Prime Minister U Thein Sein receives Chinese Vice-Premier Mr Zhou Tienong and party

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Prime Minister U Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar received a delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress and President of Chinese Association for International Understanding Vice-Preminister Mr Zhou Tienong of the People’s Republic of China, who is on an official visit in Myanmar, at the Government Office here at 4pm today. Also present at the call were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay, departmental heads and officials from Chinese Embassy. —MNA

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 multi-class 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
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- 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

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Nampaung village no longer different from urban areas

Recently, I paid a visit to Shan State (North). During the tour, I had a chance to visit Nampaung village. The village is located in Lashio Township of Shan State (North) and at an altitude of 2806 feet. It is a wide plain area surrounded by mountain ranges. Its average annual rainfall is about 50 inches. Its temperature is 34 degree Fahrenheit in maximum and 0.4 degree Fahrenheit in minimum. (See page 8)

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan greets heads and staff of Division, District and Township IPRDs in Yangon Division. —PAGE 7

White elephant caught in Rakhine State —PAGE 9

Netherlands beats Slovakia 2-1 at World Cup —PAGE 14

A Super Roof van plying Lashio-Tangyan passes Nampaung concrete bridge.
**Special Refresher Course No. 71 for basic education teachers opened**

**Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung addresses the opening of Special Refresher Course No. 71 for basic education teachers.**—MNA

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Also present were Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Auditor-General U Lun Maung, deputy ministers, the vice-chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the vice-Yangon mayor, heads of department, the rector, pro-rectors, heads of faculties of the institute, course instructors and trainees.

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The minister continued to say that changes and trends in science and technology today were spreading their influence over everyday socioeconomic life that the ultimate goal of education had become knowledge that can be applied in practical life, exceeding the boundary of normal school education; that teachers were to nurture their students as citizens who can contribute to welfare of the society; that teachers on their part were to broaden the horizons of the public while playing an active role in welfare of the society.

The minister went on to say that teachers, in particular, were to constantly mobilize their students and the public to know well and support unanimously such endeavors of the Government as nation-building tasks, efforts for enhancement of socioeconomic life of its citizens and fulfillments to its citizens for being able to stand as fit and able educated nation eternally, which revealed profound goodwill and righteous endeavors of the Government.

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The five-week course is being attended by 1502 trainees.

Yangon, 28 June—Concordia Int’l Co., Ltd will soon conduct certified advanced land survey course (9/2010) from 3 to 14 July and applied GPS & Google Earth Software course from 15 to 17 July at training hall of Concordia here.

The courses cover applied Total Station (construction survey topo survey differential GPS), Handheld GPS, GPS downloading and processing to Garmin MapSource & Google Earth Software and downloading and processing of measured data at Map source software and Google Earth Software.

Those wishing to attend the courses must pass matriculation exam and may enroll on 29 June. For further information, contact Concordia Ltd, 3rd and 5th floor of Shwegon Plaza on Kaba-Aye Pagoda road, Bahan Township, Yangon and dial 01-544824, 549444, 558170, 540026, 09-5005912 and Fax-544399. —MNA

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**PERSPECTIVES**

Tuesday, 29 June, 2010

**To be healthy, say no to drugs**

A ceremony to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking took place at the Myanmar Police Force (Headquarters) in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 June.

The theme of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking for this year is “Think Health, Not Drugs”. The youth are the most vulnerable to narcotic drugs, and they can fall into the snare of narcotics in their youth if addicted. So, secure life is out of the question for the youth of today if there is easy access to narcotics. The theme means that people can lead a happy, healthy life, only then they refrain from abuse of narcotic drugs.

In Myanmar, state/division, district and township committees for drug abuse control are working in harness with the people in the fight against narcotic drugs.

The process focuses on dissemination of facts about the dangers of narcotics making further clarification to evil consequences of drug abuse and organizing measures to dissuade the young from using illicit drugs.

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**People's Desire**

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Bomb blast kills eight Afghan civilians: police

GHAZNI, 28 June—A Taleban-type bomb tore through a mini van in central Afghanistan Monday, killing eight civilians including women and children, police said.

The blast from an improvised bomb, a device widely used by the Taleban in their attacks on security forces, killed the civilians in Andar District in the troubled central province of Ghazni.

“The bomb was planted by the enemies, the Taleban to target security forces. But it struck a civilian car and killed eight civilians,” Mohammad Idris, a provincial police official said.

Women and children were among the dead, he said, but could not give exact figures.

Scores of civilians have been killed in crossfire between rebels and security forces during the militancy by the militant Taleban who are fighting to topple the Western-backed government of President Hamid Karzai.—Internet

Four killed in Baghdad violence

BAGHDAD, 28 June—Four people were killed and nine others injured in two bombings and a gunfire attack in the Iraqi capital on Monday morning, an Interior Ministry source said.

Two roadside bombs which targeted the Iraqi police detonated coordinately in central Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The first blast went off near a popular restaurant in the industrial district of al-Shiekh Omer in downtown Baghdad, damaging parts of the restaurant and several nearby shops and buildings, the source said.

Two minutes later, the second blast ripped through the area when a police patrol arrived in the scene and destroyed a police vehicle, killing two policemen and wounding four others aboard, the source added.—Xinhua

Two NATO oil tankers burned in Pakistan’s Balochistan Province

ISLAMABAD, 28 June—At least two NATO oil tankers were burnt in Chaman in Pakistan’s southwest province of Balochistan on Monday morning, reported local media. No casualties have been reported and the cause for the incident is not immediately known.

This is the fourth damage to the NATO supply convoy in Pakistan since this month. On 8 June, terrorists attacked a NATO supply convoy at a parking lot near Islamabad and over 60 NATO supply trucks, mostly oil tanker carriers, were destroyed and about eight people died in the attack.—Xinhua

Canada, India sign landmark nuclear deal

TORONTO, 28 June—Canada and India signed a landmark nuclear deal Sunday, ending a quarter of a century of mistrust after India used Canadian technology to build its first nuclear bomb.

The nuclear cooperation agreement will enable India to import Canadian nuclear equipment and technology and secure uranium, an abundant source of nuclear energy, to fuel the Asian nation’s rapid economic growth, officials said.

Canada is the eighth nation to reach a civil nuclear deal with India since the Nuclear Suppliers’ Group, a cartel which trades in nuclear fuel, equipment and technology, lifted a 34-year ban on India in 2008.—INTERNET

BP oil spill costs hit $100 million/day

LONDON, 28 June—BP said it had spent $300 million on its Gulf of Mexico oil spill response effort in the past three days, hitting the $100 million/day spend rate for the first time and bringing its total bill to $2.65 billion so far.

The figures, which BP released in a statement on Monday, include the cost of trying to cap the well, clean up the environmental damage caused by the leaking crude and pay compensation to those affected by the spill.

BP added it remained on track to complete its relief well, which aims to kill the leaking well at the point it meets the reservoir, in the three month timeframe initially envisaged, despite progress slowing on the well in recent days.

Last week, the well was being drilled at the rate of 1,000 feet per day, but the pace dropped to less than 100 feet a day over the weekend, as the delicate task of closing in on the leaking well is conducted.
**NewBorneo’s crocodiles ‘no longer endangered’**

**FILE PHOTO OF A YOUNG SALWATER CROCODILE ENICED BY MEAT, JUMPING COMPLETELY OUT OF THE MURKY WATERS OF THE ADELAIDE RIVER, NEAR DARWIN IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA.**

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 June—Wildlife officials in Malaysian Borneo are pushing to have its saltwater crocodiles removed from a list of endangered animals, saying the reptile’s numbers have strongly recovered in recent years. Deputy director of the Sabah Wildlife Department Augustin Tuuga told AFP that a survey of the Crocodylus porosus population showed there were about 11,000 to 15,000 in the state compared to 1,000 to 5,000 two decades ago. “We are pushing to have the crocodile downgraded from the ‘endangered’ to the ‘not necessarily threatened’ list on the Convention of International Trade of Species (CITES),” he said. Tuuga said there was big demand for legal crocodile leather from handbag and clothing accessory manufacturers as well as for crocodile meat in kitchens throughout Asia.—Internet

**RARE HOLE IN THE MOON PHOTOGRAPHED**

LONDON, 28 June—A New photo of the moon has revealed the most detailed views yet of a rare hole in the lunar surface—a pit large enough to swallow an entire football field whole.

High-resolution cameras aboard the Japanese Kaguya spacecraft first spotted the irregularly shaped chasm, located in Mare Ingenii on the moon’s southern hemisphere. Now, NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter has taken a new, up-close photo of the moon pit from lunar orbit.

“Only three have been discovered thus far, so I believe it is safe to state that skylights (pits) are rare at the 100-metre scale,” Mark Robinson, principal investigator for the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera (LROC) at Arizona State University, told SPACE.com in an e-mail. Mare Ingenii, also called the “sea of cleverness,” is best known for its prominent lunar swirls, which are highly reflective surface features that are associated with magnetic anomalies. The new images of the region from LROC show a giant pit measuring about 427 feet (130 metres) in diameter.—Internet

**LHC SMASHES BEAM COLLISION RECORD**

GENEVA, 28 June—Scientists working on the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) say they have moved a step closer to their aim of unlocking the mysteries of the Universe. The world’s highest-energy particle accelerator has produced a record-breaking particle collision rate—about double the previous rate. The collider is now generating around 10,000 particle collisions per second, according to physicist Andrei Golubtin. The LHC is housed in a 27km circular tunnel under the French-Swiss border.

The vast machine is operated by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (Cern), based near Geneva in Switzerland. Physicists say this marks the start of turning the LHC into the world’s most powerful particle collider.

“It’s clear that the LHC is the new boy in town, but in two years running we’re going to put Fermilab out of business,” operation group leader Mike Lamont told BBC News. The Tevatron particle accelerator at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) in Illinois, USA, is the LHC’s rival. It has operated at higher intensities, but the current collision rate is a record for Cern. The LHC is expected to overtake the American machine in due course.—Internet

**‘MAGNIFIED’ LUNAR ECLIPSE IN NORTH AMERICA FINISHES**

NEW YORK, 28 June—A partial lunar eclipse which was unusually magnified to viewers in North America has now ended.

The eclipse began at 10:17 GMT, when the Moon entered the shadow of Earth, and lasted around three hours. Because of the timing, the eclipse was not visible from the UK or Europe.

But in many parts of the US and Canada, the eclipse appeared larger because it occurred while the Moon was close to the horizon. The effect is known as the “Moon illusion”.

According to NASA, low-hanging Moons look “unnaturally large when they beam through trees, buildings and other foreground objects”. The reason for this is not understood.

“Observers in India, Japan, and parts of East Asia will experience the same phenomenon,” NASA wrote on its website.—Internet

**NUCLEAR BOMBS COULD SAVE EARTH FROM ASTEROIDS**

MIAMI, 28 June—If a massive asteroid is hurtling toward Earth and threatening to sterilize the entire planet, blasting it to pieces with nuclear bombs might seem fit for a Hollywood movie. But, it could, in fact, be a viable solution to the potentially apocalyptic event, according to scientists who have studied asteroids and possible solutions to prevent Earth impacts.

There are some strings attached: The interloping space rock would have to pose a definite asteroid threat to Earth in a relatively short timeframe to justify such a drastic option, the scientists said. And blowing up an asteroid runs the risk of creating more debris to worry about later, they added.

If an asteroid was expected to collide with Earth within the next 50 years, using nuclear explosives to divert or disperse the hostile space rock could be the best alternative, explained David Dearborn, a research physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, Calif.

Nasa

INTERNET

**THE ICEBREAKER “SNOW DRAGON” DOCKS IN XIAMEN, SOUTHEAST CHINA’S FUJIAN PROVINCE, ON 27 JUNE, 2010. CHINA’S FOURTH SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FROM XIAMEN FOR THE NORTH POLE ON 1 JULY, AND START THE 85-DAY RESEARCH EXPEDITION.**

INTERNET

**‘ICKY’ A CHINESE CRESCENT, IS HELD BY OWNER JON ADLER OF SACRAMENTO, CALIF, DURING THE WORLD’S UGLIEST DOG CONTEST ON 25 JUNE, 2010, IN PETALUMA, CALIF.**

INTERNET

**THE VAST MACHINE IS OPERATED BY THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH (CERN), BASED NEAR GENEVA IN SWITZERLAND. PHYSICISTS SAY THIS MARKS THE START OF TURNING THE LHC INTO THE WORLD’S MOST POWERFUL PARTICLE COLLIDER.**
New test may reveal ‘birth deadline’

ROME, 28 June—A test developed by Italian researchers could let women as young as 20 predict within a few months when they will cease to be fertile, medical experts say.

The blood test could give women trying to balance careers with parenthood a “birth deadline,” The Sunday Times of London reported.

Menopause occurs on average at age 51 among western women, but about 15 percent experience it early, under the age of 45, The Times said.

The test measures levels of a hormone produced in the ovaries controlling development of the cells from which eggs develop. “Our results suggest that the hormone (level) could precisely forecast the age at menopause, even in young women,” Dr. Fahimeh Ramezani Tehrani, who led the research, said.

The Times reported a British expert on menopause said the results were encouraging.

“A precise test like this would be very useful,” Dr. Heather Currie, co-editor of the journal of the British Menopause Society, said, “particularly to women considering delaying childbirth for family, career or other reasons.”

The test could provide other benefits to women concerned with early menopause and its elevated risks of osteoporosis and heart disease, The Times said.—Internet

School-based efforts may help curb obesity in high-risk kids

ORLANDO, 28 June—School-based efforts at better nutrition, more exercise and improved education about healthy living can help kids who are most at risk for obesity keep the weight off, compared to children in schools without such programmes, a new study suggests.

But the programme failed to reduce the overall numbers of overweight and obese schoolchildren — those numbers fell by 4 percent over three years whether the 42 middle schools in the study had such initiatives or not, the researchers report.

“The intervention, surprisingly, did not result in a [population-wide] reduction in overweight or obesity,” said lead researcher Gary D Foster, a professor of medicine and public health and director of the Centre for Obesity Research and Education at Temple University, Philadelphia. “What’s surprising is that the control group improved as well,” he said.

The school-based initiative didn’t seem to have much of an impact on children who were not already overweight or obese by sixth grade, the team found, but it did impact children who were already having weight troubles by that grade level.

For those kids, “there were small [weight-loss] effects of about 3 percent. Although that’s small, it’s enormous given the rates of obesity in this country,” Foster said. “This was an unexpected but fortunate finding — that we are actually impacting the kids at the greatest risk.”

The findings are slated to be presented on Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Diabetes Association in Orlando, and they are also being simultaneously published online in the New England Journal of Medicine.—Internet

More genes implicated in type 2 diabetes

NEW YORK, 28 June—Scientists have located 12 new genes that seem to be linked with a predisposition for type 2 diabetes, bringing the total number of genetic locations implicated in the condition to 38.

At this point, the findings don’t mean much for patients or doctors, although one day they may lead to better treatments.

“As from here, to apply this clinically is going to be many more years,” said Dr. Joel Zonszein, director of the Clinical Diabetes Center at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City.

“It is tough to pull clinical relevance out of [these types of studies], but this is laying the groundwork for what can come later,” added Jacob L McCauley, an assistant professor at the John P. Hussman Institute for Human Genomics at the University of Miami’s Miller School of Medicine. “The size of this study is what’s impressive. This provides a lot of power that in time these results will have medical relevance.”—Internet

Mercury in saltwater fish poses greater health threat

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—Mercury in saltwater fish poses more of a health threat to humans than freshwater fish, a new study suggests.

The potentially harmful form of mercury called methylmercury attaches onto dissolved organic matter in freshwater, but latches onto the salt (chloride) in seawater, explained researchers at Duke University.

Methylmercury is a potent neurotoxin that can cause kidney and brain disorders, and even death, the researchers said in the study appearing online Sunday in the upcoming print issue of the journal Nature Geoscience.

“When it is attached to dissolved organic matter, like decayed plants or animal matter, sunlight more readily breaks down the methymercury. However, in seawater, the methylmercury remains tightly bonded to the chloride, so sunlight does not degrade it as easily. In this form, methymercury can then be ingested by marine animals,” Hsu-Kim explained.—Xinhua

Americans are treated, and overtreated, to death

WASHINGTON, 28 June—The doctors finally let Rosaria Vandenberg go home.

For the first time in months, she was able to touch her 2-year-old daughter who had been afraid of the tubes and machines in the hospital. The little girl climbed up onto her mother’s bed, surrounded by family photos, toys, and the comfort of home. They shared one last tender moment together before Vandenberg slipped back into unconsciousness.

Vandenberg, 32, died the next day.

That precious time at home could have come sooner if the family had known how to talk about alternatives to aggressive treatment, said Vandenberg’s sister-in-law, Alexandra Drake.

Instead, Vandenberg’s pharmacist in Franklin, Mass., had endured two surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation for an incurable brain tumour before she died in July 2004.

“We would have had a very different discussion about that second surgery and chemotherapy. We might have just taken her home and stuck her in a beautiful chair outside under the sun and let her gorgeous little daughter play around her — not just torture her” in the hospital, Drake said.

Xu Xidi and Yu Chengqing at red carpet of the 21st Golden Melody Awards in Taipei, on 26 June, 2010. XINHUA

“S.H.E IS THE ONE World Tour 2010” arrived at the Capital Indoor Stadium in Beijing on 26 June, 2010. The three girls of S.H.E presented more than 40 songs to delight their Beijing fans.—XINHUA

Mushroom” style water towers are seen in Kuwait City, capital of Kuwait, on 27 June, 2010. More than 10 clusters of water towers are distributed among residential sections across Kuwait for residents to collect freshwater, one of the country’s most precious resources.—XINHUA

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Currency reform
“our own affair”

BEIJING, 28 June—China will not bow to pressure from the outside world on revaluing the renminbi and any changes in the nation’s foreign exchange will be made on China’s own terms, Chinese officials heading to the G20 summit in Toronto said at a Press briefing.

The remarks come on the heels of US senators sending proposals to the Obama administration last Thursday calling for fresh pressure on China to allow more flexibility of its currency and a large-scale appreciation, despite the Chinese government’s announcement on its foreign exchange reform last weekend.

“Any changes in the foreign exchange will be decided by China’s needs for supporting domestic economic development, rather than foreign pressure. Now the country’s key goal is to transform the economic growth model, which will impact how the foreign exchange reform goes,” said Ma Xin, director-general of the department of international cooperation of the National Development and Reform Commission, China’s top economic planner.

Oil hovers below $79 as traders eye Gulf storm

SINGAPORE, 28 June—Oil prices hovered below $79 a barrel Monday in Asia as traders kept a close eye on damage a possible hurricane could cause rigs in the Gulf of Mexico this week.

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Global economic realignment needs all hands on deck

BEIJING, 28 June—As the dust settles on the financial crisis, a new international economic environment is emerging. Described briefly, this has been driven by the emergence of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) as financial powers, the effects of which are leading to more evenly distributed, multidimensional global economic arrangements.

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Advanced economies pledge to halve deficits by 2013

Chinese President Hu Jintao (4th L, Front) poses for a group photo with other participants of the fourth summit of the Group of 20 (G20) in Toronto, Canada, on 27 June, 2010.

XINHUA

TORONTO, 28 June—Advanced economies pledged to halve their deficits by 2013 and stabilize or reduce government debt-to-GDP ratios by 2016, according to the declaration announced at the close of the Toronto Group of 20 (G20) Summit on Sunday.

“There is a risk that synchronized fiscal adjustment across several major economies could adversely impact the recovery. There is also a risk that the failure to implement consolidation where necessary would undermine confidence and hamper growth,” said the declaration.

Xinhua

In this file photo made Feb. 1, 2010, a worker completes a fuel delivery at gas pumps in Lynnfield, Mass. Abundant supplies of oil and gasoline coupled with tepid demand because of high unemployment and the uncertain economy should keep gasoline and oil prices in check through Labour Day, analysts say.—INTERNET

Colombian President hails country’s economic recovery

BOGOTA, 28 June—Colombian President Alvaro Uribe hailed the country’s economic recovery on Saturday, saying the recovery is “fast, faster than expected.” In a speech in the city of Cartagena, Uribe said the country registered an unexpected growth of 4.4 percent during the first quarter, showing a process of recovery from the international financial crisis and reduction of exports to Venezuela.

“It is a quicker recovery than expected and also hopeful,” said Uribe.

Xinhua

Venezuela froze its relations with Colombia in August 2009 after knowing about a military agreement signed between Bogota and Washington, which it regards as a “threat” to military stability in the region. Colombian companies in Venezuela saw a drop of 70 percent in the bilateral trade in the first quarter of 2010. However, Colombian exports to the neighboring country were replaced gradually over the past year to Netherlands, Switzerland, and China.

Xinhua

Business

People cross a road in Tokyo’s Ginza D district. Japan, which has a fiscal deficit that stands at a whopping 227 percent of gross domestic product, the highest level in the G20.—XINHUA

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Global economic realignment needs all hands on deck

BEIJING, 28 June—As the dust settles on the financial crisis, a new international economic environment is emerging. Described briefly, this has been driven by the emergence of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) as financial powers, the effects of which are leading to more evenly distributed, multidimensional global economic arrangements. But it is not only the BRIC countries themselves which are seeing fundamental economic change. The shift of economic influence from West to East has been well documented, but there is also a considerable southward migration of economic activity. Continents such as Africa and South America, which have struggled to remain prosperous and stable in the economic environment of the last 50 years, find themselves presented with new opportunities in an ever-growing international environment of greater multilateralism and distribution of opportunity.
YANGON, 28 June—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan met with heads and staff of Division, District and Township Information and Public Relations Departments in Yangon Division and heads of Bago District and Township IPRDs at the meeting hall of the central press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads of the Ministry of Information.

In meeting with the IPRD staff, Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that as he had known about the measures being taken by the staff of the Information and Public Relations Department over its duties and functions and their contacts and discussions with the public as well as their achievements, he would give necessary instructions and fulfill the requirements.

As the IPRD staff had to deal with the people, it was important to inform the public about real situation serving the best national interest in carrying out information tasks, the minister added.

In order to send a newspaper and a Doh Kyeywa journal to every village, it was necessary to do with three ways, self-reliance, cooperation with local authorities and donations of volunteers and well-wishers, he said. Then, the minister stressed the need to make efforts for all village libraries in Yangon Division to become the ones possessing five characteristics in December 2010. After the meeting, the minister cordially greeted the staff.—MNA

YANGON, 28 June—Olive Pharmaceuticals Ltd has been distributing various medicines produced by SQUARE Pharmaceuticals Ltd in Bangladesh, and held Monsoon sales promotion and dinner for Entacyd Plus at Park Royal Hotel here this evening. Senior Manager Dr Omar Rab explained production process and after affect of the medicine. Those present enjoyed the dinner with entertainment programmes.

Over 150 kinds of medicines are available at Olive Pharmaceuticals Ltd, (Ph: 511027, 525860, 09-20117) and any pharmacy shops through the whole country. —MNA

YANGON, 28 June—Vice presidents of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Secretary-General and CEC members received a delegation led by Senior Executive Vice President Mr Hoang Huy Ha of Bank for Investment And Development of Vietnam (BIDV) at UMFCCI Office.—MNA

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17th ACEDAC Meeting, related meetings held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAV Pyi Taw, 28 June—The opening ceremony of the 17th ACEDAC Meeting, hosted by the Union of Myanmar, and its related meetings took place this morning at Armana Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw hotel zone with an address of Minister for Cooperatives U Tin Htut.

Also present at the meeting were Director-General of Cooperative Department U Aye Ko, departmental heads, delegates from ASEAN countries and officials concerned.

The minister said: “This is our second opportunity to host this kind of 17th ACWSAC meeting in Myanmar; we hosted the 9th ACEDAC meeting and 4th ASWGAC meeting in Myanmar in 2002. I appreciate for all of your continuous support, encouragement and attendance. I hope your short stay in Myanmar will be enjoyable and memorable.”

“Agriculture is a vital sector to ASEAN Member Countries. Over the last couple of years, despite facing many difficulties in the agriculture, ASEAN countries have achieved significant progress. Agricultural Cooperatives in all of ASEAN countries have been making great contribution to achievements of the sector. With support of our government agricultural cooperatives have continuously grown and involved deeply in economics of their countries as well as in the region.” the minister added.

He continued,” UN Millennium Declaration is of paramount importance for the Myanmar Cooperative Movement and we are driving our all out efforts for its success. Likewise, we are also fully committed to actively participate in the development of agricultural cooperatives in the region through ACEDAC. Therefore, we look for a fruitful coordination and successful completion of this meeting.”

“I would also like to highlight the importance of financial resource for the development of Agricultural Cooperatives. Today’s Myanmar Cooperative Department under Ministry of Cooperatives has been encouraging and supervising saving and credit as a branch activity of agricultural Cooperative. Likewise, Central Co-operative Society, apex body of cooperative movement, has been endeavoring microfinance with the aim for poverty alleviation.”

“One of the main areas under ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) blueprint for integration of Food, Agriculture and Forestry sector is promotion of agricultural cooperatives as a mean to enhance market access of agricultural products.”

“We all are very happy to witness great cooperation between countries in ASEAN area in order to support the development of agricultural Cooperatives in each country for our share objective of realization of the vision for 2030, of the ASEAN Economic Community and for our common philosophy of live and grow together.” In conclusion, I believe that this kind of cooperation will strengthen the agricultural Cooperatives in the region. So, I inaugurate the opening of the 4th ASEAN Cooperative Business Forum, 17th ACEDAC Board Meeting and 12th ASWGAC meeting. May I wish all a fruitful completion and I hope you all have a wonderful short stay in Nay Pyi Taw.”

Later, the minister and those present posed for documentary photos.

Afterwards, Director-General U Aye Ko of Cooperative Department delivered an address at the ACEDAC meeting and its related meetings.

The meetings will go on till 30 June.—MNA

Nampaung village no…

Nampaung village-tract is located in the east and south of Namabawda village-tract, in the west of Manpyin village-tract, Lokewai village and Mamsae village-tract in the north. It is composed of nine villages. (According to figures of 22-8-2009), there were 993 households and it had a population of 5875.

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With respect to education and health sectors, there are one Basic Education High School (branch), two BEPSs, 16-bed station hospital and rural health care center. There exist communication station and market in the village tract. It sits on Lashio-Monya-Tangyan Union Road. It is about 25 miles from Lashio. So, it is easily accessible to other regions. Living standard of local people is much higher than that of others in the area.

Nampaung village’s major business is the growing of paddy, groundnuts, sesame, sunflower, rubber, sugarcane, corn, soybean, pigeon pea, green peas, garlic, onion and various kinds of vegetables. Buffalo, cow, poultry and pigs are bred. For agriculture and drinking water, local people use water from Maitin dam and Nampaung creek.

Nampaung is Shan Language and means a place where creeks meet. Nampaung creek flows across Nampaung village-tract. Nampaung creek crossing-bridge is an essential one not only for Lashio-Monya-Tangyan road but also for Lashio-Maehan-Kyehtez road. Nampaung bridge is 180-feet-long and 24-feet-wide. It has three-feet-wide walkways on both sides and can withstand 60 tons of load. It is a RC Type one. Lashio District Public Works started building the bridge in 2007 and it was put into service on 22, August 2009. In the past, it was only a wooden bridge. So, loaded cars had to face many difficulties when passing the bridge. Nampaung concrete bridge contributes not only to better transport for the region but also to improving socio-economic status of local people. If one has a chance to visit Nampaung village in Shan State (North), one should taste Shan traditional foods.

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Nampaung stone inscription seen at the entrance to Nampaung village.

Chairman of Nampaung village-tract U Sai Hla Aung explains difficulties faced before building Nampaung concrete bridge.

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Mandalay Orthopaedic...

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The commander, the minister, the mayor, the deputy commander and officials sprinkled it with scented water.

Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr. Nyunt Hlaing and officials conducted the commander, the minister, the mayor and party around the hospital. The commander and the mayor gave necessary instructions.

The commander, the minister and the mayor viewed works of free medical treatment team at No. 5 Basic Education Primary School in Chanayethazan Township and cordially greeted the patients.—MNA

White elephant...

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They managed to catch the white elephant at about 4.25 pm on 26 June.

She is aged about 38, seven feet and four inches tall, and 10 feet and 11 inches in circumference.

MNA

Popular Plastic participates in Automobile and Living Exhibition

YANGON, 28 June — Today, Automobile and Living Exhibition reached the third day, displaying eye-catching booths of automobiles and domestic accessories.

Mother company of SOGO branded PVC doors, counting machines, electrical accessories and pipes, Popular Plastic Industry Group is showcasing its products at the exhibition.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanpya (Magway) road shaping form

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June — Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 26 June oversaw Special Road Construction Group V extending road section between mile post No. 12/0 and No. 17/4 on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanpya (Magway) to four-lane motorway. The minister then inspected progress of new Kyweshin Bridge equipped with four-lane motorway. He also inspected road works along the road. The road was being constructed by two special road construction groups, two district Public Works and 11 private companies, totaling 17 groups.

The minister called the construction groups for working hard with a sense of responsibility and goodwill.—MNA

CPT Dy Minister attends courses concluding ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June — Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun attended the concluding ceremony of PC For Office Applications Course (Windows) and E-mail and Internet Course at e-Learning Centre of the training school of the ministry here this morning.

The centre conducted 25 categories of information technology courses since April 2006, nurturing 3535 IT literates.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
Japan’s Teijin to supply carbon fibre to Airbus

TOKYO, 28 June—Japanese synthetic textile maker Teijin has signed a deal with European aircraft giant Airbus to supply carbon fibre composite material from 2011, the company said Monday.

Teijin’s entry is expected to intensify market competition, with its compatriot rival and industry leader Toray having earlier agreed a 15-year deal with Airbus to make material for wings and fuselages from next year. Teijin’s subsidiary Toho Tenax signed the long-term deal with Airbus parent European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co (EADS), the company said, declining to confirm the length of the contract. It will supply the strong, lightweight and fuel economy-boosting material for Airbus’s multiple aircraft models, including its next generation medium-sized jet airplane the A350 XWB due to be introduced in 2013. The company will build a new production line at its factory in Germany and start supplying carbon fibre products for the A350 XWB from March 2011, the company said in a statement.—Internet

Venezuela, Syria sign cooperation agreements

CARACAS, 28 June—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez had met with his Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad, signing cooperation agreements on technology, agriculture and trade, the Venezuelan government said on Sunday.

During their meeting late Saturday in Miraflores Palace, the government headquarters, the two leaders agreed to create a financing fund, with a value of 100 million US dollars, for the establishment of joint ventures and a binational bank. They also agreed to build a 4.7-billion-dollar refinery in Syria, with Venezuela covering at least 33 percent of the cost, Chavez said.

During the meeting, Chavez invited Syria to join the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of the Americas (ALBA) as an observer. Al-Assad, the first Syrian President to visit Venezuela, is on a Latin American tour which also includes stops in Cuba, Brazil and Argentina.

Crude washes up on tourist beaches in Mississippi

BEIJING, 28 June—Large patches of thick crude have washed ashore in Mississippi, the first time crude from the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has hit the American state’s coastline. Petroleum stains two tourist beaches at Ocean Springs, located about 16 kilometers east of Biloxi, and a shore near an inland marsh often used by fishermen. Wildlife officials picked up one pelican covered in oil.

Efforts to contain and clean up crude from the lingering leak are being handled jointly by federal, state, and local officials as well as being funded by the British energy giant leading to frustration among those whose coastlines are most at risk. Louisiana’s fragile wetlands have been most affected by the petroleum slicks, but Mississippi had escaped damage until on Sunday, although some crude previously tainted several barrier islands. Oil has also splashed ashore on the shores of Alabama and Florida.—Xinhua

Illegal fishing endangers Red Sea marine life

SOUTH SINAI, 28 June—Looking at the dead fish on the Ras Mohammed nature reserve shores of the Red Sea, Mohammed Salem said those who murdered the fish were criminals and should be put behind bars.

“During the last few days, we found a large amount of dead fish, killed by the explosions by fishermen,” Salem, general director of the national parks in South Sinai Province, told Xinhua.

Fishing by means of explosions at the Ras Mohammed National Park, some 25 km southwest of the Egyptian resort of Sharm El-Sheikh, has led to the death of rare fish and dolphins.

Last week, local police arrested 16 fishermen who used dynamite to fish in the nature reserve.—Xinhua

Helicopter crash kills three in Netherlands

THE HAGUE, 28 June—A helicopter owned by the Heli Holland Airservice crashed in the port region of the Dutch city Rotterdam on Sunday, killing three people, according to local police.

Including the pilot, there are five people on board in total, a spokesman of the police said. The helicopter is a Eurocopter EC130, just five years old. “It’s a relatively new device in aviation terms,” Heli Holland Airservice said, and the reason for the crash is still unknown. The helicopter took off Sunday morning from Rotterdam Airport to the port region of the city, in order to take some video of a bicycle event called “Tour de Port.” But the local Air Traffic Control said, “It did not fly under the guidance.”

Small plane makes emergency landing on highway in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 28 June—A small plane with World Cup fans aboard made an emergency landing Sunday on a highway leading to the city of Bloemfontein, where Germany will take on England in the knock-out match, media reports said. No casualties were caused, according to the reports.

The report quoted police officials as saying that six people were aboard the plane, which landed on the N1 highway after malfunctions were detected during its flight from the city of Benoni to Bloemfontein.

The South African Press Association (SAPA) reported that the aircraft made the emergency at 11:30 am local time (0930 GMT).—Xinhua

Employees from European airplane maker Airbus are seen working in the interior of an Airbus A320 in Hamburg. Japanese synthetic textile maker Teijin has signed a deal with Airbus to supply carbon fibre material from 2011, the company said.

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Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez (R) presents Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad with a replica of the sword of national hero Simon Bolivar at Miraflores Palace in Caracas on 26 June, 2010.—Xinhua

Serbian artists perform during a ceremony marking the Serbia National Pavilion Day at the Shanghai World Expo in Shanghai, east China, on 27 June, 2010.—Xinhua

A road is destroyed by the rain at Slobocia village of Neamt County, northeastern Romania, on 27 June, 2010. Days of heavy rainfall caused river flooding as many villages were flooded and roads were washed away.—Xinhua
Australia to host Int’l conference on climate change

SYDNEY, 28 June—The Climate Adaptation Futures Conference, to be held in Australia this week, will explore the contribution of adaptation science to planning and policy making in the face of uncertainty about climate change and its impacts.

The director of the CSIRO’s (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization) Climate Adaptation Flagship Dr Andrew Ash said on Monday scientists hoped the event would bring climate adaptation issues into sharper focus. “It’s more about some of the new approaches we need in planning and technology responses to better start managing the impacts of climate change,” he said.

“But I think out of that will emerge some fairly key issues that hopefully will start to influence policy in the way climate adaptation responses are crafted,” he added. The conference, co-hosted by the CSIRO and Griffith University at the Gold Coast Convention Centre, runs from Tuesday until Thursday. —Xinhua

News Album

A vessel sails across a bridge on the up-surging Yangtze River at the section of Jiujiang, east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 27 June, 2010. The water level on the trunk stream of the Yangtze River in the Jiujiang section rose to 20.18 metres by 19 o’clock on the day, 0.18 metres above the alert level, with a corresponding flows rate as quick as 40,300 cubic meters per second, as an aftermath of previous persistent strong downpour, for the first time since 2003. —Xinhua

Tourist French fleamarket buy holds up Eurostar

PARIS, 28 June—Two tourists who tried to take an old shell bought from a French fleamarket onto the Eurostar Sunday caused an hour’s delay to the train when officials discovered the weapon in their luggage, police said.

The pair had bought the decorative shell, which dated from 1885 and was still active, at the popular Saint-Ouen fleamarket in the north of Paris, they said. After customs officials found the device in their luggage, security authorities evacuated the Eurostar terminal at the Gare du Nord station. Bomb disposal services also were called in, a journalist at the station said. Traffic resumed on the cross-Channel rail link after an hour.—Internet

Two grenades fired near residence of EU observers in Burundi

BUJUMBURA, 28 June—One of the two grenades exploded on Sunday night when unidentified people fired them near a house at Muyinga Avenue, in Rohero urban commune in Burundi’s capital Bujumbura where the EU observers for the country’s presidential election are staying.

Rohero administration officials on Monday morning told reporters of 15 media outlets working together that the grenade attack occurred around 9 pm local time on Sunday, and the grenade blast did not cause any casualties.

The other grenade which didn’t explode was removed by the police early on Monday, according to the local administration officials.

No one has so far been arrested in connection with the grenade attacks.

The grenade attacks occurred a few hours ahead of the beginning of the presidential election in which ruling party President Pierre Nkurunziza is the only candidate running. —Xinhua

Thieves rob S Africa police station, take kitchen sink

Thieves have robbed a newly renovated police station in South Africa, stealing everything down to the kitchen sink.

Officers from the police station in Carletonville, west of Johannesburg, had moved into a smaller building so their station could be renovated, but thieves stripped the unguarded facility bare when the renovations were almost complete, the opposition Democratic Alliance (DA) said on Friday.

“It’s a very bizarre situation,” DA police spokesman Dianne Kohler Barnard said.

“We have a police station being robbed of everything. Stripped. It’s more than robbed. It’s stripped. It’s more than robbed. It’s absolutely gutted.”

Marilyn Monroe chest X-rays auctioned for $45,000

The apparently endless market for images of Marilyn Monroe now extends to inside the bombshell’s body. A set of three Monroe Chest X-rays from a 1954 hospital visit sold Sunday for $45,000 at the Hollywood Legends auction at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Julien’s Auctions, which sold the X-rays, estimated that they would only fetch a total of about $3,000. Other Monroeabilia that sold included a chair from her last photo shoot that went for $35,000. The auction included items from other actresses, including a pair of earrings worn by Kate Winslet in “Titanic” that sold for $25,000 and a dress Audrey Hepburn wore when she starred opposite Fred Astaire in the musical “Funny Face” that fetched $56,250.

Tipping your hat to a great historic day out

Some sights in Beijing are so amazing that you have to hold onto your hat or it’ll blow away. The Shengxifu Hat Museum is one such place. Featuring exhibits from throughout China’s long history, it opened on 8 June and all displays are explained in Chinese and English, allowing access for both natives and expats. With the museum comes to life photographs, the addition of videos and displays are explained.

Admission is free.

“Tipping your hat to a great historic day out”

Hats of Chinese and Western styles are on display at Shengxifu Hat Museum in Beijing.

A steward (R) approaches a fan of England rushing to the pitch after the 1/8 final match between England and Germany at the 2010 FIFA World Cup at Free State stadium in Bloemfontein, South Africa, on 27 June, 2010. Germany won 4-1 and is qualified for the quarterfinals.

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Lost cockatiel is back home — maybe

SUNDAE, 10 June — Reported.

The Dispatch reported a cooking oven, family’s microwave “dance” beside the Popcorn’s trademark confirmation by missing for a month, but is their pet Popcorn, of Columbus are “95 to 10 miles from home — they think. they’ve found it 10 miles looking for the bird say created a Web site and missing cockatiel who The Ohio owners of a was driving his red Cadillac on Sar…

Don’t Smoke

Mexican singer El Shaka killed after denying his murder

SINALOA, 28 June — Mexican singer Sergio Vega has been shot dead only hours after he had denied reports he had been murdered.
The 40-year-old singer, known as El Shaka, told a website he had increased security measures after a number of Mexican musicians were killed.

Musicians performing narcocorridos, songs celebrating the lives of drug barons, often become the targets of rival drug gangs.

Sergio Vega’s lyrics often featured the drugs trade. Internet

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‘Toy Story 3,’ Sandler are hot, Tom Cruise not

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—The “Toy Story 3” gang and Adam Sandler are finding plenty of playmates at movie theaters. Tom Cruise is not so popular, though.

The Disney-Pixar Animation smash “Toy Story 3” remained the No 1 film with $59 million in its second weekend, raising its domestic total to $226.6 million, according to studio estimates on Sunday.

Sandler’s “Grown Ups” debuted at No 2 with a healthy $41 million. Released by Sony, the comedy costing Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade and Rob Schneider did well despite a trashing from critics.

Cruise’s thriller “Knight and Day” fizzled at No. 3 with $20.5 million. It was the worst result for a Cruise action flick in 20 years and a sign that audiences still have not forgiven him for erratic behavior a few years back, which included his couch-jumping incident on Oprah Winfrey’s show.

“He’s one of the biggest stars of all time, but no question, this has impacted him,” said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. “It’s not like it’s irrevocable or unchangeable. Look at all the stars who have been jailed or caught in compromising sexual situations and then came back. Many stars do recover. It just may take a lot of time for him.”

Models in space suits close Paris menswear shows

PARIS, 28 June—US designer Thom Browne’s stellar Paris debut — a cinematic performance piece featuring models in identical space suits and visored helmets — closed the City of Light’s spring-summer 2011 menswear show with an intergalactic bang on Sunday.

Browne’s “Space Odyssey” display seemed destined to become a thing of legend — even in Paris, where the collections tend to be less commercial and the shows more creative than in Milan or New York. Despite the fact that the clothes themselves — shrunken blazers worn with snug Bermuda shorts and knee socks — got a bit lost in the overwhelming mise-en-scene, Browne’s was certainly the most memorable shows at Paris’ menswear week.

Although Lanvin adhered to the basic notion of what a fashion show is and stuck to the script, the much coveted Paris-based label gave men a whole lot to lust for with a collection that was equal parts elegance, sportiness and menace.

Wacky British designer Paul Smith, a die-hard old school rock fan who got his start in fashion hawk ing tee-shirts at concerts by the Rolling Stones and other mythic bands, delivered a mismatched collection that felt like it was channeling a hangover ‘70s rock star coming to after a long, hard night.

Ivan Doig digs up another story in Wild West

HELENA, 28 June—“Work Song” by Ivan Doig is shown.

In this file film publicity image released by Disney, from left, Jessie, voiced by Joan Cusack, Buzz Lightyear, voiced by Tim Allen and Woody, voiced by Tom Hanks are shown in a scene from, ‘Toy Story 3.’ ‘Toy Story 3’ remained the No. 1 film with $59 million in its second weekend, raising its total to $226.6 million.

INTERNET

Chris Brown performs Jackson tribute at BET Awards

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—It was a night of comebacks at the BET Awards, and none more unexpected than Chris Brown performing an emotional tribute to Michael Jackson.

The embattled pop star has mostly kept a low profile since pleading guilty to felony assault for beating up Rihanna in February 2009. But here he was, center stage, mimicking Jackson’s signature dance moves with almost eerie accuracy. Introduced by Jermaine Jackson, Brown embodied the King of Pop, wearing his fedora and spangled glove and moonwalking across the stage to “Billie Jean.”

Then, as Brown grabbed a microphone to sing “Man in the Mirror,” he broke down in tears. His voice cracked, he couldn’t sing, and at one point he crumpled to the stage in apparent agony. It was a moving moment made even more so by the song’s lyrics and Brown’s recent past.

The 21-year-old returned to the stage later in the show when he won the AOL “fandemonium” award.

“I let you all down before, but I won’t do it again. I promise you,” he said.

Sunday’s ceremony at the Shrine Auditorium began with a comeback: Kanye West opened the show atop a volcano on stage in his first TV appearance since dissing Taylor Swift at last year’s MTV Video Music Awards. —INTERNET


“Nuo dance” enthusiasts perform during a carnival to celebrate the traditional Fenlong festival of the Miao ethnic group in Huanjiang Miao Ethnic Autonomous County, southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 26 June, 2010. —XINHUA

Tevez double puts Argentina into World Cup quarters

Johannesburg, 28 June—Argentina will meet Germany in the World Cup quarter-finals after striker Carlos Tevez struck twice – once controversially – to seal a 3-1 win over Mexico on Saturday in the last eight.

Argentina coach Diego Maradona was pleased with the win, but admitted Germany would be a step up from the hard-working Mexicans.

“I feel like pulling on the jersey and playing myself,” said the former midfielder. – Internet

Netherlands beats Slovakia 2-1 at World Cup

DURBAN, 28 June—Like clockwork, the Oranje are into the World Cup quarter-finals.

The Netherlands reached the final eight on Monday when standouts Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder scored in each half of a 2-1 victory over Slovakia.

The Oranje, who have never won soccer’s biggest prize, went ahead in the 18th minute when Robben cut inside from the right wing and found the net with a low, precise shot from 20 yards. Robben sat out the first two group matches with a hamstring injury, but his return has rekindled the crafty Dutch offense.

Sneijder doubled the lead into an empty net in the 84th after a gamble by Slovak goalkeeper Jan Mucha backfired.

Netherlands goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg preserved the win with two key saves in the 67th and the Dutch extended their team-record unbeaten streak to 23 games. Robert Vitek scored on a last-second penalty kick for Slovakia, then rushed to the net to retrieve the ball, only to hear the final whistle.

In the quarterfinals, the Netherlands will face either five-time champion Brazil or Chile, who play later. – Internet

Angry English press demands that Capello quit

London, 28 June—English commentators launched scathing attacks Monday on their football team’s dire performance against Germany which ended the country’s World Cup hopes, as calls mounted for Fabio Capello to quit.

Newspapers saved some of their criticism for the referee in the game who disallowed an England goal that had clearly crossed the line, during the country’s heaviest ever defeat in the World Cup finals.

But this was nothing compared to the fury directed at the team for their unconvincing effort in Bloemfontein, South Africa, which saw them slump to a 4-1 defeat.

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“England’s striker Wayne Rooney looks dejected after Germany won the 2010 World Cup round of 16 football.— Internet

Kerr romps to 12-stroke win at LPGA Championship

PITTSFORD, 28 June—Soaked in champagne and poised to become the first American ranked first in the world, Cristie Kerr was left amazed and near speechless after completing one of the most dominating performances at the LPGA Championship — and any other major for that matter.

“It’s a dream performance,” Kerr said Sunday after winning her second major title by a whopping 12 strokes at Locust Hill Country Club. “It’s like you wake up or you dream — I can’t even speak right now. Winning by two or three is great, but winning by 12 shots is ridiculous. It’s obscene.” – Internet

Johnson passes Busch to win at New Hampshire

LONDON, 28 June—Defending champion Federer and Rafael Nadal scraped and struggled through to the second week of Wimbledon, the Williams sisters barely broke sweat.

Defending champion Federer was forced to come back from two sets down in his opening match and dropped the second set in round two. Meanwhile, Nadal had to play five sets in his second round match and come back from 2-1 down again in his third round clash. – Internet

Frank Lampard demanded Sunday FIFA introduce goal-line technology after the England midfielder had a perfectly good goal ruled out in his team’s 4-1 World Cup mauling by Germany. Germany were leading 2-1 in their last 16 clash just before half-time when a Lampard shot bounced off the underside of the German crossbar and landed yard over the goal-line but it was missed by both Uruguay referee Jorge Larrionda and his assistant.

The clamour for technology and video replays became even more vocal later Sunday when Argentina’s opening goal in their last 16 clash with Mexico at Johannesburg’s Soccer City was allowed to stand despite Carlos Tevez being in an offside position. – Internet

Federer, Nadal sweat, Williams sisters cruise
**Moderate earthquake hits Philippines**

**MANILA, 28 June—** An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter Scale hits a sea area southeast off Mindanao region in southern Philippines at 7:47 am local time Monday, the US Geological Survey reports.

The quake has a depth of 59.5 km. No casualties and losses have been reported.—*Xinhua*

**Moderate quake strikes E Indonesia**

**JAKARTA, 28 June—** An earthquake with magnitude of 5.7 jolted eastern parts of Indonesia on Monday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake struck at 6:47 am Jakarta time Monday (2347 GMT Sunday) with the epicenter at 175 km northeast of Melonguane, in North Sulawesi, and at 67 km deep, the agency said. —*Xinhua*

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**WEATHER**

**Monday, 28th June, 2010**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Chin State, upper Sagaing Division and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (2.80) inches, Kawthoung (2.37) inches, Hmawby (2.16) inches, Ye (1.85) inches and Paung (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-6-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 28-6-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-6-2010 was 82%. Total sun shine hours on 27-6-2010 was (0.7) hour.

Rainfall on 28-6-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (28.58) inches at Mingaladon, (34.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (34.06) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) m/S from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 27-6-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 29th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Mandalay Orthopaedic Hospital opened

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—The opening ceremony of Mandalay Orthopaedic Hospital took place in front of the hospital on 62nd Street in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Health Dr. Kyaw Myint, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung, directors-general of the departments under the Ministry of Health, departmental heads, rectors, pro-rectors, medical superintendents, members of social organizations and guests.

Minister Dr. Kyaw Myint, Mayor U Phone Zaw Han and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung formally opened the hospital. Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe unveiled the stone plaque of the hospital. (See page 9)

Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Minister for Health Dr. Kyaw Myint inspect Mandalay Orthopaedic Hospital. — MNA

White elephant caught in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—According to the information provided by local people that there was a white elephant in a five-elephant group in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, the Forest Department and the Myanma Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Forestry went hunting the elephant. (See page 9)

Growing new lungs from skeleton of old ones

Research shows that growing new lungs may be possible by seeding embryonic stem cells into “acellular” lungs — organs whose original cells have been destroyed, leaving behind empty, lung-shaped scaffolds of structural proteins. — INTERNET