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Information Ministry has grown 29,900 trees of various species up to date for helping green region

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—The Ministry of Information held its monsoon tree-growing ceremony for 2011 at its compound here this morning.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan planted a commemorative sapling. Deputy Minister U Soe Win planted a mango sapling, and departmental heads and officials, teak saplings.

The Union Minister and party encouraged staff members growing trees.

The Union Minister set free fingerlings of carp and hamilton’s carp into Dam No. 38 of the ministry, so did the deputy minister, heads of department and staff members.

The Union Minister and party visited the mango farm of the Information and Public Relations Department in the ministry compound and attended to the needs.

Altogether 439 saplings of teak, perennial crops and shade trees were planted in the Nay Pyi Taw Press of the News and Periodicals Enterprise in Zeyathiri Township, and 1000 teak saplings, 500 semtolan mango saplings and 500 oil Eugenia saplings in the Myanma Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon. So far, the Myanma Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon has grown 2000 teak trees, 1000 semtolan mango trees and 800 Eugenia trees.

At today’s ceremony, the ministry planted 3500 saplings and set free 60,000 fingerlings into the dam.

Up to 2010, the Ministry of Information has grown 29,900 trees of various species for helping green the region.—MNA

Union A&I Minister explains 30-acre integrated farm in Pobbathiri Township to students

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing conducted excursion group members led by Kayah State Minister for Planning/Economic U Tawt Yei and students and teachers of Institute of Agriculture and University of Agriculture at model paddy fields, Yeizin special yield sunflower-1 plantation, high yield sugarcane plantations and farming equipment at 30-acre integrated farm in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

The excursion group members viewed farming equipment, paddy harvesters, tractors and combine harvesters. They also visited thriving hybrid sunflower-1 plantation of Agricultural Research Department.

They also looked round thriving high yield paddy plantation in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw and quality sugarcane propagation farm in Pyinnmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw.

In the afternoon, the excursion group members visited 30-acre integrated farm and quality plantations of Agricultural Research Department.

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Nowadays, all countries put national interest in fore. They are in competitiveness for increasing national financial might and strengthening national economic life. They produce a large number of quality products and sell them in the market.

Realizing market economic system, trade volume has increased about twenty times in the nation. In successive eras, Myanmar economy had relied on paddy only. Thanks to encouragement of the government and concerted efforts of private entrepreneurs, exports of beans and pulses, maize, sesame and rubber in addition to paddy can be extended annually.

Factories in some industrial regions are developed for producing more quality products so as to compete with products of international market. Factories and Machine and Machine Tools workshops are in operation to produce import-substitute products. Heavy Automobile Factories, Farming Equipment Factories and Machine and Machine Tools Factories in some industrial regions are gaining production momentum.

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Strenuous efforts are to be made for the development of industrial sector through agriculture sector as to develop state economy in long run. It is necessary to establish export products industries in addition to existing export items. Import-substitute products are to be manufactured for satisfying the local demand.

Industrial regions and industrial zones have been established in suitable regions with the aim of emerging industries and factories in the nation. New factories and workshops are in operation to produce import-substitute products. Heavy Automobile Factories, Farming Equipment Factories and Machine and Machine Tools Factories in some industrial regions are gaining production momentum.

Emphasis is to be placed on manufacturing quality products so as to compete with products of international community in the market. Relentless efforts are to be made for exporting more products.

Thanks to practising market economy for uplifting the trade sector, the nation will gain economic development. As such, all factories are to produce marketable products at full capacity and establish export products industries for manufacturing more quality products.
Six killed in US drone strike in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 16 June—At least six people were killed as two missiles fired by US drones on Wednesday night at a vehicle in the Miranshah area of North Waziristan in northwest Pakistan, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

This is the third strike launched by US drones on Wednesday in Pakistan’s northwest tribal areas which border Afghanistan. Earlier on Wednesday afternoon, US drones fired four missiles at different targets in South Waziristan, killing at least ten people.

Six injured in chopper crash in E Afghanistan, Taleban claim responsibility

ASSADABAD, (Afghanistan), 16 June—A helicopter crashed in Kunar Province 185 km east of capital city Kabul on Wednesday, an official said.

“The chopper crashed in Mandapul, a suburban area of provincial capital Assadabad, Afghanistan, at around 10 am local time today. As a result, four foreigners and two Afghans were injured,” spokesman for provincial administration, Waisullah Wasifi, told Xinhua.

However, he did not give further details.

Meantime, Zabihullah Mujahid, who claims to speak for the Taleban outfit in talks with media via telephone from unknown location, claimed the Taleban militants shot down a NATO-led forces chopper, killing all aboard.

Five Iraqi soldiers killed in gunfire attacks

BAGHDAD, 16 June—Five Iraqi soldiers were killed in a spate of gunfire attacks in central and northern Iraq, the police said on Wednesday.

In northern Iraq, gunmen opened fire during the day on a checkpoint in al-Quds neighbourhood in northern the city of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, killing two soldiers, a source from the police city told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Also in the north, a mortar round struck an Iraqi army checkpoint in al-Rashad area, just southwest of the city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, wounding 10 soldiers, including two officers, a police department official said.

Later on Wednesday, another roadside bomb ripped through Doura District, wounding four civilians, the source said.

The attacks are part of a wave of violence against Iraq’s government officials, security forces and civilians during the past few months.—Xinhua

Five Pakistanis killed in cross-border attack

KHAR, (Pakistan), 16 June—Scores of armed militants crossed the border from Afghanistan on Thursday and stormed a village in Pakistan’s Bajaur District, which borders the Afghan Province of Kunar, despite the presence of Pakistan security checkpoints erected to check Taleban militants.

It was the third such attack reportedly carried out by hundreds of fighters into northwest Pakistan this month, and underscored the porous nature of the border and systemic insecurity posed by militants in both countries.

The militants

Fazle Akbar told AFP. Akbar said three women were also wounded in the attack, which took place about 65 kilometres (40 miles) northwest of Khar, the main town in Bajaur.

“We have sent army and paramilitary troops to the area as we got reports that militants are still present there,” a security official told AFP.

People gather near a burning NATO oil tanker near southwest Pakistan’s Sibi on 15 June, 2011. At least one driver was injured following an attack on two NATO oil tankers by unknown gunmen.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 15 June, 2011 shows the crashed helicopter in Mandapul, a suburban area of Assadabad, Afghanistan. “The helicopter crashed at around 10 am local time today. As a result, four foreigners and two Afghans were injured,” spokesman for provincial administration, Waisullah Wasifi, told Xinhua.—Xinhua

A policeman inspects a damaged vehicle at the site of a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad recently. Two bombs exploded near a bus station in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, killing at least 15 people, security sources said. Internet

US army helicopter fires on militants in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 June—US army helicopter opened fire on suspected militants after they fired rockets on Basra airport in southern Iraq, killing a suspect and wounding two, the US military said on Thursday.

The incident took place early on Wednesday morning when a US military base stationed in the airport came under barrage of seven 107 mm rockets, a military statement said.

A US helicopter team was conducting a routine mission above the area when they received a report about the base attack, the statement said.

The team “viewed two males actively loading and launching the rockets and requested permission to engage”, the statement added.

After the US strike, the military altered a team of Iraqi security forces and dispatched them to the site and found three men believed to be responsible for the attack, one of them was killed and the two others were injured, it said.

The incident came as Baghdad and Washington are in debate whether the US troops need to extend the presence of its troops in Iraq beyond the 2011 deadline.
Iran puts “Rasad” satellite in orbit

TEHERAN, 16 June—Iran puts the Rasad (surveillance) satellite in the orbit on Wednesday, the state IRIB TV website reported.

The Rasad satellite will render images to the country, said the report.

All the procedure of designing, construction, testing and preparations to launch the satellite have been conducted domestically by Iranian experts, according to IRIB. The Rasad, weighs 15.3 kilograms and has been designed to be launched at 260 kilometres above the earth, said IRIB, adding that it will circle the earth 15 times in 24 hours.—Xinhua

Malaysia couple charged in Indonesian maid’s death

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 June—A Malaysian couple has been charged with the murder of the family’s 26-year-old Indonesian maid, a lawyer said Thursday, in the country’s latest case of alleged abuse against foreign workers. Indonesia recently promised to lift a 2009 ban on sending maids to Malaysia after the neighbours inked a new deal for better working conditions to curb abuse and torture.

Lawyer Guok Ngek Seong said Fong Kong Meng, 55, and his wife, Teoh Ching Yen, 53, were charged Wednesday in a magistrate’s court with killing their maid, Isti Komarinya.

Guok, who is representing Fong, said Isti had worked for the couple since July 2010. The court set 17 July for a mention of the case, which is expected to be transferred to the high court, he said, declining to give further details.

The New Straits Times newspaper said Isti, who had bruises and scratch marks on her body and forehead, was declared dead on arrival at a hospital 5 June. Indonesian Embassy officials have said they are keeping a close watch on the case.—Xinhua

UNSG’s Message on World Day to Combat Desertification

17 June 2011

The people who live in the arid lands, which occupy more than 40 percent of our planet’s land area, are amongst the world’s poorest and most vulnerable to hunger. Frequently, they depend on land that is degraded and where productivity has shrunk to below subsistence levels. In the world’s efforts to meet the Millennium Development Goals, the challenges facing these “forgotten billion” men, women and children deserve special attention.

This year’s observance of the World Day to Combat Desertification falls during the 2011 International Year of Forests, declared by the United Nations General Assembly to educate the global community about the value of forests and the extreme social, economic and environmental costs of losing them. This effort is particularly relevant for drylands, where dry forests and scrubland provide the backbone of arid ecosystems.

Forty-two per cent of the Earth’s tropical and subtropical forests are dry forests. Unsustainable land management and agriculture are a significant cause of their depletion — and of the land degradation and desertification that inevitably follow. Sadly, it is only after these ecosystems are compromised that many communities or authorities become fully awakened to the importance of dry forests to society’s well-being and prosperity.

The management, conservation and sustainable development of dry forests are central to combating desertification. The ongoing greening of the Sahel and other success stories around the world show that degraded lands can be reclaimed by agroforestry and other sustainable practices. We need to scale up these interventions and disseminate their results widely.

We also need to reward those who make drylands productive, so they will prosper and others will seek to emulate their example. Resources currently under development under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change — such as REDD Plus and the Green Climate Fund — can go a long way towards improving the resilience of dryland populations, who stand to be affected first and worst by climate change. Too often, investing in drylands has been seen as unproductive or risky, instead of a necessary avenue for improving the well-being of local communities and national economies. Our challenge is to change market perceptions so drylands cease to be investment deserts.

This September, the General Assembly will convene a High-level Meeting on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought on the eve of the 66th session of the General Assembly. Next year, world leaders will attend the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. I urge governments and their partners to use these events to bring greater focus to the quest for solutions to this urgent challenge of sustainable development.

UK charges man with four terror-related offenses

LONDON, 16 June—British police say a 25-year-old man has been arrested and charged on four terrorism-related offenses.

Greater Manchester Police say the charges facing Asim Kauser relate to accessing radical or extremist material through the Internet.

Police said Wednesday the alleged offenses took place between January 2009 and June 2011.

Police said Kauser, a British national, was arrested at his home on 6 June following an operation by the North West Counter Terrorism Unit.

It said Kauser will appear in London’s City of Westminster Magistrates’ Court on Thursday.

At least 41 Malaysian gov’t websites disrupted on hacking attacks

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 June—At least 41 Malaysia’s governmental websites have been attacked and defaced by an unknown hackers’ group, named itself “Anonymous”, said an official.

Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), the country’s internet regulator, said in a statement here on Thursday that the attacks started at approximately 11:30 pm local time on Wednesday night and 51 government websites had been attacked in which at least 41 ones were disrupted at various levels. It said that the situation turned to a reduced level of attacks by 4:00 am local time on Thursday and upon further evaluation, so far there has been little impact on Malaysian users as a result of the attack. Many of the websites have already been recovered and it would not take long for an overall recovery, it added.—Xinhua

CIA website goes down, hackers claim responsibility

BOSTON, 16 June—The public website of the Central Intelligence Agency went down on Wednesday evening as the hacker group Luiz Security said it had launched an attack.

Luiz Security has defaced websites, posted personal information about customers and site administrators, and disclosed the network configurations of some sites.

Security analysts have downplayed the significance of these attacks, saying the hackers are just looking to show off and get as much attention as possible.

In the case of the CIA attack, hackers would not be able to access sensitive data by breaking into the agency’s public website, said Jeffrey Carr, author of the book Inside Cyber Warfare: Mapping the Cyber Underworld.

A visitor looks at a portrait during the press preview of 2011’s BP Portrait Award exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery in London, Britain, on 15 June, 2011.—Xinhua

A view shows Russia’s Kamchatka peninsula during the “Grandmaker” exhibition, displaying the models of Russian cityscapes and landscapes, on the Day of Russia in St Petersburg on 12 June, 2011.—INTERNET

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Weighing cancer risks, from cellphones to coffee

Olive oil could lower stroke risk

Malaysia seals drug company over radiation

Honda headquarters is hot for delayed model launch

S Korea’s retail sales growth slows in May

New Zealand launches financial literacy campaign to help economic renewal
Japan quake may have caused plate shift

Tokyo, 16 June—Global positioning system data indicated a seismic shift occurred from the 11 March earthquake that devastated northeastern Japan, research indicates.

The 9-magnitude earthquake that shook Japan eased strain from the Japanese trench that had accumulated over hundreds of years, said the report published Wednesday on Nature’s Website. The findings support the importance of GPS observations when assessing future earthquake potential, the authors said.

To better understand the potential of major earthquakes, Shinzaburo Ozawa of the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan and his colleagues used GPS data to assess the megathrust fault off the coast of Japan. Data indicated the coseismic slip area — the ground deformed during the earthquake — stretched about 248 miles along the Japan trench, Ozawa said. Strain on tectonic plates in the region has been higher than normal recently, but the release of the strain during the earthquake partially resolved the issue, Ozawa said.

The researchers said the afterslip (slow earthquakes and aftershocks) is spreading into the coseismic slip area, expanding into the entire region and going about 62 miles deep, and could be an avenue of release for the remaining strain energy.

Black holes tell tale of the infant Universe

Paris, 16 June—Astronomers have detected faint X-ray signals that they believe were emitted by giant black holes billions of years ago when the Universe was a toddler, a study in the journal Nature said on Wednesday. The probe looked at more than 250 galaxies, the farthest of which was 13 billion light years from Earth — in other words, emissions that came only 700 million years or so after the “Big Bang” that created the cosmos.

The findings support the theory that super-sized black holes play a dual role of destruction and creation at the heart of galaxies, its authors said. “These observations indicate that extremely massive black holes already existed as early as 700-800 million years after the Big Bang, which suggests that either they were born massive to start with, or they experienced rapid growth bursts,” said Yale University cosmologist Priyamvada Natarajan. “Either scenario tells us much more than we previously knew, which is very exciting.”

The black holes were discovered indirectly, thanks to telltale high-energy X-ray signals which escaped through thick clouds of dust and gas in their host galaxies. Ancient black holes have already been spotted in previous research, but this is the first wide-scale trawl to look across a range of galaxies.

5 e-book readers for less than $175

New York, 16 June—When Amazon.com’s ground-breaking Kindle e-book reader came out in 2007, it cost $399. Now, some e-readers, including the most recent Kindle entry, can be had for just north of $100.

At the price of five or so hardcover books, it’s close to impulse-buy territory for many people. And if you give in to your desires, what do you get? Our test of five e-readers priced from $114 to $164 finds that, in most cases, means good value.

All five have black-and-white screens that are about half the size of a paperback book. They can connect wirelessly to the Internet for e-book downloads.

I didn’t look closely at battery life, because with one exception, they all claim more than a month of use. Kindle time machine was occupied. Here’s the rundown:

Kindle with Special Offers ($114) is the cheapest Kindle model yet. It’s indistinguishable from a device that costs $25 more, except that it shows advertising as its screen saver and at the foot of the menu. You don’t, mercifully, see any advertising when you’re reading, and overall the ads didn’t feel intrusive. The selection was limited, for the most part, to Oil of Olay, Visa and a car company or two, making us wonder if advertising companies are really sold on Kindle ads.

US computer pioneer IBM turns 100

New York, 16 June—US technology pioneer IBM turns 100 years old on Thursday and while “Big Blue” is no longer the dominant player in the computer industry it remains a force to be reckoned with.

With a market capitalization of $197 billion, IBM is the world’s 14th most valuable technology company, well behind California gadget-maker Apple’s $304 billion but close to software giant Microsoft’s $201 billion.

Thomas Misa, a history of science and technology professor at the University of Minnesota, credits IBM’s longevity to its “mastery of getting information processing power into users’ hands in a form that they need and want.”

“They did this in the 1930s with punch-card tabulation machines and they are doing the same, essentially, with the post-1993 shift to information services,” Misa said.

While its ancestry stretches back to the 19th century, IBM dates its birth to the 16 June, 1911 merger of three firms: the Tabulating Machine Co. in Daisent, a Sunnyvale, California-based company that protects websites from malware attacks.

“The company has been a force since the late 19th century, but it’s really difficult-to-solve problem and there’s a lot of opportunity there,” he said.—Reuters

Analysis: Computer security attracts venture capitalists

San Francisco, 16 June—Silicon Valley venture capitalists are betting big on new technologies to protect computer networks, hoping they will profit from a spate of high-profile cyber attacks on corporate and government bodies.

Many security start-ups are focusing on protection at the network level, rather than individual computers or hardware, spurred by proliferation of mobile devices and cloud computing trend, where data is stored on the Web.

“It’s an area of huge interest to us,” said Bill Maris, managing partner for Google Ventures, which earlier this year invested an undisclosed amount
Union Minister for Information and for Culture receives Indonesian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono.—MNA

They discussed promotion of cooperation in information and culture sectors between the two countries, and sending of a delegation to the opening and closing ceremonies of XXVI SEA Games to be held in Indonesia this year. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads under the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture.—MNA

Results of Korean language test on 30 June

YANGON, 16 June—Altogether 4523 candidates sat for EPS-TOPIK exam conducted under the employment permit system by HRD-Korea at Yangon East University on 12 June. The Korean language test was supervised by the Labour Department of the Ministry of Labour for those wishing to work in the Republic of Korea. Results will come out at the Government Overseas Employment Agency at 81 on Nagayon Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon, on 30 June.—MNA

Roadwork in Yangon, Ayeyawady regions inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint yesterday inspected the conditions of Yangon-Pathein Road, Hninethaya-Twantay Road and Twantay-Kungyangon-Dedaye Road and gave instructions on repairs to the section between mile post Nos ¾ and 3/6 of Twantay-Kungyangon-Dedaye Road.

He inspected Dedaye-Pyapon Road, preparations for inauguration of Auknet Creek Bridge on Pyapon-Bogale Road Section and Bogale-Setsan-Htaw-paing Ahmar Road, and Bogale River crossing Bridge Project on Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani Road.

He also visited Pyapon-Kyaiklat Maubin Road Section, and Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyauyngdon) construction Project.—MNA

Two tiger cubs born in Yatanabon Zoological Gardens

YANGON, 16 June—Tigeress Ngwe Khin of the Zoological Gardens (Yadanabon) gave birth to two cubs at 7 pm and at 7:45 pm on 12 May.

The mother initially kept in Zoological Gardens (Yatanabon) on 7 February 2010 under the programme of animal reproduction and production of pedigree species of wild animals. Her mate is tiger (Kyaw Hein).

Normally, the gestation period for a tigeress is from 103 to 110 days. Tigeress Ngwe Khin was pregnant for 104 days. The cubs are in good health under the care of zookeepers.

Wild animals are now under the threat of extinction due to various reasons. Therefore, zoological gardens are in charge of duties of reproduction of rare and endangered animals.—MNA

Dy Health Minister inspects hospitals

YANGON, 16 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Oo Khin joined specialists from Pyapon People’s Hospital who were providing treatment to public at Thameinhtaw Village in Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region on 10 June.

She donated emergency traditional medicine kits in meeting with health staff in Pyapon District 200-bed People’s Hospital and presented certificates of honour to donors of Oxygen Plant Centrox and PSA Oxygen Concentrator of the hospital.—MNA

Union Minister attends upgrading of schools

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt attended the ceremony to upgrade the school to Basic Education Middle School in Khaunghthaw Village of Maubin Township on 13 June.

After donating exercise books to 407 students, the Union Minister made a speech. The Union Minister also attended the ceremony to upgrade the school to BEHS in Chaunggale Village of Pantanaw Township. He donated school uniforms and exercise books to 535 students and teachers.

He met the headmaster in-charge, teachers and students at Zautgan Village BEHS Branch in Ingapu Township and visited the 25-bed township hospital.

He inspected construction of new building at U Tin Oo Home for the Aged.—MNA

Union Minister attends handing over of new building at BEHS in Chaunggale Village of Pantanaw Township. MNA
Union Defence Minister meets Ukrainian Ambassador

Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min received Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Markian Chuchuk at the Ministry of Defence. MNA

Implementation of power lines and sub-power stations discussed

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe receives CEO & Chairman Mr Dong Hee Lee and party of Daewoo International Corporation of the Republic of Korea at the ministry. MNA

Union Transport Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Jinhua at the Ministry of Transport here this morning.

Field Epidemiology Training Programme conducted

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin speaks at opening of Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) course. MNA

Chief Minister tours Laymyethna, Ingapu Townships

Union Minister Thein Aung of Ayeyawady Region on 12 June attended the opening of Aingthabyu Station Hospital (16-bed) in Laymyethna Township.

He also attended the opening ceremony of X-ray machine and X-ray room donated by Myanma Awba Co and the operation theatre by Aunggyi Trading. The Region Chief Minister donated K 200,000 for construction of Kyatkon-Aingthabyu gravel road to locals and visited Mobile Radio Station of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and the People’s Hospital in Laymyethna Township.

In the afternoon, he met departmental officials at Laymyethna Township General Administration Department. MNA
Culture Ministry holds tree-growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—The Ministry of Culture held its monsoon tree-growing ceremony for 2011 at its compound here this morning.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan planted a teak sapling. Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win and Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandra Khin planted teak saplings, and departmental heads and officials, saplings of teak and wind-breaking trees.

The Union minister and party encouraged staff members growing trees. At today’s ceremony, 3020 saplings were planted. Up to 2010, the ministry has grown 8556 trees.

Union Mines Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Chairman Mr Guan Yi of Yunnan De Rui Feng Investment Co Ltd and party of Yunnan Province, the People’s Republic of China at the ministry here today.

They discussed matters related to exploration of tin and tungsten, and investment.

Also present at the call were the director-general of Mining Department, the director-general of Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, the managing director of No. 2 Mining Enterprise, and the managing director of Myanma Gems Enterprise.

Taninthayi Region Chief Minister calls on teachers to be admirable ones

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Khin Zaw met the teachers, who are going to attend Special Refresher Course No. 75, at No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Dawei today. The Chief Minister said that opening refresher courses aims to widen horizons of teachers who are driving force for education development so as to nurture brilliant new generations equipped with good character and virtue, that the course to be attended by teachers is basic level for human resource development of basic education sector of the State, and that the State conducts such courses to polish ability of teachers more than they had before.

He called them for learning the subjects of Central Institute Civil Service with a vengeance to be admirable ones who can stand as epitomes of the Region.

He then provided cash assistance for the teachers.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.
**Flights resume in Argentina after 10-day volcanic ash chaos**

BUENOS AIRES, 16 June—All international and domestic flights from Argentina’s Capital on Wednesday resumed normal schedules after 10 days of chaos due to the ashes caused by the eruption of the Puyehue Volcano in neighbouring Chile, officials said. The national Aerolineas Argentinas, Austral and Chile’s LAN airline group all returned to normal flight schedules out of the Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport and the Jorge Newbery Metropolitan Airport, which mostly is used for domestic and regional flights. LAN started to normalize operations since 8:30 am local time (1130 GMT), but were still reporting some delays on flights to and from both airports, while Aerolineas Argentinas and Austral airlines resumed flights at 11:30 am (1430 GMT), airline officials told Xinhua. Aerolineas Argentinas resumed international flights to Mexico City, Miami and Madrid, and said an extra flight is scheduled to Miami Wednesday afternoon to start to normalize the travels for over 1,000 passengers who were stranded since the Puyehue Volcano on 4 June erupted for the first time since 1960.

Over 1,600 flights have been delayed or canceled throughout the past 10 days because the volcanic ashes from Puyehue caused safety risks in the airspace across all the southern part of South America.—Xinhua

**Boeing to build 10 C-17 airlifters for India**

WASHINGTON, 16 June—Boeing said Wednesday that India’s defence ministry has signed an agreement with the US government to buy 10 Boeing C-17 transports, making India the plane’s largest international customer.

Boeing said that under the deal, India will take delivery of its C-17 Globemaster III airlifters in 2013 and 2014. The US aerospace giant’s announcement followed unofficial news earlier this month that the big sale, approved by the US Congress in May 2010, was in the pipeline.

The biggest defence deal in history between the two nuclear powers “will elevate India’s leadership in the region,” Dinesh Keskar, president of Boeing India, said in the statement.

**Man sues FBI for wrongful search**

PITTSBURGH, 16 June—A Bellevue, Pa, man is suing a dozen FBI agents for allegedly violating his constitutional rights, authorities say.

Gary Adams filed the lawsuit Tuesday alleging the federal agents violated his and his family’s Fourth Amendment right to be free from unlawful search and seizure, and Fifth Amendment right to life, liberty and property, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported.

The lawsuit comes after his home was searched 3 March by agents looking for a previous resident of what is currently the Adamses’ home. The agents were looking for Sondra Hunter, one of 29 people charged with being part of a drug gang, the newspaper said. Hunter lived at the property, but left months before the Adamses moved in. The agents had an arrest warrant, but no warrant to search the premises.

The agents “battered down the door to his home and, armed with assault rifles, stormed into his house 3 March in a misguided attempt to serve an arrest warrant on a person who was not related to or who had ever resided with” said Pittsburgh attorney Timothy P O’Brien, representing the family.

The complaint was filed by 11 family members and names 12 FBI agents.—**Internet**

**Now, a safety device that protects bicycle riders by projecting laser image on road**

LONDON, 16 June—A UK student has invented a unique safety device that projects a bright green laser image of a bicycle on to the road ahead, alerting motorists to its presence. Emily Brooke, a Brighton University student, has developed ‘BLAZE’, which is a small, battery-powered device that is attached to the handlebars of bicycles, motorcycles or scooters, and projects a laser image on to the road ahead, The Age reports.

The bright green bicycle symbol travels ahead of the cyclist, alerting others to its presence.

The image can be flashing to make it more visible and can be seen even in daylight. Brooke’s invention is being hailed as a potential life saver and has won her a place at a prestigious college in the USA, on an entrepreneurship programme.

“I wanted to tackle the issue of safety of cyclists on city streets by increasing the visibility, footprint, and ultimately the awareness of the bicycle,” said Brooke. “With BLAZE, you see the bike before the cyclist and I believe this could really make a difference in the key scenarios threatening cyclists’ lives on the roads,” she added. **Internet**
Bored teenager pegs puppy up on washing line

LONDON, 16 June—A Filipino teenager pegged his puppy on a clothes line and posted pictures of the helpless animal on Facebook, a media report said Wednesday.

Jerzon Senador, from Calamba, Laguna, is likely to face animal cruelty charges after deciding to carry out the stunt because he was bored, the Daily Mail reported.

The teenager suspended the struggling puppy from the skin on its back as he took photographs from different angles.

He later took the images down and issued a public apology after he was swamped with angry messages from internet users, according to the Mail.

Over 3,000 Facebook members joined a campaign group calling for him to be prosecuted. Animal lovers also took to Twitter to voice their outrage at the stunt, it said.—Internet

An undated composite montage image of laser scan data and construction data released by the Tokyo Electric Power Co(Tepco) 14 June, 2011 shows the damaged No 1 reactor of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power plant with a giant cover shield.—Xinhua

Laptop with over eight mil medical records missing

LONDON, 16 June—A laptop containing more than eight million medical records of patients has gone missing from a research building in a biggest-ever security breach of its kind in Britain, a media report said Wednesday.

The computer vanished from the National Health Service (NHS) building three weeks ago but it has only just been reported to police, The Sun reported.

The unencrypted laptop contains sensitive details of 8.63 million people plus records of 18 million hospital visits, operations and procedures, the report said.

The data does not include names but patients could be identified from postcodes and details such as gender, age and ethnic origin, it said.

The computer was one of 20 lost from a store room at London Health Programmes, a medical research organization based at the NHS North Central London health authority, The Sun said. Eight have been recovered but a search is still being carried out for the other 12. The records include details of cancer, HIV, mental illness and abortions. A source said: “This laptop would be a devastating tool in the hands of a blackmailer.”

US husband kills wife for disturbing his sleep

LONDON, 16 June—A husband has been arrested after he murdered his wife because she kept disturbing his sleep at their home in Vernon Hills, Illinois. Ronald Stolberg is alleged to have suffocated his 54-year-old wife Rachel after she woke him up several times during the night.

Prosecutors said that Stolberg held his wife facedown on the ground with such force that she suffocated.

“He pushed her so hard her teeth bit into her lips,” the Daily Mail quoted Steve Scheller, Lake County State’s Attorney, as saying.

The 47-year-old convict had gone back to sleep while his wife’s body lay on the floor next to the bed.

Prosecutors said that he got up in the morning and noticed that his wife’s hands were blue, but continued with his daily routine and went to work.

According to Scheller, after Stolberg returned from work he called his mother and waited for her to arrive and then told her his wife was dead.—Internet

Guard shoots off finger with shotgun to remove wart

LONDON, 16 June—A security guard in Britain shot off his own finger with a shotgun to remove a wart, a media report said Wednesday.

Sean Murphy, 38, from Doncaster, had tried a variety of traditional ointments and creams. But when the persistent wart refused to disappear, he opted for the firepower of a 12-bore Beretta shotgun, Daily Mail reported.

He claimed he found the shotgun under a hedge a few months earlier. His technique successfully removed the wart - along with most of the middle finger of his left hand.

The solution also landed Murphy in court this week for illegal possession of a firearm, the Mail said.

He received a suspended 16-week prison sentence from the Doncaster Magistrates’ Court.

“I know I could have gone to jail for up to 15 years for a firearms offence. My solicitor did a very good job. The best thing is that the wart has gone. It was giving me lot of trouble,” the Mail quoted him as saying.

Murphy was employed as a security officer at Markham Grange Nurseries in Doncaster at the time of the incident in March, but has since lost his job, the Mail said.—Internet

US scraps missile defence plan for Czech Republic

WARSAW, 16 June—The US has abandoned plans to deploy a missile early warning centre as part of a European missile defence system in the Czech Republic, a media report said Wednesday. “The Czech Republic will look for other options to participate in the project,” Defence Minister Alexander Vondra was quoted as saying by CTK news agency after his meeting with US Deputy Defence Secretary William Linn. The centre was to replace a radar early warning centre as part of the original plans.

Russia is opposed to the US plans to deploy missile defence systems near its borders, claiming they would be a security threat. The US is reluctant to provide legally binding guarantees that the system will not be directed against Russia.—Internet

Indians buy fuel at a petrol station in Calcutta, India, on 15 June, 2011. Indian inflation rebounded to 9.06 percent in May from 8.66 percent in the previous month due to pricier fuel prices, according to a press statement by India’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry Tuesday.

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SLEEP POSITION DURING PREGNANCY
‘link to still-birth’

LONDON, 16 June—Experts want urgent research to see if the position a woman chooses to sleep in during late pregnancy affects still-birth risk, as a study suggests a link. The University of Auckland compared 155 women who had late still-births with 310 who had healthy pregnancies. Sleeping on the back or right side, rather than the left, doubled the risk — but only to almost four in 1,000. Left-side lying aids blood flow to the baby, as the mother’s major blood vessels are unimpeded by a heavy womb.

The New Zealand study, published in the British Medical Journal, called for larger studies to test the findings. Ms Daghn Rajasingam of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists said: “There are many factors which are linked to still-birth including obesity, increasing maternal age, ethnic-

GPS leads women into water

BELLEVUE, 16 June — A trio of Washington state women said they were lucky to escape injury when their GPS device directed them to drive into the water.

The women said they were driving in Bellevue when the GPS instructed them to make a U-turn that took them down a boat ramp and into Mercer Slough, KIRO-TV, Seattle, reported on Wednesday.

The women, who were visiting from out of town, received a ride back to the hotel from firefighters.

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HERCULEANUM SEWER SHELDS
light on secrets of Roman life

LONDON, 16 June—Archaeologists have been discovering Roman sewage sheds for 200 years, but finding out what they left behind in their sewers. A team of experts has been sifting through hundreds of sacks of human excrement. They found a variety of details about their diet and their illnesses. This unconventional journey into the past took the team down into an ancient sewer below the town of Herculeanum.
Street closed due to bee swarm

New York police said they had to divert traffic from a Chinatown street when approximately 15,000 bees swarmed the area.

Police said they closed Mott Street between Bayard and Pell Monday and the road was reopened at about 5 pm after a police department beekeeper captured the insects, the New York Daily News reported Tuesday.

The department said the swarm was only the latest in a recent string of bee incidents in the city. Police said a mailbox in the Little Italy neighborhood was swarmed about two weeks ago and a second swarm was spotted around a Washington Heights fire escape a few days later.

Wrong team: Paper runs ad touting Miami Heat win

The Dallas Mavericks’ win over the Heat is a huge upset for fans in Miami.

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She described her second fragrance ‘S by Shakira Eau Florale’ as a modern floral scent with optimistic energy and full of feminine sensuality.

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Jeff Satur, spokesman for the Longmont, Colorado police department, said detectives are searching for a pale woman between the ages of 55 and 75 with a “boney build.”

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**Hamilton: Daring, not dangerous — a big difference**

PARIS, 16 June — Administered last rites after his World Cup final performance, Niki Lauda will always be more qualified than most to talk about the dangers of motor-racing. His scars are permanent reminders of how close he came to giving his life to the sport. Still, on the subject of whether Lewis Hamilton represents a menace to himself and to others, the three-time Formula One world champion is wrong.

“You can’t drive like that, someone can die,” Lauda reportedly said after the 2008 champion again played bumper-cars with his sleek McLaren, this time at last weekend’s epic Canadian Grand Prix. “At some point, it’s not funny anymore,” the German TV broadcaster now comments for quoted Lauda as saying.

**Chelsea say they will name new coach within two weeks**

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 June — Chelsea’s chief executive said on Wednesday the English Premier League club would name a new coach within two weeks and was looking to buy at least two players ahead of the new season.

Ron Gourlay said the team were close to announcing a new manager following the sacking of Carlo Ancelotti after the club’s poor performance last season. “The process is moving along very well. We would look to have a new coach in place, maybe within a week, two weeks,” Gourlay told reporters in Kuala Lumpur.

“We are certainly working to a week, two weeks. But it could be sooner,” he said. Blues captain John Terry has described Ancelotti as the “coolest coach” he has played under.

**Fabregas quiet about Barca ‘move’**

MADRID, 16 June—Arsenal skipper Cesc Fabregas avoided discussing speculation over his possible return to Barcelona when he attended a ceremony in Madrid Wednesday, insisting he has “no regrets” about his time with the club.

“Can’t move from Arsenal,” Fabregas said during the presentation of some perfumes in Madrid. “I’m very happy to be where I am, otherwise it would mislead people and lead to speculation,” he said, but admitted he was unhappy at Arsenal’s lack of silverware in recent years. “Yes, I’m frustrated at not winning titles, I’ve always wanted to win and not winning always hurts more when you’ve given so much.” Spanish media has said recently that Gunners manager Arsene Wenger has abandoned efforts to hold on to Fabregas who could be set for a return to Spanish giants Barcelona.

**Leonardo set to leave Inter for PSG**

PARIS, 16 June—Inter Milan coach Leonardo is set to be appointed sporting director of one of his former clubs, French giants Paris Saint-Germain, according to a source close to the ongoing discussions. The source told AFP that confirmation of Leonardo’s appointment would come by the end of the week.

According to several French and Italian newspapers, the 41-year-old former AC Milan coach flew to Qatar last weekend to meet the new owners of PSG to negotiate terms over the post. Leonardo’s arrival would be the first stage in a complete overhaul of PSG since a Qatari investment company acquired a 70 percent majority shareholding in the club at the end of May.

**Giggs sues News of the World over hacking scandal**

LONDON, 16 June — Manchester United great Ryan Giggs became the latest celebrity to take legal action against the News of the World over allegedly hacking into his mobile phone, his lawyer announced on Wednesday. The 37-year-old — who it was revealed last month by a British law firm who was ranking 26th after nearly a year out of the game. Williams was appointed at Eastbourne for the first time after two operations on a foot she cut last year, so I’m a little sore. Grass always gets you a little sore. It’s good I’m sore now, because hopefully next week I won’t be as sore.”

**US beats Guadeloupe to advance in Gold Cup**

KANSAS CITY, 16 June — The United States is marching on in the Gold Cup. It wasn’t easy. Jozy Altidore scored in the ninth minute off an assist from Michael Bradley, and the US hung on to beat Guadeloupe 1-0 on Tuesday night and reach the tournament quarterfinals after a loss earlier in the group stage to Panama.

“With group play, you’ve got to deal with each game and find a way to advance,” coach Bob Bradley said. “We’re pretty hard on ourselves because we weren’t satisfied with our performance against Panama, but there are things that bring a team together.” Panama won Group C with help from its 2-1 victory over the Americans, who pushed through as the second-place team. They’ll face Group B winner Jamaica on Sunday in Washington, DC. The US finishes broke a string of 10 straight first-place results in group play. — Internet

Guingadoupe midfielder Thomas Gamiette (12) and USA midfielder Jermaine Jones (13) battle for the ball during a Gold Cup soccer match in Kansas City, Kan, on Tuesday.

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Beijing, June 16—After a series of administrative changes to urban divisions last year, China currently has 657 cities at all levels, said a report released by the country’s Ministry of Civil Affairs Thursday.

According to the document, entitled “The Statistical Report on China’s Social Service development in 2010,” the central government approved nine applications on administrative area changes in 2010, while during which three county-level cities were newly established.

Chinese cities across China largely fall into three levels: province-level cities, also known as municipalities, such as Beijing and Shanghai, prefectural cities and county-level ones.

The minimum population density for a county was (84%). Rainfall on 16-6-2011 was (0.20) inch. Maximum temperature on 15-6-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 16-6-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 16-6-2011 was (0.20) inch. Maximum temperature on 15-6-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 16-6-2011 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-6-2011 was (100%). Rainfall on 16-6-2011 was (0.35) inch. Rainfall on 16-6-2011 was (0.20) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (3.90) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Tr) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (16.26) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (33.82) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (18) mph from Southwest at (00:30) hours MST on 16-6-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 17th June 2011: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Lower Sagain, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17th June 2011: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17th June 2011: Isolated rain. 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
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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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Tourist Guides Association taking shape

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June — To boost the role of tourist guides, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has planned to organize the Myanmar Tourist Guides Association.

As tourist guides are playing an important role in making efforts for development of tourism sector, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has planned to organize the association, said Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan at the coordination meeting for organizing the association.

Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will contribute K 5 million to the funds for organizing the association.

During the meeting, members of the temporary association and Principal of the Hotels and Tourism Training School U Sein Hla Myint discussed matters on rules and regulations for the association, curriculum for tourist guide course meeting the ASEAN standard, issuing of guide license and courses for guides.

Summer basic music course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—The conclusion of summer basic music course, jointly conducted by Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township Music Asiayon and Thabin Asiayon, was held at Township Music Asiayon, on 4 June. A total of 17 trainees attended the course that lasted nine days. It was attended by the Township administrator, patrons and chairmen from Music Asiayon and Thabin Asiayon.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (16-6-2011)

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