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NAY PYI TAW, 6 June — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received German Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid Mr Markus Loning at Zabuthiri Meeting Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 2.35 pm today. Also present on the occasion together with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint were Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, members of Hluttaw committees from various parties and of various national races and officials from Hluttaw Office. Mr Markus Loning was accompanied by German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Julius Georg Loy.

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In his address, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein said that the objectives of the National Workshop on Poverty Alleviation held by the government two weeks ago are consistent with the work programmes of UNDP, Myanmar and UNDP carried out integrated household living conditions assessment survey in 2004-2005 covering 18,660 households in 116 townships and again in 2009-2010. Statistics show that poverty has been alleviated drastically in Myanmar. The statistics will make significant contribution towards rural development programmes to be implemented by the new government.

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Conserve the environment

Trees and forests are indispensable in environmental conservation, generating temperate climate patterns, enriching biodiversity and food security.

The World Environment Day (2011) was marked at the Ministry of Forestry in Nay Pyi Taw the other day. In his address, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called for active participation in conserving woodlands which is one of the fundamental requirements for sustainable development of the environment, and preservation of Myanmar’s fine traditions of conserving the environment.

In successive periods, Myanmar has been conserving the environment. However, it has to boost agricultural production for its growing population to the detriment of its woodlands. To make things worse, many cut down trees indiscriminately, thus leading to deforestation of lands. The nation’s forest coverage has decreased to 47 per cent in 2011.

Accordingly, the government has been conserving natural forests and forest reserves and establishing a large number of plantations including teak plantations, plantations for economic purposes, plantations for firewood, plantations for industrial raw materials, and watershed plantations. In addition, it is encouraging establishment of private-owned plantations.

As a result of measures for greening regions, even the arid zones in central Myanmar are getting green with lush vegetation. The generation of mangrove swarms in seaside regions is in full swing.

Every citizen is under a responsibility of maintaining the natural ecology. Now, a plan is getting underway to plant 78 million saplings of trees of various species across the nation this rainy season. The people are, therefore, urged to grow trees extensively year by year.

Korea International Furniture & Interior Fair-2011 in August

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Organized by ASEAN-Korea Centre, Korea Furniture & Interior Fair-2011 will be held in Gyeonggi-do in the Republic of Korea from 24 to 28 August. The fair is held with a view to promoting furniture export of ASEAN nations to Korea, building business connection between Korean purchasers and companies of ASEAN nations.

A total of 16 companies, two each from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam, will exhibit household and office furniture. Finished-wood producers and furniture producers may contact Directorate of Trade under Ministry of Commerce or Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung addresses the opening of English writing skill proficiency course No. 2/2011 for the staff of the ministry.—MNA

Union Health Minister, ROK Ambassador discuss health care services

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June — Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong and First Secretary Mr Park Kil Chae at his office here at 2 pm today. During the meeting, they discussed matters on health care services in Myanmar under the bilateral cooperation programme.

The two countries’ bilateral cooperation programme includes medical research, cooperation in upgrading laboratories in Myanmar, sending health workers to the Republic of Korea to study special medical subjects and providing medical care to the people in Myanmar by Korean medical teams.—MNA

H&T Ministry opens English writing skill proficiency course (2/2011) for officers

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Ministry of Hotels and Tourism opened English writing skill proficiency course (2/2011) for officers, at Jade Hall of the ministry this morning. The opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung. A total of 20 trainees are attending the two-week course.—MNA

Mines Ministry in technical cooperation with ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June —Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office of the Republic of Korea Mr Hong Yun Sik and party called on Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik at the minister’s office here this afternoon.

The Union minister and the Korean deputy minister discussed technical cooperation in mining, development of mining, and environmental conservation.—MNA

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office of ROK Mr Hong Yun Sik.—MNA

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong and First Secretary Mr Park Kil Chae.—MNA

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
NATO: service member killed by roadside bomb

KABUL, 6 June—NATO says a roadside bomb has killed a coalition service member in southern Afghanistan.

The international alliance says the bombing took place on Sunday but gave no other details about the attack or the nationality of the killed service member.

It was the fourth coalition death on Sunday that NATO reported. A coalition helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan, killing two on board, and a service member was killed in an unspecified “militant attack” elsewhere in Afghanistan on Sunday.

More than 200 NATO troops have died so far this year in Afghanistan, many of them in the southern provinces where Taleban fighters are trying to regain territory lost over the winter.—Internet

US drone strikes kill 14 in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 June—The United States pilotless aircraft fired several missiles into Pakistani South Waziristan tribal region early Monday morning killing at least 14 persons, security sources said.

The drones hit a school and a house near Wana, the centre of South Waziristan.

Security officials said that five foreign militants were among the dead.

Local residents said that the US spy aircrafts targeted the compound of senior Taleban commander Malang in Shalam Dana area, some 17 kilometres from Wana. Commander Malang belongs to Mulla Nazir group which local officials have said likely killed a senior al-Qaeda commander.

The drones hit a school and a hospital in the town of Nowshera after a bomb exploded at a bakery in the town of Nowshera. Some 50 Pakistan navy personnel.

According to estimate, the Monday strike is the 34th in Pakistan this year. Nearly 250 people, most of whom are suspected militants, have been killed in these strikes—Internet

Volcano billows giant plume for 2nd day in Chile

SANTIAGO, 6 June—A volcano in the Caulle Cordón of southern Chile erupted for a second day on Sunday, shooting out pumice stones and pluming a cloud of ash six miles (10 kilometres) high and three miles (five kilometres) wide.

Flights in the region were canceled and more than 3,500 people stayed away from their homes near the volcano, which produced an eerie show of lightning dancing through its clouds of ash overnight.

Most of the residents in 22 settlements near the Puyehue-Cordon Caulle volcanic complex evacuated when the eruption began Saturday afternoon and were staying in government shelters or friends’ homes. One group of 122 people were moved from a shelter for fear that the eruption could cause flooding on the Nilahue River. There were no reports of injuries.

Rodrigo Ubilla, Chile’s undersecretary of labor, said some people near the volcano had decided not to leave their homes because they didn’t want to abandon their animals.

Wind carried ash across the Andes into Argentina until Sunday afternoon, dropping a blanket of ash on the tourist town of San Carlos de Bariloche, which had to close its airport.

Four killed, 18 wounded in Baghdad attacks

BAGHDAD, 6 June—Four people were killed and 18 wounded in spate of bomb and a gunfire attacks in and near Baghdad on Sunday, the police said.

Three soldiers were killed and three others wounded, including an officer, when a roadside bomb exploded near their three-vehicle patrol in a village in Abu Ghraib area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast destroyed two of the patrol’s military vehicles, the source said.

Abu Ghraib is part of the Sunni militant stronghold that stretches from the western edges of Baghdad through Anbar Province and its vast desert.

The area has been relatively calm for about four years since the Sunni tribes and anti-US militant groups turned to cooperate with the US troops and Iraqi security forces against al-Qaeda network in Iraq.

Xinhua

Bomb attacks kill 24 in northwest Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 6 June—Two separate bomb attacks killed 24 people in northwest Pakistan on Sunday, two days after a US drone strike which local officials have said likely killed a senior al-Qaeda commander.

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Around 12 hours later a second blast left 18 people dead at a packed bakery in the garrison town of Nowshera, around 50 kilometres (30 miles) east of Peshawar.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the first blast, but the Pakistani Taleban, which has carried out several bloody attacks to avenge the killing of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, said it was behind the second.

The attacks also came hard on the heels of Friday’s US drone strike in South Waziristan, which local officials have claimed probably killed Paki- tan’s al-Qaeda commander Ilyas Kashmiri, one of the network’s most feared operational leaders.

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Workers use bulldozers to remove volcanic ash that blew in from the erupting Puyehue volcano, into San Carlos de Bariloche, southern Argentina, on 5 June, 2011. Internet

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Greenhouse gas emissions hitting record highs

AMSTERDAM, 6 June—Despite 20 years of effort, greenhouse gas emissions are going up instead of down, hitting record highs as climate negotiators gather to debate a new global warming accord.

The new report by the International Energy Agency showing high emissions from fossil fuels is one of several pieces of bad news facing delegates from about 180 countries heading to Bonn, Germany, for two weeks of talks beginning Monday.—Internet

India to witness darkest lunar eclipse on 15 June

MUMBAI, 6 June—The darkest total lunar eclipse of this century, which will be visible throughout India, will occur on 15 June, an official of the Nehru Centre said here Friday.

On the night of 15 June, the sun, earth and moon will come in a straight line and the earth’s shadow will eclipse the full moon passing through it. As the moon slips into the earth’s “umbra” (dark shadow), it will slowly assume a coppery red colour, making it a not to be missed spectacle.

The lunar eclipse will start at 23:53 pm and end at 03:32 am on 16 June, and will be visible all over India, the Middle East, southern Europe and northern Africa. This will be the darkest lunar eclipse over the Indian skies this century. The previous darkest lunar eclipse took place four decades back, on 6 Aug, 1971.

The year’s second and final lunar eclipse will occur 10 Dec, but it will be visible only in Eurasia, Australia and north-western parts of North America. Weather conditions permitting, since monsoon is just starting on the sub-continent, the Nehru Centre and other scientific organizations shall make special arrangement to enable people view the total lunar eclipse.

Earlier this year, two solar eclipses have also occurred but they were not visible in India—Internet

Nintendo says server breached, no data lost

There were no third-party victims,” Toyoda said, while declining to elaborate. “But it is a fact there was some kind of possible hacking attack.”

The damage from what could be a recent spate of such data breaches targeting big-name brands was more serious at rival Sony Corp.

Sony has said massive personal information, including email addresses, names and birth dates, and involving more than 100 million users, is suspected of having been stolen after security was compromised in April for its network service for the PlayStation 3 game machine, for other online services and, in the past week, from Sony Pictures’ website.

It is still unclear who is behind the attacks at Sony or Nintendo, based in Kyoto.

Hackers calling themselves Lulz Security — a reference to the Internetspeak for “laugh out loud” — have recently boasted of compromising more than 1 million users’ personal information.

Tokyo-based Sony has said it is strengthening security measures. It has contacted the FBI and other authorities for an investigation into the cyber attacks. Internet

FBI partner attacked by hackers, passwords taken

LONDON, 6 June—Nearly 180 passwords belonging to members of an Atlanta-based FBI partner organization have been stolen and leaked to the Internet, the group confirmed Sunday. The logins belonged to members of the local chapter of InfraGard, a public-private partnership devoted to sharing information about threats to US physical and Internet infrastructure, the chapter’s president told The Associated Press.

“Someone did compromise the website,” InfraGard Atlanta Members Alliance President Paul Farley said in a brief email exchange. “We do not at this time know how the attack occurred or the method used to reveal the passwords.” Copies of the passwords — which appear to include users from the US Army, cybersecurity organizations and major communications companies — were posted to the Internet by online hacking collective Lulz Security, which has claimed credit for a string of attacks in the past week.

In a statement, Lulz Security also claimed to have used one of the passwords to steal nearly 1,000 work and personal emails from the chief executive of Wilmington, Delaware-based Unveillance LLC. Lulz Security claimed it was acting in response to a recent report that the Pentagon was considering whether to classify some cyberattacks as acts of war. The FBI said Sunday that it was aware of the incident and that steps were being taken to mitigate the damage. Farley said InfraGard’s website had been taken down for the past three weeks in protest of the passwords being posted online.

Internet
Although a conclusive laboratory analysis will not come out until Monday, current indications were strong enough to issue a public warning, he said. Authorities have been racing to track down the source of the pathogen since the outbreak, which has infected people in 12 countries - all of whom had once travelled in northern Germany. More than 600 of those infected have developed Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS), a potentially deadly complication attacking the kidneys.

The source of E coli was first thought to be the cucumbers from Spain, which have once travelled in northern Germany. However, this conclusion was overthrown by Laboratory tests in Hamburg on Tuesday. —Xinhua

 Bean sprouts possible source for E coli outbreak

BERLIN, 6 June—German authority said on Sunday that bean sprouts might be the “most convincing” source for the E coli outbreak which has killed 22 people and infected more than 2,000 in the Europe.

Gert Lindemann, Agriculture Minister of the state Lower Saxony, told reporters in a Press Conference that restaurants and food outlets where the cases of E coli had been reported all had received shipments of the particular bean sprouts. A related company in the Uelzen region has been shut down and its products have been recalled, he said.

“It is the most convincing source for the E coli outbreak,” Lindemann said. Although a conclusive laboratory screening for ovarian cancer may not reduce tumours or deaths as expected

LOS ANGELES, 6 June—A latest study has found no evidence that screening for ovarian cancer may reduce the risk of dying from the disease, it was reported on Sunday. Screening, however, does increase the likelihood of unnecessary invasive procedures, according to researchers at the University of Utah.

The researchers present their findings at an on-going meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in Chicago, The Los Angeles Times said.

Researchers studied 78,216 women, ages 55 to 74, who participated in the National Cancer Institute’s Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial. Half of the women received the usual care from their OB-gyns, and half received a CA 125 screening every year for six years and an ultrasound every year for four years. They were then followed for a maximum of 12 years.

The researchers observed 212 ovarian cancers in the screened group and 176 in the normal care group. There were 118 ovarian cancer deaths in the screened group and 101 in the normal care group. The differences were not statistically significant. Overall, there were 2,924 deaths from all causes in the screened group and 2,914 in the normal care group.

But the researchers also observed that 3,285 women had false-positive diagnoses from the screening. Among those, 1,080 underwent surgery that included an oophorectomy (surgical removal of one or both ovaries).

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Relief agency warns on flooding, food shortages in Nigeria

LAGOS, 6 June—Nigeria’s major emergency relief agency Sunday warned that predicted unprecedented rainfall and heavy flooding this year posed a serious threat to food security in Africa’s most populous nation.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in a statement warned food crops and animal husbandry farmers “of dangers posed by flooding that may cause serious damage and reduction of the yields of foods or death of animals.”

NEMA director general Muhammad Sami Sidi has directed all the agency’s six zonal offices across the country to begin to sensitise all stakeholders on “high risk threats of heavy rainfall” posed to food and animal production, it said.

The warning followed a recent weather forecast by the nation’s official meteorological agency that Nigeria may experience an “unprecedented heavy rainfall this year” which may lead to flash flooding across the country.—INTERNET

Disastrous spring costing Mo billions of dollars

JEFFERSON CITY, 6 June—First a tornado tore through the St Louis Airport. Then rising waters swamped small towns and flooded miles of fertile farmland along the Mississippi River.

Then the nation’s deadliest tornado in six decades ripped apart the city of Joplin.

Thirty days of destruction in Missouri. Billions of dollars of damage. And it may not be done, as communities along the Missouri River from St Joseph to St Louis brace for a new round of flooding.

The economic aftershocks of Missouri’s spring of disasters may be felt for years, even by many who weren’t personally affected by the storms. Insurance premiums are likely to increase for home and vehicle owners. Restaurants and retail shops are likely to see lower sales in southeast Missouri. Utility rates are likely to rise in the southwestern part of the state. And Missouri’s budget — already out of balance — now is tens of millions of dollars deeper in the hole, which could lead to more cuts to government services and schools. “It’s not just the loss of lives, but this is a horrible economic blow to the state of Missouri,” said state House Speaker Steven Tilley, a Republican whose home district is near the Mississippi River.—INTERNET

One killed, 36 injured in fuel explosion in Kenya

NAIROBI, 6 June—The Kenyan police on Sunday confirmed that one person was killed while 36 others were seriously injured in an underground oil storage tank explosion in downtown Nairobi.

Director of Police Operations Julius Ndagwa said the victim died on his way to the hospital.

He said there was no cause for alarm as bomb experts on site will ensure that no recurrent explosion occurs as feared by many. “At least six people suffered burns and one of them is in a serious condition,” Ndagwa told journalists at the scene of the accident.

Several people were injured by the shattered windows of their residential homes following the explosion, which extended to adjacent buildings, causing damage to vehicles in the vicinity.

The area is filled with motor garages and mechanics. Eye witnesses recalled hearing a loud explosion before witnessing a large fire.

They said the majority of those injured were mechanics working outside as well as spare part dealers who were working in their shops near the petrol station.—Xinhua

Workers are seen awaiting news of their colleagues in northern China’s Shanxi Province. Authorities in the southwest of the country have confirmed the deaths of 21 workers in two flooded coal mines, state media said Monday, highlighting the dangers of toiling in the nation’s collieries.—INTERNET

21 confirmed dead in China mine floods

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In Guiyang City, the capital of Guizhou province, 13 people were confirmed dead at the Fuhong mine, following a flood on 29 May, the official China Daily newspaper reported.

Only five bodies have been recovered, but experts have determined that the eight miners still inside had no chance of survival.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the mine was not constructed in accordance with an approved design — a possible cause of the accident.

The second incident, which took place at an illegal mine on 31 May on the border of Guizhou Province and the Guangxi Region, left eight workers trapped.

All of their bodies had been recovered by Saturday, the newspaper reported.

Police have arrested four mine owners, it said.

Last year, 2,433 people died in coal mine accidents in China, according to official statistics, or a rate of more than six workers per day.

Labour rights groups, however, say the actual death toll is likely much higher than official data indicates, partly due to under-reporting of accidents as mine bosses seek to limit their economic losses and avoid punishment.—INTERNET

Sudanese women carry water in the town of Kadugli in the Sudanese oil-producing northern state of South Kordofan, in May 2011.—INTERNET

Fighting in volatile Sudan oil state

Khartoum, 6 June— Fighting erupted on Sunday in South Kordofan, Sudan’s volatile oil-producing border state, a UN spokesman said, where the north is pressuring the Sudan People’s Liberation Army to disarm.

The former southern rebels said the fighting began when a group within the northern army refused to disarm the SPLA troops, a claim the army denied. The United Nations mission in Sudan confirmed the clashes but was unable to say who the fighting was between.

“There were two attacks. One happened in Kadugli town itself, where a police station was attacked last night (Saturday) by unknown gunmen,” UNMIS spokeswoman Hua Jiang told AFP, adding that there was no information on casualties.

“We have also had reports of shooting in Um Dorain today. We have sent land and air patrols to the area to investigate,” she said.—INTERNET

Chicago bus crash sends 20 to area hospitals

CHICAGO, 6 June—A collision involving a tour bus and another vehicle on a busy expressway near downtown Chicago sent 20 people to the hospital and temporarily halted all northbound traffic on the highway on Sunday, an emergency official said.

A spokesman for the Chicago Fire Department said the accident occurred around dinner time on the northbound Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/94), just south of the downtown business district known locally as “The Loop.”

Twenty people with injuries, “none serious,” were taken to a half a dozen local hospitals, the spokesman said. Another 31 people refused treatment.—Reuters
Gruesome US serial killer trial opens Monday

CLEVELAND, 6 June—An accused serial killer who kept the bodies of 11 women in and around his Ohio home for more than two years and blamed the stench on a nearby sausage factory goes on trial here Monday.

The gruesome case that unreeled on 29 October, 2009 had officials scrambling to explain why the crimes weren’t discovered sooner.

The women allegedly killed by Anthony Sowell were exclusively poor, black and hampered by lifestyles that took them on and off the streets. Because of that, they weren’t always reported as missing immediately.

Nor did police pay much attention to cries for help that could have saved the lives of six of his victims. One bloodied woman flagged down police in December 2008, telling them of her desperate escape from the registered sex offender’s house. But police found she wasn’t a “credible” witness and declined to press charges even though they found blood and signs of a struggle in Sowell’s home.—Internet

Major wildfire chars 144,000 acres in eastern Arizona

PHOENIX, 6 June—Firefighters battling a raging wildfire in eastern Arizona have made some slight progress in preventing the spread of a blaze that has charred 144,000 acres of prime forest, officials said on Sunday.

More than 1,300 firefighters from across the nation worked to try to protect several small mountain communities and stop the stubborn wildfire, burning about 250 miles northeast of Phoenix.

“They are making progress halting the advance of the fire,” Deryl Jevons, a fire information spokesman, told Reuters. “It’s not like we’ve shut it down. But we’ve had a better time of it in the last few days.”

Weather conditions had been helping firefighting efforts, but there was a fear on Sunday that wind speeds would increase and lightning might strike the area, Jevons said.

The so-called Wallow Fire, which broke out a week ago, is now the third-largest in Arizona history. It was at zero percent containment. Several hundred residents in the small community of Alpne and tiny Nutrioso were forced to flee their homes late on Thursday, and American Red Cross officials said as many as seven residences were destroyed.

Malaysia’s state oil giant, Petronas to intensify oil field exploration

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 June—Malaysia’s state oil and gas giant, Petronas, is “aggressively intensifying” its efforts in unleashing potential resources to boost oil production as the world struggles with the tightening of energy supply-demand balance.

Petronas’ Chairman, Shamsul Azhar Abbas said, when addressing the 16th Asia Oil and Gas Conference here on Monday, that Petronas is geared up to explore small and medium-sized oil fields that are yet to be discovered in the region, with the target of raising oil production by 1.7 billion barrels and the average recovery factor the ratio of recoverable oil reserves to the existing oil in a reservoir to above 30 percent.

“Geology-based assessments suggested that Asia’s mean undiscovered oil resources is in the order of about 50 billion barrels,” he said.

“These undiscovered resources would translate into a resource base one-and-a-half times the combined proved reserves in Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia today,” he added.

Shamsul said industry players must adopt a more “holistic view” of how to fill the supply gap, with the priority placed on exploration and resource availability.

Malaysia’s state oil giant

Four killed in fire in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, 6 June—At least four people were killed and two others injured in a fire that broke out early Monday morning in the downtown area of Pakistan’s Capital Islamabad, according to local English TV channel Express.

The fire broke out at the Foyaz Plaza in Blue Area, a main business centre in Islamabad. Fire fighters reached the site shortly after the fire was reported and brought the fire under control.

Police and rescue workers said that the fire was caused by electric short circuit.—Xinhua

Cattle grace in a field as smoke from the Wallow wildfire settles in the sky near Eagar, Arizona on 5 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Malacca becomes Malaysia’s first smoking-free city

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 June—The Malaysian world heritage city of Malacca will be smoke-free from 15 June, a first for the country, the health minister said Monday.

The move was to bring in more tourists and help stamp out smoking in a country where the habit is widespread, Liow Tiong Lai told AFP, insisting it would also help preserve the city.

“The idea is to create fresh air and a clean environment for tourists and Malaysians alike to enjoy the historic city,” he said. “It will also aid in preserving the old monuments and buildings as the ban will reduce pollution in the area and promote a healthy lifestyle.”

The no-smoking area covers the entire 4.2 square kilometres (1.6 square miles) of the city and four other areas in the southern state of Malacca. “These areas will be free from cigarette smoke and make..."
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Kayin State Chief Minister attends tree-planting ceremony

Yangon, 6 June—Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min, State Ministers and social organizations enjoyed free-medical treatment, at Myainggyingu Special Region People’s Hospital in Hlaingbwe Township, on 3 June.

After that, the Chief Minister inspected jetty, Basic Education High School and Boonet Village Basic Education Middle School (Branch) and Gandama Classroom, which was built with a donation of K 6.5 million by the people.

The chief minister yesterday attended a World Environment Day commemorative tree-growing ceremony and participated in growing 842 plants together with state ministers, departmental officials, social organization members, students and local people in the compound of Kawkame BEHS in Mawlamyine.

Later, he visited the site for construction of Thayagon Village primary school in Mudon Township and nurseries in Began model village and met with farmers.

Then, the chief minister inspected the site for construction of Nyaunggon village middle school and construction of two-storey building at Mudon Lake.

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Dy Health Minister inspects hospitals in Bago Region

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint inspected People’s Hospitals in Nyangallein and DaIKU and Bago General Hospital, in Bago Region on 31 May. During his tour, he urged medical superintendents and health staff to take care patients.—MNA

Ayeyawady Region to establish development foundation

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 June—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung gave a green light to set up a foundation to help development of the region. At the meeting of the regional government today, the Chief Minister stressed the need for implementing reports of the people to gain trust from them and for setting up a foundation to work for the multi-purpose development in economic and social sectors in the region. — MNA

Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint planted a starflower plant at 2011 monsoon tree planting ceremony held in Resistance Park in Dagon Township on 4 June.—MNA
Fishery product export performance prizes awarded

NAY PSI TAW, 6 June — Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries and for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, accompanied by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Yangon Region Finance and Revenue/Forestry and Fish and Meat Minister U Than Myint, attended fishery product export performance prizes presentation ceremony for 2010-2011 fiscal year at Thiri Anawa Hall of Myanmar Fishery Federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township Yangon, on 4 June.

He accepted cash donation for reconstruction of natural disaster affected areas.

The union minister, together with Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye and Yangon Region Minister U Than Myint, attended coordination meeting of exporters.

He met with staff at Fishery Department and visited Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Farms in Insein.—MNA

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Yangon Region Chief Minister meets foreign guests

YANGON, 6 June — Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received Philippine Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ms Maria Hellan M. Barbar at Yangon Region Government Office at 10 am today.

Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito called on the Yangon Region chief minister at the same venue at 2 pm today.—MNA

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Five soldiers die in attack against patrol in Peru

LIMA, 6 June—At least five soldiers died in an attack against a military patrol in the town of Choquitaro in Peru’s Cusco department, the Armed Forces said on Sunday.

The Joint Commander of the Armed Forces said in a statement that three soldiers died in the place of the attack on Saturday.

It added that two more soldiers died in the hospital and four soldiers are under grave conditions.

The military patrol was traveling to Choquitaro in the province of La Convencion in Cusco department, part of the security measures for the second round of the presidential elections held on Sunday.

According to military reports, the patrol of some 30 soldiers was attacked by unknown gunmen. Incumbent President Alan Garcia said Sunday that the soldiers were “martyrs.”

Small aircraft crashes in Gabon, no one injured

LIBREVILLE, 6 June—A small passenger aircraft flying from Port-Gentil, Gabon’s economic capital, crashed on Monday morning in the accident.

The accident happened at around 10:00 am local time (0900GMT) near Laico Hotel in the Gabonese capital.

Police sources said that all those on board were rescued.

The Gabonese News Agency said the accident was caused by a technical fault on the aircraft.

5.5 Magnitude quake hit New Zealand South Island’s Canterbury

WELLINGTON, 6 June—A 5.5 magnitude earthquake hit New Zealand south central Island’s Canterbury region on Monday morning. There were no reports of casualties or damages reported so far.

It occurred at 9.09 am (21:09 GMT Sunday), and was centered near Rolleston, 20 km south of Christchurch, at a depth of 15 km, the New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science (GNS Science) said.

The agency said it was sizeable, but the depth may be the reason why it was not felt as widely as previous quakes of similar magnitude.

The agency said the shake was the sixth largest since the 7.1 magnitude earthquake on 4 Sept, 2010. The Warehouse store in Rolleston has closed after stock fell off shelves during the aftershock.

It would be closed for several hours for cleaning up, local media reported.

A smaller quake was recorded at 7.58 am. It was magnitude 3.7, 10 km south-west of Christchurch, at a depth of 8 km.

Three others occurred on Sunday. They measured magnitude 3.0, 3.9 and 3.7 respectively. A 6.3 magnitude earthquake hit Christchurch on 22 Feb, killing 181 people.

Deadly E coli outbreak unlikely to strike Australia

CANBERRA, 6 June—Australia’s peak vegetable group Ausveg said on Monday the E coli outbreak is unlikely to strike Australia.

A farm in northern Germany was shut down after tests revealed beansprouts grown in the country were the likely cause of the deadly outbreak, which has reportedly infected over 1.700 people across 12 European nations, and at least 19 have died.

According to William Churchill from Ausveg, Australia does not import beansprouts and other vegetables from Europe.

“In Australia we’ve got some of the highest quality reinsurance programmes, the most stringent programs you’ll see around the entire planet,” he said in a statement.

“E coli breakouts in this country are extremely rare and the sort of illness as we’ve seen in Europe, cases of deaths as well, just won’t happen in this country.”

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) president Dr Steve Hamilton said authorities in Europe indicated that the numbers of E coli infection are starting to decrease.

Indonesia goes on alert against E coli strain from Europe

JAKARTA, 6 June—In response to the outbreak of a highly toxic strain of E coli that has killed more than a dozen people in Europe, Indonesia’s Health Ministry on Sunday ordered all international airports and seaports to be on alert for sick passengers, the Jakarta Globe daily quoted an official as saying on Monday.

“It’s still too early to be overly scared of this food bug in Europe and the United States, but there’s nothing wrong with a little extra precaution,” said Tjandra Yoga Aditama, the ministry’s director general for disease control.

He added that there was no need at this point to issue warnings against travelling to Germany or any of the other countries affected by the outbreak.

But Aditama did order health offices at international airports and seaports to immediately report to immigration officers and the ministry if any passengers showed symptoms of food poisoning such as severe diarrhea.

As of Sunday, he said none of the passengers arriving from Europe had displayed any worrying symptoms. The outbreak started last month in Germany, where more than 1, 700 people have been hospitalized and 17 have died after being infected with a particularly virulent strain of Escherichia coli. Infections have also been reported in 11 other countries including Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands, France and the United States.

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China shops for Latin American oil, food, minerals

CARACAS, 6 June—Latin America is blessed with a wealth of natural resources such as oil, copper and soy, and seeks investment and loans to capitalize on them. China needs the commodities to keep its economy growing and has about $3 trillion in reserves to burn. Those interests have come together in a burgeoning and unorthodox partnership, as China lends and invests tens of billions of dollars in countries around Latin America in return for a guaranteed flow of commodities, particularly oil.

Recent deals have made China a key financier to the governments of Venezuela and Argentina. At the same time, Chinese companies have secured a decade’s worth of oil from Venezuela and Brazil, and steady supplies of wheat, soybeans and natural gas from Argentina. China is breaking new ground by aggressively locking down commodities around Latin America through large loans, investments and other financial arrangements, said Orville Schell, director of the Centre on US-China Relations at the Asia Society in New York. “I don’t know of any other government which has done this sort of securing of rights for commodities and natural resources so systematically around the Third World as China, and they’ve used a whole host of new financial instruments to do this,” Schell said. “China’s been very, very prolific in spreading its investments around Africa and Latin America, even though the terms aren’t ideal.”

Ernesto Fernandez Taboada, director of the Argentine-Chinese Chamber of Production, Industry and Commerce, said China is simply making sure it has the resources it needs to continue growing its economy, which, by some accounts, is projected to surpass the US’s by 2020. —Internet

Indian state firms eye $1b Mozambique deal

NEW DELHI, 6 June—An Indian consortium of five state-run companies plans to bid to buy a 59-percent stake in Mozambique-based coal mine Minas de Revuboe for about $1 billion, the Mint newspaper reported on Monday.

The consortium, International Coal Ventures Ltd, is looking at acquiring the stake in Minas de Revuboe, which has been put up for sale by Australia’s Talbot Group.

“Talbot Group’s stake is on offer. We are evaluating the opportunity for submitting a non-binding bid,” an unnamed executive from the consortium told the newspaper.

Besides Australia’s Talbot Group, South Korea’s POSCO, Japan’s Nippon Steel Corp and the Mozambique government hold stakes in Minas de Revuboe, the report said.

The ICVL consortium includes the Steel Authority of India, Coal India, power group NTPC, resources group NMDC and steel maker Rashtriya Ispat Nigam.

In January, Mozambique denied India’s move more coal concessions saying the Asian nation should first develop sites where deals have already been struck.

India will grab a slice of Mozambique’s 23-billion-tonne coal reserves when mining starts next year under a contract with steel producer and mining group Jindal Steel and Power Limited Mozambique Minerals.

TransCanada says Keystone resumes shipping crude oil

HOUSTON, 6 June—TransCanada Corp’s 591,000 barrel-per-day (bpd) capacity Keystone pipeline resumed shipping crude oil, one week after being shut by a leak at a Kansas pumping station, the Calgary-based company said in a statement.

The restart comes a day after the US Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration said TransCanada could restart the Keystone by meeting a series of safety requirements to prevent leaks that sided the key export line for Canadian crude twice in May. Oil prices rose 2 percent to three-week highs soon after the 29 May outage as it limited oil shipments from Canada, the largest crude supplier to the United States. Canadian cash oil prices weakened as supplies backed up in Alberta. US crude oil futures were trading 15 cents lower at $100.07 a barrel following the restart.

The pipeline leaks gave fodder to opponents of a proposed $7 billion expansion of the Keystone system, which would carry crude derived from Canada’s oil sands as far as the US Gulf Coast.

TransCanada is awaiting approval from the US State Department for the expansion.

IATA halves airline profit outlook to $4b in 2011

SINGAPORE, 6 June—IATA on Monday halved its profit forecast for the airline industry to $4 billion in 2011 due to the 11 March tsunami in Japan and high oil prices.

“That we are making any money at all in a year with this combination of unprecedented shocks is a result of a very fragile balance,” International Air Transport Association (IATA) director-general Giovanni Bisignani said.

The revised profit outlook is down sharply from a previous estimate of $8.6 billion made in early March just before the tsunami-quake disasters struck northeastern Japan.

If the forecast is accurate, it would mark a 78 percent decline from the post-recession profit of $18 billion that the world’s airlines made last year.

IATA’s new profit outlook marks a merely 0.7 percent margin on expected revenues of $598 billion for the capital-intensive industry and leaves airlines with little capacity to absorb new external shocks.

“The efficiency gains of the last decade and the strengthening global economic environment are balancing the high price of fuel,” said Bisignani, who is also IATA’s chief executive officer.

Prada’s $2.6 b HK IPO values company above European peers

HONG KONG, 6 June—Italian fashion house Prada could raise up to $2.6 billion in an initial public offering in Hong Kong, setting a valuation for the maker of Miu Miu dresses higher than its European peers.

Prada set an indicative price range of HK$36.5 to HK$48 a share for the IPO as it started meetings with Asian investors to gauge appetite for the deal, a source with direct knowledge of the plans told Reuters on Monday.

The IPO is being priced at 27 times projected 2011 earnings at the top end of the range, the source said, in a deal largely aimed at funding expansion and renovation in Prada’s fastest-growing market of the Asia Pacific.

The source declined to be identified because the details have not been made public.

“Twenty-plus times PE looks expensive,” said Peter Elston, strategist at Aberdeen Asset Management Asia. “But luxury goods companies such as Prada have got good, visible top-line growth for the next 20 years. There are high barriers to entry as you can’t go out and create a luxury brand from nothing.”

Prada, 95 percent owned by the families of Chief Executive Patrizio Bertelli and his fashion designer wife Miuccia Prada, has shelved plans to go public three times over the last decade.

It is betting on a boom in the consumption of luxury items in China, the world’s second-largest economy, to lure investors to the IPO, the first an Italian company to go public in Hong Kong.
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (019)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (019) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.6.2011 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.

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**Drugs companies to lower price of vaccines in developing countries**

**London, 6 June** — A promise to reduce the prices of vaccines in developing countries has been announced by a number of big drug companies, ahead of a conference in London at which political leaders will consider how to raise funds for immunization.

The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (Gavi), set up by Microsoft founder Bill Gates, said yesterday that Serum Institute of India and Panacea Biotec had agreed to reduce the prices of their pentavalent vaccine, which protects against five fatal diseases. And GlaxoSmithKline has agreed to sell a vaccine against diarrhoeal disease in the poorest countries for £1.50 a dose, a twentieth of its £30 price in developed countries.

“I hope this will enable millions of children to receive this vaccine,” alliance chief executive, Andrew Witty, wrote in the Times.

Calling on drug companies to be “in step with society”, Witty said they should construct their goals around business models that address the world’s urgent health needs.—*Internet*

**Three abducted Bulgarian pilots released in Sudan’s Darfur**

Military police investigate a partially submerged DHL cargo plane, which crashed just off the coast of Libreville, Gabon, on 6 June, 2011.

**Khartoum, 6 June**—The UN World Food Programme (WFP) on Monday said three Bulgarian pilots, abducted in Sudan’s Darfur in January, were released.

WFP Regional Director Amer Daoudi said in a statement Monday that the three pilots were in good health condition, adding that the three would be flown to the Sudanese capital Khartoum prior to returning to their country. He expressed WFP’s thanks for the Sudanese government and the efforts it made to secure the release of the three pilots. The three Bulgarian pilots, who were working for the WFP Humanitarian Air Service, were abducted on 31 Jan by unidentified gunmen at an air strip in Um Shalaya, 60 kilometers south of El Geneina, capital of West Darfur State.
9-year-old said youngest balloon pilot

After a 26-minute flight a 9-year-old New Mexico boy became the youngest trained pilot to solo in a hot air balloon, his mother said.

“I just wanted to solo in a hot air balloon and I just happen to be 9,” Bobby Bradley said.

The boy’s father, who designs and charts paths for balloons and holds dozens of ballooning records himself, expressed confidence in his small son, KOAT-TV, Albuquerque, reported.

“He’s a heck of a balloon pilot, especially for a 9-year-old,” Troy Bradley said.

The Saturday flight near Tome, was nearly perfect. KOQué-TV, Albuquerque, said and Bobby said the whole experience to the name of his airship which his father and grandmother built together, the “Heavenly Dream.” “I knew I was ready,” Bobby said. “I had all my equipment. I just wanted to go up.”

“I definitely felt my heart catch in my throat a little bit right at take off. That is always a really dramatic time with ballooning,” Bobby’s mother, Tami Bradley said. After a perfect touchdown 26 minutes later the Bradleys celebrated by reciting the balloonist’s prayer, a tradition for first-time flights, and toasted with sparkling cider substituting for champagne, KOQué-TV said.

Brawl over haircut leads to arrest

Police say they arrested a Trenton, N.J., barber who allegedly bit off half a customer’s ear after the barber was taking to cut the man’s hair.

Barber James Dillard, 40, was working on the hair of a 24-year-old client inside the Beauty and the Beast Barber Shop around 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the customer expressed dissatisfaction at the rate Dillard was cutting hair, The Times of Trenton reported.

Police said they started arguing and the client got up and left slamming the barbershop’s front door, breaking the glass in the process.

Dillard rushed outside and confronted his now-former client. The two began to fight and the barber of Trenton allegedly bit the unnamed man’s ear almost in half, the newspaper said Friday.

The ear remained connected to the head of the 24-year-old who was then transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Dillard was arrest ed and charged with aggravated assault, police said.

Acrobat, mom reenact fatal Puerto Rico wire walk

Two members of a famed acrobatic family commemorated patriarch Karl Wallenda on Saturday by completing the stunt that killed him, walk by himself across a 300-foot-long (91-meter-long) wire, but his mother convinced him to let her join him on the reconstruction of the fatal 1978 stunt.

“I’ve been mentally prepared my entire life for this,” he said. “I’ve seen the video of my great-grandfather falling hundreds of times. It’s something I’ve been wanting to do for all of us, for our family.”

He said he initially rejected a request by his mother, Delilah Wallenda, to join him. “Just because of safety,” he said. “We’ve obviously lost several family members doing this.” But Delilah Wallenda, who is in her late 50s, eventually won him over, he said. The mother-and-son team walked slowly toward each other on a damp morning, balancing on a wire as wide as a nickel. Nik Wallenda was wearing moccasin-style shoes that his mother had made. He carried a 45-pound (20-kilogram) balancing pole, while Delilah Wallenda carried a 25-pound (11-kilogram) pole.

Latest ‘X-Men’ flick tops weekend box office

Los Angeles, 6 June—The MTV Movie Awards are turning into a free infomercial for the “Twilight” movie franchise.

For the third year in a row, the vampire romance was named best movie at the light-hearted — and frequently X-rated — salute to Hollywood’s biggest crowd-pleasers.

“The Twilight Saga: Eclipse,” which led the field with eight nominations, tied up with five awards. In a replay from last year, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart won for best male and female performance, respectively. The real-life couple won the award for best kiss, which Pattinson celebrated by running into the audience to smooth his co-star Taylor Lautner.

Pattinson won an additional prize for best fight — sharing the tub of gold popcorn with Bryce Dallas Howard and Xavier Samuel. With categories such as those, nobody would ever confuse the MTV event with the self-congratulatory Academy Awards.

Actor Don Hewlett dies at 90

London, 6 June—Actor Don Hewlett, who played a military officer in the BBC series “It Ain’t Half Hot Mum,” has died in London at the age of 90, his wife said.

Hewlett had been sick for a time and died Saturday at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, his wife Therese told the BBC.

Hewlett was best known for his role as commanding officer Lt Col Charles Reynolds on “It Ain’t Half Hot Mum,” which ran on the BBC from 1974-1981.

He made his onscreen career debut in the 1954 film “Orders Are Orders,” in which he had a small role.

He went on to be on numerous television shows, including “The Saint,” “The Avengers,” “Doctor Who” and “Coronation Street.”

Besides his wife, Hewlett is survived by five children, including daughter Sohnah, who is also an actress.
Mexico, Costa Rica win Gold Cup openers

Arlington, 6 June—Javier Hernandez scored three goals for Mexico in a 5-0 rout of El Salvador while Costa Rica blanked Cuba by the same score in the openers of the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament. The Mexicans and Salvadorans on.

LIVERPOOL players celebrate a goal during their English Premier League match against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in London, on February 14, 2011. INTERNET

Argentina slump again in friendly

Warsaw, 6 June—Sergio Batista has much to ponder after his experimental Argentina side went down to a friendly loss in Poland on Sunday, losing 2-1 on the heels of a 4-1 whipping from Nigeria.

Chavez dethrones Zbik for middleweight title

Los Angeles, 6 June—Mexico’s Julio Cesar Chavez Jr dethroned Germany’s Sebastien Zbik by majority decision to seize the World Boxing Council middleweight title in a showdown of unbeaten fighters. Chavez Jr improved to 43-0 with one drawn on judges scores of 115-113 and 116-112 while the third judge scored the bout a 114-114 draw.

Chavez secured his first world title in the same city where his father, a three-division world champion set to be inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame next.

Nadal beats Federer for 6th French Open title

Paris, 6 June—Regardless of the setting or the surface, Rafael Nadal confounds Roger Federer the way no other man can. Put the two greats of the game on opposite ends of a court in a Grand Slam final — particularly at Roland Garros, on the red clay that Nadal rules — and the one-sided nature of the rivalry grows even more pronounced.

Spain’s Rafael Nadal holds the cup after defeating Switzerland’s Roger Federer in the men’s final match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, on 5 June, 2011, in Paris.—INTERNET

Brittany Lincicome wins ShopRite LPGA Classic

Galloway Township, 6 June —A new caddie, two bogey-free rounds and a chip of a lifetime on the final hole were all Brittany Lincicome needed to end a two-year victory drought on the LPGA Tour. Lincicome made a 4-foot birdie putt after hitting a marvelous chip out of high, greenside fescue Sunday to win the ShopRite LPGA Classic for her fourth LPGA Tour title and first since the 2009 Kraft Nabisco.

Lincyicome’s birdie capped a 5-under 66 that gave her a dramatic one-shot victory over third-ranked Jiyai Shin and No 1 Cristie Kerr. Shin also shot a 66, and Kerr had a 69.

Goikleupper Wojciech Szczerzenny (l) books on as Rafael Maruowski (r) savors a goal during their friendly match against Argentina in Warsaw.—INTERNET

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Grinding along the baseline, using every inch of his wingspan to extend points, whipping fearsome forehands this way and that, Nadal flummoxed Federer yet again on Sunday in a riveting, highlight-filled match, beating him 7-5, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 6-1 for a record-tying sixth French Open championship and 10th major title overall.—INTERNET

Brittany Lincicome

Brittany Lincicome wins ShopRite LPGA Classic. INTERNET

China’s Li Na sets sights on next major title

Broue, 6 June—China’s newly-minted first Grand Slam champion Li Na, who won the French Open title at the weekend, is not resting on her laurels — she’s already thinking about winning a second major title.

The 29-year-old Li, who beat defending champion Francesca Schiavone of Italy 6-4, 7-6 on Saturday at Roland Garros, also says she hopes her fellow Chinese players can be inspired by her victory to realise their full potential.

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“When you have the first one, naturally you will think about the second one,” Li told the China Daily in an interview published Monday. The Wuhan native, who is known as a strong player on hard courts, confessed she was surprised that her major breakthrough came on the red clay in Paris.

Chinese players can be inspired by their victory to realise their full potential. Li Na
Insurgents kill 11 in Afghan Logar province: official

PUL-E-ALAM, 6 June—A total of 11 people including an army soldier were killed by insurgents Sunday night in Logar province 60 km south of capital city of Kabul, local government spokesman Din Mohammad Darwish said on Monday.

“An unspecified number of people were kidnapped by insurgents in vicinity of provincial capital Pul-e-Alam district along the high way connecting capital Kabul to Paktia province Sunday night but so far 11 dead bodies found,” Darwish told Xinhua.

He said due to some reasons the high way was blocked for hours late Sunday but some people drove through villages where their vehicles were stopped by militants.

“Several people were taken to unknown locations,” Darwish added. He said it has immediately not known whether any people were still in insurgents’ captivity.—MNA/Xinhua

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Northern Myanmar areas (whole country). Rain or thundershowers has been scattered in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were NayPyiTaw (Yezin) (2.29) inches, Meikuk (3.50) inches, Longgone (2.95) inches, Thaton (2.76) inches, Toungoo (Airport) (2.44) inches, Gangaw and Belin (2.05) inches each, PyinU),Win and Taungdwingyi (1.34) inches each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 5-6-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 6-6-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-6-2011 was (93%).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 5-6-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 6-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-6-2011 was (92%).

Rainfall on 6-6-2011 was (2.29) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.35) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.23) inch at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (14.61) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (24.53) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (12.95) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast (06:30) hours MST on 6-6-2011.

Forecast valid until evening of the 7th June 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7th June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7th June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7th June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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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
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- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

Union Sports Minister meets athletes undergoing training for SEA Games

Traffic rules enforcement tightened in Nay Pyi Taw

Southwest monsoon advances into Myanmar

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (6-6-2011)