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Four political objectives

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Kachin State donates cash, kind to storm victims

YANGON, 19 June — Departments concerned, social organizations, Tatmadaw families and wellwishers of districts and townships in the Kachin State are continuously making cash and kind donations to storm victims. Regiments and units under control of Northern Command donated K3,920,000 for second time; timber production entrepreneurs and sawmill entrepreneurs K77,500,000; departmental personnel in Kachin State K1,870,000 and wellwishers in districts and townships K11,929,330. Therefore, Kachin State donates cash, kind to storm victims they have donated K95,219,330 for third time to the rehabilitation and reconstruction subcommittee here today. So far, the subcommittee has accepted cash and kind worth K1,797,348,940.—MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends rainy season tree planting ceremony in Kengtung

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win plants a tree at rainy season tree planting ceremony in Kengtung. —MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, 19 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and departmental officials, attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony in Kengtung on 17 June morning. The head of Shan State (East) Forest Department reported on distribution of 250,000 saplings in 2007-08 and 36,608 saplings in 2008-09, growing of trees on the campus of Kengtung Technological University and the purpose of holding the tree planting ceremony. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented saplings to members of social organizations and departmental personnel. Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party planted saplings and viewed participation of the local people in the tree planting ceremony. (See page 6)

Remaining schools in Ayeyawady Div to reopen at end of June

NAV PYI TAW, 19 June — Storm ‘Nargis’ had destroyed and damaged a number of basic education schools in Ayeyawady Division. Though most of the schools have been reopened in the school year, several others remain to be opened. It is because some rural people have migrated to other suitable villages as theirs were destroyed in the storm and that a few schools were self-reliant ones of the villages which were difficult of access due to numerous creeks and streams in delta region. It is targeted to reopen the remaining schools by the end of June by upgrading them according to condition and places of villages to be rebuilt.—MNA

Let’s nurture the sapling of democracy

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It was very foolish of the NLD leader to lay down the policy of economic sanctions against the mother country. NLD is a sort of organization that has tried to get the nation and the people into troubles.

KYAW MIN LU (SHWEPYITHA)
For emergence of growing number of reliable youths

The government has given special attention to promotion of the national education on the basis of the fact that education has become the major factor for development of other sectors together with changes in the science and technology in the global community.

Only with high educational qualifications, high reasoning power and vast knowledge, will it be possible for a people to serve effectively the interests of the motherland. With this end in view, the government is systematically implementing the national education promotion plans it has laid down for ensuring a prosperous future of the nation.

In its effort to promote the national education, the government is building educational infrastructures, introducing modern teaching methods and creating good educational atmosphere. At the same time, the government, in pursuance of the drive for building a modern developed nation, is nurturing the youth for production of human resources in the technological fields to enable the nation to catch up with the science and technologies.

The youth therefore have to constantly learn for development of the good educational atmosphere in the science and technologies at the international level and emergence of a constant learning society.

Teachers on their part are to train and nurture the students to see that the latter become outstanding in their studies, equip themselves with nationalistic spirit and patriotic spirit and respect and admire the Myanmar social values.

If teachers in the technological fields carry out their educational duties with national outlook in sharpening the abilities of the youth, a brighter future of the Union can be shaped with the strength of reliable younger generations.

The nation will see a growing number of all-round developed youths if teachers not only teach but also drill and discipline the students, who will take over the State duties in future.
Iran says ready to negotiate on nuclear incentives

KAMPALA, 19 June—
Iran said on Thursday it was ready to negotiate over a new package of economic incentives put forward by major powers seeking to persuade Tehran to curb its nuclear work.

Iranian Foreign Mini-
ster Manouchehr Mottaki told a news conference in the Ugandan capital Kampala that the six — the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — should also take a serious look at Tehran’s own proposals.

“We have informed them of our readiness to negotiate. The package given by the P5+1 countries is currently under consideration and at the appropriate time Teheran will give its reactions,” Mottaki said.

“We also have what we call the Iranian package which we have sent to the P5+1 countries and we hope they consider it as we consider theirs,” added Mottaki, who was in Uganda for a meeting of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.

The EU’s top diplomat, Javier Solana, presented Tehran on Saturday with a new package of eco-
nomic benefits designed to persuade it to curb its nuclear work and said Iran should stop uranium enrichment during nego-
tiations to implement the offer.

The package is a revised version of one rejected by Iran in 2006. Western powers, which who suspect Iran of using its civilian nuclear program as cover to build an atomic bomb, have told Iran it will face more sanctions if it spurns the offer.

Shell shuts down Nigerian oil field after attack

LAGOS, (Nigeria), 19 June—Royal Dutch Shell says it has shut down production at a Nigerian oil field that produces about 200,000 barrels per day after a militant attack.

A Nigerian militant leader says his group launched a rare attack against one of the company’s offshore oil installations, more than 65 miles from land.

An offshore oil platform owned by Shell oil company in the Niger Delta.

The fighters said they weren’t able to enter a computer control room that they had hoped to destroy to cripple pro-
duction. The militant leader spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid punishment by authorities.

The account could not be immediately verified.

A spokesman for Royal Dutch Shell PLC confirmed an attack, but gave no details. The spokesman, Olav Ljosne, said production had been stopped from the field.

Gunmen kill official in Mexican border city

CASAS GRANDES, JUAREZ, (Mexico), 19 June—Gun-
men have killed the police administrative director in the violent Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez, the latest high-

profile killing in Mexico’s drug war, police said on Wednesday.

About 460 people have been killed in Ciudad Juarez this year — the greatest concentration of drug killings in the country. Guzman’s drug gang from northwestern Sinaloa state are battling the local Juarez cartel for control of smuggling routes to the United States. Ciudad Juarez is across the border from El Paso, Texas. —Internet

Floods force 70,000 from China quake zone

SANCHU, (China), 19 June—China has evacuated more than 70,000 people near the epicentre of last month’s devastating earthquake to avoid further casualties from landslides and other disasters during the country’s deadly annual flood season.

Rain and floods, concentrated in China’s heavily industrialised south, have killed at least 176 people and left 52 missing, as authorities struggle to shelter millions made homeless by the 7.9 magnitude quake that struck southwest Sichuan Province on 12 May.

Authorities in Aba prefecture had moved 72,000 people living in “highly dangerous terrain” in Wenchuan county, the epicentre of the quake, to safer areas ahead of downpours on Wednesday night. Xinhua news agency reported on Thursday.

“The three-day mass relocation concluded at 8 pm, just two hours before heavy rain hit the county,” Xinhua quoted local disaster prevention authorities as saying. Since the earthquake struck, killing more than 69,000 people, Wenchuan county alone has experienced nearly 5,000 “secondary geological disasters”, including hundreds of major landslides and mudslides.—Internet

Doctors cure skin cancer patient

KARUL, 19 June—Four US helicopter engines worth more than $13 million have been stolen while they were being trucked from Afghanistan to a port in Pakistan to be shipped home, the US military said.

Most supplies for the US military in landlocked Afghanistan, including fuel, are transported through Pakistan, and militants in both Pakistan and Afghanistan have been stepping up attacks on shipments.

A US military spokes-
m un said the engines were being transported by a Pakistani trucking com-
p any when they went missing some time in the

month before 10 April. It was not known if the shipment was on the Afghan side of the border or in Pakistan, Sergeant Mark Swart said on Thursday. “We don’t have the information on exactly where it disappeared. We just know that it did not get to the port,” he said.—Internet

Residents row boats along a flooded street at a residential area in Fengkai town in Deqing county, Guangdong Province on 18 June, 2008.—INTERNET

US helicopter engines stolen en route to Pakistan port

OSLO, 19 June — A British woman’s bulging wig did not fool Customs agents in Norway who realized she wasn’t just having a bad hair day. The wig was concealing 2.2 pounds of cocaine glued to her head and Customs agents detained her on suspicion of cocaine smuggling, authorities said Wednesday.

The 32-year-old suspect, whose name was withheld, arrived late Sunday at Vaernes airport near the city of Trondheim on a flight from Copenhagen, Denmark, the Customs service said.

“The agent thought she had a great deal of hair and suspected that she was wearing a wig,” the agency said. “The wig was examined and the agents found a bag of cocaine.” Norway’s largest newspaper, Verdens Gang, said the cocaine was glued so firmly to the woman’s real hair that police brought her to the local hospital to have it removed.—Internet

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Norway arrests woman for carrying cocaine in wig
S Korea, US end beef meeting without results

SEOUL, 19 June — South Korea ended another round of ministerial talks with the United States Tuesday without a breakthrough on resuming imports of US beef, but the two sides agreed to meet again, officials said.

After a two-hour meeting with US Trade Representative (USTR) Susan Schwab at her office in Washington, South Korean Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon said, “We will meet again tomorrow,” without elaborating on the meeting, the third of its kind since Friday.

Kim told reporters just before the talks that “I will try to address the people’s concerns (over beef safety),” adding the US side has made “several proposals” and that “We’ve been engaged in working-level talks to make the proposals effective ones.”

He would not predict how long the talks with Schwab would last.

Informed sources said the trade ministers were trying to resolve differences over ways to endorse voluntary efforts by the US beef industry to label beef packages with the age of slaughtered cattle to prevent shipments of beef from cattle over 30 months old, which are said to be more susceptible to mad cow disease.

At issue is how to effectively enforce the voluntary export ban by US beef processors.

Customer satisfaction with US airlines declines

LOS ANGELES, 19 June— Deteriorating levels of service by airline staff has pushed overall satisfaction with US carriers to the lowest level in three years, a new study showed.

Alaska, Continental and JetBlue airlines scored highest in customer satisfaction, according to the study released on Tuesday.

For a fourth consecutive year, JetBlue Airways ranks highest overall, and also tops the low-cost carrier segment for a third consecutive year, according to the JD Power and Associates’ 2008 North America Airline Satisfaction Study.

Computer stolen from UK Cabinet minister’s office

LONDON, 19 June — A thief stole a computer from the local office of a British Cabinet minister in a break-in, an aide said on Tuesday.

An aide at the Manchester constituency office for Hazel Blears, the Cabinet secretary for the Department of Communities and Local Government, said the computer was the only item taken in the weekend burglary.

“The window was smashed. Just the computer was taken,” she said.

Like all members of Parliament, British Cabinet ministers maintain offices in the constituencies that elect them to the House of Commons. A spokeswoman for the Communities Department was not immediately available for comment. — MNA/Reuters

Pakistan’s Khan denies source of weapon design

ISLAMABAD, 19 June — Pakistan’s disgraced top nuclear scientist denied on Tuesday that he was the source of sophisticated warhead designs found on the computers of Swiss smugglers.

A nuclear watchdog’s report that the designs were found on the smugglers’ computers has spurred fears in the United States and elsewhere that atomic secrets may be quickly spreading.

The Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS) said in a report released this week that Swiss investigators had found the encrypted designs in 2004 on the computers of three Swiss smugglers associated with Abul Qadeer Khan, who headed work on Pakistan’s nuclear program.

Human error suspected in Nepal UN chopper crash

KATHMANDU, 19 June — A helicopter crash in Nepal earlier this year that killed 10 people, including four United Nations’ arms monitors, was believed to have been caused by human error, a government investigation said on Tuesday.

Three Nepalis working for the United Nations and three crew were also killed when the helicopter went down in bad weather about 65 kilometres (40 miles) east of Kathmandu in March.

The helicopter was used by UN officials monitoring a landmark peace deal between Nepal’s previous government and Maoist former rebels. — MNA/Reuters

Bangladeshi Customs seizes mobile sets, instruments

DHAKA, 19 June — Bangladeshi Customs officials seized huge quantity of mobile phone sets and other mobile instruments worth about 10 million taka (about 142,000 US dollars) at Zia International Airport here early Tuesday.

The airport police said some passengers travelling from Hong Kong abandoned four bags on their landing at the airport. The bags contained 1,000 mobile phone sets, 1,177 digital music players, 8, 140 memory cards and 197 mobile batteries.

The value of the seized valuables was estimated at around 10 million taka, a customs official said.

The police said the passengers fled away from the airport after sensing the presence of the Customs officials. — MNA/Xinhua

Israel police and bomb experts inspect the site where a rocket fired by Gaza militants landed in the Israeli port city of Ashkelon earlier this week. A truce between Israel and the Palestinian movement Hamas came into force in the Gaza Strip at dawn on 19 June amid Israeli warnings of military action if the Egyptian-brokered deal fails. — INTERNET
Iran urges oil exporting states not to use US dollar

IRNA

TEHERAN, 19 June— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday urged world oil exporting countries to find ways to switch their oil revenues from the US dollar to alternative currencies, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Ahmadinejad made the remarks in his speech at the 29th Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the OPEC Fund for International Development which is underway in Isfahan, central Iran.

This was one of suggestions made by the Iranian president to overcome the existing challenges facing the developing countries, IRNA reported.

"Today, the experts in international economy and the analysts of the oil market all agree that the economic crisis in the US together with the fall in the value of dollar have especially affected the development of the poor and developing countries," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying.

The Iranian President added that the current situation had adverse effect on the oil exporting countries economy.

Lee Myung-bak warns of false information on Internet

SEOUL, 19 June— South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said Tuesday that the spread of "false and incorrect" information through the Internet and spam email is threatening the people’s rational thinking and mutual trust.

Lee made the remarks in an address at the opening of the OECD Ministerial Meeting on the Future of the Internet Economy in Seoul, Yonhap news agency reported Tuesday.

Lee's fledgling administration has been beleaguered by a spate of unconfirmed cyberspace rumours associating mad cow disease with the consumption of American beef. Lee has been mired in political turmoil, with his public approval ratings plunging below 20 per cent, as thousands of opponents of his government's decision in mid-April to lift a ban on US beef imports have held daily candlelight protest rallies for nearly 40 days, demanding a renegotiation of the beef deal.

Air Canada to cut jobs

OTTAWA, 19 June— Air Canada, Canada’s biggest carrier, announced Tuesday it will cut 2,000 jobs and reduce capacity to overcome the difficulties caused by high fuel prices.

Most of the job cuts are expected to take effect 1 November and will be spread across the country. Overall capacity will be cut by 7 per cent in the last three months of this year and the first quarter of 2009. Air Canada said fuel is its single biggest expense, accounting for more than 30 per cent of its operating expenses. With fuel prices more than having doubled last year, the company expects its total fuel charge to be one billion Canadian dollars (one billion US dollars) higher this year than last year.

"Air Canada, like most global airlines, needs to adapt its business and reduce flying that has become unprofitable in the current fuel environment. If fuel prices remain at current levels, we can anticipate further capacity reductions," said Montie Brewer, Air Canada’s president and CEO.

Brewer said in a release.

Strikers take 36 policemen hostage in southern Peru

LIMA, 19 June— At least 36 policemen were taken hostage on Monday in Peru’s southern province of Moquegua, where last week residents have been protesting the unfair distribution of miners’ benefits, the National Police of Peru (PNP) said.

Police fired tear gas to disperse the crowds, but were beaten back and surrounded by about 20,000 protesters.

"The situation in Moquegua is out of control. We have to ask the police to retreat for a while," said General Cesar Jordan.

According to Radio Programmes of Peru, Jordan was wounded and also held as a hostage.

The protesters blocked access roads to Tacna Province, demanding a fair distribution of miners’ benefits from copper deposits.

Air Canada passengers wait in line to check baggage at Pearson International Airport in Toronto, on 17 June, 2008. Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency
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**Storm-hit villages get power tillers**

Labutta, 19 June — Agricultural Mechanization Department has distributed power tillers to storm-hit villages in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division. So far, 1,780 power tillers have been distributed to the villages. — MNA

**Donors at home and abroad donate cash to storm survivors**

Yangon, 19 June — Donors at home and abroad have donated cash to storm survivors through the Financial Sub-committee and today’s donation reached K 101,138,530, US $ 10,550 and 5,165 euros.

Chairman of the Financial Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe accepted the donation at the branch of Central Bank of Myanmar in Yankin Township.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun at Asian-European Finance Ministers’ Meeting in Republic of Korea. — F & R

**Myanmar delegation arrives back after attending Asian-European Finance Ministers’ Meeting**

Yangon, 19 June—The 8th Asian-European Finance Ministers’ Meeting was held at International Convention Centre on 15 and 16 June in Republic of Korea and Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the meeting.

Also present at the meeting were delegates to 43 Asian-European countries, officials from Asia Development Bank, European Central Bank, EU Commission, IMF and guests.

The opening ceremony of the 8th Asian-European Finance Ministerial Meeting was held at Tamna Hall of International Convention Centre on 16 June.

Minister for Tactics and Finance Mr Man Soo Kang made an opening speech on the occasion. President of Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung Bak made an introductory speech on the occasion. He said that he expressed condolences on the losses and damages due to the natural disasters in Myanmar and China.

The meeting focused on prospects of global and regional economy and development of financial matters. Next, the ministers exchanged views on crucial matters.

On 15 June, the deputy ministers discussed important matters for the cooperation of the government and private sector while the ministers held talks on maintenance of climate change and matters on market oriented economy.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun discussed relief and rehabilitation tasks for the storm-hit regions, possible losses and damages as a result of the weather changes and preparations for prevention against the natural disasters.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended dinners hosted by Republic of Korea on 15 and 16 June. Myanmar delegation led by Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw by air today.

Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Myanmar-6 Ship being loaded with construction materials to be transported to storm-hit areas. — MNA

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USDA members perform reconstruction tasks in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 19 June—
Group-1 comprising members of Kayin State, Rakhine State, Shan State (East) and Ayeyawady Division USDAs are taking part in reconstruction tasks based at Hlinephone village in Labutta Township.

Group-2 comprising members of Chin State, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Division USDAs are also participating in reconstruction tasks based at Pyinsalu village in the township.

The group-2 carried out construction of two five-unit latrines, new drinking water lakes and removal of fallen trees in the wards starting from 13 June.

Similarly, Group-3 consisting members of Kachin State, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division USDAs are giving helping hands in reconstruction tasks based at Hsincheya village in the township.

The group performed repair of lakes in Hsincheya, Kinkan and Dhana villages and Thabyakkon village, brick laying on the roads, sanitation, distribution of relief supplies, repair of houses and removal of debris starting from 15 June.

A medical team accompanying the group gave medical treatment to the patients and the children under five daily. Likewise, Group-4 comprising members of Mon State and Shan State (North), Bago Division (East) and Ayeyawady Division USDAs are helping in reconstruction tasks based on Saluseik village in the township.

The group built a bridge for Saluseik village at drinking water lake and carried out sanitation, removal of debris near the lake and in the village, repair of desks for village Basic Education Middle School, spraying of insecticide and broad-casting lime powder starting from 13 June. A medical team accompanied the group and provided health care in the village.

Group-5 consisting members of Taninthayi Division and Bago (West) Division and Shan State (South) and Ayeyawady Division USDAs are participating in reconstruction tasks based at Kyeinchaung village in Bogale Township. The group carried out laying of brick on the village road, sanitation, distribution of relief supplies, repair of houses and removal of fallen trees starting from 12 June.

Similarly, Group 6 comprising members of Kayah State and Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division USDAs are taking part in reconstruction tasks based on Setsan village in the township.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects clean-up work in Yangon City

YANGON, 19 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and officials inspected clean-up of fallen trees and rubbish in the State and private owned compounds, here this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected removal of fallen trees by members of Tatmadaw of No. 11 LID in front of International Business Centre on Pyay Road and gave instruction to the officials.

Next, they proceeded to Myoma Sports Ground on U Wisara Road and viewed clean-up work in the sports ground where the rubbish had piled up.

After that, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected growing of fallen trees and removal of withered trees in a State-owned compound on Shwedagon Pagoda Road.

At Yangon Zoological Gardens, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on damages to the gardens, repair of brick walls and lamp-posts, water supply and reconstruction of buildings and called for health care of animals in the gardens.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party later inspected the gardens around.

At Maternal and Children Hospital of South-Okkalapa Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for full-time supply of power to the hospital. He inspected removal of fallen trees and rubbish in the compound and along Myitta Road carried out by members of Tatmadaw of Indaing Station and personnel of YCDC and left instructions there.

MNA

Relief supplies of WFP arrive

YANGON, 19 June — Countries through the world donate supplies to storm-hit regions. Relief supplies weighing 46.05 tons donated by Thai-based WFP arrived at Yangon International Airport, here, today. — MNA

Traditional medicine practitioners give treatment

YANGON, 19 June — Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health and with the supervision of Traditional Medicine Department, a mobile traditional medicine practitioners team in the floating hospital Tet Nay Win Tun on 14 June provided health care services to 1,919 storm victims at Wetkon, Hsakhat, Kongyi, Aukpyun, Thingangon and Taungale villages of Ngapudaw Township with the use of traditional medicine and 501 patients with the use of western medicine.

They gave treatment to 1,159 patients from 20 villages of Ngapudaw Township from 10 to 15 June.

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Altimo Foundation of Russia donates medicine, hospital equipment

YANGON, 19 June — The Altimo Foundation of Russia donated medicine and hospital equipment to be used at health care services in storm-hit Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions at Yangon People’s Hospital today.

After an introductory speech of Russian Ambassador Dr Mikhail Mgelaize, Senior Vice President Mr Kirill Babaev of Altimo Foundation explained the purpose of donation.

Later, Senior Vice President Mr Kirill Babaev and Senior Advisor to CEO Mr Dmitry Andreev handed over the medicine and hospital equipment to Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo who expressed words of thanks afterwards. The donation was worth of US $ 30,000.

MNA
Changing scene of Pyinsalu in Labutta Township

Pyinsalu is a town included in Labutta Township of Myaungmya District, Ayeyawady Division, and it is located next to the sea. We heard that Pyinsalu was damaged in the cyclonic storm on 2 May. To cover the news on relief and rehabilitation tasks being undertaken by the government, the people and the Tatmadaw joining hands with the global countries, International Non-Governmental Organizations, NGOs and national entrepreneurs, we, the media group, made a trip in a ship carrying relief supplies provided by the Max Myanmar Company. We also witnessed the equipment to be used in site of their choice. In addition, bottles of purified drinking water were given to them, they explained that they were pleased with receiving much assistance on their arrival at the native region, and they pledged to take part in reconstruction of Pyinsalu as much as they can.

We made another interview at another tent. In the interview, U Soe Naing of the tent said that he came back from the relief camp in Pathein. After the storm, he received medical treatment at Pathein Hospital. Afterwards, he went back to his native place of his own wish after recovery. As a fisherman, he will continue his work. He pledged that he will try his best for achieving more and more success without giving up in life.

And, he said that he will take part in the construction tasks in the native region as much as he can.

We think that as a young man, he is keen to take part in the collective efforts for regional development. Before departure from Pyinsalu, we wished him success in shaping his future.

Translation: TTA
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Pyinsalu People’s Hospital of Ayeyawady Division seen after being repaired.
UNSC condemns attacks by Chadian rebel groups

UNITED NATIONS, 19 June — The UN Security Council on Monday strongly condemned the recent attacks carried out by Chadian rebel groups. “The Security Council condemns in the strongest terms the attacks conducted by Chadian armed groups since 11 June, 2008,” the 15-member body said in a presidential statement adopted unanimously.

The Council “condemns all attempts at destabilization by force, and reiterates its commitment to the sovereignty, unity, territorial integrity and political independence of Chad,” the statement said.

The Council demanded that the “armed groups cease violence immediately”, it said.

The Council also expressed “deep concern at the direct threat the activity of armed groups pose for the safety of the civilian population and the conduct of humanitarian operations, and urges all parties to comply fully with their obligations under international humanitarian law.”

“The Security Council stands ready to consider appropriate measures against those groups and individuals who constitute a threat to the stability of the region or violate international humanitarian law,” it added.

MNA/Xinhua

Rudd faces Upper House budget battle

CANBERRA, 19 June— Australia’s Prime Minister Kevin Rudd faces the biggest test of his six-month Labour government with a battle this week to get key budget measures past a hostile Upper House controlled by rival conservatives.

Rudd, a bookish former diplomat who in September ended nearly 12 years of conservative rule, has promised a $1.7-billion-Australian-dollar ($2.4-billion-US-dollar) surplus to recast Labour as responsible economic managers in the minds of still-wary voters.

But his opponents, who control the Upper House Senate for another fortnight before election changes shift power to a potpourri of green and family-values senators, are set on delaying key measures by sending them to a review committee.

“The Liberal Party is a clear threat to interest rates. In the Senate, we have a real fight against the Liberals to ensure that our budget is carried,” Rudd’s troubleshooter, Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard, told Labour lawmakers on Tuesday.

The conservatives are promising to block budget laws which increase sales taxes on luxury cars, expected to bring in $555 million Australian dollars over four years, and a new tax on previously exempt gas condensate which has angered big resource companies.

MNA/Reuters

Eq Guinea seeks 32 yrs jail for UK mercenary

MALABO, 19 June— Equatorial Guinea’s state prosecutor asked a court on Tuesday to sentence British mercenary Simon Mann to nearly 32 years in prison for his role in a failed 2004 coup.

On the first day of Mann’s trial in Malabo, the case presented by the West African state’s public prosecutor Jose Olo Obono also named Mark Thatcher, son of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher, as one of the organizers of the abortive plot to topple President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo.

Mann, an Eton-educated former special forces officer, was arrested in Zimbabwe in 2004 with 70 mercenaries en route to Equatorial Guinea. He was extradited from Zimbabwe to Malabo earlier this year.

He said in a TV interview broadcast in Britain in March that he plotted to oust Obiang. He is charged with crimes against the head of state, crimes against the government and crimes against the peace and independ-ence of the Equatorial Guinean state.

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Tourists hold turtles before releasing them to the sea at the Kuta beach in Denpasar on the island resort of Bali.—INTERNET

Japanse toymaker Takara Tomy’s “Flower Rock 2.0” are displayed at the International Tokyo Toy Show in Tokyo on 19 June, 2008. The product, which changes its LED colours and dances to music and surrounding sounds, will go on sale in Japan late October for 5,800 yen.—INTERNET

A radiologist studies an image from a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner at the Ambrose Pare hospital in Marseille, southern France. US scientists have developed a way to add colour to medical scans known as MRIs, potentially enhancing the information and sensitivity the images provide, they said on 19 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Thailand to open more rice mortgage centres

BANGKOK, 19 June — Thailand’s Public Warehouse Organization (PWO) and the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) will establish more rice mortgage centres countrywide to facilitate farmers, the state-run Thai News Agency reported on Monday.

Senior officials of the PWO on Monday met Yanyong Puangraj, director-general of Internal Trade Department, to assess the government-sponsored rice-mortgaging programme, which began nationwide Sunday aiming to shore up falling paddy prices and containing protests by farmers.

The government plans to open more centres aiming to buy several million tons of rice amounting 1,000 tons in the program on Sunday.

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ANKARA, 19 June— Turkish customs police seized 41 kilos of heroin at Turkey’s border with Bulgaria on Monday, the semi-official Anatolian news agency reported. The police found the drugs stashed in a car when it tried to pass the Kapikule border gate in northwestern province of Edirne to Bulgaria, said the report. The heroin hid under the tank of the car was found by a sniffer dog, it said, adding that the Bulgarian driver was arrested for questioning.

Zimbabweans await repatriation from S Africa

HARARE, 19 June — At least 2,200 Zimbabweans affected by anti-migrant violence in South Africa last month are awaiting State assistance to return home, a senior Government official has said.

Secretary for Foreign Affairs Joey Bimha said the government would continue assisting Zimbabweans affected by xenophobic attacks until all citizens who require help have returned home, The Herald reported on Tuesday.

In a statement on Monday, Bimha said the government has so far assisted 575 citizens under the first phase of the repatriation programme, which started early this month. “Government will also continue to provide such assistance until all our nationals who need assistance are repatriated back home. Presently, it is estimated that in Cape Town and Durban, there are at least 2,200 people awaiting voluntary repatriation.”

Qatar eyes law to protect rights of maids

DUBAI, 19 June— Qatar’s advisory council has approved a draft law that seeks to protect the rights of migrant workers, and improve their working conditions, a newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The 26-article law will now go to Qatar’s ruler Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani for final approval, the Gulf Times daily reported after an Advisory Council meeting on Monday. The council is like a parliament but cannot legislate.

Employers would have to pay all expenses related to recruiting maids, including visa fees, without deducting the expenses from the employee’s salary, according to the draft law. Employers face imprisonment and fines of up to 10,000 Qatari riyals (2,747 US dollars) for violating the law, the paper said.

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450 kilos of heroin seized in Netherlands

BRUSSELS, 19 June— The Dutch authorities have seized more than 450 kilos of heroin, one of the largest drug hauls intercepted in Western Europe, the Dutch Public Prosecution Service (OM) said on Monday.

The drug, which was hidden in large batteries from Turkey, has an estimated street value of 11.5 million euros, the OM said on its website. Dutch, German and Romanian authorities were involved in investigation.

Two suspects were arrested last Wednesday when the drug was intercepted in the Dutch city of Tilburg. The two men, aged 38 and 39, come from the cities of Eindhoven and Almere, the OM said.

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Australia approves local-made bird flu vaccine

Canberra, 19 June — Australia said on Tuesday it had approved the first locally made vaccine to protect humans from future bird flu, giving the nod to Panvax manufactured by CSL.

“The vaccine, Panvax, protects humans against the H5N1 influenza virus, which has been responsible for outbreaks of bird flu in Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Africa,” Health Minister Nicola Roxon said in a statement.

Experts fear the H5N1 virus, which has led to the slaughter of many poultry populations worldwide, could mutate into a form easily spread among people and spark a pandemic. The virus has killed 241 people in a dozen countries since 2003.

Roxon said Panvax would provide Australians with safe, effective coverage against being infected by a human strain of avian influenza, and was developed with government backing.

Three randomised, double-blind clinical studies were conducted to assess the safety of the vaccine in adults aged 18-64, and older adults aged 65 years and over, she said.

Militants release Philippine journalists

Manila, 19 June — Islamic militants released two Philippine journalists and their guide after holding them for more than a week on a remote southern island, police and the journalists’ employer said on Wednesday.

Those released by the Abu Sayyaf group were Ces Drilon — one of the country’s best known television journalists — cameraman Jimmy Encarnacion and a professor, Octavio Dinampo, who was acting as their guide when they were abducted on 8 June.

Another cameraman, Angelo Valderama, who was kidnapped with the group, was released last week. “Ces, Jimmy, and Angelo are finally all free," ABS-CBN, the Philippines’ largest TV network, said in a statement. “We cannot wait to bring them home.”

Wham-O intern Li-Hsuan Lu hula hoops in Emeryville, Calif., on 18 June, 2008. The hula hoop marks its 50th anniversary this week.

INTERNET

A Christie’s specialist holds a life jacket from the Titanic next to the model of the ship at Christie’s auction house in New York on 18 June, 2008. The unused life jacket from the doomed Titanic ship will go under the hammer later this month in New York, Christie’s auction house.

INTERNET
**Davenport pulls out of Eastbourne with knee injury**

**London, 19 June** — Former Wimbledon champion Lindsay Davenport withdrew from the Eastbourne International on Tuesday with a knee injury. The injury would have raised doubts about her participation in Wimbledon, which begins on Monday, as she has now not played competitively since April.

The 31-year-old American, who won Wimbledon in 1999 and Eastbourne in 2001, also withdrew from the French Open because of personal reasons.

Davenport was set to face Virginie Razzano in the first round in Eastbourne but the Frenchwoman instead faced Kaia Kanepi of Estonia, winning 6-3, 6-4.

Earlier in the day, seventh seed Nicole Vaidisova of the Czech Republic was beaten 6-2, 6-4 by Olga Govortsova of Belarus.

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**Turkish soccer team awarded bonus**

**Ankara, 19 June** — Players of the Turkish national soccer team will receive a bonus of 300,000 new Turkish liras (about 242,000 US dollars) after advancing to the quarterfinals of the Euro 2008 soccer championships.

The semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Tuesday that Turkey will play against Croatia in the quarterfinals on Friday and the game will kick off at 21:45 Turkish local time (GMT 1845).

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**Turkey keeper Volkan banned for two matches**

**Basel, 19 June** — Turkey goalkeeper Volkan Demirel has been banned for two matches and will miss their Euro 2008 quarter-final against Croatia and a possible semifinal, tournament organizers UEFA said on Wednesday.

Volkan was red carded by Swedish referee Peter Frjodfeldt in stoppage time in Turkey’s dramatic 3-2 Group A victory over Czech Republic on Sunday after he pushed striker Jan Koller to the ground in an off-the-ball incident.

UEFA said the Turkish soccer federation had also been fined 44,000 Swiss francs (42,150 US dollars) due to the “improper conduct of supporters, players and officials” during and after the Czech Republic match.

Later on Wednesday UEFA said in a statement: “The Turkish soccer federation has lodged an appeal against the ban imposed on Volkan Demirel and the fine imposed on the federation. No date has been set yet for the appeal.”

Turkey coach Fatih Terim said earlier this week that 2002 World Cup keeper Rustu Rechber would take Volkan’s place against Croatia in Vienna on Friday.

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**Spain show winning mentality with comeback victory**

**Saltzburg, 19 June** — With a perfect record of three wins out of three in their group matches, Spain believe they have demonstrated the winning mentality that will help them overcome world champions Italy in the quarterfinals.

"Italy are going to be very difficult opponents but at this stage every team is difficult," Spain coach Luis Aragones said after his team’s 2-1 win over Greece in their final group game.

"This side have learnt a lot. We were a young side at the World Cup and now we know what these competitions are like. I think we can carry on.

"This part is over and now we are on to the really impressive bit. We hope that the sort of mentality we have shown up until now will help us through," he added.

Spain joined Croatia and Netherlands as the only teams with 100 per cent records at Euro 2008 after their reserves came from a goal down to beat 2004 champions Greece in Salzburg. The Greeks scored their first goal of the tournament when striker Angelos Haristeas, who got the winner in the final against hosts Portugal four years ago, put them in front with a header at the end of the first half.

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**Bolivia end Paraguay’s unbeaten run in qualifiers**

**La Paz, 19 June** — Bolivia ended Paraguay’s unbeaten run in the 2010 World Cup qualifiers on Wednesday, beating the South American group leaders 4-2.

Striker Joaquin Botero scored twice to help Bolivia to their first win in the group and move them off bottom spot.

Ronald Garcia and Marcelo Martins also scored on a nightmare afternoon for Paraguay goalkeeper Aldo Bobadilla, standing in for the injured Justo Villar.

Roque Santa Cruz and Nelson Haedo Valdez replied for Paraguay, who beat Brazil 2-0 three days earlier but struggled with the high altitude at 3,600 metres above sea level and a shocking pitch.

Bolivia have four points from six games in the 10-team group, one more than table-propping Peru, while Paraguay have 13.

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**Ribery out for at least seven weeks**

**Vevey (Switzerland), 19 June** — France playmaker Franck Ribery will be out for seven to eight weeks after spraining his left ankle and hurting his knee in the 2-0 defeat by Italy at Euro 2008.

“He has a nasty ankle sprain,” France coach Raymond Domenech told a news conference on Wednesday. “He’s walking on crutches, he can’t put his foot down.” — MNA/Reuters
WEATHER Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather Map

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershower has been isolated in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.51) inch, Khwayan (4.53) inches, Kawkhe (3.90) inches, Myitkyina (3.66) inches, Maungdaw (3.07) inches, Kayakaw (2.64) inches, Thaton (2.56) inches, Bago (2.40) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.62) inches, Hpa-an (1.42) inches and Pylaung (1.26) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-6-2008 was 91ºF. Minimum temperature on 19-6-2008 was 71ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-6-2008 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 18-6-2008 was (2.2) hours (approx). Rainfall on 19-6-2008 was (0.75) inch at Mgaungalon, (1.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (36.77) inches at Mgaungalon, (45.00) inches at Kaba-Aye and (56.30) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 18-6-2008.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening 20-6-2008: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate to rough in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-6-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-6-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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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