Only when peace and stability prevail will the nation develop If the nation is peaceful and tranquil, success will be achieved in the democratization process

Security members carrying out their tasks day in and day out for prevalence of peace and stability in the entire nation

YANGON, 4 June—The following is a translation of the clarification made by Chief of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi in connection with the arrest of the culprits, who killed people and robbed a house in Dayallu Village, Kungyangon Township, Yangon Division, on 16 May 2010, and the seizure of a vehicle without license and small arms and rounds of ammunition in Shwegyin, Bago Division, on 6 May 2010.

Journalists and distinguished guests, I will present the arrest of the offenders regarding the armed robbery in Dayallu Village, Kungyangon Township, Yangon Division, at 9:35 pm on 16 May 2010 in which two people were killed and 12 were injured, and 1,300,000 kyats worth banknotes and one gold ring with a total face value of about 1,400,000 kyats were robbed. As you know, some media are issuing the news wrongly. That’s why I am explaining the case. (See page 8)
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**Saturday, 5 June, 2010**

**China-Myanmar relations open new page**

The Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China share a common border, and the two peoples have been dealing with each other through fraternal sentiment for long. Friendly relations between the two neighbours are very fruitful.

At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, a Chinese delegation led by Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabo paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar on 2 and 3 June.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe received the visiting Chinese delegation at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 June. The two sides exchanged views on improving bilateral relations, boosting economic cooperation, cooperation in regional and international fields, and matters the two countries need to take heed.

During the goodwill visit, the two prime ministers compared notes in constantly cementing bilateral relations and cooperation in regional and international spheres. respective ministers and officials of the two sides signed agreements and MoUs on economic and technological cooperation, rail transportation, trade, hydropower, energy and mining, and exchanged the documents.

The diplomatic ties between China and Myanmar are now in their 60th anniversary. The two nations maintain the good neighbourly relations based on equality, understanding and mutual support for each other. Bilateral cooperation in various sectors has made significant progress, and the bilateral relations have grown to strategic relations.

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabo’s visit to Myanmar helps strengthen the friendly relations. Now, China-Myanmar relations have opened a new chapter. Therefore, bilateral cooperation in various arenas will contribute towards generation of a prosperous future.

**Naing Group’s sales promotion programme**

Vice-Chairman U Zaw Naing Oo, Managing Director U Thein Aung and Film Actor Lu Min formally open sales promotion programme of Naing Group Construction Co Ltd.—MNA

**“Many species. One Planet. One Future.”**

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 June — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.**

**Name**

- U Win Myint
- U Myo Aung
- Dr Charlie Than
- Dr Tin Min
- Dr Than Win

**Department**

- Director-General, ministries, reps of nongovernmental organizations and personnel of the committee.
- Director-General of Myanmar Industrial Planning
- Rector of Myanmar Maritime University
- Rector of University of Public Health
- Rector of University of Medicine (Mandalay)

**The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.**

**Name**

- Dr Aung Kyaw Soe
- U Kyaw Lin

**Department**

- Managing Director of Myanmar Textile Industries
- Managing Director of Public Works

**Naing Group’s sales promotion programme from 29 May to 24 June will be offered 10% discount plus special gifts such as 32 Plasma TV, Washing Machine, Refrigerator, CDMA (5-Lakhs) Phone and a four-day trip to Singapore. Besides, the company will pay tax from 15% to 7.5% (half) for the customers. Customers will be allowed to make installment, delay and cash payments, and 1.5% discount will be offered to those who make cash payment.**

For further information, dial 251951, 256047, 098022914, 099927389, 095112139 and 0950552205.

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**Yangon, 4 June — A ceremony to launch the sales promotion programme of Naing Group Construction Co Ltd was held at Naing Group Showroom, No. (78) on Bo Yar Nyunt Road in Dagon Township here on 29 May.**

Managing Director U Thein Aung of the company extended greetings, and Vice-Chairman U Zaw Naing Oo, Managing Director U Thein Aung, Actor Lu Min and General Manager U Saw Myint Aung cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

Customers who bought rooms of the Naing Group Construction Co., Ltd during the period of sales promotion programme from 29 May to 24 June will be offered 10% discount plus special gifts such as 32 Plasma TV, Washing Machine, Refrigerator, CDMA (5-Lakhs) Phone and a four-day trip to Singapore. Besides, the company will pay tax from 15% to 7.5% (half) for the customers. Customers will be allowed to make installment, delay and cash payments, and 1.5% discount will be offered to those who make cash payment.

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**MNA**
Ocean currents likely to carry oil along Atlantic coast

WASHINGTON — Computer models released Thursday indicate that oil from the massive spill in the Gulf of Mexico might soon extend along thousands of miles of the Atlantic coast and open ocean as early as this summer. The US National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) models showed that, once the oil in the uppermost ocean has moved Loop Current, uppermost ocean has models showed that, early as this summer.

Whether the oil will be a thin film on the surface or mostly subsurface due to mixing in the uppermost region of the ocean is not known, researchers said.

Bangladesh fire death toll at 114, set to rise

DHAKA, 4 June—At least 114 people were killed in a fire that razed a crowded, centuries-old Dhaka neighbourhood overnight as rescue workers scrambled on Friday to pull bodies, many charred beyond recognition, from smoldering debris. The blaze, which broke out about 10.30 p.m., was the worst to sweep through the Bangladeshi capital in almost four decades. “The confirmed death toll from the fire is now 114 and may rise,” Muhubul Haque, district commissioner of Dhaka, told Reuters. He said more than 40 people were being treated for burns in hospital, with 12 in critical condition. Fuelling the flames, which some witnesses said rose up to six-storeys high, were chemicals from illegal, home-based factories in the Kavyetuli neighbourhood, one of the most densely populated in Dhaka and in the heart of the city. An Internet

Female judge, court clerk shot dead in Belgium

Brussels, 4 June—A female judge and a court clerk were shot dead near the Palace of Justice in central Brussels on Thursday. The accident occurred at around 11 a.m. Thursday morning in a sessional court opposite the main building of the palace, when a man suddenly rushed into and fired at the judge. Local police had blocked the spot but refused to give any clue to the shooting. Reporters now are waiting outside for further information. The shooter is said still at large.—Xinhua

Russia wants earlier ratification of new START

Moscow, 4 June — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said he hoped the Russian-US strategic arms reduction treaty (START) would be ratified soon by both sides. RIA Novosti reported on Thursday, “The document has already been submitted for ratification by both sides.” Medvedev said, “I hope very much that the ratification will be completed and the treaty will come into force soon.” US President Barack Obama told Medvedev on 13 May the United States had already submitted the document for ratification to the Senate. The new START treaty, signed on 8 April in Prague, replaces the 1991 pact that expired in December. The treaty stipulates that the number of nuclear warheads be reduced to 1,550 on each side over seven years, while the number of delivery vehicles, both deployed and non-deployed, must not exceed 800.

Two killed, 10 injured in northern Iraq’s car bombing

BAGHDAD, 4 June — Two Iraqis were killed and 10 others wounded in a car bomb explosion on Thursday in the volatile city of Mosul, provincial police said. A car packed with explosives was detonated near a liquid store in Sinjar town, 100 km west of Mosul city and 400 km north of Baghdad, provincial police told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Nineteen people were wounded in three separate bomb attacks on Thursday, including a train blast in south of Baghdad, according to an Interior Ministry source. Official figures by Iraqi interior, defence and health ministries showed that 337 people were killed and 718 people were wounded by violence across the country last month. Waves of high-profile attacks and sporadic attacks are still common in Iraqi cities nearly three months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.

Afghan forces kill 5 militants, detain 9 including commander

Maidan-shahr, 4 June—Afghan troops during an operation against Taleban fighters in Wardak, province 40 km west of capital city kabul, killed five militants and arrested nine others including a commander, an official said Thursday. “Units of army and police stormed Taleban hideouts in Syedabad district late Wednesday night and during the operation which lasted for couple of hours five rebels were killed and nine others including their commander Mullah Habibullah were captured,” spokesman for provincial governor Shahidullah Shahid told Xinhua. Meantime, Taleban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in talks with media via telephone from unknown location rejected the claim, saying no Taleban commander or fighter has been detained in Wardak Province over the past one week. —Internet

Afghan police officer walks outside the scene of a shooting in Brussels on 3 June, 2010. A female judge and a court clerk were shot dead near the Palace of Justice in central Brussels on Thursday. —Xinhua

Photos taken by Italian photographer Franco Banfi in the water of Lake Sassolo in Switzerland present a beautiful and magnificent underwater ice world. The lake is located near the south border of Switzerland neighbouring Italy. Internet
Simulated 520-day mission to Mars begins

**Moscow, 4 June**

The European Space Agency says the first full-duration, 520-day simulated mission to Mars started Thursday at Moscow’s Institute of Biomedical Problems.

The project, called Mars500, began at 1:49 pm local time (5:49 am EDT) when a six-man crew entered a simulated spacecraft and the hatch was closed. The experiment will run until November next year.

The crew — Diego Urbina and Romain Charles from Europe; Sukhrob Kamolov, Alexey Sitev, Alexandr Smolovlevskiy and Mikhail Sinelnikov from Russia; and Wang Yue from China — face a mission that is as close as possible to a real space voyage without leaving the ground, the ESA said. They will live and work like astronauts, eat special food and exercise in the same way as do crews aboard the International Space Station. The hatch will remain closed until November 2011 and the crew must manage using the food and equipment stored in the facility. Only electricity, water and air will be made available.

A bullet-shaped object can be seen rocketing out of the huge explosion from a dying star in a new image taken by a powerful X-ray space telescope. The new image from NASA’s Chandra X-ray Observatory shows N49, the aftermath of a supernova explosion in the Large Magellanic Cloud, a dwarf galaxy that neighbours our own Milky Way.

**Study IDs male mouse pheromone**

**LIVERPOOL, 4 June**

British scientists say they’ve identified the pheromone that attracts female mice to the odor of a particular male and have named the pheromone “Darcin.”

The researchers, led by University of Liverpool Professor Jane Hurst, said the unusual protein in a male mouse’s urine attracts females and is responsible for learned preference for specific males.

The scientists said their research involved more than 450 captive bred adult female house mice that were presented with two urine scent marks, one male and one female, and the amount of time they spent near each was recorded.

In some tests the mice could physically contact the scent mark, while in other tests they received only airborne scent.

“Contact with darcin consistently doubled the time spent near a male’s scent,” Hurst said. “Touche darcin with the nose also made females learn that particular male’s odor, subsequently tripling the time spent near the airborne scent of that individual male, but showing no attraction to other males.”

**Mars rocks: Evidence of past life on Mars?**

**PASADENA, 4 June**—The US space agency says rocks examined by Mars rover Spirit hold evidence of a wet, non-acidic ancient environment that might have been favourable for life.

NASA scientists said it took four years of analysis to determine there were high concentrations of carbonate in the rocks Spirit examined during late 2005. Carbonate originates in wet, near-neutral conditions, but dissolves in acid. The ancient water indicated by the find was not acidic.

“This is one of the most significant findings by the rovers,” said Steve Squires of Cornell University, the principal investigator for the two Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity. “A substantial carbonate deposit in a Mars outcrop tells us that conditions that could have been quite favourable for life were present at one time in that place.”

The findings appear in the early online edition of the journal Science.

**UN SG’s message on World Environment Day**

**5 June, 2010**

Biodiversity, the incredible variety of life on Earth that sustains us, is in peril. Species are becoming extinct at the fastest rate ever recorded. Most of these extinctions are tied to human activities that are polluting and depleting water resources, changing and degrading habitats and altering the global climate. From frogs to gorillas, from huge plants to tiny insects, thousands of species are in jeopardy.

The theme of this year’s World Environment Day, “Many Species. One Planet. One Future”, echoes the call of the International Year of Biodiversity to stop this mass extinction and raise awareness about the vital importance of the millions of species that inhabit our planet’s soils, forests, oceans, coral reefs and mountains. Our health, well-being and sustainable future depend on this intricate, delicate web of ecosystems and life.

The global host of the 2010 WED celebration is Rwanda. This small country in the Great Lakes region of Africa is rapidly earning a reputation as a green pioneer. Home to 52 threatened species, including the rare mountain gorilla, Rwanda is showing how environmental sustainability can be woven into the fabric of a country’s economic growth. Despite its many challenges, including poverty and widespread land degradation, the “land of a thousand hills” is working to reforest, embrace renewable energies, pursue sustainable agriculture and develop a green vision for the future.

This year, Kigali will be the heartbeat of a global, multicultural, intergenerational celebration of our planet, its millions of species and the countless ways in which life on Earth is interconnected. On World Environment Day, I appeal to everyone — from Kigali to Canberra, from Kuala Lumpur to Quito — to help us sound the alarm. Get involved, speak out. Learn and teach others. Show leadership and help clean up. Reconnect with nature, our life force. Together, we can develop a new vision for biodiversity: Many Species. One Planet. One Future. — UN

**Study: Arctic ice at record low point**

**COLUMBUS, 4 June**—A US-led group of international scientists says it has determined less ice now covers the arctic region than at any time in recent geologic history.

The team led by Ohio State University compiled what it said is the first comprehensive history of arctic ice. For decades, scientists have collected sediment cores from the difficult-to-access Arctic Ocean floor, to discover what the arctic was like in the past. The study’s goal was to bring a long-term perspective to present ice loss.

“The ice loss that we see today — the ice loss that started in the early 20th century and sped up during the last 30 years — appears to be unmatched over at least the last few thousand years,” said Leonid Polyak, a research scientist at the university’s Byrd Polar Research Centre and a lead author of the study.
**Quit smoking post-surgery, help healing**

STOCKHOLM, 4 June— Patients who avoid tobacco for six weeks after surgery for a fracture have fewer postoperative complications, researchers in Sweden found.

Dr Hans Nasell, senior surgical consultant at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, said earlier research indicated quitting smoking prior to surgery resulted in better healing and fewer postoperative complications.

In this study, conducted at three Stockholm hospitals, daily smokers who had emergency surgery were offered a six-week smoking cessation programme within two days of surgery. The smoking cessation programme included one or two in-person meetings, regular telephone contact with a nurse trained in the cessation programme and free nicotine substitution.

Before this study, many physicians thought patients needed to stop smoking prior to surgery to gain any benefit, Nasell said.

**No benefit to matching hearts by race**

Baltimore, 4 June — A donor heart matched for the race of the transplant recipient has no advantage for survival, US researchers found.

Dr Ashish Shah of The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore found transplanting hearts into patients of the same ethnic group had no recipient advantage for survival, US researchers found.

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**Age need not affect sound decision making**

DURHAM, 4 June— Advanced age does not have to discount sound decisions and cognition makes the difference in decision-making, US researchers said.

Scott Huettel, an associate professor of psychology and neuroscience and director of the Duke University’s Centre for Neuroeconomic Studies and colleagues conducted a study in which participants could gain or lose money based on their decisions.

The researchers also tested subjects’ cognitive abilities — including how fast they could process new information and how well they could remember that information - among people ages 66-76 and 18-35. “Once we accounted for cognitive abilities like memory and processing speed, age had nothing to do with predicting whether an individual would make the best economic decisions on the tasks we asked,” Huettel said in a statement.

Regardless of race, patients with government healthcare, especially Medicaid, had a 30 percent higher risk of needing some kind of anti-rejection treatment, and they had a 39 percent higher risk of dying than transplant recipients with private insurance.

Overall, those with a college education had a 12 percent lower risk of rejection.

**Parkinson’s drug may affect vision**

SEOUL, 4 June— Researchers in South Korea say long-time use of the drug amantadine for Parkinson’s may affect vision.

Dr Won Ryang Wee Seoul National University College of Medicine in Korea determined the drug’s affect on corneal endothelial cells — loss of cell density in the eye’s clear outer surface resulting in edema or swelling and vision impairment — was dependent on the cumulative dose received and/or the duration of treatment — up to eight years.

The study, published in the journal Ophthalmology, suggested the cornea did not change quickly and there were two early indicators of this corneal change — deformation of the normal hexagonal cell shape and increase in cell size variation.

**‘Olive-oil’ diet tasty, has staying power**

PROVIDENCE, 4 June— A diet using olive oil produces greater weight loss in breast cancer survivors compared with a more traditional low-fat diet, US researchers say.

Researchers at the Miriam Hospital in Providence, RI, found 80 percent of the 44 patients randomly assigned to start with the “olive oil diet” lost more than 5 percent of their baseline weight. Among those who started with the more conventional diet recommended by the National Cancer Institute, 31 percent lost more than 5 percent of baseline weight. Both 1,500-calorie diets were followed for eight weeks.

The olive oil diet, developed by Mary Flynn, a research dietitian at Miriam, included extra virgin olive oil or nuts at each meal, three servings of fruit and unlimited vegetables daily. Also included in the diet were: whole grains, beans, limited poultry and fish, but no red meat or polysaturated fats.

The study, published in the Journal of Women’s Health, also found 19-of-22 patients eligible for six-month follow-up chose to continue with the olive oil diet — because they said it was more satisfying and affordable. All 19 either maintained weight loss or lost more weight.
Press conference on murder and robbery in Dayallu Village, Kungyangon Township, capture of unlicensed vehicle, arms and ammunition in Shwegyin held

Yangon, 4 June—A press conference on arrest of suspects who committed murder and robbery in Dayallu Village of Kungyangon Township of Yangon Division and on seizure of unlicensed vehicle, arms and ammunition in Shwegyin of Bago Division was held at the office of the Chief of Myanmar Police Force of Ministry of Home Affairs at the corner of Saya San Road and Sethma (1) Road in Bahan Township here at 1 pm today.

Present at the conference were MPF Chief Brig-Gen Khin Yi, departmental officials, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and local journalists and guests.

The MPF Chief elaborated on arrest of robbery suspects who committed murder-cum-robbery in Dayallu Village of Kungyangon Township in Yangon Division on 16 May 2010 and on capture of unlicensed vehicle with arms and ammunitions in Shwegyin of Bago Division on 6 May 2010.

(Clarification of MPF Chief is reported separately.) Later, the conference came to an end on 2.10 pm after the MPF Chief had answered the queries raised by attendees.

After the conference, the attendees viewed the maps showing the robbery case in Dayallu Village, figure of communication between the suspects, evidences at the scene, foothold of leader of robbers Aye Than and his team, photos and biographies of suspects involving in murder and robbery and arms and ammunitions used in the robbery case in Dayallu Village, and unlicensed vehicle, arms, ammunition and related items seized in Shwegyin on 6 May.—MVA

Plan to lay pipelines for shaping new...

the pipeline may be broken automatically and crashed by ship. Bredero Shaw Company on Batam Island of Indonesia carried out the cement coating work of pipelines.

Laying offshore pipeline

The preliminary survey work was performed during the period from 14-12-2009 and 15-1-2010 before laying the pipelines, and then offshore pipeline connection work was undertaken. Main pipeline laying vessels started the offshore pipeline connection work beginning 22-1-2010. The concrete coated pipes were welt on board the ship with the use of X-ray and Ultra sound. The pipes were laid along the designated places of sea floor from the stern of the ship with the use of two main pipes laying vessels and 15 supporting ships.

There was no difficult in laying pipelines near the Offshore Yadana Natural Gas Platform and at the deep sea area. However, the work was engaged with many difficulties at the entrance to the beach near Daw Nyein Village of Pyapon District due to shallow water at the sea and removal of fishing nets. In reality, the engineers could overcome the difficulties successfully.

Connecting inland pipelines

The engineers and skilled workers of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise laid the 85.43 miles long pipeline from the pipeline centre at Daw Nyein Village of Pyapon, District to Insein Ywama Gas Supply Station through Pyapon, Dedaye, Kungyangon, Thwet Tswygyan and Hlinethaya Township. Before the works, the training courses have been provided to the welders for upfiling their work efficiency in 2009. As a result, a few disqualified welding connections was found along the pipeline with the use of NDT (Non-Destructive Testing). The disqualified welding works were repaired.

The 24-inch diameter pipeline from the Pipeline Centre of Daw Nyein Village of Pyapon District to Insein Ywama Gas Supply Station was laid under at seven places for eight times—Hlin River three times and Panlahing River and Twantay Canal, Toe River, Pyapon River, Dedaul River and Myoongon with the use of water the Horizontal Directional Drilling machine. Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise bought HDD machine before 20-inch pipeline was laid down between Myaisinggalae and Yangon in 2006. Before this, pipeline was first laid down into water to dig through creek or river, so pipeline often broke and leak.

To dig a hole beneath river bed to link the two banks, pilot hole is first dug from one bank with HDD machine as shown in figure 1. After the pilot hole is dug, the hole is extended with reamer that is a little bit larger than diameter of pipeline to be connected (Shown in figure 2). When the reamer reaches the opposite bank, the pipeline to be floored beneath the river bank is hung at the top of the reamer and pull it back with HDD machine as shown in figure 3. By this way, pipeline is laid down beneath the river floor.

In this project, 3516 feet was dug to link the two banks of Toe River and it was noted the longest drilling of the project. Engineers and skilled staff of of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise accomplished the task of laying down 24-inch diameter pipeline beneath Myoing Creej (1901 feet), also the last drilling work, on 1 April, 2010. Engineers and skilled staff of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise used vehicles and machinery described below in laying down 85.43 miles of pipelines from Pipeline Center in Daw Nyein Village, Pyapon District to Insein Ywama Gas Distribution Station.

Carrier craft & landing craft 12
Bulldozer 5
Excavator 23
Crane 14
Piping Machinery Truck 22
Welding machine 46

Construction of 24-inch diameter pipeline to link between Motama offshore Yadana gas field to Insein Ywama Gas Distribution Station is hundred per cent complete now and will be opened soon. That gas pipeline will mainly distribute gas to (1) Hlawga, Ywama, Thaiketa, and Ahlone natural gas powered electric turbine stations in Yangon, (2) nation-owned factories and private-owned factories run by natural gas power, and (3) Pumping plant in Taunggyi District, cement plants in Pyinyuang region in Thazi Township, cement plants in Nay Pyi Taw (Taungthu, Yeni, Mindon) under Ministry of Industry-1, and other factories.

Motama offshore Yadana gas platform will pipe 150 million cubic feet of natural gas per day at 1400 pressure PSI to Pipeline Center in Daw Nyein Village in Pyapon District from which gas will be piped to Yangon at 800 pressure PSI.

That 24-inch diameter pipeline is of international standard and will endure about 30 years. A world-famous oil and gas company had proposed to erect the pipeline with 760 million US in three-year period. But, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise has constructed the structure just in 15 months and it only costed 275 US and K 411 million.

That gas from offshore Yadana Gas field will be piped to Yangon through that 24-inch pipeline in a few weeks is an auspicious news for all. Behind the project are goodwill of the government, efforts and ability of staff of Ministry of Energy. All the more is that the 24-inch diameter pipeline project will be able to satisfy the natural gas demand of Yangon and factories.

Translation: TTA+TKK

HDD (Horizontal Directional Drilling Machine in operation to drill river floor.)

MYANMAR Press Conference on arrest of suspects who committed murder and robbery in Dayallu Village, Kungyangon Township, capture of unlicensed vehicle, arms and ammunition in Shwegyin...—MNA

Journalists and guests view maps, documentary photos, arms and ammunition and photos of culprits committing murder and robbery in Dayallu Village of Kungyangon Township and seizure of unlicensed vehicle, arms and ammunition in Shwegyin.—MNA

Exports of natural gas are expected to increase from the next fiscal year, 2010-2011. The gas price and revenue are expected to increase by 100%.

The gas pipeline project is expected to start construction in October 2010. The pipeline will be completed in 2011 and will be operated in 2012.

The gas pipeline project is expected to supply natural gas to the local market and to the power plants in Pyapon, Daw Nyein, Ywama and Thazi Township.

The gas pipeline project will befinanced by the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and the Asian Development Bank.
Development Affairs Committees hold coord meeting

NAV Pyi Taw, 4 June—The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held the second day coordination meeting at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall, here, this morning.

On behalf of the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, Minister for PBANRDA U Thein Nyunt delivered an address and presented best model awards to the respective winning committees. Also present at the meeting were ministers, the Auditor-General, deputy ministers, departmental heads, members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee and officials of Development Affairs Department and Development Affairs Committees.

In his speech, the minister said that the Development Affairs Committees are focusing on development of the regions and emergence of a disciplined human society while providing the local people with the necessary assistance for their basic needs.

He added that Development Affairs Department has adopted and is implementing the 30-year rural development process in Bago and development of paddy.

For local farmers and private entrepreneurs to harmoniously join hands with the government for boosting production of paddy.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and officials presented agricultural loan, quality paddy seeds, input and farming equipment to the local farmers.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko looked into maintenance of the embankment of Ngawun River near Bawdi Village in Ngawun Ward of Ngahtaaingyong and possible places of floodings. He also attended the ceremony of Delta (Kyonyaw) Rice and Paddy Trading Co Ltd that provided input and farming equipment to its joint venture partner farmers for cultivation of monsoon paddy in 2010-2011.

He explained development of rice and paddy production.

After giving agricultural loan, quality paddy seeds, input and farming equipment to the farmers, Lt-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and officials viewed inputs and farming equipment displayed at the hall.

The minister awarded the outstanding townships.

The director-general of DAD approved the annual work reports of DACs for 2009-2010. He submitted 12 future tasks of the department for 2009-2010 to the meeting.

The ministers and guests viewed documentary photos on tasks of State/Division DACs and best townships.—MNA

Applications for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NA Pyi Taw, 4 June—The Union Election Commission granted permission to Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party and National Democratic Party for Development to register as the political parties today, for the commission has found those two parties out of 32 parties to be in accord with the Political Registration Laws and Rules. Up to date, there were 42 parties that submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties. Thirty-one of 32 parties that submitted applications for registration as political parties have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—MNA

Religious Affairs Minister visits farmland of MWVO

NA Pyi Taw, 4 June—Member of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung visited 1000-acre farmland of the organization headquarters in Nwunghkio of Shan State (North) on 30 May.

Principal of MWVO training school retired Lt-Col Aung Soe conducted the minister around the farm on his arrival at the school in Pathemyin Township in Mandalay Division. On the following day, he visited Naymsara Youth Training School and viewed the learning of students.

Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party granted permission to register as political party

NA Pyi Taw, 4 June—The Union Election Commission announced Notification No. 72/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 72/2010
8th Waning of Nayon, 1372 ME
4 June 2010

Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party headquartered near Moekal monastery on Hpa-an- Htone- aing Street in Ward 7, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 4 June 2010.

The registration number of the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party is (30).

By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

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National Democratic Party for Development is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to National Democratic Party for Development headquartered at No. 202/ 206 on the fourth floor (left) on Bo Sun Pek Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon Division to register as a political party in accord with Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 4 June 2010.

The registration number of the National Democratic Party for Development is (31).

By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission
Only when, peace and stability prevail will...

Maps, documentary photos, arms and ammunition and photos of culprits related to exposing robbery case at Dayallu Village of Kungyangon Township put on display at the press conference.—MNA

(from page 1) Our security members managed to arrest the offenders in cooperation with local people. In this regard, I will give a brief account step by step.

Just as the robbery took place, duty-conscious persons of Dayallu Village informed Lethhokkon Police Station and Kungyangon Police Station by public phone. As soon as informed, the head and members of Lethhokkon Police Station and the police captain and members of Kungyangon Police Station rushed by motorbike and by car to the scene. Local security members reinforced us. Dayallu Village is about nine miles from Lethhokkon, and about 14 miles from Kungyangon.

We could not surround the armed robbers. The Commander of Yangon Division Police Force provided close supervision, and asked the deputy Commander of the division police force to set up a base in the place where the incident had occurred. And they exposed the case in cooperation with members of district/township police stations in Yangon Division and related state and division police stations, congregial forces, and local people. The team led by the deputy Commander of the division police force formed special investigation groups, using all possible ways, and they tried day and night to expose the case.

At the initial investigation, we found out two 7.62mm x 39mm mm dud bullets the robbers had shot, seventeen 39mm rounds, one M-67 hand grenade fuse, four pieces of hand grenade shrapnel, one green jungle hat, and a pair of man’s wear slippers. According to the investigation made by experts of Criminal Investigation Department, 7.62mm rounds can be fired with AK-47 rifle; the dud bullet and offenders or who might get involved in similar cases. We summoned two suspects for questioning; Maung Hsan (a) Nga Hsan of Kanhdashely Village and Thaung Lwin (a) Hse Lone of Wetkaik Village. In Kungyangon Township. Then, we could get vital clues.

Maung Hsan (a) Nga Hsan is 59. He was born in Huntabin, Kawnmu Township. His educational qualification is fourth standard. He has five wives and he lives at Kanhdashely Village in Kungyangon Township. He was sentenced to nine years for robbery U Thaung Nyun’s house of Khayaik Khani Village in Kawnmu Town-ship and U Pu’s farm cottage in Huntabin Village. He absconded from the convicts camp in 1992. He was recaptured in 1996 and so his sentence was extended. He was sentenced to another seven years for striking a fellow convict “Naing Win” to death with a mattock at Yinn Nyein convicts camp in Taungsun in 1998. He was released from Thayawady Prison in Octo-ber 2008.

He came to settle down with his wife in Wetkaik village, Kungyangon Township. He got involved in the case after befriending Aye Than serving 10-year prison terms on charges of carrying guns and Aye Lwin (a) Myint Kyaw (a) Kayin went to Thaung Lwin (a) Hse Lone on 20-4-2010 for making detailed plans and took him to the house of U Myint Shwe and Daw Meta of Zotkali Village, Bilin Township, Mon State. There they met Aye Than and discussed detailed plans again. They planned to disguise as Tatmadawmen. (See page 9)

Aye Than said he had enough arms and ammunition to commit robbery and asked Thaung Lwin (a) Hse Lone to look for a house from where they could get a lot of money. With the assistance and information given by his brother-in-law Than Maung (a) Hsyt Si and Maung Hsan (a) Nga Hsan living in Polaung village (West), Thaung Lwin (a) Hse Lone targeted Daw
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They set out in Myint Soe’s motorboat from the jetty at about 6 am on 15 May. They arrived at Ma Ngwe Than Gully in Thaunggyi village, Konyaungen township, at about 5 pm on 15-5-2010. Their route to the house is shown on the notice boards. Thaung Lwin (a) Hse Lone and Aye Lwin (a) Kyaw (a) Kayin went to Maung Hsan (a) Nga Hsan’s house and enquired about the status of house they would rob. The remaining robbers were left behind on board the motorboat. At 7am on 16-5-2010, they reached 3 as one more died later. The robbers took K 1.3 million and one gold ring worth K 100,000 totaling about K 1.4 million from the house owner. I would like to interrupt here that the united efforts of Dayalu dwellers were remarkable. It was a good example that the villagers with duty-consciousness made a brave fight against robbers in accord with the motto “Unity is Strength”.

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License vehicle and ammunition seized in Shwegyin of Bago Division.—MNA

NATIVE Maung Hsan (a) Nga Hsan was asked to wait in a hut near Bawasaing village at about 7 pm. Aye Than, Khin Maung Win and Aye Lwin were wearing green army uniforms. Aye Than was carrying a gun and a grenade in his camouflage bag. Khin Maung Win (a) Maung Win was also carrying a gun. Four of them met Maung Hsan (a) Nga Hsan at the designated place and set out to Daw Thein Myint’s house at 9.10 pm. When arrived at the gate of Daw Thein Myint’s house, Aye Than pointed and Maung Hsan left outside the compound. Tha Kyaw and Pho Htoo were tied up and Thaung Lwin (a) Hse Lone watched them. The other three went onto the house and threatened Daw Thein Myint to give them gold and money. When they got K 1.3 million, Pho Htoo managed to escape and shouted for help. At the time, some 30 villagers came and threw stones and catapulted at the robbers. When three robbers including Aye Than came out of the house, the house owner closed the door. Aye Lwin (a) Kayin broke the door, took two polythene bags containing K 3 million from the bed, came down from the house and ran between the house and the kitchen. But he fell down as a villager hit him with a stick. Aye Lwin (a) Kayin grabbed the stick he got from the villager and helped Aye Than to run. Unfortunately, the two bags of money were dropped. The robber gang retreated through the back fence and rushed to the middle village road. As the villagers followed them, Aye Than threw the grenade into the crowds. When the crowd stopped due to the bomb blast, the robbers managed to flee.

This shows the courage of Myanmar people who have never hesitated to sacrifice their lives for the security of their community. Their bravery is an encouragement for members of security force. This incident spotlighted that local people residing across the nation who favour peace and stability and oppose violence would fight back against terrorists who rely on arms to bully people.
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Vietnam, Argentina to sign pacts in tech, education, sports

HANOI, 4 June— Vietnam and Argentina on Thursday agreed to beef up negotiations to sign a package of technology, education and training and sports pacts soon, Vietnam News Agency reported. The agreement was reached by the two sides during Argentine Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Religion Victorino Jose Taccetti’s visit to Vietnam to prepare for upcoming visits by high-profile Argentine delegations, the report said.

Senior officials of the two sides reviewed results of the implementation of the signed bilateral economic, trade, science and technology and cultural pacts as part of efforts to complete legal frameworks to expand bilateral ties.—Xinhua

Landslide kill eight in north Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 4 June— At least eight people were killed and 10 others were injured on occurrence of a landslide in north Pakistan’s mountain area of Skardu on Thursday night, local TV channel reported.

According to the private GEO News, the injured people were rescued and are being shifted to a nearby hospital. The landslide also smashed eight houses in Kharring subdivision, local people said.

Rescue teams jointly led by Deputy Commissioner Skardu Mohammed Ali and Assistant Commissioner Mohammed have arrived on the incident site and have kicked off rescue efforts.—Internet

US automakers post double-digit sales jump

WASHINGTON, 4 June—US auto firms notched a double-digit jump in sales in May as they cashed in on an economic recovery while Japanese giant Toyota saw volume modestly rise despite a recall crisis, data showed Wednesday. Chrysler, which together with General Motors emerged from bankruptcy about a year ago, posted the largest increase in year-on-year sales, which surged 33 percent. It was the firm’s second straight monthly gain, with sales climbing to 104,819 units from 79,010 units in May last year.

Company executive said it was the first time monthly sales topped the 100,000 threshold since March last year, when the market was depressed after a financial crisis plunged the world’s largest economy into recession. Xinhua

School bus slides off highway, injuring 47 in Croatia

BELGRADE, 4 June— Forty-seven people were injured, most of them elementary schoolchildren, on Thursday when their bus slid off the motorway near Karlovac, Croatia, according to the Croatian news agency Hina.

According to hospital officials at Karlovac General Hospital, four of the injured, including one teacher, sustained serious injuries, but none were life threatening. Most the injured were, however, said to be in a state of shock. Thirteen of the patients were treated and released.

The seventh graders and their teachers from the small town of Velika Gorica, just south of the capital Zagreb, were heading toward the Adriatic coast on a school excursion. Children reported seeing the bus driver slumped over the steering wheel at the time of the incident.—Xinhua

“Tarzan” photographer presents rare wildlife species

A Tennessee Canine dubbed the “World’s Ugliest Dog” for 2009 has died at the age of 17, her owner said. Down Goehring of Pigeon Forge said Miss Ellie, the Chinese Crested (hairless) dog she adopted eight years ago, raised more than $100,000 for the Humane Society and animal shelters during various ugly dog competitions, including the Animal Planet 2009 “World’s Ugliest Dog” pageant, which named the Canine and its champion, the New York Daily News reported.

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Archaeologists discover Yuan Dynasty relics in China

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Anoles lizard.
Cebus capucinus.

Yuan Dynasty in South China

The seventh artefacts contained 32 relics of the Yuan Dynasty (1206-1368), in South China’s Hainan Province, on 1 June, 2010. After 35 days of underwater archaeological work, the team discovered 32 underwater cultural relics and found blue and white porcelain of Yuan Dynasty in South China Sea for the first time.

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Naked man in traffic subdued with Taser

NEW YORK, 4 June — It four police officers and four shocks with a Taser to bring down a naked man who was walking in the road in New York. Police were called to the scene just before midnight Tuesday (local time) after witnesses reported that a man wearing only sneakers was disrupting traffic on one of the main roads in Newburgh. A policeman hit the unidentified man with the Taser once after he charged officers, but he jumped back to his feet, the Times-Herald Record reported.

The man continued to resist police even as he was shocked twice more, and began lifting the officers off the ground. He was ultimately subdued after being jolted a fourth time. The man was determined to have been under the influence of the hallucinogenic PCP drug when he was taken to the hospital following his arrest. — Internet

UK taxi driver kills 12, wounds 25 in rampage

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Rains in Dominican Republic cause flooding, landslides

SAN DOMINGO, 4 June — Dozens of families were evacuated as heavy rains in different parts of the Dominican Republic led to flooding and landslides, authorities said Thursday. At least 60 houses were flooded and the inhabitants were evacuated in the provinces of San Cristobal, Dajabon and in the Mendoza sector of Santo Domingo, General Juan Manuel Mendez, the director of the Emergency Operations Centre (COE), said Thursday. Mendez also said the alert level had been raised from green to yellow in the provinces Santo Domingo, San Cristobal, San Pedro de Macorís, La Vega and Monsenor Néstor.—Xinhua

Vietnam builds national programmes to cope with climate change

HANOI, 4 June — Vietnam has been building national programmes to adapt to and mitigate impacts by climate change and seawater rises on the country, particularly on rice production, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Doan Xuan Hung said at a Press conference here on Thursday.

Hung made his remark in response to a forecast by the World Economic Forum that Southeast Asia’s rice and wheat production is forecast to fall by 40 percent by 2050 due to climate change.

The government paid its due attention to the issues very quickly, and it has taken part in and held many international conferences to share and learn experience from foreign partners, particularly the Netherlands, Hung said.

Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung’s visit to Denmark to attend Copenhagen Climate Change 2009 summit represented the government’s strong determination and commitments for the issue, he said.—Xinhua

Up to 2000 NSW homes without power after storm

SYDNEY, 4 June — Houses have been destroyed, up to 2000 homes are without power and two injured people have been taken to hospital after a powerful storm tore through Lennox Head on the NSW north coast. A waterspout hit the township about 7:30am (AEST) on Thursday morning, causing widespread damage and chaos. NSW Emergency Services Minister Steve Whan said 12 homes have been demolished by wind and hail. He said another storm front is approaching the area, potentially causing major problems for those whose homes have already been damaged.

“Up to 2000 homes are currently without power and the power company is doing all it can under the circumstances to restore power to homes,” Mr Whan said. “Our recovery control centres have set up an evacuation centre at the Bowling and Sports Club in Stewart Street, and people with damaged homes or needing help can go there where Community Services will provide care for displaced persons.” — Internet

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The body of the suspected gunman, 52-year-old Derrick Bird, was found in woods near Boot, a hamlet popular with hikers and vacationers in England’s hilly, scenic Lake District. Police said two weapons were recovered from the scene. Eight of the wounded were in the hospital, with three of them in critical condition. In a sign of the scale of the tragedy, Queen Elizabeth II issued a message saying she was “deeply shocked” and shared in “the grief and horror of the whole country.” She passed on her determination and commitments for the issue, he said.—Xinhua

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Malaysia to promote new green fuel product in 2 years

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 June—Malaysia is planning to promote its new green fuel product to the world within two years, a Malaysian official said.

The product, namely torrefied acacia wood pellets (TRAW), was expected to become an alternative green fuel in the world, Abdul Rahim Nik, deputy director general of Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), told reporters on Wednesday near here.

TRAW is a highly efficient biofuel derived from acacia trees.

 According to Abdul Rahim, FRIM had been able to turn acacia wood chips into TRAW by adopting some of the processes in the ceramic industry.

The trees commonly seen in Malaysia were fast growing in terms of capability, making it a perfect source of green energy, said Abdul Rahim. The deputy director general also said that a local engineering and contracting company involved in the renewable energy sector would be in charge of the promotion and commercialization of TRAW. The company planned to set up a manufacturing plant to produce about 100,000 tons of TRAW a year, added Abdul Rahim.

Singapore signs MoU to promote maritime clean technologies

SINGAPORE, 4 June— The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and risk managing service provider DNV’s Clean Technology Centre signed a partnership agreement on maritime environment and clean technologies on Thursday.

Through the agreement to initiate and promote research, development and test-bedding projects in the maritime clean technology arena, MPA and DNV demonstrate their commitment to Singapore’s goal of developing into a global maritime knowledge hub, an MPA statement said.

Oil prices hover near $75 amid rising demand signs

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 June—Oil prices were steady Friday in Asia after recent gains, holding above $74 a barrel as signs of rising demand in the U.S. fueled hopes of continued economic recovery.

Benchmark crude for July delivery was up 3 cents at $74.64 a barrel at late afternoon Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose $1.75 to settle at $74.61 on Thursday.—Xinhua

Consumer confidence falls in Spain in May

MADRID, 4 June—Data issued by Spain’s Official Credit Institute (ICO) on Wednesday showed that consumer confidence in the country fell during the month of May.

Confidence fell by 13.1 points, due to a drop in expectations, above all in terms of employment, according to the ICO.

Ironically, the data were published on the same day when Spain’s unemployment figures for May show a fall of over 76,000 in the number of people out of work.

The government’s plan to tackle the deficit by reducing the salaries of civil servants and freezing pensions, which has been exploited to the full by the opposition Popular Party, has clearly had an effect.

Overall confidence is still 5.3 points higher than May 2009. —Xinhua

Lufthansa conducts Airbus A380 training flight

VIENNA, 4 June—A Lufthansa Airbus A380, the biggest civil aircraft in the world, successfully landed at Vienna International Airport on Wednesday morning at the end of a training flight. Lufthansa, one of the largest airlines in Europe, has ordered 15 double-decker A380s from Airbus, four of which have been delivered.

A Lufthansa A380 will carry out its first official flight Sunday to deliver the German football team to South Africa for the World Cup finals after a series of training flights. The A380, which is 73 metres long with a wingspan of 80 metres, is capable of carrying up to 520 passengers. —Xinhua
Rangers set for Aussie tour

LONDON, 4 June—Rangers confirmed on Friday they will take part in a pre-season tournament in Australia next month.

Walter Smith’s men will prepare for the defence of their Premier League title by flying to Sydney on 20 July to take part in the inaugural Sydney Festival of Sport.

Rangers have games against Sydney FC, Blackburn and AEK Athens lined up on 25, 28 and 31 July at the Sydney Football Stadium although fixtures have still to be agreed.

The squad return to Scotland on 2 August and a day later host Newcastle in a match which could see Magpies forward Peter Lovenkrands return to Ibrox.

Spain edge South Korea in World Cup warm-up match

INNSBRUCK, 4 June—European champions Spain eked out a 1-0 victory over South Korea in a World Cup finals warm-up match here on Thursday.

The match had promised to be an exciting meeting, with Spain hoping to exorcise the ghosts of its 2002 World Cup, when they were stunned by South Korea in a controversial quarter-final in which the Spaniards had two goals disallowed.

But the two sides failed to impress during much of the game, with just eight days to go before the tournament kicks off, despite a late goal by Jesus Navas. Playing before a packed house, Spain took the opportunity to give playing time to many of their injured players, while South Korea failed to convert some good efforts.—INTERNET

Avram Grant confirmed as West Ham United manager

LONDON, 4 June—West Ham have appointed Avram Grant as the club’s new manager on a four-year contract, subject to a work permit. Grant, 55, succeeds Gianfranco Zola who was sacked after the Hammers finished 17th in last season’s Premier League. The Israeli led Chelsea to the 2008 Champions League final and Portsmouth to this season’s FA Cup final.

“They’re proud and honoured to be the manager of West Ham. It’s an exciting challenge and I’m ready to do my best,” Grant told the Hammers website. “This is a fantastic club with great fans and a history that is respected around the world. I am looking forward to getting to work with my players in July and preparing for the new season.”

Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez leaves by mutual consent

LONDON, 4 June—Liverpool have announced manager Rafael Benitez has left the club by mutual consent after six years in charge.

Benitez, 50, replaced Gerard Houllier as Liverpool manager in June 2004 and guided them to Champions League and FA Cup success the following two seasons. But last season they made an early exit from the Champions League and finished only seventh in the Premier League.

Managing director Christian Purslow and former manager Kenny Dalglish are to begin the search for a replacement. The club said there is no timeframe for an appointment and they will make no further comment until a new manager has been installed.

Benitez, who had four years of his five-year contract to run, finalised his departure after agreeing a severance payment and said “he was extremely sad to be leaving the club. I’ll always keep in my heart the good times I’ve had here, the strong and loyal support of the fans in the tough times and the love from Liverpool,” he told the club’s website.

Sam Stosur beats Jelena Jankovic to reach Paris final

PARIS, 4 June—Australia’s Sam Stosur stormed into her first Grand Slam final with a crushing win over fourth seed Jelena Jankovic at the French Open. The 26-year-old from Brisbane followed up earlier wins over pre-tournament favourites Justine Henin and Serena Williams with a 6-1, 6-2 demolition of Jankovic in 60 minutes.

Stosur will play Francesca Schiavone for the title on Saturday after the Italian became the first woman from her country to reach a Grand Slam final when Elena Dementieva retired from their semi-final. “I probably couldn’t have asked to play a much better match today in the semi-finals,” said Stosur.—INTERNET

Spain’s Sergio Ramos(L) and South Korea’s Ahn Jung Hwan fight for an aerial ball during their friendly match prior to the FIFA World Cup 2010 hosted by South Africa. 

Mexico beats Italy 2-1 in World Cup warmup

BRUSSELS, 4 June—Carlos Vela and Alberto Medina exposed a slow, ragged Italy defence in Mexico’s 2-1 victory over the defending World Cup champions Thursday, giving the Mexicans a major boost heading to the tournament.

Vela took a high pass from Giovanni Doni Santos in the centre and without any serious challenge lined up a drive from 12 yards that gave goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon no chance in the 16th minute.

Ten minutes from the final whistle, substitute Medina beat Italy’s offside trap, and from a tight right angle beat Buffon. Italy pulled one back in the 89 minute when defender Leonardo Bonucci scored from close range after Salvatore Bocchetti hit the goalpost.

In Italy’s first preparation game for the World Cup, the Azzurri looked sluggish for long stretches and were mostly running after the ball, dictating play far too little.—INTERNET

Rafael Benitez

Spain’s Sergio Ramos(L) and South Korea’s Ahn Jung Hwan fight for an aerial ball during their friendly match prior to the FIFA World Cup 2010 hosted by South Africa. 

Lampard - We will be ready

England star vows squad will be prepared for opening game

LONDON, 4 June—Midfielder Frank Lampard insists England will be ‘fully prepared’ by the time they kick-off in the World Cup. The Three Lions arrived in South Africa on Thursday as they checked into their Rustenburg hotel ahead of their first game against the United States on 12 June.

Having come through friendly matches against Mexico and Japan with two wins, England are in good shape with the tournament only days away.—INTERNET

Dementieva quits French Open semi

PARIS, 4 June—Francesca Schiavone became the first Italian woman to reach a Grand Slam final after Elena Dementieva pulled out of their French Open semi-final with an injury.

Schiavone had just taken first set tie-break to lead (7-6), (7-3) on Court Philippe Chatrier when the Russian called it quits, and the 17th seed will play Jelena Jankovic or Sam Stosur in Saturday’s final.

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Please, do not eat the morning glories

DALLAS, 4 June — Flowers growing outside may be a temptation to grab and eat for toddlers just learning to walk but a US physician warns some flowers are poisonous.

"Choose those beautiful yard plants carefully because some of them can be toxic if ingested," Dr Kurt Kleinschmidt, a medical toxicologist and emergency medicine physician at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says in a statement. "The joy of watching junior beginning to walk could be offset by a medical crisis if he eats those previously unreachable flowers." Azaleas, caladiums, chrysanthemums, daffodils, hyacinth, hydrangea, iris, jonquils, morning glories mums and periwinkles are all potentially harmful flowers and should not be within reach of the small child, Kleinschmidt says.

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WEATHER

Friday, 4 June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Ayeyawady Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States, Magway and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Mandalay. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmona) (2.09) inches, Palataw (2.01) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Tukin) (1.81) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yeseo (1.73) inches and Taunggyi (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-6-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 4-6-2010 was 82°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-6-2010 was 72%.

Total sun shine hours on 3-6-2010 was 5.11 hours.

Rainfall on 4-6-2010 was (Nil) at Mongladan, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (11.97) inches at Mongladan, (12.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (12.91) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (21:30) hours MST on 3-6-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forcast valid until evening of the 5 June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Tanintharyi Divisions, scattered in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak to moderate monsoon.

Forcast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forcast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for Second weekend of June 2010: During the coming weekend, rain (or) thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
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Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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Plan to lay pipelines for shaping new golden nation

Byline: Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing

The population of Yangon is increasing year by year. Requirement of electrical energy is also increasing in Yangon yearly. Four power plants with the use of natural gas turbines (Ahlon, Hlawga, Thakayta and Ywama) are located around Yangon in generating about 340 megawatts. The gas power plants consume about 153 million cubic feet of natural gas daily. Likewise, natural gas vehicles use about 20 million cubic feet of natural gas daily. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy satisfies the natural gas demand with the use of natural gas from Yadana offshore natural gas region in addition to that of Nyaungdon and Maubin natural gas regions. The natural gas of Offshore Yadana Natural Gas Region is being sent to Yangon through 20-inch diameter pipelines from Kanbauk region of Dawei to Yangon via Myainggale. A natural gas pipeline was connected from Kanbauk to Myainggale in the year 2000 and another 20-inch diameter pipeline from Myainggale to Yangon in 2006.

As the 20-inch diameter Kanbauk-Myainggale-Yangon gas pipeline laying across Taninthayi mountain range where the insurgents may commit destruction due to lack of travellers and the 10-year-old facility has been devoid of durability, it needs a gas pipeline to substitute the 20-inch diameter Kanbauk-Myainggale-Yangon gas pipeline.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State who was farsighted the requirement, the Ministry of Energy planned to lay a 24-inch diameter natural gas pipeline from Offshore Yadana Natural Gas Region to Yangon beginning the first week of 2009.

Pipeline Route Survey
The 24-inch diameter natural gas pipeline would be laid on the floor of sea underwater along the 94-mile route from Offshore Yadana Natural Gas Region to Daw Nyein Village of Pyapon District. TL Geohydrographic Company of Malaysia and Myanmar citizen owned SMART Technical Services jointly conducted the pipeline route survey from 17-5-2009 to 5-5-2009.

The engineers and skilled workers participated in conducting the pipeline route survey for 85 miles long and 24 inches diameter natural gas pipeline from Pyapon Township to Insein Ywama Gas Supply Station.

Pipeline designing and cement coating
Based on observation about the offshore and inland pipeline route surveys, Worley Parson Company of Singapore created the pipeline design. The 24-inch diameter pipe to be laid at offshore is necessary to carry out cement coating for gaining designated weight and preventing natural disasters. If the 24-inch diameter pipeline is not coated with concrete, the pipeline would rise up the sea floor due to buoyancy. In consequence,

A vessel laying pipelines into the sea.