Yamethin in Mandalay Division emerges as developing township

**Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)**

Yamethin is a town where the district level authorities open administrative offices. As the highway motor road and railroad pass the town, Yamethin has better transport. To gain greater progress in transport sector, Yamethin District Development Affairs Committee is striving for upgrading of local roads, urban to rural roads and sanitation of the region.

We, the news crew of Myanma Alin daily, made a trip to Yamethin recently for writing a byline on progress of Yamethin District and had an interview with Deputy Director U Thein Naing of Yamethin Township DAC. He said, “Our committee repaved Thitsa, Myitta, Sinbin, Kyitawgon and north and south roads to the markets last year. Aungmingla and Thilawa Kwethit streets were paved with gravel. As part of efforts to link urban and rural areas, the road to Nanlon Village and Magyigon-Kontha road were constructed. Shwedah-Kantauk rural road was placed with gravel on 28 December 2009,” U Thein Naing told Myanma Alin.

He said, “This year, local roads namely Thilawa and Yanaungmyin roads were extended and repaved. On completion, the roads will create better transport around Myoma market. In addition, we plan to upgrade Thilawa Kwetthit road and post office road to the gravel road from the earth ones.”

Senior Engineer U Thaung Lwin explained supply of water to the residents. He said, “Yamethin has five wards. We supply potable water to the urban wards from the tube-well in Theingon Village. We pump water from the tube-well to the radial collection well by pump and then daily supply 120,000 gallons of water for local consumption.”

He further explained, “The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs has been implementing the 10-year water supply plan for the rural people since 2000-2001. According to the plan, a total of 235 water supply facilities including 215 wells have been provided to Yamethin Township. In addition, 22 more water supply works are being (See page 8)
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**Promote vocational training**

The State lays emphasis on improvement of its national people’s living standards. It is undertaking development projects across the Union. Particularly, transport, education, health and economic infrastructures are being built in border regions. Besides, more basic education schools have been opened for improving skills of nationality youths. Training schools for progress of national youths in border areas have been opened to give young people free training.

Technical training schools have been opened with the aim of turning out skilled workers in implementing urbanization projects for border regions and establishing industries. National youths specialized in basic civil engineering, electric welding and mechanical engineering are emerging from those technical schools.

Similarly, training schools for carpentry, masonry and steel fixing as well as women’s domestic training schools have been opened. At those schools, basic domestic training and advanced tailoring, vocational, wickerwork (rattan) and wickerwork (bamboo) courses are being conducted.

A ceremony to conclude carpentry, masonry and steel fixing course No.4, conducted by the Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was held at the training school in Labutta (3 mile) new town of Ayeyawady Division on 4 June. A total of 100 trainees from the downtown areas and villages of Mawlamyineyun and Labutta townships did the course and outstanding ones were awarded.

At those training schools, teaching aids, meals and accommodation are provided free of charge during the courses. As vocational training is extensively given at all regions including border areas, young people will improve their vocational skills, thereby contributing to their career development.

**Mandalay Division, District and Township Election**

**Subcommissions meet**

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—**Mandalay Division Election Subcommission held a meeting with District and Township Election Subcommissions at Mandalay District Peace and Development Council Office in Chanayethazan Township on 17 June. Chairman of Division ES U Aung Htut made a speech.

Secretary U Tin Oo reported on collection of eligible voter lists of districts and member U Nyo Shwe, on collection of population.

Secretaries of District and Township ES submitted reports on progress in collection of eligible voter lists in their respective regions.

Before concluding remarks, Chairman U Aung Htut discussed the report. — MNA

**Meeting on Ayeyawady road network development project held**

**Construction Deputy Minister U Myint Thein delivers an address at coordination meeting on Ayeyawady road network development project.** — MNA

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 June — A work coordination meeting on Ayeyawady road network development project was held at the senior engineer’s office in Pyapon District of Ayeyawady Division Public Works on 17 June. Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein briefed on progress in construction work, finishing work, bridge construction and completion of accounting.

The project superintending engineer and deputy superintending engineers reported on construction tasks in their respective sections. Then the deputy minister left necessary instructions. — MNA

**UMFCCI to cooperate with CECNU**

Vice-President U Thaung Tin of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Dean Mr. Kye Yun Lee of CECNU exchange documentary on bilateral cooperation in education between the CECNU and the UMFCCI.— MNA

**Surprise check in Mawlaminey markets as a fire preventive measure**

**YANGON, 19 June—**Under the supervision of Mon State Peace and Development Council, a group composed of departmental officials and responsible personnel of the markets did surprise check for fire prevention at No (1) Mawlamyine Market on 13 June. Similar activities were carried out in No (2) Mawlamyine Market, Myine Yadana Market, Daiwunkwin Market, Kyaikphane Market, Shwe Myine Thiri Market, Thanlwin Market and Thiri Myine Market on 15 June. The group checked whether the electric and fire were used in systematic way or not at the markets. — MNA
UN chief: Security in Afghanistan has not improved

Ban Ki-moon
KABUL, 19 June—The United Nations chief says security in Afghanistan has not improved and that roadside bombings soared 94 percent in the first four months of this year compared with the same period in 2009.

The findings come in a quarterly report by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the UN Security Council. The UN mission in Kabul released the report Saturday.

Suspected US strike kills 13 in northwest Pakistan

MIRALI, 19 June—Officials say a suspected US missile strike has killed 13 people in a Pakistani tribal region.

A roadside bomb aimed at police elsewhere in the country’s volatile northwest killed a civilian and wounded eight people.

The missile, apparently fired from a drone, struck a house in Haider Khel village near North Waziristan’s Mir Ali town, said two intelligence officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media on the record.

The intelligence officials initially said three were killed, but local government official Noor Mohammad said later the toll was at least 13.

Gunmen kill 6 Iraqi soldiers in western Anbar Province

BAGHDAD, 19 June—Unidentified gunmen Friday attacked a checkpoint of the Iraqi army in Qaem town of the country’s Anbar Province, killing six Iraqi soldiers and wounding another one, local police said.

“The gunmen killed the soldiers at a checkpoint of Qaem town, 180 km west of Ramadi, the capital city of Anbar,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The gunmen fled after the attack and the security forces cordoned off the area for searching the attackers, added the source.

Iraq car bombs kill six, wound 82

KIRKUK, 19 June—Two car bombs targeting a provincial councilor and a police officer north of Baghdad on Friday killed six people and wounded 82, many of them women or children, police said.

The six dead came in a bombing in the town of Tuz Khurmatu and targeted the home of Nizar Nomaroglu, a Shi'ite Turkmen councilor in mainly Sunni Arab Salaheddin Province, police Colonel Hussein al-Bayati said.

Women and children were among the 82 people wounded in the 3:45 pm (1245 GMT) bombing, which severely damaged several surrounding houses as well as Nomaroglu’s home, Bayati said.

It was unclear whether the councillor was among the casualties.

“This attack bears all the hallmarks of Al-Qaeda,” the police colonel said.

5 killed, 45 wounded in car bomb attack in Iraq’s Salahuddin Province

BAGHDAD, 19 June—Five people were killed and 45 others were injured Friday when a bomb-rigged car exploded near a provincial council member’s house in Iraq’s northern province of Saluheddin, local police said.

The explosion occurred in the town of Tuz Khurmatu, 170 km north of Baghdad, killing five people and wounding 43 others, the source told Xinhua.

Several houses and shops were damaged, the police later defused another bomb in the same area, he added.

Almost at the same time, a car loaded with explosives was also detonated at the country’s eastern province of Diyala, leaving at least 2 people killed and about 30 others injured. Overall violence in Iraq has dropped sharply since the height of sectarian warfare in 2006-2007, but an inconclusive March parliamentary election has fueled a new wave of bloodshed.—Xinhua

Twelve militants killed in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 19 June—Afghan security forces backed by NATO-led troops during an operation eliminated 12 Taliban militants including a group commander Mullah Razaq Friday night in the country’s northern Kunduz Province, spokesman with NATO-led troops in Kunduz Province Lieutenant Colonel Webber said Saturday.

A wounded Iraqi woman and her daughter are treated at a hospital after a car bombing in Tuz Khormato, in northern Iraq, 18 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Car bomb explosion in eastern Iraq kills two, wounds 30

BAGHDAD, 19 June—A car loaded with explosives was detonated Friday in Iraq’s eastern province of Diyala, leaving at least 2 people killed and about 30 others injured.

The blast targeted the home of Captain, one of the police officers in Baquba, 60 km northeast of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua.

The car exploded in the afternoon, but the police officer was not at home when the blast occurred. Two civilians were killed and 30 others were wounded in the attack, including nine women and seven children, he added.—Xinhua
14% of Chinese young netizens are “hooked on Web”

BEIJING, 19 June—The number of young Chinese adults addicted to the Internet has risen to more than 33 million, according to a new study by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Of the 236 million netizens on the mainland who are under 29 years old, almost 14 percent are hooked on the Web, a rise of roughly 1 percent since 2005, says the Annual Report (2009-2010) on Internet Usage by Young People in China.

Gut-residing bacteria trigger arthritis in genetically susceptible individuals

NEW YORK, 19 June—A single species of bacteria that lives in the gut is able to trigger a cascade of immune responses that can ultimately result in the development of arthritis.

Our gut, like that of most mammals, is filled with thousands of species of bacteria, many of which are helpful and aid in the development of a normal, healthy immune system. Gut-residing bacteria can also play a role in disorders of the immune system, especially autoimmune disorders in which the body attacks its own cells.

It turns out that rheumatoid arthritis is indeed a “regular” beam.

Shining light around corners: Scientists explore new method for curving ‘Airy’ light beams

LONDON, 19 June—We learned in science class that light beams travel in straight lines and spread through a process known as diffraction and they can’t go around corners. But now researchers at Tel Aviv University are investigating new applications for their recent discovery that small beams of light can indeed be bent in a laboratory setting, diffracting much less than a “regular” beam.

These rays, called “Airy beams,” were named after English astronomer Sir George Biddell Airy, who studied the parabolic trajectories of light in rainbows, and were first created at the University of Central Florida. Now, the fortuitously-named Prof. Ady Arie and his graduate students Tal Ellenbogen, Noa Vol-och-Bloch, Ayellet Ganany-Padowicz and Ido Dolev of Tel Aviv University’s Faculty of Engineering have demonstrated new ways to generate and control Airy beams. Employing new algorithms and special nonlinear optical crystals, their research is reported in a recent issue of the scientific journal Nature Photonics.

Bloodhound diary: All aboard, here we go

NEW YORK, 19 June—RAF fighter pilot Andy Green intends to get behind the wheel of a car that is capable of reaching 1,000mph (1,610km/h). Powered by a rocket bolted to a Eurofighter-Typhoon jet engine, the Bloodhound car will mount an assault on the land speed record.

The highlight of the past month has been the design conference at the Bloodhound Technical Centre in Bristol. The rate of progress in the last few weeks has been dizzying.

The wheel profiles have been chosen and we’re completing the detailed wheel design. The wheels will be solid aluminium and the profile of the tread is critical, as it determines how much sideways grip the metal wheels can produce - too much grip and the car could turn over, too little grip and it will be uncontrollable. After reviewing the wheel designs so far, we’re going for a simple V-shaped keel.

Tablets to outsell netbooks in US by 2012

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 June—Tablets including Apple’s iPad are expected to outsell netbooks in the United States by 2012, research firm Forrester predicted in a report released on Thursday.

By 2014, more US consumers will use tablets than use netbooks, or mini-notebooks, Forrester said in the report that outlined the trends in US consumer personal computer (PC) market in the next five years.

As consumers adopt multiple PCs such as tablet to fit their lifestyle, PC sales as a whole in the United States will grow by nearly 52 percent in the next five years, with nearly half a billion desktops, notebooks, tablets and netbooks expected to be sold between now and 2015, the report projected.

Forrester believed that tablet will be an important factor to fuel the PC sales growth and shake up the PC market share.

Tablet sales in the United States are expected to surge from a modest 3.5 million units in 2010 to 20.4 million units in 2015, a 42-percent compound annual growth rate.

By 2015, while full-size notebooks are projected to constitute the largest share of 42 percent in the US consumer PC market, tablets are expected to emerge as the second largest category, making up 23 percent of PC unit sales, followed by desktops of 18 percent and netbooks of 17 percent.

Fighting back against web attacks

NEW YORK, 19 June—Hi-tech criminals are not very good at securing the tools they use to attack websites, suggests research.

Security experts have found that many of the kits used by cyber criminals are riddled with bugs and vulnerabilities.

Exploiting the bugs might mean that the attack tools can be turned against those using them.

The bugs found by the researchers could be used to identify who is using the tools and even launch a counter-attack.

While some cyber criminals handcraft their own attack tools, many others take advantage of the so-called malware kits that are widely available online.

These programs bundle into one convenient package everything the budding cyber criminal needs to get started.

French computer security researcher Laurent Ouodot from Tehtrit Security has analysed the inner workings of many of these malware kits to see how secure they are.
High rate for deaths of pregnant women in New York state

MANHATTAN, 19 June—More mothers die during pregnancy or soon after in New York than in almost every other state, and according to reports released on Friday by the New York Academy of Medicine and the city’s health department, social factors like poverty, obesity and lack of insurance may be responsible.

While the total number of maternal deaths are small — an average of about 40 a year across the state — Black women, who were more likely to be obese, were seven times as likely to die in pregnancy as white women. Hispanic and Asian women were twice as likely to die as white women. The death rate was highest in the Bronx and Brooklyn, which have large poor and minority populations.

Internet

Coffee might guard against Head, Neck Cancers

NEW YORK, 19 June—Coffee may help protect against head and neck cancers, a new review finds. Researchers analyzed nine studies collected by the International Head and Neck Cancer Epidemiology consortium. They found that regular coffee drinkers (four or more cups a day) were 39 percent less likely to develop oral and pharynx cancers than people who didn’t drink coffee.

“Since coffee is so widely used and there is a relatively high incidence and low survival rate of these forms of cancers, our results have important public health implications that need to be further addressed,” lead researcher Mia Hashibe, an assistant professor in the department of family and preventive medicine at the University of Utah, said in an American Journal of Epidemiology news release.

Internet

Breast cancer survivor DJ Soviero poses for a photograph at her office in San Francisco, 10 June, 2010. Soviero wanted the least treatment that would beat back her small, early-stage breast cancer, and sought help choosing from a novel programme at the University of California, San Francisco.

Internet

WHO creates data base on use of child medicines


The data provide information on use, dosage and side effects of medicines as well as warnings about which medicines children should not take, the UN health agency said. The 528-page document also tells users about common drug interactions.

“To be effective, medicines must be carefully chosen and the dose adjusted to suit the age, weight and needs of children,” said WHO’s Dr Hans Hoegnerzl.

“Without a global guide, many health care professionals have had to prescribe medicines based on very limited evidence,” he said in a statement.

Some countries have developed their own instructions for giving medicines to children, but there are no universal standards. The WHO document only exists in English. But the agency recommends that governments use it as a model and translate it into their national language.

Internet

Hopes dashed that vitamin D reduces cancer risk

NEW YORK, 19 June—New research appears to dash hopes that people who consume more vitamin D might be at less risk of developing several less common types of cancer.

Researchers found no link between higher blood levels of vitamin D and lower rates of non-Hodgkin lymphoma or cancers of the esophagus, stomach, kidney, ovary and pancreas.

Vitamin D is obtained by the body through exposure to sunlight, certain foods such as oily fish, fortified foods and nutritional supplements.

Authors of a new study analyzed blood samples drawn from more than 12,000 men and women in 10 studies. The previous studies followed the patients for as long as 33 years, allowing researchers to determine if they developed cancer.

Internet

Preventing to leave Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Wendell Tooks, center, gets discharge information from his nurse, Betsy Anderson, and Dr. Tim McDonald.

Internet
A possible double-dip recession

New York, 19 June—News reports over recent months have pointed to a slow down in the economy in the second-half as the effects from the stimulus measures crafted in response to the global recession last year lessens. Although the data coming out of Malaysia has been positive, with exports up 26.6% in April from a year earlier and economic growth of 10.1% for the quarter to 31 March this year compared to the same period a year ago, still there are fears that any slowdown externally may mean a slower economic expansion at home. This is despite the fact

Deflation—not Inflation—may be bigger threat to economy

New York, 19 June—Economists and policymakers generally don’t take the D-word lightly, but when enough economic indicators show falling prices, it’s time to ask if deflation, not inflation, is the more immediate threat to the US economy. By one measure or another, reports on producer prices, consumer prices and import-export prices in the past week all showed declines—meaning falling prices—and they’re hardly the first negative readings this year. “There’s clearly deflationary pressure,” says Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, who worries that the “economy is just drifting along.” “We haven’t seen an economy like this in 70 years,” adds David Resler, chief economist for Nomura Securities. Resler’s referring to the intermittent recovery period following the great depression, marked by high unemployment, anemic growth and, yes, deflation—which depressed prices on everything from bread to stocks. Internet

Regulators close Nev bank for 83rd failure in ’10

WASHINGTON, 19 June—Regulators on Friday shut down a Nevada bank, raising to 83 the number of US bank failures this year. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took over Nevada Security Bank, based in Reno, with $480.3 million of deposits. The FDIC and Umpqua Bank, based in Roseburg, Ore., agreed to assume the assets and deposits of the failed bank. The failure of Nevada Security Bank is expected to cost the deposit insurance fund $80.9 million. In addition, the FDIC and Umpqua Bank agreed to share losses on $368.2 million of Nevada Security Bank’s loans and other assets.

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IMF says Spain taking right steps towards stability

Madrid, 19 June—Spain is taking the right measures for economic stability, the head of the International Monetary Fund has said. Dominique Strauss-Kahn said he was “confident” Spain’s economy would recover and called on all Spaniards to back the government’s austerity work. He was speaking after a meeting in Madrid with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero. Mr Zapatero had earlier denied his government was seeking an IMF bailout, but markets have been nervous. Mr Zapatero said on Thursday that Spain’s economy was solid and solvent, and the visit by Dominique Strauss-Kahn was a scheduled one. Mr Strauss-Kahn said all the measures being put in place by the Spanish government were “clearly being done for the benefit of the economy”. “I am really confident in the medium and long-term prospects for the Spanish economy, providing the efforts that have to be made will be made,” he added.

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The apple logo hangs outside the Apple retail store along the Magnificent Mile on 17 June, in Chicago, Illinois. Apple shares hit an all-time high on Wall Street on Friday at the end of a week during which the tech firm said it sold a single-day record number of iPhones. Internet

EU to publish potential bank losses

BRUSSELS, 19 June—European Union leaders have agreed to go public with the results of “stress tests” checking the stability of the bloc’s banks, an attempt to restore confidence to markets spooked since Greece demanded a bailout to prevent an embarrassing default. Markets welcomed the news with the euro climbing to about $1.24 on Thursday, its highest in about three weeks, and stock markets rising.

Despite market fears that Spain may be the next country to need a rescue plan, EU leaders meeting at a summit of the 27-nation bloc in Brussels insisted that they are not worried. French President Nicolas Sarkozy said, “We don’t believe there is a problem, and that’s the analysis of all 27 of us.”

Under intense pressure from markets and other EU nations, Spain is pushing through budget cuts and labour reforms that Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero claimed would prevent new redundancies and would encourage companies to hire more workers.
Inseparable are the past, the present and the future, and interrelated to one another are yesterday, today and tomorrow. In like manner, it is unwise to ignore the relations in a family of great grandparents, grandparents, parents, children, grand children and great grandchildren.

From the prehistory to date, human beings have been well organized and civilized little by little, making efforts and improving lives of individuals. Therefore, instead of arguing about which is the primary between two things — egg or hen, we should turn to ensuring a good start.

In a short lifetime of a person, he has to face a variety of stresses and strains as well as to enjoy pleasure, happiness, success and satisfaction. In that regard, physical and mental strengths are essential needs. Obtaining nutrition from food he has had since birth, he grows up gradually. And he has to apply the knowledge and experiences he has gained in his life in combination with his physical strength.

Wisdom protects life. So we have to exert caution, wisdom, forsightedness and reasoning power for our longevity. We should be capable enough of distinguishing between strong and weak points of material progress in order to generate a prosperous future. There is great difference between conditions about 50 years ago and things at present. We have to accept the fact that the world sees advancements as well as negative aspects of advancements simultaneously.

Positive attitude can reduce hustle and bustle of environs, being in a daze, depression and weariness. Similarly, every citizen has to equip himself with optimistic views in work in order to improve the conditions for each household, family and the motherland. That is bounden duty of every citizen.

Due to endeavours of individuals, the world has developed from common ownership system and feudal system to industrialization. There will be more and more advancements in future.

If we do things best today, we can hope good things tomorrow. If so, today was yesterday, tomorrow has become today, and the next day will be tomorrow. I happened to look back to my childhood. I attended the classes regularly in school, I did my exercises regularly. In my spare time, I played games with my friends. I studied regularly. So, I always passed monthly tests and final examinations regularly. In schooldays, I never failed to do daily routines in school such as making the cleaning and filling pots with drinking water for others.

I also did the cleaning in university with a sense of responsibility. As a result of doing so for the comfort and convenience of others, I have never faced hard times in life.

In dealing with others, I made self sacrifices as far as I could. I am by nature keen to make others satisfied in dealing with me. Thus, in my opinion, all should review their concepts and acts in order to shape a brighter future.

By doing wholesome acts with a spirit of duty for a quarter or half an hour, we can hope good things in future. It is because we can gain great benefits by performing good deeds on a small scale.

We can get well with neighbours and get on with our business by living simply but doing ambitiously.

In my married life, I contributed towards the social, religious, economic, education and health affairs and welfare services of my society as much as I could, while trying my best to improve the living conditions for my family.

Everyone has the rights to lead a peaceful, happy life in their society by mending their wrong ways rather than putting blame on others. If we make good use of our opportunities through our knowledge, experience, caution and perseverance, we can pass many fruitful tomorrows.

The people have to work in the interest of themselves at first, then that of their families, and then that of their home towns and mother country. I wish every citizen would adore and value their motherland Myanmar blessed with natural beauty, fine traditions and customs. And the people should be content with what they are blessed with in the country. Hence, all who were born and have grown up in the country should not place too much reliance on any other country.

It is therefore mandatory for all the people, irrespective of race, region and religious faith, to do their bit in the nation-building tasks. However, they should not speak and act irresponsibly with the intention of harming their own country and people.

The most fundamental need for a nation is to ensure all school-age children have access to school education. Only when younger generations are more hardworking than their forefathers. Today, there are many couples at the age of 50 to 60 years who are leading uneasy lives, striving for bringing up their children and ensuring life security of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Overall, younger generations are more hardworking than their forefathers. Today, the nation has enjoyed development at the unprecedented level owing to the collaborative efforts of the people and the fervour of sharing duties. If we go over performances of yesterday with positive attitude, we can enjoy good conditions today, and we can hope a prosperous future tomorrow. Then, Myanmar will become a lovely land with prosperity, peace and stability.

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Seminar on Timber Industry in ASEAN on Road for Stronger Growth held

YANGON, 19 June—Organized by Myanmar Timber Merchants Association and ASEAN Forest Products Industry Club (AFPIC), a seminar on Timber Industry in ASEAN on Road for Stronger Growth took place at Parkroyal Hotel here yesterday morning.

Also present at the seminar were departmental heads of Ministry of Forestry, Chairman of MTMA U Sein Lwin and executives representatives from Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, member countries of ASEAN Forest Products Industry Club (AFPIC), and responsible persons of Non-Governmental Organizations.

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Mandalay to improve drainage system

MANDALAY, 19 June—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han and party view proper flow of water at Shwetachaung drain in Mahaungmye Township.—NLM

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International Olympic Day marked with archery tourney

YANGON, 19 June—The prize presentation ceremony of International Olympic Day 2010 was held at Kyaikkasan Shooting Range here yesterday. Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Vice-President of Asian Archery Federation Honourable Thaung Lwin Soe, Pro-Rector Dr Lwin Soe, Rector Dr Lwin Yi and NLM Secretary of Central Administration Dr Khin Shwe, General Secretary of Central Working Committee of Myanmar Women’s Sport Federation Daw L Khin Yi and Rector Dr Lwin Lwin Soe, Pro-Rector Dr Lwin Yi Thein of Yangon Institute of Education presented prizes to winners. A total of 25 players participated at novice level and 21 players in open competition of the tournament.—MNA

Yamethin in Mandalay Division emerges…

(Yamethin is now on the track of development. Local authorities are working on all cylinders in education, health, communication and transport sectors.)

The township has three Basic Education High Schools, seven BEHS branches, one Affiliated BEHS, 10 BEMSs, 18 Post-Primary Schools and 143 BEPSs. In 2009-2010 academic year, the township achieved 29.02 per cent pass rate in the matriculation examination. Recently, the government opened a Technological University near Yamethin to turn out the local youths to become technocrats by creating the opportunity for them to pursue technology in their regions. As a result, greater progress can be seen in the region.

Furthermore, the government opened a 100-bed hospital in Yamethin for providing health care services to the local people together with three station hospitals. In the past, a magnetic exchange served the local people in the telecommunication sector. Thanks to construction of microwave stations by the government, the local people conveniently connect with all the regions of the nation through telephone.

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The township has three Basic Education High Schools, seven BEHS branches, one Affiliated BEHS, 10 BEMSs, 18 Post-Primary Schools and 143 BEPSs. In 2009-2010 academic year, the township achieved 29.02 per cent pass rate in the matriculation examination. Recently, the government opened a Technological University near Yamethin to turn out the local youths to become technocrats by creating the opportunity for them to pursue technology in their regions. As a result, greater progress can be seen in the region.

Furthermore, the government opened a 100-bed hospital in Yamethin for providing health care services to the local people together with three station hospitals. In the past, a magnetic exchange served the local people in the telecommunication sector. Thanks to construction of microwave stations by the government, the local people conveniently connect with all the regions of the nation through telephone.
More relief aids for disaster-affected people

NA Y PYI TAW, 19 June — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Chairman of Rakhine State Storm Relief and Rehabilitation Committee Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Vice-Chairman of Rakhine State Storm Relief and Rehabilitation Committee Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, departmental heads and officials yesterday morning attended a work coordination meeting on natural disaster relief and rehabilitation for disaster victims in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships in Rakhine State held at the airport lounge of Sittway.

At the meeting, Secretary of Rakhine State PDC U Maung Maung reported on damage to houses, buildings, floods, landslides due to the torrential rains and strong winds that occurred on 13, 14 and 15 June in some townships of Rakhine State, evacuations of households, providing of relief aids, giving medical treatment to the injured people and rehabilitation work. Next, the commander and the ministers gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at Buthidaung Yeiktha in Buthidaung, the commander and party were briefed by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs U Phone Swe and officials on flooding of the townships of Rakhine State.

The commander and party then visited the shopkeepers at the development market in Buthidaung. Later, they attended a ceremony to provide relief aids for the disaster victims in Buthidaung held at the No.1 Basic Education Middle School.

The commander and the ministers presented household items, clothes, exercise books and stationery to the flood victims and cash for those who were killed in the floods.

Panthayet mango (R2E2) attracts growing attention...

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In an interview, Project Manager U Hla Hsan said that the department was pursuing three objectives: to produce quality hybrid types of vegetables and fruit, to distribute saplings of vegetables and fruit and seedlings of quality high-yield species, and to provide advanced agricultural methods; and that under the FAO/TCP/Mya/6713 Plan of the Myanma Agriculture Service and FAO, Myanmar imported eight saplings of Panthayet mango (R2E2) strains from Mountain Agriculture Service and the International Center for New Mangos in Australia in 1999, and they were grown at Plot (A) in the centre in 2000.

He continued to say that R2E2 mango was produced by Ian Bally of the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries of Australia in 1982; that it was named after the pattern of row and site of mango trees; that it was grown on a commercial scale nationwide in Australia in 1991; that R2E2 is the most popular mango species in Australia and it has gained a foothold in the international market; that so far, the Vegetables and Fruit Research Development Centre had propagated and distributed more than 10,000 saplings to Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions; that the centre sold a sapling for 900 to 1500 kyats based on the size, and that those wishing to buy saplings may dial 01-625046 and 09-50-28741.

Deputy Supervisor U Kyaw Wai Naing said that they grew one-year-old R2E2 saplings with 20 x 20 intervals at the rate of over 100 an acre; and R2E2 is in fruit at the age of five to six years. Farmer U Sein Than of Nyaungnhabin Special Agricultural Zone (1) told the Myanma Alin, “I have grown R2E2 mango since July 2009. Now, I have 170 young trees. They are all successful and they grow fast. This mango is highly profitable. So, farmers are now extending growing it. I plan to grow more R2E2 mango trees coming rainy season.”

Now, R2E2 mangoes are sold for around 1000 kyats a piece in supermarkets. R2E2 mango is not too sweet, and it has plenty of flesh and good taste. So, it is in high demand in Singapore, the US and European countries. An R2E2 mango weighs 600 to 1000 grams. Therefore, the people should choose R2E2 strain if they want to grow mango on a manageable or commercial scale.

Translation: MS Myanma Alin: 16-5-2010

Electoral process courses conducted in Kayah State

NA Y PYI TAW, 19 June — For members of Dimawho Township Ward/Village-tract Election Sub-commissions, returning officers, deputy returning officers and staff of pulling booths an electoral process course on 17 June morning was opened at the city hall of Dimawho with an opening speech by Secretary of Kayah State Election Sub-commission U Khin Maung Yi. Secretary U Khin Maung Yi gave lectures on work guidelines for Ward/Village-tract Election Sub-commissions.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Buthidaung People's Hospital where they comforted the patients and provided cash assistance and food gifts.

They also went to the Basic Education Primary School in Ywama village and gave words of encouragement to the disaster-affected people and donated clothes, household utensils, consumer goods, exercise books and stationery.

Then, the commander and the ministers went to Ward 5 in Buthidaung and inspected the places hit by mountain torrents, comforted the local people and fulfilled the needs. — MNA

U Hla Hsan (Project Manager).

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Chairman of Rakhine State Storm Relief and Rehabilitation Committee Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for SWRR U Maung Maung Swe presents relief aid to natural disaster victims in Buthidaung. — MNA
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MANILA, 19 June— A member of the Philippine Army Parachute Team (PAPT) jumped to his death during a Military Freefall event of the RP-US Vector Balance Piston 10-2 exercise.

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Moderate quake hits Japan’s Hokkaido

TOYKO, 19 June— An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.5 jolted off Japan’s northernmost Hokkaido Prefecture at 11:39 am (0239 GMT) Saturday, said the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The focus of the quake was located some 10 km under the sea off Hokkaido’s east coast, said the agency.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to properties, and no tsunami warning was issued. —Xinhua

Floods, tornado displace hundreds in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 19 June— Hundreds of families were affected by flood and a tornado triggered by monsoon rains in a southern Philippine province on Friday, disaster authorities said on Saturday.

No one was hurt in the incident but hundreds of residents from the villages of Polunuling, Panalian and Rubber in South Cotabato Province were forced to flee as strong winds damaged several houses.—Xinhua

Helicopter crash kills two in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 19 June— Two people were killed on Friday when a helicopter of the Argentine TV channel CSN crashed in the capital city.

According to the CSN, the helicopter went down at 9:45 am (1245 GMT) in the Vicente Lopez district of Buenos Aires, killing cameraman Fernando Gonzalez and pilot Enrique Miguel Villa on board.

The cameraman was filming a car accident at the time, which occurred early morning in the Sol Highway. —Xinhua

3 killed by falling tree in India

NEW DELHI, 19 June— Three people were killed Thursday after a tree fell on them in Hathras in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, reported the Press Trust of India Friday.

The incident took place on Hathras-Aligarh highway when a huge tree fell on three persons, including a woman, killing them on the spot, said the report.

Traffic collision kills five, injures three in Wuhan

WUHAN, 19 June— A bus collided with a car in central China’s Hubei Province Friday, killing five people and injuring three others, local authorities said.

The accident occurred at about 11 am on a highway in Hanchuan City, the municipal government said in a statement.

All five people aboard the car were killed instantly, and three people aboard the bus suffered slight injuries and are being treated at a local hospital, the statement said.

Local police are investigating the cause of the accident. —Xinhua
Beijing, Shanghai on top of Chinese ideal living place list

BEIJING, 19 June—A latest survey showed that first-tier cities including Beijing and Shanghai were on top of the list of Chinese people’s choice of ideal places to live in, reported Saturday’s China Daily.

A poll conducted by Beijing-based Horizon Research Consultancy Group asked 3,262 residents nationwide, and more than 45 percent of these respondents chose Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Higher income, more job opportunities and better medical and education resources were major attractions for these urban dwellers, Song Yingchang, an expert with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, was quoted as saying by the English-language paper.

However, a survey conducted by a major Chinese online job hunting service provider 51job.com revealed that 59 percent respondents were considering leaving metropolises including Beijing and Shanghai due to climbing home prices and living costs.

Bertone to help train auto designers in NE China

BEIJING, 19 June—Italy-based Carrozzeria Bertone Auto Design Company has signed a partnership agreement with the Raffles CU International College affiliated with Changchun University in Changchun, capital city of northeastern China’s Jilin Province.

The two will cooperate in the training of auto designers. It is the first talent training program the Italian company has launched in China.

Bertone, one of the world’s most famous auto design companies, will provide opportunities for young Chinese auto designers and outstanding trainees to work with the company’s China division and at its headquarters in Italy.—Xinhua

China raises emergency response level for floods as 88 confirmed dead

BEIJING, 19 June—China’s disaster relief departments raised the emergency response to level-three from level-four Saturday morning for the floods that have hit southern China, as authorities forecast more rain to fall over coming days.

The Civil Affairs Ministry and the State Disaster Relief Commission made the decision.

As of 10:00 am Saturday, downpours that began pounding southern China Sunday had left 88 people dead, 48 missing, and forced the evacuation of 757,000 residents from their homes, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said in a statement.—Xinhua

NYC man returns from 3-year sea voyage

A sailor who had been cruising around the world finally returned to dry land more than three years after leaving it, arriving to the welcoming arms of loved ones, including a toddler son he had never met.

Reid Stowe, 58, had a huge grin on his face as he docked his 70-foot, two-masted schooner “Anne” at a pier near West 42nd Street on Thursday afternoon.

Family and friends applauded and cheered.

Stowe had been sailing nonstop for 1,152 days, missing the birth of his 23-month-old son, Darshen.

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Police stop truck with man trying to crawl on roof

Two men were arrested after a sheriff’s deputy saw one man riding in the bed of a truck attempting to crawl onto the roof of the vehicle. According to Friday’s News Star, the truck traveling on I-20 was driven by a 36-year-old man. Reportedly, the vehicle swerved from left to right, crossing the center line three times.

After being pulled over, the arrest affidavit states the man became agitated and refused to follow verbal commands. He was then subdued with a Taser.
Phil Collins wins Johnny Mercer songwriting award

London, 19 June—Singer Phil Collins has received the prestigious Johnny Mercer Award at the Songwriters Hall of Fame gala.

The singer, who has sold over 100 million records as a solo artist and with the band Genesis, said writing a popular track is “a complete accident”.

This year’s inducted songwriters included Leonard Cohen, Jackie DeShannon, David Foster, and R&B band Earth Wind and Fire.

Singer Taylor Swift received the Hal David star

Japan pledges to beat deflation and cut corporation tax

London, 19 June—Japan’s new government has pledged to slash corporation tax and beat deflation to achieve stable economic growth of 2% a year.

It said it aims to defeat deflation by April 2011, but revealed few details on how it would achieve this.

The government also said it would cut corporate tax from 40% to nearer 25%.

Earlier this week, Japan’s central bank announced plans for up to 3 trillion yen (£22bn; $33bn) in loans to spur economic growth.

The plans mark the first time Japan has set a time frame for tackling deflation, which has plagued the economy for much of the last two decades. Persistent deflation has hampered economic growth, with consumers opting to hold off on making major purchases, expecting prices to fall even further.

However, the ambition of the new government was met with scepticism by some analysts.

O2 investigates network problems

London, 19 June—The 3G network of mobile phone company O2 was out of action in some parts of England for up to 3.5 hours on 17 June.

A spokesperson for the operator said the outage was “patchy” in parts of Hartlepool, Sunderland and London.

Customers complaining about the outage on Twitter also mentioned problems in other regions including Southhampton and Warwick.

O2, who was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March, said the fault, which was caused by planned engineering work, had now been repaired.

“Service was restored at 1pm but we continue to monitor the situation closely. We apologise for the inconvenience that this has caused,” said the spokesperson.

FCC to toughen internet rules

London, 19 June—The FCC has set for what many predict will be an ugly fight over broadband plans for US citizens. The Federal Communications Commission has taken the first formal steps towards tougher rules for broadband.

It asked for public comment on three different plans, igniting an expensive lobbying campaign by all sides.

The looming battle follows a court ruling questioning the FCC’s right to regulate internet service providers after one threat.

The FCC wants all data to be treated equally.

New premier Naoto Kan wants to cut Japan’s debt levels.

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John Lennon’s A Day in the Life lyrics sold for £1.2m

London, 19 June—John Lennon’s handwritten lyrics to Beatles’ hit song A Day In The Life have sold for £1.2m (£181,000) at auction, well above the price expected.

The double-sided sheet of paper with notes written in felt marker and blue ink was sold at Sotheby’s in New York.

The lyric sheet also contains some corrections and other notes penciled in red ink.

The song - co-written with Paul McCartney - is the final track on the band’s 1967 Sgt Pepper album.

One side of the lyric sheet shows Lennon’s amendments.

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Billionaire Icahn vows to take over Lions Gate

LOS ANGELES, 19 June—Billionaire investor Carl Icahn vowed on Thursday to take over Lions Gate, a film and television studio based in Santa Monica, Los Angeles.

Icahn confirmed that he had purchased 15.6-million shares of Lions Gate for seven dollars per share, amounting to about 109.2 million dollars, as his tender offer expired. With that purchase, Icahn now has a 31.8 percent stake in the company. “We are pleased with the results of our tender offer,” Icahn said in a prepared statement.

Starting from Thursday, Lions Gate Entertainment shareholders will have 14 days to tender their stock to Icahn who has become its largest shareholder.

Icahn, who has been trying to gain control of Lions Gate for months, also may have triggered the default of Lions Gate’s 340 million-dollar credit facility.

Icahn, who previously held 18.6 percent of Lions Gate stock, offered seven dollars per share for all outstanding stock. And, though the Lions Gate board advised shareholders to resist Icahn, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban sold him about 9.2 million shares, the Los Angeles Times reported.—Xinhua

Rachael is first evictee from Big Brother house

LONDON, 19 June—Beyoncé lookalike Rachael is the first evictee from the final Big Brother house.

The 23-year-old from Nottingham had faced the public vote in Friday night’s live programme along with medical student Sunshine and squatter Shabby.

Welshman Dave had also been nominated for the axe, but won a task in which he saved himself at Rachael’s expense.

“I didn’t want to leave but I do feel that I’m the luckiest girl I was when I walked in.”

The winner of the current crop of housemates will be joined by previous winners and notable contestants for the ultimate Big Brother champion for a two-week special to mark departure.

The opening to the current series attracted an audience of 5.1 million, slightly down on 2009.

Channel 4 is screening the 11th and last series of the reality show after it was axed last year. Rachael, who also works as a hair stylist and received 38% of the total votes cast, said she was pleased by the response of the crowd outside the Big Brother house.

She said: “The reaction was great. Coming out, I was so scared that everyone would hate me.”

“Lan” wins Best Asian New Talent Awards at Shanghai film fest

Chinese actress-turned-director Jiang Wenli accepts the Best Asian New Talent award at the 13th Shanghai International Film Festival on 18 June, 2010.—Xinhua

BEIJING, 19 June—Chinese actress Jiang Wenli’s directorial debut “Lan” won the Best Asian New Talent Film award at the 13th Shanghai International Film Festival.

The heart-warming semi-autobiographical film brought the first-time director a reward of 150,000 yuan (21,975 U.S dollars) as well as access to post-production facilities provided by Technicolor Bangkok.

“Lan” is a heart-felt drama about a young girl named Lan, who lives with her grandfather and dreams of becoming a gymnast. Jiang has said the film is a tribute to her childhood and her late grandfather.

“Director Jiang Wenli shows confidence painting her film with colours of stunning beauty and an attention to detail that pulls us into the world of little Lan,” said jury member Charlie Young while reading the jury’s comments on the film at the awards ceremony on Friday night. Accepting her award, Jiang told the audience, “The day after tomorrow (June 20) is my birthday. This is the best birthday present I can think of.”

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Moscow Int’l Film Festival hosts China Week

MOSCOW, 19 June—A China movie week entitled “Cinema of China: Fragments of History” was unveiled here Friday during the 32nd Moscow International Film Festival (MIFF) at the October Cinema.

Seven Chinese films from three different periods will be shown in the six-day movie week in Moscow and St. Petersburg, ranging from the Goddess and Crossroads of the 1930s, to contemporary Chinese features such as Ballet of Two Dancers, Cell Phone and Painted Skin. The special programme of MIFF was also a major event of the Chinese Language Year in Russia.

Zhang Jianyong, deputy director of China Film Archives, said at the opening ceremony that all these seven films represented the basic artistic forms of Chinese cinema over the past 100 years.

Hopefully Russian audience could obtain a deeper and finer image of Chinese cinema via watching them, he said.—Xinhua

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Luciano Moggi tells Milan to buy Barcelona striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic

ROME, 19 June—Luciano Moggi has told Milan to consider making a move for Barcelona ace Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

The hitman has been tipped to leave Camp Nou a year after arriving in Spain following the arrival of Spanish international David Villa from Valencia. A Manchester City move and a return to Inter have been speculative suggestions from the media, but Moggi feels Milan should gamble on him.—Internet

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16 Brainy
17 Raised platform
19 Sorcery
21 Highland valley

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Sneijder scores and Netherlands beats Japan 1-0

DURBAN, 19 June—Wesley Sneijder scored the only goal Saturday and the Netherlands beat Japan 1-0 for its second straight World Cup win.

Sneijder’s 53rd-minute strike finally broke through a Japanese defense that had stifled Dutch creativity in front of 62,010 fans at Moses Mabhida Stadium. Japan responded going on the attack and Yoshito Okubo had two shots in quick succession, the first saved by Maarten Stekelenburg and the second over the bar.—Xinhua

Preview matches on Slovakia vs Paraguay; Italy Vs New Zealand and Brazil Vs Ivory Coast on 20 June

YANGON, 19 June—World ranking 34 Slovakia and world ranking 31 Paraguay are going to play their second match of group-F of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on 20 June.

Both teams never faced in their head-to-head positions in the previous matches. Both have one draw each in the openers of their group. It is supposed that Paraguay will win or at least draw against the opponent Slovakia.

Results of the latest three matches of Slovakia

15.6.10 New Zealand 1-1 Slovakia World Cup grp. F
5.6.10 Slovakia 3-0 Costa Rica Friends
29.5.10 Slovakia 1-1 Cameroon Friends

Results of the latest three matches of Paraguay

14.6.10 Italy 1-1 Paraguay World Cup grp. F
2.6.10 Greece 0-2 Paraguay Friends
30.5.10 Paraguay 2-2 Ivory Coast Friends

Italy Vs New Zealand

Results of the latest three matches of Italy

10.6.09 Italy 4-3 New Zealand Friends 2009

Brazil Vs Ivory Coast

Results of the latest three matches of Brazil

15.6.10 Brazil 2-1 North Korea World Cup grp. G
7.6.10 Tanzania 1-5 Brazil Friends
2.6.10 Zimbabwe 0-3 Brazil Friends

Results of the latest three matches of Ivory Coast

15.6.10 Ivory Coast 0-0 Portugal World Cup grp. G
4.6.10 Ivory Coast 2-0 Japan Friends
30.5.10 Paraguay 2-2 Ivory Coast Friends

WC 2010 Germany vs Ghana, Lukas Podolski, Miroslav Klose.

Internet

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Australia draw 1-1 with Ghana

CAPE TOWN, 19 June—Australia and Ghana could both still reach the last 16 following Saturday’s entertaining 1-1 draw.

Australia and Ghana played out an entertaining 1-1 draw on Saturday with the result seeing both sides still able to reach the last 16 of the 2010 World Cup.

Australia made a confident start to the game and were rewarded after just 11 minutes when Brett Holman tapped in from close range after Mark Bresciano’s shot was parried.

Ghana responded immediately with Asamoah Gyan then after 24 minutes, Ghana were awarded a penalty when Jonathan Mensah’s shot adjudged to have been handled on the line by Harry Kewell, who was sent off. Gyan then stepped up to send Mark Schwarzer the wrong way to level the scores.

Both sides searched for a winner and Ghana found themselves with a great opportunity in the 89th minute with a free-kick in a dangerous position, but Mensah’s header from Sulley Muntari’s delivery sailed over the bar.—Internet

England defender John Terry admits Fabio Capello’s fear

SOUTH AFRICA, 19 June—England’s defender John Terry has admitted that Fabio Capello’s non-sense regime has left him in fear of the boss.

The 64-year-old is a famous disciplinarian and this mentality has been introduced to the Three Lions’ set-up. Mobile phones being turned off, players forced to wear suits when travelling to matches and everyone leaving the dining room at the same time are just some of the measures the Italian has introduced.

Speaking to ITV, Terry stated the benefit’s of Capello’s managerial style.—Internet
Scotland’s Gavin Hamilton is struck by a delivery from England’s James Anderson during their one day international cricket match in Edinburgh, Scotland on 19 June, 2010.

**WEATHER**

**Saturday 19th June, 2010**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay, Bago, Magway and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.39) inch, Katha (3.07) inches, Myitkyina (2.25) inches, Gwa (2.17) inches, Hpa-An (1.85) inches, Pyu (1.73) inches and Shwebo (0.98) inch.

Maximum temperature on 18-6-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 19-6-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-6-2010 was 75%. Total sun shine hours on 18-6-2010 was (4.6) hours.

Rainfall on 19-6-2010 was (Nil) at Mingalardon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (25.12) inches at Mingalardon, (27.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (27.80) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from SouthWest at (15.30) hours MST on 18-6-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 20th June 2010:** Rain or thundershower will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan and Chin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions and fairly widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of strong monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area** for 20-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area** for 20-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area** for 20-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Son of (U Kywa-Daw Cho) in Kawkhin Village in Kayin State, beloved husband of (Mi Thein Nwe) (Retired Teacher) at 12(A) Golden Valley Avenue in Bahan Township, brother of U Chit Hwe-Daw Ye and Daw De, benefactor father of Mi Khin Khin Hla-Dr Mehm Soe Myint, Min Aung Chan (Korea), Min Aye Chan-Min Tin Tin Sein, Min May Chan-Mi Thit Thi, Min Haing Htaw-Mi Kyi Kyi Sam, Min Aye Cho-Mi Hnin Ze and Min Haing Soon, grandfather of nine grandchildren and three grand great children, passed away at Hninzezon Specialist Clinic at 4:20 am on 18-6-10 (Friday). Funeral service will be held at Yayway Cemetery at 11 am on 20-6-10 (Sunday). Buses will leave the house at 9.30 am on 20-6-10 (Sunday).

Bereaved family

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Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
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- 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

Panthayet mango (R2E2) attracts growing attention from farmers

Now, mango is well in season in Myanmar. Some species of mango in demand at home are Seintalone, Shwehintha, Myakyauk, Machitsu, Aungdin and Yangwe.

Being big and attractive with delicate flavour, sweet taste, good appearance and long durability, Panthayet mango (R2E2) gets higher price than any other species of mango in the domestic market. In addition, it is exported on a commercial scale. In order to get facts about the growing and production of Panthayet mango (R2E2) for public knowledge, we visited the Vegetables and Fruit Research Development Centre of the Myanmar Agriculture Service under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division.

Ocean changes may have dire impact on people

Scientists reveal the growing atmospheric concentrations of man-made greenhouse gases are driving irreversible and dramatic changes to the way the ocean functions, with potentially dire impacts for hundreds of millions of people across the planet.

ScientificDaily, 19 June—The first comprehensive synthesis on the effects of climate change on the world’s oceans has found they are now changing at a rate not seen for several million years.

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