's Angel' Farrah Fawcett dies at 62

Los Angeles, 25 June — Farrah Fawcett, the “Charlie’s Angels” star whose feathered blond hair and dazzling smile made her one of the biggest sex symbols of the 1970s, died Thursday after battling cancer. She was 62.

The pop icon, who in the 1980s set aside the fantasy girl image to tackle serious roles, died shortly before 9:30 a.m. in a Santa Monica hospital, spokesman Paul Bloch said.

Ryan O’Neal, the longtime companion who had reunited with Fawcett as she fought anal cancer, was at her side, along with close friend Alana Stewart, Bloch said.

She burst on the scene in 1976 as one-third of the crime-fighting trio in TV’s “Charlie’s Angels.” A poster of her in a clingy swimsuit sold in the millions. Internet
IFRC says battling against hunger in Horn of Africa to lose

NAIROBI, 25 June—The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has said the world is slowly losing the battle against hunger in the Horn of Africa.

The IFRC issued the stark warning as it renewed its call for support of food insecure people in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia with emergency food, water and recovery activities.

“The battle against persistent, chronic malnutrition and hunger is at risk of slowly being lost.”

Our message to the world is simple: in the Horn of Africa, hunger, a result of chronic, major deficit in calorie intake, kills,” Dr Asha Mohammed, head of IFRC’s Eastern Africa Zone said in a statement issued in Nairobi on Wednesday.

During 2008 IFRC reached and now has continued to assist more than 10 million people in the four countries.

While the organization itself advances more than 10 million Swiss francs (about 9.2 million US dollars) from its own reserves toward the operation, last year’s emergency appeal only received a meager 9 percent coverage.

According to IFRC, more than 2.2 million East Africans were also reached through minor and medium disaster interventions in 2008.

Lack of resources and adequate assistance has already resulted in conflicts between neighbouring communities in Kenya, confirming earlier IFRC warnings.

French investigators continue searching for black boxes of crashed plane

PARIS, 25 June—French air accident investigators said Wednesday that they will continue to locate the black boxes of the vanished Air France flight.

The black boxes could still send signals for a few days one month after the 1 June crash and therefore the efforts to locate them would continue, said a spokesman for the BEA, the French air accident authority. According to a Wednesday report by France’s Le Figaro, the search for the black boxes, which could contain vital clues to explain the crash, would continue until 10 July. The report was not confirmed by the French authorities.

Pedal power helps man catch bag thief

An 80-year-old German woman whose handbag was snatched from her bicycle basket by a passing cyclist gave chase on her own bike and recovered her stolen property.

As she pedaled in pursuit of the 41-year-old thief through the western town of Buergstadt, she alerted a driver who stopped the culprit and held him until police arrived.

“The woman had the guts to say, ‘I’m not taking that’,” a police spokesman in nearby Darmstadt said Thursday.

Police retrieved the bag and returned it to its owner.

Shot dog bites gunman

A dog in Germany shot by a drunken man with a gun took swift revenge by biting off the end of the man’s nose, authorities said on Monday.

Police said the armed man was snoozing at night in the yard of a house in Stadlauingen in northern Bavaria when he shot the Bernese mountain dog from point-blank range. Before collapsing, the dog leapt at the 39-year-old man and bit off the end of his nose, a local police spokesman said.

Bleeding profusely, the man called police and was taken for treatment in a nearby hospital. His motives for being in the yard were unclear, police said.

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China, South Africa seek for closer bilateral ties

UNITED NATIONS, 25 June—Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met with South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Maite Nkoana-Mashabane here Wednesday, vowing to further enhance bilateral communication and cooperation.

Since the establishment of strategic partnership between China and South Africa, the mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields has scored remarkable achievements, Yang told Mashabane on the sidelines of a UN conference on the economic and financial crisis that opened Wednesday in the UN headquarters in New York.

China appreciated South African President Jacob Zuma's efforts in promoting China-South Africa ties and would like to make concerted efforts with South Africa to further deepen the partnership and jointly protect the interests of developing countries, Yang said.

He said China attached great importance to the fourth ministerial meeting of China-Africa Cooperation Forum set to be held in Egypt at yearend, adding that China hopes the meeting could yield productive results.—Xinhua

Indonesia’s Industry Ministry, Sun Microsystem sign MoU on open source technology use

JAKARTA, 25 June—Indonesia’s Industry Ministry and Sun Microsystem Indonesia (SMI), a leading software company, on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on open source technology use.

The two parties also inaugurated a technology center called the Center for Open Source Technology Awakening (COSTA) in an effort to push empowerment and development of Regional Information Technology Center (RICE) and Incubator Business Center (IBC).

The Technology Awakening Program is the SMI’s program to support Indonesian government to socialize and increase the use of open source technology and legal software in order to strengthen local information technology (IT) industry, and at the same time to make Indonesia as the leading nation in Asia’s IT industry.—Xinhua

Global FDI inflows drop sharply in first quarter, says UN

GENEVA, 25 June—Global foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows dropped sharply by 54 percent in the first quarter of 2009 and the prospects will remain gloomy for the rest of the year, the United Nations said on Wednesday.

Cross-border mergers and acquisitions (M&As) — the main mode of FDI — also declined drastically by 77 percent in the first quarter as compared to the same period last year, according to data released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

“A renewed commitment by policy makers to an open environment for international investment will play an important role in maintaining favorable conditions for a recovery in FDI flows,” UNCTAD Secretary-General Supachai Panitchpakdi said of the first quarter results.—Xinhua

Three more nations join ALBA

CARACAS, 25 June—Ecuador, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Antigua and Barbuda formally joined the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA) on Wednesday, local media reported.

Ecuador supports the ALBA for its revolutionary ideals which express the sovereignty of the people, said Ecuadoran President Rafael Correa during the accession ceremony.

Winston Baldwin Spencer, prime minister of Antigua and Barbuda, said that his country was satisfied with being part of these integration projects.

Ralph Gonsalves, prime minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines, also attended the ceremony, saying that his country has expressed the desire of joining the bloc since 2007.

The ALBA is a regional block created in 2004 by Cuba and Venezuela to counter the US-led Free Trade Area of the Americas (ALCA) supported by Canada, Mexico, Colombia and Peru.—Xinhua

Israel launches world’s first hybrid solar power station

KIBBUTZ SAMAR, 25 June — AORA, a leading Israeli solar energy technology company, launched Wednesday world’s first hybrid solar thermal power station at Kibbutz Samar in southern Israel.

This marked the first time that concentrating solar power (CSP) stations can provide environmentally-friendly power 24 hours a day, according to AORA’s CEO, Haim Fried.

AORA’s “Power Flower” station, named due to its unique yellow tulip design, consists of a field of 30 tracking mirrors (heliostats) situated on half an acre of land.

Each of the station’s 30 heliostats tracks the sun and reflects its rays towards the top of a 30-meter-high tower housing a special solar receiver along with a 100 kilowatt gas turbine.

The patented receiver uses the solar energy to heat air to a temperature of 1,000 degrees Celsius and directs this energy into the turbine, which converts the thermal energy into electric power that will be fed directly into the national grid.—Xinhua

S Korean gov’t upgrades 2009 growth outlook

SEOUL, 25 June — The South Korean government said Thursday that its economy is likely to shrink 1.5 percent this year, revising upwards its April projection of a minus growth of 2.0 percent.

The growth outlook for 2010 remained at the same level as two months ago, a 4.0-percent advance.

The recent upgrade came amid increasing signs that hint at stabilization in the local economy, on the back of massive expansionary policies, the government explained.

“Thanks to stabilizing financial markets and expansionary macroeconomic policies, some indicators are showing signs of improvements,” South Korean Finance Minister Yoon Jeung-hyun told a press conference.—Xinhua

Two girls play with fountain water to cool themselves down in the heatwave at the Erqi Square in Zhengzhou, capital city of central China’s Henan province, on 24 June, 2009. A heatwave of over 35 degrees Celsius swept central, east and north China in the past days. —Xinhua

Photo taken on 24 June, 2009 shows the solar receiver of the world’s first hybrid solar thermal power station at Kibbutz Samar in southern Israel. —Xinhua

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Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (1st L) meets with South African International Relations Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane (2nd R) at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York, the United States, on 24 June, 2009.—Xinhua
Information Minister visits IPRD office, retransmission station in Htilin Township

NAI PYI TAW, 25 June — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visited the office of Htilin Township Information and Public Relations Department in Magway Division on 19 June. The minister inspected keeping of books and journals and local people reading at the office and display of wall posters. The minister called for promotion of public interest in reading.

Next, the minister went to the retransmission station in Htilin Township and heard reports on broadcasting of television programme to surrounding areas presented by officials.

Then the minister urged them to carry out regular maintenance for durability of the retransmission station and towers.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan looks into the functions of Htilin Township IPRD office. — MNA

Bago Division (West) sees progress in road sector

NAI PYI TAW, 25 June — Director-General U Myo Myint of the Development Affairs Department on 22 June heard reports on progress in construction of gravel roads and wooden bridges presented by U Aung Kyaw Nyein, Director of Bago Division Development Affairs Committee, at the briefing hall of road section of district-to-district Road No (1) in Hmawby Township and gave instructions on maintenance works.

Next, the director-general inspected wooden bridges and digging of drains along the gravel road (39/6) mile in Taikkyi Township.

After hearing reports on construction works presented by U Soe Lwin, Director of Bago Division (West) DAC, at the briefing hall in Thingawady Township on 23 June, the director-general gave necessary instructions.

Then the director-general looked into road sections and bridges in Thingawady, Latpadan Minbla, Okpo, Gyobingauk, Zigon, Natthalin, Paungde and Paukkaung. On 24 June, the director-general heard reports on progress of upgrading of roads and condition of bridges presented by Director U Hsan Maw Khin of Magway Division DAC and gave necessary instructions.

Next, he oversaw tarred roads, condition of bridges, growing of shade trees along roads and digging of drains. So far, tarred road (184/1) mile, gravel road (323/5) mile, 168 wooden bridges and 615 culvert boxes have been built on the district-to-district Road No (1).

Director-General of Forestry Department U San Lwin delivers opening speech at first meeting of ASEAN experts Group on Forestry Products Development. — FORESTRY

First meeting of the ASEAN experts Group on Forestry Products Development held

NAI PYI TAW, 25 June — A ceremony to open the first meeting of the ASEAN experts Group on Forestry Products Development under the 12th ASEAN forestry-related conference being hosted by Myanmar, was held at Royal Kumudra Hotel here on 22 June. Director-General U San Lwin of Forestry Department under the Ministry of Forestry made an opening speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, representative U Htein Win from ASEAN Secretariat’s Office also made a speech.

The delegates from respective countries submitted the reports on forestry products development to the meeting that last two days.

Pro-rector, directors and deputy general managers from the Ministry of Forestry, responsible persons of ASEAN Secretariat’s Office, 29 delegates from ASEAN countries and guests attended the meeting.

Marijuana, stimulant tablets seized in Yangon, Mandalay Divs

YANGON, 25 June — Officials of Yangon Division Anti-Drug Squad (West) seized 206.8 grams of marijuana packed in a newspaper sheet hidden in the ground near the exit of kitchen room at the house of Ma Khin Than Saw on Aung Mingala (2) Street in Thingangyungyi (North) Ward. After searching the house of Daw Khin Thwet, 3.2 kilos of marijuana were seized. Suspects Ma Khin Than Saw and Daw Khin Thwet were being interrogated in order to expose other accomplices.

Similarly, officials of Mandalay Division Anti-Drug Squad (North) seized 180 tablets of WY stimulant tablets in the pocket of Khin Maung Thet in front of Tawwin Hotel on PyinOoLwin-Mandalay Road while he walked along the road together with Zarni Tun at 3.30 p.m. on 20 June. Suspects Khin Maung Thet and Zarni Tun are being investigated in order to expose other accomplices. — MNA
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Maj-Gen Hlay Oo gave report on building of embankments to prevent the flow of sea water.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung gave account on progress of cultivation of monsoon paddy, distribution of tractors and renovation of basic education schools destroyed by the storm Nargis. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions. In his meeting with rice millers of the township, the Prime Minister spoke of the need to use quality strains instead of conventional ones and apply farm machinery in harvesting and ploughing to transform to mechanized farming, organize farmers to minimize wastage and render assistance to farmers for their socio-economic development.

The Prime Minister met with those of companies building cyclone shelters in Bogale, Dlay and Pyapon Townships. He urged them to build the shelters in accord with the set standards within the project period and to form teams to inspect the durability of the facilities.

In Kyeinchaunggyi Model village, Bogale Township, the Prime Minister greeted local people and presented cash award to a six-distinction winner and a five-distinction winner in matriculation examination. At the briefing hall, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung reported to the Prime Minister on progress of construction of houses and cyclone shelters and land preparation and monsoon paddy cultivation.

In Setsan village, the Prime Minister met those of companies distributing dailies in villages.

In Bogale, Dlay and Pyapon Townships, the Prime Minister gave account on progress of construction of cyclone shelters and land preparation and monsoon paddy cultivation.

Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—The opening ceremony of the 12th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (12th ASOF) took place at Myat Tawwin Hotel, here, this morning. Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the ceremony and extended greetings.

Also present at the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, departmental heads under the Ministry of Forestry and officials, regional representatives of organizations under the United Nations and responsible persons from ASEAN Secretariat and senior officials from ASEAN countries and representatives from ASEAN dialogue partners and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and those attendants had documentary photos taken and the opening ceremony was concluded.

The 44 attendees focused on cooperation in forest sector between ASEAN countries and related matters, sustainable forest management (SFM), timber certification (TC), climate change (CC) and forest law enforcement and governing and other matters.

The 12th ASEAN Senior Officials meeting will take place up to 27 June.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at opening ceremony of 12th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Forestry. —MNA

Prime Minister takes a look at Kyeinchaunggyi model village in Bogale Township.

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secretly and left the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in the restricted area. Under the responsibility, we had to interrogate Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma and searched the house. Here, I would like to brief you diplomats and journalists on the information we have discovered in examining him, and findings.

At first, I would like to give a brief account of the event we arrested him. As you know, at about 5.40 am on 6 May 2009, security forces found a suspicious foreigner swimming with a rucksack and two 5-liter empty bottles in Inya Lake, about 50 yards from old Kanthaya hospital, and about 30 yards from the residence of the US charge d'affaires. The security members were those on duty from No (7) Police Battalion that is stationed in the compound of the old hospital for security of the perimeter of the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

After calling in and investigating the foreigner, the security members found out that he was Mr John William Yettaw and seized 21 items of his belongings including two rucksacks, a camera and six memory cards. Now, you can study the list of the items on the board. After examining the camera, we found out some photos taken in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and his photos taken in the house with household things in the background. So, we held him detention and then investigated him and seized things.

According to the investigation, Mr John William Yettaw arrived at Yangon on 2 May 2009, and put up at Beauty Land Hotel (2) at 188/192 on 33rd Street, Ward (1), Kyauktada Township. On 3 May evening, he entered the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi through Inya Lake and left the house on 5 May. He stayed at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house from about 4 am on 4-5-2009 to over 11 pm on 5-5-2009 and took photos of inside the house and its surroundings. After calling in and investigating the foreigner, the security members found out that he was Mr John William Yettaw and seized 21 items of his belongings including two rucksacks, a camera and six memory cards. Now, you can study the list of the items on the board. After examining the camera, we found out some photos taken in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and his photos taken in the house with household things in the background. So, we held him detention and then investigated him and seized things.

According to the statement of Mr Yettaw under examination, his brief biography has been learnt. He is a 54-year-old American citizen. He was born of Jerome William Yettaw and Elizabeth Bouchop Fogo Yettaw at Mt Carmel General Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, USA. His native place is Detroit, Michigan. He is the youngest of the five siblings. He has four wives and is living with his fourth wife, Betty Kane. He has seven children. When he was young, he had to go to school in the daytime and work at a gasoline station at night. He had to sleep in a car. He started to go to work at 11 pm and went to school after finishing work in the morning.

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Management and World Religions. Now he is doing a part-time doctoral course and working as a tour operator in US tourism. Overall, he is found to be an educated person doing a PhD (Psychology) course. Moreover, he was clearly found to be a Vietnam War veteran.

According to the confession of Mr Yettaw, he had entered the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house for two times including the present one. Before he secretly entered Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house for the ﬁrst time, he visited Thailand from September to October 2008. During his stay in Thailand, he visited Maetaw clinic in Maesot for ten times. He also met with Bo Kyi of AAPP and others. According to reli-

able information, it is known that he also met with unlawful organizations and persons from those organizations – Wai Lin of Lu Baung Thit, Min Naing of ABSFU-FAC, Zaw Tun, Teik Naing of AAPP – that are opposing the government in Maesot. Moreover, he visited Chaing Mai where he stayed at FAC-Foreign Affairs Council office under the arrangement of Dr Naing Aung. He also met with Zin Maung, Kyaw Win and Aung Din.

With a tourist visa Mr Yettaw entered Yangon, and stayed in the city for 26 days from 7-11-2008 to 3-12-2008. While in Yangon on 30-11-2008, he left the hotel at about 2100 hours and went to the cor-

ner of the University Avenue and Inya Myaing Road after taking No 52 bus. From there, he walked on and on reaching the drainpipe near the Embassy of Republic of Korea, he headed for the Inya Lake along the pipe. It was found out that wear-
ing a black dress and a black hat, he got across a section of Inya Lake to reach the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He entered the compound of the house after climbing over the fence in the back of the house.

According to the statement of Mr Yettaw, before leaving the house he left behind a book ti-
titled Book of Mormon which he had brought in a waterproof bag at the step near the back door of the house for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to read it. He said he swam back from outside the house; that he was shouting near the kitchen at the back of the house; that later he knelt down putting his palms together; that soon he left the compound climbing the fence near a tree stump and went into the lake again.

On receipt of the re-
port, the authorities formed an investigation committee to ascertain the facts. Moreover, the No 1 police battalion under the command of Pol Lt-Col Zaw Khin Aung took over the security duty from No 6 police battalion commanded by Pol Lt-Col Zaw Naing Tun on 5-12-2008 to carry out the duty with greater care. Further-
more, inspections and re-
pairs were made to fences facing the Inya Lake and entrances immediately.

The investigation court singled out the find-
ings as follows:

Point No 1: Dr Tin Myo Win reported the in-
cident to the authorities four days after the intru-
sion of Mr Yettaw. So traces of the entry and departure disappeared. No clues were left.

Point No 2: Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had received the ﬁrm evi-
dence but she failed to report it. That was the book titled Book of Mormon left near the back door by Mr Yettaw. Since Daw Aung San Suu Kyi withheld the matter of the book, the authorities found it difﬁcult to ascer-
tain the intrusion into the house compound. After the intrusion of the house compound for the second time and the arrest of Mr Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi handed the book to the investigation team following the statement of Mr Yettaw about the book.

Point No 3: Daw Aung San Suu Kyi should have reported the intru-
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formed to the authorities on 4-12-2008, four days after the incident through Dr Tin Myo Win. So, clues could not be traced and the truth could not be ascertained. We may ob-
serve that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi herself was weak to cooperate for her own security.

The investigation court concluded that since the incident took place in a dark night, the intruder might have been mistaken by Daw Khin Khin Win and her daughter, or they might have been mistaken as the security members passing through the com-
pound. In this connection, there is reason. Somewhere around 1990, a se-
curity members tried to peep into the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He was punished. The inves-
tigation team therefore con-
cluded that the matter was only the as-
sumptions of Daw Khin Khin Win and her daugh-
ter and that there was no possibility of seeing an intruder. However, secu-

ry ofﬁcers did their best for security. I have said that earlier. All I have explained aforesaid are the facts concerning Mr Yettaw’s ﬁrst intrusion.

We have formed an investigation group, and the group is now making investigation into the case of Mr Yettaw’s secret (See page 10)
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introduced into the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for the second time. In that regard, we will have to take action against the persons responsible for the case.

Now, I would like to explain Mr Yettaw’s entering the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for the second time. Mr Yettaw arrived in Yangon via Thailand on a tourist visa on 2 May 2009 and he put up at the Beauty Land Hotel 2 at 188/192, 33rd Street, ward 1, Kyauktada Township. On 3 May evening (the exact time is yet to be confirmed), he went to University Avenue by taxi from the Beauty Land Hotel. He got into Inya Lake through the drainpipe near the Embassy of the Republic of Korea on University Avenue, and he swam towards the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He got into the compound of the house through the backyard. The route he took is the same as that he had taken to enter the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for the first time on 30 November 2008.

At the court, Mr Yettaw stated that before dawn on 4 May 2009, he got into the house, and met with Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma. He said that he had diabetes; that he was exhausted and hungry because of the long swim and he had a fever; that he was served meals with the permission of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that on 5 May 2009, he stayed near the toilet-attached bathroom on the ground floor; and that he presented Daw Aung San Suu Kyi about 53 sheets each saying “I love you. Please don’t kill her” written by his 10-year-old daughter.

Moreover, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi offered Mr Yettaw a lot of drinking water bottles and food, but he refused to take them. Then, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi persuaded him to have some food in order to keep himself fit. She served him meals. After 11 pm on 5 May 2009, he left the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 5 May 2009. But, the 5th May was the 12th Waxing of Kason of Myanmar Calendar. It was close to full moon day, so the moonlight of the night was nearly as bright as that of full moon day.

In the first time, the 30th November was the 3rd Waxing of Nadaw, so it was a dark night and the moonlight was so dim. But, he could take the right way to leave the house. In second time, the moonlight was so bright. He used the way three times — two to enter and one to leave the house. So, it is strange that he chose an unsafe route. It is also food for thought. Logically, a thief, a murderer gives that Mr Yettaw did not re-member the usual way and took a wrong way because it was dark when he left the house at night on 5 May 2009. But, the 5th May was the 12th Waxing of Kason of Myanmar Calendar. It was close to full moon day, so the moonlight of the night was nearly as bright as that of full moon day.

Aung San Suu Kyi. And he left the house safe and sound, taking the same route. In the second time, he took the same route again in secretly entering the house. The route is the one he recognized well, as well as the shortest and the safest one. However, when he left the house, he took the different route that he might be arrested instead of the previous route to leave the house. So, it is strange that he chose an unsafe route. It is also food for thought. Logically, a thief, a murderer gives that Mr Yettaw did not re-member the usual way and took a wrong way because it was dark when he left the house at night on 5 May 2009. But, the 5th May was the 12th Waxing of Kason of Myanmar Calendar. It was close to full moon day, so the moonlight of the night was nearly as bright as that of full moon day.

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According to Mr Yettaw’s statements, when he arrived in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the morning of 4 May, he was exhausted, feeble and almost paralyzed and his leg mus-cles were seized with cramps seriously. He has diabetes, so at that time he suffered from a fall in blood sugar. But the medi-cal checkups after his ar-rest do not show that he has such illnesses. There must be a strong reason why such a sick person chose a long way instead of short, safe way he had used three times. Those who know that may be he himself and related per-sons and organizations.

Mr Yettaw was ar-rested in the water of Inya Lake on 6 May 2009 morning, about 30 yards from the residence of the Charge d’Affaires of the US Embassy, and about 50 yards from old Kanthaya hospital where security members were stationed. Near the resi-dence of the US Charge d’Affaires was old Kanthaya hospital where members of Police Battalion (7) were deployed for security of the perimeter. The chart showing his entry and exit routes during his second intru-sion can be seen on the board.

When he was found in the water, he was ar-rested with 21 items of his belongings including a camera and six memory cards. Two of the six memory cards feature 331 photos and a folder of documentary video he shot.

The photos include an enlarged photo of a pair of flippers, photos of proc-ess of assembling flippers, a photo of Mr Yettaw in disguise, a photo of the living room on the ground floor of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house, and photo-s of the photos hanged to decorate the living room.

Apart from them, there are a photo of Mr Yettaw on arrival at the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at night, and a documentary photo of Mr Yettaw in the house.

According to Mr Yettaw’s statement, au-thorities concerned on 6 May confiscated Mr Yettaw’s belongings in a room called “Diamond” on the fifth floor of Beauty Land Hotel where he stayed. They confiscated 61 kinds of items. The list of the item is on the board.

Similarly, on 7 May, the authorities concerned confiscated the gifts that Mr Yettaw gave to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi handed over 22 items together with search form to the authorities concerned.

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The items are as follows:
1. Two black chadors worn by Muslim women
2. Two black veils
3. One pink skirt and one white skirt
4. One red electric light bearing “Mini Maglito”
5. Six wax pencils
6. Three sun glasses
7. Two headbands attached with green strings
8. One swimming mask
9. Belkin brand one two-pin plus
10. Two white circuits
11. One white battery adaptor bearing Belkin
12. One earphone
13. One white wire to be used for battery charging
14. One 120-GB ipod
15. One black ziploc bearing “Case Lo GIC”
16. One plastic cup
17. Two sets of cotton socks
18. One book in English entitled “The Great of Price”
19. One book in English entitled “The Doctring and Love Convenants”
20. One book in English entitled “Bible Dictionary”
22. One paper bag stuffed with pieces of paper

According to the statement of Mr Yettaw he left the Book of Mormon on the step outside the back door while entering the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house. It was not included in the items handed over by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. But the authorities concerned had already known about the book according to Mr Yettaw’s statement. Only when authorities concerned asked Daw Aung San Suu Kyi whether she had the book presented to her by Mr Yettaw, she said that a religious book was left to be hand over. And she brought the book which was on the altar on the upstairs and handed it to the authorities concerned. When Mr Yettaw asked Daw Aung San Suu Kyi whether she had the book presented to her by Mr Yettaw, she said that a religious book was left to be hand over. And she brought the book which was on the altar on the upstairs and handed it to the authorities concerned.

According to the report released by the court, when two well-known ladies were the chadors usually worn by Muslim women, long skirts, black scarves and sunglasses in the court, the two could not be identified.

Mr Yettaw is a Christian and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is a Buddhist. Normally souvenirs exchanged between a Christian and a Buddhist may be a bible, a Cross, a Buddha statue, beads or other gifts that represent the religions concerned. But we have found out that the gifts were Muslim chadors that have no concern with Mr Yettaw a Christian and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi a Buddhist. It is food for thought.

According to his statement saying that he stayed at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s residence for two days and had meals and food, the authority went to the residence and seized his possessions on 12 May to provide evidence of his stay at the residence. Eleven items were seized during the search. Ten Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gave those items to the authority, she said the items were used by the foreigner during his stay in her home. The list of the items is put on board. Those items include one pillow, one white plate, one set of fork and spoon, four towels, two longies and one T-shirt. Only three women had been living at the residence for many years.

Legal cases are opened against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, her two accompaniments and Mr Yettaw. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is being accommodated at the officers’ residence of the Myanmar Correctional Department. The chief medical officer and doctors of the Myanmar Correctional Department are closely providing health care to her daily. General practitioners and cardiac specialists of Yangon General Hospital are also providing health care to her.

Arrangements are being made for every convenience of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. She is in good health.

Mr Yettaw is accommodated at a private room of the Insein jail hospital.

Health personnel are making medical checkup on him and providing 24-hour health care. He is mentally and physically healthy and strong. Two photos comparing the health condition of Mr Yettaw before and after the arrest can be found on the board.

According to the foreign media and his statement in the court, he is very poor that the church had to undertake his son’s funeral as he could not bear the expenses. But according to examinations, we have found that he can visit Myanmar from US taking a long flight for two times spending a lot of money.

Moreover, we have found out that he was able to stay in Thailand for many days in September, October and November 2008. So his travel, food and accommodation expenses will be rather big. On 7 November 2008, he arrived in Yangon from Bangkok. He stayed in Yangon till 3 December. During his last visit to Yangon on 2 May, he came via Bangkok. According to his visa, he could stay up to 30 May. Mr Yettaw, who has no permanent job and regular income and who is poor could stay in Myanmar and Thailand for months at a huge expenditure. So, the financial sources for his expenses and the possible persons or organizations that are supporting from behind the scenes have become food for thought.

Being responsible for security, prevalence of community peace and tranquillity and law and order, Myanmar Police Force investigated Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma and filed law suits against them.

Out of findings of the authority, facts and items related to Mr Yettaw are being displayed at the press conference.

As I have already said, you all know that who Mr Yettaw is, what he did, what problems arose and how the image of the country damaged.

In reality, the root cause of this case is the US citizen Mr John William Yettaw who came from a faraway country to Myanmar and hatched and realized the plot. It is crystal clear and undeniable that he is the key player in this case. There may be persons who are controlling Mr Yettaw, directing the scheme and providing fi-
Questions and answers at press conference on US citizen Mr John William Yettaw’s secretly entering house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 25 June—The following are the questions raised by the journalists and the answers given by Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi at the press conference on US citizen Mr John William Yettaw’s secretly entering the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

U Hla Htwe (Nikkei Shimbun)
Q: Which organization was aiding Mr John William Yettaw, CIA of the US or anti-Myanmar government groups? And I would like to know if Dr Naing Aung used to be the chairman of ABSDF.
A: That is still under investigation. I don’t think I should give a specific answer in this regard, but I would like to say something about him according to the information we have got. Mr Yettaw is a US citizen as well as a member of Mormon church. Before entering Myanmar, he held talks with anti-government groups in border areas. We have to take that into consideration to find out who he is. Dr Naing Aung is from NCUB.

U Myat Khang (Snapshot Journal)
Q: According to your clarifications, Mr Yettaw seems to be familiar with the area. So, do you think he has entered the house more than two times? He is a war veteran as well as an educated person. What do you think about his violation of our country’s law although he knew that he may be arrested if he violated the law?
A: According to his statements, Mr John William Yettaw entered our country twice, but that is doubtful. I would say he did breach the law of the Union of Myanmar blatantly.

U Wai Phyo (Weekly Eleven Journal)
Q: I learn that Mr John William Yettaw is charged under Section 13 (1) of Immigration Law. I would like to know why this law is used to take action against him. I would also like to know whether he had some knowledge about the Immigration Law of Myanmar or not, and how he got entry visa.
A: When he applied for visa, he had to sign to pledge that he knew and would abide by the law, rules and regulations concerned. So, it would be illogical if he said he did not know the law, rules and regulations. Even if he really did not know them, he would not be privileged for his violation of the law. The Myanmar Embassy in Thailand gave visa to him. He applied for tourist visa, and he was not in the black list. The Myanmar Embassy decided to give him visa. Only on 3 May, we would know that Mr Yettaw had committed the cross-border crime.

U Hein Latt (Popular Journal)—MNA
This is why we can say that he did commit a transnational crime. If he committed such a crime by forming a group of more than three people, not by himself, there could have been a transnational organized crime. That has a very negative impact on the State.

The second point is that anti-government groups inside and outside are attacking our country almost everyday to get into trouble and harm peace and stability. Our country has to deal with such problems. The third point is that the acts of Mr Yettaw have had very harmful negative impact?

Actually, Mr John William Yettaw is a one who committed a transnational crime. According to the documents from TOC Department, a transnational crime means that a person plans, prepares, directs and controls something in order to commit crimes in a foreign country.

Being stationed in the other country, Mr Yettaw has made a lot of preparations to commit a crime by violating the existing laws of Myanmar.

U Wai Phyo (Weekly Eleven Journal)—MNA

U Myat Khang (Snapshot Journal)—MNA

French Ambassador Mr Jean Pierre Lafosse
Q: It is learnt that Dr Tin Myo Win has informed about the intrusion of Mr Yettaw. But I would like to know why the court has not summoned him as a witness.
A: This is just the matter of the court. We haven’t heard the lawyers of the defendant have nominated witnesses.

British Embassy Second Secretary Ms Ruth Bradley-Jones
Q: How will the trial last?
A: I have no idea about this. It is just the issue of the court.

German Ambassador Mr Julius Georg Luy
Q: Thanks for detailed explanations. How will the trial last? And what effects can there be?
Q: All these issues are just the matter of the court.

MNA
Japan auto production tumbles again in May

Tokyo, 25 June—Global production at Japan’s top automakers tumbled in May, hit by a lingering slump in demand and uncertainty over a recovery in the battered industry.

Japanese auto giant Toyota Motor Corp, the world’s biggest carmaker, said Thursday its world-wide output dropped 38.8 percent from a year earlier to 442,621 vehicles — the worst monthly result since the company tumbled into a three-month production halt in the middle of the Gulf that lies between US and Mexican coast than other, confirmed islets, possibly extending the territorial waters, said Elias Cardenas, the head of Mexico’s congressional Maritime Committee.

Mexico vows to keep looking for ‘lost’ island

MEXICO CITY, 25 June—Mexico vowed to keep looking for a mysterious island that could extend its offshore oil claims in the Gulf of Mexico.

Many Americans remain cautious about the outlook for their personal finances, and these attitudes are reflected in the slight decline in travel we are forecasting for the upcoming holiday weekend,” Robert L Darbelnet, AAA president and chief executive officer, said in a statement.

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Internal Revenue Department

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Ministering to furnish the Annual Return

1. Any Individuals, Partnerships, Joint Ventures, Companies, other taxable business enterprises, Cooperative societies, State economic enterprises, State-owned mills, factories, trading and service enterprises, who have taxable sale proceeds 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,

2. If it is production business apart from salt production, whose sale proceeds in a financial year is kyat 240001 and above, or the sale proceeds of Trading business during the financial year that is kyat 300001 and above, the receipt from Passenger transportation that is 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 salons, Body fitness centres, Printing, Computer desktop and design services (excluding photo copying) are responsible to file the Annual sale or service Return attached with annual accounts, to the respective offices. Those returns will be accepted by opening 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.

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Fewer Americans to hit road for Fourth

ORLANDO, 25 June—Fewer Americans will take trips this Fourth of July weekend because of economic uncertainty, rising unemployment and declining incomes, AAA reports.

The number of Americans traveling 50 miles or more from home will drop 1.9 percent, from 37.8 million last year to 37.1 million this year, AAA said.

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Air trips will account for just 5 percent of leisure travel, AAA said, but the airline industry is expected to see a 4.9 percent increase in leisure bookings because of declining fares and pent-up demand among travelers who have put off plane trips.

Gas price increases and lower air fares will reduce the number of auto trips by 2.6 percent, to 32.6 million, AAA said.

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**US celebrates huge Confed Cup victory over Spain**

BLOEMFONTEIN, 23 June—Brilliant tactics helped the United States pull off a stunning 2-0 win over Spain and reach the Confederations Cup final, something coach Bob Bradley described as huge.

A first half strike from Villarreal's Jozy Altidore and another 16 minutes from goalkeeping coach Kevin Hitchcock will now see the US play either Brazil or hosts South Africa in the final.

They also had a flawless performance by Everton goalkeeper Tim Howard and a commendable defensive display to thank for earning them a shot at the trophy on Sunday against either Brazil or hosts South Africa.—Internet

**Japan, Korea teams reach Champions League quarters**

Tokyo, 25 June—Defending champions Gamba Osaka crashed out of the AFC Champions League on Wednesday, but Japanese and Korean teams booked four places in the quarter-finals.

J-League sides Kawasaki Frontale and Nagoya Grampus together with FC Seoul and Pohang Steelers from the K-League join west zone teams Al Ittihad of Saudi Arabia, Umm-Salal of Qatar, Pakhtakor and Bunyodkor of Uzbekistan in the quarter-finals in September.

Osaka failed to keep a goal lead despite two from Brazilian striker Leandro before losing to Kawasaki 3-2 as Japan international Kengo Nakamura, Brazilian Renatinho and Masaru Kurotsu secured a come-from-behind victory.—Internet

**Federer concerned over betting worries**

LONDON, 25 June—Five-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer admitted on Wednesday that he was concerned over the danger posed by betting in tennis.

The world number two was reacting to reports that betting on tennis in Britain was at an all-time high thanks to the world number one with the Davis Cup and the French Open still to come.

“We don’t talk about it in the locker room, but it’s happened more frequently than we talk about it,” said Federer. “If it’s happening or not, we are suspecting. We’re not sure. But, of course, it has no place in tennis.—Internet

**Hull's Brown fined over ref remarks**

LONDON, 25 June—Hull manager Phil Brown was fined 2,500 pounds on Wednesday for remarks he made regarding referee Mike Riley following the Tigers' FA Cup loss away to Premier League rivals Arsenal in March.

Brown denied the charge but a Football Association regulatory commission hearing ruled against him Wednesday, and he was also warned about his future conduct.

The match was one of the most contentious in the 2008-09 English season with Hull accusing Cesc Fabregas of spitting at assistant manager Brian Horton, although the Arsenal captain was later cleared by the FA.

“At a regulatory commission hearing today, Hull City manager Phil Brown was fined 2,500 pounds,” an FA statement said.

**Sharapova suffers shock Wimbledon defeat**

LONDON, 25 June—Centre court queen Maria Sharapova, the 2004 champion, was sensation­ally dumped out of Wimbledon on Wednesday night by the 22nd seed Argentinian Gisela Dulko in the second round.

Dulko, who needed five knife-edge match points to seal victory after 2hr 13min, goes on to face Russian 10th seed Nadia Petrova for a place in the last 16.

But for Sharapova, defeat will cast further doubts over the ability of the sport’s most bankable star to ever return to her former powers following a 10-month absence from the tour nursing a shoulder injury.

“It’s the biggest win of my career because she’s a great champion and on centre court in the most important tournament in the world,” she said the 24-year-old Dulko. “It’s a dream day. I played a poor second set but I kept fighting in the third. I was really nervous at the end. I didn’t want it to go to 5-5 because she competes right to the very end.”

Dulko was quickly a break ahead to lead 2-0 as the Argentine showed few nerves playing in front of 15,000 people.

The world number 45, had the Russian scrambling from side to side and took the opening set in the eighth game courtesy of a sweeping, crosscourt forehand winner.

Sharapova was soon in trouble again as the slender Argentine nipped ahead to a 3-0 lead in the second set, courtesy of a break in the second game.

**City’s Hart in Birmingham loan move**

PARIS, 25 June—Promoted Birmingham City have signed goalkeeper Joe Hart on a season loan from Manchester City, a report said Wednesday.

Hart, 22, has one England cap to his name earned a year ago against Trinidad and Tobago but lost his place at City after making some 50 English Premiership appearances after Irish standout Shay Given arrived from Newcastle United midway through last season.

City boss Mark Hughes allowed Hart to move on after signing Aston Villa keeper Stuart Taylor as cover for Given despite last season describing Hart as “one of the most promising keepers in the country”.

Hughes told City’s official website: “I have always said that Joe is a really good young keeper, and his talent was obvious to our goalkeeping coach Kevin Hitchcock and I from the outset.

“His contribution to the team prior to Shay Given’s arrival was fantastic, but by loaning him to Birmingham, he will add invaluable experience to that already gained here at City.—Internet

Gamba Osaka 3-2.

**Hull manager Phil Brown.**

Internet

**Djokovic into third round at Wimbledon**

LONDON, 25 June—Novak Djokovic eased into the third round at Wimbledon on Wednesday with a straight sets win over German qualifier Simon Greul.

The Serbian fourth seed won 7-5, 6-1, 6-4 to set up a meeting with American Mardy Fish for a place in the last 16.—Internet

**Sharapova reacts while playing against Maria Sharapova of Russia during their second round singles match.**

INTERNET
Hamas says 100 members detained in West Bank

RAMALLAH, 25 June—The Islamic Hamas movement on Wednesday accused Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' security forces of arresting 100 Hamas members in the West Bank in the past two days.

Meanwhile, the deposed Hamas government, which administrates the Gaza Strip, denied that its security forces hold any Fatah members for political reasons, adding that all the prisoners were detained for criminal or security reasons. Hamas published in a leaflet the names of 40 out of the 100 members arrested by Abbas security forces in different West Bank areas since Tuesday night.

"Hamas detainees are from the West Bank cities of Qalqilya, Hebron, Salfit and Ramallah," said the Hamas leaflet, adding that many of them were arrested at their homes. Hamas accusations came two days after Abbas instructed his security chiefs to free Hamas political prisoners, saying that their release will not threat security and stability in the West Bank.

MNA/Xinhua

Karen Lasch and her family recently pulled over their car near a glacier-fed creek in Mount Rainier National Park, piling out for a glimpse of the snow capped peaks in the distance.}

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah, Kayin State, and lower Sagaing Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inches, Kengtung (1.61) inches, Pyay and Zaungtu (1.14) inches each, Bhamo (1.10) inches, Phapyun (1.07) inches and Sittwe (0.99) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-6-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 25-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 25-6-2009 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 23-6-2009 was (3.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-6-2009 was (0.71) inch at Mingaladon, (0.40) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.19) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (33.62) inches at Mingaladon, (38.98) inches at Kaba-Aye and (44.80) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 24-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Rakhin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Division and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-6-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
There must be a strong reason why such a sick person chose a long way instead of short, safe way he had used three times. Mr Yettaw was arrested in the water of Inya Lake on 6 May 2009 morning, about 30 yards from the residence of the Charge d’Affaires of the US Embassy.

Clarification made on US citizen Mr John William Yettaw’s secretly entering house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 25 June — The following is the clarification made by Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi at the press conference in connection with US citizen Mr John William Yettaw who has secretly entered Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house:

As you know US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, who has entered Myanmar and violated the law, is now on trial. So many people have asked us about him, such as who is Mr John William Yettaw, what has he done, who are aiding him, to what extent have his acts hurt our country, what are the consequences of his acts, and so on. So, I will present the information we have got. I don’t think I am now able to explain all what you will ask me, but I will explain all the facts we have exposed and all we have found out so far. The case is receiving media coverage and the statements at the courts have been made public. In response to the demand by some diplomats, journalists and public members, I have to make some clarification to the case of Mr John William Yettaw. I am Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi. The Myanmar Police Force is responsible for state security, community peace and the rule of law. So, we have to restrict the activities of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under the restriction and prohibition order and at the same time take responsibilities for her security. We managed to find out and arrest Mr John William Yettaw who had stayed

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Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi clarifies on case of US citizen Mr John William Yettaw’s secretly entering house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the press conference.—MNA

Press conference on intrusion of US citizen Mr John William Yettaw into Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s residence held

YANGON, 25 June — Press conference on intrusion of US citizen Mr John William Yettaw into the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was held at the meeting hall of Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady Road and Kyundaw Road in Kamayut Township this afternoon.

It was attended by Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Director-General of the Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of the Correctional Department U Zaw Win, ambassadors and diplomats in Yangon, a representative from the office of the coordinator of UN agencies, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondent Club, journalists from local media and invited guests.


After the briefing, Brig-Gen Khin Yi replied to the queries raised by journalists and the press conference ended at 3 pm. Afterwards, diplomats, journalists and guests viewed the items seized from Mr. John William Yettaw. The seizures include the items seized when he was arrested in Inya Lake on 6, May 2009 and the items found in Diamond Room of Beauty Land II Hotel where Mr. Yettaw put up. The photos displayed at the press conference includes photos of Mr. Yettaw taken during his visit to AAPP Office in Maesot, photos taken at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s residence and its environs by Mr. Yettaw, photos taken by Mr. Yettaw himself when he was in disguise, practised with flippers and hid memory cards in a soap and some documentary photos taken by Mr. Yettaw. The photos of Mr. Yettaw taken when he was arrested on 6, May 2009 and taken on 19, June 2009, statements of Mr. Yettaw and translation of the statements, lists of items seized from Mr. Yettaw on 7 May 2009, maps showing routes used by Mr. Yettaw when he intruded the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for the first time on 30, November 2008 and when he sneaked into the residence on 3, May 2009 and when he left the residence on 5, May 2009 were also displayed at the press conference. Besides, the items seized from Mr. Yettaw when he was arrested in Inya Lake on 6, May 2009, items seized on 7 May 2009 left by Mr. Yettaw at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s residence, 11 items seized at 12:50 pm on 12, May 2009, given by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to Mr. Yettaw to be used during his stay at her house and possessions of Mr. Yettaw seized on 6, May, 2009 at Beauty Land II Hotel, were also displayed. — MNA