Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Croatian President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ivo Josipovic, President of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia which falls on 25 June 2010.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Indian Military Attachés

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché Colonel Manoj Mukund Naravane of the Republic of India who had completed his tour of duty here and his successor Colonel Rajesh Kumar at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 9 am today. Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun; Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché Colonel Mitsuji Saratani of Japan who had completed his tour of duty here and his successor Colonel Rajesh Kumar at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives outgoing Military Attaché Colonel Mitsuji Saratani of Japan and incoming Military Attaché Colonel Yuji Sato at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA
PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 25 June, 2010

Gear up production of industries

Nowadays, the government is striving for development of industrial sector with the use of natural resources and unites strength of national brethren. New factories and workshops have been established in industrial zones and industrial regions across the nation. Factories applying advanced technologies are in operation to manufacture diesel engines, heavy machines and machinery, hydropower turbines and generators, personal goods, pharmaceuticals and foodstuffs, paper and pulp, plastics, advanced asbestos, tyre and rubber products.

Hydrogen Peroxide Plant is established in Chauk Township of Magway Division. Hydrogen Peroxide can be used in industrial works, health, agriculture and mineral exploration industries. Advanced Insulator Factory (Chauk) is conducting test-run of manufacturing advanced insulators to be used in power lines.

In setting up industrial zones and regions, new factories and workshops including import-substitute factories have been opened. Manufacturing of products at the factories are gaining momentum. In competing with products of foreign countries, it is necessary to place emphasis on manufacturing of products meeting set standards and norms.

The government is rendering necessary assistance to the entrepreneurs for achieving success in their industries. As such, the entrepreneurs are to strive for extending their works in cooperation with the industries at home and abroad.

Establishment of modern factories and workshops including import-substitute factories indicates the development of industrial sector. All in all, it is necessary to operate the machines of all factories and workshops at full capacity and gear up manufacturing of quality products to satisfy the market demand.

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People’s Desire

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* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

FM felicitates Croatian counterpart

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H&T Minister receives Timor-Leste Ambassador

NAV PYI TAW, 24 June—Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing received Timor-Leste Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Juvencio De Jesus Martins at the Minister’s office here on 22 June. At the meeting, both sides discussed tourism industry between Myanmar and Timor-Leste.

Also present at the call were departmental heads, head of office and officials from the Ministry. MNA

Golf tourney marked 2010 Olympic Day

YANGON, 24 June—The golf tourney to mark the 2010 Olympic Day, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Han Events Management, was held at Myanmar Golf Club on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Club Captain U Soe Win of MGC presented first, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes to Chin Min San with 65, Thein Naing Soe with 67, Swan Thida Aung with 67, Htet Aung Hlaing with 70 and Kaung Htet Kyaw with 70 in the singles’ handicap 0-18 event respectively. MNA

UMFCCI to meet entrepreneurs of Taitra

YANGON, 24 June—The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Thai-based Taitra will hold a meeting between entrepreneurs of both organizations of respective businesses at Chatrium Hotel, here, on 28 June.

The Myanmar entrepreneurs wishing to attend the meeting may enlist at UMFCCI and dial 214344 and 214349 for further information.—MNA

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAV PYI TAW, 24 June — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name Department
(a) Dr Aung Myo Director-General Project Appraisal & Progress, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(b) U Tun Tun Naing Director-General Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(c) U Hsan Myint Director-General Revenue Appellate Tribunal, Ministry of Finance and Revenue

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Officials together with winners at golf tourney in commemoration of Olympic Day 2010 pose for documentary photo.—MGC
10 NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 June—Ten soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed on Wednesday in separate incidents, a grim trend that could make June among the deadliest months since the Taleban regime collapsed in late 2001, the alliance confirmed in press releases issued here on Thursday.

In the latest incident, according to press releases, four foreign soldiers were killed in a traffic accident in southern Afghanistan, the stronghold of Taleban militants.

“Four ISAF service members died as a result of a vehicle accident in southern Afghanistan yesterday,” the press release said on Thursday.

Four other ill-fated troopers were killed in the lethal homemade device — Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks in eastern and western parts of the militancy-plagued country.

Majority of over 290 NATO soldiers, who lost their lives since the beginning of this year, have been killed by IED attacks in the post-Taleban Afghanistan.

Another ISAF soldier lost his life in a small-arms attack in the south of the country and the 10th was killed following an accident while on patrol in western Afghanistan also on Wednesday. However, the press releases did not disclose the nationalities of the victims saying “It is ISAF policy to deter identification procedures for casualties to the relevant national authorities.”—Xinhua

Indonesian police capture top terrorist suspect

JAKARTA, 24 June—The Indonesian anti-terror squad has captured a top terrorist suspect and his two aides on a raid in their hide-out in Central Java province, National Police spokesman Edward Aritonang said here on Thursday.

The spokesman said that the police arrested Abdullah Sunata and the others on Wednesday in Boyolali of the Province. One of the suspect followers was shot dead, he said.

“Abdullah Sunata has involved in terrorist attacks in the country. He is a recidivist,” Aritonang told Xinhua.

Sunata is a follower of slain terrorist leader Noordin Mohammad Top. The spokesman said that Sunata has a role to recruit those for terrorist acts and involved in the establishment of terrorist cell in Aceh, the group which plotted to assassinate President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and foreigners during the anniversary of the Independent Day in August.

During the raids the police seized weapons and ammunitions, said Aritonang. —Xinhua

15 militants killed in southern Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 24 June—Over a dozen Taleban insurgents were killed as troops stormed their hideout in Kandahar Province south of Afghanistan, police said on Thursday.

“Afghan and NATO-led forces stormed a hideout of Taleban rebels in Jalal District on Wednesday. As a result, 15 militants were killed and three others made captives,” deputy to provincial police chief Fazal Ahmad Shirzad told Xinhua.

He did not give more details. Taleban militants have yet to make comment.

Kandahar, the birthplace of Taleban militias, has been the scene of increasing militancy over the past couple of years.

Taleban insurgents have vowed to intensify anti-government activities this year in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

One killed, seven injured in blast in Taleban hotbed

LASHKAR GAH, 24 June—One civilian was killed and seven others injured as a mine planted by militants went off in Helmand Province, police said on Wednesday.

“The device was exploded by remote control in a bazaar of Gereshk District on Tuesday afternoon killing a tribal elder and wounding seven others, all innocent civilians,” district police chief Zama Khan told Xinhua.

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Four killed by gunmen disguised in military uniform in Iraq

BAQUBA, 24 June—The bodies of four people who had been kidnapped by gunmen disguised in military uniform from a village in Diyala Province overnight were found in execution-style on Thursday morning, a provincial police source said.

At about 1:00 am, armed men wearing Iraqi army uniform stormed houses in the al-Khuikafa village at the rural area of Edemih, some 60 km north of the provincial capital city of Baquba, and took four male villagers as detainees, two of whom are members of the local Awakening Council group, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In the morning, when the residents of the village came to see their sons in a military base, the Iraqi army and police denied that there was any operation for their troops during the past hours, the source said. Several hours later they found the bodies of the other two people elsewhere in the area, the source added.

The four victims were found handcuffed and blindfolded with bullet holes in different parts of the bodies, the source said.—Xinhua

Afghan boy scavenging junk at a dump in Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Monday, 21 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Afghan National Police (ANP) members search Afghan farmers at a temporary checkpoint in 10 and District, south of Kandahar on 21 June, 2010.—INTERNET

An Iraqi woman and her children pass near the wreckage of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, 21 June, 2010. Twin car bombs exploded Sunday near a major square in Baghdad, killing several people and wounding dozens in the latest attack targeting a high-profile area in the capital. —INTERNET
Group seeks endangered listing for bumblebee

WASHINGTON, 24 June — Astronomers have measured a superstorm for the first time in the atmosphere of an exoplanet, the well-studied “hot Jupiter” HD209458b. The very high-precision observations of carbon monoxide gas show that it is streaming at enormous speed from the extremely hot day side to the cooler night side of the planet.

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“HD209458b is definitely not a place for the faint-hearted. By studying the poisonous carbon monoxide gas with great accuracy we found evidence for a super wind, blowing at a speed of 50,000 to 10, 000 km per hour,” says Ignas Snellen, who led the team of astronomers.

HD209458b is an exoplanet of about 60% the mass of Jupiter orbiting a solar-like star located 150 light-years from Earth towards the constellation of Pegasus (the Winged Horse). Circling at a distance of only one twentieth the Sun-Earth distance, the planet is heated intensely by its parent star, and has roughly one of only one twentieth the Sun-Earth distance, the planet is heated intensely by its parent star, and has roughly one-third of the Sun’s mass.

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Discovering how corals respond to ocean warming is complicated because corals serve as hosts to algae. The algae live in the coral and feed on its nitrogen wastes.

Researchers set fine nets over coral just before mass spawning events in order to collect the eggs and sperm as they were broadcast into the water column. Gametes were collected and returned to the lab within an hour to be raised under controlled conditions.

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Discovery of how coral reefs adapt to global warming could aid reef restoration

WASHINGTON, 24 June — Discoveries about tropical coral reefs are expected to be invaluable in efforts to restore the corals, which are succumbing to bleaching and other diseases at an unprecedented rate as ocean temperatures rise worldwide. The research gives new insights into how the scientists can help to preserve or restore the coral reefs that protect coastlines, foster tourism, and nurture many species of fish. The research, which will be published in the journal PLoS One, was accomplished by an international team whose leaders include Hansa Baums, an assistant professor of biology at Penn State University. The team focused on one of the most abundant reef-building species in the Caribbean, Montastrea faveolata, known as the mountainous star coral. Though widespread, this species is listed as endangered on the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature because its numbers have declined significantly — in recent years, up to 90 percent of the population has been lost in some areas.

Brave brains: neural mechanisms of courage uncovered in study of fear of snakes

JERUSALEM, 24 June — A fascinating new study combines snakes with brain imaging in order to uncover neural mechanisms associated with “courage.” The research, published by Cell Press in the journal Neuron, provides new insight into what happens in the brain when an individual voluntarily performs an action opposite to that promoted by ongoing fear and may even lead to new treatment strategies for those who exhibit a failure to overcome their fear. Although there is a substantial body of research examining brain mechanisms associated with fear, far less is known about the brain mechanisms associated with courage; defined here as action in the face of ongoing fear. By gauging properly defined actions of either overcoming fear or succumbing to it in an acute controllable fearful situation, one can render certain neural substrates of courage amenable to investigation in a brain research laboratory setting,” explains senior study author, Dr Yadin Dudai from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.
A baby is pictured holding its bottle. French lawmakers passed legislation on Wednesday banning baby bottles containing the chemical Bisphenol A, suspected of harming human development.—INTERNET

**Stem cells return asight to burn-Sinjured eyes**

BEIJING, 24 June—Italian researchers have developed an approach to recover sight to patients’ burn-injured eyes with transplants of their own stem cells, according to AP reports on Thursday.

Success was maintained long-term in all cases. Among the 46 patients with stromal scarring, 21 recovered normal vision with at least 0.6 visual acuity after additional surgical procedures to correct stromal scarring. The rest had a partial recovery of vision.

“They were incredibly happy. Some said it was a miracle,” said one of the study leaders, Graziella Pellegrini of the University of Modena’s Centre for Regenerative Medicine in Italy. “It was not a miracle. It was simply a technique.”

The approach would not help people with damage to the optic nerve or macular degeneration. Nor would it help those blinded by burns in both eyes because doctors need stem cells to do the procedure.

“The key is whether you can find a good stem cell population and expand it,” said Dr. Sophie Deng, a cornea expert at the UCLA’s Jules Stein Eye Institute. "Xinhua"

**Study shows high levels of fructose, trans-fats lead to significant liver disease**

WASHINGTON, 24 June — Scientists at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center have discovered that a diet with high levels of fructose, sucrose, and of trans-fats not only increases obesity, but also leads to significant fatty liver disease with scar tissue.

The study, which was conducted with scientists from the Metabolic Disease Institute at the University of Cincinnati, is published online Wednesday in the journal Hepatology.

The study was conducted in mice, some of which were fed a normal diet of rodent chow and some a 16-week diet of fructose and sucrose-enriched drinking water and trans-fat solids. Their liver tissue was then analyzed for fat content, scar tissue formation (fibrosis), and the biological mechanism of damage. This was done by measuring reactive oxygen stress, inflammatory cell type and plasma levels of oxidative stress markers, which are known to play important roles in the development of obesity-related liver disease and its progression to end-stage liver disease.

The investigators found that mice fed the normal calorie chow diet remained lean and did not have fatty liver disease.

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LONDON, 24 June—Living near a cell phone tower while you’re pregnant doesn’t raise your baby’s risk of developing a childhood cancer, British researchers report.

“These results are reassuring with respect to cancer risk in young children and living near mobile phone base stations,” said lead researcher Dr. Paul Elliott, a professor of epidemiology and public health medicine at Imperial College London.

“There is public concern about possible effects of mobile phone mast emissions on the health of children,” Elliott said. “This large national study found no association between mobile phone base station exposures and risk of early childhood cancers.”

As the use of mobile phones has increased, so have fears that exposure to the radio waves they emit can cause cancer.

Electricians fix live wires in a makeshift tent serving for the people affected by floods in Wuzhou City of east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 23 June, 2010. A total of 17 evacuation centres in Wuzhou had received 20,614 people affected by floods until 19:00 Wednesday.—Xinhua

**Health**

**Study shows mounting AIDS toll in Swaziland**

SWAZILAND, 24 June—Swaziland’s death rate more than doubled in a decade, proof of the toll of AIDS, statisticians in this southern African kingdom said on Wednesday. Nombulelo Dlamini of the Central Statistical Office discussed a new study comparing censuses in 1997 and 2007 in an interview on Wednesday. The study shows that in 1997, the death rate was 7.6 people in 1,000. By 2007, it was 18.03 per 1,000 people. Life expectancy increased during the 10-year period. About 107 in 1,000 babies die in their first year, according to the 2007 census. In 1997 it was 78. Among children under 5, the death rate was about 167 in 1,000 in 2007, compared to 106 in 1997.

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“AIDS and HIV has killed many of our people,” Dlamini said. She added that without the rollout of AIDS therapy drugs, “deaths in the nation would be reaching alarming proportions.”

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**Health**
Turkey proposes to establish free-trade area with East African Community

DAR ES SALAAM, 24 June—Turkey has expressed interest to create a free-trade and investment area between Turkey and the East African Community (EAC), Xinhua learnt on Wednesday.

Turkish Ambassador to Tanzania Sander Gurbuz said his country is interested to forge diplomatic relations with the regional bloc while presenting his credentials to Secretary General of EAC Juma Mwapachu in Arusha in northeast Tanzania on Tuesday.

On the free-trade area, Gurbuz noted that having a free-trade area between the two sides would swiftly boost socio-economic development in the region. The negotiations for the Free Trade Agreement and Trade and an Investment Framework Agreement is scheduled to take place in September this year.

The Turkish ambassador noted that Turkey has made remarkable development in the tourism and textile industries, and that Turkey has diverse skills in technology and other areas, which will be instrumental for the development of the two.

“This will give an opportunity for businessmen from the EAC to freely trade with Turkey while the same would happen for Turkish business people,” he said, adding that the official proposal for the free-trade area will soon be presented to the EAC secretary general.

Xinhua

US new home sales down 33% in May

WASHINGTON, 24 June—New home sales in the United States plunged 33 percent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 300,000 units, the Commerce Department reported on Wednesday.

The new home sales, the lowest level on record, was much worse than the 410,000 units that analysts had expected. The sharp decline indicated that buyers left the market as the government’s tax credits of up to 8,000 dollars expired in April.

The median price of a new home, a typical market price where half of new homes are sold for more and half sold for less, fell to 200,900 dollars in May, down 9.6 percent from a year earlier.

On Tuesday, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) reported that existing home sales in the US declined by 2.2 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.66 million units.

The collapse of the housing bubble triggered the global financial crisis that plunged the US economy into recession in December 2007.

Many economists believe the US housing market remains in trouble.—Xinhua

Japan’s exports up 32.1% on year in May

TOKYO, 24 June—Japan’s exports rose in May from a year earlier, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) said in a preliminary report on Thursday. The 32.1 percent increase in the recording month marks the sixth successive month of increase, the Ministry said. Economists said growing demand for Japanese goods from other Asian countries has boosted industrial output as the nation stages an export-led economic recovery.

Exports to Asia, which account for more than half of Japan’s total exports, rose 34.4 percent from a year earlier, while shipments to the European Union increased 17.4 percent, according to the MOF.

China, however, remained Japan’s top export market, rising 25.3 percent on year in the recording month, with a trade deficit of 58.3 billion yen (69.05 million US dollars) for the month. The ministry said that exports to the US rose 17.7 percent with Japan’s surplus with the world’s largest economy standing at 239.2 billion yen (2.66 billion US dollars).

Although the increase of exports on year in May was below economists’ median forecast for a 36.9 percent rise, imports were up 33.4 percent leading to a 324.2 billion yen (3.6 billion US dollar) trade surplus, up 15.2 percent from a year earlier, the report said.

Xinhua

Business

Turkey cars on show in Beijing in April, 2010. Toyota said two assembly lines in southern China remained idle for a third day Thursday, as rival Honda resumed production at its joint venture after a strike at an auto parts supplier ended.—INTERNET

File photo shows a woman applying a screen protector to a customer’s iPhone at a shop in Shanghai. China’s second largest cell phone operator is in talks with Apple to launch the iPhone 4 and iPad in the country, reports said on Thursday, as the new smartphone went on sale.—INTERNET

An octopus in captivity. Nervous ahead of their make-or-break World Cup match with Ghana on Wednesday, Germany has turned to an English-born octopus called Paul with a knack for correctly predicting winners.—INTERNET

Dozen of fans queue on the pavement under the rain outside an Apple Store in Tokyo. Excited Japanese fans also queued outside the flagship Tokyo store of mobile phone carrier Softbank, Apple’s exclusive partner in Japan, feeding constant reports to Twitter and sites such as Upstream.—INTERNET

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LISBON, 24 June—About 500 entrepreneurs from China and Portuguese-speaking countries gathered here on Wednesday to explore trade opportunities.

The delegates are from Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, East Timor, the Chinese mainland and China’s Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR).

Portuguese Minister of Economy Vieira da Silva attended the meeting.

Zhang Wei, vice president of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, told the meeting that Chinese entrepreneurs hope to deepen cooperation with Portugal and other Portuguese-speaking countries, especially in areas such as tourism, agriculture, energy and health.

“We hope that Europe can overcome this economic crisis soon,” he said, adding that the situation “has great influence on the Chinese exports and the yuan (the Chinese currency), as well as the US dollar.” Delegates said the meeting has economic importance, for it generates business.

Xinhua

China, Portuguese-speaking countries explore trade opportunities

Xinhua
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Colonel Yuji Sato at Zeyathyiri Beikman, here, at 9 am today.
Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence. MNA

Application for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PSI TAW, 24 June—Of the parties that have been granted permission to set up political parties, the National Democratic Force party submitted application to register as a political party to the Union Election Commission today.

Up to date, there are 42 parties that submitted applications to set up and to continue existence as political parties. Thirty-three of the 38 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

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing on inspection tour of Shan State (East)

NAY PSI TAW, 24 June—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and officials, arrived at Monghsat station hospital where he encouraged the patients and presented medicines to the hospital on 22 June.

Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected upgrading of runway at Monghsat Airport. He proceeded to Monghsat People’s Hospital at which he inspected medicine store, temporary operation theatre, construction of new operation theatre and presented medicines to the hospital.

He also inspected beautifying of hot spring resort in Yepusan Village. In Shukhintha Village of Monghkote Township, he viewed development of the township.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked into construction of bridge and roadwork on Kengtung-Mongkun-Mongkhote Road.

On 23 June, he oversaw durability of bridges and roadwork on Kengtung-Monghkote-Mongyan Road, and Monghkot-Monghnyin Road. He met officers and other ranks at Mongyan station.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing later inspected progress in construction of 25-bed Mongyan Hospital.

In meeting with officers and other ranks at Monghkot Station, he presented foodstuff to them. MNA

7 Lessons for Leading in Crisis translated by Min Ba Htoo in circulation

NAY PSI TAW, 24 June—Crises makes failure to leaders and their organizations. At the same time, some leaders are able to achieve successes by taking lessons from the crises and build their leading role stronger.

The book entitled 7 Lessons for Leading in Crisis translated by Min Ba Htoo will train the readers by presenting many examples based on the world economic crisis in 2008-2009.

The book written by Bill George will broaden horizons of the reader to become the best leader by overcoming challenges.

UMFCCI meets foreign guests

YANGON, 24 June—The President and Central Executive Committee of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia/Singapore Program Director Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, a German organization, together with Political Science Associate Professor Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing of City University of Hong Kong at the office of the Federation, here, on 16 June.

They focused on exchange of technologies for development of human resources and conducting efficiency courses at the Federation.—MNA

Winner announced for ASEAN Youth Photographers Award and Photo Show

YANGON, 24 June—In commemoration of the Youth Olympic Games, the National Youth Success Council of Singapore will organize the ASEAN Youth Photographers Award and Photo Show in Singapore in August 2010.

To enable a youth photographer representing Myanmar to take part in the contest, the invitation photo contest entitled “From Sports to ASEAN Spirit” was held. A total of 14 photographers across the nation submitted 73 entries. Of them, Kyaw Kyaw Win (Myanmar Photographic Society) was selected as best youth photographer.

He will be sent to the ASEAN Youth Photographers Award and Photo Show to be held in Singapore, and the respective organization will spend traveling allowance and costs on accommodation and food for the contestant. MNA

Donation of various kinds of publications by Library Foundation to self-reliant rural libraries in Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division in progress on 2 June.

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Minister inspects police stations along Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Expressway

Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Expressway

Navy Pyi Taw, 24 June—Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo inspects Bawnetgyi police station.—MNA

Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo inspects Bawnetgyi police station.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 June—Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo, accompanied by officials, visited police stations along Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Expressway on 22 June. He gave necessary instructions at the police stations including Bawnetgyi and Pyu Police Stations.—MNA

Winners announced for article, colour photo contests

YANGON, 24 June—As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3 July 2010, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation has organized the article contest and colour photo contest. The winners in the contests were announced today.

In the article contest, Dr Su Su Khaing stood first, U Tin Tun (Cherry Myay Maung Tin Tun) second and Daw Aye Aye Myat (Aye Aye Myint-UFL) third together with five consolation prize winners. The first, second and third prize winners in the article contest and the winners in the photo contest will be awarded at the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women’s Day to be held by MWAIF on 3 July. The consolation prize winners will be awarded at the similar ceremonies to be held in States and Divisions.

The winners are to contact MWAF, No. 132, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, Tel: 01-501773, and the Organizing Committee for contests, No. 228, Theinbyu Street, Botataung Township, Tel 01-371342, not later than 28 June.—MNA

Course on Election Process opened in Taunggyi

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 June—The opening of Course on Election Process for members of Taunggyi Township election sub-commission, and ward and village-tract election sub-commissions in Shan State (East) took place at Shan Literature and Culture Association Hall in Taunggyi on 21 June morning.

The Chairman of the township-election sub-commission delivered an introductory speech.

Member of the township election sub-commission U Khin Maung Kyi made clarification to Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law and Regulations; and member of the township election sub-commission U Shwe Mann, on Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and Regulations.

Member of the township election sub-commission U Aung Naing explained facts about Region/State Hluttaw Election Law and Regulations; and member of the township election sub-commission U Myint Thein, about work guidelines to ward/village-tract election sub-commissions; and Secretary of the township election sub-commission U Myo Thet Kyaw, about work guidelines to township election sub-commission.

The course was attended by 245 trainees.—MNA

L&F Minister inspects poultry farms in Mandalay Division, Shan State (North)

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 June—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein visited Lashio Township, Napha Village of Nawngkhi Township of Shan State (North), tea plantation in Kyaukme agricultural zone, growing pasture and rubber plants.

The minister also inspected poultry farms in Htonbo and Aung Mayathazan Township in Mandalay Division and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Body Fitness Coaching Course concludes

YANGON, 24 June—Jointly conducted by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation, the concluding ceremony 2010 State/Division Body Fitness Coaching Training Course was held at the hall of Sports and Physical Education Institute here this morning.

Officials from MWSF presented prizes to outstanding trainees. Sports demonstration was staged as a gesture of observing International Olympic Day 2010.—MNA
**Torch Festival is coming in Yunnan**

Beijing, 24 June—Local authorities of Chuxiong in Yunnan Province have announced that the city’s 2010 Torch Festival will be held from 4th August to the 7th.

Chuxiong is mainly inhabited by the Yi ethnic minority group. The people see the tiger and fire as their totem animal and earthly element respectively, so, the Torch Festival is extremely important to the Yi people.

This year, the celebration will be centered around the demonstrations of Yi sacrificial rites, traditional costumes, and other customs. The torch parade will be the main event.

Also, during the festival, there will be an International Yi Forum, Chuxiong Tiger Culture Exhibition, Yi Ethnic Love Song Contest, and Yi Ethnic Dance Show will also be held to further promote their culture. Xinhua

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**Gunmen fire on Mexican town hall; kill 3 police**

Mexico City, 24 June—Authorities in northern Mexico say assailants sprayed a town hall with gunfire, killing at least three police officers.

The Nuevo Leon state attorney general’s office says police found 200 shell casings from assault and semiautomatic rifles outside the Los Herreras municipal office, which also houses the town’s police force.

Such weapons are often used by drug cartel hitmen. Prosecutors said Tuesday a vehicle found at the scene had “Z-40” and “Z” painted on its windows — apparent references to the Zetas drug gang.

Authorities blame fighting between the Gulf cartel and the Zetas for a recent surge in violence in Nuevo Leon, which is close to Mexico’s border with Texas.

The attack happened around midnight on Monday.—Internet

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**6.4-magnitude earthquake hits off New Britain Region, Papua New Guinea**

Hong Kong, 24 June—An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale occurred near New Britain Region, Papua New Guinea at 0532 GMT on Thursday, the US Geological Survey said. Xinhua

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**Cuba increases reforestation to protect watersheds**

Havana, 24 June—The Cuban government has developed a plan to reforest the banks of reservoirs and banks of rivers and streams as part of measures taken to protect the watersheds, a local specialist said here on Tuesday.

According to engineer Arsenio Renda from the Forest Research Institute, the forest fringes are being increased at the banks of rivers, streams and reservoirs with the purpose to protect the country’s water resources.

In Cuba there are 632 river basins, with storage capacity of three million cubic meters.

Renda added that the forest fringes are the vital link between the use of the land in the basin and the system of water currents or the body of water.

Citing the Cauto River Basin, the largest in Cuba and located in the east of the island, as an example, Renda said more than 93 percent of the shores of its 19 reservoirs and nearly 92 of the banks of several rivers and streams were reforested.

Cuba has a forest cover of 25.7 percent and has ranked as the leader in Latin America of forest growth for the last 50 years.—Xinhua

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**9 dead as truck carrying LPG tanks hits post, explodes in Philippines**

Manila, 24 June—Nine people were killed when a truck carrying hundreds of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tanks rammed into a post and a car and exploded in northern Philippine Province of Cavite early Wednesday, local newspaper Philippine Daily Inquirer reported on its website.

Senior Superintendent Danilo Maligalig, Cavite police director, was quoted as saying that based from the initial police report, the truck was headed towards the direction of Binan City in Laguna, when it lost control and smashed into a post along Bancal village at around 1 am.

The truck also hit a car parked near the post, with two passengers onboard, Maligalig said, adding the crash caused an explosion and fire that razed seven homes nearby. The fire was put under control an hour later.

Seven dead bodies were later recovered, but were charred and beyond recognition, he said. Their identities were not yet available.

On Tuesday, a sports utility vehicle (SUV) rammed into a electric post in Dasmarinas City in the same province and resulted in the death of seven people. The driver and some of the passengers were drunk, police.

Xinhua

Smoke is seen at the site of burning wildfire near the No. 5 state near Los Angeles, the United States, on 21 June, 2010. Wildfire threatens southern California as the summer comes in June. Xinhua
Cargo train derails in Malaysia, disrupting traffic

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 June—Six coaches of a sugar-laden cargo train jumped the tracks near Kuang in the southern state of Johor, Peninsula Malaysia, early Wednesday, disrupting eight other Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTM) intercity services.

Senior corporate communications acting manager of KTM, or the Malaysian Railway, Mohd Fazil Ismail said on Wednesday that the Singapore-bound train had derailed at about 2:40 am on Wednesday.

It was reported that the train departed from Penang State in northern Peninsula Malaysia earlier.—Xinhua

Singapore, France, India air forces hold joint drill

SINGAPORE, 24 June—The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) is participating in an exercise for the first time with the French Air Force (FAF) and Indian Air Force (IAF), Singapore’s Ministry of Defence said on Wednesday.

The exercise, which is codenamed Exercise Garuda and runs from 14 to 25 June 2010, is conducted from the Singapore and Istres air bases in France.

About 180 personnel, six F-16D+ fighter jets and one KC-135R tanker from the RSAF are participating in the exercise, together with the FAF’s Mirage-2000 and Rafale fighters and C-135R transport aircraft, and the IAF’s Sukhoi-30 fighters, Ilyushin IL-78 tanker aircraft and Ilyushin IL-76 transport aircraft.

The participants will be carrying out air combat and air defence missions.

The RSAF will also be conducting air-to-air refueling missions during the exercise.

Exercise Garuda 2010 provides a platform for the RSAF to train with the French and Indian air forces, and conduct air operations in realistic and challenging conditions.

Qianlong jade seal price soars

BEIJING, 24 June—A jade seal of Emperor Qianlong is expected to fetch 500-million Taipei new dollars at an auction in Taipei. That’s over 14-million US dollars, and is just one of the costly treasures up for sale.

Some 55 lots will go under the hammer, but the highlight, a Qianlong jade seal the size of a brick. Its starting price was 570-thousand US dollars, but the current estimated price is nearly 30 times that.

The seal is one of five jade seals of Qianlong. Also to be auctioned are song dynasty murals, and a wood sculpture relic of the Goddess of Mercy.

Man run over by truck after dog puts it in gear

A man was reportedly run over by his own truck after his dog put it into gear. The sheriff’s office reported that 43-year-old Christopher Bishop was checking under his Ford F-150 for oil leaks Sunday evening. He had put the running truck into neutral and left the driver’s door open. While he was under the truck, Bishop’s bulldog, Tasssy, jumped into the truck and knocked the vehicle into gear. The truck rolled over the left side of Bishop’s body.

Bishop managed to get up, stop the vehicle and go into his house. After several hours of pain, Bishop finally called for help.

He was taken to a nearby hospital with injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

Video game spat becomes Father’s Day fight

Connecticut authorities said a 54-year-old man and his girlfriend were arrested after a dispute over a noisy video game erupted into a Father’s Day struggle with police officers.

Vernon police say the man, George Stein, was playing video games on Sunday night when a child annoyed by the noise shut the door to the room Stein was in.

Police said Stein got angry and grabbed some kind of weapon, which led his girlfriend’s son to call police. Authorities said the girlfriend, 42-year-old April Devaux, became combative with officers, refused to let go of a front porch post and spit in an officer’s face.

Devaux was charged with assault on police and other crimes, while Stein was charged with threatening. Both posted bail.

Siblings brawl over butter in mac and cheese

An argument over butter in a macaroni and cheese recipe churned into violence between a brother and sister. A 21-year-old man called police on 6 June to say his 17-year-old sister tried to cut his neck with the serrated edge of a spatula.

The police report said the sister was making macaroni and cheese when her brother asked if she was using butter.

Linden Wolbert swims with a shark in the Caribbean Sea. Los Angeles-based Linden Wolbert, 29, has featured in music videos and adverts as a professional mermaid.

Visitors inspect a robot pulling a rickshaw on display as part of the “Peasant da Vinci” exhibition at the Rockbund Art Gallery in Shanghai. The collection is a new exhibition by Chinese artist Cai Guo-Qiang, whose gunpowder on canvas designs won the Hiroshima Art Prize for peace and whose fireworks for the opening of the Beijing Olympics dazzled the world.

In Peru, there is a very strange village bridge. It is entirely made of grass and is compiled by local people.

News Album
Prince Albert of Monaco engaged to Charlene Wittstock

LONDON, 24 June—Prince Albert of Monaco has announced his engagement to the former South African Olympic swimmer Charlene Wittstock.

The announcement followed months of speculation that Prince Albert, 52, and Ms Wittstock, 32, would wed.

Prince Albert acceded to Monaco’s throne in 2005 after the death of his father, Prince Rainier III. He has two children, neither of whom are in line to the throne because they were born out of wedlock.

The announcement was made in London at the home of the Royal Family.

Israel launches Ofek 9 spy satellite

LONDON, 24 June—Israel has launched a surveillance satellite that will be used to spy on Iran’s nuclear programme, reports say.

The satellite’s high resolution camera would significantly boost Israel’s intelligence gathering, officials told local media.

Israel’s defence ministry said the Ofek 9 was launched from Palmachim air force base on its south coast near Tel Aviv.

It is one of at least four Israeli spy satellites currently orbiting the Earth.

“This provides Israel with greater operational flexibility, since we now have another set of eyes on a target,” Chaim Eshed, the director of Israel’s military space programme, told The Jerusalem Post.

“This means that we have increased the rate we can visit a target.” Israeli press reports said the satellite’s high resolution cameras would boost its efforts to keep a close eye on Iran.—Internet

Manet self-portrait fetches record £22m at London sale

LONDON, 24 June—A self-portrait by French painter Edouard Manet has been sold for more than £22m—a record price for the artist’s work.

Called Manet A La Palette, it shows the artist in a bowler hat, posing with a paintbrush in his hand.

It sold for £22,441,250 at Sotheby’s auction house in London, towards the lower end of its £20-30m estimate.

The previous highest price for a Manet was £17m in New York in 1989.

Painted between 1878 and 1879, Sotheby’s said the work was one of only two self-portraits by the artist, and ranked amongst the greatest of the Impressionist movement.

Other sales at the Impressionist and Modern Art Evening sale included Arbres a Collioure by French painter Andre Derain, which sold for more than £16m, and Odalisques Jouant Aux Dames by Henri Matisse, which fetched almost £12m.

Tuesday’s event at Sotheby’s was the first in a number of London auctions this week, which will see a string of Impressionist and modern art works go under the hammer.

Christie’s are holding their own auction on Wednesday, featuring 63 works expected to fetch up to £230m.—Internet

US pirate hunters target movies

LONDON, 24 June—An organization set up in the US to track down and punish illegal file-sharers is coming under increasing scrutiny from civil liberty groups.

The US Copyright Group (USCG) has been working on behalf of a range of movie makers, most notably those behind box office hit The Hurt Locker.

It has pledged to target 150,000 illegal downloaders in coming months.

But civil rights groups have questioned its motives.

On its website USCG offers to help film industry leaders, producers and copyright owners to recover losses due to illegal downloading.

It promises to assist with halting copyright infringement which is a huge problem for the movie industry.

Internet

Oscar winning film

The Hurt Locker is among the films being targeted.—Internet

Osborne defends ‘decisive’ plan on tax and cuts

LONDON, 24 June—The toughest Budget package of spending cuts and tax increases in a generation means the UK “can look to a brighter future”, George Osborne has said.

The chancellor said “decisive action” to raise VAT and cut spending would boost confidence in the economy.

He also said spending cuts might be reduced if more savings could be found in the welfare budget.

Labour’s Alistair Darling said it could be “dare for many” and the coalition might be unable to implement it.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANG SAO TONG VOY NO (130)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG SAO TONG VOY NO (130) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.6.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MLP where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Int’l Indigenous Film Festival to be held in Nepal**

**KATHMANDU, 24 June**—The 4th Nepal International Indigenous Film Festival is set to begin in the capital Kathmandu on 25 to 27 June. The event is being held by Indigenous Film Archive in collaboration with National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities while Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities and Nepal Women Federation of Indigenous Nationalities.

A total of 13 Nepali films and 19 films from countries including India, Bhutan, Mexico, Germany, Australia, Argentina, America, Sweden, Norway, and Cambodia will be screened at City Hall and Nepal Tourism Board auditoriums.

The feature films, documentaries, short films and music videos that will be screened at this year’s festival will be based on the theme of Transfer of Knowledge. According to Tuesday’s myrepublica.com report, Golden Drum, Silver Drum and Bronze Drum will be awarded to three different movies as per the recommendations of the five-member jury except the Audience Choice award, which will be awarded as per the recommendations from the audience. —Internet

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**First anniversary of Jackson’s death to be honoured**

**LOS ANGELES, 24 June**—The Jackson Family Foundation and VoicePlate Productions announced on Tuesday that a red-carpet event will be held on Saturday in Los Angeles to honour the first anniversary of the death of pop star Michael Jackson.

“This red-carpet event will be dedicated to the humanitarian efforts of Michael Jackson, the greatest entertainer of all time,” according to a statement on VoicePlate’s website.

“The vision is to bring together Michael Jackson family members, celebrities, fans, supporters and the community to celebrate and honour his legacy,” it said.

“We have all shared in Michael’s message, and now we encourage all of you the world over to join us in continuing to spotlight Michael’s endeavors by making a conscious effort to help save our planet.”

The event will also serve as the premiere release of Katherine Jackson’s book, “Never Can Say Goodbye,” the statement said. —Internet

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**Pop King’s photos to be auctioned in Paris**

**PARIS, 24 June**—A Paris auction house says it plans to put 12 never-before-published portraits of Michael Jackson on the block in December. The portraits were shot by French photographer Arno Bani in 1999. —Internet

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**Chinese actress Zhang Jingchu is featured in these stills of the new comedy “Flirting Scholar 2” which is remake version of 1993 classic “Flirting Scholar”. The film will be on big screen in China on 9 July.** —Internet

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**“Young Bruce Lee” to start shooting**

**BEIJING, 24 June**—The new kung fu film “Young Bruce Lee” will start shooting at the end of June, website M1905.com reports.

The film will be co-directed by Wen Juan and Wilson Yip and feature Aarif Lee. The script has been in the making for four years while writers have collected first-hand information about Bruce Lee from his family and friends, said Wen at a press conference on Monday in Hong Kong. The new film will be the most authentic portrayal of Bruce Lee among all the movies that have been made about his life.

Lee told the media that he is under a lot of pressure with his role as Bruce Lee in the film. He said the most difficult part was not the physical training to build up his muscles, but to think like Lee.

“I’m really lucky to have the opportunity to play Bruce Lee,” Lee was quoted as saying. “It’s very challenging.”

“Young Bruce Lee” tells the story of Bruce Lee’s youth and shows the characteristics and personality that made him a martial arts movie star in later years. Hong Kong singer-turned-actor Aarif Lee won Best Newcomer Award at this year’s 29th Hong Kong Film Awards. —Internet
**Italy out, Slovakia, Paraguay through**

Johannesburg, 24 June – Reigning champions Italy crashed out of the World Cup on Thursday, losing 3-2 to Slovakia, who reached the last 16 along with Paraguay after the South Americans’ 0-0 draw with Group F rivals New Zealand.

Robert Vittek was Slovakia’s hero with two goals before Kamil Kopunek’s clincher against a poor Italian side who finished bottom at the group and for whom Antonio Di Natale and Fabio Quagliarella netted consolation strikes. Paraguay topped the group after their stalemate with New Zealand. The decision leaves the South Americans, who reached the last 16 of the World Cup in 1998, as the inquest into the Group F disaster must accept this disaster must accept one point and a single goal at the 2010 edition.

**Preview matches on North Korea Vs Ivory Coast; Portugal Vs Brazil; Switzeland Vs Honduras and Spain Vs Chile on 25 June**

Yangon, 24 June—World ranking 105 North Korea and world ranking 27 Ivory Coast are going to play the last match of the group-G of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on 25 June.

Both teams have never seen each other in the head-to-head position yet. North Korea suffered two losses in two matches while Ivory Coast saw one draw and one loss in the same group. Despite losing two matches in the group, North Korea faced their opponent teams in bravery and all the players have full stamina, strength and fitness. Fortune did not favour North Korea because they are in the dead group. North Korea will play their opponent teams while seeking tactics and skills in the world level. North Korea are hopeless for the next round but Ivory Coast have just a dim hope for the play-off stage. This match is supposed that Ivory Coast will win North Korea through more goals.

**Spain’s David Villa escapes punishment**

London, 24 June—Striker David Villa has escaped punishment for striking Honduras defender Emilio Izaguirre in the face during Spain’s 2-0 victory on Monday.

Villa was caught on camera hitting out at Izaguirre at a set-piece but the incident went unpunished at the time.

FIFA looked at the video but “found no grounds” to punish Villa, who scored both goals against the Honduras.

The decision leaves the Barcelona striker free to play in Spain’s vital Group H clash with Chile on Friday.

**Manchester United rule out move to sign Joe Cole**

London, 24 June—Manchester United have ruled out a summer move for England international Joe Cole, BBC Sport understands. The 28-year-old midfielder was released by Chelsea earlier this month after falling out of favour with manager Carlo Ancelotti.

Even before his Stamford Bridge exit, Cole had been linked with several other Premier League clubs. Arsenal and Tottenham are said to be favourites to sign him but United are not expected to be one of the bidders.

Chelsea confirmed Cole’s departure when they announced German midfielder Michael Ballack and right-back Juliano Belletti would also be leaving.

**Slovakia’s striker Robert Vittek (left) celebrates his goal with teammates during their Group F first round match against defending champions Italy.—INTERNET**

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—NLM
The Liuxi River Forestry Park

BEIJING, 24 June — The equestrian events soon to be held in Conghua during the Asian Games hosted by Guangzhou will mark an important step in the internationalization of China’s equestrian sport and boost the hospitality industry in Conghua.

The equestrian court in Conghua, located in a hot spring valley, is the largest of its kind in China, according to city authorities.

During the Asian Games between 12 Nov and 27, it will accommodate dressage, jumping and cross country events. The “specific equine disease-free zone” in Conghua has been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and the European Union.—Xinhua

### Weather

Thursday, 24 June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Chin and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.97) inches, Bilin (3.11) inches, Kyakkhali (2.52) inches, Myeik (2.21) inches, Homalin (2.08) inches, Dawei (1.93) inches, Sittway (1.85) inches, Patu宇 Chauhonag (1.69) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 23-6-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 24-6-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-6-2010 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 23-6-2010 was (2.4) hours.

Rainfall on 24-6-2010 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (26.54) inches at Mingaladon, (29.33) inches at Kaba-Aye and (31.14) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed was Yangon (21-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 23-6-2010.

Bay Influence: Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 25th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbour area for 25-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (69%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbour area for 25-6-2010: One to two thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbour area for 25-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (69%).

### Myanmar TV

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Chin and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.97) inches, Bilin (3.11) inches, Kyakkhali (2.52) inches, Myeik (2.21) inches, Homalin (2.08) inches, Dawei (1.93) inches, Sittway (1.85) inches, Patu宇 Chauhonag (1.69) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 23-6-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 24-6-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-6-2010 was 79%.

Total sun shine hours on 23-6-2010 was (2.4) hours.

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Bay Influence: Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 25th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbour area for 25-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (69%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbour area for 25-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbour area for 25-6-2010: One to two 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

Prime Minister felicitates Croatian counterpart

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 June—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Jadranka Kosor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia which falls on 25 June 2010.—MNA

Secretary-1 receives Indian Ambassador

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 June—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Union of Myanmar Mr Aloke Sen at the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, at 9 am today. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads.—MNA

Low pressure in northwest Bay of Bengal

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 June—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the observation report at 5:30 pm, a low pressure occurred at northwestward of the Bay of Bengal. The system is under close watch for regeneration.—MNA

Earthquake Report

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 June—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Nicobar Islands, India Region) about (690) miles southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hrs (40) min (47) sec MST on 24 June, 2010 according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA