Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

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
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
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Prime Minister General Thein Sein
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NAY PYI TAW, 12 June — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2008.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends harvesting of summer paddy in Kengtung, inspects progress of Mongkhat
NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command May-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, attended the harvesting of summer paddy for 2007-08 season at field No. 25 in Kengtung, yesterday morning. Shan State (East) Manager U Aung Khin of Myanma Agriculture Service reported on progress in harvesting the summer paddy, increasing acreage of summer paddy and prize presentation for the outstanding farmers. The commander gave a supplementary report. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on increasing of per-acre yield, applying systematic cultivation methods, using quality strains, utilization of fertilizers, cultivation of crops in proper (See page 7)

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Strive for improvement of socio-economic life of people

The government is undertaking rehabilitation tasks in the storm-ravaged areas and it is also systematically planning preparedness in the event of natural disasters and programmes for improvement of socio-economic life of local people.

Damaged schools in the townships in the storm-hit areas are being rebuilt with the assistance of the companies. Moreover, reconstruction tasks including transport, health, communications and electric power are being implemented with the cooperation of the respective companies.

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With the fulfillment of the government and the help of the wellwishers, local farmers on their part need to make concerted efforts for growing of crops in fertile lands and boosting production of crops. Powered boats, fishing nets and other equipment are provided for those who earn their living in fisheries and the help of the wellwishers, local farmers. Now the rainy season has set in and reconstruction works of towns and villages in the storm-hit areas are being undertaken with greater momentum and continued support is being given to operation of businesses and commodity production in the region.

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It is believed that socio-economic life of local people will improve through the endeavours of the people in the respective sectors by undertaking rehabilitation and regional development tasks in the storm-affected regions.

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**Foreign Affairs Minister sends felicitations to the Philippines**

**NAY PYI TAW, 12 June**—On the occasion of the 110th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2008, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alberto G. Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.—MNA

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**Minister for Foreign Affairs felicitates Russian counterpart**

**NAY PYI TAW, 12 June**—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergey V. Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2008.

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**Minister for Education receives UNICEF Resident Representative**

**YANGON, 11 June**—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein received Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr Ramesh Shrestha and officials at the meeting hall of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar), here, on 9 June evening.

At the call, the minister thanked the UNICEF for its contributions of construction materials, tents, school furniture and health equipment to basic education students and schools hit by the storm in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. The UNICEF

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**Myanmar delegation back from Serbia**

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 June**—At the invitation of the State Secretary of the Serbian Foreign Ministry Mr Rajko Bogojevic, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu paid an official visit to the Republic of Serbia from 2 to 8 June 2008.

During the visit, the delegation called on State Secretary of the Ministry of Culture Ms Ivana Stefanovic at 1 pm and Mayor of Belgrade City Mr Zoran Alimpic at 3 pm on 3 June separately to discuss bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

On 4 June, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Serbian Delegation led by State Secretary of the Serbian Foreign Ministry Mr Rajko Bogojevic held a coordination meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia at 10 am.

During the meeting, the two leaders of the delegations exchanged views on bilateral relations and cooperation, regional and international cooperation.

At 5 pm, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu visited mechanized agriculture farms near Belgrade.

On 5 June, the Myanmar delegation called on State Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Services Ms Zora Simovic at 10 am, Vice President of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce Mr Milos Bugarin at 11 am and Director of the Serbian Invest-Import Mr Goran Simovic at 12 noon respectively to discuss bilateral cooperation. At 7 pm, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu met the Director of Yugo Import SDPR to discuss bilateral trade. The delegation arrived back here on 8 June.—MNA
Torrential rains affect millions in China

The Associated Press

HANGZHOU, China—Torrential rains continued to lash China on Wednesday, affecting at least 2 million people, disrupting traffic and threatening reservoir safety. More than 4,000 roads collapsed as the heavy rains hit the provinces of Zhejiang and Jiangxi and the southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

In Zhejiang, the rain affected more than 930,000 people and more than 70,000 hectares of crops, halting production at 286 factories and forcing the closure of 115 roads, local officials said. Water levels in at least five reservoirs in the province had risen above warning levels as of 5 am Wednesday. Preliminary estimates put the losses at more than 860 million yuan (US$124 million).

Meteorological authorities in Zhejiang said the region would face more heavy rains in two days and warned local government officials of possible flood dangers.

In Jiangxi, where one person was killed and around 920,000 were affected, the heavy rain brought down more than 1,000 rooms, affected more than 40,000 hectares of crops, forced the closure of 149 roads and damaged 20 reservoirs. Damage to power lines and irrigation facilities was also reported.

Heavy rains were expected to begin on Friday, posing pressure to flood control in Wuhan, a city near Guangxi’s border with Guangdong Province. The city was ravaged by the worst flooding in 100 years in 2005. The water level at the Wuhan section of the Xiangjiang River was only 1.4 m below the warning level of 18.5 m as of 3:30 pm Wednesday and was rising by 0.1 m per hour, local officials said.

Land and resources authorities in Tibet Autonomous Region had ordered closer monitoring and timely reporting to prevent geological disasters as the region had entered the main flood season.

In the eastern Jiangxi Province, precipitation exceeded 300 mm in three counties and 200 mm in another 43 in just three days, and seven small reservoirs were at risk.

Reformist-ex-Vietnam premier Vo Van Kiet dies

HANOI, 11 June—Former Vietnam Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet, a major force behind economic reforms started in the late 1980s, died on Wednesday, his family said. He was 85.

Relatives said he died in a Singapore hospital of acute pneumonia and his body would be returned to Vietnam. Born on 23 November, 1922, in the southern Mekong Delta, Kiet served as prime minister from 1991 until he stepped down to be replaced by his former deputy Phan Van Khai in September 1997.

Israel strike kills three Gaza militants firing mortar

JERUSALEM, 11 June—An Israeli airstrike killed three Palestinians firing mortars at southern Israel on Tuesday, while Israel’s leaders debated whether to pursue a truce with Gaza’s Hamas rulers or launch a broad military offensive against militants in the coastal strip.

In a related development, the father of an Israeli soldier held captive in Gaza by Hamas said his son pleaded for his life and appealed to the government not to abandon him in a newly received letter.

Single-horned ‘Unicorn’ deer found in Italy

The Associated Press

PRATO (Italy), 11 June—A deer with a single horn in the center of its head — much like the fabled, mythical unicorn — has been spotted in a nature preserve in Italy, park officials said on Wednesday.

“This is fantasy becoming reality,” Gilberto Tozzi, director of the Center of Natural Sciences in Prato, told The Associated Press. “The unicorn has always been a mythological animal.”

The 1-year-old Roe Deer — nicknamed “Unicorn” — was born in captivity in the research center park in the Tuscan town of Prato, near Florence, Tozzi said. He is believed to have been born with a genetic flaw; his twin has two horns.

Calling it the first time he has seen such a case, Tozzi said such anomalies among deer may have inspired the myth of the unicorn.

The unicorn, a horse-like creature with magical healing powers, has appeared in legends and stories throughout history, from ancient and medieval texts to the adventures of Harry Potter.

Pakistan says US airstrikes kill 11 border troops

Associated Press

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 11 June — US-led forces killed Pakistani troops in an airstrike along the volatile Afghan border that Pakistan’s Army condemned on Wednesday as “completely unprovoked and cowardly.”

US officials confirmed that three aircraft launched about a dozen bombs following a clash between Taliban militants and Afghan and US-led coalition forces late Tuesday. Pakistan says the strikes killed 11 of its paramilitary troops.

The Pakistani army said the airstrike hit a post of the paramilitary Frontier Corps in the Mohmand tribal region and was a “completely unprovoked and cowardly act.” It launched a strong protest and reserved the “right to protect our citizens and soldiers against aggression,” the military said in a statement. The statement said the clash “had hit at the very basis of cooperation” between the allies in the war on terror.

Pakistan Army spokesman Maj Gen Asif Wazir Abbas denied the insurgents attacked from Pakistan or that there had been any attack launched from the Corparai post. He also denied the coalition had given prior notice of its operation in the area.

In Islamabad, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said Pakistan “vehemently condemned” the airstrike.

“We will take a stand for the sovereignty, dignity and self-respect of this country,” he told Parliament.

McCain paints Obama as job-killing liberal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, 11 June—Republican John McCain said Tuesday his House opponent Barack Obama’s economic platform would kill jobs and growth, vowing instead to keep big government out of entrepreneurship.

The Arizona senator spelled out the difference in governing philosophy that he said would be a critical choice in November’s election, as he sparred with Obama over the economic crisis engulfing many US families. “No matter which of us wins in November, there will be change in this country,” he told a well-received speech.

“Under Senator Obama’s tax plan, Americans of every background would see their taxes rise—seniors, parents, small business owners, and just about everyone who has even a modest investment in the market,” he said.

At least 28 killed in Sudanese airliner blaze

Associated Press

KHARTOUM, 11 June—A Sudanese airliner burst into flames after landing in Khartoum overnight in bad weather, killing at least 28 of the 217 people on board, officials said on Wednesday.

Khartoum airport’s head of medical services, Major-General Mohamed Osman Mahjoub, said authorities had so far established there were 123 survivors but 66 people were unaccounted for. The plane’s emergency chutes enabled the survivors to escape.

Twenty-eight bodies had been taken to a nearby mortuary, said Mahjoub, adding that some of the 66 people unaccounted for might have survived and left the airport during the confusion after the plane fire broke out on Tuesday night.
Iran withdrawing assets from Europe banks

TEHERAN, 11 June— Iran is withdrawing assets from European banks in the face of tightening international sanctions against the Islamic Republic over its disputed nuclear programme, an Iranian daily said on Tuesday.

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OPEC weekly prices drop

VIENNA, 11 June— The weekly average oil prices of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) dropped to 121.45 dollars per barrel (dbp) last week, the Vienna-based cartel said Monday.

The prices were 2.85 dollars lower than last week. The daily prices kept dropping in the first three trading days from 122.1 dbp to 118.56 dbp and rose by 0.21 dollars Thursday, rising 6 per cent to 126.11 dbp Friday.

Experts said that the weekly prices were able to watch live broadcasts of Olympic events via the satellite. The quality and coverage of the country’s television and broadcasting services were to be increased, and people in remote regions of China would receive clear television programmes.

The China Great Wall Industrial Corporation (CGWIC), the contractor of the satellite launch, signed the launch service contract with China Satcom in November 2005. As the only company engaged in international commercial satellite launching services, CGWIC has launched 34 foreign satellites for 28 services.

Xinhua

Chinese car sales down slightly in May

JAKARTA, 11 June — New motor vehicle sales in Indonesia was down slightly by 1.82 percent to 50,699 units in May from 51,640 in the previous month, a leading economic daily reported Monday.

Dancers performs during the opening ceremony of the first China Xinjiang International Folk Dance Festival in Urumqi, capital of northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 8 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Vietnamese PM assures Govt’s ability to stabilize currency

HANOI, 11 June— The Vietnamese Government is capable of intervening in the foreign exchange market to stabilize Vietnamese dong (VND) when needed, and will ensure information transparency crucial to gaining public trust of the currency, local newspaper Vietnam News on Tuesday quoted Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung as saying.

The recent appreciation of the US dollar over VND in the free market was mainly triggered by speculation, he said. The government ruled out any plans to deprecate the currency in the foreseeable future.

“Given the country’s current balance and the overall economic situation, there is no reason for a devaluation,” the Prime Minister stated. He said that other than trade deficit, the national balance of payment in the first five months of this year recorded a surplus of one billion dollars, and the figure was likely to keep on increasing in the medium term.—Xinhua

Cambodian garment exports to US decline seriously

PHNOM PENH, 11 June— Apparel exports to the United States, Cambodia’s largest market, have been on serious decline since last October, national media Tuesday quoted the Cambodian Ministry of Commerce as saying. Officials attribute the decline to increasing competition from Vietnam, which joined the World Trade Organization in January 2007, and the brewing US economic slowdown, said English-Khmer language newspaper the Cambodian Daily.

Nevertheless, exports to Canada and the European Union have grown marginally, mitigating the effects on the country’s garment industry, it added.—Xinhua

German exports up 1.2% in April

BERLIN, 11 June— German exports rose beyond expectation in April thanks to strong demand from countries outside the European Union, official data released on Monday showed.

According to the Wiesbaden-based Federal Statistics Office, exports from Europe’s largest economy grew by 1.2 per cent compared to March, when they fell 0.8 per cent. Economists had expected a growth of just 0.5 per cent.

On a year-on-year basis, sales to non-European Union states surged by 18.4 percent to 31.8 billion euros (about 49.6 billion US dollars) in April. Exports to other EU states increased 11.6 per cent to 58 billion euros (90.4 billion US dollars).

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Exhibiting extraordinary courage and resilience

Chit Naing (Phychology)

“Few days ago, I visited the area and saw for myself the human toll of this disaster—homes and villages and roads washed away, fields flooded, so many livelihoods destroyed. But I also saw homes and lives being rebuilt. The people of Myanmar have shown extraordinary courage and resilience in trying to save their fellowmen and to rekindle hope shattered as a result of this cruel blow.”

Mr Ban Ki-moon
UN Secretary-General
ASEAN-UN International Pledging Conference
25-5-2008, Yangon

I was heartbroken when I heard the news that the storm that had ravaged the nation on 2 May 2008 was followed by heavy loss of human lives, animals and property in some townships in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. Then, I planned to visit and comfort the victims to tidal waves triggered by the catastrophe, my colleagues, fellow writers and journalists. I could collect food, clothes and one million kyats to provide them.

I visited Dalla, Twantay, Kungyangon townships in Yangon South District on 28 May. In Yangon Division, those townships suffered death and destruction severer than any other township during the natural disaster that took place on 2 and 3 May. So, I paid a visit to those storm-affected areas to console the victims and provide them with the cash and kind I had collected. Some houses were leveled down, while the roofs of some houses were blown off. Some of their neighbours were missing. Local people were at the mercy of the most destructive natural disaster the whole night, and were still frightened till next morning. Some of them still had nightmares about the disaster.

When a person dies, other family members mourn for him or her for a week or a month. It was very heart-breaking for me to urge the people to work hard and to show resilience in the face of crises.

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Aung Thin said, “While the storm was raging, I heard the sound or the strong wind, but no voices. After the storm had abated, I heard voices, but no sound of the strong wind. The whole street was completely filled with fallen leaves and branches.”

“The street dwellers had to remove the fallen trees and branches. They dragged the branches and twigs to the main street at the top of our street, producing a lot of sound.”

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“About 4 pm, the whole street was cleared. The street was even clearer than before the storm, because the children dragged the branches and that was like sweeping the street. I would say the tarred street was even clearer than before the storm, because the children dragged the branches and that was like sweeping the street. I would say the tarred street became so clean that we could put our meals on it to have.”

It was very encouraging to witness that the people showed remarkable resilience in the storm that ravaged the nation at the unprecedented level. I am very pleased to note the words of praise of UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon. What the people have gained in the aftermath of the storm is that measures are being taken phase by phase in compliance with the guidance of the visionary Head of State to improve the living conditions of local people. I am sure the observers from the international community will witness the significant development the nation will enjoy in next four or five years if compared with the situations in the natural disaster due to the strenuous efforts the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are making in concert.
Minister inspects rehabilitation tasks in Dedaye Township

**Pharmaceutical factories inspected**

**Yangon, 11 June**—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited Hepatitis (B) Vaccine Factory of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries in Hlegu Township on 8 June.

He inspected the lab and store rooms at the Industries.

Later, he looked into production of Rubber Glove Factory, Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon) and Special Medicine Factory at Pyinnabar in Mingalardon Township and left necessary instructions.—MNA

**Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects power-tillers to be used in land reclamation in Dedaye Township.**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June**—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than attended a work coordination meeting for relief and rehabilitation of damaged villages caused by storm at the office of Dedaye Township Peace and Development Council on 9 June.

The minister explained reconstruction of damaged schools, dispensaries and monasteries, repair of drinking water lakes, regeneration of farmlands and agricultural matters.

After hearing reports on progress in repair of buildings and work to be done on agricultural matters by chairmen of village PDCs, the minister attended to the needs.

The minister inspected progress in repair of rice mill and and progress in repair of Basic Education High School (Affiliated) by EdenCo and presented cash assistance to the school at Tawkame Village yesterday.

Next, the minister looked into damage of village dispensary and presented cash assistance and CI sheets.

At Dedaye Township sports ground, the minister inspected assembling of power-tillers for regeneration of farmlands in storm-hit villages and gave instructions on delivery of the power-tillers to farmers in time. So far, 176 power-tillers had been delivered to farmers. Out of 182,124.6 acres of land, 20308 acres had been cultivated by power-tiller and 9134 acres by cattle.—MNA

**Entrepreneurs undertake rehabilitation works**

**Yangon, 11 June**—Entrepreneurs are taking part in rehabilitation works in Pynsalu of Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division. Max Myanmar Co together with villagers and Tatmadawmen are undertaking repair of basic education schools, the people’s hospital and village dispensaries and digging of lake for storage of drinking water.

Likewise, Zay Gabar Co will provide assistance for rehabilitation works and sell materials used in the respective work to villagers through installment.—MNA

The photo shows renovated Basic Education High School in Kanbat Village-tract in Labutta Township. MNA

**Myanmar Ambassador presents credentials to Governor General of Commonwealth of Australia**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 12 June**—U Hla Myint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Commonwealth of Australia presented his credentials to His Excellency Major-General Philip Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC, Governor General of Commonwealth of Australia, on 29 May in Canberra.—MNA

**Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends…**

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seasons and minimizing of loss and wastage in harvesting paddy.

They viewed harvesting of summer paddy by farmers.

Next, they looked samples of quality paddy strain seeds and edible oil seeds.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party viewed cultivation of monsoon along both sides of Kengtung-Mongkhat Road, thriving edible oil crops plantations, preparations for construction of the concrete posts at Wamtapon Bridge on Kengtung-Mongkhat Road and maintenance of the bridge.

After inspecting the road, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on extension of Kengtung-Mongkhat-Mongyian Road, maintenance of bridges along the road and progress of works presented by Shan State (East) Super-intending Engineer U Thaug Hay and District Engineer U Khin Maung Thein. The commander gave a supplementary report.

At mile post No 31 of Kengtung-Mongkhat-Mongyian Road, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected repair of the mountain road with the use of heavy machinery, construction of the approach structure and a new bridge.

In Mongkhat, they met departmental officials, local national races and townsenders. Chairman of Township PDC U Nyein Htwe reported on progress of the township in agriculture, education, health and regional development.

At Mongkhat Basic Education High School, they presented one set of computer to Headmaster U Kyin Shein Mon. At Mongkhat Township Hospital, they inspected the medical stores, the operation/theatre and patient wards. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win instructed officials to keep the hospital clean and tidy. MNA
YANGON, 11 June — Full health care services are being provided for the relief camp in Pyinsalu of Labutta Township; there were patients with sickness and complaints; health staff of the dispensary are chlorizing the drinking water pots and tanks and keeping the fly-proof latrine clean; and they also fed B1 and Vitamin A medicines to expectant mothers and the children under five at the camp, Health Assistant U Kyaw Kyaw told the news agency on 9 June.

Moreover, the medical team of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence, Zay Gabar Co and the mobile medical team provided health care services to the local people and presented nutritious food for children, blankets and utensils to the children.

MNA

Health care services given to relief camp in Pyinsalu

YANGON, 11 June — Construction companies from abroad and at home are taking part in process of reconstructing storm-hit villages and Mawlamyinegyun in Mawlamyinegyun Township. A-1 Construction Company has already repaired BEHS No 1, BEPS No 14, Minkyaung BEPS, Chanmyae BEPS, Mawlamyinegyun Home for the Aged and government offices.

Moreover, such post-primary schools as Kyunchaung, Mabay, Ngwezinyaw, Kunthichaunggyi, Awachaung and Thuyechaung have also been repaired.

Likewise, Mabay, Chaukchaung, Watanthityar, and Kunthichaung BEPSs have been revamped.

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Village schools in Mawlamyinegyun Township repaired

YANGON, 11 June — Relief supplies from international community are continuously flowing to Myanmar.

Three C-130 planes from the USA carrying bottled drinking water, tents and plastic weighing 24,938 tons arrived at Yangon International Airport at 9.23 am, 10.30 am and 12.01 pm; a PG-701 plane from Thailand carrying 165 packages of various kinds of personal goods at 12.50 pm; two C-130 planes from Thailand carrying rice, drinking water bottles, a wide variety of clothing weighing 20.09 tons at 1.20 pm and 4.20 pm; an IL-76 plane from UNICEF carrying 16.248 tons of school bags at 2 pm and AN-12 and IL-76 planes carrying school bags and plastic containers weighing 35,424 tons at 3.50 pm and at 5 pm today.

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Relief supplies continuously flow to Myanmar

Members of Korean Medic Team provide medical treatment to local people at Home for the Aged in Dedanaw Model Village of Kangyangon Township.—MNA
MRCS and IPRD staff help restore family links

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — With the assistance of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), members of Myanmar Red Cross Society in collaboration with the staff of division, district and township Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information are making enquiries in a bid to restoring family links among the storm victims in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

In doing so, letters of enquiries to be furnished by the separated family members were distributed to the public. A total of 59 letters were received from those who were out of contact with families at the offices of IPRDs in Pathein, Myaungmya, Maubin and Pyapon Districts in Ayeyawady Division up to 5 June. The letters have been forwarded to MRCS.

Reconstruction of Mawlamyinegyun Township under way

YANGON, 11 June — Mawlamyinegyun Township Women’s Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Health Department presented food to the patients at the township People’s Hospital yesterday.

Likewise, township health sub-committee also provided meals to patients from 12 May to date.

Works for erecting lamp-posts and installation of electric power lines in Mawlamyinegyun Township are being carried out by personnel of the Ministry of Electric Power No 2. Ninety percent of the work has been completed.

In an interview with the township electrical in-charge, he said the installation of Ma Hninzi River Crossing power lines had been completed and erecting of lamp-posts in the township was in progress. Electricity will be supplied soon, he said.

Efforts are being made for ensuring clean water in the villages of Mawlamyinegyun township by Myanmar Red Cross Society and France Red Cross Society.

Six villages in the township have accepted tarpaulin as well as personal goods.

In an interview with the coordinator of MRCS, arrangements for ensuring clean water from the lakes in Nyaunngyi and Ngwe Thazin villages had been made.

The government will also provide farmers with paddy seeds which are suitable to grow in the local farmlands for timely cultivation of paddy in the storm-hit villages in the township.

Traditional medicine practitioners leave for storm-hit villages in Ngapudaw

YANGON, 11 June — A17-member team of traditional medicine practitioners led by Professor U Wa Tun of the University of Traditional Medicine left for Pathein yesterday by ship to provide health care services for storm-victims.

The trip was arranged by the Ministry of Health with the assistance of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council and Inland Water Transport. The ship carried traditional medicines worth K 50 million and 100 bags of rice. The team will provide treatment in 20 villages to villagers in Ngapudaw Township.

The team was seen off by the Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department and officials.

Water purification machines seen at Third-Mile Relief Camp in Labutta.

A 17-member team of traditional medicine practitioners left for Pathein yesterday by ship to provide health care services for storm-victims.
Reconstruction and development scenes in Hsukalat Village-tract of Dedaye Township

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

The photo shows progress in renovation of the monastery in Hsukalat Village of Dedaye Township.

Rice mills being operated as usual in Hsukalat Village of Dedaye Township.

Our media team on 8 June morning made a trip by motorized boat along Toe River to cover the news on reconstruction and development of storm-hit Hsukalat Village-tract in Dedaye Township.

Weather was gloomy. Due to strong wind, the choppy water changed to the small waves in the river.

However, we witnessed fishermen at work in boats with various sizes of fishing net along the river.

On arrival at Hsukalat Village-tract, we first saw that members of the Myanmar Red Cross Society in cooperation with those of the International Committee of the Red Cross directly delivered mosquito nets, blankets, tarpaulins, toothpastes, tooth brushes, towels and T-shirts to storm victims from 642 households.

The faces of storm victims lit up while they were carrying relief supplies.

It was learnt that the Myanmar Red Cross Society has so far donated relief supplies to the storm victims from 6,200 households of 13 village-tracts including Hsukalat Village-tract.

Likewise, rice, edible oil, salt, purified drinking water, egg, canned fish, instant noodle, candy, biscuit, chocolate, coffeemix, longgyi, shirts, blankets, mosquito net, tarpaulin, bowl, aluminum pot, bucket, hoe and tents donated by the government and well-wishers at home and abroad have been delivered to storm victims of 393 households from Hsukalat Village and those from 642 households of seven villages of the village-tract.

Chairman of Village Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Soe Oo said, “The village has to regenerate 1,062 acres of farmlands in the village. So far, the government has provided Leyar-22 power-tillers, water buffalos, paddy strains and farming equipment to the village for timely cultivation of monsoon paddy in 2008-09 cultivation season. At present, officials are collecting the number of fishermen for resumption of their work.”

It was a significant endeavour of the government for fulfilling the requirements of the victims.

At Maha Bawdiyama Kyanugtaik of the village, we paid homage to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Candobhasa and Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Thithseint Monastery Bhaddanta Indaka.

The Sayadaws said that he had systematically presented rice and foodstuffs, snacks, drinking water, clothes and kitchen utensils donated by well-wishers and lay persons to the storm-hit households.

Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min donated 100 corrugated iron sheets and K 300,000 to Thithseint Monastery and 50 CI sheets and K 100,000 to Maha Bawdiyama Monastery.”

A townselder also told us, “The Minister also provided 120 CI sheets for the rural health centre.”

In the evening, we left Hsukalat Village. On our return, the weather was not fine because of the strong wind. However, our media men vowed to march onwards to the target with the diligence and high spirit joining hands with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

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British Labour support slumps to record low

LONDON, 11 June—A new opinion poll shows that support for the ruling Labour Party has slumped to a record low only three days before Prime Minister Gordon Brown faces a tough parliamentary test, The Sunday Telegraph reported Sunday.

An survey by ICM for The Sunday Telegraph puts the opposition Tories (Conservatives) on 42 per cent, 16 points ahead of Labour’s 26 per cent, the lowest figure the party has recorded in any poll by the survey company, the daily said.

Labour recorded 40 per cent in a poll shortly after Brown became Prime Minister last June.

The survey shows Labour are even only five points ahead of the opposition Liberal Democrats who are on 21 per cent, according to the paper. Brown faces a rebellion by up to 50 Labour members of Parliament (MPs) in a Commons vote on Wednesday on plans to increase from 28 to 42 days the time terrorist suspects can be held without charge. The daily said that despite a series of concessions by ministers and a letter from the prime minister, most rebels contacted by The Telegraph Saturday held firm, raising the possibility of a humiliating defeat for the Labour leader.

Three tomatoes varieties removed from shelves in S Calif

LOS ANGELES, 11 June—Three tomato varieties have been removed from the shelves in Southern California as health officials warned of a widening Salmonella outbreak, authorities said on Monday.

The removal came after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advised consumers to avoid raw red plum, red Roma or round red tomatoes, which have been tied to 145 infections reported since mid-April across the nation.

Consumers may continue to eat cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, tomatoes sold with the vine still attached and tomatoes grown at home, a FDA statement said.

Major supermarket chains including Ralphs, Vons and Albertsons have stopped selling the three kinds of fruit on the FDA list. Other types of tomatoes remained for sale, said Brian Dowling, a vice president of public affairs for Vons owner Safeway, based in Pleasanton, California. “It’s a precaution.”

Fast-food chains, including Irvine-based Taco Bell Corp and Denver-based Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc, have also stopped offering tomatoes, according to the Los Angeles Times on Monday.—INTERNET

NATO chopper damaged by insurgent fire in Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 June—A contracted supply aircraft for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was damaged by insurgent fire Monday morning in Nuristan Province of eastern Afghanistan, the military alliance said.

In a statement, the NATO-led military said the helicopter came under attack from rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire immediately after landing at an ISAF base in the region to drop supplies. “The soldiers on the base returned fire with small arms, mortars, artillery and close air support causing the insurgents to break off their attack,” the ISAF said, adding, “No ISAF, contractors or Afghan civilians were injured during the incident.”

Samsung launches iPhone lookalike Omnia

FRANKFURT, 11 June—Korean technology group Samsung launched a new touch-screen smartphone on Monday, hours before Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs was expected to announce a new version of the iPhone.

Like the iPhone, Samsung’s Omnia aims to make Internet browsing easy, and has a wide screen for viewing video as well as music capabilities and a 5 megapixel camera. It runs on Microsoft Windows Mobile software.

Red Cross rescuer outside a flattened house at the village of Vlami, Greece, on 9 June, 2008. Seismologists warned on Monday that a strong aftershock was expected in southwestern Greece a day after a powerful earthquake killed two people and injured nearly 150.—INTERNET

Florida tomatoes in an undated photo. Florida’s tomato industry is in “complete collapse” and $40 million worth of tomatoes will rot unless federal regulators quickly trace the source of a Salmonella outbreak and clear the state’s produce, an industry official said on 10 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Nigerian militants seize oil vessel with eight sailors

LAGOS, 11 June—Armed militants in southern Nigeria ambushed an oil vessel belonging to Canada’s Addax Petroleum Corp on Monday and are holding eight naval personnel on board, a Navy spokesman said.

“Some naval ratings escorting an Addax boat were ambushed by militants who boarded the ship. There was limited exchange of gunfire because of the combustible nature of the cargo,” Nigerian Navy spokesman Henry Babalola said.

He said the vessel had left the Calabar area near Nigeria’s southeastern border with Cameroon and was heading towards Onne in Rivers state, part of the Niger Delta which is home to Africa’s biggest oil industry.

“We have asked for the commander in the Port Harcourt area to send reinforcements to rescue the ship,” Babalola said, referring to the main city in the delta. One private security contractor said 12 sailors had been seized in the ambush.

Militants who say they are fighting for greater local control of the delta’s natural resources launched a campaign of violent sabotage against the oil industry in early 2006 which has forced the world’s eighth-biggest exporter to cut output.—MNA/Reuters

Viola, Wisconsin is seen mostly underwater on 9 June, 2008. An earthen dam along a man-made lake gave way under severe flooding on Monday, unleashing a powerful current that ripped several homes off their foundations and down the Wisconsin River. —INTERNET

FLORIDA - A earthen dam along a man-made lake gave way under severe flooding on Monday, unleashing a powerful current that ripped several homes off their foundations and down the Wisconsin River, leaving nearly 150 people homeless and $40 million worth of tomatoes rotting on the field.

The collapse of the lake, which is located near the town of Viola in Marathon County, came as a complete surprise to local residents and officials. The lake had been in place for over a decade and was considered impervious to flooding.

“I’ve never seen anything like this,” said one local resident, who declined to be named. “We thought the lake was safe, but it’s like a natural disaster has just ripped through here.”

The lake is used to supply water to local agricultural operations, including tomato and potato farms. The collapse of the lake has caused the water levels to rise to levels not seen in decades, inundating homes and farmland.

“The water is at a record high level, and it’s like a wall moving through here,” said another local resident. “We were just a step away from losing everything.”

Emergency officials have set up a relief center to help the residents, and have called in the National Guard to help with the evacuation and clean-up.

“Every house is either already under water, or going to be flooded,” said one local official. “We need all the help we can get.”

Local farmers are in shock as they watch their crops rot and their businesses shut down. “This is just one more example of the damage that Mother Nature can do,” said one tomato farmer. “We’ve lost everything.”

The collapse of the lake has also raised concerns about the safety of similar man-made lakes in the area. “We need to take a closer look at these lakes and make sure they are safe,” said one local engineer. “We can’t have another disaster like this.”

The cause of the lake’s collapse is still under investigation, but officials believe it may have been caused by a combination of heavy rain and a rise in water levels caused by a nearby river. The lake is currently being drained, but it is unknown how long it will take to clear the water.

“Everything is a mess right now,” said one local resident. “We just need some answers.”

The collapse of the lake has also raised questions about the management of man-made lakes in the area. “We need to have better regulations in place to prevent something like this from happening again,” said one local politician. “We can’t keep losing our crops.”
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—MNA/Xinhua

**Morocco, Indonesia set to boost trade exchanges**

Rabat, 11 June—The first session of the Moroccan-Indonesian high joint commission wrapped up Sunday in Rabat with the two countries voicing firm to give a new impetus to bilateral cooperation, especially through boosting trade exchanges, state MAP news agency reported.

Morocco and Indonesia affirmed to step up efforts with a view of promoting bilateral cooperation by taking account of the large potential of the two countries in terms of trade and investments, MAP said, quoting a joint release issued at the end of the one-day commission meeting.

In order to bolster trade exchanges, the two countries signed an agreement on banning double taxation and fighting tax evasion.—MNA/Xinhua
Japan’s PM under pressure to set interim CO₂ goal

Tokyo, 10 June — Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda was expected to unveil on Monday a target to cut Japan’s greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, but also faces pressure to set an interim goal to show leadership as host of a G-8 summit next month.

Japan hopes to clinch agreement to halve global emissions by midcentury at the Group of Eight summit, where a climate change session will also be attended by big emerging countries such as China and India.

The European Union, which has already set a target of reducing emissions by 20 per cent by 2020, and developing countries argue rich nations should take the lead by setting bold 2050 targets for reducing emissions that cause global warming.

But the United States, a top emitter along with China, has said it will only accept binding emissions cuts on condition major emerging countries also agree. So far, they have refused to do so.

Fukuda is likely to set a target to reduce emissions by 60-80 per cent by 2050 and acknowledge the need for midterm targets. But Japanese media have said he would stop short of announcing firm figures for a 2020 goal.

EU welcomes Int’l move to improve energy efficiency

BRUSSELS, 10 June — The European Commission on Monday welcomed the call by the Group of Eight industrialized countries plus China, India and South Korea for energy efficiency amid rising oil prices.

Energy ministers from the G-8 and the three Asian countries, who met in the G-8 Presidency Japan, issued a joint declaration earlier Monday, announcing the establishment of the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation, a new framework aimed at facilitating energy-saving measures and transfer of related technologies.

“Given our collective dimension in both economic and demographic terms, representing over 65 per cent of the global energy consumption and global CO2 emissions, G-8 countries and the EU, together with China, India and South Korea are in a privileged position to influence world energy trends,” EU Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs, who was in Japan for the meeting, said in a statement released by the commission here.

Govt urges Mozambicans to seek HIV test, drugs

Maputo, 10 June — Not enough people are coming forward to get life-prolonging HIV drugs, despite Mozambique being able to provide antiretroviral (ARV) drugs to anyone needing them, the country’s Health Minister said.

“We have the capacity to supply ARVs to anyone carrying the virus, but we have to convince people to take the test, otherwise it will be very difficult to change the situation,” Health Minister Ivo Garrido told a news conference.

More than 16 per cent of Mozambicans aged 14-49 are infected with HIV. An estimated 500 new infections occur each day.

Garrido said the government would encourage more people to seek an HIV test through a radio and television campaign.

It would also boost its awareness programme in schools. Health Ministry figures at the end of April showed 101,198 HIV-positive Mozambicans were receiving ARVs, over a quarter in the capital.

Cuba, Venezuela to install undersea cable

HAVANA, 11 June—Cuba and Venezuela will install an undersea optical fiber cable connecting the two countries to counter US embargo, Cuba’s official daily Granma reported Monday.

The cable will have a total capacity of 640 gigabytes with 320 for each optical fiber, increasing by 3,000 times Cuba’s data, voice and video transmission capacity with other countries, said Carlos Orfelia, the Venezuelan official adviser of the project. He said advanced technology would be used to guarantee Cuba and Venezuela’s independence in telecommunications.

This project will end Cuba’s dependence on satellites services made expensive due to the US embargo, said Wilfredo Morales, director of the Telecommunications Gran Caribe Company, the Cuba-Venezuela joint venture created to build and operate the planned cable.
Ibrahimovic special helps Sweden to 2-0 win over Greece

Salzburg, 11 June — Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored his first international goal for more than two and a half years to send Sweden on the way to a 2-0 Euro 2008 victory over champions Greece on Tuesday.

The striker, who last found the net for his country in October 2005, combined with partner Henrik Larsson to drive in a superb shot from the edge of the box after 67 minutes to break the deadlock in a dull game.

Petter Hansson scrambled the second goal five minutes later to put Sweden level on points with Spain, his time watching from afar as the holders played from Greek captain Angelos Basinas but spent most of the 90 minutes later to put Sweden level on points with Spain, 67 minutes to break the deadlock in a dull game.

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Harry, Vieira poised for France comeback

Vevey (Switzerland), 11 June — Striker Thierry Henry and captain Patrick Vieira suggested they would be fit to play for France against Netherlands at Euro 2008 on Friday when both players featured in a training match on Tuesday.

Henry, France's all-time top scorer with 44 goals from 100 appearances, and midfield inspiration Vieira missed the opening Group C match, a dull 0-0 draw with Romania on Monday in Zurich, with thigh injuries.

France said shortly before the first match that Vieira, who hurt his left thigh muscle in training in the build-up to the finals, would stay in the squad for the rest of the tournament. — MNA/Reuters

Brazil coach Dunga denies losing patience with Kaka

Rio de Janeiro, 11 June — Brazil coach Dunga has denied suggestions that he has lost patience with playmaker Kaka.

The AC Milan player has been ruled out of the World Cup qualifiers away to Paraguay and at home to Argentina by Dunga after undergoing knee surgery on 23 May.

Brazilian media had suggested that Dunga was unhappy at the timing of the operation and was frustrated at again being left without the World Player of the Year, who missed last year's Copa America after asking to be rested. "They misunderstood what I said," Dunga told the Sportv cable channel in a telephone interview. "I just want him to get better and after that he can return to the national team in his own time.‖ — MNA/Reuters

UEFA back referee in Dutch opening goal dispute

Basel, 11 June — Netherlands’ controversial first goal in Monday’s 3-0 Group C victory over world champions Italy at Euro 2008 was correctly awarded despite many observers believing it was offside.

Organizers UEFA said on Tuesday UEFA general secretary David Taylor told a news conference the officials correctly interpreted Law 11 which relates to offside when Ruud van Nistelrooy scored after 26 minutes.

He stated that Christian Panucci played him aside although the Italian defender was off the pitch at the time. — MNA/Reuters

Woods downplays fitness concerns as US Open approaches

San Diego (California), 11 June — Tiger Woods had a message Tuesday for anyone speculating that knee surgery and a near nine-week layoff have left him less than ready for the US Open golf championship.

"I'm good to go," the world No.1 said Tuesday. "Come game time Thursday, I'll be ready."

Woods has won six Buick Invitational titles at Torrey Pines, where the 108th US Open golf championship tees off on Thursday on a South course measuring 7,643 yards and playing at par-71.

While June conditions, and the typical US Golf Association (USGA) set-up for an Open promise to make the course even tougher than the one players see in the January US PGA Tour event, Woods indicated that one thing he doesn’t expect to be a factor is his knee.

"Is it fully recovered? Probably not," he said, admitting he had walked 18 holes on any course since his runner-up finish to Trevor Immelman at the Masters in April.

Shortly after that defeat, which ended his vaunted bid for a calendar Grand Slam before it even started. Woods had arthroscopic surgery to repair cartilage damage in his knee.

Woods acknowledged that it wasn’t until the week of the Memorial, where he had hoped to make his competitive return 29 May - 1 June, that he was sure he would be able to play the US Open. — Internet

Hiddink says Russia made stupid errors

Innsbruck, 11 June — Russia were guilty of making stupid mistakes in their 4-1 defeat by Spain, coach Guus Hiddink said on Tuesday.

"If you see the second goal, if you see the fourth goal, some school teams don't make those errors," the Dutchman told reporters after his side were sunk by a David Villa hat-trick in the Euro 2008 Group D game.

"It's not the members of the defence, it's a matter of the whole team, knowing when the fire starts and knowing when to be firemen. To be honest I was rather angry at halftime because of this naive behaviour.‖

Hiddink said Russia made "stupid errors”, pointing to the fact they conceded a second goal just before halftime.
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Wednesday, 11 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Mon, Kayah and Kayin States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in upper Sagaing Division.

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (3.86) inches, Kalay (3.04) inches, Kalewa (2.44) inches, Mawlaik (2.01) inches, Myeik (1.45) inches, Mogok (1.18) inches and Hkarni (0.94) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-6-2008 was 86ºF. Minimum temperature on 11-6-2008 was 72ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-6-2008 was 79%.

Total sunshine hours on 10-6-2008 was (2.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 11-6-2008 was (0.04) inches at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (34.76) inches at Mingaladon, (41.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (52.99) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 10-6-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-6-2008: Weather will be partly cloudy in Magway Division and rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Kayah State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Mon, Kayin, Rakhine and Shan States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Moderate to rough sea are likely in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-6-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-6-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Make donations to the storm victims

- Everybody may make donations freely.
- Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

Certain internal and external anti-government elements, self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video.

Storm victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of the self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements.

Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- BBC lying
- VOA deceiving
- RFA setting up hostilities
- Beware! Don’t be bought by those ill-wishers

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

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