**Four political objectives**

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- Strengthening of national solidarity
- Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

**Four economic objectives**

- Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**

- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**Work with consideration to be efficient and dependable govt. staff**

**Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo makes inspection tour of Ayeyawady Region**

YANGON, 19 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo made inspection tour of Ayeyawady Region yesterday. In Bogale, he met departmental officials, town elders and local people, and inspected the construction of Bogale River-crossing bridge and Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) project sites.

Accompanied by Union Ministers, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, deputy ministers and departmental heads, the Vice-President in a motorcade inspected expansion of Hlinethaya-Kawhmu-Kungyangon Road at 6:30 am. Afterwards, the Vice-President and entourage viewed transport infrastructure along Dedaye Bridge, Pyapon Bridge and Dedaye-Pyapon-Bogale Road, and arrived at Bogale Township People’s Hospital (100-bed) opened on 13 January 2011 where Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and officials reported on healthcare services following opening of the hospital.

The Vice-President looked around vaccination storeroom, medicine storeroom and the hospital, and comforted the patients.

The Vice-President and party viewed development of Bogale. They later visited 50-bed Township People’s Hospital to study public health workers course jointly conducted by Township Health Department and IOM.

A total of 39 trainees who are interested in healthcare service from the villages of Bogale Township are now attending the one-month course that started on 16 June.

The Vice-President greeted the trainees and instructed officials to coordinate with matriculated students to attend the nursing course if they wish to.

Next, the Vice-President oversaw arrangements for construction of new school building of Sankyaungpaing Basic Education Primary School in Myoma-4 Ward, Bogale Township. There, he stressed the need to construct more school buildings according to fresh students resulting from growing number of population. He pointed out that land areas of common schools are small and limited to extension. So, it is needed to coordinate with town elders and officials concerned to have enough land area for extension of school buildings and playground to be attached if necessary.

On arrival at Town Hall of Bogale at 10.15 am, the Vice-President in meeting with Region Ministers, departmental officials, senior citizens, social organization.

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Success in sport: a source of national pride

Sporting achievement in international sports games can put the homeland on the map. Now, selected Myanmar athletes are training hard for the XXVI SEA Games that runs in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 11 to 22 November.

The ceremony to present cash donations for ensuring greater success in the XXVI SEA Games and XXVII SEA Games took place at the Ministry of Sports in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 June.

In his speech, Patron of the Leading Committee for Hosting the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that at a time when the entire people are showing wholehearted encouragement and support for improving the sports standard of the nation, on the shoulders of Myanmar sports contingents is a national duty of representing the mother country in international sports games and trying their utmost to win every game they participate in.

Today, Myanmar is trying its best for greater success in all sectors with the aim of keeping abreast of the international community. So, athletes have to nurture and pursue the goal of bringing credit to the country.

All selected Myanmar athletes are therefore urged to compete with sporting spirit and try to win in international sports games in order that the Myanmar sports standard will meet the international level.

World Population Day essay competitions held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—The Ministry of Immigration and Population and UNFPA jointly organized essay competitions at basic education level to mark the 2011 World Population Day at Nay Pyi Taw No. 3 Basic Education High School (Ywadaw) and at the university level at Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus today.

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Firefighters battle two blazes in Arizona

DELOSLVILE, Ariz., 19 June—As firefighters in eastern Arizona gain ground against the largest wildfire in state history, a smaller blaze near the Mexican border is bearing down on a city of 70,000 people and winds are expected to increase on Sunday.

The Monument Fire, near the Army’s Ft Huachuca about 8 miles south of Sierra Vista, has destroyed 47 homes and burned more than 20,000 acres.

“About 6,900 people were evacuated by late Saturday afternoon but the number could go up significantly if the fire approaches the city,” said Bill Paxton, a spokesman for the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team.

Hundreds of homes have been evacuated in parts of Sierra Vista and on both sides of the state Route 92 corridor in Cochise County.

A few city residents were briefly evacuated Friday when a fire unrelated to the Monument blaze ignited on Ft Huachuca.

That 1,000-acre fire is 100 percent contained and residents were allowed to return to their homes late on Friday evening, Paxton said.

Death toll in S Philippines floods reaches 10

MANILA, Philippines on 19 June, 2011. —INTERNET

Suicide bombers kills 12 in Kabul, Taleban claim responsibility

KABUL, 19 June—Three suicide attackers dressed in Afghan military uniform targeted a police station in the fortified Afghan capital Kabul on Saturday leaving 12 people including the attackers dead and wounding 12 others.

“In the attack happened against a police station this afternoon, four policemen, five civilians and all the three suicide bombers were killed,” Afghan Interior Ministry confirmed in a statement released here.

The bloody attack took place at 01:45 pm local time and was controlled after around two hours when all the three attackers were killed, a police spokesman Hashmat Stanikzai said.

“Three suicide bombers masked in military uniform raided a police station at 01:45 pm local time. One of the attackers blew himself up at the gate of the police station enabling two others to enter the station,” Stanikzai told Xinhua.

The police station is located in a crowded market in downtown Kabul close to the Defence Ministry and Presidential Palace.

Majority of those received injuries in the blast and gun battles are civilians, police said.

Xinhua

Eight NATO troopers killed in one day in Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 June—NATO forces say an international service member has been killed in an militant attack in Afghanistan, making it the eight person killed in one day. NATO had previously reported three other service members died in fighting on Saturday. And the coalition said another four were killed in a vehicle accident.

NATO did not provide details on the incidents or the nationality of the dead, in keeping with a policy of not releasing such information. The latest death brings the total of 38 NATO service members killed so far this month, and 244 for the year. —INTERNET

Xinhua

More than five million affected by China flooding

BEIJING, 19 June—More than 5 million people have been displaced or otherwise affected by flooding in eastern China that is also pushing up food prices, state media reported Sunday.

Torrential rains have left huge areas of Hubei and Zhejiang provinces under water, with more than 1 million acres (432,200 hectares) of farmland inundated, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Almost 1,000 businesses have been forced to suspend operations and 5.7 million people have had their lives disrupted, Xinhua said in a brief report.

More than 7,000 homes collapsed or were otherwise damaged and direct financial damage was estimated at almost 6 billion yuan ($930 million). The downpour triggered a mudslide that buried houses and killed two people in Zhejiang’s Changan county, while two more were killed and two left missing by flooding in Hubet, Xinhua said.

Xinhua

25 militants killed in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 June—At least 25 militants were killed in an operation launched by the Pakistan armed forces in the country’s northwest tribal area of Mohmand Agency along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, said a statement released by Pakistan Army on Sunday. According to the statement, four soldiers were also killed and eight others injured in the two-day operation jointly launched by Pakistan Army, border force “Frontier Corps”, police and Pakistan Air Force on Saturday.

“Presently troops are consolidating their positions in the area and search operation for remnants is in progress. The operation also had full support of people of Mohmand Agency, who expressed great satisfaction and happiness on this successful operation and reiterated their resolve to keep supporting Security Forces in their effort to defeat terrorists in the area,” said the statement.

According to Pakistani officials, militants have carried out at least four incursions into the Pakistani territories from Afghan soil in less than a month and nearly 40 Pakistani security personnel and civilians have been killed in these attacks.—MNA/Xinhua
European space freighter poised for suicide plunge

PARIS, 19 June—A European freighter will be destroyed by atmospheric burn-up next week after completing its supply mission to mankind’s orbital outpost, the European Space Agency (ESA) said on Friday.

The Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) will gently separate from the International Space Station (ISS) at 1451 GMT on Monday and on Tuesday fire its engines to descend from orbit over the Pacific.

“Hitting the upper atmosphere, (the) ATV will tumble, disintegrate and burn, and any remains will strike the ocean at around 2050 GMT,” ESA said in a press release.

The unmanned craft, the Johannes Kepler, is the second in five innovative vehicles that are ESA’s scheduled contribution to the US-led ISS.

The supply ships, launched by Ariane 5 rocket from Kourou, French Guiana, are designed to find their own way to the ISS and dock with it automatically, providing up to 6.6 tonnes of food, water, oxygen, experiments and other essentials.

After being emptied of their cargo, the ATVs use their onboard thrusters to boost the ISS, which are dragged by atmospheric molecules in low orbit.

This operation had to be carried out several times during the Johannes Kepler’s mission, which coincided with the visit of two US shuttles, Japan’s HTV cargo carrier and two Russian spacecraft.

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BOSTON, 19 June—A University of Illinois professor whose research has found applications from cardiology to solar power to sportswear on Tuesday won the prestigious Lemelson-MIT Prize for outstanding inventor.

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This NASA image released on 7 June of the International Space Station and the docked space shuttle Endeavour, flying at an altitude of approximately 220 miles, is the first-ever image of a space shuttle docked to the International Space Station. —INTERNET

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Poor education deadly as a heart attack

New York, 19 June — Poverty, lack of education and poor social support contribute to as many US deaths as heart attacks, strokes and lung cancer, researchers say.

Dr Sandro Galea of the Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health in New York and colleagues estimated the number of US deaths attributable to social factors using a systematic review of the available literature combined with statistics data.

The researchers calculated the relative risks of mortality from social factors of education, poverty, health insurance status, employment status and job stress, social support, racism or discrimination, housing conditions and early childhood stressors, the researchers obtained prevalence estimates for each social factor using US Census Bureau data.

The researchers found that about 245,000 US deaths in the United States in 2000 were attributable to low levels of education, 176,000 to racial segregation, 162,000 to low social support, 133,000 to individual-level poverty, 119,000 to income inequality and 39,000 to area-level poverty. Overall, 4.5 percent of US deaths were found to be attributable to poverty, but the risks associated with both poverty and low education were higher for individuals age 25-64 than for those 65 or older with qualified for Social Security benefits.

The number of deaths the researchers calculated as attributable to low education — 245,000 — is comparable to the number caused by heart attacks — 192,898 — which was the leading cause of US deaths in 2000,” Galea said in a statement.—Internet

Hospitals overuse double CT scans — report

Washington, 19 June — Hundreds of hospitals are routinely using double CT scans, overexposing patients to radiation in a procedure that should be used rarely, medical experts say.

A double CT scan involves back-to-back scans, one without dye and then one with dye injected into the veins. Nearly one in six hospitals in Virginia perform the procedure remarkably often, driving up costs and subjecting patients to double doses of radiation, The Washington Post reported Saturday in a review of government Medicare data from 2008.

“Just making the information public is a fairly strong incentive” for hospitals to examine the rates at which the procedures are prescribed, Dr Michael Rapp, director of quality measurement at the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, told the Post.—Internet

Japanese firms to join Airbus engine project

Tokyo, 19 June — Three major Japanese engineering firms, IHI Corp, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, and Kawasaki Heavy Industries will help develop a new engine for Airbus, a report said Sunday.

The trio will bring their expertise in carbon fibre technology to produce the world’s first commercial engine, IHI Aero Engines of Germany, tasked with developing the engine for the European aircraft manufacturer.

The engine will be for the Airbus A320neo passenger aircraft, scheduled to go into commercial operation from 2016.

Aircraft engines are typically made of titanium. It is believed that the use of carbon fibre, which is lighter, will enhance fuel efficiency by roughly 10 percent, the Nikkei said.—Internet

Spain’s Repsol in joint venture with Alliance Oil

Madrid, 19 June — Spain’s Repsol YPF is forming a joint venture with the Moscow-based Alliance Oil Company Ltd to seek growth opportunities in Russia, the Spanish energy company said Saturday.

Repsol said in a statement that Alliance Oil will hold 51 percent in the joint venture and contribute production assets in the Volga-Ural region, while Repsol will own the remaining stake by making a cash investment.

The deal should enable Repsol to increase its production capacity by allowing it “privileged access to assets in the country, home to some of the largest hydrocarbon resources in the world,” said Repsol executive chairman, Antonio Brufau.

The joint venture expands Repsol interest in Russia, where already owns a 3.47 percent stake in Alliance Oil after a 2008 merger between Alliance Oil and West Siberian Resources, the statement said.—Internet

PNC expected to buy RBC unit

New York, 19 June — PNC Financial Services Group Inc (PNC.N) is expected to buy Royal Bank of Canada’s (R.Y).TO US retail bank operations, a source briefed on the situation said on Saturday.

Pittsburgh-based PNC Financial and Winston-Salem, North Carolina-based BB&T Corp (BBT.N) were in the race to buy the business, sources have said.

Terms of the possible deal between PNC and RBC were not immediately available. One financial services banker who is not involved in the deal said the business could be worth about $3 billion.

PNC and RBC declined to comment on Friday, when news of the possible deal was first reported by the Bloomberg news service.

RBC, the largest Canadian bank by assets, put its struggling US consumer banking business on the market after failing for years to wring profits from the operations acquired nearly a decade ago.

It retained JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) to advise it on the sale process, a source said in April. JPMorgan declined to comment.—Reuters

File photo of an Commercial Aircraft Corp of China (Comac) C919 at an expo in Hong Kong. Comac makes its first appearance at the Le Bourget airshow next week just north of Paris, with a mock-up of the cockpit and part of the fuselage of its C919 model.—Internet

Health Tip: Make sure your child’s shoes fit

Your little one is growing faster than you expected, and his or her feet are no exception. As children’s shoe buying becomes a frequent ritual, the American Podiatric Medical Association offers this advice:

* Make sure the shoes have firm heel support, a flexible sole where the feet bend, cushioning in the insoles, and good arch support.
* Size the feet when the child is standing and bearing weight on the feet.
* Allow for a thumb’s width between the tip of the toes and the end of the shoe — enough so the child can comfortably wiggle the toes.
* Ask the child to walk around in the shoes (make sure socks are on, too). Ask about fit and comfort, and check to see if the feet are irritated afterward.
* Make sure the shoes don’t slip off at the heel.
* Measure both feet, and buy shoes in the size that fit the larger foot.
Two injured in chopper crash in northern India

NEW DELHI, 19 June—Two persons were injured in a crash of a private helicopter Sunday in the dense jungles in Ladpur near Dehradun, the state capital of the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand, said police.

The injured were pilot and the co-pilot of the helicopter who have been rushed to hospital, according to the police.

Only the two were on board the chopper when it crashed.

 Nine bodies discovered in southern Mexico

MORELIA, 19 June—Mexican authorities said Saturday the bodies of nine victims of suspected drug violence have turned up in the western state of Michoacan. The state prosecutor’s office said in a statement that authorities found eight bodies in three different areas of the port city of Lazaro Cardenas. Three of the cadavers had been dumped in front of the state public security agency.

Another body was found in the state capital of Morelia. Several of the still unidentified bodies were discovered with messages from a group calling itself the Knights Templar and claiming responsibility for the killings.

The violence is apparently due to a rupture in the La Familia crime organization after the gang’s leader, Nazario Moreno, was killed in a shootout with police 9 Dec. One of the messages, staked to a man’s body with an ice pick, read: “This will happen to everyone who supports Chango Mendez.”

Jesus Mendez, also known as “El Chango,” or “The Monkey,” is a suspected leader of the La Familia cartel.

Messages from the Knights Templar first began appearing in March, with the group claiming that it would replace La Familia. Messages left on bodies appearing in March, with the group claiming that it would replace La Familia. Messages left on bodies

Missouri River releases step up ahead of rains

Vehicles sit stranded in flood waters in rural Missouri Valley, Iowa on 17 June, 2011. [INTERNET]

HAMBURG, 19 June—Federal officials increased water releases from two South Dakota dams on Saturday to make room for expected potentially heavy rains through early next week, adding to flooding woes along the Missouri River.

The US Army Corps of Engineers water releases from five dams in North Dakota and South Dakota had already about doubled prior records to relieve reservoirs swollen by heavy winter snows and spring rainfall at the river’s Montana headwaters.

India military delegation arrives in China

BEIJING, 19 June—An Indian military delegation arrived in Beijing on Sunday for a six-day visit, an Indian official said, marking the resumption of defence ties that were frozen for a year over a visa dispute.

The eight-member delegation, headed by Major General Gurmeet Singh, will visit the Chinese capital and the restive northwestern region of Xinjiang, a senior Indian defence official told AFP earlier.

A spokesman for the Indian embassy in Beijing confirmed the delegation arrived Sunday afternoon but could not provide details on their itinerary or with whom they would meet on the Chinese side.

“We decided to pause defence exchanges because of these differences of opinion,” a second source in the Indian government told AFP previously on condition of anonymity.

“There were still phone calls and other contacts, but now with this visit we are seeing the resumption of normal, full-scale military exchanges,” said the official.

TEPCO to open second Fukushima reactor building

With several storms expected over the next four or five days that could dump up to 4 inches of rain in some areas, the Corps has started to increase flows by nearly 7 percent at the Oahe Dam above Pierre, South Dakota’s capital, and the Big Bend Dam just downstream.

“It’s going to be a widespread heavy rainfall event and obviously will have a big impact on the Missouri River Valley for the next four or five days,” said Bruce Terry, a senior National Weather Service forecaster.

Terry said extensive rains of more than 1 inch are forecast from eastern Montana through southern North Dakota, all of South Dakota and northwestern Nebraska. Rainfall totals of 2 to 4-plus inches could be rather widespread for much of South Dakota and western Nebraska, he said.

Corps officials warned residents to ensure they were ready to pump stormwater out of the cities, over the levees and back into the river after the heavy rains.—Reuters

A firefighter tries to extinguish a burning bus which was set ablaze by a mob, after the bus reportedly ran into a group of people who were on their way to the Nada Sahib Gurudwara, or Sikh temple, in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 18 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Moderate quake hits Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 19 June—An earthquake with magnitude of 5.7 struck off Sumatra island of Indonesia on Sunday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake jolted at 11:15 am Jakarta Time (0415 GMT) with epicenter at 84 km southeast Mukomuko of Bengkulu province and with the depth at 26 km, the agency said.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called the “Pacific Ring of Fire”, where two continental plates meet that frequently caused seismic and volcanic movements.—INTERNET

Chines soldiers undergo a training session in Hani, northwest China’s Xinjiang region in January. An Indian military delegation arrived in Beijing on Sunday for a six-day trip which will also include the restive northwestern region of Xinjiang, a senior Indian defence official said.—INTERNET

Media reports suggested that the decision to resume defence cooperation was reached during talks between Indian Prime Minister Mammoohan Singh and President Hu Jintao in China in April. Internet
Tornado lifts roofs, topples power poles in NZ’s North Island

Wellington, 19 June—A tornado ripped through central New Plymouth in New Zealand’s North Island early on Sunday morning, damaging houses and cutting power to some homes. The Fire Service said the twister—described as short and sharp—hit the city at 4.15 am, shattering windows, lifting roofs and uprooting trees, Radio New Zealand reported. It struck the area bordered by State Highway 3, Carrington St, Rogan St and the beach.

There have been no reports of injuries but 15 commercial premises have been damaged and the roofs of three houses have been torn off. The Fire Service said one house has been shifted off its foundations and some wires are down but overall “it’s not too bad.” The tornado cut power to at least 300 homes in central and suburban New Plymouth.

12 killed in road accident in Karachi, Pakistan

Islamabad, 19 June—At least 12 people were killed and a dozen others injured as an overspeeding passenger van overturned early Sunday morning in Karachi in southern Pakistan, reported local TV channel Express.

According to local media reports, the accident took place at about 3.30 am local time Sunday morning when a passenger van carrying an estimated 30 people overturned on the Makran Coastal Highway in the section of Karachi.

One local media report said that 15 were killed and 18 others injured in the accident and six of the injured people were in serious condition.

All the injured people have been shifted to nearby hospital following the accident, said traffic police, adding that the accident was due to overspeed of the van.

Joplin tornado death toll rises to 154

Kansas City, 19 June—The death toll from the 22 May tornado in Joplin, Missouri, has reached 154, according to a city statement on Friday. That number is up from 153 reported by the city on 13 June. The most recent victim was James Cookerly, city public information officer Lynn Onstot said with providing further information. The massive F-5 tornado cut a six-mile swath through the southwest Missouri city just as residents were sitting down to Sunday dinner.

It was the deadliest single tornado in the United States since 1947. Tornadoes have battered the country this spring, killing more than 500 people, mostly in the south. The death toll from the Joplin storm has risen as people die of injuries. Some have died due to a fungal infection from debris that contained soil or plant matter, officials have said.

Photographers take pictures of a train before its trial run on the high-speed railway connecting Beijing to Shanghai, at Beijing South Railway Station, 17 June, 2011. Some 70 reporters in Beijing and nearby areas were invited to experience the trial run on Friday. The high speed railway service connecting Beijing, the capital of China to Shanghai, the east China’s municipality, will officially begin at the end of June.—Xinhua

Three bystanders injured at Western shootout in South Dakota

Minneapolis, 19 June—Three tourists were injured in a mishap at a Western-style shootout demonstration in Hill City, South Dakota, authorities said on Saturday.

Pennington County Sheriff’s Department investigators were trying to determine what happened at the show on Friday night and have asked for anyone who took video footage of the Western-style shootout to contact the office.

“We don’t have a clear picture of exactly what took place out there at this point in time,” Lieutenant Marty Graves said, adding that the injured showed signs of wounds consistent with gunshots, but there were no bullets or fragments recovered.

All three were taken to a hospital in nearby Rapid City where two underwent surgery and were in recovery, Graves said. The third had superficial injuries and was released, he said.

The sheriff’s department identified the injured as Carrol Knutson, 65, from Birchwood, Minnesota, John Ellis, 48, from South Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and Jose Pruneda, 52, from Alliance, Nebraska.

Rapid City Regional Hospital said Knutson and Ellis were listed in “fair” condition on Saturday.

They do this three or four times a week as part of a tourist attraction in Hill City, Graves said.

Pilot killed during accident at Poland air show

Warsaw, 19 June—A small plane lost control and plunged into a river Saturday as it performed stunts at an air show in Poland. The pilot, the only person on board, was killed.

The accident occurred in Plock, in central Poland, as people gathered by the Vistula River for a picnic and the air show.

The news station TVN24 broadcast images of the small plane doing aerobatics when it began spewing out plumes of dark smoke and then plunged into the water. Rescue workers pulled the pilot from the wreckage and tried to resuscitate him before sending him to a hospital. Several hours later, a hospital official said the pilot, Marek Szafr, died.

The pilot was alone in the plane, a Christen Eagle II, a popular single-engine aircraft used for aerobatic flying. TVN24 identified Szafr as a pilot for a Polish airline LOT and the runner-up in a Poland-wide aerobatics championship.

The director of the Air Club of Mazovia that organized the show, Slawomir Adamkowski, said the cause of the crash was under investigation.

Four dead in small plane crash in suburb north of NYC

New York, 19 June—A small plane crashed about a mile from a suburban airport on Saturday, bursting into flames and killing all four people on board. The plane crashed shortly after departure from Westchester County Airport in White Plains, north of New York City, authorities said.

The Cessna 210 took off from the airport shortly after 1 pm, bound for Montauk, about 100 miles east, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Holly Baker said.

Soon after, the plane’s pilot radioed to advise he was returning to the airport. But, Baker said, the plane plummeted to the ground in Armonk before reaching the runway and exploded into flames.

The plane was based at Panorama Flight Service, in White Plains, airport spokesman Steve Ferguson said in a statement.

The company markets flight training, rentals and maintenance service at the airport. It served basically as a garage for the plane when it wasn’t flying, company president Gene Condraz said by telephone. He said the pilot “was a longtime customer,” but he declined to identify him.
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members and locals heard report presented by Town- ship Administrator U Htin Kyaw on formation of Bogale Township, implementation of five tasks for development of the township, land utilization, crop growing, sufficiency of rice and edible oil, marine products delivery, tree growing, condition of basic education schools, opening of village libraries, and essentials needed for regional development.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers a speech in meeting with Region ministers, departmental personnel, townselders, members of social organizations and local people at Town Hall in Bogale.—MNA

State service personnel, people and entrepre- neurs are to join hands with the government for achieving success of the committees. The personnel are to organize the people to have comprehensive knowledge to take part in undertaking the tasks. The personnel are to take care of people’s wishes whether they would like to really follow the task or not and the personnel are not to forcibly push the people to participate in the tasks without any assistance.

Likewise, the personnel are to avoid the activities leading to disadvantage than advantage due to over eagerness to create better life for them. Considering all tasks, they are to uplift their proficiency to become outstanding service personnel on whom the people rely.

Joining hands with the government, the people on their part are to continuously strive for achieving greater improvement of their socio-economic life with the aim of ensuring prevalence of stability and peace of the State with security awareness.

The Vice-President cordially greeted those present.

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After the meeting, the Vice-President inspected storage of rice at 500-ton capacity Food Security Shelter built under the India-Myanmar friendship project and left necessary instructions.

At Bogale Bridge Construction Project being built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group No.5 of Public Works, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported on progress of works.

The Vice-President gave instructions on construction of strong and neat bridge and tasks for supply of gravels to be used in Ayeyawady Delta Road Network Project.

The Vice-President and party looked into progress of Bogale Bridge Construction Project.

Bogale Bridge, 3553 feet long, will link Bogale and Thaung Village of Bogale Township.

The bridge will be 28 feet wide. Its water clearance will be 36 feet high and 300 feet wide and the facility will be able to bear 75-ton loads.

There are three roads—Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadanikani road, Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun-Kyonemange-Myaungmya road and Bogale-Satsan-Htawpaing-Amar road—which will link Bogale-Satsan River-crossing Bridge. Construction works of River-crossing Bridge is completed by 37 percent.

The Vice-President and party left Bogale by car at 2.15 pm and inspected Pyapon-Kyaiklat-Maung-Nyaungdon motor road.

On arrival at briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction site, the Vice-President heard reports presented by Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint on facts about Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) being built by Public Works Special Project Group No.5, main bridge, approach bridge, construction works, supply of steel trusses, completion of main bridge and use of machineries.

After that, Deputy General Manager (Civil) U Tin Soe of Myanma Railways reported to the Vice-President on approach rail roads.

Regarding the reports, the Vice-President urged the officials and engineers to use standardized technologies and materials for long term existence, to make foundations of approach roads and bridges sound, to invite engineering students under the Ministry of Science and Technology so as to explain them practical construction works of the Bridge, to keep records after analyzing change of the Bridge’s waterway, to keep records of construction works systematically for long term reference, and to always take pride in their works.

After that, Vice-President Thaha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presented a fruit basket to foreign experts who are working at the construction project and inspected progress in construction of the main bridge.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), located about 8,000 feet upstream of Ayeyawady-River crossing Bo Myat Tun Bridge includes motor road and rail road. The construction project started on 1 January, 2010.

The main bridge of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) is 7402 feet long, the total length of main bridge and motor road, 10814 feet long, and the total length of main bridge and rail road, 20545 feet long.

The bridge has a 28-foot-wide two lane road, 14-foot-wide rail road and two 3.3-foot-wide walkways.

Now, construction of main bridge has been completed by 83 percent. The construction of the whole bridge including approach bridges is completed by 75 percent.

The Vice-President and party inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction site and arrived back in Yangon in the evening.

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Union Rail Transportation Minister assists in construction of bridges

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decided to give encouragement and assistance for socio-economic development of farmers and workers and that measures will be taken for creating more job and granting full rights for social welfare.

The Union Minister continued that it has been clearly stated that measures would be taken for Myanmar workers inside and outside the country to enjoy full legal rights. Now, Myanmar is carrying out the tasks for holding workshops on rural development and poverty alleviation and drawing and implementing projects, he said.

After attending the session on 15 June, the Union Minister called on the Labour Minister of Bhutan at the ILO building

Similarly, member of the Myanmar delegation Joint-Secretary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Daw Khang Nwe also made a speech at the conference. The Myanmar delegation arrived back here by air on 17 June morning.

2011 World Population Day poster contest held in Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin inspected construction of bridges in Magway Region yesterday.

During the inspection tour, they assisted in construction of Mone Creek Bridge -1 and 2 between Pwintbyu and Salin townships, Salin Creek Bridge in Salin Township and Sitkobin bridge on approach rail road to Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun).

The approach rail road of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) is 14.74 miles long and will link Malun Station on Kyangin-Pakokku Rail Road.

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Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min inspects construction of bridges in Magway Region.

Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min and Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win attended and delivered speeches on the occasion.

For the construction of Bago University Dhammayon, Union Minister U Zaw Min donated K 1 million, Ayawan Printing Enterprise, K 0.5 million and other well-wishers, cash.—MNA

Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min addresses ceremony to upgrade Bago Degree College to Bago University.

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NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and officials yesterday morning visited the hall of Taunggyi Basic Education High School No. 1 where the poster contest in commemoration of the 2011 World Population Day was held.

A total of 239 students from basic education schools in Taunggyi, Nyaungshwe, Hopong and Kalaw Townships took part in the contest.

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Florida HIV/AIDS patients in dispute with health authorities over medication funding

TAMPA, 19 June—The HIV/AIDS patients in the US state of Florida are in dispute with state authorities over a proposal to impose tighter restrictions on those who qualify for drugs provided by the state’s AIDS Drug Assistance Programme (ADAP).

According to the proposed restrictions, individuals would have to earn less than 21,000 US dollars annually to qualify for ADAP drugs. If approved by the Florida Department of Health (FDH), this would affect approximately 1,150 HIV/AIDS patents.

“The FDH is currently looking at the number of cost containment activities, including altering the financial eligibility for ADAP services,” said FDH’s press secretary Jessica Hammonds. “After soliciting public input on this matter, the department is in the final stages of evaluating the matter.”

The Florida ADAP programme serves almost 9,500 clients, each of whom receiving 8,600 dollars in funding annually, Hammonds said. There are still another 3,482 on a waiting list.—Xinhua

Helicopters intercept aircraft near US capital

WASHINGTON, 19 June—Coast Guard helicopters intercepted a small aircraft that entered restricted air space near the US capital on Saturday, military officials said.

The North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) said it ordered the action after the “small general aviation aircraft” approached the capital region without authorization at about 11:50 am (1550 GMT).

“Upon being intercepted, the civilian aircraft was diverted to Annapolis (in Maryland) where the pilot was to meet with local law enforcement,” NORAD said in a statement. It did not provide further details on the pilot, the aircraft, its destination or the precise location of the incident.

President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner were playing golf at the time at Andrews Air Force base five miles (eight kilometres) southeast of Washington.

It was the third time in a week that NORAD had to scramble jets or choppers to steer away civilian planes that strayed into restricted air space in the vicinity of the president.—Internet

Climate change raising tick threat for northern moose

CONWAY, 19 June—Moose living in northern states such as New Hampshire and Minnesota face an increased threat from blood-feeding ticks and deer-borne parasites because of shorter winters caused by climate change, US wildlife officials say.

Winter ticks account for 41 percent of all deaths of the antlered animal popular with hunters and wildlife watchers in New Hampshire — the same percentage killed there by hunting and moose-vehicle collisions, according to a study released this week by the state’s Fish and Game Department.

Nearly all of the calf deaths noted during the study, which began collaring and tracking moose in 2001, were caused by winter ticks, said Kristine Rines, the department’s moose project leader.

Moose, which in New Hampshire average six feet tall at the shoulder and weigh 1,000 pounds, tend to become infested with an astounding number of ticks at one time.

One animal typically can get 30,000 ticks in normal fall weather conditions, but as many as 160,000 ticks during winter in years with a late first snowfall, researchers said.

“Ticks are the biggest threat to moose,” said New Hampshire Fish and Game director Bruce Steeves.

Climate change has made winters shorter and colder, which is good for moose, which prefer living in northern forests, Steeves said. “But it is a double-edged sword.”

The colder temperatures allow the ticks to survive and attach to moose even though the animal is active at a later winter stage.

The ticks then attach during the winter and spring and feed on the moose for months. They can lead to anemia and death.

“Moose are in a race to eat enough to support their winter weight and maintain their health,” Steeves said.

Student gets drunk on sanitizer in Aussie hospital

SYDNEY, 19 June—A man who drank six bottles of alcohol-based hand sanitizer while being treated in an Australian hospital for alcoholism has sparked calls for the anti-bacterial gels to be better secured.

Doctors said in a letter published Sunday in the Medical Journal of Australia that they were stunned to discover the man had downed six 375-milliliter (12.7-ounce) bottles of hand sanitizer, giving him a blood-alcohol concentration more than five times higher than the legal limit for driving in Australia. Dr Michael Oldmeadow at The Alfred hospital in Melbourne city says the man is lucky to have survived.

Oldmeadow and three colleagues say in the letter that at least one US hospital has introduced non-removable dispensers in all its wards.

Steel structure collapse kills six, injures two in south China

NANNING, 19 June—Six people were confirmed dead, two others injured, and another still missing after a steel structure collapsed Saturday in south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, a local government official told a press conference Sunday. The accident happened Saturday afternoon when 11 workers were dismantling a scrap generator of Heshan Electricity Generating Company in city of Heshan, according to Vice Mayor Wu Zhaqiu.

The steel structure of the generator’s No 4 unit collapsed during the process, killing three people on the scene and injuring another four with two more missing and the rest two unharmed.

Two of the injured died later in hospital, and the remaining two injured are in stable conditions. At around 7:40 pm Saturday, rescuers retrieved one body at the accident site, which brought the death toll to six. The rescue work is still under way.—Xinhua

A nurse at the Save Brain Clinic demonstrates the process of neuro-feedback at Gungji National Hospital in Gungji. The clinic styles itself as South Korea’s first specialist clinic offering treatment for the hundreds of thousands of officially recognised Internet addicts in the world’s most wired nation.

Neurofeedback, one of the treatments offered, uses displays to illustrate brain activity.

A man fishes from a rocky outcrop on Sydney’s northern beaches. Last month, two Chinese men drowned after being swept off rocks in Sydney harbour, ignoring warnings just days before about the danger of large swells.—INTERNET

Healthcare professionals in Myanmar use displays to illustrate brain activity. Neurofeedback, one of the treatments offered, uses displays to illustrate brain activity.
Fidel, Raul Castro visit Venezuelan President

HAVANA, 19 June—Cuban President Raul Castro and his brother Fidel Castro visited Friday Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who was recovering from a surgery in Havana, and they discussed bilateral and international issues, according to Cuba's official media on Saturday.

Cuba's official daily Granma and the website Cubadebate Saturday published four photographs of the visit, showing Chavez looks good, smiles and wears sports clothing, while Fidel wears a checkered shirt, and Raul wears his military uniform.

The meeting seemed to be in a hospital room, and Cuban media described the meeting as “fraternal”, saying that they reviewed “the close ties between Venezuela and Cuba” and “various current international issues.”

“He trusts the Chinese,” Granma reported.

China claims its place at Airshow

PARIS, 19 June—China aims to claim its rightful place at the Paris International Airshow this week alongside giants Airbus and Boeing, laying down a marker for its ambitions to be a major player in global aviation.

Airbus and Boeing dominate the hugely important Chinese market but Beijing has long made clear its intentions to make its own aircraft, moving swiftly up the technological ladder, just as it has in so many other products.

Its immediate target is the medium-haul segment, carved up between Airbus with its A320 (win-engined series and Boeing’s 737, the largest selling commercial aircraft since its launch in 1967 and a mainstay in Chinese skies.

Commercial Aircraft Corp of China (Comac) makes its first appearance at the Le Bourget airshow next week just next north of Paris, with a mock-up of the cockpit and part of the fuselage of its C919 model.

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People walk past a bronze component of a statue at a construction site on the main square in Skopje. Internet

SIST will be founded by the Russian government with support from local and international business communities.

Also on Saturday at the same forum, the Skolkovo Foundation signed a deal with US software and consulting service firm IBM on opening an IBM research and development center in the Russian silicon valley, said Vekselberg. The Skolkovo hi-tech cluster outside Moscow, created on the initiative of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, will focus on research in energy, information technology, communication and biomedical research.

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The flag of the International Paris Air Show at Le Bourget airport near Paris during the preparations for the opening on 20 June.—INTERNET

Currently under development, the 190-seat C919 is due to enter service in 2016, just after Airbus brings its upgraded and already much sought after A320neo to the market, raising the question of whether China’s first commercial jet can make inroads against such tough opposition.

For the moment, Comac has won orders for some 100 C919s from Chinese airlines but has found only one foreign customer - the leasing arm of US conglomerate General Electric.

The company is clearly hoping for more by setting up its stall at Le Bourget, analysts say.

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The agreement, signed at the 15th St Petersburg International Economic Forum, was a preliminary one, the RIA Novosti news agency reported.

A Press release on MIT’s website said the university will assist the Skolkovo Foundation in building SIST as a “unique, world-class” graduate research institute.
E China province takes measures to better protect students in schools

BEIJING, 19 June — More security guards are to be trained and more high-tech facilities will be used in schools in China's southeastern Fujian Province to better protect students.

These measures are in response to last year's killing spree in Nanping city where a man stabbed eight primary school students to death and injured five others. “More than 500 guards were trained last year after the tragedy and we plan to train more this year,” Liu Zhenghong, deputy director of Xiamen Security Science and Technology College, was quoted as saying by Sunday's China Daily.

Liu said the guards were dispatched to schools in the province and were trained to handle attackers, and taught to operate security facilities such as surveillance cameras, automatic alarms and face- and fingerprint-recognition systems.

Chen You, a division chief with the Fujian provincial public security bureau overseeing school security equipment, said his bureau had asked all schools and kindergartens to get equipped with high-tech security facilities right after the Nanping tragedy.

Scientists to sequence thousands of insect genomes

LONDON, 19 June — Thousands of insects are being lined up to have their genomes sequenced. The five-year project will help researchers pinpoint vulnerable regions of insects' genomes, which could be targeted with pesticides. The project's leaders hope the initiative will make a dent in the $30bn spent globally each year to control diseases transmitted by insects.

The final list of six-legged critters has yet to be finalized. The project, called the 5000 Insect and Other Arthropod Genome Initiative, comes at a time when the costs of genome sequencing have fallen dramatically and it is feasible to cheaply sequence large numbers of animals and plants.

Among the list of agriculturally important insects and other arthropods — animals with exoskeletons — to be sequenced are handfuls of bugs that act as disease vectors.

Insect-borne diseases are a leading cause of death in young children under the age of five around the globe.

World's largest emerald goes on display in Colombia

BOGOTA, 19 June — The largest emerald in the world has gone on display for the first time in Colombia, the country where the giant stone was originally discovered.

It has up to 15,000 carats and has been kept in its original form since it was found in Boyaca, around 47 miles (75km) north of Bogota, 12 years ago. The emerald's value has been described as “unmeasurable”.

Parkinson's artificial brain bank

OXFORD, 19 June — Researchers in Oxford have begun creating a bank of artificially grown brain cells from Parkinson's patients. BBC News has learned.

They are using a new stem cell technique that allows them to turn a small piece of skin from the patient into a small piece of the disease. This is the first time this has been done in a large-scale study aimed at finding cures for the disease.

Researchers say they can analyse nerve cells as they start to deteriorate.

The first batch of nerve cells have been grown from a 56-year-old Oxfordshire man, Derek Underwood. He had to take early retirement because of the progression of the disease.

Mr Underwood will be the first of 50 patients whose skin cells will be grown into brain cells as part of a five year study.

The leading researcher, Richard Wade Martins of Oxford University, who is leading the study, the aim is to build up a “brain bank” which will enable researchers to study how the disease develops in unprecedented detail.

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KOLKATA, 19 June — Heavy rains today lashed the metropolis and several other parts of West Bengal claiming three lives and flattening several mud-built houses.

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Montgomery, who is a father of three. “You don’t know how hard it is, I thought about my kids. It was tough to hear that I had gotten cancer. But we were able to find the cancer in its very early stage and had it removed. ... I’m glad I got tested early enough before it was too late.” Now as a cancer survivor, the 47-year-old Montgomery and partner Troy Gentry want to bring awareness to the disease through a free concert. The concert is at the Atlanta Braves-Texas Rangers game on Sunday in Turner Field.

India releases oldest prisoner, aged 108

Prison authorities in India have released the country’s oldest inmate, 108-year-old Brij Bihari Pandey, who was convicted of a murder he committed at the age of 84.

Jewish court sentences dog to death by stoning

A Jerusalem rabbinical court condemned to death by stoning a dog it suspects is the reincarnation of a secular lawyer who insulted the court’s judges 20 years ago.

E Street Band sax player Clarence Clemons dies

NEW YORK, 19 June—Clarence Clemons, the larger-than-life saxophone player for the E Street Band who was one of the key influences in Bruce Springsteen’s life and music through four decades, has died. He was 69.

Beyoncé among 178 invited to join film academy

LOS ANGELES, 19 June—Beyoncé Knowles, Russell Brand, David Duchovny and “King’s Speech” director Tom Hooper have been invited to join the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The film academy said Friday it has invited 178 film-industry workers to join its ranks this year. Documentarian Tim Hetherington who was nominated for an Oscar this year was invited posthumously to join the academy.

Special guest Beyoncé performs during the Season 10 “American Idol” Grand Finale at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, California on 25 May, 2011.
Mexico, Honduras reach Gold Cup semis

EAST RUTHERFORD, 19 June — Second-half goals from Aldo Di Nigris and Javier “Chicharito” Hernandez lifted defending champions Mexico to a 2-1 victory over Guatemala and into the semi-finals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup. Second-half substitute De Nigris grabbed an equalizer for Mexico in the 84th after Carlos Ruiz’ fifth-minute strike put Guatemala ahead. Hernandez scored the match-winner in the 65th as Mexico advanced to a semi-final clash against Honduras, who advanced 4-2 on penalties against Costa Rica after they played to a 1-1 draw in extra time.

Honduras advanced in the first game of a doubleheader at New Meadowlands Stadium that drew a largely pro-Mexican sellout crowd of 78,807. Mexico and Honduras will play on Wednesday in Houston. The remaining two quarter-finals are slated for Sunday in Washington, D.C., where the United States will face Jamaica and Panama take on El Salvador in the regional championship for North and Central America and the Caribbean. The winners of the tournament book a berth in the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup.

Sharapova says Wimbledon would be biggest win

LONDON, 19 June — Marta Sharapova will consider a second Wimbledon title as her biggest achievement — as the Russian superstar hunts a fourth Grand Slam — and build an under-19 — and build an under-68 to set the 54-hole record at the US Open under 68 to set the 54-hole record at the US Open (2006) and the Australian Open (2008). But her career suffered a major setback with a shoulder injury which kept her off the tour from August 2008 to May 2009. A run to the French Open semi-finals earlier this month, which had been preceded by a trophy in Rome, has convinced her that she is as strong as ever.

“I said that if I could win another Grand Slam, it would mean more than the previous ones that I have just because before the injury everything was kind so happen to have won Wimbledon, where they are returning from lengthy playing siblings in history most successful tennis-playing siblings in history are returning from lengthy playing siblings in history are returning from lengthy playing siblings in history.

McIlroy strikes again as tempers fray on Swiss Tour

SCHAFHAUSEN, 19 June — Slovakian Peter Sagan claimed his second victory of the Tour de Suisse on stage three to Grindelwald ahead of Italian all-rounder Damiano Cunego. With each remarkable round, with each record-setting performance, Rory McIlroy is making that Masters debacle seem like a distant memory. A US Open title could erase it altogether.

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Marseille set to sign Morel from league rivals

MARSEILLE, FRANCE, 19 June—French giants Marseille are set to sign defender Jeremy Morel from Ligue 1 rivals Lorient the buying club announced on Sunday.

The 27-year-old - who would be the second player from the club to sign for Marseille with Morgan Amalfitano having joined earlier this month - will sign a four year contract for a reported fee of 11million euros.

Morel has made over 200 appearances for Lorient, having come through the youth system with the Brittany club.

He will be the third player to quit Lorient since the end of the season, with aside from Amalfitano, leading striker Kevin Gameiro having been sold to Paris Saint-Germain for a reported fee of 11million euros.

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan State, fairly widespread in Bago Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Ayeyawady Region, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Yangon Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (6.73) inches, Maubin (6.06) inches, Paung (5.35) inches, Maungtaw (5.27) inches, Pyapon (5.07) inches, Kyaukkhali (4.76) inches, Kyaukkpyu (4.26) Inches, Ngathangchau (4.13) inches, Kyauktaw (3.98) inches, Kyukmaraw (3.54) inches, Nyaungtzone (3.20) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw
- Maximum temperature on 18-6-2011 was 90°F
- Minimum temperature on 19-6-2011 was 77°F
- Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-6-2011 was (85%). Rainfall on 19-6-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)
- Maximum temperature on 19-6-2011 was 86°F
- Minimum temperature on 19-6-2011 was 73°F
- Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 18-6-2011 was (0.39)inch.
- Rainfall on 19-6-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw. (2.79) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (17.17) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (40.47) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (10) mph from Southwest at (06:30) hours MST on 19-6-2011.

Bay Inference:
- Rain will be isolated to scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).
- State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days:
- Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar Areas.
- Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
- Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20th June 2011: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).
- Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Myanmar taking measures for creating more job opportunities, ensuring gender equality and strong national economy and alleviating poverty while placing emphasis on social welfare

NAV PYI TAW, 19 June—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi arrived in Geneva on 12 June morning to attend the 100th Session of International Labour Conference held from 1 to 17 June at the UN building in Geneva, Switzerland.

On 13 June morning, the Union Minister and Myanmar delegation attended the plenary session of International Labour Conference and met the Labour Minister of Qatar, who was also an attendee of the session. Next, the Union Minister and delegation members attended a luncheon hosted by the ILO Office Executive Director and discussed cooperation between the ILO and the Myanmar government.

On 14 June morning, the Union Minister attended an informal meeting of ASEAN Labour Ministers and explained Myanmar’s developments and the ministry’s plans for drafting the bills.

In his speech at the 100th Session of International Labour Conference, Union Minister U Aung Kyi said Myanmar is taking measures for creating more job opportunities, ensuring gender equality and strong national economy and alleviating poverty. At the same time, the State is placing emphasis on social welfare.

Now, the country is drafting the bills for new social welfare law and new job and capacity building law for the protection of workers.

He quoted the speech of the President at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as saying that the State has placed emphasis on social welfare.

Depression over Bay of Bengal vanishes

NAV PYI TAW, 19 June—Yesterday’s depression over north Bay of Bengal has crossed West Bengal Coast (India) and remained as the land depression. According to the observations at (05:30) hrs MST today, the land depression has become unimportant, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA