Prime Minister General Thein Sein stresses improvement of socio-economic life of storm-hit regions

Prime Minister General Thein Sein views children learning at temporary school at the 5th Mile Camp in Labutta.—MNA

Farming sector in Pyapon, Ahmar speeds up

Yangon, 17 June—Arrangements are being made for growing rice on 136,367 acres in Pyapon Township and 75,487 acres in Ahmar, totaling 211,854 acres of monsoon paddy in the 2008-09 cultivation season.

Up to 9 June, 284 power tillers, 184 cattle and 3,582 baskets of paddy strains have been supplied to the township to meet the regional cultivation target. A total of 6,475 acres have been ploughed and 1,163 acres have been cultivated in Pyapon and Ahmar townships.

Arrangements are under way to supply power tillers, cattle and fertilizers and fuel to farmers to grow rice on 40,000 acres in June and 171,580 acres in the late June. Moreover, K346.9 millions will be lent to over 6,000 farmers in the townships.—MNA

Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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

Rumours

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Nurture younger generation for promotion of morale and qualification

The government is making endeavours for progress of the nation and improvement of living standard of the people after laying down objectives on economic, education, health and social sectors. At the same time, it is building economic and social infrastructures and implementing urban development tasks while effectively using natural resources and the strength of intellectuals and intelligentsia of the country. Dams and reservoirs, major roads and bridges across the rivers and creeks, international airports and ports and modern freight handling equipment are tangible results of development.

In such situation, teachers, the main force of the education sector, play an important role in teaching and nurturing students. They are to teach the students to become brilliant in the respective fields and to possess good moral foundations such as love of the nation and its people and uprightness.

The government is undertaking national education promotion programmes and is laying emphasis on successful implementation of the objectives on emergence of a constant learning Myanmar society. It also creates good educational environment equipped with modern teaching methods and aids.

With the development of modern communication technology and learning opportunities, the majority of the people including the young with new outlook are discharging duties in the national interest. Teachers, the gardeners in the education sector, need to nurture and train the students to have good morale and high qualifications with goodwill. By doing so, the country will be able to produce qualified human resources continuously.

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**The Glass Palace Chronicle of The Kings of Myanmar in circulation**

**YANGON, 17 June** — The Unity Publishing House has distributed The Glass Palace Chronicle of The Kings of Myanmar today.


Those wishing to buy the book may contact the Unity Publishing House (Tel-0951 30977).—MNA

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**UMFCCI executive to attend workshop**

**YANGON, 17 June** — Executive U Nyi Nyi Aung of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Daw Thin Thin Hset, member of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, left here by air for Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei to participate in ASEAN-China Young Entrepreneurs Workshop to be held in from 18 to 20 June.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by the Founder of MWEA, Adviser Daw Yi Yi Myint, and Adviser Daw Wah Wah Tun.—MNA
Protesters hold placards during a protest against the visit by President Bush to Burlington on 16 June, 2008. — Internet

**Calif police ID man they say fatally beat toddler**

**Turlock, (Calif), 17 June**—Police on Monday identified a man who was fatally shot by an officer for allegedly refusing to stop beating a toddler to death along a remote road. Sergio Casian Aguilar, 27, parked his truck on an unlit road Saturday night, removed a 2-year-old boy from his car seat and proceeded to stomp, kick and punch the boy to death, authorities said. The boy was unrecognizable when he was pronounced dead at Emanuel Medical Centre, the Stanislaus County Sheriff’s Department said. Authorities have not released the boy’s name but say they believe he was Aguilar’s son. The Stanislaus County coroner and the California Department of Justice are testing DNA to confirm the relationship.

**Bollywood actors, from left, Amitabh Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai, and Abhishek Bachchan are seen during a promotional event of their film ‘Sarkar Raaj’ in Hyderabad, India, on 15 June, 2008. — Internet**

**Clashes in eastern Lebanon kill three**

**Beirut, (Lebanon), 17 June**—Lebanese security officials say that clashes between pro- and anti-government supporters overnight left three people dead and four wounded in the east of the country. The officials say the violence, which involved machete-wielding fire and rocketeton attacks, occurred in the eastern villages of Taalabaya and Saadnayel but calmed Tuesday morning after the army sent reinforcements. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. — Internet

**China floods pummel export heartland**

**Beijing, 17 June**—China’s far southern industrial hub is threatened by floods that have killed 169 people across the region, adding to the toll of natural disasters that have pummeled the nation in the lead-up to the Olympic Games. Officials in Guangdong province, the vast, densely populated economic powerhouse neighboring Hong Kong, warned of a “black June” as high tides, rain and two converging swollen rivers threatened levees, Xinhua news agency said on Tuesday. — Internet

**Japan executes notorious cannibal killer**

**Tokyo, 17 June**—Japan on Tuesday executed three people including notorious serial killer Tsutomu Miyazaki, a fetishist convicted of murdering four little girls and eating some of their bodies, officials said. Miyazaki, 45, was nicknamed the “killer nerd” for his obsession with sexual cartoons and pornography. But defence lawyers contended he was mentally ill and could not be held fully responsible for his actions. Japan is the only major industrialized nation other than the United States to apply the death penalty and has been stepping up the pace of executions, which enjoy wide public support. — Internet

**Fears for Mississippi River as flood-hit Iowa cleans up**

**Iowa City, 17 June**—Officials warily eyed the mighty Mississippi River Monday swollen by days of flooding as waterlogged Iowa towns began a massive clean-up with damage set to run into billions of dollars. With some 2,500 National Guard already deployed across the state trying to keep the floodwaters at bay, experts believe the Mississippi, the second longest river in the United States, could crest either Tuesday or Wednesday. Iowa Governor Chet Culver warned the Mississippi would be the next battleground, as waters from already-overflowing tributaries poured into it. “It’s likely we’ll see major flooding in every city on the border, from New Boston on down. We’re very concerned about that,” he said late Sunday. The massive river, which passes through 10 states in its 3,734-kilometre (2,320-mile) journey from its source in Minnesota to its mouth in the Gulf of Mexico, defines the border between Iowa and Illinois. — Internet

**At least 51 dead in Baghdad bombing**

**Baghdad, 17 June**—A car bomb set to explode during the busiest time of day killed at least 51 people and wounded 75 Tuesday evening as shoppers were strolling through a Shiite neighborhood market in Baghdad. It was the deadliest attack in the Iraqi capital in more than three months. The blast struck a crowded bus terminal near a market in Hurriya, a northwest Baghdad district that once had a large population of Sunnis but after the American-led invasion saw horrific ethnic cleansing by Shiite militias and death squads, who killed or drove thousands of Sunnis out. Survivors and relatives of the victims in the Tuesday blast were enraged and on edge. One man lost 11 relatives, including five female cousins. At a courtyard in front of the Khamdaniyah Hospital morgue, people screamed, wept and shrieked. Some cursed the government for allowing the blast to happen while others called on God for revenge. The bomber struck as Iraqi and American troops were attending a neighborhood meeting nearby, according to one Iraqi policeman interviewed at the scene. After the blasts, the policeman said, some people angrily surrounded humvees and started throwing rocks and other objects. A rumor swept the crowd of frantic survivors that there was still one small bomb left that had yet to be detonated. According to an official at the interior ministry, the casualty toll was the worst for any attack in Baghdad since early March, when a two-stage bomb blast in the Karrada shopping district killed at least 54 people and wounded 123 more. — Internet
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Iran defiant in nuclear row despite sanctions threat

TEHERAN, 17 June — Western powers are warning Iran of more sanctions if it rejects an incentives offer and presses on with sensitive nuclear work, but the Islamic Republic is showing no sign of backing down.

On Saturday, Iran again ruled out suspending uranium enrichment despite the offer by six world powers of help in developing a civilian nuclear programme if it stopped activities the United States and others suspect are designed to make bombs.

“The deadlock is still there,” an Iranian political analyst who declined to be named said a day after European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana delivered the incentives package to Iran’s Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki.

Solana said Iran should stop enrichment during negotiations on the offer, a precondition it has repeatedly rejected.

“There is determination that if the Iranian regime rejects the latest offer ... that the consequence of the regime’s decision will result in greater isolation,” said Stephen Hadley, national security adviser of US President George W Bush.

MNA/Reuters

Kuwait speaker attacks US over charity freeze

Kuwait, 17 June —A US decision to freeze the assets of a Kuwaiti charity could harm its relations with this key Gulf Arab ally, Kuwait’s Parliament speaker said on Sunday.

The US Treasury Department said on Friday it has decided to freeze the assets of the Revival of Islamic Heritage Society, accusing it of financing terrorist activities. Jassem al-Kharafi, a pro-government politician and former minister, criticized the decision and said such charities were under state scrutiny.

“We wish that the United States respects the sovereignty of Kuwait and it should not take actions that would harm this (US-Kuwaiti) relationship,” Kharafi told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

Nicaragua says CIA, Spanish party training saboteurs

Managua, 17 June— The official radio station of Nicaragua’s ruling party Sunday accused the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and a Spanish party of training young people to destabilize the country.

The CIA and the Popular Party (PP) of former Spanish prime minister Jose Maria Aznar are training people to provoke confrontation in Nicaragua, said La Nueva Radio Ya, or the New Radio Already.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega had previously denounced the US Government of funding a rightist group against his government.

However, this was the first time that the official radio station of the ruling Sandinist Front of National Liberation (FSLN) openly pointed to the CIA and the PP for training saboteurs.

“This group of young people are working in Nicaragua after being sent to Miami of the United States and Spain to attend seminars on how to generate chaos,” said the radio station. They also took trainings in universities at home, it said. Many young people appeared on the media with the name of “Youth for the Democracy in Nicaragua,” it said.

MNA/Xinhua

China state paper says Obama no revolutionary

BEIJING, 17 June — China’s top state newspaper said on Monday Barack Obama is unlikely to bring the dramatic changes that he has promised if he wins the US presidency and that his rise confirms, rather than challenges, racial divisions.

The Chinese Government has avoided comment on the US presidential contest, but the commentary in the overseas edition of the People’s Daily shed a little light on how the ruling Communist Party views the prospect of Democratic Party hopeful Obama winning the November election.

In the view the party’s mouthpiece, Obama is unlikely to usher in a promised transformation of Washington politics if he beats the Republican contender, John McCain. Obama has opposed the Iraq war but is less clear about how and when he would remove US troops, the paper said in a front-page commentary by a senior editor.

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A woman looks on a cow statue symbolizing mad cow disease imported from US, at downtown Seoul, on 16 June, 2008. The South Korean government said Monday it ended beef talks with US officials with no immediate breakthrough on resolving South Korea’s crisis over renewing imports of American beef.—INTERNET

Rescue workers search for survivors at a resort in Kurihara, northern Japan. 

Villagers stand around sunken earth, in front of their house at Kona Village about 51 kilometres (32 miles) south of Allahabad, India, on 16 June, 2008. According to news reports, the sinking of earth was caused by the ground water-level being reduced in the areas situated on the river banks owing to over exploitation of ground water.—INTERNET

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Hamas dismisses Rice visit as useless

GAZA, 17 June— Islamic Hamas movement on Sunday slammed the visit of US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to Israel and the West Bank, calling it as useless and a waste of time.

Fawzi Barhoum, Hamas spokesman in Gaza said in a written statement sent to reporters that the visit of Rice and her meetings with Palestinian officials “won’t bring anything good for the Palestinian people”.

“Rice came to the region to exert pressure on President (Mahmoud) Abbas and to spoil the efforts aiming at launching a Palestinian comprehensive dialogue,” said Barhoum.

Abbas on 4 June called for launching a comprehensive dialogue among all Palestinian political groups, including Fatah and Hamas. The latter’s leaders welcomed Abbas call and said the movement was ready for a dialogue anytime and anywhere.

Rice, who met with Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni in Jerusalem earlier Sunday, arrived in Ramallah and held talks with Prime Minister of the caretaker government Salam Fayyad. She will meet later with Abbas.

Rice arrives to the region late Saturday, her sixth visit this year to follow up the progress of the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks resumed last November with the US mediation, which are intended to end with the creation of a Palestinian statehood alongside Israel.—Xinhua

AL chief will not interfere in Lebanese Cabinet forming

BEIRUT, 17 June— Arab League (AL) Secretary-General Amr Moussa said Saturday that he would not interfere in the forthcoming Cabinet makeup or distributing portfolios of the Lebanese, local Naharnet news website reported.

Moussa, talking to reporters after meeting with Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, said obstacles facing efforts to form the new Cabinet “are Lebanese problems” that the Arab Ministerial Committee does not interfere in.

“All obstacles can be surpassed,” he added. He also emphasized that the Doha Accord’s “general spirit” has spoken of a “neutral interior minister”.

Moussa, who arrived here in late Friday on a dual mission, is scheduled to hold talks with Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri and caretaker Foreign Minister Fawzi Salloukh. Later Saturday, the AL chief is to attend the wedding ceremony of Berri’s daughter as guest of Berri.—Xinhua

Three dead as small plane crashes in N China

HOBHOT, 17 June— A small plane crashed into a hillside in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on Sunday, killing three people on board and critically injuring another, officials said.

The plane crashed about 75 kilometres from the Links Bairin Banner government in Chifeng City at about 4:10 pm, according to Lin Yuhua, head of the local public security bureau.

Lin said that the injured person, still conscious despite head and chest injuries, was pulled from the plane at 6:40 pm and rushed to a hospital.

Rescuers said the eight-seat plane was on a mine exploring mission.—Xinhua

New Zealand supports Australia’s Asia-Pacific proposal

WELLINGTON, 17 June— New Zealand has given cautious support to Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd’s idea of creating an Asia-Pacific community, Radio New Zealand reported on Saturday. New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark met Australia’s Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard on Friday night in Wellington, during which the proposal was raised.

Gillard was in Wellington with a team of senior ministers for the annual Australia-New Zealand Leadership Forum.

Clark said the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation group does cover much of the region but focuses mainly on economic issues.—Xinhua

Hun Sen says troops on standby for UN missions

PHNOM PENH, 17 June— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said here on Sunday that Cambodia has stand-by troops for UN peacekeeping missions.

“Cambodia has stand-by troops for UN peacekeeping missions. When UN needs necessary forces, we will send them off. However, we won’t send them to fighting countries,” said the Prime Minister while attending a bridge ground-breaking ceremony.

The troops were well trained and equipped with high-quality materials, he added.

Prak Sokhon, chairman of the Cambodian Committee for Sending Troops to UN Peacekeeping Missions, told reporters earlier that at least 340 Cambodian officers and soldiers are now reserved for UN peacekeeping missions.—Xinhua

Sales girls eat their lunch in a tent market in the quake-hit Jiangyou city, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 13 June, 2008. Local government has set up about 2,455 tent stores in the quake-hit areas and more than 200 board-house markets at the makeshift shelters to ensure the quake victims’ daily need.—Xinhua

The file photo shows Chinese “taikonauts” in training, China’s Shenzhou VII manned space mission, which will include the first spacewalk by a Chinese “taikonaut”, is to launch in October, said a spokesman of the China manned space engineering office in Beijing, on 12 June, 2008.—Xinhua

Two Shiite militiamen captured in S Baghdad US raid

BAGHDAD, 17 June— The US military said its troops captured two suspected Iranian-backed Shiite militiamen during a raid on an insurgent hideout in the city of Kut on Saturday.

Acting on intelligence reports, the US troops raided the residence of a suspected insurgent in Kut, some 180 kilometres southeast of Baghdad, the US military said in a statement.

The suspect is believed to be “heavily involved in Special Groups criminal activities, including several attacks against Coalition forces”, the statement said.—Xinhua

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A & I Minister receives Italian Ambassador

YANGON, 17 June—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Italian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Giuseppe CINTi of the Republic of the Italy at meeting hall of Irrigation Department here yesterday morning.

The meeting discussed matters on assistance to be provided by Italian government in rehabilitation of farms in storm-hit regions.

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Vietnamese medic team donates medicine and medical equipment to storm victims

YANGON, 17 June—The Vietnamese medic team held a ceremony to donate medicines and medical equipment to be used in the health care services for the storm victims at Park Royal Hotel on 15 June. It was attended by Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Dao Viet Trung, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung, leader of the Vietnamese medic team Mr Luong Ngoc Khue and members, Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Win Myint and Director (Disease Control) Dr Saw Lwin.

At the donation ceremony, leader of the Vietnamese medic team Mr Luong Ngoc Khue presented medicines and medical equipment through Dr Win Myint. Next, Dr Win Myint presented a certificate of honour to Mr Luong Ngoc Khue.

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MCPA talks on 21 June

YANGON, 17 June—Supervised by Myanmar Computer Professional Association (MCPA), Dr Thein Win, ICT Consultant of T-mobile Germany & UK, will give a talk on “The Chances and Challenges of Myanmar ICT in the Globalization” at the conference hall of mail building, Myanmar Info Tech in Hline Township here from 1 pm to 3 pm on 21 June.

Members of the MCPA, learners of computer studies and any enthusiastic person may attend the talk. For further information, dail 652276.—H

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Two new MHCs to go into operation at MITT

YANGON, 17 June—Mercury vessel carrying 2 Mobile Harbour Crane (MHC) arrived at Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal (MITT) on 13 June. It is learnt that the two machinery have been put in place successfully on 14 and 15 June.

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Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo receives Russian Ambassador

Dr Mikhail Mgeladze.

Health Deputy Minister meets Russian Ambassador and party

YANGON, 17 June — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo met Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Mikhail Mgeladze of the Russian Federation and party at the temporary control office of Yangon General Hospital here this afternoon.

The Russian Ambassador and officials of ALtimo Co discussed matters on donation of medicines to be used in the storm-stricken regions.

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Zydus Cadila Healthcare donates K 10 million to Myanmar Medical Association on 12 June, 2008. Chairman of MMA Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naiing accepts the donation. — H

Mr Luong Ngoc Khue hands over medicines and medical equipment to Deputy Director-General Dr Win Myint.

Two Mobile Harbour Cranes (MHC) seen at Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal. — MNA
Mahatama Gandhi of India said that strength came from very strong desire. Man’s mind consists of not only fact but also fiction. Certain elements applying that nature to break up the nation are attacking the nation by spreading rumours. A rumour may or may not be right, but it has effect on those who have heard of it.

US psychologist William James (1841-1910) said that the greatest revolution of the period was the finding that people could change their views about life by changing their attitudes. US writer Christian priest Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993) often used the expression “Attitudes are more important than facts” in his literary works and sermons.

We have our attitudes not only towards prevailing events and true events but also towards opinions, hopes, anxieties, fears, satisfactions and endless thoughts. Right? Some saboteurs with knowledge of this point are attempting the people by spreading rumours as a tool. So, the people should be vigilant against rumours.

Newspapers, TV, radio, the Internet, journals and magazines are reporting authentic news sooner than ever. However, some people are caught in the trap of rumours spread by the destructive elements. There was a rumour following the storm ‘Nargis’ that a strong earthquake would take place soon.

As some wards in Yangon, many people spent the night on the streets instead of staying indoors. I had great pity for those artless people. They were frightened greatly by the rumour. Indeed, the rumour may or may not be right, but it has effect on those who have heard of it.

I noticed that rumours came out one after another to create public panic. In fact, the rumours were spread by some elements to attack the people. In fact, the rumour mongers are none other than a group of certain destructive elements who are not happy with the significant success the nation has achieved, resulting from the efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw who have been making in concert.

Actually, the rumours are baseless. The rumours that Mawlamyine would be flooded, and Chaungzon would suffer tidal waves were like a nightmare for local people. Some people spread the rumours that they said so according to the dreams of a well-known monk. (The enquiries made it clear that any member of the Sangha had not said so). Some plains such as Hpa-an and Kamanmaung are flooded when the Thañlwín river rages. Mawlamyine has never faced tidal waves severely.

I found that some naïve persons fell into the snare that the water in the dam in Sichuan Province in the People’s Republic of China would be let out on 18 June 2008. So, the water would make the Thañlwín River swollen and the local people around the river bank in Mawlamyine would be washed away. The tidal waves would be as high as more than 20 feet. Some of them asked me about the rumour.

Raging rivers are not as dangerous as the high tidal waves caused by a strong wind. There is a great difference between tidal waves and a swollen river, and there is no need to worry about that.

It is right that Sichuan Province saw an earthquake. The earthquake posed a threat to the people who lived near the lake. The water in the dam was released. Nonetheless, the rumour that the water would flow into the Thañlwín River was just designed to horrify the people. The Thañlwín River and the Mekong River rise in Yunnan Province in China, about 50 or 100 miles from the Malíkha River in the northern part of Myanmar. The Mekong River is at the top of the Thañlwín River. So, it is impossible that the water from a dam in China can flow into the Thañlwín River and the Ayeyawady River. The Mekong River flows from north to south in paralel with the Thañlwín River. Sichuan Province is further from the country.

Several rumours were running high that due to the water from the dam in China, Mawlamyine would be flooded; the floods might be as high as 15 to 20 feet; there would occur a strong earthquake in Yangon, and they were featured in an internet news story.

It was learnt that some persons were spreading a variety of rumours, taking advantage of the ignorance of the artless people with the intention of creating panic among the people. There are still widespread rumours in Lashio to the effect that Mars and Saturn will meet on 20-6-2008. Consequently, the people will be subject to three kappas such as famine, a variety of diseases and disorder. There will be storms, floods and scarcity of rice so on and so forth. They are spreading the rumour with the intention of creating fear and panic among the people.

They also spread rumours that there would be infectious diseases in addition to diarrhoea in the storm-hit regions. It is true that the storm-hit regions are usually struck by an outbreak of diarrhoea. But the concerted efforts of the government, local people, well-wishers, local and international donors, those from the Ministry of Health and NGOs and Red Cross members were able to get rid of the water-borne disease. The medical teams of other countries that came to the aid of Myanmar witnessed such achievement and made it public.

Rumours are usually spread in streets and markets. People should be well aware of the fact that there are those who are creating unrest by spreading groundless rumours with ulterior motives.

Groundless rumours make the people panic and block a change for the better. This being the case, destructive elements with ulterior motives are spreading rumours to create panic and unrest as they hold negative views over the prevailing situation of the nation and some persons.

Realizing this, we writers are striving to our utmost to change the mind of the people. Such endeavours are based on integrity, constructive attitude, patriotism and nationalistic fervour. A group of destructive elements who are desirous of undermining the interest of the State and the people seem not to be aware of such clear atmospheres. Naturally, Myanmar people are endowed with the spiritual strength and attitude. Believe it or not. It is true that there are a variety of astrology and palmistry, the arts of telling what a person is like and what will happen to them including the art of telling people what will happen to them in the future. Some arts of astrology and palmistry are prominent and famous.

In that regard, we should study and observe the predictions of some famous fortune-tellers as to the future of 2008. Here are some excerpts of their predictions.

In his predictions as to the future of Myanmar in 2008, Saya U San Tin Aung said that 2008 will be a significant year for Myanmar because the nation will be able to find way to overcome all hindrances and difficulties sooner or later; that the nation will be able to stand tall among the international community; that all the youths will make progress if they strive together in coordination under the teachings of the Buddha, parents and teachers; and that the year of 2008 will create an opportunity for Myanmar people to surmount all difficulties.

Famous fortune-teller Saya U Tun Lin said that Myanmar will achieve success in economy with huge international aid and investment. Technocrats will make progress in science and technology while high-ranking officials will make progress in dealing with international community.

As regards the future of Myanmar, noted Saya U Kayw Lwin said that industries based on innovations will be successful; that every effort will be meaningful and decisive; and that the children who were born this year will be those who abide by the law.

Saya U Yan Gyi Aung said that the year of 2008 will be a year in which the finest and noblest doctrine emerged. Such doctrine will exist for years. As result, Myanmar people will enjoy the fruits of the finest and noblest doctrine with peace of mind.

These are some excerpts from the article of Ei Thazin at the Star’s chat room of People’s Magazine. There are famous fortune tellers who told the future of the nation in the interest of the State and the people making better use of their arts. Their predictions are totally contrary to the rumours that there will be an earthquake in Yangon and floods triggered by water flowing from swollen Thañlwín River. By nature, destructive elements were happy with creating unrest by spreading baseless rumours that are frightening the people. To sum up, rumours are usually spread in streets and markets. People should be well aware of the fact that there are those who are creating unrest by spreading groundless rumours with ulterior motives.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein...

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become those who abide by the law and keep discipline.

The Prime Minister presented stationery and stipend for the students to Headmaster U Kyin Shwe.

The Prime Minister donated school uniforms for the teachers and students. Next, Brig-Gen Myo Myint Than of Hainggyi Station presented gifts of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) to the headmaster.

Next, Thein Construction Co, Metta Foundation and Moe Kye Sin Co presented cash, textbooks and stationery to the headmaster.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the teaching of schoolchildren, the plot of land for resettlement of the storm victims near Kyaukkalat Village.

They went to Phonetawpyi basic education post-primary school. The Prime Minister gave instructions on arrangements for teaching.

The Prime Minister and party went to Oktwin relief camp and officials reported on arrangements. The Prime Minister told the officials to make necessary arrangements for the victims.

At 11 am, the Prime Minister and party went to Pyinsalu in Labutta Township by helicopter. They inspected construction of department offices and ground levelling for reconstruction of Pyinsalu and condition of the town.

Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe reported on reconstruction of the town and the officials of Max Myanmar Co on efforts of the company.

The Prime Minister greeted members of Yangon and Ayeyawady Division USDAs.

The Prime Minister and party went to Labutta by helicopter and they inspected the reconstruction in a motorcade.

On his way to Yangon, the Prime Minister inspected conditions of towns and villages, ploughing and cultivation of monsoon paddy along Mawlamyine-kyaklat-Maubin-Yangon Road.

They arrived back in Yangon in the afternoon.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents school uniforms to a teacher of a school in Kyaukkalat Village in Ngapudaw Township. — MNA

Minister inspects power supply tasks in Yangon North District

YANGON, 17 June—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint arrived at Phaunggyi Electrical Engineer’s Office in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District yesterday and inspected power supply tasks there.

During his inspection, the minister gave instructions on emphasis to be given to carry out power line works and power supply tasks, maintenance of power line related items and enabling all the staff to make harmonious efforts in the realization of the operational functions. Next, the minister oversaw condition of office building and its area and 33 KV and 11 KV power line linking Hlegu with Phaunggyi and gave instruction on requirements of connecting power lines and attended to the needs.

Afterwards, the minister looked into office building and sub-power station in Hlegu Township, repairing of power lines and power supply tasks in Mingaladon Township. After hearing the reports presented by service personnel, the minister fulfilled the requirements of supplying power.—MNA
More international relief aid arrives

YANGON, 17 June—Two AN-12 flights carrying 23,242 tons of emergency aid donated by Malteser, Germany, at 07:45 am and 1:18 pm, three IL-76 flights and AN-12 flight carrying 70 tons of tarpaulin, 1,000 packages of plastic, 24 packages of crutches, 2,500 plastic containers and 210 packages of equipment for carpenter presented by WFP based in Thailand at 09:01 am, 11:40 am, 12:26 pm and 5:18 pm, two C-130 flights carrying 17.91 tons of three tents, 220 packages of drinking water bottle and 293 packages of tarpaulin donated by the United States of America at 09:06 am and 09:50 am and two C-130 flights carrying 16,604 tons of various kind of food, 191 packages of clothes and 678 packages of drinking water bottle donated by the government of Thailand and citizens at 11:20 am and 14:20 pm arrived at the Yangon International Airport today.

Moreover, IL-76 flight carrying 25 tons of biscuits, 336 packages of plastic, 10 packages of plastic roll, 10 tankers and four packages of construction material presented by WFP based in Thailand at 4:45 pm also arrived at the airport yesterday.—MNA

Coordination meeting on salt production

YANGON, 17 June—A meeting was held to coordinate matters on producing salt and iodized salt at full capacity and stabilize salt prices at the office of Mon State Peace and Development Council on 12 June. Chairman of Salt Producers Supervisory Committee made a speech and secretary of the Committee manager of Mon State Myanmar Salt Industry explained plan for production of salt to meet the needs of the country from State and private sector in Mon State.

Next, producers of salt making industry discussed production matters and the production meeting came to close with concluding remarks by the chairman of the Committee.

Storm victims staying at tents at 3rd mile camp in Labutta Township.—MNA
Minister U Thaung delivers address at opening of Special Refresher Course No. 10 for faculty members. — MNA

As far as engineering science and architecture are concerned, demand for technology is high in order to build high-rise buildings that withstand earthquakes.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, on behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, made an address.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lam Maung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, deputy ministers, the Deputy Chief Justice, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, members of the Division, State, District and Township PDCs, Rector of the CICS (Upper Myanmar) U Aung San Win, the pro-rectors, heads of departments, faculty members of the institute and trainee teachers.

In his address, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung said that only the might of the international level technologies will enable and to construct major bridges that withstand natural disasters and massive and durable dams and reservoirs.

Likewise, to keep pace with changes and developments in the medical field that covers modern medical science, new research findings, therapies, sophisticated sectors such as agriculture, livestock breeding, forestry and mining.

He said that in the production sector, efforts are to be made for advancement of technology that contributes to the systematic control of waste materials harmful to environmental conservation and the effective use of bio-fuel.

In the meantime, steps are to be taken to extensively apply science and technology in the tapping of inexhaustible natural resources of the nation in the interest of posterity, he said.

It is the duty of the education sector, especially the higher education sector to meet the demand of time and fulfill the need for high technology that are necessary in the nation.

The government has created an educational infrastructure in which arts and science, information and technology, maritime and space and aeronautical science can be extensively pursued, he said.

Therefore, every university and college is to pursue constant learning to keep pace with science and technology of international level and to ensure the emergence of high technology. Computer-based new modern appliances are coming out daily. Rapid progress has been made in the world.

At such a time it is necessary for developing countries like Myanmar to prevent outside influence in political, economic and social affairs with the use of new technologies while trying to keep abreast of international community.

In addition, today’s national duties are to protect national cultures and social values and independence of the State and sovereignty with the application of sophisticated technologies.

Teachers are to strive for enhancing moral, national education and modern science and technologies that are needed for the development of the State, the existence of the State and the people, the perpetuity of the Union and safeguarding sovereignty.

After the ceremony, the ministers and party cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 534 trainees are attending the four-week course. — MNA

Steps to be taken to extensively apply science and technology in tapping inexhaustible natural resources in posterity’s interest

Special Refresher Course No. 10 for faculty members of universities and colleges opened

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — Special Refresher Course No. 10 for faculty members of universities and colleges was opened at Yadana Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Services (Upper Myanmar) in Pyin-Oo Lwin Township yesterday morning.

Navy continues to participate in reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in storm-hit regions

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — The Government, the people and the Tatmadaw are taking cooperative measures in the reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in the storm-hit regions.

Six navy boats carrying 677 of officers, other ranks and storm victims, four veterinarians, two staff of Survey Department, two staff of Immigration and Population Ministry, 6.75 tons of personal goods, 0.5 tons of foodstuff, one ton of construction materials totaling 8.25 tons left for Pyinsalu, Salaseik and Hlwasa villages.

Navy boats have transported 2144.583 tons of relief supplies to the storm-hit regions to date and are taking security measures.

Officers and other ranks from Hainggykyun region in collaboration with the local people carried out reconstruction and sanitation tasks in Kyaukkalat, Dedigon, Chaungwa, Pyinkayaing, T h e t k e t h o u n g , Aukpyonwa, Myothit and Maungga villages. — MNA
Carly Fiorina woos Clinton supporters for McCain

WASHINGTON, 17 June — Republican John McCain enlisted the help of Carly Fiorina, once the most powerful businesswoman in the United States, on Saturday to try to get women behind his campaign for the White House.

Arizona Senator McCain makes no secret of his wish to attract women, who backed New York Senator Hillary Clinton’s failed presidential bid, regularly praising her and noting their work and travel together as members of the US Senate. Fiorina, a top economic adviser and head of a Republican get-out-the-vote effort, empathized with the former first lady’s experience when she took questions from across the country during a McCain campaign “virtual town-hall meeting”.

“Having started as a secretary and eventually become a chief-executive officer, I not only have great admiration and respect for Hillary Clinton and her candidacy and her leadership, but I also have great empathy, I must tell you, for what she went through,” Fiorina said.

A file photo shows a Robot acts as master of ceremonies at a wedding in Daejeon, South Korea, in 2007. David Levy, a PhD in gender studies and artificial intelligence, predicts that by mid-century getting it on with an electronic femme-fatale or a superstud sexbot will become an accepted part of the human landscape.—INTERNET

Russia says no defence industry ties if Ukraine joins NATO

KIEV, 17 June — Ukraine would lose defence industry ties with Russia and suffer reduced trade cooperation if it joined NATO, news agencies quoted Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov as saying on Saturday.

Ivanov, speaking at a ceremony to mark the 225th anniversary of Sevastopol port on the Crimean Peninsula — the home of Russia’s Black Sea fleet — said visa regulations would also be tightened should Ukraine pursue its ambition to join NATO.

“I couldn’t say for whom such a breakup would be more painful — for Russia or for Ukraine. I think it would be painful for both nations,” Russian news agencies quoted Ivanov as telling reporters.

Russia is vehemently against bids by Ukraine and Georgia to join the military alliance, regarding NATO’s encroachment on its borders as a security threat. It has said it might take “military steps” if the former Soviet states join.

A farmer displays seeds of Jatropha curcus, a source of bio-diesel, in the research fields of International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, in Hyderabad, India, on 16 June, 2008. Bio-diesel contains no petroleum, but it can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel to create a Bio-diesel blend or can be used in its pure form and has properties similar to petroleum diesel fuels.—INTERNET

Vietnam raises auto part, phone, cosmetics tariffs

HANOI, 17 June — Vietnam has decided to increase import taxes on automobile parts by 5-10 percentage points to 15-29 per cent, on mobile phones to 8 per cent from current 5 per cent, and on some cosmetics by several percentage points, according to local newspaper Pioneer on Monday.

Under the Finance Ministry’s recent decision, the highest import tax rate on cosmetics products will rise to 36 per cent from current 30 per cent.

The new tariffs on automobile parts, mobile phones and cosmetics are to take effect on 20 June.

Vietnam imported 35,400 completely-bult automobiles, mainly cars, valued at 625 million US dollars in the first five months of this year, compared 5,000 vehicles totalling 109 million dollars in the same period last year, according to the country’s General Statistics Office.

A man shops for antiques in Baghdad’s al-Safafeer Souq bazaar on 16 June, 2008. Al-Safafeer Souq is one of the Iraqi capital’s street market selling traditional and cultural goods ranging from souvenir items to antiques.—INTERNET

Lula says Obama presidency would be a watershed

SAO PAULO, 17 June— Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Sunday that a Barack Obama presidency would be a watershed moment for the United States, but he stopped short of endorsing the Democratic candidate.

Lula evoked the work of Jose Bento Monteiro Lobato, a famous Brazilian writer in the first half of the 20th century, to stress the significance of an African American becoming president of the United States.

“Monteiro Lobato wrote that one day a woman and a black candidate would run for the presidency of the United States, and that’s what is happening with Barack Obama,” he said in an interview with the newspaper Jornal do Brasil.

“I think that the American electorate is undergoing a revolution. If Obama wins it will be a huge step forward. It would be one of the biggest events in the last 100 years.”

Lula, who became Brazil’s first working-class president when he took office in 2003, joked that Obama is already an “indirect comrade” because of the Democratic candidate’s ties to Brazil’s minister of strategic affairs, Roberto Man-gabeira Unger.

Obama took a course taught by Unger when he was a law student at Harvard University. Unger said in a recent interview with Reuters that he considers Obama a friend and that he respects his “moral and intellectual” qualities.—MNA/Reuters
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**Germany, Chongqing municipality vow to further coop**

**CHONGQING, 17 June—** The Chongqing municipality hopes to enhance cooperation with Germany, said Bo Xilai, the Communist Party chief of Chongqing municipality.

"It was a very unprecedented attack and together with the permissions of M.I.P. where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions for China's earth-quake in southwest China's Chongqing municipality."

Bo, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China, said this during a meeting with German delegation's heads of state. Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown has said he will be there.—MNA/Reuters

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**Afghans probe prison raid, hunt for escapes**

**KANDAHAR (Afghanistan), 17 June—** Afghan and foreign troops were hunting on Saturday hundreds of prisoners, including migrants, who escaped the main prison in southern Kandahar city after a raid by Taliban insurgents, the government said.

Authorities have also launched a probe to find out if any government officials were involved in the commando-style attack, by several dozen Taliban fighters under darkness on Friday.

So far none of the prisoners have been tracked down, Deputy Justice Minister Mohammad Qasim Hashimzai, told Reuters.

"It was a very unprecedented attack and together with foreign forces, an operation has been launched to track down and arrest the prisoners."

Hashimzai said some 1,000 inmates, including up to 400 Taliban, were held in the prison before the attack.

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**Saudi militant suspect dies in custody**

**RIYADH, 17 June—** A Saudi suspected militant extradited from Iraq last year has died in Saudi custody, an Islamist website said this week, calling the death a crime.

The site Ekhlaas, often used by al-Qaeda-linked militants, said the family of Abdullah Mohammed Saleh al-Rumain received his body in the town of Buraidah north of Riyadh last week with orders to bury him immediately.

It said Rumain was one of two Saudis handed over to Saudi authorities by Iraq last year. He had been on a wanted list of 36 suspected Islamic militants issued by Riyadh after al-Qaeda-linked militants launched a campaign of violence in 2003. Most of those on the list have been killed or arrested. "This is a crime that cannot be forgiven," the user who posted the report said on the website. An Interior Ministry spokesman said he would check the report.— MNA/Reuters

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**Saidi military suspect hit by mine blast**

**DIYARBAKIR (Turkey), 17 June—** A cargo train was hit by a mine blast on a track in southeast Turkey on Saturday, and three railway workers were injured, security sources said.

The train was crossing a bridge when the mine exploded and two wagons fell into a stream below, the Kurdish separatist guerillas for the attack.

Violence in the main Kurdish southeast has escalated in recent months and fighting between the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) and security forces continued on Saturday.—MNA/Reuters

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State news agency Anatolian quoted the governor of Mus Province, Erdogan Bektas, as blaming outlawed Kurdish separatist guerillas for the attack.

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Rich nations fall short on Africa aid

LONDON, 17 June — The world’s richest nations are falling short on pledges to double aid to Africa by 2010 at a time when soaring food prices risk destroying decades of economic progress on the continent, a watchdog said on Monday.

The Africa Progress Panel, set up to monitor commitments made at the Group of Eight (G-8) summit in 2005 at Gleneagles in Scotland, said in a report rich nations would be 40 billion US dollars shy of their pledges based on current plans.

“Funding shortfalls against the 2010 targets should be addressed immediately — through a special plan to meet the pledge made at Gleneagles,” the report said. The Africa Progress Panel is chaired by former UN secretary general Kofi Annan and includes former British prime minister Tony Blair, former International Monetary Fund chief Michel Camdessus and leading anti-poverty campaigner Bob Geldof.

The report, “Africa’s Development: Promises and Prospects”, said debt relief agreed at the 2005 summit had been significant because poor countries had boosted spending on health and education, over and above the amount of relief.

But unless rising food prices were halted and reversed, there would be a significant increase in hunger, malnutrition, and infant and child mortality in Africa.

India calls for institute to handle global crises

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 June — India urged Asian countries here Sunday to work together to push for the establishment of a global institute to handle rising global challenges.

The worldwide crisis is rising significantly, but nothing happened at the global institutional level, said Yashwant Sinha, former Indian foreign minister as the 17th World Economic Forum on East Asian (WEF on East Asia) opened here.

Asian countries should work together immediately to make sure a global institute responding to the global crisis be established, he said.

This is one of things that Asian countries could do together and this is also an opportunity for Asian nations, he added.

The 17th WEF on East Asia began at Shangri-La Hotel and some 300 delegations from business, politics, and the media circles of over 25 countries gathered here to discuss Asia’s response to the mounting crises facing the world, like energy and food securities, financial uncertainties.

WEF Managing Director Borge Brende, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Hoang Trung Hai, and Yoshimi Wantanabe, Minister of Financial Services and Administrative Reform of Japan were among the participants debating Asia’s role in global economic leadership at the opening session of the two-day event.

Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of WEF, was seen present as the event opening here on Sunday.

China liver transplant recipients to be registered

SHANGHAI, 17 June — The Health Ministry will use mandatory registration of valid personal information for liver transplant patients, officials said.

The ministry will implement the China Liver Transplant Registry (CLTR), a compulsory reporting system, said Vice Health Minister Huang Jiefu while attending a transplant meeting held here on Saturday.

“The CLTR system can help doctors track the condition of transplant recipients for the rest of their lives, increase their chances of living and improve their quality of life,” Huang said.

According to the ministry, any medical care providers found not to be providing valid information on recipients will be barred from conducting further transplants.

Cosmetic surgery booming in Britain

LONDON, 17 June — Britons might be feeling the pinch of the global credit crunch, but they’re still ready to pay thousands of pounds for cosmetic surgery, a report said on Monday.

Britain’s largest cosmetic surgery provider the Harley Medical Group said demand for procedures had grown by 35 per cent over the past 10 months. Abdomnoplasty or “tummy tuck” operations, a procedure costing nearly 5,000 pounds (10,000 US dollars), were up 59 per cent, while breast augmentation surgery, a report suggested on Monday.

Demand was high from the city of London to Leeds and Cheshire, a region popular with footballers and their wives. The group said it carried out more than 300 tummy tuck operations in the last 10 months, compared with 160 operations in the previous 10-month period.

Car gifted by Hitler to Nepal king awaits new home

KATHMANDU, 17 June — A car gifted by Adolf Hitler to a Nepali king is likely to be displayed in a palace museum after the Himalayan nation abolished the 239-year-old monarchy and the ousted King Gyanendra quit the palace.

Officials said a 1939 Mercedes Benz presented by the Nazi leader to King Tribhuvan, Gyanendra’s grandfather, is now rusting at Nepal’s main Narayan-hiti Palace grounds.

It is lying there for more than three years after an engineering college in Kathmandu, which was using it to train mechanics, said it did not have enough money and spare parts to restore the antique car.

MNA/Reuters
FIFA to take no action over Ronaldo complaint

BERNE, 17 June — World soccer's governing body FIFA said on Monday it would take no action against Real Madrid following Manchester United's complaint that the Spanish club had sought to tempt Cristiano Ronaldo from Old Trafford.

United formally complained to FIFA last week over a series of public statements made by Real apparently expressing interest in the Portuguese international.

"From the documentation received, no breach of contract appears to have occurred yet," FIFA said in a statement. "Therefore, in accordance with the applicable practice, no formal procedure has been opened by FIFA regarding this matter."

FIFA said it had informed the Spanish Football Federation of Manchester United's complaint and asked the Federation to remind Real Madrid about "the potential legal consequences of a breach of contract without just cause... and of a possible inducement to such a breach of contract."

Real Madrid have repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.— MNA/Reuters

Ballack thunderbolt sends Germany through quarters

VIENNA, 17 June — Michael Ballack struck a thunderbolt free kick to send an unconvincing Germany through to the Euro 2008 quarter-finals with a 1-0 win over co-hosts Austria on Monday.

Germany, needing to avoid defeat to stay in the tournament, looked nervous in the first half but Ballack's strike from 25 metres at the start of the second changed the game and took them through as Group B runners-up behind Croatia.

They will go on to face Group A winners Portugal in Basel on Thursday.

It was the first time the three-times winners have reached the quarter-finals since last clinching the trophy in 1996 in England and also gave them only their second win since then in the finals.

They started their campaign here by beating Portugal 2-0 before losing to Croatia 2-1 on Thursday to put their tournament survival in some jeopardy.

France captain Vieira out of Italy match

ZURICH, 17 June — France captain Patrick Vieira said on Monday he would miss their final Group C game against world champions Italy at Euro 2008 because of a thigh injury.

"I was hoping to play that last group match but, unfortunately, the pain is still there and I don't know when I will be able to resume playing," Vieira told a news conference a day before the game in Zurich.

Midfielder Vieira, who hurt a left thigh muscle in training for a warm-up game, has been kept in the squad but has not played.

France coach Raymond Domenech had brought Mathieu Flamini as a potential late replacement if Vieira were ruled out before their first game.

The 31-year-old Vieira, who had resumed training a few days before France's opening match against Romania, stayed and Flamini went home.

"I stayed because I thought I would be able to play that (group) match and my experience could be useful," a frustrated Vieira said.

"It's true that at some stage, I'm going to need explanations," he added, suggesting the injury had not been properly diagnosed.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing Olympic volunteers trained for “AIDS” awareness

BEIJING, 17 June — Around 5,500 volunteers for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games have received training on HIV/AIDS to help raise awareness of its prevention and how to avoid discrimination, according to the UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

About 100,000 volunteers received a basic awareness package on AIDS to provide them with important knowledge and skills on HIV prevention and avoiding discrimination, said a statement from the UNAIDS.

The training is also part of the volunteers' preparations during the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"Many young people do not have the right information on AIDS fuelling false fears, stigma and discrimination. This is bad in itself, and also hampers HIV prevention work," said Bernhard Schwartlander, UNAIDS country coordinator in China.

MNA/Reuters

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Aragones to ring changes for Spain's last group game

NEUSTIFT, 17 June — Spain coach Luis Aragones plans to ring the changes for his team's final Group D game against eliminated Greece on Wednesday with their place in the quarter-finals as group winners already assured.

"My initial thought is to change almost everyone and give some of the other players a chance to show they are ready," Aragones told a news conference on Sunday. "At least that is my thought right now, but it could change when I get on it."

Spain followed up their 4-1 victory over Russia with a last-gasp 2-1 win against Sweden in Innsbruck on Saturday and will now meet Romania, France or Italy in the last eight.

MNA/Reuters

Moratti says Lampard transfer target for Inter

MILAN, 17 June — Chelsea's England midfielder Frank Lampard is a transfer target for Serie A champions Inter Milan, club president Massimo Moratti said on Monday.

Lampard is one of several Chelsea players to have been linked with a move to the San Siro since the London club's former boss Jose Mourinho was appointed Inter coach earlier this month.

"You can say that Mourinho likes Lampard, who is a great player, a lot," Moratti was quoted as saying by Inter's website (www.inter.it) after talking with reporters in the resort town of Portofino.

"But that does not mean it will be easy to get him."

MNA/Reuters

Netherlands’ Robin van Persie (C) shoots at the goal during their Group C Euro 2008 soccer match against Romania at the Stade de Suisse stadium in Bern, on 17 June, 2008. —INTERNET

France 0 - 2 Italy

Holland 2 - 0 Romania

Greece determined to go out heads high

SEEKIRCHEN (Austria), 17 June — Greece players made it clear on Sunday that Europe's beaten champions want to make a dignified exit from Euro 2008 in their final Group D game with Spain.

Defeats by Sweden and Russia have sealed the fate of the surprise Euro 2004 winners, who have yet to score a goal at the tournament and never looked like getting back into either game.

"Our aim is not to finish our matches here without points," defender Yannis Goumas told reporters as he prepared for Wednesday's game in Salzburg.— MNA/Reuters

Italy’s Luca Toni (L) is fouled in the penalty area by France’s Eric Abidal during their Group C Euro 2008 soccer match at Letzigrund stadium in Zurich, June 17, 2008. —INTERNET

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Van Nistelrooy's goal against world champions Italy in the Group C match in Berne last Monday was the first of seven the Dutch have put past several of the best defenders in the game.

The comprehensive 3-0 win over Italy followed by the 4-1 success against France four days later secured the Dutch top spot in the group and a quarterfinal against Russia or Sweden in Basel on Saturday.

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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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Deputy Head of Office Ph: 09 860 1002