Mudon sees significant progress in cultivation of monsoon paddy

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Wen and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence on 14 June morning attended the collectively ploughing of fields for monsoon paddy in Beyan Village, Mudon Township.

He instructed officials to ensure that the region’s sown acreage was not less than that of the previous year, to use fertilizers and pesticide systematically, to supervise work for harvesting the paddy fields in order to minimize loss and wastage.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party viewed the sample strains of paddy and fertilizers on display at the booth of the Myanmar Agriculture Service. After looking into the growing of paddy in the special monsoon paddy field and measuring the area of model plot, he presented folio fertilizer to the farmers. The manager of Kangale Farm of MAS in Mudon Township reported on cultivation of crops. Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on providing educative talks on agricultural methods and extensive distribution of paddy seedlings and viewed the display of crops from the farm. He inspected thriving perennial plants and planted a sapling in commemoration of his visit.—MNA

Applications for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Of the parties that have been granted permission to set up political parties, the Kaman National Progressive Party submitted application to register as a political party to the Union Election Commission today.

Of the 34 parties that submitted applications for registration as political party, the Union Election Commission has found the Ethnic National Development Party to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules, and thus the commission granted permission to the party to register as a political party today.

Up to date, there are 42 parties that submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties. Thirty-three of the 34 parties that submitted applications for registration as political party have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

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Ethnic National Development Party granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 75/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 75/2010
5th Waxing of First Waso, 1372 ME
16 June 2010

Ethnic National Development Party (ENDP) is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Ethnic National Development Party with its headquarter at No. (Ah/91), Lailinpi in Matupi Township of Chin State to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 16 June 2010.

The registration number of the Ethnic National Development Party (ENDP) is (33).

By order

Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

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Magway Division is located in the dry region of Myanmar. As part of efforts to turn it into a lush and green region, the Shwebon Hill greening project commenced in Chauk Township of Magway District beginning 2000-2001.

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Myanmar WWW Institute to restart courses in June

Yangon, 16 June—Myanmar WWW Institute will start new sections for IT Essentials and System Essentials and online Application Development (OJT) courses in this month.

The two-month IT Essentials course focuses on proficiency in microsoft Window system, graphic design, basic knowledge for web and application development, and programming surfing internet and handling Email.

The System Essentials course which will last one and half month covers subjects of computer installation, maintenance and repair, and network security administration.

Aimed at inexperienced youths opted the IT career, Online Application Development OJT Course is scheduled to open during the first week of July.

Those interested may contact the Myanmar WWW Institute at Campus (5), Room No. (4), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus, here, Ph-652320, 652288 and 521125.—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister receives Iranian delegation

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 June—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received Iranian goodwill delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the ministry here this afternoon.

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Japan to provide medical teaching aids to Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe received General Manager Mr Kiyoyoshi Katagiri of Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan at this office here yesterday.

At the call, they discussed matters on providing teaching aids to Universities of Medicine under the Ministry of Health.

Israel to hold seminar on education

YANGON, 16 June—STI Education is conducting international recognized certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas and officer-level diploma courses.

These courses cover seminar, teaching and examinations supervised by experienced native teachers. STI has made an arrangement to hold seminar on job opportunity for youth at Traders Hotel on 20 June (Sunday). Foundation course of STI will be discussed at the seminar. Education consultants of STI will also discuss job opportunity, pathway to oversea learning, a variety of fields from diploma to post-graduate level and techniques.

Those interested may register STI Education, No. 377, Shwebontha road (Upper block), Pabedan Township, here, Ph-250056 and 700273, and Ward-4, Room-No. (7), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus Ph-507046/48 and 507151/52 in advance.

The seminar is free of charge.—MNA
Iraqi soldiers killed in bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 16 June—Two Iraqi Army soldiers were killed and eight people injured in bomb attacks near Baghdad and in Iraq’s northern city of Mosul on Tuesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb exploded near a joint Iraqi police and army checkpoint near the highway in Abu Ghrab area west of Baghdad, killing a soldier and wounding a policeman, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces have sealed off the scene and conducted a search operation in surrounding area, the source said.

In another incident, four people were wounded when a bomb went off in a shop in Abu Ghrab, he said.—Xinhua

Car bomb kills 3 including district chief in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 16 June—A car bomb organized by militants claimed the lives of three persons including district chief in Taleban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan on Tuesday, police said.

“A car laden with explosive device was detonated by militants through remote control struck the vehicle of Hajji Abdul Jabbar, the governor of Arghandab district this afternoon, as a result Jabbar, his son and his bodyguard were killed on the spot,” deputy to provincial police chief Fazal Ahmad Khan Shirzad told Xinhua.

However, he did not give more details. Kandahar has been the scene of increasing militancy over the past couple of months.

A suicide attack against a wedding party in Arghandab District a week ago claimed the lives of 84 people including women and children and injured more than 90 others.—Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills three in southern Afghan province

GHAZNI, 16 June—A roadside bomb struck a vehicle of a private security company in Afghanistan’s southern Ghazni province on Wednesday, killing three, police said.

“The incident took place this morning. As a result, three employees of Roshan security company were killed,” deputy to provincial police Nawroz Ali told Xinhua.

Roshan company is a local security company and all the victims are Afghans, he further said, without providing more details.

Ghazni has been the scene of increasing Taliban-linked insurgency since the beginning of this year.

Roadside bombings and gun battles have claimed the lives of 10 persons including three police and a Polish soldier over the past three days in Ghazni province.

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NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 June—Continued militancy has claimed the life of another NATO soldier in Afghanistan on Tuesday, a press release of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

“The incident happened at about 8 pm local time when unknown gunmen opened fire at a vehicle in the suburb area of Kalat,” said ISAF.

More than 245 foreign soldiers with majority of them Americans have been killed in the militancy-ridden Afghanistan since January this year.

A smoldering vehicle is left at the site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq recently. The car bomb exploded outside a Baghdad police station Sunday in the deadliest of a pair of attacks that killed several people in the Iraqi capital, security and hospital officials said. —INTERNET

Afghan children are pictured in a village in Panjwai District, southern Afghanistan, on 12 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Afghan police investigate at the site of a bomb blast which killed Afghan district chief of Arghandab, Abdul Jabar, in Kandahar city on 15 June, 2010. Abdul Jabar and two other passengers were killed when their car was struck by an explosive device on Tuesday, the governor’s spokesman said.—INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 16 June—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 16 June reached 701,825 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 126,880, according to the news on the Internet.

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 16 June—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 3,290 Afghan people were killed and 39,432 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 16 June.

Internet

Six killed in shootout in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 16 June—At least six people were killed and three injured in a shootout which broke out in Kalat, a city in the central Balochistan Province in southwest Pakistan, on Tuesday night, local English TV channel Express reported.

According to the report, the shootout happened at about 8 pm local time when unknown gunmen opened fire at a vehicle in the suburb area of Kalat.

Local sources told Xinhua the shootout incident is due to tribal feud and has nothing to do with militancy.

Further details about the incident are not available.—Xinhua

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Japan may quit whaling commission if ban stays put

Tokyo, 16 June—Japan is considering withdrawing from the International Whaling Commission if no progress is made toward easing an international ban on commercial whaling, its fisheries minister said on Tuesday.

The IWC — the international body that regulates whaling — will gather for its annual meeting next week in Agadir, Morocco. The meeting is expected to seek a compromise between pro- and anti-whaling countries, which may include allowing commercial whaling on a limited scale.

A moratorium has been in place for 25 years, but countries such as Japan, Norway and Iceland have withheld under a variety of exceptions to the ban. An IWC proposal was circulated in April to allow limited commercial hunts for 10 years.

World’s oldest fig wasp discovered

London, 16 June—The world’s oldest known example of a fig wasp has been identified from the Isle of Wight. Dating back 34 million years, the fossil wasp looks almost identical to the modern species, its scientists said on Tuesday.

When discovered in the 1920s on the largest island of England, the fossils had been wrongly identified as belonging to an ant. New analyses of the specimens suggest instead they belong to a fig wasp. “We believe from molecular evidence that fig wasps and fig trees have been evolving together for over 60 million years,” said Steve Compton, a fig wasp expert at the University of Leeds in England. “Now we have fossil confirmation that gets us a bit closer to that date. Although we often think of the world as constantly changing, what this fossil gives us is an example of something remaining unchanged for tens of millions of years.”

Russian manned spaceship blasts off to ISS

Moscow, 16 June—A Russian spaceship carrying three astronauts blasted off from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan early Wednesday, local media reported.

Russian television showed that a Soyuz-FG rocket carrying the Soyuz TMA-19 spacecraft lifted off at 01:35 am Moscow time (2135 GMT Tuesday) from the southern Kazakh steppe.

The spacecraft is scheduled to dock with the International Space Station (ISS) at 02:25 am Moscow time (2225 GMT) on 18 June after two days of flight.

The 24th ISS mission, consisting of Russian cosmonauts Yury Malenchenko, Fyodor Yurchikhin, and Peggy Whitson, will join another three astronauts already at the space station, thus restoring the ISS to its full capacity of six crew members.

China sends research satellite into space

JIUQUAN, 16 June—China has successfully sent into space a scientific research satellite at 9:39 am on Tuesday from northwest China’s Gansu Province.

The satellite “Shijian XII,” sent from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center of Gansu Province, was carried by the China-developed Long March 2D rocket.

Sources with the launch centre said the satellite was designed for carrying out scientific and technological experiments including space environment probe, measurement and communications.

“Shijian XII” was developed by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology, a research institution affiliated to state-run China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

Japan seeks Guinness record listing for space probe

Tokyo, 16 June—Japan’s space agency has applied for a Guinness World Records listing after its Hayabusa space probe returned from a seven-year journey to an ancient asteroid, an official said Tuesday.

Hayabusa, “falcon” in Japanese, left Earth in 2003 and returned late Sunday, completing a five-billion-kilometre (three-billion-mile) round trip to the potato-shaped Itokawa asteroid.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, on Monday applied to the London-based Guinness World Records to list Hayabusa’s trailblazing journey, an official with the agency reported.

“We are seeking its recognition as the first-ever spacecraft that landed on and returned from a celestial body other than the moon, and also for completing the longest ever (space) journey,” the official said. JAXA is not seeking recognition of the total distance Hayabusa travelled as it is a rough estimate and not scientifically important, she said.

Contestant Liu Yong, who lifts the 50-kilogram tripod 32 times within the three-minute time limit, wins the “conqueror” title of a tripod lifting competition in Suzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province, 15 June, 2010.

Science
Drug that stops bleeding could save lives

LONDON, 16 JUNE—A drug commonly used to prevent excess bleeding in surgeries could keep thousands of people from bleeding to death after trauma, a new study suggests. The drug, tranexamic acid (TXA) is cheap, widely available around the world and easily administered, experts said. It works by significantly reducing the rate at which blood clots break down, the researchers explained. “When people have serious injuries, whether from accidents or violence, and when they have severe hemorrhage they can bleed to death. This treatment reduces the chances of bleeding to death by about a sixth,” said researcher Dr Ian Roberts, a professor of epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the UK. According to Roberts, each year about 600,000 people bleed to death worldwide. “So, if you could reduce that by a sixth, you’ve saved 100,000 lives in one year,” he said. The report, which was primarily funded by philanthropic groups and the British government, is published in the 15 June online edition of The Lancet.

Key blood sugar test seems to differ by race

ATLANTA, 16 June—The hemoglobin A1C test is supposed to give doctors a sense of diabetes’ long-term blood sugar levels, but new research suggests the test may have different results depending on race, even if daily blood sugar levels are the same. What’s more, those differences become greater as blood sugar levels and A1C increased, according to the new analysis, which is published in the 15 June issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine. “We found that those who self-identify as black, on average, had higher A1Cs than those who self-identify as white,” said study author Dr. David Ziemer, an associate professor in the division of endocrinology and metabolism at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Study probes causes of anger in returning US soldiers

WASHINGTON, 16 June—Sleep problems, irritability, concentration problems, jumpiness and feeling constantly “on guard” are among the hyperarousal symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) associated with anger and hostility in US soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, researchers say. “Most returning veterans don’t have PTSD or difficulty with anger and aggressiveness, but for the subset of veterans who do, this study may help identify related symptoms and other risk factors,” Eric Elbogen, of the VISN 6 Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centre and the VA Medical Centre in Durham, NC, said in an American Psychiatric Association news release. Feeling of hostility can make it tough for veterans to try and adjust to civilian life, the researchers note.

Health

A worker holds a turtle River Terrapins (Batagur baska) at an animal sanctuary in Jakarta, in 2002. The Schoenbrunn Zoo in Vienna said it has successfully bred the Batagur baska — one of the most endangered species of turtle — for the first time in captivity.

Docs should assess lung clot risk before ordering scan

SACRAMENTO, 16 June — CT angiography might not be necessary in many patients suspected of having a blood clot in the lung (pulmonary embolism), and a risk analysis can identify those most likely to require the procedure, a new study suggests. Pulmonary embolism (PE) occurs when a blood clot, usually from the leg, moves through the bloodstream and lodges in an artery in the lung. The condition can be fatal, so prompt diagnosis is essential.

The United Nations Secretary General’s Message on the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, 17 June 2010

More than one billion poor and vulnerable people living in the world’s drylands, where efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals face particular challenges and thus have lagged behind.

Almost three-quarters of rangelands show symptoms of desertification. Over the past 40 years, nearly one third of the world’s cropland has become unproductive, often ending up abandoned. The unremitting stress of drought, famine and deepening poverty threatens to create social strains, in turn creating the potential for involuntary migration, the breakdown of communities, political instability and armed conflict. Indeed, human, environmental and social vulnerability come together with unusual force and symmetry in the world’s drylands. Climate change will only exacerbate such pressures.

In this International Year of Biodiversity, we must remember that drylands are areas of enormous biological diversity and productivity. Thirty per cent of the crops that are cultivated and consumed in every corner of the world originate in drylands. The biodiversity of dryland soil also plays a critical role in transforming atmospheric carbon into organic carbon - the earth’s largest pool of organic carbon.

When we protect and restore drylands, we advance on many fronts at once: we strengthen food security, we address climate change, we help the poor gain control over their destiny, and we accelerate progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. On this Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to combating desertification and land degradation and mitigating the effects of drought; and let us recognize that enhancing soils enhances life.

This file photo shows South Korean robot (right) fighting with Japanese robot during a ‘humanoid robot fight competition’ in Seoul, in 2004. S.Korea is planning to stage robot taekwondo bouts, blending the country’s ancient martial art with cutting edge technology, according to officials.

INTERNET

Japanese post-graduate student Kosuke Nakamura plays with the robot baby named Nobi (short for “nine-month-old baby”), that is 71 cm in height and weighs 7.9kg, at a laboratory at the Tokyo University on 15 June. Japanese researchers have created the baby robot designed to simulate the behavior and development of a real infant in an effort to better understand how humans grow up.

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Brazil to lead agriculture boom as Europe imports

ROME, 16 June—The rising economies of Brazil, China, and India will see strong growth in their agricultural sectors in the next decade as output remains stagnant among big importers in Western Europe, international experts forecast on Tuesday. Russia and Ukraine will also make big gains while high prices, which had caused riots over the cost of staples like rice and bread in some developing countries in 2008, will likely ease over the cost of staples which had caused riots earlier.

The annual Agricultural Outlook report said it correctly anticipated last year that international market prices for most agricultural products would have retreated “considerably” in 2009 due to a “strong production response and lower demand due to the recent high prices and with the onset of the global recession.” Soaring fuel prices and demand for biofuels had helped drive up food prices dramatically in 2007-2008. Allowing for inflation, food prices are expected to be much lower over this decade than in those two peakprice years, the report said.—Xinhua

Chinese government had adopted a host of measures aimed at promoting a more active employment policy and improving the social security system, as part of the country’s efforts to implement the International Labour’s Organization’s Global Jobs Pact.

China calls for int’l cooperation in promoting jobs recovery

GENEVA, 16 June—A senior Chinese official on Monday called for continued international cooperation in tackling unemployment and other social problems caused by the global financial crisis.

“The international financial crisis is still ongoing, and in particular jobs recovery in many countries lag far behind their economic recovery,” said Wang Xiaochu, deputy minister of human resources and social security.

“As the destiny of countries is interconnected in this world, we need to work together like passengers in the same boat to overcome the impact of the crisis, strive to build a global environment that is more fair and equitable, and achieve as quickly as possible recovery and inclusive growth through decent work,” Wang said.

The official was addressing a high-level session of the 99th International Labour Conference, which lasts from June 1 to June 18 focusing on global employment issues following the economic crisis.

Wang said the Chinese government had

France to invest 325 mln euros in Haiti

SANTO DOMINGO, 16 June—Ambassador of France to Haiti Didier Le Bret said on Monday that his country will invest 325 million euros (about 398 million dollars) in the coming two years in Haiti.

Le Bret said France will aid the country on education, infrastructure and attraction of foreign investments.

He said the government of France allowed 40 million euros (about 49 million dollars) to lighten Haiti’s budget after the earthquake on 12Jan, which killed at least 300,000 people.

Le Bret and Dominican Republic representative to Haiti Ronald Raveltrand headed the donation of a convoy of 112 vehicles for the Haitian Police on Monday at Haina port in the east of the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican authorities organized the logistic service to transport the equipments to Haiti.

The Dominican troops guarded the convoy, which departed on Monday night to Haiti.

File photo shows fishermen slaughtering a 10m-long bottlenose whale at Wada port in Minamiboso city, Japan. Companies in Japan, Iceland and Norway are developing whale-based products ranging from drugs to cosmetics to animal feed, banking on the resumption of global trade, according to a report.—INTERNET

A ‘Sky’ remote control is pictured in central London. Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp. has revealed a bid of 7.8 billion pounds ($11.3 billion) for full control of British pay-TV giant BSkyB, but the television giant which screens Premier League football has denounced more.—INTERNET

Best buy 1Q net income rises, but misses view

MINNEAPOLIS, 16 June—Electronics retailer Best Buy said Tuesday that consumers bought more cell phones at its mobile unit in the first quarter, but its results missed expectations and shares tumbled nearly 5 percent in premarket trading.

Best Buy said it sold more TVs but that was offset by falling TV prices. Sales notebook computers, mobile phones and appliances were strong but gaming, music and movies were weaker.

Its net income edged up 1 percent to $155 million, or 36 cents per share from $155 million, or 36 cents per share, last year.

Revenue rose almost 7 percent to $10.79 billion from $10.1 billion.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected earnings of 50 cents per share on higher revenue of $10.93 billion. The estimates typically exclude one-time items.

Revenue in stores open one year rose 2.8 percent. The measure is a key indicator of a retailer’s financial health.—Xinhua

A man walks through rain water which flooded several malls along the main commercial area on 16 June, 2010 in Singapore which has been experiencing unusually wet weather for the past week.—INTERNET

Philippine gov’t raises 2010 GDP forecast to 5 to 6 pct

MANILA, 16 June — Philippine economic managers raised GDP growth forecast this year to 5 to 6 percent on back of strong consumption.

In a text message sent to reporters Tuesday, Acting Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Augusto B. Santos said “ investments and consumption will be the main drivers of growth.”

Santos sent the message shortly after attending the Cabinet-level Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC).

The DBCC has likewise revised this year’s fiscal deficit forecast to hit 3.6 percent of the country’s GDP. The earlier estimate is a range of 2.6 percent to 3.6 percent. The original growth forecast for this year was pegged at 2.6 to 3.6 percent. But the stronger than expected 7.3 percent growth in the first quarter, thanks to election spending, prompted the DBCC to raise this year’s GDP forecast.—Xinhua

Xinhua

A lion cub yawns at the Lion Park in Johannesburg, during a visit of the Slovenian national football team during the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.—INTERNET
Out of great desire to visit Shanywa River Water Pumping Project, I dropped in Elar on my trip from Nay Pyi Taw.

After we had met the guide on Elar circular road, we were in a hurry to proceed to the destination. In order to save valuable time, we next proceeded to the bank of the river Paunglaung.

The water pumping project over Paunglaung (or) Sittoung River is the only one of its kind in Nay Pyi Taw District or Nay Pyi Taw Lewe. The project was launched on 1 January 2000 and completed on 28 February 2002. The facility was put into commission in 2003. It benefits 4000 acres of farmlands: 2000 acres of monsoon and summer paddy fields, and 2000 acres of other crops.

Beyond the nearly two miles long main canal was the main waterworks over the river Paunglaung that snakes itself along its route. Making further clarification to the project, Head U Ye Myint Soe of the Water Resources Utilization Department told The Kyemon that the main canal was 25,000 feet long, and its four secondary canals, 22,132 feet long; and that with the use of five 20-inch diameter cusecs and five 110-kilowatt motors, water was continuously pumped from the river to benefit 1200 acres of summer paddy fields in the irrigated areas of seven villages of Alei-kyun and Yaykatar village-tracts: Bwetkyi, Shanywa, Zeemyudan, Yaykar, Bogadaw, Myaungmya and Kyodan. After our discussions with summer paddy farmers about Shanywa River Water Pumping Project the facility was more beneficial to the region than we expected.

Farmer U Nyunt Wai of Shanywa Village said that he had seven acres gram and summer paddy a year; that he was getting on with his business, so he had built a new house roofed with corrugated iron sheet, bought two Gundawn Brand machines and a motorbike; and that he got advanced agricultural methods and fertilizers from the Myanma Agriculture Service.

Farmer U Tin Sein of the same village said that he grew summer paddy, black gram and monsoon paddy on his five-acre land; and that his village had enjoyed economic growth for 10 years.

The agricultural manager said that their region chose the paddy strain of the shortest lifespan, but the highest per acre yield; that MAS was providing paddy seeds to the village and nearby villages; and that the region had transformed a lot from traditional to mechanized farming due to the extensive use of heavy machinery. The economic development enjoyed by farmers U Nyunt Wai and U Tin Sein has evidenced that river water pumping stations greatly benefit farmlands across the nation.

Paddy thrives in Shanywa Village due to the water pumping project.
Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Kaman National Progressive Party headquartered at No (460) on fourth floor on Myalayyon Street in Mittayuny Ward in Tamway Township of Yangon Division on 16-6-2010 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.

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 day of the announcement.

Heavy rains, strong winds destroy houses, cause floods and landslides in some townships of Rakhine State

Local authorities, officials provide assistance for rescue and evacuation of flood victims

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 June—Heavy rains and strong winds caused damage to many houses and buildings, floods and landslides in Monywa, Ponnaggyan, Kyauktaw, Buthitangaung and Maungtaw townships of Rakhine State from 13 to 15 June.

Yesterday, heavy rains and strong winds blew off roofs of houses and buildings, fell some buildings and caused damage to bridges and erosion of some sections of roads in Minbya, Ponnagyan and Kyauktaw townships.

On 13 and 14 June, some parts of wards were in floods as tall as about two feet due to the heavy rains. Yesterday, the region faced record rainfalls of 13.47 inches.

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F&R Minister visits MEBs (Branch) in Magway, Mandalay Divisions

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 June — Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun accompanied by the managing director of Myanmar Economic Bank and the director-general of Internal Revenue Department visited Township Myanma Economic Bank (Branch) and office of township Internal Revenue Department in Chauk, Magway Division on 12 June.

After hearing reports presented by officials, the minister stressed the need for meeting the work targets.

At Township Myanma Economic Bank (Branch) in NyaungU, Mandalay Division, the minister called on officials to fulfill financial needs of local people for regional development.

On his arrival at Kyaukpadaung Township MEB (Branch) and Meiktila Township MEB (Branch) on 13 June, the minister urged officials to perform financial services in accord with law, rules and regulations.—MNA

14th State/Division Taekwando Competitions concludes

Yangon, 14 June — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint attended the prize presentation ceremony of the 14th State/Division Taekwando Competitions at the gymnasium in Aung San Stadium, here, this afternoon.

General Secretary of MOC Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presented prizes to outstanding athletes and coaches.

The minister presented championship shields and duplicate shields to responsible persons of Yangon Division team (women) who won 10 gold medals, three silver medals and one bronze medal and Yangon Division team (men) who won 12 gold medals and one silver medal in the competitions.—MNA

Youth Camp for Asia’s Future 2010 for Korea crazy

Yangon, 14 June— Youth Camp for Asia’s Future 2010 will be held in the Republic of Korea from 28 July to 11 August. A total of 207 youths from 23 countries will participate in event hosted by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family of the Republic of Korea and organized by National Council of youth organizations in Korea.

Any interested Myanmar youths aged between 18 and 30 may apply to take part in the camp. Applicants must be proficient in English. Priority will be given to those who are studying Korean Language, or who have genuine interest in Korean food making and Korean beauty culture such as nail-art, skin-care, make up and hair-do. Korean embassy will select nine candidates. Those who were selected for the previous Youth Camps are not eligible to apply for. The selected candidates’ roundtrip airfare, board and lodging will be provided by the organizers.

Application form is available at Embassy of Republic of Korea, No.97, University Avenue, Bahan Township, Yangon, Tel: 5271424. Interested applicants should submit applications forms to the embassy by 22 June (Tuesday). Personal interview will take place on 25 June.—MNA
Discussion between Myanmar and Chinese Taipei on 28 June

YANGON, 16 June—Jointly organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Thai-based Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TATRA), a discussion between Myanmar and China (Taipei) entrepreneurs will be held at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 28 June. Interested Myanmar entrepreneurs may register at UMFCCI by 23 June and more information can be obtained by contacting Ph-214344 and 214349.—MNA

Cash donation for Myanmar Women’s Day

YANGON, 16 June—Hailing the Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3 July 2010, a ceremony to donate cash to Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation was held at the MWAF on Thanlwin Street, Bahan Township, here, today.

Patrons of the MWAF Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Khin Mi Mi and Daw Myat Thengi, President Daw Ther Ther Zin and CEC members accepted cash donated by departmental officials, social organization members and well-wishers. The president later expressed thanks to donors.—MNA

Indaw in Sagaing Division marching toward…

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“Love in a Puff” to open in cinemas

BEIJING, 16 June—Urban romance story “Love in a Puff” will be opening in mainland cinemas on 10 June. Its producer, Media Asia, said that the movie has got a pass from the film bureau for screening.

According to a report on web portal sina.com, the romantic comedy was rated as a third level film in Hong Kong, which means it’s forbidden for people under 18 years of age. Previous reports of Ministers, Cuban

Cuban leader honours revolutionary veteran

HAVANA, 16 June—A revolutionary veteran has been awarded the Order of Jose Marti, a state honour to commemorate national hero Jose Marti.

The award was presented to Armando Hart Davalos, former leader Fidel Castro for the honour, saying his only merit was “to follow the ideas of Jose Marti and Fidel Castro.”

From 1958 to 1959, Hart actively participated in the Cuban revolution as a leader of the 26 July Movement. After the revolution, he served as Minister of Education 1958-1959, playing an important role in the Literacy Campaign.

From 1976 to 1997, he served as Minister of Culture and now is director of the Marti Programme Office and the Jose Marti Cultural Society.—Xinhua

Scroll painting fetches $17.6 m in auction

BEIJING, 16 June—The Sifang 2010 Spring Art Auction was held on Sunday at the Grand Hotel Beijing, with a painting by Song Dynasty (960-1279) artist Ma Hezhi fetching 120 million yuan (about $17.56 million). More than 700 items were sold and fetched a total of almost 300 million yuan. The auction included a “Chinese Painting and Calligraphy” session and a “Porcelain and Crafts” session.

In the “Chinese Painting and Calligraphy” session, the bidding for a scroll painting by Ma Hezhi, who is famous for his landscape water paintings, soared to over 100 million yuan in two minutes and finally went for 120 million yuan. The painting depicts the life of people in the Spring and Autumn Period (770BC-256BC) as described in The Book of Poetry. —Xinhua

New relics found on ancient sunk ship

BEIJING, 16 June—A batch of new relics from the ancient sunken ship Nan’ao 1 is open to the media. They are among the nearly five thousand antiques found underwater. Not only broken pieces are on display but well-preserved ones are also being shown.

This is the biggest blue and white porcelain piece found so far. Another surprise is a pottery jar, though it’s broken. Melting in the silt, experts have found some brown grains in the pot which might’ve been highly sought after seeds.

Other rare findings include a porcelain box for women’s make-up. At present, the salvage of the relics is still on going. It’s hoped to be finished by early July.—Xinhua

Wuxi opens first overseas tourism office

BEIJING, 16 June—As part of its tourism promotion activities, Wuxi, a city in E China’s Jiangsu Province, has set up its first overseas tourism office in Osaka, Japan, and Wuxi China International Travel Service has signed an agreement on close cooperation with Japan Waher Travel Service.

The tourism industries of Wuxi and Japan have had a good relationship for a long time. As one of Japanese tourists’ favourite outbound tourism destinations, Wuxi receives more than 100,000 visits each year from Japanese tourists; and the total number of Japanese tourists accounts for more than 30% of the total number of overseas tourists visiting Wuxi each year.

The Japanese side states it will cooperate with tourism operators of Wuxi to promote the tourism image, products and itineraries of Wuxi, set up a tourism promotion website, and organize more charter flights to Wuxi.—Internet

Tourists queue up in the rain in front of the Serbia Pavilion at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 14 June, 2010. —Xinhua

A silkworm breeder looks over the fascicled silkworms, at the silkworm-breeding base in Matou town, Zouping County, east China’s Shandong Province, on 13 June, 2010. —Xinhua

In this publicity image released by Columbia Pictures, Jaden Smith as ‘Dre’ is shown in ‘The Karate Kid.’ ‘The Karate Kid’ has won a 1940s showdown at the box office against ‘The A-Team.’ ‘The remake of 1984’s ‘Karate Kid’ debuted at No. 1 for the weekend with a whopping US$356 million. —INTERNET

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Cuba prepared for arrival of spilled oil

HAVANA, 16 June—Cuba is getting prepared for a possible arrival on their shores of the spilled oil expanding through the Gulf of Mexico, a senior official said on Tuesday.

General Ramon Pardo, chief of Cuba’s Civil Defence, told reporters that experts from Venezuela’s state oil company Petroleos sent by President Hugo Chavez will help Havana face the threat of the oil spill caused by the explosion and sinking of an oil rig in April, considered the worst environmental disaster in US history.

“They are specialists with much experience,” Pardo said at the Eighth International Congress on Disasters held in Havana.

Pardo Guerra, who inaugurated on Tuesday the Congress, said the island is “creating all the conditions, and getting its population living in coastal areas prepared for the oil spill.”

“We are preparing to do everything we can, and, of course, we are ready to be supported by those who have more experience in this field in order to be able to face a possible disaster, there is no other choice,” Espinosa said.

He recalled that Cuba has experiences in dealing with “small spills” involving ships and tanks, but not to face a disaster of the magnitude of the current one in the Gulf of Mexico.

Xinhua

Hundreds of aftershocks echo across Southern California

LOS ANGELES, 16 June—Hundreds of aftershocks echoed across Southern California on Tuesday after a magnitude-5.7 temblor struck overnight.

Most of the aftershocks have been small, but more than two dozen registered magnitude 3.0 or above, and a few were more than magnitude 4.0, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The aftershocks followed a magnitude-5.7 temblor which rattled the region on Monday night. The temblor, centered about 5 miles (eight kilometres) southeast of Ocotillo in Imperial County and about 90 miles (about 140 kilometres) south of Los Angeles, was felt over much of Southern California, but caused no injuries or damage.

A magnitude-5.7 earthquake is “big enough to get your attention and possibly knocks things off shelves, might cause some cracking in plaster and so forth,” said seismologist Kate Hutton at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

The Monday night quake was an aftershock of the magnitude-7.2 quake that struck the US-Mexican border on April 4, Hutton said.

Xinhua

American aiming at killing Al-Qaeda chief arrested in Pakistan

Brumboret Valley near the border with Afghanistan’s Nuristan province and was being questioned, Chitral police Chief Jaffer Khan told the private Samaa TV.

“He was roaming in the security zone in a suspicious manner. He had a dagger and night vision goggles with him. He is being investigated,” Khan said.

Mumtaz Ahmed, a senior police investigator, said Faulkner was also carrying a pistol and was hunting bin Laden because he suffered personal losses in the 11 Sept, 2001 attacks.

Xinhua

Kidnapped Swiss-Filipino rescued in S Philippine city

MANILA, 16 June—The Kidnapped Swiss-Filipino Charlie Rieth was rescued around 3 am on Wednesday along the coast of Zamboanga City in southern Philippines, police said.

Senior Superintendent Francisco Cristobal of the Directorate for Integrated Police Operations in Western Mindanao said 72-year-old Rieth was held by more or less three kidnappers, but the group has yet to be identified.

Rieth was taken from his resthouse at Sitio Karkampo, west of Zamboanga City, on 4 April, or Easter Sunday. His captors demanded 20 million pesos (434,782 US dollars) for his release.

MNA/Xinhua

Sub-leader of Abu Sayyaf arrested in Philippines

MANILA, 16 June—Philippine marines on Wednesday arrested one of the leaders of the Abu Sayyaf terrorists in Southern Philippines, the local media reported.

The suspect, Kaiser Said, was captured around 5:25 am at a town in Basilan Province following intelligence information about the presence of the bandit and his brother, ABS-CBN NEWS.com said, citing an after-operation report of the Marine Battalion Landing Team 1.

Kaiser Said is said to be a sub-leader of the terrorist group, being hunted down by the government. He carries a 1.2 million-peso (25,000 US dollars) reward on his head, ABS-CBN said.

Abu Sayyaf was founded in the 1990s and has perpetrated a number of high-profile attacks, including kidnapping and bombing. The Philippine military estimates the Abu Sayyaf, which has links with internal terrorist organizations, has about 400 members at present.—Xinhua

Drive safely

Photo taken on 13 June, 2010 shows sightseers either taking the mat-covered barges or walking on the bank enjoying the landscape on the Shantang Street, nicknamed as the “Oriental Water Street”, which has been listed on the 2nd batch of Chinese Historical and Cultural Famous Streets on 12 June, in Suzhou City, east China’s Jiangsu Province. Xinhua
EU in new deal with US on bank data access

LONDON, 16 June—The European Commission has approved a deal to allow US anti-terror investigators continued access to European bank transaction data.

Data transfers have been suspended since February, when Euro MPs rejected an earlier draft agreement, saying the privacy safeguards were inadequate.

The swift payments system handles a vast amount of personal data.

Drug will save lives of accident victims

LONDON, 16 June—Up to 100,000 lives could be saved every year if a known drug were given to seriously bleeding trauma patients, says a report from a global trial.

The research reported in The Lancet shows that tranexamic acid (TXA), which helps blood to clot, could lower the risk of dying by 15%.

Developing countries would benefit most from this treatment, say researchers after studying 20,000 patients.

Each year 600,000 injured patients bleed to death worldwide.

World Health Organization figures show that nearly six million people die each year from injury deaths, which accounts for 10% of the world’s deaths. Most of those injury deaths occur in developing countries, where deaths from road traffic crashes and homicide have been steadily increasing. Almost half of those deaths are caused by bleeding.

Although previous smaller trials had shown that TXA reduced bleeding in patients undergoing major surgery, this was the first trial to test its effect on injured patients with severe bleeding.

Internet
**Two seriously injured in Papua, Indonesia hit by 7.1-magnitude quake**

**JAKARTA, 16 June—** At least two people have been seriously injured after a 7.1-magnitude quake hit Papua on Wednesday, officials said. “Two people have been evacuated to General Hospital in Biak as they got serious injuries in the quake,” head of crisis center of the Health Ministry Mujiharto told Xinhua over phone.

Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency has lifted a tsunami warning imposed after the major quake that hit Papua in the easternmost of Indonesia last Wednesday morning.

The mainshock was followed by two aftershocks of 6.6 and 5.3 on the Richter scale respectively, the agency said.

Jerry Purba, an official with the agency, said several buildings have collapsed in Biak of Papua.

“We got reports from the meteorology office in Biak that several buildings have collapsed,” Jerry Purba told Xinhua.

The metro television also reported that several buildings collapsed.

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The 7.1-magnitude quake struck at 10:16 am Jakarta time (0316 GMT) with the epicenter 123 km southeast Biak of Papua and the depth of 10 km under sea bed.

**Eight killed in wall collapse as heavy rain hits Mumbai**

**MUMBAI, 16 June—** Eight people were killed in a wall collapse in Mumbai’s suburban Thane area early Wednesday as heavy rain hit the metropolis, police said. The incident took place around 04:30 am when a boundary wall of a construction site collapsed on the sheds close to it, killing eight laborers.

Police and fire fighters were sent to rescue some other people still trapped in the debris.

Heavy rains accompanied by strong winds, disrupted flights and train services here and caused widespread waterlogging, according to local officials.

“Flights have been delayed due to heavy rain and strong winds. All flights coming to the city are running 45 minutes behind schedule while departing flights are an hour late. Fluctuating visibility is the reason behind the delay in flight schedules,” a senior government official said.

**US finds vast deposits of minerals in Afghanistan**

**WASHINGTON, 16 June—** The United States has discovered vast deposits of untapped minerals in Afghanistan, enough to fundamentally alter the Afghan war-torn economy, the New York Times reported on Monday.

The previously unknown deposits — including iron, copper, cobalt, gold and critical industrial metals like lithium — was discovered by a small team of Pentagon officials and American geologists, and are estimated to be worth nearly one trillion dollars, the paper quoted senior US officials as saying.

An internal Pentagon memo states that Afghanistan could become the “Saudi Arabia of lithium,” a key raw material in the manufacture of batteries for laptops and cell phone.

**Police kill bear to protect people in Russia’s Kamchatka**

**VLADIVOSTOK, 16 June—** Police shot dead a bear that had attacked people near the skiing lodge in Vilyuchinsk, Kamchatka Department of Wildlife Conservation and Management said.

The young bear, which came close to the skiing lodge, behaved aggressively towards people, Vostok-Media information agency reported on Wednesday. Police said they had to shoot the animal to protect people.

Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident.

This is the first human-animal conflict in 2010.

Each year, a number of conflicts involving bears occur in Kamchatka. Last year one man was killed by a bear, while in 2008 human-animal conflicts claimed the lives of three local residents.

Authorities have called on Khabarovsk Krai residents to be cautious when encountering animals which often come to human settlements in the springtime when the food resources get exhausted.

**Seven killed, 1 injured in plant dormitory blast in north China**

**SHIBAIZHUANG, 16 June—** An explosion at a plant dormitory has killed seven workers and injured one as of Wednesday noon in Baoding City, north China’s Hebei Province, local authorities said.

Believed to be caused by illegally possessed explosives, the blast occurred at around 11:40 pm Tuesday in a privately-owned plant that produces slabstone in Niugang Village, Yixian County, the Baoding city government said.

Six workers were found dead in the collapsed building and another one died after being rushed to hospital, said Zhang Gangqiang, deputy director of the city government’s information office.

It is unknown how many people were in the four-story dormitory building when the blast occurred, Zhang said.

The wounded worker was being treated in hospital. Police are still investigating the blast.
Benayoun quits Liverpool, joins Chelsea

LONDON, 16 June—Liverpool midfield Yossi Benayoun is heading for Chelsea on a four-year contract worth six million pounds (nine million dollars), according to media reports here on Tuesday.

Anfield have yet to confirm an approach for the 30-year-old Israeli captain but the Merseysiders are reportedly resigned to his departure.

Benayoun signed an improved contract only last year with Liverpool but even before the departure of manager Rafael Benitez earlier this month he had indicated he wanted to leave.

According to news reports Chelsea see Benayoun as a replacement for England international Joe Cole, whose departure from Stamford Bridge was confirmed when the two parties failed to agree terms on a new contract after his current deal expired.

Benayoun has enjoyed some success at Liverpool since joining for five million pounds in July 2007 from West Ham but is understood to have fallen out with former boss Benitez last season.

According to the Israeli Sport 5 website, cited by the Guardian newspaper, Benayoun has finalised personal terms with the Premier League champions, but the move is far from completed.

Brazilian Maicon heading to Real Madrid

MADRID, 16 June—Brazilian defender Maicon is on the point of joining Real Madrid from Inter Milan to reunite with his former boss Jose Mourinho, news reports said here on Tuesday citing his agent.

The deal is close to agreement and only requires the final accord of both club presidents, his agent Antonio Caliendo told the AS daily newspaper.

However, Inter want 55 million dollars for the player who is under contract with the Italian club until 2014 while Real are offering 25 million, according to the report.

It said Maicon, 28, currently on World Cup duty with Brazil in South Africa, is the top transfer target for Mourinho who joined Real on a four-year deal last month in the wake of leading Inter Milan to an historic treble of successes in Italy’s Serie A championship, the Italian Cup and Champions League.—Internet

Children die while parents watch football

KAMPALA, 16 June—Police say two Ugandan children died in a fire while their parents watched a World Cup match on television nearby.

Police in Uganda have warned parents against leaving children alone in houses following the death of an 8- and 10-year-old in the Kayunga district west of Kampala.

Kayunga police official Henry Kolyanga said the house in which the children were sleeping caught fire. “The mother and father of the children left a candle burning and went to watch the match on television in a nearby trading center,” Kolyanga said.

He added it was likely the candle was hit by a rat and it lit the tablecloth, “which subsequently lit other household property.”—Internet

Italy blow as Buffon out ‘indefinitely’

IRENE, 16 June—Italian goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon will be out of action for an indefinite period with a back injury, the world champions said on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old was replaced at half-time in Italy’s World Cup opener in Cape Town on Monday, A 1-1 draw against Paraguay.

“He has a bad sciatic problem. We cannot say when he will be able to play again,” said an Italian Football Federation statement.

Buffon was replaced at half-time by Federico Marchetti on Monday, after which coach Marcello Lippi said it was too early to judge the seriousness of the veteran’s injury.

“He had an ache during the warm-up and then he said he wanted to play, but after the first half he said he couldn’t continue,” said Lippi.

Preview matches on Argentina Vs South Korea; Greece Vs Nigeria and France Vs Mexico on 17 June

YANGON, 16 June—World ranking 7 Argentina and world ranking 47 South Korea are going to play in the second match of their Group-B of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Both teams faced one time in their head-to-head position in the friendly match of 2004 and the world ranking 7 saw defeated the Asian superpower. Argentina won over Nigeria 1-0 in their opener while South Korea won one match against Germany 2-0. In comparison with the players, experience and football skills, Argentina are much better than South Korea. But South Korea proved their increased football skills in playing against Greece. Anyhow South Korea will face difficulty in penetrating the well-organized defence of the world ranking 7. It is supposed that Argentina will win or draw against the opponent South Korea.

Brazilian defender Maicon smiles during a press conference.—Internet

Head-to-Head Position

11.6.03 South Korea 0-1 Argentina Friendly
Results of the latest three matches of Argentina
12.6.10 Argentina 1-0 Nigeria World Cup grp. B
24.5.10 Argentina 5-0 Canada Friendly
6.5.10 Argentina 4-0 Haiti Friendly
Results of the latest three matches of South Korea
12.6.10 South Korea 2-0 Greece World Cup grp. B
3.6.10 Spain 1-0 South Korea Friendly
30.5.10 Belarus 1-0 South Korea Friendly
Greece Vs Nigeria
Both teams have never seen in their head-to-head position. Greece lost to South Korea 0-2 in the 2010 World Cup Group-B and so did Nigeria to Argentina 0-1 in the same group. The football tactic of Greece was seen to be more effective in playing against South Korea. Nigeria will have to rely on England-based players. Both teams are found to be lack of attacking form. It is likely to finish in a draw.

Results of the latest three matches of Greece
12.6.10 South Korea 2-0 Greece World Cup grp. B
2.6.10 Greece 0-2 Paraguay Friendly
25.5.10 Greece 2-2 North Korea Friendly
Results of the latest three matches of Nigeria
12.6.10 Argentina 1-0 Nigeria World Cup grp. B
6.6.10 Nigeria 3-1 North Korea Friendly
30.5.10 Nigeria 1-1 Colombia Friendly
France Vs Mexico
Both teams encountered two friendly matches in their head-to-head position and France won both matches by 1-0 in 2006 and 4-0 in 2001. Both teams had one each failure in the group-A of the 2010 World Cup. France is constituted with prolific players but their strikers were off-day in the match against Uruguay. France and Mexico had more ball possessions than their opponents in their opening matches and played better. Despite organizing with the renowned players, it is difficult to believe performance of France. Mexico is formed with a little known players. Mexico needs to play at least a draw against France to be able to escape from the group round. This match is thought to have finished in a draw.

Head-to-Head Position

12.6.10 Argentina 1-0 Nigeria World Cup grp. B
27.5.06 France 1-0 Mexico Friendlies 2006
3.6.01 France 4-0 Mexico Confederations Cup final stage 2001

Results of the latest three matches of Russia
12.6.10 South Korea 2-0 Russia World Cup grp. B
24.5.10 Russia 0-2 Germany Friendly
25.5.10 Russia 1-0 South Korea Friendly
Nintendo woos gamers with classics, 3-D

LOSANGELES, June—You won’t need special glasses to play games in 3-D on Nintendo’s newest handheld device, but don’t expect the technology to hit big-screen TVs anytime soon. The 3DS, as the Japanese video game maker’s upcoming gadget is called, uses a technology that’s specially suited to a handheld device. It’s a “parallax barrier” LCD screen, whose pixels are aligned so your left and right eyes see different portions of the image. It’s as if two sets of thin blinds were laid over the screen so each eye sees its own version. Combined in the brain, the two versions become a 3-D image, explained Satoru Iwata. —Internet

James Jones, Nintendo World Report, plays the new ‘Legend of Zelda’ on a Wii game console during Nintendo’s E3 presentation at the Nokia Theatre LA LIVE, on 16 June, 2010, in Los Angeles. —Internet

WEATHER

Wednesday, 16th June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. MST. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Shan and Kayah States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division and isolated heavy falls in lower Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (6.06) inches, An (5.15) inches, Kyauktaung (5.08) inches, Maungdaw (3.70) inches, Thandwe (3.66) inches, Launglon (3.39) inches, Mandalay (2.05) inches, Kyaukpyu (1.91) inches, Sagaing (1.58) inches, and Minbu (1.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 15-6-2010 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 16-6-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-6-2010 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 15-6-2010 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 16-6-2010 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (24.13) inches at Mingaladon, (26.50) inches at Kaba-Aye and (26.26) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 15-6-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman sea and moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 17th June 2010: Rain or thundershower will be scattered in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Ayeyawady Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Delta, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-6-2010: One or two thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-6-2010: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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

Indaw in Sagaing Division marching toward development goal

Many think Indaw is Indawgyi Lake located in Mohmyin Township of Kachin State. I think that only a few of them may know it is Indaw located in Katha District of Sagaing Division. Although it is on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad, Indaw railway station is less popular than Nabar railway station.

In February, we, the news crew of Myanma Alin daily arrived in Katha to cover the news on inauguration of Katha-Motargyi railroad section. We had an opportunity to make a one-day trip to Indaw. Although Katha has a distance of 20 miles from Indaw, the bus took two hours because of loading and unloading goods on the way. Katha-Indaw road was constructed through Phathsut forest reserve that shares 9,638 acres of its area in Katha Township and 26,626 acres in Indaw Township.

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—A strong earthquake of magnitude (7.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (near the northern coast of Papua, Indonesia) about (3000) miles southeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (9:00) hrs (47) min (30) sec M.S.T today, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

A visitor is trying out a personal computer with 3D images at a booth of Gigabyte. The Asian technology industry believes the future is not only bright but it’s in three dimensions, as a string of manufacturers bring 3D products onto the market.

Bookworms reading books at library of Indaw Township IPRD.