Senior General Than Shwe receives Laotian Prime Minister

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives the visiting goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 June—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received the visiting goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 5.40 pm today. Also present at the call were SPDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister U Thein Sein, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing, heads of department, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and officials.

The two parties cordially exchanged views on matters for promoting bilateral friendship and cooperation, strengthening various sectors including trade for mutual interest, and reciprocal cooperation in plans for regional development.

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**PERSPECTIVES**

**Tuesday, 22 June, 2010**

**Conserve the environment**

All living things rely on air, water, soil, trees, mountains and natural resources for their living. So, it is obligatory for all people to conserve the environment for survival.

However, the whole world is seeing evil consequences of climate change such as strong winds, floods, drought, heat waves, and melting of massive ice layers.

According to experts, 90 per cent of global warming is caused by man’s activities. Land and water pollution stems from excessive exploitation of natural resources and disposing of hazard wastes. Carbon dioxide, gases, ashes and bad smells emitted by factories, plants and vehicles pollute air.

Therefore, many countries have to place greater emphasis on environmental conservation. Myanmar has preserved fine traditions of conserving the environment for long. It systematically maintains waters, lands, forests and natural resources. The nation has established many forest reserves and sanctuaries.

The Ministry of Forestry in cooperation with local people has been setting up firewood plantations for villages, watershed forests, and teak plantations. The plantations of teak, ironwood, gem-kino and pinma are successful in Bago Yoma. So far, more than 500,000 neem trees have been nurtured in the special neem plantations designed for greening Swwebondaung in Magway Division.

As forests and woodlands help improve climate patterns, we have to avoid deforestation and improve the ecosystem. So, the government and local people have to set up new plantations and conserve woodlands for better environment.

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Also present at the call were officials from Myanmar Correction Department, Bureau of Special Investigation, Myanmar Police Force and Minister’s Office under Ministry of Home Affairs.—MNA

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**Google Earth with GIS courses to open**

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The training centre has also planned to open intermediates and advanced level courses on GIS and Remote Sensing Technology.

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Taleban-linked militancy, conflicts claim over 60 lives in 3 days

KABUL, 21 June—Taleban-led militancy and conflicts have claimed over 60 lives in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan over the past three days.

The militants, in the latest wave of violent incidents, organized twin blasts in Lashkar Gah city, capital of Taleban hotbed Helmand Province, Sunday morning leaving two civilians dead and injuring 20 others.

Ahmadi, spokesman for the provincial administration Daud Ahmadi said.

“The first explosion occurred in front of a bank at around 8:30 am local time killing two civilians and injuring 15 others all civilians, but second blast minutes later near a school left five persons including two children wounded,” Ahmadi told Xinhua.

Hours later on the same day Sunday, a roadside bomb planted by militants struck the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) armored vehicle causing no casualty in the country’s northern Kunduz city, capital of restive Kunduz Province, an official with the alliance said.

“A roadside bomb struck a military vehicle of the ISAF this morning outside Kunduz city causing no casualties but a military vehicle was damaged in the blast,” a spokesman for the NATO-led forces in Kunduz Lieutenant Colonel Webber told Xinhua.

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A teenager enjoys body boarding at a beach in Acapulco in 2006. The first hurricane of the 2010 Pacific season, Celia, has formed hundreds of miles off the coast of Acapulco, Mexico, the US-based National Hurricane Centre said on Sunday.

Packing winds of 75 miles pe Celia was last about 265 miles south of Acapulco and moving slowly westward at seven miles per hour, the NHC said in its 2100 GMT advisory. The Category One storm was expected to continue its path and show some strengthening over the next 48 hours, the NHC said.

However, Celia was located so far off land that it posed no threat and no coastal warnings were issued. The other major storm to strike the Pacific so far this season was Tropical Storm Agatha, which slammed into Guatemala in May, unleashing heavy rains and floods that left some 275 people dead or missing across Central America.—INTERNET

Hundreds urged to evacuate ahead of AZ wildfire

FLAGSTAFF, 21 June—Firefighters in aircraft and on the ground battled the second serious wildfire to threaten the Flagstaff area in two days Sunday, prompting officials to urge hundreds of residents to flee as flames crept within 500 yards of some homes.

Officials said the fast-spreading fire erupted in this forested city’s northern outskirts Sunday morning and burned across 7 square miles of forest land by evening, sending a huge plume of smoke over parts of the region.

Strong winds fueled the flames. “The higher winds definitely played a key role in the extreme behaviour of the fire today and it will continue tomorrow,” said city spokeswoman Stephanie Smith.

Residents of hundreds of homes were urged to evacuate because of the blaze, dubbed the Schultz fire. Some heeded the call but it was unclear how many; others watched as bright red and orange flames climbed over a mountain.

Fire spokesman Eric Neitzel said around midnight that the fire had burned.—INTERNET

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ISLAMABAD, 21 June—At least three Pakistani troops and eight militants were killed on Monday in fresh clashes in Orakzai tribal area of the northwest Pakistan, local media reported.

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Israel plans world’s biggest seawater desalination plant

Jerusalem, 21 June—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that the country is planning what officials touted as the world’s largest seawater desalination plant.

The Sorek desalination facility, to be constructed inland from the coastal city of Ashkelon, will supply 150 million cubic metres annually, a quarter of the Jewish state’s needs, said Netanyahu’s office in a statement.

The 300,000-square-metre desalination facility will include a pumping station, reservoirs, pipelines and an electric installation, and is slated to be part of a major national infrastructure project.

The Israeli cabinet on Sunday discussed the ramifications of the desalination plant, and related infrastructure projects, including connecting Israeli army bases to a wastewater treatment network, the statement said.

Sorek and another plant, currently under construction, are due to come on-line over the next three years.

Israel officially inaugurated a large-scale reverse osmosis facility in May, located near the city of Hadera.

The coastal plant south of Haifa could supply drinking water for a million of the country’s central district residents.

Hadera joins three existing desalination plants that already.

Spacecraft to skim atmosphere of Saturn’s Moon

PASADENA, 21 June—NASA’s Cassini spacecraft will get its best look at Saturn’s biggest moon Titan this weekend, when it takes the deepest dip yet into the cloud-covered satellite’s hazy atmosphere.

Cassini will fly 43 miles (70 km) lower into the atmosphere of Titan than ever before when it swoops past the Saturnian moon in the early morning of 21 June Pacific Time. At its closest point, the probe will be 547 miles (880 km) above Titan’s surface.

This is one of the most anticipated flybys of the Cassini mission so far, Cesar Bertucci, one of the Cassini team scientists, wrote in a blog post for NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, located in Pasadena, Calif. The flyby is the 71st Titan pass of the Cassini mission since it arrived at Saturn in 2004.—Internet

Earth’s colorful atmospheric layers photographed from space

NEW YORK, 21 June—A spectacular new image taken by astronauts on the International Space Station shows the various layers of Earth’s atmosphere during sunset over the Indian Ocean.

A brilliant sequence of colors in the image denotes each of the layers of Earth’s atmosphere, which are visible here because the picture was taken while the space station had an edge-on, or limb, view of the Earth. From this vantage point, the Earth’s curvature can also be made out.

The troposphere — the lowest layer of Earth’s atmosphere and the one in which humans dwell and weather occurs — appears in deep orange and yellows.

Nepal Telecom to establish optical fiber link with China

KATHMANDU, 21 June—Nepal Telecom (NT) plans to establish optical fiber connection with China by the end of fiscal year 2010/11. According to Monday’s Republica daily report, the state-owned telecom major has held a series of discussions with China Telecom to establish optical fiber connection between the two operators as per the Memorandum of Understanding signed two years ago, said Anoopranjan Bhattachari, deputy managing director-planning division at NT.

Optical fiber connection will link NT’s network with China Telecom’s network from Nepal-China bordering area Tatopani and Rasuwa stations. NT has already developed necessary infrastructures at the Tatopani station but is yet to build infrastructures at Rasuwa station, according to Bhattachari.

NT is working out economic aspect of share and use of the optical fiber network. “We are discussing bandwidth, leasing period and financial aspect of the deal. We are constantly in touch with the Chinese telecom operator to discuss the related issues,” Surendra Thike, spokesperson of NT, told the daily.—Internet

Science
**Junk food, sugar may help some fat cells proliferate**

New research suggests that the ubiquitous sugar known as fructose may cause certain fat cells in children to multiply faster, which might play a key role in childhood obesity. Fructose is a component of high-fructose corn syrup, which is widely used in a variety of foods, including soft drinks, candy and many processed foods.

**PCBs may weaken kids' vaccination response**

WASHINGTON, 21 June—Children exposed early in life to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) may have a reduced immune response to tetanus and diphtheria vaccines, a new study indicates.

The findings suggest that exposure to environmental pollutants in the first year of life (acutal time in immune system development) could undermine the effectiveness of childhood vaccinations and possibly weaken immune system responses to infection, the Danish and US researchers reported. They studied 587 children born between 1999 and 2001 on the Faroe Islands, located in the North Atlantic between Norway and Iceland. Residents of the islands have widely varying PCB exposure because of different patterns of consumption of PCB-contaminated foods, such as pilot whale blubber.

**Tasigna approval widened to include early stages of rare leukemia**

NEW YORK, 21 June—The anti-cancer drug Tasigna (nilotinib) has received new approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to include people in the early stages of a rare blood cancer called Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic phase chronic myeloid leukemia (PhvCP-CML), the agency said in a news release. The disease, linked to a genetic abnormality, progresses slowly and affects the blood and bone marrow. Tasigna is thought to block a signal that causes leukemic cells to develop. The drug was approved in October 2007 for people in the disease’s later stages. Users of Tasigna, however, are at greater risk of an abnormal heart rhythm disorder called QT prolongation. The FDA said earlier this year it sanctioned an updated medication guide and other strategies to inform patients and doctors of the drug’s risks. The most common side effects reported during clinical testing include: itching, headache, nausea, fatigue and muscle pain. Serious adverse reactions affecting the blood could include a decrease in bone marrow activity, low blood platelets, anemia and a decrease in infection-fighting white blood cells, the agency said.

**People may skip soft drinks rather than pay more**

Researchers examined what happened during a time period when the cafeteria at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston increased the price of regular soft drinks by 35 percent, compared with a time period when the hospital launched an educational campaign.

The investigators also looked at a comparison site — another hospital — that did not implement either intervention.

Soft drink sales decreased 26 percent when the price was increased, but the educational campaign on its own did not affect sales. When the price increase and educational campaign were combined, sales fell an additional 18 percent, the study authors found.

"Policy makers and public health advocates have proposed the taxation of regular soft drinks as a means to reduce the consumption of these products and raise revenue for public health purposes. Our results may have implications for these proposed policies," Dr. Jason Block, of Harvard Medical School, and colleagues wrote.

**ER doctors: Lawsuit fears lead to overtesting**

CHICAGO, 21 June—Fast decisions on life-and-death cases are the bread and butter of hospital emergency rooms. Nowhere do doctors face greater pressures to overtest and overtreat.

The fear of missing something weighs heavily on every doctor’s mind. But the stakes are highest in the ER, and that fear often leads to extra blood tests and imaging scans for what may be harmless chest pains, run-of-the-mill head bumps, and non-threatening stomachaches.

Many ER doctors say the No. 1 reason is fear of malpractice lawsuits. “It has everything to do with it,” said Dr. Angela Gardner, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

The fast ER pace plays a role, too: It’s much quicker to order a test than to ask a patient lots of questions to make sure that test is really needed.

“It takes time to explain pros and cons. Doctors like to check a box that orders a CT scan and go on to the next patient,” said Dr. Jeffrey Kline, an emergency physician at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC.

Patients’ demands drive overtesting, too. Many think every ache and pain deserves a high-tech test. “Our society puts more weight on technology than on physical exams,” Gardner said. “In other words, why would you believe a doctor who only examines you when you can get an X-ray that can tell something for sure?”

**UK doctor admits helped patients die**

LONDON, 21 June—A British doctor who admitted shortening the lives of nearly 20 patients—including his own son—may yet face charges, British investigators said Saturday.

Howard Martin, 75, was cleared in 2005 of murdering three patients with fatal doses of pain killer. But he has since had his license revoked and now a dramatic confession to a national newspaper has prompted police and prosecutors to consider reopening the case against him.

Martin, whose videotaped confession was carried Saturday by the Daily Telegraph newspaper, said he had no regrets, claiming he acted out of “Christian compassion” to end the suffering of pain-stricken patients. “My conscience is clear, I don’t have anything to fear,” he said in an interview from his home.

**Australia joins int’l alliance to fight bowel cancer**

SYDNEY, 21 June—Bowel Cancer Australia and UK charity Beating Bowel Cancer on Monday welcomed the addition of the Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada and Beat Bowel Cancer New Zealand to the bowel cancer international alliance.

Together, the four charities will lead the global fight against the disease which claims 320 lives in the UK every week; 73 lives in Australia; 175 lives in Canada; and 24 lives in New Zealand. Bowel cancer is the second biggest cancer killer in all four countries with 1 in 18 Britons; 1 in 12 Australians; 1 in 27 men and 1 in 31 women in Canada; and 1 in 18 New Zealanders being diagnosed with the disease during their lifetime.

Julien Wiggins, Chief Executive of Bowel Cancer Australia, said, “we are very excited about the additions to the alliance and the opportunity to develop joint awareness campaigns, patient support resources and materials.”

**In this photo taken May 4, 2010 Dr. Jeffrey Schneider performs a ultrasound on 82-year-old Teri Moore while Moore is being treated for belly pain, persistent coughing and vomiting at Cook County Stroger Hospital in Chicago.**

**Health**
Japan to nearly double growth forecast

TOkyo, 21 June — The Japanese government has decided to upgrade its economic growth forecast to around 2.6 percent for the year to March 2011, from an earlier projection of 1.4 percent, reports said on Monday.

The new forecast will be announced after the cabinet approves new fiscal rehabilitation measures on Tuesday, Kyodo News said, citing government sources.

“The government has judged that the economy will continue to recover at a faster pace than initially anticipated, backed by strong exports to China and other Asian countries as well as firm personal consumption in Japan,” Kyodo said.

Asian stocks up after China currency announcement

Shanghai, 21 June—Asian stock markets surged Monday as investors took heart from China ending its currency’s two-year peg to the dollar, and the yuan surged in spot trading.

By midafternoon, the yuan was quoted at 6.8095 to the US dollar, up from Friday’s close of 6.8272. But a 0.5 percent limit on the currency’s daily range would prevent much larger movements in its value.

In late New York trading on Friday, the euro fetched record highs in international demand is melting them down as gold prices have risen sharply over the past two months, according to Phnom Penh dealers, as the precious metal fetched record highs in New York trading on Friday, local media reported on Monday.

Gold briefly surged to a new high of 1,263.70 US dollars a troy ounce on New York’s Comex exchange Friday.

Gold at Ly Hour Exchange, Cambodia’s largest dealer, sold at an all-time high of 1,510 US dollars per dambang, or 1.2 troy ounces on Saturday, rising 11 percent over April costs, owner Sieng Lim was quoted by the Phnom Penh Post as saying.

Iron ore is loaded onto a train in Western Australia. China and Australia have signed new deals worth 10 billion dollars (8.8 billion US), mostly in resources and energy, following talks between Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and visiting Vice President Xi Jinping.—INTERNET

Business

Foreign trade in East China province up 50%

BEIJING, 21 June—Foreign trade in economically-developed Jiangsu Province in eastern China totaled 174.29 billion US dollars in the first five months of the year, a 50 percent year-on-year increase.

Exports amounted to 98.71 billion US dollars, up 42.7 percent, while imports totaled 75.58 billion dollars, up 61 percent.

The province accounted for 15.8 percent of China’s total foreign trade in the five-month period, up 0.6 percentage points.

Four-year-old Jiaong Yuuxiao (R) from Taicang of east China’s Jiangsu Province visits the Germany Pavilion with her mother at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, 20 June, 2010. —Xinhua

Dollar mixed as Europe debt worries ease

NEW YORK, 21 June—The dollar traded mixed against major currencies on Friday as worries about debt problems in Europe eased.

With no major economic data or news from the US market, investors continued to focus on Europe. European Union leaders said they would publish results of “stress tests” of Europe’s 25 biggest banks in July. Analysts believe that this measure will bring more transparency into those banks’ financial stability.

Meanwhile, Spanish bond auction of 10- and 30-year notes met with strong demand on Thursday, which helped ease concerns about the nation’s ability to meet its debt obligations this year. And on Friday, French President Nicolas Sarkozy voiced his support for Spain. On behalf of the 27-nation group, he said that “we don’t believe there is a problem” in Spain.

In late New York trading, the euro dipped to 1.2364 dollars from 1.2379 dollars late Thursday, and the British pound edged lower to 1.4799 dollars from 1.4810 dollars.

In other trading, the dollar fell to 90.73 Japanese yen from 90.82, slipped to 1.0989 Swiss francs from 1.1126, and dipped to 1.0222 Canadian dollars from 1.0284 late Thursday.

The Discoverer Enterprise burning off gas at the site of the Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. BP has spent about two billion dollars in its response to the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the company announced Monday in a statement to the London Stock Exchange.

Cambodian gold dealers sell at record prices

PHNOM PENH, 21 June—Cambodia’s gold prices have surged 11 percent over the past two months, according to Phnom Penh dealers, as the precious metal fetched record highs in New York trading on Friday, local media reported on Monday.

Gold briefly surged to a new high of 1,263.70 US dollars a troy ounce on New York’s Comex exchange Friday.

Gold at Ly Hour Exchange, Cambodia’s largest dealer, sold at an all-time high of 1,510 US dollars per dambang, or 1.2 troy ounces on Saturday, rising 11 percent over April costs, owner Sieng Lim was quoted by the Phnom Penh Post as saying.

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“Gold prices have risen sharply over the last two months. It’s likely due to the demand of gold as a safe haven with the euro debt crisis,” she said.

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El Salvador, Dominican Republic hit by tropical storms

SAN SALVADOR, 21 June—At least one was killed while some 250 families in El Salvador were evacuated and taken to temporary shelters early on Sunday due to downpours.

The Salvadorian Red Cross said the evacuations took place mostly in central El Salvador where the El Tunco River and El Garrobo Stream overflowed.

The National Service of Territorial Studies (SNET) said the heavy rains, caused by a tropical wind from the Caribbean, would continue but with moderate intensity.

In another development, the Dominican Republic has issued a warning against flash flooding after being hit by heavy rains.

The National Office of Meteorology said the tropical wave had caused heavy rains and thunderstorms in the southeast and northeast of the country. It did not report casualties at the moment.

The same agency forecasted that moderate to strong rains would continue in most of the country. It also warned of possible flooding in the eastern part of the country.—Xinhua

FOUR NATO soldier killed as chopper crashes in Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 June—Four NATO soldiers were killed in Afghanistan as a chopper crashed on Monday, a press release of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

“Four ISAF service members died as a result of a helicopter crash in southern Afghanistan today,” the press release said.

However, it did not identify the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer identification procedures for casualties to the relevant national authorities. But it is said that three were Australian soldiers.

Troops from US, Britain, Australia and Netherlands are currently stationed in southern Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Organizers clear explosion suspicion outside Soccer City

JOHANNESBURG, 21 June—After a large explosion-like sound was heard outside of the FIFA World Cup stadium Soccer City on Sunday, local organizers confirmed the sound just came from regular mining activities.

“There was no explosion. It was only regular mining activities,” said local organizing committee spokesman Rich Mkhondo.

The sound of an explosion was heard near Soccer City stadium and the ground in the media center, 400 metres from the stadium, was shaken, according to Xinhua reporters at the scene.

Local security guards said they did not feel anything unusual, neither did they see any smoke.

Chicago subway fire sends 19 to hospital

CHICAGO, 21 June—Authorities say a fire in a Chicago subway has injured 19 people and sent black smoke billowing from grates along city streets.

The Chicago Transit Authority says heavy smoke was reported around 5 pm Sunday along the Red Line tracks just north of downtown.

Chicago Fire Department spokesman Richard Rosado says 19 people were taken to hospitals, most with respiratory complaints, though none suffered life-threatening injuries.

He says five people were transported in serious to critical condition, three were in fair to serious and 11 had minor injuries.

Transit spokeswoman Catherine Hosinski says the fire was quickly extinguished and investigators are trying to determine was started the blaze.

Rosado says as many as 100 rescue workers responded.—Internet

Three dead, more injured in Mexico rural disputes

ACAPULCO, 21 June—A man and his 12-year-old daughter were detained Sunday in southern Mexico for allegedly killing a neighboring land owner in a dispute over land.

Police in the Pacific coast state of Guerrero said the man allegedly hacked his rival’s head open with a machete. Two relatives of the victim suffered non-life-threatening wounds in the attack in a remote, mountainous part of the state, police said. Witnesses said the girl allegedly assisted her father in the attack, apparently using stones. Officials said she would be turned over to the juvenile justice system.

In the southern state of Oaxaca, local media quoted authorities as saying Sunday a mayor and another man were killed by assailants in a separate dispute apparently motivated by a disagreement over a mine.

That attack occurred near the town of San Jose del Progreso, and killed Mayor Oscar Venancio Rivera and the town’s health official. The newspaper El Universal said three other people were injured in the ambush-style attack.

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Tunco River and El Salvador where the El Salvador River and El Garrobo Stream overflowed. The Soccer City stadium, where Brazil meet Cote d’Ivoire in their World Cup Group G at night, was located in a gold-mining district on the outskirts of Johannesburg. Xinhua

Afghan farmers with their donkeys wait to be searched as they pass by a temporary checkpoint in Daud District, south of Kundahar, on 21 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Indonesian police have arrested a man who allegedly poisoned and skinned a critically endangered Sumatran tiger in a state-owned zoo, an official said Monday. INTERNET
Laotian PM views development of Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, a delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh arrived here at 10.10 am today.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Myanmar Ambassador to LPDR U Nyunt Hlaing, directors-general of departments under the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Laotian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar H.E. Mr Kouily A. Souphakhet and wife, military attaché and officials welcomed the Laotian Prime Minister and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The visiting Prime Minister and party proceeded to Myanma Gems Museum together with Hotels and Tourism Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and officials. On arrival at the museum at 1 pm, Managing Director U Maung Toe of Myanma Pearl Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines and officials extended a warm welcome.

The LPDR Prime Minister and party viewed gems displayed on the upper floor of the museum. The Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh signed the visitors’ book of the museum.

The visiting Prime Minister and party also enjoyed the gems displayed by gems companies on the ground floor of the museum.
NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met the visiting goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 4 pm today.

Also present were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Defence U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tun Ngwe, Myanmar Ambassador to LPDR U Nyunt Hlaing and departmental heads, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and embassy staff.

At the meeting, both sides cordially discussed matters related to constant development of bilateral relations, maintaining and promoting good neighbourly ties, regular exchange of visits between high-ranking officials of the two countries, continued implementation of the agreements of Myanmar-Lao joint commission meeting, ensuring peace and stability in border regions, betterment of road transport in the region and between the two countries and latest developments of the two countries.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Laotian counterpart discuss constant development of relations between two countries

Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Zeyathiri Beikman.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 6.30 pm today.

The dinner was also attended by ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to LPDR U Nyunt Hlaing and departmental heads, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Kouily A. Souphakhet and officials concerned. Before dinner, the State band played the national anthems of the two countries. Before and during the dinner, vocalists sang songs to the accompaniment of Myanmar modern music band and the artistes of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture performed a variety of dances. After dinner, Prime Minister U Thein Sein presented the documentary album on the goodwill visit to Prime Minister of LPDR Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh. Later, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and the Laotian counterpart presented a basket of flowers to and cordially greeted the performers.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein hosts dinner in honour of Laotian counterpart

Prime Minister U Thein Sein hosts dinner to Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh and party.—MNA

Public Announcement for remonstration

1. Khami National Development Party headquartered at No. 114, Hsinku Street, Ward.1, Sittway Township, Rakhine State, on 21-6-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag, and seal described hereunder.

Flag of Khami National Development Party

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

Seal of Khami National Development Party

Applications for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Of the parties that have been granted permission to set up political parties, the Khami National Development Party submitted application to register as a political party to the Union Election Commission today. Up to date, there are 42 parties that submitted application for registration as political party have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—MNA
46 dead in explosion in central China mine

BEIJING, 21 June—At least 46 miners were killed Monday when an explosion ripped through a coal mine in central China, state media reported.

The blast hit a mine in Pingdingshan city in the province of Henan, the State Administration of Work Safety said. Seventy-two miners were trapped initially but 26 escaped, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

State broadcaster CCTV reported on its website many of the deaths were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning set off by the explosion. The report said an investigation is under way into the cause of the blast.

Safety has improved sharply in recent years, but China’s mining industry is by far the world’s deadliest. Accidents and blasts killed more than 2,600 coal miners last year.

Tornado rips businesses, arena in Billings, Mont

BILLINGS, 21 June—A tornado that ripped the roof off a sports arena Sunday evening also tore through businesses, damaging a bar and a casino and leaving just the walls of an auto glass shop standing.

The tornado struck at about 4:30 pm as a big storm system with golf ball-sized hail passed through the area.

National Weather Service meteorologist Keith Meier said.

After running through Main Street in the city’s northeast area, the twister quickly moved toward the 10,000-seat Rimrock Auto Arena about a half-mile away, where it hovered for about 15 minutes, snapping trees and telephone poles.

“It would touch down and suck back up and touch down and touch down again,” said Trooper Toman Baukema of the Montana Highway Patrol, who saw the tornado from a patrol station about a mile away.

Argentina to deepen ties with L American neighbours

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Turkish fighter jets attack targets in northern Kurdish Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 June—Two Turkish warplanes on Sunday bombed several areas in Sidakan District of Soran town in Iraq’s Kurdish Arbil Province, a Kurdish media website reported.

“At 5.20 pm of Sunday, two warplanes believed to be Turkish ones heavily bombarded the mountains of Loân in Sidakan District belonging to Soran,” a well-informed source exclusively told the PUK media web, according to the report.

In another Turkish air raid late Saturday, an 11-year-old Iraqi girl was killed and another two people were wounded on the border areas in Sedikan sub-district in Soran, said the media web, adding the wounded were taken to emergency hospital for treatment.—Xinhua

At least 20,000 displaced in S Philippine flooding

DAVAO CITY, 21 June—At least 20,000 people have been displaced as torrential rains caused flash floods and small landslides in southern Philippines on Sunday, local and disaster officials said.

Ten villages in two towns in Mindanao’s Maguindanao province were under water as a local river burst its banks, inundating homes and roads, the provincial disaster coordinating office said.

Most of the affected residents come from communities near the banks of the Simuay river which overflowed after just several hours of heavy rains, Sultan Kudarat town mayor Tocao Mastura told local media.

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Thief steals ‘first tomato’ before auction

An unknown thief allegedly stole the season’s first tomato, intended for a charity auction this week, from a Virginia garden, church officials say.

On Saturday, Wayne Willis of Smithfield, Virginia, had to pick a replacement “designated first tomato” for auction, with fees going to the local Christ Episcopal Church, from his one-acre garden containing at least 21 varieties of fruits and vegetables, The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot reported.

For seven years Willis, a retired West Pointer, has tended his garden and auctioned the first ripe tomato from “Wayne’s World” with the proceeds going to the church.

A sea turtle swims with scuba divers in the Ras Mohammed protection area near Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt.—INTERNET

A green sea turtle in captivity in Boca Raton, Florida. A sea turtle found a waterproof camera in the Caribbean, somehow activated the device, filmed itself and is now a YouTube sensation.

News Album

Archeologis Xu Weihong covers the coloured battle suit of a newly found terracotta warrior at the excavation site inside the No. 1 pit of the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses, on the outskirts of Xi’an, Shaanxi Province 21 June, 2010.

Man virtually unhurt when train hits car

A Michigan man has the close call of a lifetime this week, escaping with only a scratch when a speeding train barreled into his car, authorities say.

The Lapeer County Sheriff’s Office said witnesses recounted seeing James Brimmer, 26, of Flint drive around a lowered railroad crossing gate with signals activated Friday morning only to be struck by an Amtrak passenger train, the Detroit Free Press reported.

The train, traveling at an estimated 60-65 mph, tore Brimmer’s car in half, the newspaper said.

“He survived, and it’s just an amazing thing that he did,” Sgt. Craig Miller of the Sheriff’s Office said.

Brimmer’s only injury was a scratched knee that didn’t require medical attention but a wheel of his car flew through the window of a nearby taxi, the newspaper said. Brimmer was given three citations, the officer said.

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Whaling deal splits countries and conservationists

LONDON, 21 June—A deal that could regulate whaling for the next 10 years is up for debate at the International Whaling Commission’s meeting opening in Agadir, Morocco.

The proposal would see Iceland, Japan and Norway given annual quotas with hunts more tightly scrutinised, while international trade could be banned.

Some anti-whaling countries and some conservation groups support the idea, while others are implacably opposed.

Few observers are prepared to predict whether the deal will be approved.

The week-long annual meeting in Agadir marks the final stage in a two-year US-led process that has seen bitter foes such as Australia and Japan working together in attempts to find areas of compromise. —Internet

Australia mining chiefs missing over Cameroon and Congo

LONDON, 21 June—Fears are growing for the safety of several Australian mining executives whose plane has gone missing flying from Cameroon to Republic of Congo.

Nine passengers were on board, including one of Australia’s richest men—mining magnate Ken Talbot.

The group set off from the Cameroonian capital Yaounde on Saturday to visit iron ore projects in Yangadou, a remote area in Congo.

Cameroon’s military is leading a ground and air search over dense forest.

The plane the men were travelling on was chartered by the Australian mining company, Sundance Resources. —Internet

Michael Jackson memorial plaque for Thriller theatre

LONDON, 21 June—A memorial is to be erected at a West End theatre in London on the eve of the first anniversary of the death of US pop sensation Michael Jackson. He died last year just a week before he was due to perform 50 sell-out dates at London’s O2 Arena.

The plaque will be unveiled on 24 June in the foyer of the Lyric Theatre, where the show Thriller Live is currently playing. It features a string of hits from Jackson’s solo and Jackson 5 career. Fans flocked to the theatre after Jackson’s death on 25 June, and they created a shrine of candles, tributes, flowers and 40 books of condolence. —Internet

Government of the Union Myanmar Ministry of Health
Department of Medical Science
Inviting Application for Refresher Courses

1. Refresher courses (2/2010) leading to obtaining SAMA for medical graduates and THAKHA for dental graduates will be conducted at the Universities of Medicine and Universities of Dental Medicine in July, 2010.

2. Those who have M.B.B.S or B.D.S. and have not had SAMA or THAKHA are eligible to apply.

3. Closing date: 21-7-2010

4. Place for application: University one has graduated.

5. Enquiries can be directed to Department of Medical Science, Nay Pyi Taw and respective Universities.

Technology leads to sustainable prosperity, says Swiss Pavilion Director

SHANGHAI, 21 June— Best known for favorable cliches about watches, mountains and chocolate by most Chinese, the Switzerland Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo is trying to display the country’s strengths in the field of science that are of importance to the international community. Manuel Salchli, Deputy Commissioner General and Pavilion Director of the Switzerland Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo said in an interview with Xinhua that technology has contributed to sustainable prosperity in urban development, and that the Shanghai Expo provides a great opportunity for Switzerland to show the world those ideas and technologies used everyday to offer its citizens a high quality of life. The principal theme chosen for the Shanghai Expo, “Better City, Better Life”, is an ideal chance for Switzerland to demonstrate that it is an innovative and environmentally aware country, said Salchli. Also, the official Swiss Pavilion offers an exciting, interactive approach to the sub-theme of the Expo: “rural-urban interaction”. The overall concept for the exhibition is a balance between man, nature and technology.—Xinhua

Ken Talbot, one of Australia’s richest men, is among the missing. Internet

Israel sets out changes to Gaza blockade curbs

LONDON, 21 June—Israel has given details of its plan to ease the blockade of Gaza, with all civilian goods now expected to be let into the territory.

Israel will allow items into Gaza unless they feature on a new list which specifies banned goods.

The move will let in humanitarian aid, food and building supplies.

Israel has blockaded Gaza since 2005, but has faced heavy criticism since the recent killing of nine people on an aid flotilla heading to Gaza. Internet

Jackson died suddenly in Los Angeles last year. Internet

Britain on ‘road to ruin’ without cuts

Chancellor George Osborne.—Internet

LONDON, 21 June—Britain is “on the road to ruin” unless action is taken in the Budget on Tuesday to cut the deficit, Chancellor George Osborne has told the BBC.

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Tough action was “unavoidable” but he aimed to provide “prosperity for all”.

He also announced ex-Labour minister John Hutton would head a commission into public sector pensions.

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Michael Jackson memorial plaque for Thriller theatre

LONDON, 21 June—A memorial is to be erected at a West End theatre in London on the eve of the first anniversary of the death of US pop sensation Michael Jackson. He died last year just a week before he was due to perform 50 sell-out dates at London’s O2 Arena.

The plaque will be unveiled on 24 June in the foyer of the Lyric Theatre, where the show Thriller Live is currently playing. It features a string of hits from Jackson’s solo and Jackson 5 career. Fans flocked to the theatre after Jackson’s death on 25 June, and they created a shrine of candles, tributes, flowers and 40 books of condolence. —Internet

Michael Jackson died suddenly in Los Angeles last year. Internet
Pakistan FM vows to implement Iran gas pipeline project despite US warning

**ISLAMABAD, 21 June—Pakistan’s Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi Sunday defended the 7.5 billion-US-dollar gas pipeline with Iran and said Islamabad will take the project forward despite sanctions on Iran.**

Qureshi’s comments came hours after US Special envoy for Pakistan and Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke warned Pakistan against the pipeline intended to bring the much-needed natural gas to the energy starved country.

Pakistan and Iran formally signed the deal in Tehran on 13 June, under which Iran will supply Pakistan with natural gas from mid-2014. “The gas pipeline project with Iran is in Pakistan’s interests,” the Pakistani Foreign Minister told a news conference in the city of Multan in Punjab.

Qureshi said that Pakistani experts are of the opinion that sanctions on Iran will not affect gas pipeline project as it is a bilateral agreement and both countries have already finalized the deal. He said that gas pipeline deal with Iran will not violate international laws, adding Pakistan will focus on its interests without violating international laws.

The Pakistani Foreign Minister said that the visiting US envoy Richard Holbrooke also remained silent when he was asked about the Iran gas pipeline deal on Saturday.

Malaysian cops arrest 120 people involved in illegal football betting

**KUALA LUMPUR, 21 June—The Malaysian police have arrested 120 people suspected of having involved in illegal World Cup betting activities.** They have carried out during the period to combat illegal betting.

About 100 males and 20 females between the ages of 15 and 73, including nine Indonesians, have been arrested in the raids.

Tensions easing ahead of second half

**LONDON, 21 June—Tensions in global financial markets stemming from the euro zone’s sovereign debt crisis appear to be easing, setting the stage for investors to dip back into risky assets in the second half of this year.**

China’s announcement on Saturday that it will end the yuan’s 23-month peg against the dollar, clearing the way for appreciation of the Chinese currency to resume, is likely to reinforce the recovery of an appetite for risk. Last week’s relatively successful bond sales in peripheral euro zone countries, and expectations that the Federal Reserve and other central banks will keep borrowing costs low, are calming investor nerves after a risk storm in May prompted a rush to safe-haven assets.

Santos to improve ties with L America, boost trade with Asia

**BOGOTA, 21 June—Colombia’s president-elect Juan Manuel Santos will improve ties with Latin American countries and boost trade with Asian and Pacific countries, according to his chief economic advisor.** During his four-year term starting Aug, 7 Juan Manuel Santos will also enhance the free-trade mechanism agreed upon with the Middle East and Africa, said Juan Carlos Echeverri.

Santos was declared winner of the run-off presidential polls after garnering 69.06 percent of the votes. His opponent Antanas Mockus got 27.5 percent of the votes. “Strategically, we need to open a market for our products,” his advisor told Xinhua, adding that special attention would be paid to Asia-Pacific region where “we can exploit the great potential” of Colombian products.

During his election campaign, Santos said it was vital to promote foreign investment in his country and link the Colombian economy with the international markets, particularly the dynamic ones in Asia.
Preview matches on France Vs South Africa; Mexico Vs Uruguay; Greece Vs Argentina and Nigeria Vs South Korea on 22 June

YANGON, 21 June—World ranking 10 France and world ranking 83 host South Africa are going to play in their group-A’s last match in South Africa on 22 June.

Both teams faced one time in their head-to-head position in the previous friendly match of 2010 and were held to a goalless draw. France played two matches in the group and had one draw against Uruguay and one loss to Mexico while the hosts played two matches in the group and one draw against Mexico and one loss to Uruguay. Both teams are less likely to reach the play-off stage. In addition, the results of both teams are the same with one point each. Even if one of two win the match, it is likely to be out of the group on goal difference. If Mexico and Uruguay played a draw, France and the hosts would be hopeless for going to the play-off stage. It is supposed that South Africa will play for a win against France.

**Head-to-Head Position**

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**Greece Vs Argentina**

Both teams did not see each other in the head-to-head position in the previous matches. Greece got three points in two matches winning over Nigeria and losing to South Korea while Argentina scored six points in two matches victory over South Korea and Nigeria. The results of Argentina are the best road to semi-finals. The Argentine coach will change a little techniques in his team’s formation because it is certain that he will rule out reliable key players to rest on the bench. It is supposed that Argentina will extend their unbeaten run with a decisive win.

**Results in the latest three matches of Greece**

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**Nigeria Vs South Korea**

Both teams have not seen each other in the head-to-head position in the previous matches. Nigeria suffered empty point in the two matches losing to Argentina and Greece while South Korea gained three points in two matches winning over Greece and losing to Argentina. As South Korea will have to struggle for the second place of the group, they will win or at least draw the opponent black stars.

**Results in the latest three matches of Nigeria**

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Portugal beats North Korea in 7-0 rout

CAPETOWN, 21 June—South Africa – Portugal put on the most predominant performance of the World Cup, routing North Korea 7-0 on Monday and eliminating the Asian nation from the tournament.

Simao Sabrosa, Hugo Almeida and Tiago scored over an eight-minute span in the second half, after Raul Meireles’ 29-minute goal gave Portugal the lead. Substitute Liedson added another in the 81st. Cristiano Ronaldo broke his goalless streak in the 87th minute and Traigo added his second goal two minutes later. The win moves Portugal into second place in Group G with four points, two behind Brazil. The Ivory Coast has one point, and North Korea can’t advance in the tournament after two straight losses.

Dempsey says referee encouraged physical play

IVERNE, 21 June—Clint Dempsey says the referee who disallowed a late American go-ahead goal against Slovenia encouraged rough play in the penalty area by failing to whistle infractions early in the game.

“Before the tournament, they told us that any type of holding on corners is a penalty, any type of grabbing around a player is a penalty. So when we get to the game, that’s not what’s going on,” he said Sunday. “So you have to adapt.”

France mutiny over Anelka expulsion from World Cup team

KIVUNA, 21 June—France’s disastrous World Cup campaign was plunged into fresh chaos on Sunday when the players refused to train in protest at the decision to send home star striker Nicolas Anelka.

Amid chaotic scenes at their training base, the players released a statement protesting at the Chelsea striker’s exclusion from the squad for a foul-mouthed rant during the defeat to Mexico which left France facing elimination.

“All the players in the French squad without exception wish to affirm their opposition to the decision taken by the French Football Federation (FFF) to exclude Nicolas Anelka,” said the statement. The players said they deplored the way the dressing room bust-up between Anelka and coach Raymond Domenech had been revealed by sports daily L’Equipe on Saturday. —Internet

Gary Medal of Chile celebrates the opening goal by Mark Gonzalez with team mate Claudio Bravo during the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Group A match between Chile and Switzerland at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium on 21 June, 2010 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. —Internet

France’s national football team leave the pitch before the start of what was supposed to be a team. —Internet

US national soccer player Clint Dempsey, right, looks at teammate Tim Howard during a news conference. —Internet
4. Morning News
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Weather

**WEATHER**

Monday, 21st June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Ayeayawaddy Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)(0.35) inch, Puto (2.99) inches, Myuin (225) inches, Kawthoung (1.74) inches, Myitkyina (0.94) inch, Pyin Oo Lwin (0.70) inch, Kathit (0.63) inch and Taungdwingyi (0.47) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-6-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 21-6-2010 was 80°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-6-2010 was 78%.

Total sun shine hours on 20-6-2010 was (5.7) hours.

Rainfall on 21-6-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon.

Rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (25.12) inches at Mingaladon, (27.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (28.27) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from West at (18:30) hours MST on 20-6-2010.

Bay Influence: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 22nd June 2010

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Kayin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeayawaddy and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area

22-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area

22-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area

22-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. 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

Laotian Prime Minister receives warm welcome

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—A ceremony to welcome Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, who is on an official visit to Myanmar at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, was held at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 3.45 pm today.

The Laotian Prime Minister left the Golden Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone and arrived at Zeyathiri Beikman in a motorcade. He was cordially greeted there by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

The two Prime Ministers took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais.

Meanwhile, the State Band played the National Anthems of the two nations.

Next, they inspected the Guard of Honour.

Laotian Prime Minister presented his delegation members to Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein presented the welcoming party comprising Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Deputy Minister for Defence U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu and Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing.—MNA