NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—Prime Minister U Thein Sein met Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Continental Inter Asiiana Saigon Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City on 6 June evening.

It was also attended by Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhijit Vejajiva, Executive Chairman of Dr Klaus Schwab, President of Trade Representatives of Thailand Mr Kiat Sittheemorn, Vice-Chairperson of National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference of the People’s Republic of China Ms Wang Zhizhen, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and guests.

First, Heads of State/Government, heads of organizations and guests had lunch at the working luncheon of (See page 8)

Prime Minister U Thein Sein discusses at seminar on ‘Making the Mekong: Regional Growth and Leadership’.—MNA

Prime Minister meets Vietnamese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Continental Inter Asiiana Saigon Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City on 6 June evening.

Present at the call together with the Myanmar Prime Minister were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to the SRV U Khin Maung Soe and officials concerned. The Vietnamese Prime Minister was accompanied by officials concerned.

In discussion with the Myanmar Prime Minister, the Vietnamese Premier said that he appreciated (See page 8)
Deepen China-Myanmar friendship through bilateral diplomatic relations

Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China share a long common border of land, mountains and rivers. As good neighbourly nations, they have maintained traditional ties of friendship.

The establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries has turned 60 on 8 June 2010. So, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, messages of felicitations were exchanged between the Heads of State, Heads of Government and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

The message from Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, to Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People’s Republic of China, states that as the countries co-expedienced and consistently adhered to the five principles of peaceful co-existence, the relationship between the two countries have developed rapidly in the past decades. As a result of the efforts made by the leaders and the peoples of both countries, cooperations between two countries have strengthened significantly in various sectors, and the bilateral relationship has recently reached the level of strategic partnership.

Similarly, the message from the Chinese President to Senior General Than Shwe states that China values the Pauk-Phaw friendship between the two countries. To further consolidate and develop the long-term and stable good-neighbourly and friendly cooperative relations between China and Myanmar is an important factor of China’s neighbouring policy. No matter how the international situation may change, China will be unswervingly committed to this policy.

Over the past 60 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries, bilateral friendship has developed on a sustainable basis. There has been smooth progress in bilateral exchanges and cooperations in all sectors, including economy, trade, energy, transport, education and culture. The two foreign affairs ministries have been able to make close cooperation in regional and international arenas.

Overall, as friendship and amity between Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China have been deepened, the two countries will be able to develop rapidly in the past decades. As a result of the efforts made by the leaders and the peoples of both countries, cooperations between two countries have strengthened significantly in various sectors, and the bilateral relationship has recently reached the level of strategic partnership.

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Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views

* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation

* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State

* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

NPED Minister receives Chairman of Vietnam Association for Financial Investors

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha arriving in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam as a member of the entourage of Prime Minister U Thein Sein who visited the country to attend the World Economic Forum on East Asia 2010 received Chairman Mr. Tran Bac Ha of Vietnam Association for Financial Investors and party at Sheraton Hotel on 6 June.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Than Thant Shin at Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department and Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General Daw Le Le Thein of Planning Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development of Vietnam, entrepreneurs and officials.

The meeting focused on enhancing cooperation in tourism, aviation, trade, industry, communication and mining sectors.—MNA

Appointment of Brazilian Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior was born on 2nd March 1960. He entered the Brazilian diplomatic academy in 1981, and graduated as Third Secretary in 1982. He was posted to the Brazilian Embassies in Maputo and Manaus as Chargé d’Affaires, Washington as second and first secretary, Abu Dhabi as Chargé d’Affaires, Ottawa as First Secretary, Washington as First Secretary (second times). He has also had an important career in politics and public administration. He was Federal Representative of State of Espirito Santo to the Chamber of Deputies of the National Congress, Secretary of the State of Finance of the State of Espirito Santo, Chairman of the Board of the Bank of the State of Espirito Santo, and Chairman of the Board of the Development Bank of the State of Espirito Santo. Currently he occupies the position of Minister-Counsellor in New Delhi. He is married with two children.—MNA

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint receives Assistant Director General Mr Michael Wilson of (AUS AIDS).—MNA

Minister for Health receives Australian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Assistant Director General Mr Michael Wilson of Australian Government Overseas Aid Program (AUS AIDS) and Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australia Ms Michelle Su-wen Chan at the ministry this evening.

At the call, they discussed works being carried out by the AUS AIDS in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, PhD course to be conducted at University of Nursing in Myanmar and future programme.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe and directors-general and officials concerned.—MNA
10 foreign troops killed on deadly Afghan day

KABUL, 8 June—Ten foreign soldiers, including seven Americans, were killed in separate attacks on the deadliest day of the year for Western forces in Afghanistan. A US civilian contractor who trains Afghan police also died in a brazen suicide assault.

The bloodshed on Monday comes as militants step up bombings and other attacks ahead of a major NATO operation in the Taleban stronghold of Kandahar that Washington hopes will turn the tide of the nearly nine-year war.

Half the NATO deaths — five Americans — occurred in a single blast in eastern Afghanistan, US spokesman Col Wayne Shanks said without giving further details. It was a grim reminder the insurgents can strike throughout the country — not simply in the south, which has become the main focus of the US campaign.

Two other US troops were killed in separate attacks in the south — one in a bombing and the other by small arms fire.

NATO’s reconnaissance aircraft crashes in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 June—A reconnaissance plane of NATO-led forces has crashed in Afghanistan’s eastern Nangarhar Province, a private television channel broadcast on Monday.

“The reconnaissance plane crashed in Khogyani District,” Tolo added that sources, Tolo aired in its news bulletin.

Citing NATO sources, Tolo added that the aircraft crashed due to technical problem; but did not mention the exact date of the incident. Taleban outfit claimed of responsibility, the television channel further said. —Xinhua

14 killed, 57 wounded in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 8 June—A series of attacks in Baghdad and Iraq’s western Anbar Province on Monday killed up to 14 people and wounded 57 others, the police said.

A policeman and a civilian were killed in a roadside bomb explosion near a police patrol in Baiyaa District in southern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Four civilians and three policemen were also wounded by the blast which badly damaged a police vehicle, the source said.

In a separate incident, three policemen and two civilians were wounded in the same district when another bomb hit a police patrol while passing in a crowded commercial area in the district, the source said.

In Anbar Province, two policemen were killed and two others wounded by a bomb explosion in the city of Qaim near the Syrian border, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

12 dead, scores missing in Bangladesh ferry accident

DHAKA, 8 June—At least 12 people, including 10 children, drowned and scores more were missing after a packed ferry capsized in northeastern Bangladesh on Tuesday, officials said.

The accident happened in Sunamganj District, about 140 kilometres (85 miles) north of the capital Dhaka, District administrator Kamrul Alam said. “The bodies of six schoolgirls, four small children and two women have been recovered so far,” Alam said, adding that the ferry was overloaded. He said a search-and-rescue operation was underway, with many of the ferry’s passengers still missing. —Internet

Warsaw braces for flood, Slovakia and Hungary reel

Warsaw, 8 June—Warsaw braced Monday for a new flood crest on the mighty Vistula river, as Budapest sandbagged its tourist quarter against the swollen Danube and Slovakia reeled from its worst flood in centuries. —Internet

People walk on a temporary walking bridge in Budapest. Warsaw braced Monday for a new flood crest on the mighty Vistula river, as Budapest sandbagged its tourist quarter against the swollen Danube and Slovakia reeled from its worst flood in centuries.—Internet

Commuters ride on a Singapore Mass Rapid Transit train carriage. Police in the city state have said they want to arrest a British man they believe could have vandalised a metro train, as his alleged accomplice awaited trial under the city’s infamous tough laws. —Internet

Three suicide bombers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 June—Three suicide bombers, who stormed a police training centre in Kandahar, south of Afghanistan, on Monday, fell victim to their attack, the Afghan Interior Ministry said in a statement. “Three suicide bombers targeted a police training centre in Daman District of Kandahar province at 11:40 am local time, causing no loss of life to police,” the statement added.

All the three suicide bombers were killed in the blast and gun fire, the statement said.

However, it confirmed that the wall of the compound of the training centre was damaged when one of the suicide bombers blew himself up.

Earlier, spokesman for the provincial administration Zalmay Ayubi told Xinhua that three policemen sustained injuries in the incident. —Xinhua

An overcrowded Bangladeshi ferry in Dhaka.

INTERNET

Photo shows the site of a car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 June, 2010. Iraqi officials say a car bomb has exploded in a shopping area in western Baghdad, killing three people.

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Bangladesh ferry accident.

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Slovakia reeled from its worst flood in centuries. The crest, or flood crest on the mighty Danube and the swollen Danube and Slovakia reeled from its worst flood in centuries. —Internet

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Apple releases Safari 5 — faster, less cluster

BEIJING, 8 June—Apple announced the release of Safari 5 for Windows and Mac on Monday, just after the announcement of the new iPhone 4 at WWDC. The latest version of the web browser adds a new Safari Reader feature that presents Web pages in a streamlined interface, support for developer-created extensions, new HTML5 capabilities, and performance increases. “Safari continues to lead the pack in performance, innovation and standards support,” said Philip Schiller, Apple’s senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. “Safari now runs on over 200 million devices worldwide and its open source WebKit engine runs on over 500 million devices.” Safari Reader makes it easy to read single and multipage articles on the web by presenting them in a slimmed-down, scrollable view without any additional content or clutter. Safari 5 on the Mac runs JavaScript 30 percent faster than Safari 4, 3 percent faster than Chrome 5.0, and over twice as fast as Firefox 3.6. From a developer perspective, Apple has at long last opened up Safari to extensions. Over a dozen powerful HTML5 features are added to Safari 5, which allow web developers to create media-rich experiences, including full screen playback and closed captions for HTML5 video.

Strange discovery on Titan leads to speculation of Alien life

NEW YORK, 8 June—New findings have roused a great deal of hoopla over the possibility of life on Saturn’s moon Titan, which some news reports have further hyped up as hints of extra-terrestrials. However, scientists also caution that aliens might have nothing to do with these findings. All this excitement is rooted in analyses of chemical data returned by NASA’s Cassini spacecraft. One study suggested that hydrogen was flowing down through Titan’s atmosphere and disappearing at the surface. Astrobiologist Chris McKay at NASA Ames Research Centre speculated this could be a tantalizing hint that hydrogen is getting consumed by life. “It’s the obvious gas for life to consume on Titan, similar to the way we consume oxygen on Earth,” McKay said. Another study investigating hydrocarbons on Titan’s surface found a lack of acetylene, a compound that could be consumed as food by life that relies on liquid methane instead of liquid water to live. “If these signs do turn out to be a sign of life, it would be doubly exciting because it would represent a second form of life independent from water-based life on Earth,” McKay said. However, NASA scientists caution that aliens might not be involved at all.

Drug companies cause water pollution

RESTON, 8 June—US Geological Survey scientists say they’ve identified pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities as significant sources of surface water pollution. A study, conducted in cooperation with New York state officials, focused on outflow from two wastewater treatment plants that receive more than 20 percent of their wastewater from pharmaceutical facilities. Researchers found concentrations of pharmaceuticals up to 1,000 times higher than from outflows at 24 wastewater plants nationwide that do not receive wastewater from pharmaceutical manufacturers. “This is the first study in the US to identify pharmaceutical-manufacturing facilities as a significant source of pharmaceuticals to the environment,” said Matthew Larsen, USGS associate director for water.

How Crocodiles cross oceans

SYDNEY, 8 June—How did the world’s largest living reptile, the saltwater crocodile, reach so many South Pacific islands separated by huge stretches of water despite being a poor swimmer? Apparently, like a surfer catching a wave, these goliaths can ride the winds of the ocean surface to cross large areas of open sea, researchers now reveal. The saltwater or estuarine crocodile (Crocodylus porosus) is a ferocious giant that can grow at least 23 feet long (7 meters) and weigh more than 2,200 pounds (1000 kilograms). These scaly monsters have been known to devour sharks, and even attack things they can’t eat, often assaulting boats in the mistaken belief they are rivals or prey, biting down with nearly 2 tons of pressure - powerful enough to crush bone or punch through aluminum hulls. These deadly predators hunt in tropical areas throughout eastern India, southeastern Asia, northern Australia, and on an untold number of the islands in-between.

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Telecommunication services expensive in Brazil due to monopoly

BRASILIA, 8 June—Monopoly in the telecommunications sector in Brazil has caused service to be offered at inappropriately high prices compared with people’s income, an official study released on Monday showed. According to the study, conducted by the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), infrastructure investment in the telecommunications sector in Brazil has advanced during the privatization process of the industry in the 1990s.

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**Overtreated: More medical care isn’t always better**

WASHINGTON, 8 June—More medical care won’t necessarily make you healthier—it may make you sicker. It’s an idea that technology-loving Americans find hard to believe. Anywhere from one-fifth to nearly one-third of the tests and treatments we get are estimated to be unnecessary, and avoidable care is costly in more ways than the bill: It may lead to dangerous side effects.

It can start during birth, as some of the nation’s increasing Cesarean sections are triggered by controversial fetal monitors that signal a baby is in trouble when really everything’s fine.

It extends to often futile intensive care at the end of the life. In between: Americans get the most medical radiation in the world, much of it from repeated CT scans. Too many scans increase the risk of cancer.

Thousands who get stents for blocked heart arteries should have tried medication first.

**Post-combat stress disrupting daily lives of returning vets**

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 June—Up to 14 percent of soldiers returning from Iraq suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or depression that is severe enough to disrupt their daily lives, new research shows. Overall, between 8.5 percent and 14 percent of soldiers reported mental health issues that caused difficulties in work or private life, said Major Jeffrey L. Thomas, chief of the department of military psychiatry at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and lead author of a report in the June issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry.

Interestingly, surveys of self-reported depression and PTSD among 18,305 Iraq veterans in four regular army units and two National Guard infantry brigade combat teams found a significant difference between National Guardsmen and those on active duty, Thomas noted.

A first survey, taken three months after returning from Iraq, found almost equal rates of mental health problems among Guardsmen and regular Army soldiers. A second survey, done at 12 months, found unchanged rates among the regulars but a sharp increase among the Guardsmen.

**Newer drugs beat gleevec in head-to-head trials**

CHICAGO, 8 June—Two new drugs, dasatinib (Spryce) and nilotinib (Tasigna), appear better than imatinib (Gleevec) in treating patients with newly diagnosed chronic myeloid leukemia and should be considered as first-line treatments, two new studies show.

The findings, which should change clinical practice, are to be presented Saturday at the American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting in Chicago and were simultaneously published online on 5 June in the New England Journal of Medicine.

“Both next-generation inhibitors of BCR-ABL [dasatinib and nilotinib] are superior to Gleevec in treating chronic myeloid leukemia when compared head-to-head after one year of follow-up,” said Dr Charles L. Sawyers, chair of the Human Oncology and Pathogenesis Programme at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and author of an accompanying journal editorial.—INTERNET

**Muscle tone may play a role in GERD**

WASHINGTON, 8 June—Reduced muscle tone in the esophagus may be the cause of acid reflux disease, new research suggests. Using molecular imaging, researchers examined the function of esophageal muscles in 49 people with suspected or confirmed gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD), and found what they described as strong evidence that poor esophageal muscle tone plays a role in the condition, whether people have mild, moderate or severe cases.

The findings were to be presented during the annual meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, being held 5-9 June in Salt Lake City.

GERD is thought to affect from 15 percent to 35 percent of the US population. In people with the condition, the circular muscle that seals off the stomach from the esophagus does not close properly. This enables the acidic stomach contents to rise up, or reflux, into the esophagus, resulting in inflammation and acid indigestion, or heartburn. Chronic reflux occurring more than twice a week is considered GERD, according to the US National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.—INTERNET

**Genetics linked to gambling problems in both genders**

MELBOURNE, 8 June—Genetics play an important role in the development of problem gambling in both women and men, a new study has found.

Previous research has shown that problem gambling runs in families, with one study reporting that 8 percent of the first-degree relatives of people with gambling disorders had a history of similar problems, compared with 2 percent of relatives of unaffected individuals, according to background information provided in the report.

For the new study, researchers assessed nearly 2,900 pairs of twins in Australia, aged 32 to 43, and found that nearly all of them had gambled at some point, about half had gambled at least once a month and about one-third had gambled at least once a week.—INTERNET

**Afghan newborn babies who were born earlier that morning sleep in their cradles in the maternity ward of a hospital in Kabul. Global maternal deaths have dropped from around 526,000 in 1980 to nearly 343,000 in 2008, according to a report by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.—INTERNET**

**Children are seen in Maiduguri, Nigeria, in 2009. Nigeria said on Monday it has contained an outbreak of lead poisoning linked to illegal gold mining in northern Nigeria that has left 163 dead, including more than 100 children.**

**A visitor tastes canned fruits at the 8th China Commodity Fair in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 7 June. More than 230 Chinese exhibitors took part in the fair opening on 7 June. Their exhibits included machinery, chemical products, building materials, clothes, food and electrical appliances.—XINHUA**
Chrysler recalls nearly 600,000 vehicles

New Chrysler vehicles sit in a lot at an assembly plant in Illinois. Fearing the risk of fire, brake failure and sticking accelerator pedals, US automaker Chrysler is making a slew of vehicle recalls, US government documents showed Monday.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 8 June—Fearing the risk of fire, brake failure and sticking accelerator pedals, US automaker Chrysler is making a slew of vehicle recalls, US government documents showed Monday.

Monday. The Michigan-based firm has recalled almost 600,000 vehicles across four models, documents from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed. The recall includes 288,968 Jeep Wranglers for faults that could cause friction between an inner fender and tubing and lead to break failure. A total of 284,831 Dodge Grand Caravans and Chrysler Town & Country models have also been recalled because of ill-fitted wiring that poses a fire risk.—INTERNET

Oil prices rise to near $72 after Bernanke comments

SINGAPORE, 8 June—Oil prices rose to near $72 a barrel Tuesday in Asia after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said he’s hopeful the world’s No 1 economy won’t fall back into a “double dip” recession. Benchmark crude for July delivery was up 31 cents to $71.75 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 7 cents to settle at $71.44 on Monday.

All major Asian stock markets rose modestly Tuesday after Bernanke said he expected the US economic recovery to continue. Bernanke spoke late Monday after the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 1.2 percent.

A rising euro, off recent 4-year lows, also helped support oil prices. The euro gained to 1.1963 on Tuesday from 1.1916 on Monday, making crude cheaper for investors holding the European currency. Storms could disrupt oil operations in the Gulf of Mexico and boost prices as this year’s hurricane season starts this month. —INTERNET

Japan’s key economic gauge rises for 13th straight month in April

TOKYO, 8 June—Japan’s coincident composite index (CI) rose for a 13th straight month in April, the Cabinet Office said in a preliminary report Tuesday.

The coincident composite index, which reflects current business conditions, rose a preliminary 1.1 points in April to 101.6 against the 2005 base of 100. However the index of leading economic indicators, compiled using data such as the number of job offers and consumer sentiment and a gauge of the economy a few months ahead, fell 0.2 point to mark the first fall in 14 months.

According to the Cabinet Office the leading CI was adversely affected by a sluggish stock market and drops in inventories and durable goods shipments.

Sales growth slowdown continues for SAIC Motor

SHANGHAI, 8 June—SAIC Motor, the listed arm of Chinese auto giant Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC), said on Tuesday its May vehicle sales rose 48.2 percent year on year to 289,239 units.

Output in May stood at 292,885, a rise of 46.9 percent from a year earlier, said SAIC Motor in a filing to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

But the year-on-year growth figures for output and sales have contracted every month since January.

Sales growth in May was down by 41.8 percentage points from January’s 89.8 percent, and the output growth has declined by 43.3 percentage points.—Xinhua

Indonesia plays down impact of Euro crisis

JAKARTA, 8 June—Indonesia remain on guard against liquidity risk stemming from the Euro debt crisis that may trigger capital outflow, but the impact could be handled as the country has strong economic fundamentals, a minister said.

“If there are any impacts, they will be in form of risk perception and liquidity risk because financial institutions in Europe may want to consolidate or temporarily withdraw their portfolios from Indonesia. But as long as the monetary and fiscal conditions are well and the macro conditions are healthy, God willing we can deal with these,” Indonesian Finance Minister Agus Martowardojo was quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying.

The minister said that the country’s macro-economy, and monetary and fiscal condition, are sound.—Xinhua

Business
(Continued from yesterday)

"Would you please give us a brief account of the conference?"

"On the opening day of the conference, the Secretary-1 and the Information Minister delivered speeches. The Secretary-1 instructed the association to preserve the fine traditions on national tasks in accordance with the bounden duty; to inculeate the people with correct views and a strong sense of patriotism; to encourage the people to take part in nation-building tasks; to crush subversives who are trying to undermine national solidarity; to pursue the people to learn lessons from untold miseries some countries are facing; to maintain the legislative, judicial and executive sectors as the fourth pillar; and to write works according to the press code of ethic in order to organize the people through the might of literature."

"Right, literature is, indeed, very influential and powerful. So, the works of the literati, who uphold national interest, is beneficial to the nation and the people. But, the pen of the subversives can harm the nation and the people. So, the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association has to cope with the acts of the subversives through the might of literature, and to educate and organize the people in order that the people have correct concepts, do correct acts, and they will not divert themselves away from national interest."

The association has to lead all in the media that is the fourth estate. So, it has to uphold the national interest and the press code of conduct in creating works of literature. It also has to make all possible arrangements because it is responsible for holding in check the legislative, judicial and executive sectors."

"I take serious the value of community peace and national unity. And I felt heartbroken when I witnessed the hardships the people were suffering before peace was restored. So, writers of us have to resist the subversives, and organize the people through the might of literature in order that the people and peace groups will realize the value of unity and peace and work together with Union Spirit in the national interest."

"As instructed by the Secretary-1, many countries faced untold miseries and some countries are facing untold miseries due to certain countries’ invasion. So, writers of us are responsible for pointing out those incidents for the knowledge of the people."

"Certainly, I think all members of writers and journalists associations and writers, especially the Central Executive Committee of the association should adopt a work programme in this regard. And the associations of the townships, in which national races reside, should publish educative books in respective languages."

"Tell us something about the message of the Information Minister."

"In the first part of his message, the Information Minister urged the writers, who share common goal, to preserve and promote the prestige of the association in harmony. And in the final part, he called for building the association into a strong, efficient one. I notice according to the instructions, the minister placed a lot of emphasis on unity."

"Unity is strength, isn’t it? We need to organize all writers and journalists to take shelters of the association. We have to build consolidated unity in the Central Executive Committee, unity between the central and township associations based on mutual respects, and intra-unity in township associations. If so, the strength of the association will be a driving force behind the interest of the nation and the people. In addition, the association will be able to serve the national interest forever."

"The minister also instructed the association members to serve the interest and carry out welfare service of writers, and to take active part in the functions of the foundation."

"Moreover, in the interest of all writers and the whole literature world, the minister called for extending the market of works of literature till reaching rural areas, and to publish fine works in English version in order to penetrate the international market."

"In addition, he called for nurturing writers through translation courses and seminars, and conducting journalism courses and basic written courses to sharpen the ability of writers."

"The message covers all points of views, and it implies that he places a great deal of reliance on writers."

"You are right. The minister not only created a prosperous future of writers, but also gave methods to do so. He stressed the importance of extending the literature market up to rural areas and penetrating the international market. In that regard, he instructed us to distribute interesting and educative books that are suited for rural people at reasonable prices; to organize the people to take more interest in reading, and to cultivate the habit of reading; and to work together for seeing to the foundation’s functions for sustainable progress of rural libraries."

"The government is taking measures to transform into the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) system to use the electronic system in placing orders and distributing books in order to penetrate the international market. Now, the International ISBN Agency has accepted Myanmar as a member."

"Regarding the practice of democracy, the minister called for taking lessons from the weak points of newspapers, journals and magazines in the past democratic period of the nation in order to guide them in future; broadening the horizons of the people because the public pillar plays a major role in exercising democracy; check and balance of the three major forces: the people, parties and politicians, and media men for correct practice of democracy; and correct democratic practice of individuals and controlling another. He also noted that we would have to prioritize national interest whatever we did and in carrying out democratization process."

"Sometime in the past, media men failed to give priority to national interest in exercising democracy, and had partiality for particular parties in news reporting and failed to honour the press code of ethic. To make matters worse, political parties and politicians centered self-interest instead of national interest. So, our country was on the verge of collapse. So, we have to take lessons from past events in transforming the nation from old system into democracy system. Journalists need to know how to practise democracy to maintain the legislative, judicial and executive pillars in order that they will not deviate from the course of national interest. Furthermore, we have to expand the horizons of the people for development of human resources and enabling them to distinguish between good and bad. Therefore, I would say the duties of writers and journalists are very formidable."

"You are right. So, I would like to suggest that the association prescribe a lesson in the courses that all should prioritize the press code of ethic and national interest."

"Certainly, media men should be trained in advance because the fourth estate will have to take greater responsibility in the near future."

"Well, tell us a bit more about your conference."

"It was a normal conference. The representatives made positive comments on the strong and weak points on the reports that were presented in the previous four-year term, and they unanimously approved them. They also laid down follow-up programmes and approved them. Then, the old executive committee members resigned, and the new Central Executive Committee was elected by ballot."

"What about the new Central Executive Committee?"

"Four aged members from the old committee were appointed as patrons. A healthy member who wrote a lot and can share a lot of time was elected as the chairman. And some active, young members were elected as secretariat members. Some are old members, and some are new members. So, I think the new Central Executive Committee will be able to manage all the tasks."

"Well, it’s a nice conversation. And the refreshments are delicious. Thank you. Ok, let’s call it a day. See you later, bye."

"After my fellow writers had left, I thought about our discussions. The demanding tasks of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association are designed to serve the interest of literary professionals and the whole literary world, boost their unity and strength, build the association into an active, dynamic one, and serve national interest. I wish the new Central Executive Committee a greater success and unity in implementing the tasks, serving the interest of the nation and the people and literary professionals. And may the Rural Library Foundation achieve success in its functions forever."

Translation: MS
World Economic Forum on East Asia 2010 hosted by Executive Chairman Dr. Klaus Schwab of World Economic Forum.

Next, the Seminar on ‘Making the Mekong: Regional Growth and Leadership’ followed. Director and Head of Asia for World Economic Forum Mr Sushant Palakurthi Rao acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Executive Chairman Dr. Klaus Schwab of World Economic Forum, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva made discussion points.

In his discussion, Prime Minister U Thein Sein said:

Let me share my views on the topic of how to balance the Greater Mekong Sub-region common goals of economic growth and the protection of natural resources.

Mekong Sub-region has potentials for development. With the view to be more harmonious and integrated among the six GMS countries, the Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Cooperation Program covers 9 sectors and areas of cooperation. There are specific projects/programs for development as well as sub-regional level cooperation projects/programs. The sub-regional projects and programs under the GMS Strategic Framework complement national development projects/programs of the GMS countries.

The Greater Mekong Sub-region is rich in natural resources along with its huge land area, water resources and mountain ranges. These natural resources are being extracted and used in implementation programs for national development. The nature itself of the natural resources is that some resources can be replenished whereas some are non-renewable; they are depleted after using them.

In this regard, it is to be noted that resources that are non-renewable or non-replenishable nature should be judiciously used and exploited. Elsewise, they will be depleted gradually. Technologies for exploration and exploitation of natural resources should be in conformity with environment, in order that these natural resources will be sustained and at the same time, environment will be also managed.

To maintain the sustainability of the environment, development objectives of the GMS countries and conservation of environment should be harmonized. We must be fully aware that our economic development endeavors should not be deteriorating the environment.

We should be very careful about the number of national development projects using natural resources for their implementation and the amount they used.

The natural resources once depleted, could not be replenished. Environment impact of development or amount of resources needed for implementation of developmental projects and usable amount should be judged wisely.

The Union of Myanmar is one of the GMS Countries with abundant natural resources. Here, I would like to take the opportunity to brief you our efforts for economic development and also the conservation of environment and management of the utilization of natural resources.

Myanmar's economy is still agro-based and we are maintaining the sustainability of the agriculture sector that comprises of agriculture, livestock and fisheries and forestry areas.

Our net sown acreage is 67.3%, which shows we have arable land to expand. Higher economic growth rates are achievable in the foreseeable future, based on agriculture sector, in which we can expand both horizontally and vertically. Further development of our economy could be made by sustaining the agriculture sector without depleting the environment and the utilization of the natural resources.

In livestock and fisheries sector, studies have been undertaken for annual allowable catch and limit to conserve the sustainable livestock and fishery resources.

The Myanmar Prime Minister participating in World Economic Forum on East Asia, that participation of Myanmar, one of the Greater Mekong Sub-region countries, in the forum contributed to success of the forum and also made the forum more meaningful.

He went on to say that he acknowledged hearty welcome and kind hospitality of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and the Myanmar Prime Minister during his visit to Myanmar last April, that his visit to Myanmar was fruitful due to all assistance of Myanmar side.

He said that Myanmar and Vietnam had ever been friendly nations; that Vietnam wished Myanmar successful implementation of seven-step Road Map, that at present, diplomatic relations, trade and economic cooperation between the two nations was going from strength to strength.

The Myanmar Prime Minister in his speech said that he felt proud of Vietnam for being able to host World Economic Forum on East Asia for the first time which is usually held in developed countries; that Myanmar and Vietnam were friendly nations and assisting and supporting each other in international and regional affairs. He expressed gratitude to Vietnam for standing by Myanmar side.

He went on that twelve regions had been chosen for economic cooperation between the two nations; that Myanmar would coordinate with Vietnam to speed up momentum in economic cooperation. The Prime Minister then touched upon progress in political affairs of Myanmar, saying that required laws had been issued for election scheduled to be held this year and election commission had also been formed; that political parties had been scrutinized and passed; that there had been 42 parties that had submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister replied that the two nations had been closely cooperating not only in regional organizations but in international community; that Vietnam was ready to assist and support Myanmar also in the future.

In conclusion, the Vietnamese Prime Minister said that Vietnam would help Myanmar in modernization and promoting stability; that Vietnam would support Myanmar’s efforts for the international community to witness its successful holding of election.
Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends working...

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Similarly in forestry sector, we have calculated the annual allowable cuts so as to maintain the sustainability of the forestry sector. We have greening projects at national level and forestation, afforestation and re-conservation programs are also being formulated and implemented. The industry sector can cause resource-depletion. The industry sector accounted for 17% in Myanmar’s economy. In the mean time, we have not many industries under mining sector and oil and gas sector where non-renewable resources are exploited. The production of mining, oil and other industries based on resource-depletion is only 4.1% of the total manufacturing and production sector. The hydro-power generation in most essential in electric power sector. We are implementing reforestation programs and conservation of water-shed programs for the conservation of environment and water resources.

To sum up, I would like to stress that the use of non-renewable resources in Myanmar’s concerted efforts for economic development is not much and also that basically we are using replenishable or renewable resources. In this context, we could fairly state that the use of natural resources have been well-thought and also that there is no danger for the depletion of our natural resources in the foreseeable future. We will maintain this situation while we endeavor for the further development of our country. At the same time, we will promote and enhance our services sector where there is no resource-depletion.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein attended dinner to mark 19th World Economic Forum on East Asia

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Minh Triet to mark the 19th World Economic Forum on East Asia held at Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City at 7 pm on 6 June.

First, the Heads of State and Heads of Government, who were to attend the forum, greeted the Vietnamese President. Next, President Nguyen Minh Triet extended greetings to the Heads of State, Heads of Government, officials and invited guests at the meeting hall of Phong hop hoii Dong Noi Cac The Cabinet.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein and the Heads of State, Heads of Government, officials and invited guests enjoyed dinner hosted by the Vietnamese President at the Reunification Palace.

Before and during the dinner, traditional cultural troupe of SRV entertained the guests with songs and dances.

President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Minh Triet extends greetings at dinner to mark the 19th World Economic Forum on East Asia.

MNA

Mayor inspects upgrading of roads in South Okkalapa, Insein Townships

YANGON, 8 June — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected progress in upgrading of 11th and 12th streets in Ward-7 of South Okkalapa Township, sports ground in front of BEPS (27) on Nwethagi Road of Ward-14 and Kyatmauk Lane (2) and Lane (1). Next, the mayor looked into laying of concrete on Ywathlu (3) Street of West Gyoikone ward and Kha’1 Street in Myothit Kha-Kha Ward in Insein Township. He also viewed extended five-storey City Golf Resort Hotel built by Engineering Department of YCDC on Thiri Mingala Road.—MNA

Fire destroys two houses in South Okkalapa Township

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June — A fire broke out at a house in Ward-11 of South Okkalapa Township, Yangon, at about 9.30 am on 7 June. The fire destroyed two houses and left a 40-year-old paralytic man, grandson of the house owner, dead. Fire members are the crux of the fire. Action is being taken against the house owner by South Okkalapa Police Station. — MNA

First workshop of rice companies on 12-13 June

YANGON, 8 June — Organized by Myanmar Rice Industry Association, first workshop of rice companies, will take place at UMFCCI Office Tower on Minyekyawswa Road, Lanmadaw Township, here from 9 am to 4 pm on 12 and 13 June.

The association has invited those personnel from rice companies and rice entrepreneurs to attend the workshop.—MNA

President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Minh Triet cordially greets Prime Minister U Thein Sein at Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City.

MNA
Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets LPDR counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, who was in Ho Chi Minh City of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, met Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Inter Continental Asiana Saigon Hotel at 2.45 pm on 6 June. Together with the Prime Minister U Thein Sein at the meeting were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to SRV U Khin Maung Soe and officials. Together with the Prime Minister of LPDR were officials. During the meeting, the two Prime Ministers cordially discussed promotion of bilateral ties, cooperation in mutual interests and developments in Myanmar. MNA

Refresher course for township judges opens

YANGON, 8 June—Refresher course No.7 for township judges was opened at the training centre in Hlinethaya Township here yesterday morning with an opening address by Chief Justice U Aung Toe. In his address, the chief justice said township level courts were fundamental and the most important in the judicial sector. So, the trainee officers needed to try to become skilled and brilliant judges. A total of 39 trainees are doing the course that lasts 8 weeks. — MNA

Chief Justice U Aung Toe makes speech at opening of Refresher course No.7 for township judges.— MNA

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Ethnic National Development Party (ENDP) headquartered at No (Ah/91), Lailinpi in Matupi Township of Chin State on 8-6-2010 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

Flag of the Ethnic National Development Party (ENDP)

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Seal of the Ethnic National Development Party (ENDP)

Union Election Commission

PM arrives back from Vietnam after attending World Economic Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein together with Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and officials left Sheraton Saigon Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City for Tan Son Nhat International Airport of the city in a motorcade at 9.30 am local standard time yesterday, to return back to the Union of Myanmar after attending World Economic Forum on East Asia 2010.

The Prime Minister was seen off by Chief Officer Mr. Vo Van Luan of Public Committee of the city, officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, Military Attaché Col Tin Tun Aye and staff at embassy at the airport.

The Prime Minister and party left Vietnam on special flight at 10 am local standard time and arrived here in the afternoon.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein holds talks with Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Inter Continental Asiana Saigon Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. MNA

MBL to hold 6th collective blood donation

YANGON, 8 June—Blood Donors Association of Myanmar Brewery Limited has planned to hail World Blood Donor Day which falls on 14 June with its sixth annual collective blood donation at National Blood Bank here beginning at 9 am on 11 June.

The company has already collected 1778 bottles of blood from its donations started from 2006. Those interested may contact Public Relation Officer Win Win Thant of the MBL at No (45), No (3) Road, Pyinmabin Industrial Zone, Yangon, (Ph: 638149, 186, 187, 214, 263) and (Email: winwin.thant@mbl.com.mm) for more details. MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.
Three killed, 10 missing in US natural gas line explosion

HOUSTON, 8 June— At least three people were killed and 10 others went missing in a powerful natural gas line explosion that occurred in Johnson County, the US state of Texas on Monday, local media reported.

The explosion, which took place around 2:40 pm local time near Cleburne, in north central Texas, also left 6 people wounded. Cleburne city manager Chester Nolen told local TV station WFAA. Witnesses said they heard thunder-like sounds and that at 3:15 pm they could still “hear the rumbling.” Television images showed massive flames and a huge plume of smoke and a burned out vehicle.

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Russia to launch rescue centres in Arctic

MOSCOW, 8 June— Russian Emergency Ministry plans to launch a system of search and rescue centres in Russian Arctic territories, a high ranking official said on Monday.

The ministry intended to build 10 rescue centres in the area with the aim to monitor and prevent emerging incidents, RIA Novosti news agency cited Maxim Vladimirov, an official of the ministry, as saying.—Xinhua

Drought hits farming in N Thailand

BANGKOK, 8 June— The water level in the Sirikit Dam in Thailand’s northern Uttaradit Province has hit an 18-year low, resulting in postponement of the province’s farming activity, the Bangkok Post’s website reported on Monday.

The current quantity of water would be enough for just two-month use if rain ceased to fall, Uttaradit governor Yothin Samutkhiri said on Monday.

“There has been no water flowing into the Sirikit Dam and we could no longer release the water from the dam to support the in-season farming as in the past,” Yothin said. Hence, the province had asked local farmers to postpone their in-season farming for at least 1-2 months and wait for more rain to prevent further agricultural damage.—Xinhua

54-year-old gives birth to twins

A 54-year-old British woman, who spent $4,300 for fertility treatment in the Czech Republic, said she gave birth to twins.

Karen Johnston of Bicester, England, gave birth to daughter Imogen and son Asa March 12 and the 13-week premature twins came home from the hospital on Sunday, the Daily Mail reported on Monday.

Johnson, who has eight previous children ranging in age from 33 to 2, with husband Roger Johnston, 55, traveled to the Czech Republic and conceived the twins with a donated egg and her husband’s sperm.

Delow Dorothy, a 100-year-old paddler, takes part in the 15th World Veterans Table Tennis Championships in Hohhot, China on 7 June, 2010.

A 90-kg burger sits on a scale at the Ambrosia on the Spot cafe in Randwick, Sydney’s eastern suburbs on 6 June, 2010. The Australian cafe is claiming a world record after cooking a giant hamburger with an 81 kg (178 lb) patty that took 12 hours to cook and four men to flip.

A Chinese enterprise participates in the Posidonia 2010, the world’s largest maritime exhibition, in Athens, Greece, on 7 June, 2010. Some 17,000 trade visitors are expected to visit the week-long event. —Xinhua

Indonesia’s smoking toddler cuts back to 15-a-day

A chain-smoking Indonesian toddler has cut back to 15 cigarettes a day thanks to “therapy focused on playing”, a child welfare official said on Tuesday.

Two-year-old Ardi Rizal shocked the world when a video of him smoking a cigarette appeared on the Internet last month and drew attention to Indonesia’s failure to regulate the tobacco industry.

Six months after his father gave him his first cigarette, the overweight boy from Sumatra island was smoking 40 a day and threw violent tantrums if his addiction was not satisfied.

Gladiator graveyard discovered in northern England

Dozens of headless skeletons excavated from a northern English building site appear to be the remains of Roman gladiators, one of whom had bites from a lion, tiger, bear or other large animal, archaeologists said.

Experts said new forensic evidence suggests the bones belong to the professional fighters, who were often killed while entertaining spectators.

Most of the skeletons were male and appeared stronger and taller than the average Roman, with signs of arm-muscle stress that suggest weapons training that began in the men’s teenage years.

In this image provided by Channel 4 on 6 June, 2010, a skeleton unearthed at a building site in York, England, is shown.
**MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION**

**MYANMA RAILWAYS**

**INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER**

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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 10th June during office hours and for further details, please call: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Thibyinnyu Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-2901885, 291004.

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV GATI MAJESTIC VOYNO (94010)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (94010) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.6.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MLTT where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR:** MS GATI COAST TO COAST

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**FRENCH ARCHAEOLOGISTS DUG UP 1983 PICNIC TABLE**

PARIS, 6 June—French archaeologists are to open to the public a ground-breaking dig: not the long-lost vestiges of Gaul but a vast, half-finished picnic, buried complete with food, drink, tables and chairs almost three decades ago. On 23 April, 1983, around 100 people sat down to a French feast in the grounds of a chateau near Versailles. On the menu: pigs’ ears, tail and trotters, smoked oysters, triple and a host of dishes not for the faint-hearted.

Towards the end of the meal at the domaine du Montcel in Jouy-en-Josas, a whistle was blown and the merry throng downed knives and forks and buried the remains of the banquet in its entirety in a pre-dig 40-yard-long trench. Behind the curious exercise was a Swiss artist named Daniel Spoerri, a key figure in a movement called Eat Art. His guests were a bunch of celebrity French new realist artists, as well as filmmakers and critics.—Internet

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**TWIN SISTERS BORN 10 SECONDS APART AT SAME WEIGHT**

LONDON, 6 June—Two baby sisters, Sophie and Nicole Down, have become the first twins in Britain born at the same time and at the same weight. The twins were delivered by caesarean section at 4.31pm on 11 June and both weighed 5lb 11oz. Caesarean twins would normally be born at least two minutes apart but the girls arrived within seconds of each other.

But because they arrived in the same minute their recorded birth time is the same, as is their weight.

Officials say it is the first time in British twins have been born at the same time and weight. Samantha Heale, 22, gave birth to the girls at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital and says the twins are “extra special”—Internet
Petronas seeks collaboration in new growth areas

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 June—Malaysia’s state-owned oil and gas giant Petronas is seriously considering potential opportunities for collaboration, alliances and partnership in new growth areas.

Md Arif Mahmood, Petronas vice president, corporate strategic planning, made this remarks at the 15th Asia Oil and Gas Conference here on Tuesday.

Incorporated in 1974, Petronas was vested with the entire ownership and control of the petroleum resources in Malaysia.

It has since grown into a fully integrated oil and gas corporation, ranked among the Fortune Global 500 largest corporations in the world.

Md Arif said that Petronas was keen on unconventional oil and gas sectors with high potential and new sources of energy beyond oil and gas in order to optimize value from its many investments back home or in other parts of the world.

Deforestation worsens in Brazilian Amazon

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 June—About 103.5 square km of rainforests disappeared in March and April in Brazil’s Amazon region, roughly the size of Paris, said a new report.

The National Institute of Space Research (Inpe) said in the report on Monday the deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon increased by 95 percent year-on-year over the period.

According to the Inpe, the state of Mato Grosso reported the highest deforestation figures in March and April: a loss of 76.4 square km of rainforests, or 79 percent of the total.

The real situation could be worse, since technicians could only observe 54 percent of the Brazilian Amazon in March and 56 percent in April. The rest of the region was covered by clouds due to the rainy season.

Brazil to enhance job training for low-income citizens

BRASILIA, 8 June—Brazil plans to step up job training for those receiving minimum income from the government, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Monday.

In his weekly radio show, Lula told the nation an initiative to that end is the “Next Step” programme, which will train beneficiaries of Bolsa Familia programme to work for civil construction projects.

About 13 million families receive a monthly aid of 200 reais (about 108 US dollars) on average under Bolsa Familia, the leading Brazilian social assistance programme.

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One of the major differences between the economic policies of the former Labour government and the new coalition government was the speed at which the deficit should be tackled, with Labour urging caution for fear of damaging the emerging economic recovery.

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Oil was also buffeted, falling to near $70 a barrel, while the dollar fell against the yen and gained versus the euro.

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An elderly woman walks past electronic stock boards displaying the Nikkei stock average, left, and the foreign exchange quotations of the Japanese yen to the euro and the US dollar at a securities firm in Tokyo, on 7 June, 2010.

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A model holds a new electronic device developed by Taipei’s Asustek Computer called an Eee Pad during a press conference in Taipei on 31 May, 2010.

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Carl Louis searches for jobs at the New York State Department of Labour employment centre on 4 June, 2010. Fresh fears for the global recovery were stoked after the United States released worse-than-expected jobs figures at the end of last week.

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**England stumble towards World Cup opener**

JOHANNESBURG, 8 June—England’s stuttering build-up to their World Cup opener against the United States continued as Fabio Capello’s men laboured to a 3-0 win over South African club Platinum Stars on Monday. Having lost captain Rio Ferdinand to a training ground injury last week, Capello will have been relieved to have got through this final practice match without any further setbacks on that front, five days before his squad face the Americans in Rustenburg.—INTERNET

**Drogba, Robben hope to beat injury curse**

JOHANNESBURG, 8 June—Didier Drogba and Arjen Robben hope to beat the injury curse haunting superstars ahead of the World Cup that kicks off on Friday in South Africa.

Chelse striker Drogba returned to the Ivory Coast camp in the Swiss Alps on Monday after surgery on a forearm broken during a friendly victory over fellow qualifiers Japan last weekend.

But while the Ivorian Football Federation said the first results of the operation were “extremely encouraging”, team spokesman Ouattara Hegau stressed no decision had been taken whether the star would be fit in time.

**Japan midfielder Hasebe facing injury scare**

JOHANNESBURG, 8 June—Japan and Wolfsburg midfielder Makoto Hasebe has faced an injury scare ahead of his country’s World Cup opener against Cameroon next Monday.

The 26-year-old cut short his training session with the Blue Samurai on Monday to check pain in his hip which he hurt in Japan’s 2-0 warm-up defeat by Ivory Coast in the Swiss city of Sion on Friday.

“The pain was bothering him and he went to a hospital to see if it is all right,” Japan Football Association spokesman Kazutake Nishizawa said.

**Robinho, Kaka lead Brazil, 5-1 over Tanzania**

DARES SALAAM, 8 June—Robinho scored two goals and Kaka added another as Brazil easily defeated Tanzania 5-1 Monday in its last warm-up before the World Cup.

Robinho scored first with a shot from inside the penalty area in the 10th minute and added to the lead with a header in the 33rd at the National Stadium. Substitute midfielder Ramires scored his first two international goals in the 52nd and in injury time, while Kaka chested in a cross in the 76th.

Brazil’s Robinho, left, shoots past Tanzania’s Stephano Msawika to score the first goal in their friendly soccer match in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Monday.—INTERNET

Engelish’s Peter Crouch controls the ball during a friendly football match between the Platinum Stars FC and England at the Moruleng Stadium near Rustenburg ahead of the start of the 2010 World Cup football tournament.—INTERNET

**S Africa’s World Cup will be best ever - Blatter**

JOHANNESBURG, 8 June—The World Cup which begins on Friday in South Africa is going to be the best ever, FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Monday as he was honored with the country’s highest national order.

“After the 12th of June everyone will have an interest in Africa, because this is going to be the best World Cup ever,” said Blatter.

President Jacob Zuma bestowed the world football boss with the Order of the Companion of OR Tambo, an accolade only awarded to foreign nationals or heads of states in appreciation of friendship and cooperation shown to the country.—INTERNET

**Higuain extends contract with Real Madrid**

MADRID, 8 June—Real Madrid’s Argentinian international striker Gonzalo Higuain, the club’s top scorer last season, has extended his contract with the Spanish giants until June 2016, the club said on Monday.

The 22-year-old joined Real in January 2007 from Argentine side River Plate and was under contract with the club until June 2013.

He scored 27 league goals for Real last season, making him La Liga’s second-most prolific scorer behind fellow Argentine Lionel Messi of Barcelona.

**Marquez back training with Mexico after leg injury**

JOHANNESBURG, 8 June—Defender Rafael Marquez trained on Monday with Mexico for the first time since injuring his right leg in last week’s 2-1 exhibition victory over Italy.

It was Mexico’s first practice session with every player present since the team arrived in South Africa a few days ago.

Mexico opens the World Cup on Friday against host South Africa. Federation president Justino Compean said the squad “is nervous but confident” because Mexico has played more warmup matches to prepare for the tournament than any of the other 31 teams.

Mexico has played 12 friendly games, winning eight, drawing two and losing two.

The main question seems to be the status of midfielder Andres Guardado, who has been relegated to a reserve role in recent matches after mostly being a starter since coach Javier Aguirre took over the team 14 months ago.—INTERNET

**Torres uncertain for Spanish warm-up**

MADRID, 8 June—Fernando Torres was Monday rated uncertain for Spain’s final World Cup warm-up in Murcia against Poland, coach Vicente Del Bosque said.

“We will try out how things may pan out ahead of our first match,” said Del Bosque adding that “I don’t think it is fair to talk about first choices and replacements” in a tournament format where every member of the squad will have a role to play.

Defender Sergio Ramos was expected to be rested while Liverpool’s Torres is racing to get back to fitness after a knee operation in April.

Spain’s national football team player Fernando Torres(L), seen here training on 6 June.—INTERNET

**FIFA president Sepp Blatter(L), seen here with South African President Jacob Zuma holding the FIFA Jules Rimet trophy in Pretoria on 6 June.—INTERNET**

**Real Madrid’s Argentinian international striker Gonzalo Higuain. INTERNET**

**Footballer Didier Drogba and Arjen Robben hope to beat the injury curse haunting superstars ahead of the World Cup.—INTERNET**

**Japan and Wolfsburg midfielder Makoto Hasebe, seen here on 6 June, has faced an injury scare ahead of his country’s World Cup opener against Cameroon next Monday.—INTERNET**

**Rafael Marquez has returned to training for Mexico, but many of the nation’s questions in the build-up to the World Cup remain unanswered.—INTERNET**
HPV vaccine comes under spotlight in S Korea

SEUL, 8 June—The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, though a bit of a tongue-twister, has been one of the latest buzzwords for South Korean obstetricians and gynecologists. Many of them have lately jumped on the global bandwagon of promoting the HPV vaccines designed to protect women against certain strains of the virus commonly associated with cervical cancer, the second leading cause of cancer-related death for South Korean women.

The Korea Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (KAOG), most noticeably, has been banging the drum for the two HPV vaccines currently on the market,—Xinhua

File photo shows a farmer harvesting seaweed along the Taal lake while the Taal volcano is seen in the background. The volcano close to the Philippine capital is becoming active and may eventually erupt, scientists said on Tuesday.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Union Solidarity and Development Party granted permission to register as political party
NAY PYI TAW, 8 June — The Union Election Commission announced Notification No. 73/ 2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:
The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 73/2010
12th Waning of Nayon, 1372 ME
8 June 2010
Union Solidarity and Development Party is granted permission to register as political party
The Union Election Commission granted permission to Union Solidarity and Development Party headquartered at Land Plot No (5) at the corner of Yarathungaba Road and “C” Road in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri Township to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 8 June.
The registration number of the Union Solidarity and Development Party is (32).
By order
Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Violent video games may increase aggression in some but not others, says new research
LONDON, 8 June— Playing violent video games can make some adolescents more hostile, particularly those who are less agreeable, less conscientious and easily angered.
But for others, it may offer opportunities to learn new skills and improve social networking.
In a special issue of the journal Review of General Psychology, published in June by the American Psychological Association, researchers looked at several studies that examined the potential uses of video games as a way to improve visual/spatial skills, as a health aid to help manage diabetes or pain and as a tool to complement psychotherapy. One study examined the negative effects of violent video games on some people.—Internet

Bad effects from playing violent video games depend on certain personality traits; games can offer learning opportunities for some people, according to new research.—Internet