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Press Statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on unfounded allegations against Myanmar regarding nuclear programme

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Following is a Press Statement issued today by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on unfounded allegations against Myanmar regarding the nuclear programme. The full text of the statement is as follows:

In recent days, the international media reported allegations that Myanmar has been attempting to develop a nuclear programme in collaboration with the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea with an aim to acquire nuclear weapons.

Those reports are merely groundless allegations with political motives to exert pressure on Myanmar.

Moreover, as these accusations are fallacious information originated from media sources and individuals who are seeking to undermine the national interest of Myanmar, and are also based on a single source of some deserters, fugitives and exiles, the news reports lack reliability, objectivity and impartiality. Myanmar did not see the need to respond to these groundless accusations as they are totally far from the realities in Myanmar.

Following the adoption of US government’s engagement policy towards Myanmar, the US Senator Jim Webb and Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell visited Myanmar and started the engagement process between the two countries. (See page 8)
Rural areas developing in parallel with urban regions

The State is implementing rural development tasks — betterment of road transport, supply of irrigation water and pure drinking water, education promotion, health care promotion and rural economic development. Better road transport contributes a great deal to regional development, and it also helps increase regional trade. For development of road transport important for the socio-economic growth of rural people, inter-village roads, roads linking urban and rural regions and bridges are being built.

Development agencies have built more than 30,000 miles of rural roads and over 7,000 rural bridges from 1988 to 2009-2010 financial year. Similarly, they have constructed over 5,000 miles of urban roads and over 3,000 urban bridges.

The 10-year pure drinking water supply project started in 2000-2001 and water supply tasks have been carried out in full swing in more than 8,000 villages of three arid divisions. Moreover, over 15,000 villages of other states and divisions have had access to pure drinking water.

New schools, high schools and affiliated high schools are being built in many rural regions. In addition, more station hospitals, wards and rural health centres are being built. In the latest development, a 25-bed people’s hospital and No.4 Basic Education High School were opened in Phyaukseikpin village in Kyaukse Township on 10 June.

Nowadays, side by side with the government, local people, wellwishers and donors are actively participating in rural development tasks. So, with smooth and secret transport, rural as well as urban regions have developed significantly.

### MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon) to conduct courses

**Yangon, 11 June**—Computer Science Courses, Engineering Courses and Economics Courses will be conducted by School of ICT, School of Engineering and School of Business Management at MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon).

BSC (Business IT) of University of Greenwich will be available at School of ICT MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon). This course will be opened on 29 June 2010. Students in Yangon may attend Yangon Campus which will be opened at 24 June 2010. Students in Yangon may attend Yangon Campus which will be opened at 28 June as day students. Application forms are available.

For further information, contact MCC (Head Office), Building (3-4), Building (c) of Theingyizay on the third floor, Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 245758, 245762, 249152 and 246634) and MCC (Yatanarpon) International Centre (3), Yatanarpon Technological Myottit, PyinOoLwin (Ph: 02 78112, 02 78114 and 09 5067165).—MNA

### Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of felicitations to Russian counterpart

**NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—**On the occasion of the 112th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Gilberto G. Reyes, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.—MNA

### A&I Minister visits frontier education camp in Ayeyawady Div

**YANGON, 11 June—**Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo on 7 June visited frontier education camp for farmers in Marry Lan Village, Zalun Township, Hinthada District of Ayeyawady Division where he observed activities of Agricultural Extension Human Resources Development Project, which was jointly organized by JICA and Myanmar Agriculture Service, and called for boosting agricultural produce.

The minister having heard the reports by an official left necessary instructions. **MNA**

### Orchid Hotel goes into commercial operation

**YANGON, 11 June—**Orchid Hotel goes into commercial operation yesterday morning, Managing Director U Htay Aung of Orchid Hotel unveiled the signboard.

Member of BOD of CE H National Holding Ltd of Singapore Mr Ee Yong Peng spoke words of thanks.

The hotel has 102 rooms including superior double, twin room, single room, suite, junior suite and executive suite, international cuisine, IDD telephone system, mini-bar and laundry and valet services. Security measures and services have been taken for convenience of visitors. For further information, dial 399930, 704740 and 293261 of Orchid Hotel. **MNA**
Death toll in drone strike in N-W Pakistan rises to 15

ISLAMABAD, 11 June—The death toll of the US drone strike in Pakistan’s North Waziristan tribal area reached to 15, whereas 10 others were wounded in the incident on Friday, local TV channels reported.

Local sources said the drone fired four missiles at a house in Datta Khel area, killing four people at the scene and leading to two houses completely destroyed, according to the private GEO TV News.

The injured were rushed to a nearby hospital as 11 persons died of wounds later. Several others were in critical condition. The identities of the died have not been known.

A US ‘Predator’ drone passes overhead at a forward operating base near Kandahar.

Xinhua

Meanwhile, drone flights are still hovering over the areas creating panic among the locals. —MNA/Xinhua

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NATO supply convoy attacked in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 June—At least one NATO container was set on fire Thursday when unknown militants attacked NATO supply convoy in Balochistan, the Southwestern Province of Pakistan, local media reported.

According to reports some unknown militants attacked a NATO convoy and set a container on fire in Khuzdar, a city of Balochistan Province. No casualty is reported yet. Police has reached the site and started investigation.

This is the second attack on the NATO convoys in Pakistan in this week. Earlier this week at least nine persons were killed and many injured when some unknown militants attacked a NATO supply centre near the federal capital of Islamabad. —Xinhua

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Brain stimulation with ultrasound may enhance cognitive function

PHOENIX, 11 June—The ability to diagnose and treat brain dysfunction without surgery, may rely on a new method of noninvasive brain stimulation using pulsed ultrasound developed by a team of scientists led by William “Jamie” Tyler, a neuroscientist at Arizona State University.

The approach, published in the journal Neuron on 9 June, shows that pulsed ultrasound not only stimulates action potentials in intact motor cortex in mice but it also “elicits motor responses comparable to those only previously achieved with implanted electrodes and related techniques,” says Yusuf Tufail, the lead author from ASU’s School of Life Sciences.

Other techniques such as transcranial magnetic and deep brain stimulation, electroconvulsive shock therapy and transcranial direct current stimulation are used to treat a range of brain dysfunctions, including epilepsy, Parkinson’s disease, chronic pain, coma, dystonia, psychoses and depression. However, most of these approaches suffer from “critical weaknesses,” Tyler says, including requirements for surgery, low spatial resolution or genetic manipulations. Optogenetics, for example, is one state-of-the-art technology that merges genes from plants and other organisms with the intact brains of animals to offer control of neural circuitry.—Internet

Sharks can really sniff out their prey, and this is how they do it

FLORIDA, 11 June —It’s no secret that sharks have a keen sense of smell and a remarkable ability to follow their noses through the water, right to their next meal.

Now, researchers reporting online on 10th June in Current Biology, have figured out how the sharks manage to keep themselves on course.

It turns out that sharks can detect small delays, no more than half a second long, in the time that odors reach one nostril versus the other, the researchers report. When the animals experience such a lag, they will turn toward whichever side picked up the scent first.

“The narrow second time window in which this bilateral detection causes the turn response corresponds well with the swimming speed and odor patch dispersion physics of our shark species,” known as Mustelus canis or the smooth dogfish, said Jayne Gardiner of the University of South Florida. All in all, it means that sharks pick up on a combination of directional cues, based on both odor and flow, to keep themselves oriented and ultimately find what they are looking for.—Internet

Exoplanet caught on the move

ScienceDaily, 11 June—For the first time, astronomers have been able to directly follow the motion of an exoplanet as it moves from one side of its host star to the other. The planet has the smallest orbit so far of all directly imaged exoplanets, lying almost as close to its parent star as Saturn is to the Sun. Scientists believe that it may have formed in a similar way to the giant planets in the Solar System.

Only 12 million years old, or less than three-thousandths of the age of the Sun, Beta Pictoris is 75% more massive than our parent star. It is located about 60 light-years away toward the constellation of Pictor (the Painter) and is one of the best-known examples of a star surrounded by a dusty debris disc [1]. Earlier observations showed a warp of the disc, a secondary inclined disc and comets falling onto the star.

Nasa, DLR sign agreement to continue  Grace Mission

LOS ANGELES, 11 June—NASA and German Aerospace Centre (DLR) signed an agreement on Thursday to extend the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (Grace) mission, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said.

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DARK PULSE LASER Produces Bursts of... Almost Nothing

COLORADO, 11 June—In an advance that sounds almost Zen, researchers at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and JILA, a joint institute of NIST and the University of Colorado at Boulder, have demonstrated a new type of pulsed laser that excels at not producing light. The new device generates streams of “dark pulses”—repeated dips in light intensity—which is the opposite of the bright bursts in a typical pulsed laser.

Despite its ominous name, the dark pulse laser is envisioned as a tool for benign communications and measurements based on infrared light frequencies. The laser’s ultrashort pulses span just 90 picoseconds (trillions of a second), making the device suitable for measurements on short time-scales. Dark pulses might be useful in signal processing because, unlike bright pulses, they generally propagate without distortion. Dark pulses might be used like a camera shutter for a continuous light beam in optical networks.

Described in Optics Express, the new NIST-JILA technology is the first to generate dark pulses directly from a semiconductor laser cavity, without electrical or optical shaping of pulses after they are produced. The chip-sized infrared laser generates light from millions of quantum dots (dots), nanostructured semiconductor materials grown at NIST. Quantum dot lasers are known for unusual behaviour.—Internet

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Science
Men suffers more from failed romance

BEIJING, 11 Jun — Men were most likely to suffer more pains than women when they failed in an unhappy romance, a study in the June issue of the Journal of Health and Social Behaviour showed, according to news reports on Friday.

Professor Robin Simon of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, conducted the research of more than 1,000 unmarried men and women in the age range of 18 to 23, FOX News reported.

The result showed that contrast to popular belief, it was men who suffered more when a partnership ended.

It showed men had greater emotional benefits when they were happy in their romance and greater mental problems when they were unhappy. Simon suggested that a youth would feel lack of self-confidence when hurt in his poor relationship.

Simon said a possible explanation for the surprising result of the study would be a young man’s romantic partner is often his primary source of friendship, while women have closer relations with their family and friends.—Xinhua

Cuba’s prevention against acute hepatitis B achieves success

HAVANA, 11 June— Cuba reported only four cases of acute hepatitis B in 2009, due to the massive and systematic immunization campaigns with the Cuban vaccine Heberbiovac HB, promoted by the national health system, said on Thursday the official daily Granma.

According to the newspaper, the drug produced since the early 90s of the last century by the local Center for Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering allows Cuba to work on the elimination of acute hepatitis B, considered as a serious medical-social problem in the world.

Granma said in 1992, 2,194 people were diagnosed with hepatitis B in the country, 1,344 in 1997, 34 in 2006, 17 in 2007 and 18 in 2008, while last year only four cases were reported, three of which aged between 25 and 59 years old and another one over 65.

The monitoring is done from samples of positive cases of hepatitis, taken for their study to the National Reference Laboratory for Tropical Medicine Institute Pedro Kouri, where the diagnosis is confirmed.

The strategy followed by the Ministry of Public Health, is based on the technical premise of “preventing before getting exposed to the virus.” Therefore all children are immunized together with other risk groups.

Nowadays all Cubans under 28 are protected against the disease, the report said.—Xinhua

Short people at higher risk of heart problems

LONDON, 11 June— Short people have a 50 percent higher risk of having a heart problem or dying from one than tall people, a new study says, though weight, blood pressure and smoking habits remain more important factors.

Previous studies have suggested a link between height and heart problems like angina, heart attacks and angioplasties. This is the first major review of such studies, including research from around the world, confirming the relationship.

Researchers in Finland looked at 52 previous papers with data on height and heart problems in more than 3 million men and women.

Experts did not consider patients’ heights objectively, but within the context of a particular country’s population. They found the shortest people in the population were one and a half times more likely to have heart problems or die from them than the tallest people.

On average, short people were under 161 centimetres (5 feet 3 inches) and tall people were at least 174 centimetres (5 feet 9 inches).—Internet

Eye exam may someday spot multiple sclerosis

BIRMINGHAM, 11 June— A simple eye test may one day help diagnose multiple sclerosis in its earliest stages and enable researchers to assess the effectiveness of treatments, according to a new study.

The test — optical coherence tomography (OCT) — measures thinning of the retina in people with MS, said researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas. "This technique has the potential to provide a powerful and reliable assessment strategy to measure structural changes in the central nervous system," study co-senior author Dr. Elliot Frohman, professor of neurology and ophthalmology and director of the Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Centre at UT Southwestern, said in a medical center news release. The test may not only be used for diagnostic purposes, but in clinical trials “to monitor whether pote-ntial treatments can prevent deterioration or restore nerve function.”

Is it safe to go in the Gulf coast’s Water?

WASHINGTON, 11 June— Now that oil and tar balls from the massive Gulf oil spill have begun washing up on the beaches of four states, many are wondering: What, if any, are the health risks to beachgoers and residents of the region?

While the danger to humans may be not nearly as bad as pictures of oil-soaked pelicans would suggest, experts are divided on just how concerned people should be.

Miriam Rotkin-Ellman, a staff scientist with the Natural Resources Defence Council, said beachgoers shouldn’t be complacent. Clean-up workers and even some coastal residents, she said, are complaining of symptoms consistent with exposure to the volatile compounds found in oil, including dizziness, nausea, headaches and cough.

Those reports should be taken seriously, Rotkin-Ellman said, who noted that crude oil contains toxic and cancer-causing chemicals.

Actor Rico Rodriguez, right, gets a kiss from Minnie Mouse at the premiere of World of Colour water show at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif, on 10 June, 2010.—INTERNET
China’s CPI rises 3.1 pct in May

In the first five months, China’s CPI rose 2.5 percent year on year.

The producer price index (PPI), a major measure of inflation at the wholesale level, rose 7.1 percent year on year in May, up 0.3 percentage points from April’s 6.8 percent.

In May, consumer prices in China’s urban areas increased 2.9 percent and in rural regions by 3.3 percent. Food prices, which accounted for about a third of the weighting in calculating the CPI, rose 6.1 percent.

Vietnam Airlines joins SkyTeam

HANOI, 11 June—Vietnam’s national flag carrier, the Vietnam Airlines, signed an agreement here on Thursday to officially join the SkyTeam global airline alliance, one of the world’s three largest alliances.

The move demonstrates Vietnam Airlines’ active participation in the international aviation industry, said Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, adding that it will help Vietnam Airlines expand business scope and improve customer service.

Chairman of Vietnam Airlines Nguyen Si Hung said the move is in line with the globalization of the world economy and meet the diversity of customers’ needs of Vietnamese Airlines.

Hung expressed his belief that the close cooperation among SkyTeam member airlines will facilitate the expansion of flight network, experience sharing, and application of advanced technologies, thus helping members save costs, improve service quality and enhance their brand recognition and competitiveness.

A tough way to economic recovery for Spain

MADRID, 11 June—The Spanish government has taken drastic measures to reduce public spending, aimed at reducing the country’s fiscal deficit and public debt. This however has affected the country’s economic recovery, which was shown in the first four months of this year. May was a dramatic month for the Spanish economy and that forced the government to take drastic decisions.

A man buys fruit from a roadside vendor in Beijing, capital of China, on 11 May, 2010. - Xinhua

Japan’s Mount Fuji rises up behind the skyscraper skyline of Tokyo’s Shinjuku area. The country’s new government plans to cut corporate tax closer to international norms as it tries to haul Asia’s biggest economy out of a long slump, the economy minister said in a report Friday. - Xinhua

Indian stocks open higher

MUMBAI, 11 June—Indian main stock index Sensex opened at 16,994.07 points on Friday, 71.99 points higher from previous close of 16,922.08 points. The index gained 146.91 points or 0.87 percent in the early trading session on Friday from an upbeat performance of its peers in surrounding countries. Reality, consumer durables, IT and metal sectors led the growth up 1.52 percent, 1 percent, 0.94 percent and 0.94 percent, respectively.

Automaker Mahindra & Mahindra, housing developer DLF, HDFC Bank and copper producer Sterlite Industries picked up 2.33 percent, 2.3 percent, 1.76 percent and 1.6 percent. On the contrary, Indian top telecom operator Bharti Airtel, Reliance Communications and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation of India dipped 0.96 percent, 0.43 percent and 0.18 percent. Sensex is the common name for the Bombay Stock Exchange Sensitive Index.

A woman walks by a sale advertising poster in Beijing, capital of China, on 11 May, 2010. - Xinhua

Business

A man buys fruit from a roadside vendor in Beijing. The consumer price index, the main gauge of inflation, rose a surprising 3.1 percent in May compared with the same month last year, the National Bureau of Statistics said.

Internet

Seoul shares close higher on hopes for recovery

SEOUL, 11 June—South Korean stocks closed higher on Friday on hopes for recovery of the global economy. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) advanced 23.64 points to end at 1,675.34, the highest in nearly one month. Trading volume was moderate at 362.78 million shares, worth 5.3 trillion won (4.2 billion US dollars) with gains far outnumbering losers 502 to 299. The South Korean won finished at 1,246.1 won to the greenback, up 4.9 won from Thursday’s close.

Internet

Japanese stocks open higher on Friday in Tokyo

TOKYO, 11 June—Japanese stocks opened higher on Friday, as investors looked to a recent gain in the yen as a sign that the country’s economic recovery was gaining traction. The benchmark Nikkei 225 Stock Average gained 35.18 points, or 0.22 percent, to 16,620.62, hitting a four-month high.

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Japanese PM warns of Greece-like debt crisis

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After decades of stimulus spending and feeble tax receipts, Japan’s public debt is now nearly double its gross domestic product, forcing governments to issue ever more bonds to pay for their hefty outlays.—INTERNET

Sensex opened at 16,994.07 points on Friday, 71.99 points higher from previous close of 16,922.08 points. The index gained 146.91 points or 0.87 percent in the early trading session on Friday from an upbeat performance of its peers in surrounding countries. Reality, consumer durables, IT and metal sectors led the growth up 1.52 percent, 1 percent, 0.94 percent and 0.94 percent, respectively.

Automaker Mahindra & Mahindra, housing developer DLF, HDFC Bank and copper producer Sterlite Industries picked up 2.33 percent, 2.3 percent, 1.76 percent and 1.6 percent. On the contrary, Indian top telecom operator Bharti Airtel, Reliance Communications and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation of India dipped 0.96 percent, 0.43 percent and 0.18 percent. Sensex is the common name for the Bombay Stock Exchange Sensitive Index.

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Countries in process of rebuilding trust, new UN climate chief says

BONN, 11 June—The ongoing session of the UN climate talks here has witnessed progress in rebuilding trust as countries are considering each other’s interests, the incoming UN climate chief said Wednesday.

“...for the good of the environment...”

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As a negotiator, she has experienced all the ups and downs of UN climate talks over the past 15 years.

The marathon negotiating process involves “so many different interests represented by all countries and usually the way out you could find is a balanced package, which would not meet all needs of everyone but at least meet the basic needs of everyone,” she said.

For China, the largest developing economy in the world, Figures said she believes the country “has been definitely a leader, not just recently but ‘has been’.”

“China has been taking impressive pledges of reducing energy intensity and developing renewable energy. And more importantly, the country is incorporating energy and climate concerns into its growth strategy,” she said.---Xinhua

Jackie Chan admits he used to be bully

BEIJING, 11 June—Chinese superstar Jackie Chan has admitted he used to be a bully in school, and he only quit tormenting other kids after learning martial arts.

While promoting his new movie “The Karate Kid”, Chan tells reporters that he picked on his classmates until his dad found out about his bad behaviour and enrolled him in kung fu classes.

Chan says martial arts taught him to help and respect others, and he wants the message to come across in “The Karate Kid”.

Still of film “The Karate Kid”. ---Xinhua

Judging by what his co-star Jaden Smith has to say, Chan has certainly succeeded.

“I think that he is a good mentor for me. He and my dad have a lot of great qualities you know. They are nice, they treat people well. They make great movies. There are things that you need.” ---Xinhua

Chinese stocks rise slightly on economic data release

BEIJING, 11 June—Chinese equities rose slightly on Friday on strong May economic data, but a slowing economic growth and future uncertainties has left the market cautious on the country’s economic development.

The Shanghai Composite Index was up 0.29 percent, or 7.36 points, to close at 2,569.94 points. The Shenzhen Component Index rose 17.11 points, or 0.17 percent, to end at 10,239.33.

Total turnover shrank to 152.66 billion yuan (22.35 billion U.S. dollars) from 167.53 billion yuan on the previous trading day.

Losers outnumbered gainers by 488 to 359 in Shanghai and 572 to 368 in Shenzhen. ---Xinhua

A journalist from Brazil watches the paintings on display at the China Farmers’ Painting Village, in Mudanjiang City, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 10 June, 2010.---Xinhua

Zhang Ziyi to play architect-writer Lin Huiyin

BEIJING, 11 June—Zhang Ziyi’s next character will be Lin Huiyin, the first female architect in modern China, the Qib Evening News reports.

The newspaper quoted Dong Zhaohui, whose company, Joy Media, is investing in the film “Lin Huiyin”, as saying that Zhang has been cast as Lin and filming is scheduled to begin later this year.

Lin Huiyin (1904-1955), has been widely adored in China for her beauty and achievements in architecture and literature. She ranked first in a survey last year on modern China’s most beautiful women. (Zhang Ziyi is the 12th.) Lin and her husband Liang Sicheng were involved in the design of China’s national emblem, as well as the Monument to the People’s Heroes that now stands in the heart of Beijing’s Tian’anmen Square. Award-winning Chinese-American architect Maya Lin is Huiyin’s niece.

Outside of her professional achievements, Lin Huiyin was also known for her friendship with poet Xu Zhuimo, who was romantically attracted to Lin.

In the film, Ethan Ruan (“Monga”) will play Xu, and Chang Chen (“Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon”) will play Lin’s husband, Liang.

Zhang Ziyi is currently working on Gu Changwei’s drama “A Tale of Magic”, in which she plays an AIDS patient.---Xinhua

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June 2010.—MNA

Terrameter and pipes donated to DWRU

YANGON, 11 June—Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Level Fund of Japan in cooperation with ADRA Myanmar donated one set of Terrameter and 1000 pieces of 5.8 metres long and four inches diameter Tokyo PVC Pipes to the Department of Water Resources Utilization under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Union of Myanmar explained the purpose of donation and handed over the documents related to the donation to the minister.

Next, the minister and party viewed the Terrameter and the Pipes to be used in underground water tapping projects in Meiktila-Thazi Zone, Pyawbwe Zone and Natogyi Zone. — MNA

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo views Terrameter and pipes donated by Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Level Fund of Japan.—A&I

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe meets members of Yangon Division/District Election Subcommissions.—MNA

Press Statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on unfounded allegations against Myanmar regarding nuclear programme

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At a time of resumption of engagement between Myanmar and the US, those unfounded allegations were made up by the anti-government elements in collaboration with news media with political purpose in a timely manner. Besides it was also an attempt to tarnish the image of the Myanmar government and to disrupt its on-going political process at a time when the government is exerting all out efforts to holding general elections for democratic transformation. As a result of surfacing of those allegations, Senator Jim Webb who was scheduled to visit Myanmar in early June has postponed his planned visit.

Being a member of the United Nations, Myanmar always respects and abides by resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations. Moreover, it has been actively participating in the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva as a founding member of the Conference.

Myanmar is also a party to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) and has signed the Safeguard Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 1995. At the regional level, Myanmar as a member of ASEAN, acceded to the Treaty on Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone.

In its drive for the advancement of science and technology and the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purpose in health and education sectors, Myanmar had an agreement with Russia for the construction of a 10-Megawatt Nuclear Research Reactor, in addition to sending trainers to other countries including Russia. However, the plan was suspended without implementation due to inadequacy of resources and the government’s concern for misunderstanding it my cause among international community. In fact, that project was arranged to be implemented under the Safeguard Agreement of IAEA.

It is necessary to view separately with a clear differentiation between peaceful use of nuclear energy and production of nuclear weapons.

Myanmar has all along supported the legitimate rights of every state to the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. While supporting non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, Myanmar supports the principles of non-politicizing the NPT and non-discrimination against developing countries in the NPT implementation.

Myanmar has constantly contributed to regional peace and stability in collaboration with ASEAN member countries. Myanmar will never engage in activities that would affect regional peace and stability.

Exerting pressure on Myanmar based on groundless nuclear accusations and making allegations with political intent to intervene in the internal affairs or with geopolitical strategic purpose will in no way contribute to the regional and international peace and stability.

Myanmar is just a developing country which lacks sufficient infrastructures, technology and financial resources to make nuclear weapons. Some experts concluded that Myanmar is not in a position to make nuclear weapons.

Based on these facts, it is reiterated that the allegations of Myanmar trying to develop nuclear weapons are unfounded and no efforts have been made to do so.

Myanmar only wants peace and has no ambition to become a nuclear power state.

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Al Jazeera airs incorrect news report saying Myanmar trying to possess…

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provided by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) which was formed by the US in 1983. The US Congress is providing funds annually to NED. In reality, DVB is operating with NED aids. US Senator Jim Webb in his letter submitted to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated that the said accusation was broadcast by US-funded DVB. DVB is a news agency manufacturing slanderous news reports against Myanmar. It is a killer broadcasting station that is hateching evil slanderous news reports against Myanmar. It is a_ discrediting law/code of criminal procedure section-512 for mis-appropriating a State budget worth US$ 4525 while serving as Minister Counselor at Myanmar Embassy in Washington, the United States, section-122(2) of criminal law/code of criminal procedure section-512 for high treason.

Although the above-mentioned deserter and fugitive made slanderous accusations in order to harm the interests of Myanmar, no authorities concerned detained or arrested their family members. There have been remarks among the people who have viewed the broadcasts of Al Jazeera that the said deserter and fugitive are being used by destructionists for money and that they should not have made such slanderous accusations in their own interests. — MNA

Myanmar-Vietnam Tourism Promotion Seminar held

YANGON, 11 June—

Myanmar-Vietnam Tourism Promotion Seminar took place at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpaya Pagoda Road, here, today.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and officials, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung, Chairman of Vietnam Tourism Industry Mr Nguyen Van Tuan and Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe attended the seminar, discussing cooperation on promotion of bilateral tourism industry.

The minister made an opening speech and the chairman of Vietnam Tourism Industry extended greetings. The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam signed the agreements on tourism cooperation. Director-General U Hlay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism clarified on investment opportunities in Myanmar tourism industry, and Deputy Director-General Mr Dinh Ngoc Duc of Vietnam Tourism Administration, General Manager Mr Gao Xuan Phu of Vietnamese airline and Senior Vice President Mr Dao Le Nguyen of Investment and Development Bank on facts about Vietnamese tourism sector. — MNA

Hotels and Tourism Minister U Soe Naing attends contracts signing ceremony for tourism cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam. — MNA
Mexican president demands justice for Mexicans killed by US border patrol

MEXICO, 11 June—Mexico’s President Felipe Calderon on Thursday called for justice for two Mexicans killed by US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP).

“The Mexican government is worried and deeply indignant as a result of the death of two compatriots at the hands of the US Customs and Border Patrol,” Calderon said in a statement.

Mexican media have given detailed coverage to the deaths of Anastasio Hernandez Rojas, who died of multiple electric shocks delivered via a Taser-brand stun gun, when US CBP officers were trying to deport him.

“The second case is something we find particularly grievous, because it is that of a minor,” the president said. “Sergio Adrian Hernandez was killed by gunfire when he was still in our own territory in Cuidad Juarez,” he added. Calderon said that Mexico is demanding a deep, impartial and objective investigation that ends with a clarification of the events and punishment of the guilty.

“We are worried by this increase of violence against Mexicans, which coincides with other anti-immigrant and anti-Mexican statements in the United States,” Calderon said.

“We also want to establish objective and trustworthy protocols in the application of laws to avoid these unacceptable deaths which are due, among other things, to abuse of force against Mexican migrants,” Calderon concluded.

HK Customs seizes computer hard disks

HONG KONG, 11 June—Hong Kong Customs officers Thursday conducted an anti-smuggling operation codenamed “Chairunner” against speedboat smuggling activities in Sai Kung, the New Territories and seized a batch of computer hard disks worth about 770,000 HK dollars and a light goods vehicle.

Based on intelligence analysis, officers of the Customs’ Marine Enforcement Group kept surveillance on smuggling activities in Sai Kung and conducted a raid in the waters off Pak Shu Wan, Sai Kung, in the early morning on Thursday.

It was found that a smuggling syndicate was conveying goods to Sai Kung seashore in a light goods vehicle and unloading the goods onto speedboats for smuggling into the Chinese Mainland. The officers seized some 1,470 hard disks on the vehicle. No arrest was made in the operation.

Under the Hong Kong Import and Export Ordinance, smuggling is a serious offense. The maximum penalty is a fine of 2 million HK dollars and imprisonment for seven years. (7.794 HK dollars = 1 US dollar)—Xinhua

HK police seizes cocaine worth 61 mn HKD

HONG KONG, 11 June—Hong Kong police seized about 70 kilograms of cocaine worth about 61 million Hong Kong dollars (7.8 million US dollars) and arrested three suspects on Wednesday.

The police found the cocaine in the boxes on an iron trolley in the district of Wong Tai Sin and arrested two young men, aged 20 and 17, who were with the trolley.

Another 24-year-old man, suspected of connecting to the case, was arrested later.

The three suspects will be charged with trafficking in dangerous drugs, said the police.

Hong Kong police performed a strong hit of drug trafficking in April, seizing the cocaine with a worth of about 300 million Hong Kong dollars. (1 US dollar is equivalent to 7.789 Hong Kong dollars)

Light plane with 8 people aboard disappears in Peru

LIMA, 11 June—A light plane with two crew members and six passengers disappeared on Thursday, the Peruvian Corporation of Airports and Commercial Aviation (Corpac) reported. The plane, of a tourist company, took off at 7:15 am local time (12:15 GMT) to fly over the famous and enigmatic Nazca Lines, and it should have returned to the Marie Reiche Airport one hour later.

According to the report, the alert was issued and other planes have gone to look for the missing plane.

Meanwhile, sources of Nazca airport said the pilot did not make contact with the control tower to report a problem. The zone where the plane was lost, is one of the main tourist attractions of the country, together with the Inca city of Machu Picchu.

On Feb. 25, a plane with seven people aboard crashed when it was flying over the Nazca Lines, there were no survivors. Due to this accident, the Civil Aviation authorities prohibited the flights of light planes of more than 30 years old in Nazca airport and demanded each flight to have a pilot and copilot.—Xinhua

Somali pirates release British-flagged ship

NAIROBI, 11 June—Somali pirates have released the British-flagged Asian Glory ship with 25 crew members onboard, both EU anti-piracy mission and a regional maritime official confirmed on Friday.

EU Naval Force spokesman John Harbour said the MV Asian Glory, with deadweight of 13.36 metric tonnes, was hijacked late in the afternoon on 1 Jan approximately 900 nautical miles north of the Seychelles and 600 miles east of the Somali coast.

“On 11 June, a ransom was paid to the pirate group holding the merchant vessel MV Asian Glory at anchor in the vicinity of Garacad on the eastern coast of Somalia,” Harbour said late Friday. The ship which has a crew of 25, including eight Bulgarians, 10 Ukrainians, five Indians, and two Romanians, was transiting North West towards the International Recommended Transiting Corridor when it was hijacked.

“The ship is free and all 25 crew members are safe. The MV Glory Asian was the first vessel to be hijacked this year,” Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP) told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa.

The pirates reportedly demanded 15 million US dollars in ransom. The figure was the insurance of the ship and the value of the cargo, all vehicles included.—Xinhua

Two Britons killed in S Africa bus crash

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—Two British tourists were killed and 21 injured in a bus crash in a mountainous part of northeast South Africa on Thursday, the eve of the continent’s first World Cup.

A model presents a creation from Jodie’s Summer 2010/11 collection during the Sao Paulo Fashion Week on 10 June, 2010. —Xinhua
S Korean space rocket might have exploded

SEOUL, 11 June—South Korea’s locally assembled space rocket, which crashed after reaching the altitude of 70 km, might have exploded, Seoul’s science minister Ahn Byung-man told reporters. The two-stage satellite-carrier Naro-1, or the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), lifted off from the Naro Space Centre in South Jeolla Province, about 485 kilometers south of Seoul, South Korea, on 10 June, 2010. South Korea launched Naro-1, a locally assembled space rocket Thursday, but contact with the rocket was lost only 137 seconds after the takeoff. —XINHUA

Teenage girl sailor missing on solo voyage around world

BEIJING, 11 June—Californian Abby Sunderland, 16, who is sailing around the world solo for about six months, went missing in the Indian Ocean, US media reported on Thursday.

Her family said on Thursday that Abby was repeatedly knocked down in 60 knot-winds at about 3:45 in the morning, 3,218 km east of Madagascar. An hour later, the US coast guard notified them that two emergency satellite beacons on board her yacht, Wild Eyes, in Mexico. Rescue boats had been despatched towards the region of the southern Indian Ocean where a signal was activated on board her yacht, but the estimated journey time would be almost two days.

Rare tiger eats three of four cubs

A Siberian tiger named Xiuxiu gave birth to four cubs on 28 May, and keepers moved the new mom and her babies to a private cage.

Though security was enhanced, two more cubs went missing without anyone seeing or hearing anything strange in the cage.

Zoo engineer Du Youshun said he found bloodstains in the cage. He said it was normal for tigers to eat their babies when they felt they couldn’t feed so many cubs.

Du said it was also possible that the cubs smelled like humans and the mother just followed her predatory instinct to eat anything that smelled foreign.

Tigers will kill any cubs that are not their own if they can, and usually eat them to reduce competition, he added.

The remaining cub was moved from the cage to avoid more tragedy. A dog has now adopted it as its foster mother.

Man arrested in Ga in car he’d reported stolen

Police arrested a 24-year-old man they said was found driving his car after he’d reported it stolen. Officers at the Floyd County Jail said on Wednesday that Ryan Lance Roland, who was arrested Saturday, was still in jail after being granted bond of $2,700 on charges of false report of a crime and driving under the influence.

Police said Roland, who was staying at a motel, had told officers someone had entered his room when he was out and his car had been stolen.

Officers watched for the 2001 Acura Integra on the road and spotted it — with Roland behind the wheel.

Roland was jailed after an alcohol test. Police said he told them a friend had borrowed the car but failed to return it when promised.

Cave-ins found in many areas of China

The sink-hole in Guangxi is just one of many such cases in China since late April.

In Changan County of Sichuan Province, 26 pits formed within a week beginning on 27th April. The largest is 40 metres in diameter and 40 metres deep. Five nearby homes were evacuated. People say they heard the sound of flowing water in some sink-holes.

Several were also found in Sichuan’s Yibin. A ground subsidence formed a pit of more than 400 square metres in Guangdong Province’s Meizhou city. Similar incidents have been reported in Zhejiang and Gansu Provinces.
**Four severed heads found in Guatemala City**

**LONDON, 11 June** — Four severed heads and two beheaded bodies have been found in the capital of Guatemala. The bodies were left in the open around Guatemala City, including in front of Congress and at a shopping centre. Messages to the interior minister and the director of prisons were pinned to them, leading police to blame drug gangs for the killings.

So far only two bodies have been found and none of the victims have been identified. Interior Minister Carlos Menocal said the first head was found in front of Congress, the second at a shopping centre, another in front of a fire station and the fourth in a residential neighbourhood. Police spokesman Donald Gonzalez said the killings were linked to a residential neighbourhood. Police spokesman another in front of a fire station and the fourth in a residential neighbourhood.

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**Changi Airport offers mail service for prohibited items**

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The two-month trial will offer post service to passengers who wish to post prohibited hand-carried items to an address in Singapore or overseas.

Items to be posted have to fit in either of two standard speedpost envelope sizes and there is a 200 millilitre limit on liquids. Deliveries within Singapore are charged a flat fee of 10 Singapore dollars (about 7.1 US dollars) per package, regardless of size. For overseas addresses, charges vary according to the region of the mailing address and the envelope size.

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**Drug cartel leader captured in northern Mexico**

**MEXICO CITY, 11 June** — The alleged leader of a regional branch of the Los Zetas drug cartel was arrested by the Mexican Army on Wednesday, Mexico’s state news agency Notimex reported. Hector Raul Luna Luna, known by the alias “El Tori,” was arrested during a “precision operation” by the personnel of the Seventh Military Zone in Monterrey, in northern Mexico, the agency said.

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**Dr. Ellner says Mr. Metz fashioned his own tourniquet and the furnace with heavy tools to get him out.**

Connecticut said today that Jonathan Metz used his own tourniquet and the furnace with heavy tools to get him out.

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Dr. Scott Ellner said Mr. Metz likely saved his own life, but must have in indescribable pain. Mr. Metz’s arm became infected by the second day.

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Rain brings freshness to ancient town

BEIJING, 11 June—Heavy rain has brought floods to the ancient town of Fenghuang in Hunan Province. But the rain also left a fresh scent in the air, giving visitors a fresh view of this ancient town.

The raging Tuojiang River crested its banks and flowed through ancient Fenghuang town, forcing many hotels and bars to close.

Ecuador launches higher alert for Volcano eruption

QUITO, 11 June—The mayor of Penipe locality, Fausto Chunata, said on Thursday that the city has issued an orange alert at the high risk zones due to the eruptive activities of Tungurahua Volcano, in Central Ecuador.

"The alert went higher from yellow to orange for taking more precise actions due to a possible eruption," Chunata said. The danger level increased in the small villages under the jurisdiction of Bilbao, Puela, El Altar and Guano, in Chimb oroazo Province, affecting some 500 families.

"In the areas with orange alert live some 500 families, each one with three members average, which will be evacuated during the night," the Emergencies Operation Centre (COE) said. The people have begun to be evacuated on Wednesday with the help of the rescue teams, policemen and soldiers, Chunata said.

"The children, elders and disable people cannot return to their houses as long as the current situation continues. The public forces keep control of all the access to allow the entrance of authorized people, who have to leave the place before 5:00 pm local time," Chunata added.

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Endangered crocodiles hatched in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 11 June—Conservationists in Cambodia are celebrating the hatching of a clutch of eggs from one of the world’s most critically endangered animals, the Siamese crocodile.

Thirteen infants crawled out of their shells over the weekend in a remote part of the Cardamom Mountains in Cambodia. Thirteen baby Siamese crocodiles crawled out of their shells over the weekend following a week long vigil by researchers who found them in the jungle. Experts believe as few as 250 Siamese crocodiles are left in the wild, almost all of them in Cambodia but with a few spread between Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam and possibly Thailand.

This 20 May, 2010 photo released by Fauna and Flora International shows baby Siamese crocodiles after hatching in a remote part of the Cardamom Mountains in Cambodia. Thirteen baby Siamese crocodiles crawled out of their shells over the weekend following a week long vigil by researchers who found them in the jungle. Experts believe as few as 250 Siamese crocodiles are left in the wild, almost all of them in Cambodia but with a few spread between Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam and possibly Thailand.

Moderate earthquake hits N Philippines

MANILA, 11 June—An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale rocked parts of Luzon province in northern Philippines on Friday, but no casualty or damage was initially reported.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) said the quake was recorded at 10:25 am, with the epicenter traced to 130 km southwest of Laoag City in Ilocos Norte Province.

CDC Warns of Ecstasy Overdose ‘Clusters’ at Rave Events

HURDAYS, 11 June—What seems like a carefree night of revelry at a “rave” can quickly turn tragic when the club drug ecstasy is involved, finds a new report on such an event from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Bad reactions to ecstasy, in some cases mixed with alcohol or other drugs, were implicated in one death and 18 hospitalizations among people attending a 2010 New Year’s Eve rave in Los Angeles, according to the report.

The rave — an all night dance party — was attended by about 45,000 people and held at a facility jointly owned by the city of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and the state of California.

Ecstasy — an illegal synthetic amphetamine also known by its chemical acronym MDMA — “can be a very dangerous drug and occasionally people die, usually from a hyperthermic state with muscle breakdown and kidney failure,” noted Dr James Garbutt, a professor of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who was not involved in the report.

Ecstasy use may be increasing and there is a sense among some partygoers that the drug is safe, he added. However, this report — like others before it — shows that the danger is real and “educating young folks in a realistic way about risks may help to reduce use,” Garbutt said.

Internet
World Cup opening ceremony with happy noise

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—The first World Cup ever held in Africa opened Friday in a dazzling burst of joy, color and noise — and just a tinge of sadness.

Before a jubilant, horn-blowing crowd in Soccer City, the spectacular stadium between Johannesburg and Soweto, hundreds of African dancers in vivid greens, reds and yellows paraded onto the field for the opening ceremony of the monthlong tournament.

Most of the fans were in the yellow jerseys of Bafana Bafana, the host country’s team, with a few pockets of green — fans of Mexico, South Africa’s foe in the opening match.—Internet

Mexico fight back to draw with South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—Hosts South Africa almost got a dream start to their World Cup finals campaign on Friday before being held to a 1-1 draw by Mexico in the opening match after Barcelona midfielder Rafael Marquez struck with a 55th minute strike but it was cancelled out by a late equaliser for the Mexicans. —Internet

Shakira, Peas & Keys Perform at World Cup Concert

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—The world came to Soweto on Thursday for a celebration of soccer, music and unity on the eve of Africa’s first World Cup, with a concert featuring international headliners Shakira, the Black Eyed Peas, Alicia Keys. Warm-up acts played for hours before the internationally televised portion of the concert at Orlando Stadium began at 8 pm with a frenzy of flag waving, drumming and African-inspired dancing.

Veteran South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela took the stage with “Grazin’ in the Grass” a No. 1 international hit in 1968. He was quickly joined by a new South African star, Lira, who covered the late Miriam Makeba’s “Pata Pata”, another worldwide hit that originated in South Africa. The Black Eyed Peas were next with a slick medley of their hits, then it was back to Africa, with the blind duo Amadou & Mariam of Mali and their sinuous, driving sound.—Internet

Preview matches on South Korea Vs Greece, Argentina Vs Nigeria and England Vs USA on 12 June

YANKON, 11 June—World ranking 47 South Korea and world ranking 13 Greece are going to play their debut of the Group B of the 2010 World Cup in Nelsanda Bay in South Africa on Saturday.

Both teams never faced in their head-to-head position of previous matches. In comparison with the last three matches of both teams, South Korea embraced one win and two failures while Greece held two losses and one draw in the friendly matches.

Greece’s results of the last three friendly matches were not so encouraging and their defence was found not better than the previous organized defence and moreover, midfielders are getting older. South Korean is in the pole position of the stamina, skills and tactics in Asia. This match is likely to finish in a draw.

Results in the latest three matches of South Korea

24-5-2010 Japan 0-2 South Korea Friendly Match
30-5-2010 Belarus 1-0 South Korea Friendly Match
3-6-2010 Spain 1-0 South Korea Friendly Match

Results in the latest three matches of Greece

3-3-2010 Greece 0-2 Senegal Friendly Match
25-5-2010 Greece 2-2 North Korea Friendly Match
2-6-2010 Greece 0-2 Paraguay Friendly Match

Argentina Vs Nigeria

World ranking 7 Argentina, who are one of the teams of champion favourites, and world ranking 21 Nigeria (Super Eagle), one of top teams in African continent, will play their first match of the group B of the 2010 World Cup in Ellis Park in South Africa on the same day.

Both teams faced three matches in their head-to-head positions in 1994, 1995 and 2002. Argentina won two matches and drew one whereas Nigeria had two losses and one draw. When the results of the friendly matches of both teams ahead of the 2010 World Cup are reviewed, their preparations are satisfactory. Argentina was teamed up with most of the world top expensive players while Nigeria was also formed with most of the footballers playing in the famous leagues in Europe. Argentina is supposed that they will win or draw but not lose to their opponent Nigeria.

Head-to-Head Position

25-6-1994 Argentina 2-1 Nigeria World Cup
10-1-1995 Nigeria 0-0 Argentina Confederation Cup
2-6-2002 Argentina 1-0 Nigeria World Cup

England Vs USA

World ranking 8 England, one of the champion favourites in 2010 World Cup, and world ranking 14 American will encounter in Royal Bafokeng in South Africa on 12 June.

Both teams played against each other for five times in the history of head-to-head after 1984. England saw four wins and one loss but USA had one win and four failures. Their recent friendly results of both teams are encouraging for the fans. But in comparison with the players, USA are not as good as England. England is organized with top and well-experienced players. USA are thought that they can not penetrate in England’s static defence. England is forecast that they will win the match by a wide margin against the opponents USA.

Head-to-Head Position after 1978

16-6-1985 USA 0-5 England Friendly Match
9-6-1993 USA 2-0 England Friendly Match
7-9-1994 USA 2-0 USA Friendly Match
28-5-2005 USA 1-2 England Friendly Match
28-5-2008 England 2-0 American Friendly Match—NLM

Joe Hart and Rob Green were all battling to get the nod. With captain Rio Ferdinand ruled out of the tournament after suffering a knee injury in the very first training session, Capello has decided who will partner John Terry in central defence.—Internet
**Two US soldiers, three Iraqi policemen killed in Iraq explosion**

Baghdad, 11 June—At least two US soldiers and three Iraqi policemen were killed in a car bomb explosion on Friday targeting US patrol in Iraq’s eastern province of Diyala, while 24 others were wounded, a local police source said.

Among the injured, two were US soldiers and four were Iraqi police officers, a Diyala provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A suicide bomber rammed his booby-trapped car into an Iraq and US joint patrol in Jalwlaa town, 90 km northeast of Baquba, the capital of Diyala Province. Police and security force quickly sealed off the blast site.

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**Countries in process of rebuilding trust, new UN climate chief says**

Bonn, 11 June—The ongoing session of the UN climate talks here has witnessed progress in rebuilding trust as countries are considering each other’s interests, the incoming UN climate chief said on Wednesday. “Yes, there is a deficit of trust (in climate talks), but we are already in the process of rebuilding trust here as parties are talking to each other in a very respectful tone,” Christiana Figueres told Xinhua in an interview after an informal talk with other reporters.

The ongoing climate session that runs from May through 11 June in the German city of Bonn, is “such a trust-building session that it will become a platform from which countries can build into concrete solutions,” Figueres said.

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**Weather**

Friday, 11 June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Mon States and Tanintharyi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Namtu (2.44) inches, Thinzayat (2.32) inches, Longlon (2.28) inches, Lashio (1.77) inches, Haka (1.69) inches, Myitkin (1.38) inches, Hmaubwa (1.30) inches, Dawei and Gangaw (1.18) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 10-6-2010 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 11-6-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-6-2010 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 10-6-2010 was Nil.

Rainfall on 12-6-2010 was (0.63 ) inch at Mingaladon, (0.97 ) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.74 ) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (19.65 ) inches at Mingaladon, (19.96 ) inches at Kaba-Aye and (19.68 ) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 10-6-2010.

Bay Influence: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 12th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayah State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthiayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-6-2010: One to two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for Third 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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Press Statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Myanmar’s relations with Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs today issued a Press Statement on Myanmar’s relations with Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. The full text of the Press Statement is as follows:-

After severing diplomatic ties with Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) for over twenty years, the Union of Myanmar decided to re-establish diplomatic relations with DPRK on 26th April 2007 in accordance with its policy of maintaining friendly relations with all countries.

Following the re-establishment of diplomatic relations, Myanmar and DPRK, as independent sovereign states, have been engaging in promoting trade and cooperation between the two countries in the same way Myanmar is dealing with others.

As part of mutually beneficial cooperation, the two sides have rendered mutual assistances and have been making efforts to develop bilateral trade relations. Accordingly Myanmar provided 1500 tons of rice on 17th May 2008 and sold 10000 tons of rice to DPRK which were exported to DPRK in a series of shipments.

At a time when the mutually beneficial trade relations are growing, there had been media reports in June 2009 alleging that a DPRK cargo ship Kang Nam 1 carrying weapons was heading towards Myanmar. Such reports were proved to be groundless. They were merely news reports based on presumption with the intention to put political pressure on Myanmar.

Again in April this year, when North Korean ship Chong Gen was docking at Myanmar port for loading and unloading normal cargo, an allegation was raised that Myanmar violated UNSC resolution 1874 by allowing shipment of restricted items into Myanmar. In fact, it was normal commercial activities involving importation of cement, an unrestricted item, and exportation of 10,000 tons of rice.

Al Jazeera airs incorrect news report saying Myanmar trying to possess nuclear weapons

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Al Jazeera television network headquartered in Doha, Qatar, and a branch in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, aired a news report this month saying that Myanmar in cooperation with Democratic People’s Republic of Korea was trying to produce nuclear weapons. It broadcast the news report at 12.30 pm on 4 June, 1.30 am and 9.30 am on 6 June, 8.30 pm on 7 June, at noon on 8 June and 1.30 am and 9 am on 10 June.

In connection with the news report, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Union of Myanmar issued a Press Statement today. The Press Statement said, during these days, some international media are accusing Myanmar of cooperating with DPRK in trying to implement its nuclear programme with the aim of possessing nuclear weapons. Actually, they are just groundless accusations made with the intention of launching political attacks on Myanmar. Moreover, these false accusations are generated by individuals and the media with the intention of harming Myanmar’s interest. These baseless accusations are based solely on the fabrications of some deserters, fugitives and exiles. Hence, they are not credible, correct and just.

Al Jazeera revealed that the source of the news report was from Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB). DVB is a foreign-funded news agency based in Oslo, Norway. It is surviving on the aid