## Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

## Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

## Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## True patriotism
- It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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**Prizes awarded to outstanding persons in growing monsoon and summer paddy**

*NAV PYI TAW, 25 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 departmental officials, attended the prize presentation for outstanding performance in monsoon and summer paddy cultivation in 2009-2010 at the city hall in Kengtung this morning.*

The commander reported on efforts being made for achieving progress in the agriculture sector. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing called for ensuring development of the region based on agricultural sector, extending production of domestic products and conserving natural forests, and rewarded outstanding persons for their performance in cultivation of monsoon paddy.

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**Narcotic drugs pose great danger to human society for they wreak havoc on any user**

*The following is a translation of message of the Home Affairs Minister sent on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.*

As today is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, global nations are holding commemorative ceremonies for elimination of narcotic drugs. In like manner, I believe that across our country, region-wise groups for prevention of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances will be holding anti-narcotic drug ceremonies and movements extensively.

In Myanmar, successive governments have solved drug problems relying on their own strength and resources. After drawing a 15-year drug elimination plan, the first and second 5-year plans have been carried out. Now we are carrying out the third five-year plan.

As narcotic drug elimination tasks have been implemented in collaboration with neighbouring countries such as Thailand, China and Laos, transnational organized crimes could have been exposed in foreign countries and indicted in Myanmar. These are the success of the drug elimination efforts.

Various work groups of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control have drawn and are implementing drug elimination plans with the aim of creating a drug-free environment. Particularly, giving educative talks in schools and students’ participation in literature, music, painting, cartoon and poster competitions for elimination of narcotic drugs have contributed a great deal to campaigns against drug abuse.

For elimination narcotics, drug users are being given vocational training in rehabilitation camps after being treated by the Health Department. Under the supervision of CCDAC, Shwepyitha, Shwepyiaye and Shwepyithit youth rehabilitation camps have been opened to treat drug addicts and carry out rehabilitation tasks.

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**PERSPECTIVES**

**Saturday, 26 June, 2010**

**Think health not drugs**

June 26 (today) is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The whole world is to solve all problems caused by drug abuse and illicit trafficking, a threat to economic and social development as well as future progress of all nations.

It is specially needed to impart people knowledge about what they need to do to stay away from the danger of narcotic drugs. People die of severe diseases, especially HIV/AIDS, caused by drug abuse. Special emphasis needs to be placed on educative campaigns among the people and young students so that no way can they abuse narcotic drugs.

As synthetic drugs not related to opium are becoming common measures to ensure law enforcement are being taken with all might. Drug dealers were exposed and arrested after Myanmar has carried out drug elimination tasks in collaboration with anti-narcotic drug groups at home and abroad.

Myanmar is realizing the objectives of extended cooperation on supply and demand reduction, and law enforcement included in the political declaration adopted by the 20th special meeting on narcotic drugs at the UN General Assembly in 1998.

For effective elimination of narcotic drugs, Shweyi Tha, Shweyi Lay and Shweyi Dit youth rehabilitation camps have been opened under the supervision of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control to treat drug addicts and carry out rehabilitation work.

All the people are to work in concert with national outlook to wipe out the danger of narcotic drugs not only from Myanmar’s soil but from this planet.

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**Networking with Windows 7 on 28 June**

**YANGON, 25 June—** NetInfo Technical Training School will conduct the course on computer networking with Microsoft Windows 7 on 28 June.

The school can provide 18 trainees for one section on Monday and Tuesday in a week.

The school has given guarantees of basic skills for learning MCITP, one of the required certificates for networking job opportunities. The trainees will receive skills for advanced net working based on Windows 7, solving system problems and taking international certificate exams. The course specializes in Windows 7 Installation, Configuration Maintenance and Trouble Shooting.

Those who passed the matriculation exam, students from the University of Computer Studies and Technological University and those who want to be professionals in networking are eligible for the course. More information are available at NetInfo Technical Training School, Room-1, Building-1, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Ph. 507045; 652248.

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**People’s Desire**

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* 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

**H&T Ministry honours outstanding students**

**Myanmar Women’s Day billboard put up**

**YANGON, 25 June—** A ceremony to put up billboard to mark Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3 July, 2010 was held this morning near U Htay Bo roundabout, Bahan Township. Also present were Chairperson of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization and members, members of District / Township WAOs and invited persons.

**2000 trees planted in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 June—** Volunteers planted 2000 trees in two villages during a ceremony to mark a tree planting season in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township today.

Around 2700 volunteers including residents and departmental staff participated in the ceremony organized by Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township Peace and Development Council and Forest Department.

As part of the one acre of Eucalyptus for one village programme, volunteers planted 1200 Eucalyptus trees in Min-yay and Yakkansin villages and 800 teak. —MNA
Suicide bombers hit Iraqi security forces, 5 killed

MOSUL, 25 June—Three suicide bombers killed five Iraqi security members and wounded nine others in two attacks on Thursday in the city of Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, a provincial police source said.

The first attack took place after midday when a suicide bomber blew himself up at a police patrol in the al-Shifaa neighbourhood in western Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, killing four policemen and wounding four others, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In another incident, two suicide bombers attacked a checkpoint at the entrance of an Iraqi army base in the al-Khaldiyah Province after the highest political landscape.—Xinhua

Swollen river threatens major Chinese city

BEIJING, 25 June—Chinese authorities scrambled to shore up flood defences on Friday as a swollen river threatened a major city after heavy rains across the nation’s south and centre left more than 200 people dead.

Rescue teams were patching up dykes along the Yangtze river in Hunan Province after the highest wall of water in a decade passed through Changsha city, where over six million live in the greater metropolitan area, state media said. The wave rose 2.5 metres (over eight feet) above the river’s danger levels, the official Xinhua news agency said. “Water levels on the lower reaches of the Xiang river are rising and will not go down, and will surpass flood warning levels again,” the flood headquarters of the civil affairs ministry warned as the first crest passed. Although heavy downpours were not expected around Changsha on Friday, more than 180 millimetres (over seven inches) of rain fell in parts of Hunan on Wednesday and Thursday, ensuring that rivers would remain swollen, it said.

Severe storm shatters largest city in Connecticut

BRIDGEPORT, 25 June—A severe storm packing furious winds tore through Connecticut’s largest city Thursday, topping trees and power lines and collapsing several buildings as a powerful line of storms swept across parts of the Northeast. Remarkably, no serious injuries were reported.

Hundreds of bricks shook loose from buildings, trees split in half and crushed cars, and a billboard hung precariously several stories up over Main Street. Nine buildings were partially or fully collapsed, including three on East Main Street that were brought to their foundations. Rescuers searched the rubble to ensure no one had been inside. Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch declared a state of emergency after the fast-moving system of driving rain and wind gusts that reached 78 miles per hour in the area.—INTERNET

Oil tankers torched in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 June—A number of oil tankers were torched overnight in the suburbs of Peshawar, a main city in northwest Pakistan, local TV channels reported on Friday. The fire, which was extinguished on Friday morning, partially damaged an undisclosed number of oil tankers belonging to a private oil trucking company.

Police in the capital city of the Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Province claimed that the tankers used to supply oil illegally and were torched on purpose, the report said.

Polio outbreak in Tajikistan a concern

OTTAWA, 25 June—A polio outbreak in Tajikistan raises concerns the disease could spread to other regions in the world, an editorial in a Canadian journal says.

The editorial, published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, says this is the first persistent outbreak of polio in a country that was previously certified to be polio-free and it is imperative that health agencies try to limit further spread by ensuring high vaccination rates. Cases are appearing in Russia and Uzbekistan.

File photo shows workers stacking sandbags at a dike along the Xiang River in Hunan Province. Chinese authorities are scrambling to shore up flood defences as a swollen river in the region threatened a major city after heavy rains across the nation’s south which have left more than 200 people dead. —INTERNET

Oil tankers lie on the ground outside the Edgerton Fire Station and Town Hall that was damaged due to severe weather on 24 June, 2010, in Edgerton, Ohio.—INTERNET

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The current outbreak accounts for 75 percent of the world’s polio cases and far exceeds that of India and Nigeria, which has had polio outbreaks.

“Too many regions and communities have ceased to worry about polio,” Dr Paul Hebert, editor in chief of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, says in a statement with Dr Noni MacDonald, editor in chief of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, says this is the first persistent outbreak of polio in a country that was previously certified to be polio-free and it is imperative that health agencies try to limit further spread by ensuring high vaccination rates. Cases are appearing in Russia and Uzbekistan.
**Widespread glacial meltwater valleys found on Mars**

Boston, 25 June — A research team led by Brown University has documented dozens of channels carved by melted water from glaciers located in the midlatitude region of Mars. The glaciofluvial valleys were carved in Mars’ most recent epoch, the team reports, supporting the idea that the Red Planet was home to diverse watery environments in its recent past. Results are published in Icarus.

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**Arianespace again delays 2010 launch mission II**

Paris, 25 June—The France-based Arianespace announced last Thursday that its 2010 mission II had been postponed at the last minute due to technical anomaly.

The launch, cleared for late Wednesday from French Guiana, was called off due to a “red” indication for the launch pad during the final countdown, a company statement read.

The launch mission is to lift into orbit a double payload of an Arabsat-5A and COMS spacecraft.

Two halts of countdown at the launch center missed the launch window of between 6:41 pm to 7:45 pm local time (2141 GMT to 2245 GMT), the statement added.

Arianespace will announce a new launch date “as soon as possible.”

**Study shows turning off car A/C saves fuel**

Zurich, 25 June—Swiss researchers say they’ve found the use of car air conditioning systems can account for up to 30 percent of a vehicle’s fuel consumption in hot climates. Even in Switzerland, with its temperate climate, the scientists at the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Testing and Research said the use of air conditioning systems is responsible for about 5 percent of total fuel usage, rising to about 10 percent in urban traffic.

The scientists said car air conditioning systems require energy to compress the cooling agent, and the greater the degree of cooling required the more fuel they use. **Internet**

**Was Venus once a habitable planet?**

Paris, 25 June—The European Space Agency’s Venus Express is helping planetary scientists investigate whether Venus once had oceans. If it did, it may even have begun its existence as a habitable planet similar to Earth. Venus has lost large quantities of water. Venus Monitoring Camera image taken in the ultraviolet (0.365 micrometres), from a distance of about 30 000 km. **Internet**

Earth is a lush, clement world teeming with life, whilst Venus is hellish, its surface roasting at temperatures higher than those of a kitchen oven.

**Science**

Members of China’s fourth scientific expedition to the North Pole bid farewell to relatives as they step on the icebreaker “Snow Dragon” in the port in Shanghai, east China, 24 June, 2010. The “Snow Dragon” will sail to the port city of Xiamen on 25 June, where the expedition team is scheduled to leave for the North Pole on 1 July, and start the 85-day research expedition. **Xinhua**

**UNSG’s message for International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

26 June 2010

As we prepare for this September’s United Nations Summit on the Millennium Development Goals, we must recognize the major impediment to development posed by drug abuse and illicit trafficking. As this year’s theme stresses, it is time to “Think Health, Not Drugs”.

Drug abuse poses significant health challenges. Injecting drug use is a leading cause of the spread of HIV. In some parts of the world, heroin use and HIV have reached epidemic proportions. Drug control — including prevention and measures to reduce the harmful effects of drug use — is therefore an important part of the battle to combat HIV/AIDS.

Drugs are a threat to the environment. Coca cultivation destroys vast swathes of Andean rain forest - the lungs of our planet - as well as national parks. Chemicals used to make cocaine poison local streams.

The illicit drug trade also undermines governance, institutions and societal cohesion. Drug traffickers typically seek routes where the rule of law is weak. In turn, drug-related crime deepens vulnerability to instability and poverty.

To break this vicious circle, it is essential to promote development in drug-growing regions. Our work to achieve the MDGs and fight drugs must go hand-in-hand. In seeking to eradicate illicit crops, we must also work to wipe out poverty.

Recent worrying trends - in parts of West Africa and Central America - show how drug trafficking can threaten the security, and even the sovereignty, of states. That is why the United Nations is putting a stronger emphasis on enhancing justice and fighting crime in peace-building and peace-keeping operations.

National governments must also do their part. I urge all states to become parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. I also call on states to live up to their commitments, as Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, to strengthen integrity and reduce the corruption that facilitates the drug trade.

On this International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, let us reaffirm our commitment to this shared responsibility within our communities, and among the family of nations.—UNIC

**Internet**

**Was Venus once a habitable planet?**

Paris, 25 June—The European Space Agency’s Venus Express is helping planetary scientists investigate whether Venus once had oceans. If it did, it may even have begun its existence as a habitable planet similar to Earth. These days, Earth and Venus seem completely different.

A European Space Agency study found Venus has lost large quantities of water. The Venus Monitoring Camera image taken in the ultraviolet (0.365 micrometres), from a distance of about 30 000 km shows Venus has lost large quantities of water. **Internet**

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Stem cells reverse blindness caused by burns

This image from an Italian study published online on 23 June, 2010 by the New England Journal of Medicine shows the eyes of three patients with alkali burns before and after successful stem cell transplants. —INTERNET

Los Angeles, 25 June—Dozens of people who were blinded or otherwise suffered severe eye damage when they were splashed with caustic chemicals had their sight restored with a stunning success for the burgeoning cell-therapy field, Italian researchers reported on Wednesday.

The treatment worked completely in 82 of 107 eyes and partially in 14 others, with benefits lasting up to a decade so far. One man whose eyes were severely damaged more than 60 years ago now has near-normal vision. “This is a roaring success,” said ophthalmologist Dr Ivan Schwab of the University of California, Davis, who had no role in the study — the longest and largest of its kind.

Stem cell transplants offer hope to the thousands of people worldwide every year who suffer chemical burns on their corneas from heavy-duty cleaners or other substances at work or at home.

The approach would not help people with damage to the optic nerve or macular degeneration, which involves the retina. Nor would it work in people who are completely blind in both eyes, because doctors need at least some healthy tissue that they can transplant.

Inexpensive camera diagnoses cancer

Houston, 25 June—US cancer scientists said they’ve modified an inexpensive off-the-shelf digital camera so it can distinguish cancerous cells from healthy ones.

Rice University biomedical engineers and researchers from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center said they discovered consumer grade cameras can serve doctors as powerful platforms for diagnostic imaging.

“Based on portability, performance and cost, you could make a case for using them both to lower healthcare costs in developed countries and to provide services that simply aren’t available in resource-poor countries,” said Rice Professor Rebecca Richards-Kortum, the study’s lead author.

In the study, the team said it captured images of cells with a small bundle of fiberoptic cables attached to a $400 Olympus E-330 camera. When imaging tissues, the researchers said they applied a common fluorescent dye that caused cell nuclei in the samples to glow brightly when lighted with the tip of the fiberoptic bundle.

Wine may hold Alzheimer’s clues

Troy, 25 June—US researchers suggest the way in which a compound in red wine neutralizes toxic proteins may help explain Alzheimer’s disease.

Study leader Peter Tessier of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, and colleagues say the compound — resveratrol — has shown the ability to target and neutralize certain proteins related to Alzheimer’s disease but leave others alone.

The findings, published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, suggest resveratrol somehow discerns structural differences between protein packing variants called peptide isoforms.

The research team generated five unique isoforms — three were toxic to human cells and two were not. Next, the researchers introduced resveratrol.

The resveratrol reacted with the toxic arrangements and resulted in the toxicity being neutralized. However, the non-toxic arrangements remained unaffected.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Recognizing caregiver stress

Washington, 25 June—Caregivers provide help for people who can’t fully care for themselves, whether it’s by cooking meals, paying bills or helping them get clean and dressed. But caregivers may be prone to physical and emotional stress. The National Women’s Health Information Centre describes these warning signs that shouldn’t be ignored:

* A feeling of being overwhelmed by responsibilities.
* Not getting enough sleep, or sleeping more than you should.
* Significant weight change.
* Constantly feeling tired.
* Losing interest in activities that were once enjoyed.
* Becoming easily angered or irritated.
* A persistent sense of worry or sadness.
* Having frequent headaches, or other aches and pains.
* Turning to drugs and alcohol.

Scientists implant regenerated lung tissue in rats

Washington, 25 June—A Yale University-led team of scientists reports that they have achieved an important first step in regenerating fully functional lung tissue that can exchange gas, which is the key role of the lungs. Their paper appears in Thursday’s issue of Science Express.

Lung disease accounts for around 400,000 deaths each year in the United States. Lung tissue is difficult to regenerate because it does not generally repair or regenerate on the microscopic level. The only current way to replace damaged adult lung tissue is to perform lung transplantation, which is highly susceptible to organ rejection and infection and achieves only 10 percent to 20 percent survival at 10 years.

The Yale team’s goal was to see if it was possible to successfully implant tissue-engineered lungs, cultured in vitro, that could serve the lung’s primary function of exchanging oxygen and carbon dioxide. They took adult rat lungs and first removed their existing cellular components, preserving the extracellular matrix and hierarchical branching structures of the airways and vascular system to use later as scaffolds for the growth of new lung cells.

They then cultured a combination of lung-specific cells on the extracellular matrix, using a novel bioreactor designed to mimic some aspects of the fetal lung environment. Under the fetal-like conditions of the bioreactor, the cells repopulated the decellularized matrix with functional lung cells. When implanted into rats for short intervals of time (45-120 minutes), the engineered lungs exchanged oxygen and carbon dioxide similarly to natural lungs.—Xinhua

Addicts inject drugs in the Las Barranquillas slum in the outskirts of Madrid in 2005. The use of intravenous drugs has decreased in most European countries although Bulgaria and Slovakia bucked the trend, according to a report published Thursday by a Lisbon-based monitoring body.—INTERNET

Health

The United Nations Development Programme and UNAIDS said Thursday that they have formed a commission to examine the impact of laws around the world that discriminate against people living with HIV.—INTERNET
Singapore’s factory output sees record rise in May

SINGAPORE, 25 June— Singapore said on Friday that manufacturing output surged a record 58.6 percent year on year in May as factories raced to meet robust foreign orders for electronics and pharmaceuticals.—INTERNET

Last month’s factory production, which eclipsed the previous record high of 49.7 percent posted in April, was almost double the 32.1 percent forecast in a Dow Jones Newswires poll of analysts.

The monthly data from the Economic Development Board (EDB) said factory production in May was boosted by electronics and biomedical which includes pharmaceuticals.

Electronics output rose an annual 51.8 percent while biomedical manufacturing expanded 117 percent with the main boost coming from a 121.8 percent jump in pharmaceuticals, the EDB said.

For the other sectors, chemicals surged 19.6 percent, precision engineering rose 40.5 percent and transport engineering increased 0.3 percent.

A bank worker counts US currency along with 100-yuan notes in southwest China’s Sichuan Province. Some experts say the yuan is undervalued against the dollar by up to 40 percent.

INTERNET

China’s currency rises to new high ahead of G-20

SHANGHAI, 25 June—China’s currency surged on Friday to its highest level yet, with central bank setting the daily official level at 6.7896 yuan to the dollar, acting on a pledge to allow greater flexibility in the exchange rate ahead of a weekend G-20 summit.

The rate set by the People’s Bank of China was 0.3 percent stronger than Thursday’s rate of 6.8100, well within the daily 0.5 percent limit that the currency is allowed to move in. The rate — known as the central parity rate — is a weighted average of prices given by market makers, excluding highest and lowest offers. By midday, the yuan was trading at about 6.7937 to the dollar in the spot market, after dipping to 6.7869.

Beijing’s pledge to let the currency fluctuate more after keeping it pegged near 6.83 for the past two years was welcomed by many of China’s trading partners, given concerns that the yuan’s level may be undervalued and thus distorting trade by making Chinese exports artificially cheap in dollar terms.

INTERNET

Russia to buy 50 Boeing 737s worth four billion dollars

WASHINGTON, 25 June—President Barack Obama on Thursday said that Russia was buying 50 Boeing aircraft valued at four billion dollars that could create 44,000 jobs in the struggling US economy.

Obama, speaking after White House talks with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, said the order was part of a broad array of trade and investment deals between the two countries. In a statement released after Obama’s comment, Boeing said that it had signed a document with the Russian state corporation Rostehnologii “confirming the decision by Rostehnologii to place an order for 50 Boeing Next-Generation 737 airplanes.”

The document was signed during Medvedev’s official visit to the United States, the aerospace giant said, without providing further details.

“Rostehnologii’s selection of Boeing airplanes demonstrates its commitment to deploying the optimal solution for the market needs,” the Chicago-based company said.

INTERNET

S Korea’s newly-listed Samsung Life to see $830 bln profit this year

SEOUL, 25 June— South Korea’s Samsung Life Insurance that went public in mid-May is expected to post a net profit of more than 1 trillion won ($823 billion US dollars) this year, local media reported on Friday.

Logging a net profit of 906.1 billion won ($755 million US dollars) in the fiscal year of 2009, Samsung Life is forecast to see its earnings expand this year thanks to its brisk business performance.

In April, the company saw a 14.5 percent on-year rise in its insurance premiums, with the May figure staying at the robust level.

If its net earnings meet the 1-trillion-won level in 2010 as forecast, Samsung Life will become the first local insurer with a net profit of such an amount, standing in line with 12 local market giants. —Xinhua

INTERNET

Brazil’s unemployment rate hits 8 years low in May

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 June— Brazil registered in May an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent, the lowest registered in the month since 2002, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) said on Thursday.

The rate had a slight rise compared with the 7.3 percent registered in April. In May 2009, due to the effects of the international financial crisis, the unemployment rate was at 8.8 percent.

The IBGE measures the unemployment rate in Brazil’s six main capital cities. In May, the highest rate (12 percent) was registered in Salvador, in the northeastern region, while the lowest (5.8 percent) was registered in Belo Horizonte, in the southeastern region.

In May, Brazil’s unemployed population totaled 1.8 million, up 3.2 percent compared with April and down 13.4 percent from the same period in 2009. The employed population totaled 21.9 million people, stable from April and up 4.3 percent from May 2009.

Xinhua

INTERNET

Fact file and illustration on Apple’s new iPhone 4. Eager Apple fans rushed to stores in Europe and Japan on Thursday to become the first owners of the latest-generation iPhone as it made its global debut in five countries.

INTERNET
High-speed rail to link Shanghai, east China cities

SHANGHAI, 25 June— Tickets went on sale Friday for a high-speed rail service linking Shanghai and Nanjing, part of a growing rail network to boost the development of cities around China’s financial metropolises.

The trains will shuttle between Shanghai and Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu Province, at a speed of 350 km per hour, faster than a Formula One racing car from 1 July, said a statement from Shanghai Railway Bureau. The 200-metre-long CRH3 (China Railways High-speed) train has eight carriages and 557 seats. About 120 shuttles are scheduled everyday, linking Shanghai, Nanjing and six other cities along the route.

Tickets for the full journey between Shanghai and Nanjing are priced at 146 yuan (21.47 US dollars) for second class seats and 233 yuan for first class.

The railway is expected to enhance the economic ties between Shanghai and nearby cities. The rail network around Shanghai is expected to get a further boost after the central government approved the construction of a maglev railway linking Shanghai and Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, in March.—Xinhua

Pizza power fuels Florida-to-NYC bike trip

NEW YORK, 25 June— A Florida pizzeria owner says his bicycle trip across the East Coast of the United States will prove that the venerable pizza is a healthy source of nutrition.

Matt McClellan has spent most of June pedaling north from St Petersburg to Times Square eating nothing but pizza at every meal.

The 33-year-old McClellan says the goal of his “Tour de Pizza” journey is to refresh up the image of pizza. He is doing so by stopping every three hours for a slice from the closest pizza purveyor.

“We have to change the image of pizza from a junk food to a healthy food,” McClellan told the New York Daily News during a stop this week in Savannah, Ga. “I am eating pizza for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.” McClellan, an avid cyclist, said he got the idea for the tour last summer when he went on an all-pizza diet for 30 days and lost 24 pounds. Carol Espel, director of group fitness for Equinox Gyms, told the Daily News that bike riding for an hour burns about 600 calories, the number found in an average New York slice.

Unsafe at any speed: Going barefoot

BOSTON, 25 June— Wearing slippers or going barefoot at home may contribute to falls among the elderly, US researchers warn.

Researchers at the Harvard-affiliated Institute for Aging Research of Hebrew Senior Life in Boston found 52 percent of the elderly who fell were either wearing slippers, going barefoot or in socks with no shoes. This group was more likely to report serious injuries — such as fractures or torn muscles, ligaments or tendons — as a result of their fall. The study, scheduled to be published in the summer issue of Footwear Science, found among those who reported falling, more than 18 percent were barefoot when they fell. Nearly 27 percent were wearing slippers and 7 percent were wearing socks.—Xinhua

Air France set to lay off near 4,400 employees

PARIS, 25 June— The Air France company is set to lay off 4,391 jobs by March 2013, but not in a compulsory way, French business daily La Tribune reported on Thursday.

Based on a work committee report of the company, the newspaper detailed that the job reduction would take place in three phases, 2,436 in 2010-2011, 834 in 2011-2012 and then 1,121 in 2012-2013.

The change in employment till 2013 March will represent a job reduction of 16.3 percent from the number of employees in March 2008 before the economic crisis, the report said.

Indonesia’s military plane crashes in Bali

JAKARTA, 25 June— A small plane belonging to Indonesian Air Force crashed when landing at international airport in tourist resort of Bali on Thursday, but there was no casualty and no disturbance on flight schedules, Metro television reported.

Two people on board, the pilot and a high military officer, are safe, Colonel Aldrin Langon was quoted by the television as saying.

“After the tyres touched the ground, the plane exploded. I and the pilot were thrown up with ejector seats,” said Major General Rahmat Badiarto, the officer at the plane, who is military commander for Udayana military command.

The plane conducted a supervision in Bali along with three other planes before the accident, Langon said.

Military plane accident has been quite often recently. Aging of spare parts has been partly blamed for the accident.
**Prizes awarded to outstanding…**

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The commander and officials gave awards to the outstanding persons.

At the hall of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad construction project, the project engineer reported on progress of construction task. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing stressed the need to carry out construction tasks meeting set standard.

He looked into new coaches for Kengtung-Mongnai railroad section and placing rail tracks, progress of Kengtung-Monghsat railroad section and Mongnai-Kengtung section and left necessary instructions. — MNA

**Narcotic drugs pose great danger…**

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This year’s motto of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking adopted by UNODC is “Think Health not drugs.”

The aim of the motto shows that human well-being tasks can meet with success only if every human being is both physically and mentally strong. While the whole world is looking towards technological advancements, narcotic drugs ranging from plant based to synthetic drugs are still being produced which can undermine mental and physical health of humans. Narcotic drugs pose a great threat to the human society for they wreak havoc on any user.

All in all, in accord with the motto, I urge all to make continued efforts for elimination of narcotic drugs in order that the entire people including youths can enjoy good health and happiness.

**PPE assigns duty to shape Myanmar media world to become fourth estate based on national interest**

Information Minister attends ceremony to honour outstanding students of PPE staff in its 38th anniversary

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan presents Good Public Service Medal to a staff.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—A ceremony to present prizes and cash assistance for students of staff of the Ministry of Information was held in conjunction with the 38th anniversary of Printing and Publishing Enterprise at the ministry, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Kyaw Hsan stressed the need to achieve greater success by reviewing strong and weak points of the PPE, and the anniversary ceremony was to award outstanding staff and factories for their performance in respective tasks with a view to turning out more outstanding staff and factories and achieving progress of works in the future.

He said that prizes were awarded to the students for encouraging them to pursue education with diligence and perseverance to be able to shape a brighter future. The State, the ministry and respective departments provide welfare to the staff by engaging in agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.

He added that PPE is to make all-out efforts in discharging assigned duties for 2010-2011 to participate in the tasks of realizing the State’s seven-step Road Map and successfully holding the multi-party democracy general election 2010 through media; to reduce expenditure and try hard to earn more income; to ensure a balanced budget; to promote Myanmar literature and the literary world and uplift living standard of literati in accord with the State policy; to organize those of literary world to serve the national interest more than in the past; to conduct effective media attacks; to maintain the presses of PPE for their well functioning and their durability; to modernize all the works of PPE; to timely complete the printing works of State organizations meeting set standards; to practise thrifty method; to focus on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks for speeding up staff welfare task; to train the staff to become highly qualified media persons serving the national interest; and to shape Myanmar media world to become the fourth estate based on the national interest.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan awarded the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for the 2009-2010 academic year with flying colours.

Afterwards, Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented cash assistance and exercise books for school children of the employees of the ministry to Head of Office of the Ministry U Myint Htwe, Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay, Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Managing Director of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win and Managing Director of the Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint.

During the ceremony, good public service medals were conferred on the outstanding employees of the ministry by the minister.

The Photolitho Printing Press won the model award for the 2009-10.

Managing Director of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein presented awards to factory managers of the printing presses, uniforms and cash assistance for fund of employees of the PPE.

Afterwards, Director-General of MRTV U Lun Maung, Director-General U Myo Myint, officials and parents of the students attended the ceremony.

As part of reward for the students, the Auditor-General presented prizes and cash assistance K 1.985 million to the students. — MNA
Paper reading session to mark Myanmar Women’s Day held

YANGON, 25 June—Hailing Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3 July 2010, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation held a paper-reading session at National University (Yangon), Dagon Myothit (South) Township here this morning.

It was attended by Patrons, the President of MWAF and CEC members of Yangon Division, Assistant Lecturer from Literature Department of NCFA University Dr Daw Le Le Aung, leader of the working group for environmental conservation under MWAF Professor Dr Daw Aye Kyi and leader of Legal Affairs Professor Dr Daw Than Nwe read their papers.

Later, the resources persons answered queries raised by those present.—MNA

MPEC to conduct Diploma in Software Engineering Course

YANGON, 25 June—Myanmar Professionals Education Centre has been conducting CICT Diploma in Software Engineering course presented by Cambridge ICT in Malaysia. Even those have basic computer skill may attend the 9 month-course. It also conducts six main subjects relating to Software Engineering and practical skill project in business with teaching of experienced course trainers.

Those interested may attend the course through installments of fee.

The new course will be opened in July, 2010. It gives special discount only for students who passed the matriculation exam. For more information, contact Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC), No 112, Room (11,12), 8th Mile on Pyay Road, Mayangon Township here, (Ph: 668779, 668259 and 650124).

Wagadok Dam contributing to greening 30-mile...

(from page 16) with Staff Officer U’Tha Tun Oo and Deputy Staff Officer U Aung Than of Construction I on facts about Wagadok Dam.

Construction of Wagadok Dam with earthen embankment was aimed at supplying water to Moeyungyi Lake by damming Wagadok Creek and contributing to greening 30-mile radius of Yangon (East) and cultivation of summer crops. Moeyungyi Lake is located near Yangon-Bago-Mandalay Highway in Bago Township, and it is now under management of Irrigation Department (Maintenance). Arrangements have been made for flow of water into Moeyungyi Lake and then the water of the lake is channelled into Sittoung Canal through Moeyungyi Sluice Gate. The water from Bago-Sittoung Canal is drained into Ohnhne Creek through Bagan-Nyaunghbin diversion gate for supplying water to the arable lands through canals along Thanatpin-Thongwa Road.

Wagadok Dam is a supporting water storage facility for Moeyungyi Dam. It was constructed with the permission of the Meeting 2/2004 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee held on 27 December 2004. It is estimated that Moeyungyi Lake was dug in 1875 is now 135 years old, and it has been maintained. Wagadok Dam is supplying irrigation water to Moeyungyi Lake annually for agricultural purpose. In 2009-2010, the dam irrigated 17649 acres of farmlands beginning 9 February 2010. The main embankment of the dam is 86 feet high and 6400 feet long and it is a saddle dyke, 3155 feet long. The facility has 10 square miles of catchment area, and inflow of 32,406 acre-feet of water annually. It can store 32,600 acre-feet of water at full brim of the embankment and 1200 acre-feet of still water. The water surface area is 1403 acres. The 6 feet by 4 feet conduit of the dam is of reinforced concrete and it is 255 feet long. The water flows through the conduit with the speed of 300 cubic-feet/sec. The spillway is of broad crested type reinforced concrete and it is 30 feet wide and 430 feet long. The current flows through the spillway 338 cubic-feet/sec. Having 132 inches of rainfall, the dam can store a large volume of water annually. Thanks to supply of water from the dam to the farmlands through Moeyungyi Lake, the local farmers are enjoying fruits of greening 30-mile radius of Yangon (East) and growing summer crops.

Wagadok Dam has been commissioned into operation since 2009. The local people are to help maintain the dam for its durability because the dam is located near Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

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Casualties rise to 821 in train derailment of Republic of the Congo

KINSHASA, 25 June—The number of casualties climbed to 821 as of Wednesday after Monday’s train derailment accident in the Republic of the Congo. Among them, 76 died and 745 others were wounded, said local media. The disaster happened late Monday night after a train left the coastal town of Pointe-Noire on the Chemin de Fer Congo Ocean (CFCO) line to the capital city of Brazzaville. It derailed at a curve causing four carriages to fall into a ravine.

Government spokesmen Bienvenu Okieny on Tuesday declared a three-day national mourning starting from 26 June and a national funeral for the victims in Pointe-Noire.

The government on Tuesday morning dispatched a group of investigators to the scene after an emergent meeting. Overspeeding was believed to be the main cause of the accident. The 510-km-long CFCO railway is vital to the country’s economic development, and is an important component of the transport system in central Africa.

Landslide kills five in Peru

LIMA, 25 June—A landslide in the foothills of Lima killed five people, the spokesmen of the National Institute of Civil Defence (Indeci) said on Thursday. The accident occurred on Wednesday night in San Mateo District in Huarochari Province, 100 km east of Lima.

Some 12 houses were declared as uninhabitable and many harvest and pasturage hectares were flooded by mud. The rescue teams and workers of the Transportation and Communications Ministry are working to remove the mud. The search work is also continuing.

It said the landslide probably occurred due to a geological destabilization or because some peasants changed the course of the water for their harvest, which made the hills fracture.

The Indeci said another possibility is the deforestation in the zone, which produced a soil saturation in the high parts of the hills.

Bolivia declares national emergency for long-lasting drought

LAPAZ, 25 June—Bolivian government Wednesday declared a national emergency for the ongoing drought that has caused huge damage to the agriculture and livestock in many regions.

“The Rural Development and Lands-Ministry will apply the agriculture-livestock emergencies,” Rural Development Minister Nemesia Achacollo told a press conference in Quemado Palace.

Achacollo also called for government departments to take immediate actions to help alleviate the effects of the drought.

As a result of the drought, about 106,000 heads of livestock cannot be commercialized because they are undernourished for lack of food and water.

The Andean Promotion Corporation (CAF) has pledged a credit of 75 million US dollars to Bolivia to help it deal with the disaster.

One killed in gunmen raid on Los Angeles marijuana dispensary

LOS ANGELES, 25 June—An unknown number of suspects stormed into a medical marijuana dispensary in Los Angeles on Thursday, killing one person and wounding another, police said.

The shooting took place before 4:15 pm local time (0015 GMT Friday) in the Sunset Boulevard store in the Echo Park neighbourhood, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) said.

The suspects fled after shooting the two victims, one of whom was hit in the torso, the LAPD said.

Ten killed, 15 injured in road accident in E Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 June—At least 10 people were killed while another 15 injured in a road accident which happened early Thursday morning near Vehari, a city in the eastern part of Pakistan, local media Geo News reported.

The accident took place when a speedy passenger coach bound for Lahore, the capital city of Punjab province overturned while taking a left turn.

Two children were among those killed in the accident said rescue workers adding that all the injured people had been rushed to hospital for medical aid.

Hospital sources said three among the injured people were critical condition.
Storm downs trees, power lines in New York

New York, 25 June—A severe thunderstorm tore through the Little Neck section of the New York City on Thursday, ripping down trees and power lines, but causing no serious injuries, officials said.

“Power Lines and trees were knocked down in the Little Neck area,” Steve Ritea, a spokesman for the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) told Xinhua, referring to the hard hit neighbourhood along the New York City borough of Queens’ border with Nassau County.

“This section is like a tornado hit it,” one firefighter was overheard saying as he reported having to walk “three or four blocks” to check on an elderly woman. She was okay but a tree was leaning on her home.

The utility company ConEd dispatched several crews to repair power lines. A spokeswoman for the New York Police Department (NYPD) told Xinhua the NYPD also received numerous calls of storm damage but no serious injuries after the storm tore through the area shortly after 3:30 pm (EDT).

Xinhua

Tropical storm Darby reaches hurricane strength off Mexican coast

MEXICO CITY, 25 June—Mexicans dwelling along the country’s southern coast were warned on Thursday to prepare for the approaching Tropical Storm Darby which had reached hurricane strength earlier in the day.

State broadcasters issued the warning by saying that the tropical storm was picking up speed some 275 km off the coast of the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.

The storm already has winds gusting up to 120 km per hour (kph), making it a Category One hurricane.

The state National Meteorology Service (SMN) is forecasting strong winds, choppy seas and torrential rains to affect Oaxaca and its adjacent state of Guerrero—Xinhua.

Florida man escapes from 11-foot alligator

Florida wildlife officials say the alligator that attacked a snorkeler at Silver Springs this week was 11 1/2 feet long and topped 500 pounds.

The reptile, which was captured and killed, sent the swimmer to the hospital with a broken jaw and other non-life threatening injuries.

Joy Hill, a spokeswoman for the Florida Fish and Game Commission, told the South Florida Sun Sentinel the 525-pound gator was later snared by a trapper.

The victim, Peter Butt, 54, High Springs, is an environmental consultant who was monitoring the water flow at the Ocala attraction late Tuesday when he was grabbed by the big gator.

Brazil, Italy sign agreement to develop naval technology, vessels

BRASILIA, 25 June — Brazil and Italy on Thursday signed a naval agreement to jointly develop patrol vessels and logistic support vessels.

The accord, signed by Brazilian Defence Minister Nelson Jobim and Italian Under-secretary of Defence Guido Crosetto, also covers technology transfer and the development of weapon and navigation systems.

It will enable both countries to develop security mechanisms for military communications through satellites and benefit systems used in the Project Blue Amazon, responsible for protecting the Brazilian coast.

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Florida 9-year-old helps stop purse snatcher

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Quiana Coronado, 9, said she was doodling when she saw a man outside approach an elderly couple and run off with the woman’s purse — WISN-TV, Milwaukee, reported on Thursday.

The girl said she quickly filled her parents in on the situation while keeping an eye on the purse-snatcher’s direction and she gave chase with her father in the family truck.

Coronado was able to point out the suspect a few blocks away and he was detained with the help of neighbours until police arrived.

Police praised the young girl for her actions.

“She’s doing the right thing. She goes and tells her parents and her parents then take action,” Milwaukee police Lt. Alex Ramirez said.

Coronado said the incident may have been a glimpse into her future.

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As an artistic creation, the piece has been revered, and court artists of subsequent dynasties have made several re-interpretive replicas. Now, the Palace Museum has created a digital version of the giant scroll. The long scroll has been converted into a three-dimensional image on a digital screen measuring one hundred metres by six metres.

The river in the picture appears to be flowing. People and cattle seem to be standing next to audiences. Ten times the original size, the digital version of the painting has special sound and lighting effects that change constantly.

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EU calls for joint action to withdraw economic support

LONDON, 25 June—The European Union (EU) has urged the G20 club of nations to agree to scrap their economic support packages. The EU said a co-ordinated exit from stimulus measures would help restore confidence and reduce the risk that some countries would be disadvantaged.

EU leaders made the call in a open letter ahead of this weekend’s G20 summit in Canada. The EU also said the G20 should reconsider the introduction of a global transaction tax on banks.

Internet

A cat whose back legs were chopped off in a farming accident has been given a new bionic pair, in a groundbreaking feline first in Britain.

INTERNET

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Zin Mar Min Nyo B.A (English)
The daughter of (Col. Min Nyo (Retd))-Daw Pansy @ W. Roi Ji E-002 Tha Zin Min Avenue Thu Min Galar Housing, Thu Min Galar St, Thingangyun Township, Yangon to Aung Kyaw Htwe @ Aung Kyaw Htwe Have the pleasure of announcing their marriage which took place on Saturday, 29th May 2010 at Judson Church.

Ma Zin Mar Min Nyor Ko Aung Kyaw Htwe

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1024)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1024) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.6.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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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Google under investigation by Met police

LONDON, 25 June—The UK’s Metropolitan Police is to investigate Google over its capture of data from unsecured wi-fi networks, following a complaint from human rights group Privacy International.

The data, scooped up by Google’s Street View View cars, may put the firm in breach of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (Ripa). It is likely that the police will interview Google staff in the UK.

It is one of many ongoing global investigations into Google.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV TOPAZ VOY NO (02)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TOPAZ VOY NO (02) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.6.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 3 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: NAVEE ASSOCIATED LTD THAILAND

Phone No: 256924/256914

Pound reaches 19-month high against euro

LONDON, 25 June—The pound has hit a 19-month high as debt woes weigh down on the euro. Sterling touched 1.2222 euros on Thursday, the highest it has been since the immediate aftermath of the financial crisis in November 2008. Markets continue to worry about the European debt crisis, with the perceived risk of a default by Greece hitting an all-time high. The pound was also boosted by disagreement at the Bank of England about whether to raise interest rates.

Old swingers’ at high risk of sex infections

LONDON, 25 June—Partner-swapping swingers could be bringing sexually transmitted infections into the general population, Dutch researchers warn. Of 9,000 sexual health clinic patients consultations, 12% were with swingers, with an average age of 43. Writing in the journal Sexually Transmitted Infections, the team said swingers should be targeted with health advice, as other at-risk groups are. UK sexual health experts said swingers should ensure they always use condoms.

There are no reliable estimates of how many people are swingers, defined as straight couples who swap partners, indulge in group sex or visit sex clubs for couples, but experts think there are significant numbers.

The authors say there could be millions worldwide.

Five US men convicted of Pakistan ‘terror plot’

LONDON, 25 June—Five Americans have each been sentenced to 10 years in jail by a court in Pakistan after being found guilty of terrorism charges, prosecutors say.

The five men — aged between 18 and 25 — were convicted of conspiring to commit terrorist attacks on Pakistani soil and of funding banned jihadist groups. They were arrested in the north-eastern city of Sargodha in December.

The case is one of several involving alleged “home-grown” American Muslim militants linked to Pakistan. The men have been identified as Ramy Zansam, of Egyptian descent, Waqar Khan and Umar Farooq of Pakistani descent, and Arman Hassan Yemer and Ahmad Minni, who are of Ethiopian descent. None were known to law enforcement agencies before they disappeared in November from their homes in Alexandria, Virginia. One of the five men said they wanted to go to Afghanistan for charity work.

Iran claims higher enriched uranium production

LONDON, 25 June—Iran says it has produced 17kg (37lb) of uranium enriched to 20%, in defiance of United Nations efforts to halt its nuclear programme. The Head of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization said the country could now produce up to 5kg every month. There has been no independent verification of the claims.

Iran says the fuel is needed to power a medical re- search reactor, but Western powers accuse Tehran of trying to develop nuclear weapons. The announcement by Ali Akbar Salehi, who heads the atomic energy body and is also the Vice-President of Iran, adds another element to the row between Iran and the UN over its disputed nuclear programme.

Australian miners ‘hopeful’ on tax talks with new PM

LONDON, 25 June—Mining companies in Australia have expressed hope of reopening discussions about a controversial mining tax with the country’s new prime minister. Julia Gillard, who has been sworn in as Australia’s first female premier, said she was “throwing open the government’s door to the mining industry.”

Her predecessor, Kevin Rudd, had slumped in the polls after proposing a 40% tax on mining profits from 2012. Mining giant BHP Billiton said it was “encouraged” by Ms. Gillard’s comments.

“The industry has consistently been calling for the government to take the time to properly engage on all aspects of the tax, and we welcome the opportunity to do so,” BHP said.

“We look forward to working with the government in this new way to find a solution that is in the national interest.”

Enrichment activity is at the heart of Iran’s nuclear stand-off with the West.

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Spanish train kills 12 on tracks near Barcelona

LONDON, 25 June—A high-speed train passing through a Spanish railway station has hit a group of young people crossing the tracks, killing at least 12 people.

The train was traveling through Castelldefels Playa station near Barcelona when the incident occurred. At least 14 other people were injured, three critically, officials said. It is believed they were heading to the beach to celebrate a summer festival and were crossing the tracks rather than using a pedestrian underpass. They had just arrived on a commuter train from Barcelona. The authorities have said the underpass was signposted and open. Some witnesses said it was crowded and taking a long time for people to get through.
Brazil wins Group G after 0-0 draw with Portugal

DURBAN, 25 June—Two of soccer’s most powerful offenses didn’t score Friday and Brazil won Group G after a listless 0-0 draw with Portugal, which also advanced to the second round. Both teams had good chances to score, but failed to capitalize at Moses Mabhida Stadium.

Brazil striker Nilmar had a shot tipped against the goalpost by Portugal keeper Eduardo in the 30th minute, and Luis Fabiano’s close-range header just missed wide in the 39th. Portugal had a goal denied by keeper Julio Cesar in the 60th when he barely tipped wide a shot by Raul Meireles after a dangerous run by Cristiano Ronaldo.—Internet

Preview matches on Uruguay Vs South Korea and USA Vs Ghana in play-off stage on 26 June

YANGON, 25 June—World ranking 16 Uruguay and world ranking 47 South Korea are going to their play-off match of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on 26 June. Both teams saw three times in their head-to-head position in the friendlies of 2007, 2003 and 2001 and the world ranking 16 won all three matches. Uruguay had two wins and one draw in the group-A with clean sheet and they are found to have a static defence. South Korea saw one win, one draw and one loss in the group-B conceding six goals in the group round and therefore they are to try their best to strengthen their defence. Uruguay used different formations of 4-5-1, 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 in the group round matches, South Korea emphasized a formation of 4-2-3-1 and 4-4-2 that is even in attack and defence. If the formations of both teams are identical, the match will continue up to the extra time. Luiz Suarez, Diego Forlan and 4-3-3 in the group round matches. South Korea emphasized a formation of 4-2-3-1 and 4-4-2 that is even in attack and defence. If the formations of both teams are identical, the match will continue up to the extra time. Luiz Suarez, Diego Forlan and 4-3-3 in the group round matches.

USA Vs Ghana

World ranking 14 USA and world ranking 32 Ghana will play their play-off match in South Africa on 26 June. Both teams faced one time in the head-to-head position in 2006 and Ghana won the match. The USA saw one win and two draws in three matches in the group-C while Ghana had one win, one draw and one loss in the group-D. The USA launched a particular formation of 4-4-2 in every match during the group round and Landon Donovan, Michael Bradley, Clint Dempsey and Jozy Altidore are reliable for the USA. Ghana prepared for their team with a formation of 4-5-1 and were in favour of defence and Asamoah Gyan, Boateng, Adiyiah, and Akonn are key players for their team. The USA has a little more winning percentages than Ghana. It is forecast that the USA will extend their unbeaten run.

Otto Rehhagel has resigned as Greece coach following their elimination from the World Cup

LONDON, 25 June—Greek Football Association officials confirmed the 71-year-old German’s resignation after the team returned to Greece on Thursday.

Greece went out of the tournament following a 2-0 defeat by Argentina in Polokwane on Tuesday. Rehhagel was appointed in 2001 and guided Greece to the European Championship title in 2004.

No replacement has been named, although Portuguese coach Fernando Santos has been widely touted as the likely successor in the Greek media.

Former Bayern Munich coach Rehhagel adopted defensive tactics to shackle Argentina’s creative players in their final Group B match, employing defender Socrates Papastathopoulos to man-mark Lionel Messi.

Defoe hopes to avoid penalty shoot-out

LONDON, 25 June—England striker Jermain Defoe says he hopes Sunday’s last-16 match against Germany is not decided by penalties.

With the Germans having beaten England on penalties twice before - in the 1990 World Cup and at Euro 96 - they may hold the edge in that department.

Defoe revealed England have been practising penalties “every day since the training camp in Austria”.

But the match-winner against Slovenia added: “I hope it doesn’t go that far. We want to win it in 90 minutes.”

Twenty years ago, England suffered heartbreak in the World Cup semi-finals when Stuart Pearce and Chris Waddle missed their spot-kicks as West Germany triumphed. Six years later, a by-now unified Germany were victorious in the European Championship semi-finals, with Gareth Southgate this time missing the crucial penalty for England.

Defoe is eager “the biggest match” of his career does not follow a similar pattern.—Internet

Ivory Coast beats NKorea 3-0, fails to advance

NELSPRUIT, 25 June—Yaya Toure, Koffi Romaric N’Dri and Salomon Kalou all scored for Ivory Coast in a 3-0 win over North Korea at the World Cup, but the Elephants still won’t advance to the round of 16.

Ivory Coast started Friday needing a big win and a Portugal loss to Brazil to have any chance of moving on. But Brazil and Portugal tied 0-0, putting the Portuguese into the next round.

Ghana is the only one of six African teams to advance to the round of 16.

North Korea lost all three matches, giving up 13 goals and scoring just one.
Two million baby cribs recalled in US

WASHINGTON, 25 June—Seven manufacturers are recalling more than two million cribs to address entrapment, suffocation and fall hazards linked to drop-side cribs, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission said on Thursday. The commission said the manufacturers were providing free repair kits to immobilize drop sides and fix other hazards.

“Crib should be the safest place in the home for infants and toddlers,” commission chair Inez Tenenbaum said. “CPSC is committed to addressing the hazards with cribs and to restoring parents’ confidence that their child will have a safe sleep.”

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 scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukmaraw (4.05) inch, Homalin (2.76) inches, Mawlaik (2.56) inches, Haka and Thenzayat (2.17) inches each, Hpa-an and Thaton (1.85) inches each and Aunglan (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-6-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 25-6-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours M.S.T. on 25-6-2010 was 85%.

Rainfall on 25-6-2010 was (0.58) inch at Mingalardon, (1.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.87) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (27.12) inches at Mingalardon, (30.79) inches at Kaba-Aye and (32.03) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South at (09:30) hours M.S.T. on 25-6-2010.

Bay Influence: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T. today, yesterday’s low pressure area over the Northwest Bay is still persists. Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 26th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. 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 next two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-6-2010: Rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather Outlook For Last Weekend Of June 2010: During the coming weekend, rain (or) thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Yangon Division and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.
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

Wagadok Dam contributing to greening 30-mile radius of Yangon

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Arrangements are being made for greening 30-mile radius of Yangon all the year round. According to the plan, Wagadok Dam was successfully constructed on 1 January 2004 and opened on 26 January 2008 for greening 30-mile radius of Yangon (East).

Wagadok Dam is located four miles upstream of Taungshat-in Village of Bago Township, Bago Division. We, the news crew of Kyemon Daily left Nay Pyi Taw by train and got off at Bago station and then arrived at Phayagyi junction. We proceeded 13 miles long trip along Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and turned to Wagadok Dam to the west of the expressway. On arrival at the dam, we had interviews.

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Photo shows the main canal of Wagadok Dam.

Low pressure area still centres in northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to observatory reports at 5.30 am, the low pressure area that occurred at the northwest of the Bay of Bengal yesterday still centred there today.

The system is under close watch for regeneration.—MNA

PlayStation plus features clarified

E3 wrapped up earlier this month and lots of new hardware, games and other new services were announced at the show from major game developers. Sony was one of the major electronics companies that unveiled many new items at the show. One of the more confusing items Sony debuted during its E3 keynote was PlayStation Plus. The confusing aspect was what exactly came with the purchase of the service. Sony Sr. Director of the PlayStation Network Susan Panico has posted to the official PlayStation Blog to clarify what the new service includes ahead of its official launch on 29 June.—INTERNET