President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Russian President

**NAY PYI TAW, 12 June**—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Dimitry A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June, 2011.—MNA

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Philippine Counterpart

**NAY PYI TAW, 12 June**—On the occasion of the 113th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June, 2011, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Benigno Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo felicitates Russian Prime Minister

**NAY PYI TAW, 12 June**—Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June, 2011.—MNA

Yangon International Airport needs to be upgraded into an international one capable of handling 3.8 million passengers a year

Giving full service necessary to be an international airport

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 June**—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo together with Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint and departmental heads left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon by air at 11 am on 10 June.

At the lounge of Yangon International Airport, the Union Transport Minister explained that Myanmar became a member of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on 7 August 1948; that as a member, Myanmar complies with provisions prescribed in the convention and appendix, and keeps pledges as well; number of international airlines taking wings through over Myanmar’s air territory, domestic and foreign airlines that land at local airports and of navigation systems; international airlines that land in Myanmar and taking passengers; local aviation sector, private-run and joint-venture airlines; and facts about international airports. He continued to talk about the facts of Yangon International Airport, and its arrival and departure of passengers from 2008 to 2010; earnings from services in 2010; providing ground-services for aircrafts; navigation and control; passenger services and current services; matters on departments, organizations and companies taking duties at the airport; and future plan for extension of the airport so as to deal with growing number of passengers.

Director-General U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National Registration Department, Director-General U Tin Naing Tun of Department for Civil Aviation, Acting Director-General U Aye Ko of Customs Department and officials touched upon arrangements for department-wise services.

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Myanmar-Vietnam economic cooperation enhances bilateral friendly relations

A seminar on business cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam was opened at Myanmar International Convention Centre on 10 June with an address by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Myanmar and Vietnam are members of ASEAN and have long friendly relations since many years back. Friendship and understanding have been enhancing between the two countries through exchange of visits of the leaders.

In his speech at the opening of the seminar, the Vice-President said, “Having good and friendly relations between the two countries, we welcome Vietnamese companies to come and invest in Myanmar. To have more confidence in making investment in Myanmar, the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investment Agreement between the two Governments was signed in May 2000 and the Memorandum of Understanding on Investment Promotion between the two Governments was signed in April 2010.”

By holding trade fairs and conducting business meetings, there will be more prospects for trade promotion between the two countries.

For his part, Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Hoang Trung Hai, special envoy of the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, said, “With the increasing bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation, there will be more good prospects.”

Overall, Myanmar-Vietnam business cooperation seminar will further improve bilateral cooperation in various economic sectors and strengthen friendship.

**Taninthayi Region holds its monsoon tree-planting ceremony**

Nay PyiTaw, 11 June — Taninthayi Region held its monsoon tree-planting ceremony 2011 in front of Dawei Technology University in Dawei. Region Chief Minister U Khin Zaw attended the ceremony and distributed saplings to departmental staff, social organization members and local people. At the ceremony, over 3,600 saplings were grown.

Then, the chief minister met with faculty members at the university and inspected upgrading of the university building.—MNA

**Three lose legs in mine blasts**

Nay PyiTaw, 11 June — U Tha Toe, 70, of Padakaw Village in Shwegyin Township and U Kyaw Htay, 25 and U Kyi Lwin, 35 of Shwegyin Township of Bago Region stepped on mines planted by KNU terrorist insurgents while working at rubber farms three miles southeast of the village at 8 am today. The mine blasts blew off their left ankles. The injured were rushed by local battalion to Shwegyin People’s Hospital for providing medical treatment to them.—MNA

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**Foreign Minister felicitates Filipino Counterpart**

Nay PyiTaw, 11 June — On the auspicious occasion of the 113th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June, 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.—MNA

**Foreign Minister felicitates Russian Counterpart**

Nay PyiTaw, 11 June — U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June, 2011.—MNA

**CPT Ministry plants over 5000 trees, breeds 7,000 fingerlings**

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun plants a mango sapling at monsoon season tree planting ceremony. MNA

**YUDE professors asked to do their bit in education development tasks**

Nay PyiTaw, 11 June — Deans at Yangon University of Distance Education this afternoon.

The Union minister urged them to actively take part in education development tasks at higher education and basic education levels. MNA

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**Donate Blood**

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US congressman wants Iraq to repay US for war cost

BAGHDAD, 11 June—A US congressman visiting Baghdad Friday suggested that Iraq pay back the United States for the money it has spent in the eight years since the US led invasion in 2003.

Rep Dana Rohrabacher spoke during a one-day visit by a group of six US congressmen. The California Republican said he raised the suggestion during a meeting with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that some day when Iraq is a “prosperous” nation it pay during a meeting with Prime Minister

Rohrabacher told reporters at the US Embassy after the meeting. He did not say what reaction, if any, the prime minister had to the suggestion.

The idea of repaying the United States for a war that the vast majority of Iraqis had no role in bringing about would likely gain little traction with an Iraq public that harbors mixed emotions about the US invasion. While many Iraqis are glad to be rid of Saddam Hussein, they blame the United States for the chaos and sectarian violence that followed.

Cholera in Haiti surges in areas hit by storm

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 11 June—The number of cholera cases is rising in parts of Haiti hit by heavy rains early this week.

Alain Legarne, mission chief for the French aid group Doctors of the World, said Friday that a clinic in the southwestern town of Jeremie treated 77 people for cholera in recent days. That’s a fivefold increase from last week and was most likely caused by rising river levels, he said.

Haiti and its Caribbean neighbours were hit by a deadly storm on Monday that flooded towns and destroyed houses. The Haitian capital and southern part of the country were especially hard hit.

The storm system dumped up to 7 inches of rain in Port-au-Prince since 30 May, according to Bob Smerbeck, a senior meteorologist for AccuWeather, a company of forecasters based in State College, Pennsylvania. The mountains in Haiti could have received double that amount of rainfall, Smerbeck added.

Three dead, three injured in nursing house fire in east China

NANCHANG, 11 June—Three elder people were killed and three others injured after a nursing house caught fire early Saturday in east China’s Jiangxi Province, authorities said.

The fire, spreading on an area of 520 square meters, occurred at Xianyuhu Nursing House in the city of Xinyu, said a spokesman with the provincial civil affairs department.

The injuries of the three were not life-threatening, said the spokesman.

Initial investigation showed the an elder person killed the mosquito-repellent incense, which later caused the fire, he said.

Further investigation is under way.

Two French soldiers killed in Afghanistan

PARIS, 11 June—Two French soldiers were killed and a third was seriously injured in Afghanistan in two separate accidents, Defence Minister Gerard Longuet said in a statement.

A French lieutenant died of his injuries after a Gazelle helicopter came down late Friday about 20 kilometres (12 miles) from Bagram in the north of the country, in difficult weather conditions, said the statement. The pilot was seriously injured in the crash. Also Friday, a corporal fatally injured himself with his own weapon while travelling in an armoured vehicle back to Tagab base, in the northeastern, after a mission. An inquiry had been launched into the "circumstances of the accident", said the statement. The deaths bring to 61 the number of French soldiers killed in Afghanistan since 2001.

String of bombings kill at least 21 in Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 June—A string of attacks across Afghanistan, including one by a suicide bomber pushing an ice cream cart, killed at least 21 people Saturday, as the UN said in a new report that May was the deadliest month for Afghan civilians since 2007.

The worst attack took place in the Khakrez District of Kandahar Province in southern Afghanistan, where a roadside bomb killed all 16 people travelling in a minibus, including eight children, said provincial police chief Abdul Raziz.

He said the bomb was planted by the Taliban and was intended for NATO or Afghan forces.

In the eastern Province of Khost, a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the local police headquarters in the Shai Kali area, killing three policemen and a child, according to provincial police chief Sadar Mohammad Zazai.

Among the four people killed in the blast was a local police chief, Mohammad Zahir Khan, Zazai said. He was not immediately clear whether Khan was specifically targeted. Provincial health director Hedayatullah Hamidi said 25 also were wounded in the attack.

Massive Ariz wildfire expected to enter NM

SPRINGERVILLE, 11 June—A massive wildfire in eastern Arizona that has claimed more than 30 homes and cabins and forced nearly 10,000 people to flee was poised to move into New Mexico on Friday, threatening more towns and possibly endangering two major power lines that bring electricity from Arizona to West Texas. The fire has burned 639 square miles of forest, an increase of 114 square miles from a day earlier, officials said.

Lighter winds Thursday and Friday helped the 3,000 firefighters on the lines make progress, but critical fire conditions remain, said Jim Whittington, a spokesman for the teams battling the fire. High winds were expected to return with a vengeance Saturday. "We have until then to get as much work as we can do and get to the point where we can sit back and watch the winds come," Whittington said.

Fire crews plan to try to strengthen what lines they’ve been able to establish and continue burning out forested areas in front of the main fire to try to stop its advance. It was officially just 6 percent contained Friday, but the actual numbers likely are higher, Whittington said.

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A security official runs after throwing water towards a burning oil tanker that was set ablaze by a bomb blast in the outskirts of Landikotal, northwest Pakistan on 9 June, 2011.

A child stricken with cholera is being treated at a cholera treatment centre in Carrefour, an area just outside of Port-au-Prince on 6 June, 2011.

The showers contributed to widespread flooding and mudslides. The death toll in Haiti was put at 28, from last week and was most likely caused by rising river levels, he said.

The mountainous in Haiti could have received double that amount of rainfall, Smerbeck added.
Ocean science satellite blasts off from California

LO S A N G E L E S, 11 June—An international satellite rocketed into low-Earth orbit Friday on a mission to track changes in the amount of salt in the upper levels of the world’s oceans.

A Delta 2 rocket carrying the Argentine-built satellite blasted off shortly before 7:30 am under cloudy skies at Vandenberg Air Force Base on the Central California coast.

The rocket and its international payload soared southwest over the Pacific, quickly vanishing into a deep marine layer that typically shrouds the state this time of year.

Michael Frelich, who heads NASA’s Earth science division, was relieved and overjoyed the satellite “is working so well from the beginning.”

NASA’s Aquarius instrument will measure the concentration of dissolved salt at the sea surface. The amount of brine in the ocean remains fairly constant, but salt levels in the uppermost layer vary around the globe.

NASA will produce monthly maps detailing sea salt changes during the three-year mission. Scientists hope the data will help them better predict future climate change and short-term climate phenomena such as El Nino and La Nina.

For decades, ocean salinity has been charted the old-fashioned way—by ships and buoys. The problem with that is there are gaps in the data since researchers don’t have surveys for many parts of the ocean.

Apple recalls some Verizon iPad 2 tablets

S A N F R A N C I S C O, 11 June—Apple Inc is recalling some of its iPad 2 tablets that is designed to run on Verizon’s network for connectivity issues.

“Duplicate MEID codes were flashed onto an extremely small number of iPad units for the Verizon 3G network,” an Apple spokesman said but declined to say how many units were impacted by the issue.

Verizon declined to comment.

MEID, which stands for mobile equipment identifier, is a unique number that is used to identify a mobile device when it connects to the network.

IBM circuit heralds era of better mobile gadgets

S A N F R A N C I S C O, 11 June—IBM announced Friday it has designed a circuit the thickness of an atom that ramps up the ability of mobile gadgets to receive signals or even scan people for hidden weapons.

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Find a place that is air-conditioned such as a library, or their own stay indoors with the air conditioning on, says. If they show any signs, medical assistance should be sought,” Dr Richard Allman, director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Centre for Aging, says in a statement.

There are age-related changes in body temperature control that put the elderly at risk when the temperatures rise.”

The elderly are also more at risk during high heat because of their fitness and function level, the number of chronic conditions they have and the number of medications they are taking, Allman says.

Allman suggests those who can get around on their own stay indoors with the air conditioning on — and if they don’t have air conditioning to try to find a place that is air-conditioned such as a library, a museum, a church or a friend’s house.

**Pandora raises IPO price**

**WASHINGTON, 11 June—** Internet radio star Pandora is turning up the volume on its initial public offering.

Pandora, in a filing Friday with the Securities and Exchange Commission, set a debut price of between $10 and $12 a share, up from the previous $7 to $9 and giving the offering a maximum value of $202.6 million, up from $141 million.

Pandora has said it is going public in a bid to get the money it needs to grow and become profitable, and to deal with an accumulated operating deficit.

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**Weight training can stem muscle loss**

**POTS DAM, 11 June—**Men and women lose 30 percent of their muscle strength from ages 50-70 but German researchers say weight training counteracts this muscle loss.

Frank Mayer and colleagues at the University of Potsdam investigated the extent of the effects that can be achieved by strength or resistance training in people age 60 and older.

The study, published in the Deutsches Arzteblatt International, finds regular strength, or resistance, training increased muscle strength and reduced muscular atrophy, and that tendons and bones adapt too.

These successes in turn had a preventive effect in terms of avoiding falls and injuries.

In addition, greater, progressive intensities of training yielded greater effects than moderate and low intensities, the study finds.

An intensity of 60 percent to 85 percent of the one-repetition-maximum is required to increase muscle mass, the researchers say.

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A United Airlines flight is seen at the terminal at Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia on 6 June, 2011.
**Dozens killed in deadly floods**

**Beijing, 11 June**—A new round of lethal floods and ensuing landslides have left at least 50 dead and 40 others missing in some of the major agricultural provinces in southern China, turning fears of month-long drought into record-breaking inundation and bringing this summer’s flood casualties to at least 94.

At least 23 died and 10 were missing in the worst-hit Xiangning, Hubei Province, a spokesman with the provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters said on Friday.

“Most of the deaths and injuries were caused by collapsing buildings after floods destroyed embankments, and 60,000 residents in Xiangning’s submerged Tongcheng county have been relocated to safe places by late Friday,” an official named Zhang from the local flood control and drought relief office said.

Zhang also said torrential rains have affected about 680,000 residents in the province, toppled 6,744 homes and inundated 6,922 square kilometers of farmlands. The direct economic loss could reach 610 million yuan ($94 million), he added.

About 1,500 soldiers and six military boats have participated in the rescue.

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**24 fishermen rescued from stormy Philippine waters**

**Manila, 11 June**—Passing boats rescued 27 fishermen Friday from stormy waters churned up by a tropical storm in the Philippines that has left at least six people dead and 11 missing.

Philippine coast guard spokesman Lt Col Algier Ricafrente said 24 fishermen from a fishing boat that went missing Thursday were rescued Friday by a cargo ship off northern Pangasinan Province. Three fishermen in a second boat that capsized in the area were rescued by another fishing boat, he said.

At least nine crew members of two barges and two fishermen on a boat have been reported missing in waters off Quezon Province southeast of Manila after several days of heavy rains linked to Tropical Storm Sarika, now headed north away from the Philippines.

“Rough weather delayed searches until Friday when conditions began to improve,” a 10-year-old boy drowned in Batangas city south of Manila and a woman died on central Romblon Island, the national disaster council said. At least three other people died earlier in floods in the southern Mindanao region.

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**21 al-Qaeda militants killed in fighting with army forces in south Yemen**

**Aden, (Yemen), 11 June**—At least 21 al-Qaeda militants were killed by the army forces Saturday in a fighting in Yemen’s southern province of Abyan, the country’s defense ministry said.

The army forces killed 18 al-Qaeda militants in Zinjbar city and three others in Lauder city during fierce clashes, said the ministry.

A storage of ammunition and weapons belonging to the al-Qaeda militants was destroyed completely, according to the ministry.

Earlier the day, five soldiers of the army forces were killed in clashes with al-Qaeda militants, a local military official told Xinhua.

**MNA/Xinhua**

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**All flights canceled in Argentina due to volcanic ashes**

**BUENOS AIRES, 11 June**—Air traffic in Argentina will remain suspended this Friday on account of the presence of volcanic ash after the eruption of Puyehue volcano in Chile.

Local authorities agreed on this measure and commercial air transport came to a halt for “safety reasons.” The Transport Ministry said that the volcanic ashes cloud “is spreading on Buenos Aires metropolitan area,” adding “there will still be flight cancellations at the Ezeiza international airport and the metropolitan airport,” as it happened in the last four days.

“Given that the volcano’s emission has been lessening, it is expected that the ash cloud will leave Buenos Aires this afternoon and the situation at both airports will improve,” said this ministry.

In Argentina, all flights make a stop at Buenos Aires, even those flights between remote cities in the country, and this is the reason why the air space is closed as terminals in Ezeiza the Metropolitan Airport do not operate. Austral, Aerolíneas Argentinas and LAN Argentina airline companies confirmed on Friday morning that flights are canceled until security conditions are in place to continue the services.

LAN Argentina said that 26 national services and 25 international flights have been canceled, and that services will remain suspended until 3:00 pm (1800 GMT) at least.

**LAN Argentina**

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**Mastermind of 1998 US embassies bombings killed in Somalia**

**Nairobi, 11 June**—The mastermind of the 1998 bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania is believed to have been killed in Somalia, authorities said on Saturday.

Kenyan authorities are cross-checking the identities of the two of the terror suspects killed in Mogadishu on Wednesday. One of them is believed to be the head of al-Qaeda in East Africa, Comoros-born Fazul Abdullah Mohammed. Kenyan police chief Mathew Iteere told a local television station that he received information from authorities in Somalia that there were two terrorists who were killed in Mogadishu roadblock and one of the identities was given as “Fazul Mohammed.”

Iteere said he was working with security officers in Somalia to have a comprehensive report, especially after the transitional government of Somalia confirmed that its forces gunned Mohammed down at a roadblock on Wednesday. The police chief said security experts are conducting DNA tests to confirm the identity of two terrorists who were killed in the lawless Somali capital by Somali government forces.

Mohammed who speaks French, Swahili, Arabic, English and Comor, took part in the planning and execution of the 1998 bombings that killed hundreds of people and injured thousands others. The al-Qaeda East Africa leader was indicted on 17 Sept., 1998 in the Southern District of New York for his alleged involvement in the bombings on 7 Aug., 1998. He should be considered armed and dangerous. The Rewards For Justice Programme, US Department of State, was offering a reward of up to 5 million US dollars for information leading directly to the apprehension and/or conviction of Mohammed.

**MNA/Xinhua**
NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Second coordination meeting of Central Committee of Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales took place at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Nay Pyi Taw Gems Museum this afternoon.

Patron of the committee Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik gave necessary instructions.

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Secretary of the committee Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise and committee members, members of Myanma Gems Entrepreneurs Association and officials attended the meeting.

The secretary, officials of subcommittees, MGEA members and officials submitted reports.

The Union minister and the deputy minister attended to the needs. The Union minister made concluding remarks.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Ministry of Construction conducted a monsoon tree planting ceremony, planting over 1300 trees in the compound of the ministry here yesterday.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin participated in the ceremony along with officials and employees of the ministry.

The Union minister and party also released 5000 fingerlings into reservoirs of the ministry during a ceremony to release baby fish into reservoirs of the ministry.

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“Walking to School” opens Chinese Movie Week in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Chinese Movie Week, with the purpose of cultural exchange between the two countries, was launched at Junction Mini Theatre in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning.

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, heads of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, Cultural Attaché Mr Gao Hua from Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, leader of Chinese delegation Deputy Director-General Mr Yu Ji Guan of Chinese Artistes Association, Director and Script Writer Mr Peng Chen, Myanmar artistes and technicians, guests and moviegoers.

Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise extended greetings.

The cultural attaché explained the purpose of organizing the movie week. Mr Peng Chen elaborated on the making of his “Walking to School” film.

Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint, Cultural Attaché Mr Gao Hua and Mr Yu Ji Guan formally opened the movie week.

The “Walking to School” opened the movie week, claiming the likes of the deputy ministers and guests. The Chinese Movie Week will continue till 12 June and is free of charge for any movie hobbyists.—MNA

Blast in public toilet of Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market injures three

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — An explosion occurred at the left-end toilet of one of the two five-unit toilets in Myoma Market in Zeyatheikdhi Ward, Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township, at about 9.30 pm yesterday.

Due to the blast, the brick wall of the toilet fell down, the roof was blown off and two men and one woman sustained minor injuries. Authorities concerned rushed to the scene and sent the injured to Nay Pyi Taw Hospital (1000-bed). Necessary assistance is being provided for the injured.

Like in the 18 May incident in which the culprit, who blew up an express train, was captured on 29 May in cooperation with duty-conscious people, the local people want the bomber of this incident arrested. Authorities concerned are also trying to expose the culprit. The people have been alerted to inform authorities concerned if there is any suspicious-looking person. — MNA

Vietnamese delegation visits Yangon

YANGON, 11 June—A goodwill delegation led by Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Mr Hoang Trung Hai visited the branch of Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) on Pyay Road, Kamayut Township here this morning.

The deputy prime minister paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe at Yangon Region Government Office this evening. The delegation then visited Shwedagon Pagoda.

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On completion of extending Yangon Port, a total of 41 jetties can accommodate 43 vessels simultaneously and the ports would handle 80 million tons of cargo per year. Moreover, he pointed out that one more jetty is to be built in the port area between Botataung Pagoda and Bo Aung Kyaw Port.

He stressed the need to dredge the draught of water course for 15000-ton vessels to become suitable facility for 30000-ton and 35000-ton vessels. For the first phase, a master plan is to be drawn for extension of the port from No. 6 Sawmill to Htidan triangular peace of land.

Extension work of the port is to be carried out without disturbing the development of Yangon Port and uplifting its capabilities. It is necessary to carry out tasks of proper water courses and harmonious development of ports.

He stressed the need for departments concerned and entrepreneurs for thorough completion of the project within three years.
Paris to become a “laboratory” for urban design

PARIS, 11 June—Paris, the city that has inspired legions of artists and creative thinkers over the centuries is looking to the future — searching for urban design projects at the forefront of innovation and utility. From urban mushroom gardens to Wi-fi enabled hammocks on the Champs-Elysees, 40 temporary projects will be installed from July to December throughout the French capital and its residents asked to express opinions on their long-term suitability.

“The idea is to make the city a ‘living lab,’ an experimental laboratory,” said Jean-Louis Missika, the deputy mayor in charge of innovation, research and universities.

“Some projects will have zero utility, while others will be enormously popular, I’m sure.” That may be the case with the parking detectors that can guide hard-pressed Parisian drivers to nearby empty parking spaces, or a streetside booth where people can record video messages and send them to friends or loved ones.

Other projects are more whimsical, from the “U-Farm” mushroom grower that relies on coffee grounds or the mobile aqua garden that can raise both vegetables and fish.

The city of Paris has subsidized about half of the design projects to the tune of up to 30,000 euros ($43,820).

Hawaii airport screeners fired over explosives lapse

LOS ANGELES, 11 June—US transport authorities announced Friday the sacking of more than 30 staff at Honolulu International Airport for failing to screen baggage properly for explosives.

The Transportation Security Administration took the action after a probe on the US island state of Hawaii triggered in December when two TSA staff reported baggage being loaded onto aircraft without proper screening. “The investigation determined that some checked baggage during one shift, at one airport location was not properly screened, impacting a limited number of flights each day during the last few months of 2010,” said a TSA statement.

The federal transport body said it had “proposed the removal of more than 30 Honolulu International Airport TSA employees following an extensive investigation into allegations of improper screening of checked baggage.”—Internet

Two withdraw as Europe fights to keep IMF job

WASHINGTON, 11 June—Two candidates to head the IMF backed out of the race Friday, denouncing Europe’s bid to hold on to the job, but leaving French favourite Christine Lagarde facing just one challenger.

Hours ahead of the close of nominations for managing director of the International Monetary Fund, dark horses Grigory Marchenko of Kazakhstan and Trevor Manuel of South Africa said they would not stand for the job.

“It’s more or less obvious that Christine Lagarde is going to be elected,” the Kazakh central bank chief told CNN.

“Quite a few people do have credentials... But again, it’s not about a fair competition, it’s about politics. And I think there, a political decision has been taken already.”

Earlier, South African planning minister Manuel also declined to stand, praising Lagarde as “very competent” but criticising Europe’s 65-year-old on the position.

“A lot more should have been done to persuade Europeans that this birthright is not a birthright that should find a resonance in an institution as important as the International Monetary Fund,” he said.

Toyota expects fiscal year profit to fall 31 pct

TOKYO, 11 June—Toyota says its profit for the fiscal year through March 2012 will fall 31 percent to 280 billion yen ($3.5 billion) in an outlook that underlines a robust recovery in the latter half of the fiscal year from the damage of an earthquake and tsunami.

Toyota Motor Corp made the announcement Friday. It had not given an earnings forecast earlier because of uncertainties in its production outlook after the disasters on 11 March wiped out key parts suppliers in northeastern Japan.

Last month, it said January-March quarterly profit crumpled more than 75 percent because of the parts shortage that is hurting production.—Internet

Construction to resume on parts of solar project

SAN BERNARDINO, 11 June—Construction can resume on a massive Southern California solar energy project after wildlife officials determined it will not jeopardize the threatened desert tortoise, federal officials said Friday.

The US Bureau of Land Management approved the next phase of construction on the nearly $2 billion Ivanpah project located in eastern San Bernardino County, about five miles from the Nevada border.

In April, federal officials ordered BrightSource Energy Co to halt construction on two-thirds of the project after a federal assessment showed that more than 3,000 desert tortoises would be disturbed, and up to 700 of the young turtles would be killed during construction.

But the US Fish and Wildlife Service has announced a new assessment, known as a Biological Opinion, for moving the tortoises, as well as new ways to protect them from predators and increased monitoring and fencing.

“This new Biological Opinion allows the project to move forward without jeopardizing the tortoise, taking into account the higher number of animals found,” BLM California Acting State Director Peter Ditton said.

Vietnam jails eight teenagers over gang rape, robbery

HANOI, 11 June—A court in Vietnam’s capital has sentenced eight teenagers to up to 30 years in jail for luring women into hotel rooms and then gang raping and robbing them.

The state-run Tuoi Tre newspaper says in Saturday’s report that the ring leader, a 15-year-old girl, was sentenced to 12 years in prison, while her 19-year-old boyfriend was given 30 years behind bars. The couple were given 30 years in prison at the end of a two-day trial Friday in Hanoi.

Six other boys were given from four years to 30 years in prison on the same charges. The gang members were convicted of raping three females in separate incidents over five days last July after using the Internet to lure them into hotel rooms. They were also charged with stealing a motorbike, mobile phones and money from the victims.

Internet
Spain arrests Anonymous members over Sony attack

MADRID, 11 June—Spanish police arrested three men suspected to be members of the hacker group Anonymous on Friday, charging them with organizing cyber attacks against the websites of Sony Corp, banks and governments — but not the recent massive hacking of PlayStation gamers.

Anonymous responded by threatening to retaliate for the arrests: “We are Legion, so EXPECT US,” the group said on its official Twitter feed.

Spanish police alleged the three “hacktivists” helped organize an attack that temporarily shuttered access to some Sony websites. They were not linked to two massive cyber attacks against Sony’s Playstation Network that resulted in the theft of information from more than 100 million customers.

Police also accused the men of launching cyber assaults on Spanish banks BBVA and Bankia, and Italian energy group Enel SpA.

The arrests are the first in Spain against alleged members of Anonymous, following the detention of others in the United States and Britain. Police told Reuters all three men were Spanish and in their 30s. One worked in the merchant navy.

Woman lost in Nepal ate grass, bamboo to survive

KATHMANDU, 11 June—A Japanese woman who was lost in Nepal’s mountains for nearly two weeks said Friday that she survived by eating grass, drinking river water, taking shelter in small caves and praying.

Makiko Iwafuchi, 49, of Chiba, said she left her hotel 25 May for a short stroll near the Goshainkunda lake. She left the main trail and could not find it again.

She said she walked for days but was unable to find the trail or come in contact with any villagers until Tuesday, when she heard voices.

“I screamed, saying, ‘Hello! Please help me!’” she told reporters after returning to Kathmandu on Friday. “It was a miracle. I felt at ease and thanked God.”

Aside from some invisible insect bites, she appeared to be fine (three days after her ordeal about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Kathmandu, at an elevation of more than 14,000 feet (4,300 metres).

Iwafuchi said that when she got lost roughly 1,600 feet (500 meters) from the trail, she waited for help in the area for two days.

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German court to free woman that killed US soldier

BERLIN, 11 June—A German court decided Friday to release a former Red Army Faction terrorist that was involved in a murder of a US soldier in 1985 and a deadly bombing at a US military base.

Birgit Hogefeld’s parole request was granted after serving 18 years in prison because of her “positive development,” Frankfurt state court said, noting she finished a college degree through distance learning and started to work on a PhD. She was serving a life sentence for her role in the attacks. A 2008 court ruling had found that Hogefeld could only be considered for parole upon completing 18 years of her life sentence in prison given the “severity of the crimes” she committed. Hogefeld was a member of the leftist Red Army Fraction terrorist group.

Venezuela’s Chavez has surgery in Cuba

CARACAS, 11 June—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has surgery since 1927 and the sixth worst on record according to the national weather service.

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Japan disaster victims face mental health risks

TOKYO, 11 June—Survivors of the 11 March earthquake and tsunami need long-term mental health care to protect them from debilitating conditions that could lead to suicide, Japan’s government said Friday.

In its annual policy paper on suicide prevention, the Cabinet Office decided to include a separate section on the psychological needs of disaster victims. The report said survivors may be undergoing shock, stress and depression from the overwhelming losses. They may also feel guilty for escaping death.

More than 23,000 are dead or missing, and entire towns along Japan’s northeast coast were washed away.

Observers around the world have lauded survivors’ calm demeanor in the face of tragedy and destruction, but the report warns against assumptions that the Japanese could largely withstand problems like post traumatic stress disorder.

“In fact, we cannot determine this until we are able to obtain detailed information,” the report said.

Japan already has one of the highest suicide rates in the industrialized world, with nearly 25 suicides per 100,000 people.

US tornado toll hits 151 as fungus strikes victims

CHICAGO, 11 June—The toll from the deadliest single tornado to strike the United States in six decades rose to 151, and eight hospitalized victims were infected with a rare and potentially deadly fungus kicked up by the storm, officials said Friday.

The toll from the 22 May tornado which destroyed a third of the town of Joplin, Missouri jumped by 13 from the number reported last week because a number of critically ill patients died in hospital, the Jasper County coroner’s office reported.

That brings the year’s total to 535 tornado fatalities, making 2011 the deadliest tornado season since 1927 and the sixth worst on record according to the national weather service.

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London Olympics 2012: Air quality row may hit games

London, 11 June — The UK is set to miss EU targets on air quality, government documents say — which may mean a legal row just before the London Olympic Games. The targets are expected to be met by 2015. But the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has admitted many cities will not meet them before 2020, while meeting London’s targets could be as late as 2025.

If the European Commission is not satisfied by these plans, it could launch infringement action next year. The government must submit its proposals in September, and the commission then has nine months to evaluate them. If it decides to take action against the UK, that could begin next June — a month before the Olympics open. “The 2025 date [for Lon- don] was a bit of a surpr- ise,” said Alan Andrews, an air pollution specialist with the environmental law organization ClientEarth.

Some passengers were stuck on stationary trains for more than four hours. — Internet

South West Trains chaos: Delayed passengers break out

London, 11 June — Passengers have told how they got out of trains stuck for hours on South West Trains services outside London and walked down the tracks. Services were halted near Woking, Sur- rey, on Thursday night following a signalling problem. Network Rail said a cable theft attempt was the likely cause.

It said further delays were caused when passen- gers on halted trains went on the track, meaning power to the rails had to be turned off. One passenger, who asked only to be named as Keith, said he took the 18.33 South West Trains service from Clap- ham, which ground to a halt near Woking.

Li Na’s dream comes true after 13 years

Beijing, 11 June — Li Na is not yet done making history for China on the tennis circuit. In this week’s tennis rankings released by the Women’s Tennis Association Li Na has risen to number four in the world...a dream come true thirteen years after she wished it. Li Na said, “My biggest dream is to be a top ten player in the world. I know it’s hard, but I will try my best.” Li is the newly-crowned first- ever Chinese Grand Slam tournament winner.

By winning the French Open last weekend, Li moved up from 7th to 4th place in the rankings. Li Na broke into the WTA Top 100 for the first time in October 2004. She had climbed up to the top world top-40 two years later.

The Chinese star continued to improve her game and build her points, so by the end of 2009, she was well inside the top 20, thanks to her breakthrough performance in Grand Slam events. Li reached world number 7 early this year after reaching the Australian Open final where she finished runner up. Li is poised to continue her run and elevate her world ranking further, with the year’s third ma- jor, Wimbledon, just around the corner with the China Open to follow later in the year.

Xinhua

Going to work sick makes you sicker in long term

Canberra, 11 June — Going to work when you are feeling sick can make you sicker in the long run, an expert told Australia’s media on Friday.

New Zealand socio- logist Professor Kevin Dew from the Victoria University in Wellington, has assessed more than 40 papers about “presenteeism”. He de- fined presenteeism as: “People that are turning up at work when they feel that they should be at home sick.”

People feel compelled to go to work because someone else would have to take up the workload (and they have a) feeling of responsibility for not being able to care prop- erly for patients (if they don’t show up),” he told the Australia Associated Press on Friday.

He said that evidence suggested people who go to work when they are sick can have long term nega- tive effects on health and productivity.

European capitals such as Berlin have done more to encourage electric cars than London.— Internet

Greece arrests six suspected gold hunters

Athens, 11 June — Greek police said they have arrested six people on suspicion of using an underground tunnel to search for buried gold at an archaeological site.

The group of four Greeks and two Albanians were caught in a 12-m (40-foot) long tunnel at the site near Kavala in north- ern Greece. The tunnel was first started in 2008 and had been equipped with lighting and a rail track, police said.

Greece has recently in- creased efforts against the looting of its artefacts.

The suspects, aged be- tween 39 and 62, are al- leged to have used dyna- mine to blast their way through in their search for relics.

They will be charged with illegal excavation, illegal use and possession of explosives, and violat- ing archaeological protec- tion laws, according to AP news agency.

Wildlife survey asks commuters to record sightings

London, 11 June — Workers are being encour- aged to make a note of the wildlife they encounter during their daily commutes. Described as the first nationwide survey of its kind, BBC Wildlife Magazine is asking people to send in details of birds and animals they see. It is also keen to receive details or photographs of people’s memorable wildlife encounters.

The magazine plans to publish the results from the survey in a special report later in the year. “It is not a comprehensive, scientific survey, but hopefully it will cast a light and help illuminate where our wildlife is and how it exis- ts,” explained James Fair, the magazine’s envi- ronment editor. He added that it was not necessary for people to have a detailed knowledge of birds and animals in order to take part.

“If someone knows that the bird they have seen is a juvenile, male great spotted woodpecker, then that’s great as well,” he told BBC News. “But if someone else just sees a woodpecker in a tree next to the pub, that is great too.” “What we really want is to encourage people who do not usually record or talk about their wildlife sightings.”
Ed Sullivan Show, which was watched by 73 million people.

Angry crows dive-bomb officers in Everett, Wash

Officers at a Seattle-area police department have found themselves in a flap with some unusual suspects: an angry flock of birds.

Crows have been attacking police in the parking lot of an Everett Police Department precinct station.

They’ve been swooping down and dive-bombing the officers as they walk to and from their cars. Lt. Bob Johns said he recently was flanked by the aggressive birds and “go-zinged.”

“They’re like velociraptors,” Johns said.

One officer used his siren to try to scare away the crows, but it didn’t work. The birds responded by decorating his car with droppings. The Daily Herald reported State Fish and Wildlife Department biologist Ruth Milner said the birds are simply protecting baby crows that have been kicked out of the nest and are learning to fly.

Adult crows are quite protective of their young — a common trait among larger birds and birds of prey.

Newly published Beatles photos revealed in London

LONDON, 11 June—Fifty unpublished photos of The Beatles at their first US concert in 1964 went on show in London on Friday ahead of an auction in New York, offering an intimate glimpse of the band just as they hit the big time.

The black and white shots were taken by photographer Mike Mitchell, who was just 18 years old when the Fab Four, themselves little older, came to his home town of Washington, and presented him with the opportunity of a lifetime.

He was granted exceptional access to the gig at the Washington Coliseum on 11 February, 1964, just two days after the band’s US television debut on the Ed Sullivan Show, which was watched by 73 million people.

The photos captured the frenzy and excitement of early Beatlemania, but have been locked away in Mitchell’s basement for 46 years.

McPhee signs new record deal with Columbia

UNIVERSAL CITY, 11 June—NBC and Columbia Records say they have agreed to a recording rights deal for the soundtrack of the new US musical series “Smash,” starring Katharine McPhee.

McPhee also signed a solo recording deal with Columbia Records, the label said. “Smash,” a musical drama set in the competitive world of Broadway theater, is to start mid-season on NBC.

It will co-star “American Idol” Season 5 runner-up McPhee and actresses Debra Messing and Anjelica Huston.

The announcements regarding the music projects were made Thursday by Robert Greenblatt, chairman of NBC Entertainment, and Rob Stringer, chairman of Columbia/Epic Label Group.

US, Chinese stars usher in Shanghai film festival

SHANGHAI, 11 June—Susan Sarandon cracked jokes with Chinese actor Zhang Guoli. Matt Dillon tried out his Mandarin and Rupert Murdoch touted the new movie his Chinese-born wife is producing.

Hollywood’s elite joined China’s biggest stars at the Shanghai Grand Theater to usher in the 14th edition of the country’s leading international film festival on Saturday — in a sign of respect for what is fast becoming one of the American movie industry’s key foreign markets. Chinese box office numbers surged 64 percent to hit $1.5 billion in 2010. And despite import restrictions that effectively limit the country to 20 foreign blockbusters a year, American movies are doing brisk business.

Last year, the James Cameron 3-D sci-fi epic “Avatar” — distributed by the Hollywood studio Fox, a unit of Murdoch’s media company News Corp., — brought in $2.84 billion as it became China’s top-grossing release in history.

The slightly injured moose on its way out to freedom after his visit to a geriatric care home in Alingsas east of Göteborg, Sweden, 9 June, 2011.

The moose jumped through a canteen window into the building in Alingsas in western Sweden Thursday. The residents were evacuated and the moose locked into a small room next to the entrance. Since the moose’s injuries were concluded to be minor it was released into freedom.

A Christie’s auction house employee adjusts a guitar signed by Paul McCartney at the press view of the opening of the Darling Harbour Jazz and Blues Festival.

According to James Valentine of Australian public broadcaster ABC, a record 940 musicians performed.

The old record was 918 participants, led by conductor Jin-Shin You at the Taizhong Jazz Festival in Taipei in 2008.

Six-year-olds with saxophones hanging past their knees have joined more seasoned professionals as saxophonists in Australia set a world record by forming the largest ensemble of the jazz instrument in history.

More than 900 saxophonists, led by conductor Jin-Shin You at the Taizhong Jazz Festival in Taipei in 2008.

More than 90 saxophonists gather and play a tune at Darling Harbour in Sydney, Australia, on 11 June, 2011 in a bid to become the world’s largest saxophone ensemble. To break the Guinness world record set in 2008, organizers said they must have more than 918 saxophonists playing the same tune at the same time.
Real Madrid appeal Mourinho suspension

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho (C) signs an autograph during his visit to the Aspire Academy of Sports Excellence in Doha on 7 June. Internet

PARIS, 11 June—Real Madrid on Friday launched an appeal against the three-match ban handed to coach Jose Mourinho for his comments after the first leg of Real’s Champions League semi-final defeat by Barcelona. “Real Madrid CF have appealed against the disciplinary verdict handed down to Real Madrid CF coach Jose Mourinho by the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body on 6 May, and relating to the UEFA Champions League semi-final first leg between Real Madrid CF and FC Barcelona in Madrid on 27 April,” read a statement on the UEFA website.

“The appeal follows the sending by UEFA of the reasoned decision on 6 June. The date of the hearing will be communicated in due course.” Mourinho has already completed one match of his ban, having watched the second leg of the Barcelona tie in a hotel room. Internet

Crosswords puzzle

German qualifier to face Wozniacki in Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, 11 June—German qualifier Mona Barthel stunned third seed Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-1, 6-3, 6-4 on Friday to reach the Copenhagen WTA semi-finals where she will tackle world number one Caroline Wozniacki. While Barthel has collected her first two wins over top 50 players this week—she also upset No 5 seed Barbora Zhlavova Strycova—she will have a tough task ahead of her in Wozniacki.

“I didn’t even expect to be in the semi-finals, and playing a No.1 is what every player wants, so I’m excited and have nothing to lose. I want to enjoy the match tomorrow,” said Barthel. Internet

Wigan manager Roberto Martinez to Wigan, the Villa statement said. Martinez is reported to have been offered a double-your-money contract to move to Villa, but instead opted to repay the faith shown in him by Latics owner Dave Whelan, who has signed him bo th as a player and manager. Internet

Tyson set for Hall of Fame induction

CANASTOTA, 11 June—Mike Tyson, whose legendary tale of punishing power and meteoric rise ended in an epic fall from grace, will be among the legends inducted on Sunday into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

Tyson, three weeks shy of his 45th birthday, became the youngest heavyweight champion in boxing history in 1986 at age 20 and finished with a record of 50-6 with 44 knockouts, personifying at times the best and worst of the sport.

Costly scores 3 as Honduras beats Grenada 7-1

MIAMI, 11 June—Carlos Costly scored three goals, Jerry Bengtson had two and Honduras routed Grenada 7-1 Friday night in a Group B match in the CONCACAF Gold Cup. The third and final Group B matches will be played Monday in Atlanta.

Guatemala 2-0

MIAMI, 11 June—Demar Phillips scored two goals 13 minutes apart in the second half to lift Jamaica past Guatemala 2-0 in a Group B CONCACAF Gold Cup match on Friday night.

The victory assured Jamaica a berth in the Gold Cup quarterfinals. Jamaica leads the group with six points and Guatemala has 1 point. The third and final Group B matches will be played Monday in Harrison, NJ Jamaica will face Honduras while Guatemala will play Grenada. Internet

Another wreck for survivor of Ohio team ‘07 crash

COLUMBUS, 11 June—A man who survived a 2007 bus crash that killed five of his Ohio college baseball teammates and two other people says he had flashbacks this week when he went through another serious accident with a different team, fellow cyclists he’ll lead on a cross-country ride for charity. “The van tilted a little bit, and went and rolled,” Allen Slabaugh said on Friday, as he recounted Tuesday’s wreck on Interstate 84 near Burley, in southern Idaho. “For me personally, it had a very similar feel to the bus accident in 2007.”

Slabaugh, 24, was on a bus carrying members of the Bluffton University baseball team from Ohio that plunged off a highway ramp in Atlanta, killing five members of the team. Internet

Mexican launch doping probe, plead ‘accident’

LOS ANGELES, 11 June—Five Mexican footballers who were suspended from the Gold Cup for doping after testing positive for the banned substance clenbuterol were flown to Los Angeles for more tests. Mexico won 5-0 over Cuba on Thursday after opening last Sunday with a 5-0 rout of El Salvador, a result that could be protested in the wake of doping positives revealed Thursday from a May 21 test during Mexico’s training camp. Internet
Kohlschreiber upsets Monfils to reach Halle final

HALLE, (Germany), 11 June—Unseeded German Philipp Kohlschreiber upset third-seeded Gael Monfils of France in straight sets Saturday to reach the semi-final tennis match against Roger Federer in 2008 by cruising past Monfils 6-3, 6-3 in 1 hour 17 minutes.

Monfils, ranked a career-high No 8 coming into the tournament, had not dropped a single set at the Gerry Weber Open.

In Sunday’s final, Kohlschreiber will take on 2007 Gerry Weber champion Tomas Berdych or fellow unseeded German Philipp Petzschner, who were playing later Saturday.—Internet

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region and Chine State, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Shan and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfall in Taninthayi Region and Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Kayin States. The noteworthy rainfall recorded were Ye (5.94) inches, Kyaikkhama (5.59) inches, Longlon (4.49) inches, Hpa-an (3.74) inches, Mudon (3.50) inches, Mawlamyine (3.38) inches, Taungup Chaungzone, Kawthong (3.07) inches each and Khayan (2.87) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 10-6-2011 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 11-6-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-6-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 11-6-2011 was (0.19) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 10-6-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 11-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 11-6-2011 was (0.04) inch. Rainfall on 11-6-2011 was (0.19) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.59) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (15.94) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (26.26) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 11-6-2011.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (05:30) hrs MST on today, the low pressure area over Northeast Bay of Bengal has become unimportant. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 12th June 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Mawgyaw Regions, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon, Ayeayawady, Taninthayi Regions and Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuations of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12th June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12th June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12th 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
- 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

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Low pressure vanishes
NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—According to the observations at (05:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over northeast Bay of Bengal has weakened and vanished, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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