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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends Green Growth, Green Asia Exhibition, ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit Session-II, signing of MoU, dinner Commitments and responsibilities necessary for all nations according to UN climate change framework

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the opening of Green Growth, Green Asia Exhibition, the ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit Session-II, the signing of MoU and the dinner hosted by the President of the Republic of Korea at the International Convention Centre (ICC)

Prime Minister General Thein Sein participates in ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit Session-II.

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President of the Republic of Korea and Heads of State / Government of ASEAN countries sign declaration of ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit Session-II.

MNA

in Jeju of the Republic of Korea on 2 June.

At 9.30 am, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the Green Growth, Green Asia Exhibition held on the third floor of ICC together with ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak, King of Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah of Brunei Darussalam, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone

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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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 5 June, 2009

Towards closer cooperation between ASEAN and ROK

The ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit was held at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Jeju Island, the Republic of Korea on 1 June and it was attended by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The Heads of State and Government of other ASEAN member nations also attended the summit and exchanged views on the relations between the ASEAN and the Republic of Korea and the future goal.

Regarding the cooperation between the ASEAN and the Republic of Korea and the future goal, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that ASEAN-ROK relations had shifted from the sector-wise relations to dialogue partner since 1989 and that the relations improved to a certain degree by signing the 2004 joint-statement on friendly relations for all-round cooperation.

The Prime Minister stressed that the whole region will gain benefits from the support by the Republic of Korea for peace, freedom, neutralization and establishment of Southeast Asia as a nuclear-free zone.

As agreements on trade, investment and services have been signed between the ASEAN and the Republic of Korea, it is necessary to make continued efforts to be able to establish the ASEAN-ROK free trade zone.

We believe that the ASEAN and the Republic of Korea will be able to work more closely in education, technology for rural areas, substitute fuel, small- and medium-scale industries, communications, technology, finance and tourism industry.

The first mid-year meeting of FEIAP in progress at the building of Myanmar Engineering Society.—MNA



People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Commander inspects left canal of Kinda Dam, Zawgyi regulating dam



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects repair of left canal of Kinda Dam in Myittha Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected the left canal of Kinda Dam and Zawgyi regulating dam in Myittha Township on 21 May morning.

The commander viewed construction project of 25-bed station hospital near Phyauckseikpin Village in Kyaukse Township and heard reports on progress of tasks presented by officials.

After inspecting the place for construction of Basic Education High School in Chaungson region of Phyauckseikpin Village, the commander left necessary instructions.—MNA

Mid-year meeting of FEIAP kicks off

YANGON, 4 June — The first mid-year of meeting of the Federation of Engineering Society of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) was held at the building of Myanmar Engineering Society in

Hline Township this afternoon.

Chairman of Myanmar Engineering Society U Han Zaw extended greetings and President of FEIAP Mr Tar Seng Chuan delivered opening address.

Over 40 representatives of engineering institutions from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, South Korea, Australia, China (Taipei) and Myanmar are participating in the meeting.

The mid-year meeting of ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organization (AFEO) will be held tomorrow at the same venue.—MNA

Stimulant tablets seized in Muse

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June — Muse Township Special Anti-drug Squad of Shan State (North) seized 38,000 stimulant tablets in Muse Township at 10 pm on 27 May.

The special anti-drug squad found the stimulant tablets carried in a bag on the motorcycle driven by Phon Shan en route from Monepaw Village to Namtaung Village.

The special squad arrested Phon Shan, but Arshan who also rode the motorcycle managed to escape from the scene. Phon Shan is now under investigation, and in connection with the case, the special squad is trying to arrest Arshan and other drug traffickers. — MNA

Those from US and British embassies visited NLD (Headquarters) 25 times in May

YANGON, 4 June—The National League for Democracy (Headquarters) has kept in touch with the US and British embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of the NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it.

Those from the US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine Street here 25 times in May 2009. During their visit, they met with CEC members of the party and gave large and small envelopes and parcels to the latter.—MNA

TOBACCO KILLS



Iran's Ahmadinejad defends his policies in TV debate



Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad attends a TV debate between him and Iran's presidential hopeful — former Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi in Tehran, Iran, on 3 June, 2009. —INTERNET

TEHRAN, 4 June — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Wednesday defended his government's foreign and domestic policies in a TV debate with presidential hopeful — former Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi. "During this four

years, great dignity has been established in both outside and inside Iran," Ahmadinejad said at the beginning of the debate broadcasted live by the state-run television.

"The Iranian nation has made itself an adorable image in the international community," he said. Ahmadinejad has been criticized by reformists and some conservatives for the country's soaring inflation and social problems such as high unemployment rate and housing shortage.

He has also been confronted with sharp criticism towards his hardline approaches which resulted in Iran's gloomy image. "The social problems are not formed in just four years," he said, adding that unemployment and economic problems are not new issues in his government.

Internet



A boy wounded in a bomb attack lies in a hospital as he receives medical treatment in a hospital in Baghdad on 4 June, 2009. A bomb planted in a cafe in a mostly Shi'ite district of southwest Baghdad killed nine people and wounded 31 others, police said. —INTERNET

Iraqi PM calls to resolve deadlocks with Kuwait by dialogue

BAGHDAD, 4 June — Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki said on Wednesday that pending issues between Iraq and Kuwait could be settled by dialogue. Maliki's remarks came during a meeting in his office with Kuwaiti ambassador to Iraq Ali al-Mu'min, to discuss the tension which rose lately between the two countries as some Iraqi politicians and media accused Kuwait of hampering Iraqi efforts to lift UN sanction imposed on the war-torn country since 1990.

"Committing to calmness and dialogue between both sides could resolve problems inherited from the era of the former regime," Maliki was quoted as saying in a statement issued by his office. "The two brotherly and neighboring sides can ensure their rights through dialogue," Maliki said. A few days ago, Mohammad Abulhassan, a representative of Kuwaiti Emir, visited some capitals of the permanent members of the UN Security Council to explain Kuwait's stance as to Iraq's efforts to lift the Chapter VII sanctions.

The Kuwaiti official demanded that sanctions imposed on Iraq should not be lifted until Iraq fulfills all its obligations in line with international resolutions. The Kuwaiti move prompted tension between the two countries as politicians and media of both sides exchanged accusations during the past few days. The United Nations imposed severe economic sanctions on Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

Internet



A resident walks past the site of a bomb attack in a wholesale vegetable market in Baghdad June 1, 2009. A bomb planted in the popular vegetable market killed four people and wounded 13 in southern Baghdad on Monday, police said, the second time the market has been attacked in just over two weeks. —INTERNET

Some 12,000 households hit by floods in N Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, 4 June — Some 12,000 households in nine provinces in northern and north-eastern Afghanistan have been affected by floods since April, according to the latest United Nations-backed assessments.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported here on Wednesday that another round of flooding is expected to hit the northeastern part of the South Asian nation, as the snow remaining on the mountains of the Kunduz sub-basin begins to melt in the coming weeks, exacerbating the situation.

Given the amount of snowfall and the Kunduz River's rising water levels, OCHA predicts that the new floods could surpass the deadly 2005 floods in the region in both extent and duration. —Internet

US military arrests Afghan journalist

KABUL, 4 June — US forces arrested an Afghan journalist from Khost Province east of Afghanistan, a local newspaper reported on Thursday.

"American troops on Tuesday night raided the house of a local journalist Noora Jan Baheer and took him into custody along with his two brothers," *Daily Arman-e-Millie* writes.

Noora Jan, according to the newspaper, was working as reporter for Kilid group, a media outlet running a local radio and a magazine.

Governor of Khost Province Hamidullah Qalandarzai, the newspaper reported, would talk with the US forces on the subject while Media Center, a body to defend journalist rights has called for the early release of Baheer. —Internet

Israeli minister vows to facilitate settlement expansion

JERUSALEM, 4 June — Israeli Interior Minister Eli Yishai vowed on Wednesday that he would exhaust his resources to help expand West Bank settlements, reported local daily *The Jerusalem Post*.

"I promise to use my ministry, all the resources at my disposal and the ministry's impact on local authorities for the good of expanding settlements," the chairman of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party was quoted as saying at a meeting with settlement leaders. The hardline minister made the remarks as the US government under President Barack Obama has repeatedly urged Israel to totally freeze settlement activities, which the Jewish state sees as a tall order.

Internet

Residents walk past the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 4 June, 2009. A bomb planted in a cafe in a mostly Shi'ite district of southwest Baghdad killed nine people and wounded 39 others on Wednesday, police said. —INTERNET



Nine killed, 39 injured in Baghdad cafe bombing

BAGHDAD, 4 June — Nine people were killed and 39 others injured in a bomb explosion in a cafe in southwest Baghdad on Wednesday evening, a well-informed police source said.

The blast occurred at a cafe in the Shiite neighborhood of al-Shurta al-Rabia, which was crowded with people, including old men, who were gathering there to drink tea, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The bomb was apparently hidden in a bag brought in by an unidentified man who fled the scene before the blast, the source said. —Internet

Russia, US conclude 2nd round of n-disarmament talks

GENEVA, 4 June—Russia and the United States on Wednesday concluded their second round of talks aimed at reaching a new strategic arms reduction agreement to replace the 1991 START treaty. “The current three-day round of talks on an agreement to replace the START treaty has concluded in Geneva,” said a spokesperson for the US mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

Negotiators from both sides held altogether five working sessions from June 1 to June 3, and the US delegation was led by Rose Gottemoeller, assistant secretary of state for verification, compliance, and implementation, the spokesperson said. The Russian diplomatic mission also confirmed that the second round of talks have concluded. But both sides declined to reveal any further detail of their Geneva discussions. The two sides held their first round of negotiations in Moscow on May 19-21, which was described as a “success”.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers weld a section of steel case beam in Qingdao, a port city in east China's Shandong Province, on 2 June, 2009.—XINHUA

Venezuelan, Argentine, Chilean leaders hail “historic” OAS resolution on Cuba’s reentry

MEXICO CITY, 4 June — Venezuelan, Argentine and Chilean leaders on Wednesday hailed the “historic” resolution of the Organization of American States (OAS) on revoking the exclusion against Cuba.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said at national TV and radio broadcast that the OAS decision “recognized the revolu-

tionary Cuba.” The countries in the Americas are no longer colonies or backyards of the US, Chavez said. “We are in the 21st century with a very different reality than the one in the 1960s,” he added.

In Argentina, President Cristina Fernandez said the OAS’s decision to annul the sanction against Cuba imposed

many years ago was “historic.” Fernandez said that during the 5th Summit of the Americas, held in Trinidad and Tobago, she had called for lifting the OAS sanctions against Cuba. “In the Americas new winds are blowing,” she said. Meanwhile, Chilean Foreign Minister Mariano Fernandez celebrated on Wednesday Cuba’s possible re-entry to the OAS.—Internet

Massive storm hits large area of Romania

BUCHAREST, 4 June — A violent storm on Tuesday evening hit the capital and 15 of Romania’s 41 counties, killing one person and uprooting hundreds of trees, authorities said on Wednesday.

Ramona Nistor, spokes-woman for emergency situations, said a 49-year-old woman died in the southern town of Drobeta Turnu Severin after the roof of an aban-

doned house in which she had sought shelter collapsed. Dan Nica, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister, said 533 houses lost their roofs, seven social and economic establishments were destroyed, 600 hectares of farmland were flooded, and two bridges, 37 foot-bridges, five national and three village roads were affected.

Internet

Israeli soldiers wound Palestinian in northern Gaza

GAZA, 4 June — Israeli troops stationed near the border between northern Gaza Strip and Israel Wednesday shot and wounded a Palestinian young man, witnesses and medics said. Gaza emergency chief Mo’aweya Hassanein said the Palestinian was injured when Israeli soldiers stationed east of the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Hanoun fired, adding that he was in moderate condition.

The soldiers opened intensive gunfire at the farmers’s area, causing fire to large fields of wheat and barley, and firefighters managed to put out the fire, according to witnesses. Earlier on Wednesday, six Palestinians were injured after Israeli forces entered some hundreds of meters deep into the northern Gaza Strip, medical sources and fighters said.

Internet

UN Secretary-General’s Message for World Environment Day

5 June 2009

The following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message for World Environment Day, to be observed today:

The economic and financial turmoil sweeping the globe is a true wake-up call, sounding an alarm about the need to improve upon old patterns of growth and make a transition to a new era of greener, cleaner development. The theme of this year’s World Environment Day “Your planet needs you” is meant to inspire all of us to do our part.

The Earth faces the grave threat of climate change. While all countries will suffer, the poor will bear the brunt of the impact. But we also have an opportunity to change course. Crucial climate change talks will take place in Copenhagen in December. Together, we must press governments to “Seal the Deal” for a new climate agreement.

The world also needs a “Green New Deal” focused on investing in renewable sources of energy, eco-friendly infrastructure and energy efficiency. This will not only create jobs and spur recovery but also help tackle global warming. If we invest even part of the substantial new economic stimulus packages in the green economy, we can turn today’s crisis into tomorrow’s sustainable growth. Moreover, countries that make the transition to a low-carbon society will reap more than significant environmental benefits; they will be well placed to share their new technology with others.

But our planet needs more than just action by governments and corporations; it needs each of us. Although individual decisions may seem small in the face of global threats and trends, when billions of people join forces in common purpose we can make a tremendous difference.

On this World Environment Day, I encourage all people to take concrete steps towards making the planet greener and cleaner. Switch off the lights. Take public transportation. Recycle. Plant a tree. Clean up your local park. Hold corporations responsible for their environmental practices. And urge your government representatives to Seal the Deal in Copenhagen.—UNIC

UN Headquarters renovations on schedule, project manager says

UNITED NATIONS, 4 June — The head of the 1.9-billion-US-dollar United Nations Headquarters makeover said here on Wednesday that the plan was on schedule for completion in 2013 and, although a little over now, could finish within budget.

UN Assistant Secretary-General Michael Adlerstein told a news conference here that the project, which includes relocating 6,500 UN staff members to a temporary building on the grounds or to rented spaces and completely renovating the 39-story secretariat building, “remains on track.” He said the UN General Assembly had voted a budget of 1.876 billion dollars and, after the adoption of a UN-adopted accelerated strategy, the projected cost-to-complete is about 90 million dollars over that figure.

“We were 219 million dollars over budget last year, and we are still over-budget, but the gap is closing,” he said. “We continue to seek opportunities to align the project to the budget, and I remain confident that we will complete the project within the approved budget.”

Internet



A woman crosses a bamboo made bridge over a breached dam caused by cyclone Aila in Shatkira on 4 June, 2009. Thousands of people have been displaced by a huge tidal wave caused by cyclone Aila on May 25. Survivors are suffering due to scarcity of food and drinking water.—INTERNET



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Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (1st L) hosts a welcoming ceremony for Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak (2nd L) in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 June, 2009.—XINHUA

Cuba's Fidel Castro calls OAS a "US Trojan horse"

HAVANA, 4 June—Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro on Wednesday slammed the Organization of American States (OAS) as a "US Trojan horse," despite the group's decision to lift suspension against the island country.

Castro, who ruled Cuba from 1959 to 2006, ruled out Cuba's potential return to the body. The OAS was "complicit" in all the crimes committed against Cuba and against other Latin American nations by Washington, he said in an article published in Wednesday's state-run media. Cuba was barred from attending OAS meetings in 1962, three years after its revolution, as part of a broader US economic and political blockade against the island. Castro's article argued that the OAS served only to help the US interfere with other nations in the region, and called for the organization to be dissolved.

"It is naive to think that the good intentions of one president justifies the existence of a body that... supported... neoliberalism, drug trafficking, military bases and economic crises," Castro said. Since the January inauguration of Barack Obama as US president, Cuba-US relations have warmed but remain tense. Washington has lifted US restrictions on travel and cash remittances to Cuba for Cuban-Americans with relatives on the island.—Xinhua

NE China police seize 55 suspects for growing, processing, trafficking marijuana

CANGCHUN, 4 June—Police in north China's Jilin Province have seized 55 suspects involved in growing, processing and trafficking marijuana, said the provincial Public Security Bureau on Thursday.

The police, who worked with their counterparts in 19 cities in nine provinces and regions including Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Chongqing Municipalities and Heilongjiang Province, also confiscated 1,400 kg of refined marijuana, 6,200 kg semi-finished marijuana joints, 300,000 yuan (about 44,000 US dollars) of drug-related money, five vans for conveying marijuana and 23 controlled tools and some drug-making facilities, a report from the police detailed.

The Jilin Provincial Public Security Bureau got a tip-off in June last year and discovered that 12 farmer households had planted 12.6 hectares of marijuana in Yongjiu township, in the city of Songyuan. The bureau set up a team to follow the case and found 600 hectares of planted marijuana, with the earliest planting date traced back to 2004.—Xinhua

Drugs destroyed to mark Humen Opium Destruction

BEIJING, 4 June—Beijing police Wednesday set fire to 393.5 kg of illegal drugs to mark the 170th anniversary of the famous Humen Opium Destruction. A majority of the banned substances destroyed included heroin, methamphetamine (ice), cocaine and marijuana.

Shi Dawei, the political commissar of the capital's anti-drug committee, said the police Wednesday destroyed "only about half of the drugs they seized" between 2006 and 2008. The police seized more than 773 kg of drugs over the three-year period," he said. On 3 June, 1839, Lin Zexu, a senior official of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), ordered that 1,000 tons of smuggled opium, confiscated from foreign dealers in China, be set on fire in Humen, Guangdong Province.—Xinhua

Helicopter falls down in Venezuela

CARACAS, 4 June — A Bell 407 helicopter with five people aboard went down on Wednesday in Venezuela's southwestern Andean region, officials said. It was unclear whether there were any survivors, Venezuelan Interior and Justice Minister Tarek El Aissami told reporters. Aissami said the weather and geographic conditions of the area where the chopper fell were complicated, and a rescue team had been sent to search for possible survivors. The copter probably went down due to bad weather, he said. Regional Civil Protection Director Alfredo Jaczko said the helicopter, with two crew members and three passengers on board, was making a supervision trip at the hydroelectric dam Uribante Caparo. The accident occurred near the city of Uribante which borders Colombia.—Xinhua

USOC may lose Bank of America sponsorship

WASHINGTON, 4 June — The US Olympic Committee looked to lose its sponsorship from the Bank of America after the latter said on Wednesday bad economic situation forced them not to renew their deal.

The bank's senior vice president of global media relations Joe Goode said the bank "cannot renew its existing sponsorship as structured." The economic crisis hit the banking sector hard with soaring credit losses and depleted capital. Bank of America is cutting several billion dollars of annual costs and a possible 42,500 jobs after buying Merrill Lynch & Co and Countrywide Financial Corp over the last year. Bank of America also has received about billion US dollars from the Treasury Department's Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).—Xinhua



Grooms present flowers to brides during a hand-capped group wedding ceremony in Chongqing, southwest China, on 3 June, 2009.—XINHUA

Conference on climate change concludes with Athens Declaration

ATHENS, 4 June — The international conference on climate change concluded here Wednesday with adoption of the Athens Declaration on Vulnerable Children and Climate Change, which placed emphasis on the urgent need to take actions facilitating necessary adjustments.

It raised the issue of common opportunities and restrictions and highlighted the challenges for the future generations, taking into consideration the limited resilience displayed by the most vulnerable and poor populations, while calling for stronger

international cooperation in this direction. Delegates from all over the world discussed the topics focusing on the repercussions of climate change on more vulnerable social groups, as well as investment issues and funding aimed at limiting the emissions of "greenhouse" effect gases and the adjustment to climate change. The vulnerable communities in the region of the Mediterranean, such as the elderly and the very young, especially those suffering from chronic diseases, are most likely to be among those who will be greatly affected by the destabilization of the climate system coupled with the imminent disruption of the eco-systems, the declaration said.

Xinhua

Internal parts of Air France Flight 447 found

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 June—Brazil's Defence Minister Nelson Jobim announced on Wednesday evening that Air Force planes managed to spot some internal parts of the crashed Air France Airbus on the Atlantic Ocean.

Mercantile and Brazilian Navy ships searching the zone where wreckage was spotted, are collecting the materials for analysis. The objects will be delivered to the French government which leads the investigations, according to the Minister.

Xinhua



Brazil's Defence Minister Nelson Jobim attends a Press conference held in Brasilia, Brazil, on 3 June, 2009.—XINHUA



A model poses with a Microsoft Multi-Touch-enabled computer installed with Windows 7 during the 2009 Computex exhibition in China Taipei on 2 June, 2009. Touchscreen technology is sweeping the consumer electronics market as technology brands hope to come up with the next iPhone, but these new toys could be little more than plenty of hype especially in the PC market.— INTERNET

Chile reinforces sanitary measures to curb A/H1N1 flu

SANTIAGO, 4 June — The Chilean government decided on Wednesday to reinforce nationwide sanitary measures after the country reported its first death from the A/H1N1 flu on Tuesday.

The government will reinforce medical staff training and hand out clinic guides to emergency service officers, Health Minister Alvaro Erazo said after a meeting with health authorities and experts.

Patients over five years old and with a fever over 38 degrees, cough, muscles pain or headache could receive antiviral treatment without a clinic analysis, Erazo said.

Internet

Chinese man celebrates 10th anniversary of ground-breaking intestine operation

XI'AN, 4 June— A Chinese man who had a successful small intestine transplant a decade ago, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the operation on Tuesday and is now believed to be Asia's longest surviving patient of such an operation.

Yang Feng, a 29-year-old native of central Henan Province, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the operation Tuesday evening with scholars and doctors

at the Xijing Hospital in Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi Province. In 1999, Yang suffered acute ileus, an intestinal obstruction which reduced his weight from 60 kg to less than 35 kg. His small intestine was cut to only 40 centimeters, about one tenth that of healthy people.

Doctors at the Xijing Hospital transplanted 150 cm of small intestine from his father Yang Runsheng. This was the

first successful small intestine transplant in China from a living person.

Yang and his father are all alive and healthy. Yang married in 2007. He has been working as a temporary staff member at the hospital for eight years.

Small intestine transplant patients generally survive a few years after the operation because of strong repulsion reactions and serious infection threats. — *Internet*

Study shows estrogen linked to lowered immunity in fish

WASHINGTON, 4 June — Exposure to estrogen reduces production of immune-related proteins in fish.

This suggests that certain compounds, known as endocrine disruptors, may make fish more susceptible to disease.

Results of the study were published online Wednesday in the journal, *Fish & Shellfish Immunology*.

The study, led by US Geological Survey genomics researcher Dr Laura Robertson, revealed that largemouth bass injected with estrogen produced lowered levels of hepcidin, an important iron-regulating hormone in mammals that is also found in fish and amphibians. This is the first published study demonstrating control of hepcidin by estrogen in

any animal.

Besides being an important iron-regulating hormone, researchers also suspect that hepcidin may act as an antimicrobial peptide in mammals, fish and frogs.

Antimicrobial peptides are the first line of defence against disease-causing bacteria and some fungi and viruses in vertebrate animals.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



A work by Spanish artist Pamen Pereira is displayed during the exhibition "This is a love story" at a culture centre in Burgos.

Get Enough Dietary Protein

Protein helps your body replace damaged cells and make new ones. Women who are pregnant, children and teens should be especially careful to get enough protein, according to the US National Library of Medicine.

Meat is a good source of protein, but because it's often high in cholesterol it shouldn't be relied on as the only protein source, the agency states. Fish, poultry, eggs, nuts, whole grains, soybeans, peas and dairy products are also fine sources of protein.

Scouts Boss to repay \$20K cookie cash

A former Ohio Girl Scouts leader has agreed to pay the organization \$20,000 as restitution for stealing money from a cookie account and using it for vacations, groceries and other personal expenses.

Prosecutors say Tamara Jo Ward had access to a bank account the Dayton-based troop used to deposit cookie sales revenue that was to pay for the troop's recreational activities.

The 45-year-old Ward pleaded guilty in April to grand theft.

Under a restitution agreement, she'll pay \$5,000 up front. She'll also pay \$250 a month during a five-year probation and spend 30 days in jail.



Wang Xiaoyu, 35, gives a model a haircut while standing on his head near his barbershop in Changsha, Hunan Province. Wang, a barber of 15 years who has had 18 years of training in the Chinese martial arts Kungfu, is now trying to attract more customers by giving haircuts whilst adopting a headstand, local media reported.

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio staff representative Marcia Dowds attended Thursday's court hearing. She says the agreement allows everyone in the case to move on.

Kan man accused of beating bird appeals \$275 fine

A Kansas man accused of beating a gull that tried to eat his wife's ice cream is appealing a \$275 fine stemming from the incident in California.

The Orange County Register reported Friday that Dragan Djuric of Wichita, Kan., contested the fine levied by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for violating the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Police say Djuric beat a Heermann's gull with a stick and broke its wing in Laguna Beach on New Year's Eve. The bird was later euthanized.

Djuric says he was acting in self-defence after the bird swooped down, hit his wife's head and tried to grab her ice cream.

Fish and Wildlife officials say witnesses told authorities the ice cream fell on its own and Djuric struck birds that descended to eat it.

Lin Hui, a 7-year old panda, and its two-days-old cub are seen at the Chiang Mai Zoo in Chiang Mai, northern Thailand.

Man, 81, charged for clearing pothole for repair

An Ohio man said he chipped away loose material to prepare a pothole for repair and thought he was helping the city, not breaking the law. An undercover police officer spotted 81-year-old James Stacy in the street near Stacy's home with a pickaxe and a broom last week. Stacy said he cleared the 3-foot-wide hole because he expected a crew to patch it and wanted the patch to last longer.

Public works manager Paul Barnett said he'd always like to do such cleaning. But he said it created a greater safety hazard until the hole was patched.

Police charged Stacy with criminal damaging, saying he destroyed fresh asphalt and ignored an officer's warning.

Stacy denies that. He is scheduled in court Tuesday and faces up to 90 days in jail.





**Commander Maj-
Gen Kyaw Swe
inspects Pathein
Glass Factory in
Pathein.**

MNA



Commander inspects factories in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe

inspected Pathein Glass Factory in Pathein and No 5 Fertilizer Plant project in Kangyidauk Township of Myanma Ceramics Industry under the Ministry of Industry-1 on

19 May.

He also visited the re-transmission station of Myawady TV in Pathein and gave instructions to officials concerned.

MNA

Commander, Minister for Sports attend opening of Sports and Education Course

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered addresses at the opening ceremony of the Sports and Education Course and the Sports Training Course for 2009-2010 academic year at Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) on 1 June morning.

The minister presented cash for uniforms to teachers and cash for uniforms and sports gear to the sports instructors.

Next, the minister accepted K 4.2 million donated by wellwishers including K 1 million by Mandalay Division PDC; K 1 million by Mandalay Division Development Affairs and Management Committee; K 1 million by AAA Cement Trading and K 500,000 by U Soe



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe accepts cash donation.—MNA

Naing of Aye Aye Khaing Jewellery Co.

The trainees of the institute demonstrated their skills in gymnastic, weightlifting, football and Wushu events.

The commander and the minister cordially greeted the trainees and viewed the sports equipment.

In the afternoon, the minister met with local people in Thakhuttaw Village of Wetlet Township and attended to the needs. On the occasion, Dr U Bo Gyi of Yokepyo Traditional Medicine Industry donated K 500,000 to the funds for construction of the school.—MNA

Myanmar youth secure three wins, one draw, two losses

YANGON, 4 June—The Under-13 Asian Youth Football Match was held at Saban of Malaysia on 3 and 4 June.

Myanmar youth

football team had three wins, one draw and two losses in six matches.

In the competitions, Myanmar youth beat Australia 2-1, Cambodia

1-0 and the Philippines 1-0. Myanmar played a 1-1 draw with Singapore, and lost to Thailand 1-2 and Laos 1-2.

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2nd coord meeting for marking World Population Day held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—The 2nd coordination meeting of the Organizing Committee for World Population Day, which falls on 11 July 2009, took place at the Ministry of Immigration and Population here this afternoon.

First, Chairman of the Organizing Committee Director-General U Maung Myint of Population Department extended greetings.

Next, officials from the working committee and subcommittees reported on progress of implementing the plans and future tasks. Those present took part in the discussions.

The motto of World Population Day for this year is designated as "Protecting Marginalized populations from the global economic crisis" and the poster, essay, photo and article contests will be held.

On 13 and 14 June, the

poster and essay contests will be organized at the cities of the States and Divisions including Nay Pyi Taw at the same time. Those wishing to take part in the colour photo and article contests are to send the entries for colour photo contest not later than 26 June and the entries for article contest not later than 22 June to No. 416, the Population Department (Yangon Branch) on Maha Bandoola Street, Yangon.—MNA



Director-General U Maung Myint delivers an address at 2nd coordination meeting of Organizing Committee for World Population Day.—MNA

Establishment of village fuel wood plantation assigned

YANGON, 4 June—Myothit Township Forest Department organized the ceremony to assign duties for growing trees in the rainy season at the meeting hall of Township Peace and Development Council office on 27 May morning. Staff Officer of

Township Forest Department U Hsan Win Tun assigned duty to every household for growing three teak plants and 20 hard wood and eucalyptus plants and for establishment of one-acre village fuel wood plantation and explained

the cultivation methods.

Next, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Naing Soe presented letters of assigning duties to chairmen of Ward Peace and Development Councils.

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In the presence of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN and ROK economic ministers of ROK and ASEAN countries sign agreement on establishment of ASEAN-Korea free trade area.—MNA

Myanmar invites investors of ASEAN countries and ROK to invest in the exploration of oil and gas.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends Green Growth...

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Bouphavanh, Malay-sian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Republic of the Philippines Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen

Tan Dung and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

At the exhibition, a young Korean lady conducted them round the booths of Metropolitan Eco & Energy Town, Clean Water From Source To Top, Nuclear Power & Sea Water Desalination, Biomass, Wind Power Generation & Smart Grid and Fuel-cell Driving

World Green.

At 10 am, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit Session-II held at Halla Hall on the third floor of ICC. Also present were the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and ROK, the ASEAN Secretary-General and high-ranking officials of ROK and ASEAN countries.

The Thai Prime Minister acted alternate chairman of the summit

and the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries discussed global challenges such as global financial crisis, climate change and food security and exchanged their views.

In his discussion, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said he welcomed the establishment of ASEAN+3 emergency rice reserve to avert insecurity of major food such as rice. He said he wished to see agricultural cooperation and technological exchanges for security of food, for alleviation of poverty and for sustainable development.

Energy security needs cooperation of the regional

and international organizations. It is also necessary to expand the regional cooperation in order to extensively employ renewable energy and pure energy resources including hydro-power, solar power and bio-energy for prevention of instability of energy prices and climate change and for conservation of the natural environment. The Prime Minister said Myanmar invited investors of ASEAN countries and ROK to invest in the exploration of oil and gas. He continued that he welcomed and encouraged the measures to increase the amount of Chiang initiative reserve

managing waste products and reducing carbon emissions.

He also thanked the Republic of Korea for organizing the Climate Forum held recently in Seoul. He also praised ROK for its effort to adopt the 'Low Carbon, Green Growth' scheme. He said he welcomed the announcement of ROK that it would provide US\$ 200 million for East Asia Climate Partnership. Myanmar would cooperate closely with ROK for conservation and ensuring sustainable development of the environment.

MoU signing ceremony took place at Samda Hall on the ICC third floor. The economic



Prime Minister General Thein Sein, the Korean President and the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries view exhibits of Green Growth, Green Asia Exhibition at ICC in Jeju, Republic of Korea.—MNA

Myanmar will cooperate closely with ROK for conservation and ensuring sustainable development of the environment.

pooling scheme from US\$ 80 million to US\$ 120 million, approved at ASEAN+3 finance ministerial meeting, and to establish a reliable observation mechanism.

Commitments and responsibilities are necessary for all the nations according to the UN climate change framework.

The Prime Minister added that he was delighted to see more cooperation in the technologies of conserving forests,

ministers of ROK and ASEAN countries signed the agreement on establishment of ASEAN-Korea free trade area and handed over the documents to the ASEAN Secretary-General.

Afterwards, the heads of State/Government of ROK and ASEAN nations signed the joint-declaration of ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit and handed over the documents to the ASEAN Secretary-General.

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Prime Minister attends dinner hosted by Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan at the Lotus Hall of the Shilla Hotel in Jeju of the Republic of Korea at 7 pm on 2 June.

Also present at the dinner were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea U Myo Lwin, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Park-Key Chang, President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim and guests.

On arrival at the dinner, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Governor of Jeju Island Special

Governor Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province of ROK extends greetings at dinner.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein explains friendly ties between two countries and cooperation in economic affairs at dinner in Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province.—MNA

Self-governing Province Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan and officials.

Next, a Korean girl presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister. At the dinner, Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan extended greetings.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein explained friendly ties between the two countries and cooperation in economic affairs.

Mr. Yae-Yeo Huh of Supreme member of Hanhlara Party of the Republic of Korea and President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim spoke words of delightedness.

Later, Governor Mr. Kim-Tae Hwan hosted a dinner to the Prime Minister and party.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein...

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The joint-declaration stated that it was heartening to see that US\$ 39 million had been contributed to the ASEAN-Korea cooperation fund since the establishment of ASEAN-Korea partnership ties. According to the ASEAN-Korea partnership framework, it had been estimated to expand the annual fund of the partnership from US\$ 3 million to 5 million.

ASEAN-Korea Centre was opened in March, 2009 in Seoul, ROK with a view to promote ASEAN-Korea trade, investment, tourism and cultural sectors. ASEAN-Korea group of celebrities

was formed in early 2009 as a more consolidated ASEAN-Korea friendship tool.

The Republic of Korea is a major contributor to ASEAN cooperation for narrowing the development gap between the ASEAN nations. It has pledged to contribute additional US\$ 5 million to the second phase of the ASEAN cooperation. For creating more job opportunities, ROK will train 7,000 people from ASEAN countries in five years. It has also been arranged to exchange trainees under the ASEAN-Korea education exchange programme. The declaration reiterated that the nations would closely

cooperate in addressing the challenges of global climate change, environmental, economic and financial crises. It has also recognized the importance of Chiang Mai initiative multilateralization scheme to prevent the regional financial crisis, the firmness of Asia loan security market scheme and ROK's effort for 'Low Carbon, Green Growth' scheme.

Later, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the luncheon hosted by the Korean President at the Shilla Hotel Payara Observatory at 1 pm. Also present were the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General.—MNA

Prime Minister arrives back from Jeju, Republic of Korea

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—After attending the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit and Related Summits of Bilateral Summit in Jeju, the Republic of Korea, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Director-General of the Government Office Col

Thant Shin and heads of department, left Jeju, ROK by air yesterday morning and arrived at Incheon International Airport of ROK at 9 am Korea local time.

The Prime Minister and entourage were seen off at Jeju Airport by Governor of Jeju Island Special Self-governing Province Mr Kim-Tae Hwan and officials.

They left Incheon International Airport by the flight of Thai Airways

and arrived at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok at 2 pm Thai local time.

They were seen off at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein and embassy staff.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party left Suvarnabhumi International Airport by special flight and arrived back here in the afternoon.—MNA

Yangon Mayor signs Condolence Book

YANGON, 4 June—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin signed Book of Condolence opened at the Embassy of Israel, No 15, Khabaung Street, here at

10.30 am, for the passing away of Professor Ephraim Katzir, Former

President of the State of Israel, on 30 May 2009. MNA



Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin signs Condolence Book opened at the Embassy of Israel for passing away of Former President Professor Ephraim Katzir.—MNA

No Influenza A/H1N1 cases found in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—The World Health Organization yesterday reported a total of 19,273 cases and 117 deaths in 66 countries from 17 April to 3 June due to Influenza A/H1N1.

International veterinarians have suggested that pig farmers vaccinate their animals against infectious diseases that are common in the countries concerned; and give regularly anti-worm tablets to their pigs. In Myanmar, classical swine fever, swine plague, and foot and mouth disease are common. So, farmers should immunize their pigs against the diseases in coordination with nearest branches of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, local administrative bodies at state and division, district and township levels, the Department of Health, the Development Affairs Department, the Myanmar Livestock Federation and livestock entrepreneurs are jointly taking precautionary measures against the diseases such as raising public awareness about influenza, distribution of pamphlets, carrying out surveillance work and giving educative talks on bio-safety.

Up to now, no Influenza A/H1N1 cases are found in Myanmar. The viruses cannot survive the heat at 70° Centigrade or 160° Fahrenheit. And the virus cannot spread to man if pork and pig products are touched systematically, said the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

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Baron's "Commands Respect" Amateur Open Golf Challenge 2009 for Mandalay, Yangon

YANGON, 4 June—The Baron's "Commands Respect" Amateur Open Golf Challenge 2009, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, will be held soon.

Two qualifying cuts will be organized. Of them, the first qualifying cut will take place at Shwemantaung Golf Course in Mandalay on 9 June and the second at Myanmar Golf Club at the 9th Mile on Pyay Road in

Yangon on 15 June. A total of 12 qualified players will be selected from each cuts.

Altogether 12 qualified players each from Mandalay and Yangon are to take part in the final stage at seven golf clubs in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, PyinOoLwin, Mandalay, Bagan and Pyay Golf Clubs on seven successive days.

The final match will be held for last four. All the rounds will be organized through the stroke play (scratch)

Handicap 0 system.

Those wishing to take part in the golf challenge are to contact Han Golf Masters Pro Shop, Tel: 09-2210410, 09-2017639, 09-6804015 and 02-64583 for the Mandalay match, not later than 2 pm on 7 June, Han Event Management, Tel: 01-651374, 09-2037671 and 09-2210410 and Myanmar Golf Club, Tel: 01-661702 for the Yangon match, not later than 2 pm on 13 June.

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Prime Minister receives President & CEO...

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of Lotte Hotel in Jeju of the Republic of Korea at 3 pm on 2 June.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic

Development U Soe Tha, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea U Myo Lwin, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and departmental heads.

President & CEO

of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim was accompanied by Managing Director Mr. Juns-Han Kim of Myanmar Daewoo Co Ltd and responsible persons.

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Preventive measures are being taken against spread of A/H1N1 into Myanmar at the Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Health staff carry out preventive measures against A/H1N1 at Mandalay International Airport (TadaU).—MNA

Myanmar still remains influenza A/H1N1 free country Health Ministry taking preventive measures against influenza A/H1N1

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Influenza A/H1N1 has broken out since 17 April. The influenza infected 19,273 people and killed 117 across the world and the influenza infected in 66 countries including Mexico, according to the information released yesterday by the World Health Organization.

The virus A/H1N1 may be mutated into the global human pandemic disease. Therefore, the Ministry of Health has taken the necessary preparedness task on 25 April.

Not to break out the influenza A/H1N1 in the territory of Myanmar, the Ministry of Health is taking preparedness measures such as daily virus observation, preparations for medical treatment, providing of medicines and medical equipment and laboratory apparatuses to the hospitals and making ready for use of the special patient wards.

With regard to situations of outbreak of the influenza, the preventive measures and dissemination of health knowledge are being issued to the people through TV, radio and dailies in time.

Since 29 April, the visitors have been under medical checks at international airports, international seaports and exits of borders.

Up to now, the Ministry of Health released information that there is no case of influenza A/H1N1 in Myanmar.—MNA



Taleban militants kill Afghan candidate of provincial council

KABUL, 4 June — Police in central Afghan province of Wardak on Thursday found the dead body of a provincial council candidate, who was kidnapped by militants last week, provincial police chief of Ghazni province said.

“Yeiya Mulaye Azhar, who has signed up for competing

provincial election, was killed on Wednesday night and police found his body in Sayed Abad district of Wardak province on Thursday,” Khil Baz Shirza told *Xinhua*.

Azhar has not been working for government, Shirza added.

The police chief blamed the enemy of

Afghanistan, a term used by Afghan officials for Taleban insurgents, for the incident.

The second presidential and provincial election in post-Taleban Afghanistan is set on August 20 this year while Taleban militants have warned Afghans to boycott the election.

Internet

Zhou Degui, an umbrella maker, shows antique Fenshui oil paper umbrella making skills during the 2nd International Festival of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 2 June, 2009. The Fenshui oil paper umbrella has a history of 400 years.

INTERNET



Confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu reach to 106 in US Navy

HOUSTON, 4 June—Eighteen new cases of A/H1N1 flu have been confirmed on the aircraft carrier *Nimitz*, bringing the total number of the confirmed cases in US Navy to 106, said a Navy spokesman, quoted by *Navy Times* on Tuesday.

Commodore Cappy Surette, a Navy spokesman at the Pentagon, said some of the sailors were placed in medical isolation, despite the new cases are described as “mild”. Surette also said *Nimitz* has been at sea on predeployment training, and the new cases have not affected operations.

US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reported on Monday there were 10,053 confirmed cases and 17 deaths caused by the virus nationwide.

The agency updates the figures on its website almost everyday, but never releases the cases confirmed in US Navy.—*MNA/Xinhu*

First civilian airfield in 30 yrs open in Afghanistan's Helmand

LASHKAR GAH, 4 June—The first civilian plane for almost 30 years landed on Wednesday at a newly refurbished airfield in a remote corner of Afghanistan's restive southern Helmand Province.

The United States spent 11.5 million US dollars reconditioning the Bost airfield, built in 1957, which officials hope will help regenerate a province, a third of which

is estimated to be under Taleban control and whose economy is dependent on opium.

Helmand used to produce some of the region's best dried fruits, pomegranates and nuts. But farmers have switched to opium production, a crop that helps fund the Taleban

insurgency.

The airport and a nearby agricultural and industrial park are part of a larger counter-narcotics strategy to get farmers to switch from growing opium by providing them facilities to process and fly-out food products to the domestic market.

MNA/Reuters

Origin of Antarctic ice revealed

BEIJING, 4 June—Incredible peaks and valleys, buried beneath ice for 14 million years, have revealed evidence of how the East Antarctic ice sheet first formed.

Scientists used radar to map an area of the Gamburtsev mountains - believed to be the point of origin of the ice. The region would have been cold enough for the first glacier to form.

The researchers say their findings provide important clues about how the ice sheet will behave as our climate changes.

The elevation and location of the Gamburtsev Mountains - in the centre of the ice sheet - made them an “ideal place” for the formation of the very first ice.—*Internet*

The Gamburtsev mountains have been preserved under the ice sheet.
INTERNET



The file photo taken in May, 2008 shows a Junonia almana butterfly in Hainan Province, south China. The southern island province accommodates butterflies of at least 609 species. Its warm temperature, wet air, usual sunshine and abundant rainforests prepare an ideal growing environment for butterflies.

INTERNET

20 children die after drinking contaminated water in w India

NEW DELHI, 4 June—At least 20 children have died after drinking industrial contaminated water in west India's Jaipur in the past two weeks, local media *Mail Today* reported on Wednesday.

An expert panel said the industrial waste from old dyeing and block printing workshops in the area had polluted ground water and rendered the water toxic, which led to the deaths, according to the report.

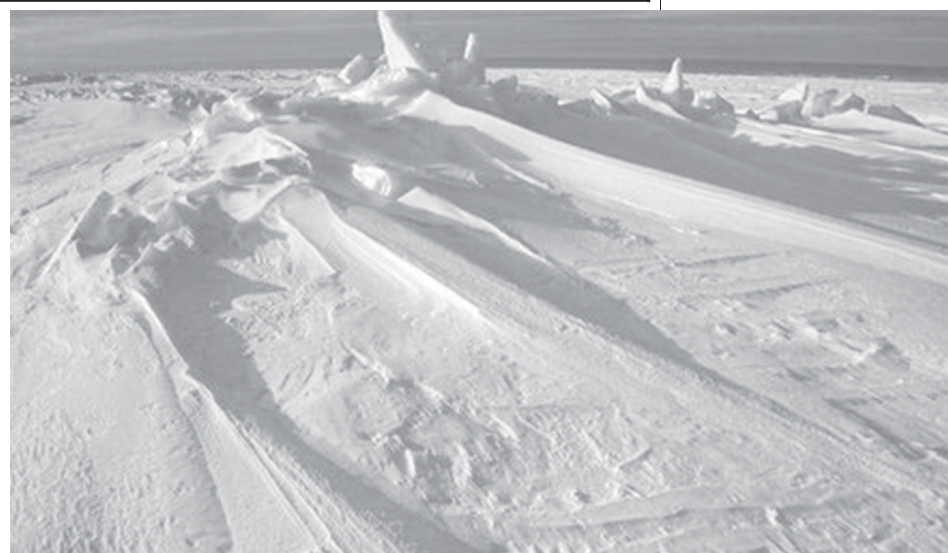
However, the report did not give any details about the victims or the polluters. Poor sewerage systems and increased use of fertilizers are blamed to have raised the level of nitrates in Jaipur's water resources. The results of water testing laboratories revealed high traces of arsenic in the ground water in some parts of Jaipur, said the report. —*MNA/Xinhua*

US Finds mistakes in deadly Afghan airstrikes

WASHINGTON, 4 June—A US military investigation has uncovered mistakes in airstrikes that killed dozens of civilians in western Afghanistan last month, according to a US military official. The official confirmed a report in *The New York Times* on Wednesday that said the civilian death toll would probably have been reduced if US air crews and ground troops had followed strict rules to prevent civilian casualties.

“We do not have an issue with the accuracy of the story,” said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the results of the investigation have not yet been announced. The incident in early May stoked long-standing tensions between Afghans and foreign troops over civilian casualties.

Afghan officials put the civilian death toll from the airstrikes in Farah province as high as 140 while an Afghan human rights watchdog put the total at 97. The rights group said no more than two Taleban fighters were killed. The US military, by contrast, has said 20-35 civilians were among 80-95 people killed, most of them Taleban fighters who used the civilians as human shields.—*MNA/Reuters*





Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 4 / 2009
6th Waxing of Nayon 1371 ME
(29 May 2009)

1. Applications may be submitted to the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No-2 for the following positions.

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer (Finance)	5	M.Com / M.Act / C P A (or) B.Com / B.Act holders must have at least (2) years of work experience in financial section at some government organizations and must be still in service (or) Any Bachelor degree and Diploma in Accountancy (D A) holders must have at least (4) years of work experience in financial section at some government organizations and working in the post of pay scale K / 39000-1000-44000 and above

2. The applicants:—

- must be nationals of Union of Myanmar.
 - must not be over 35 (40 if service personnel) on 25 June 2009.
 - who need to have (2) years and (4) years of work experience in financial section must be enclosing the recommendation from the head of department of respective organization with application form .
3. The applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board , Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by Expedited Mail Service , or by registered letter not later than 25 June 2009.
4. Regarding how to fill in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment for examination fee of K/ 500, and what should be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates have to follow the instructions manifested in the guide booklet published under Letter No 342/ Selection (Main)/ 2008 dated 8 October 2008 for those who apply for the positions advertised by the Civil Service Selection and Training Board.
5. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.
6. For service personnel, his or her original application with the permission of the ministry concerned must be sent to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board through the head of department by 25 June 2009. He or she also has to send another application attached with an extra photo to CSSTB in Nay Pyi Taw.
7. Examinations will take place on 25 and 26 July 2009. Identity cards will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 23 July 2009.
8. The Ministry of Electric Power No-2 has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. So, those candidates wishing to know them may contact in person or by phone to Office No (27) of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power No-2 in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel : 067- 410066, 411063, 410217, 410272)
9. If a candidate wants to know other information, he may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067-409052, 067-409430).
10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.



Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 5 / 2009
6th Waxing of Nayon 1371 ME
(29 May 2009)

1. Applications may be submitted to the Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce for the following positions.

Sr.No	Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
(a)	Staff Officer	2	M.A (English)
(b)	Staff Officer	2	M.Com / M. Act
(c)	Staff Officer	2	M.C.Sc / M.I.Sc
(d)	Staff Officer	1	LL.M

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INVITATION TO TENDER
TENDER NO. 3 (T) AMD-FR(2009-2010)

1. Sealed Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of following Machines which will be purchased in US Dollar.

Sr; No	Description	Quantity
1.	Machinery & Equipment for Combine Harvester Production	3 Lot
2.	Tender closing date (15-6-2009) (Monday) (16:00 HR)	
3.	Tender documents are available at the Factory & Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township, Yangon during the office hours.	
4.	For further details please call 680959, 682046 Ext. 323.	

Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department

Donate Blood

CHICAGO, 4 June — A pregnant Chicago woman became the fourth person in the US Illinois state to die of the A/H1N1 flu a day after she gave birth, officials of the Public Health Department said Wednesday. The latest death was a 20-year-old woman from Chicago who died on Saturday at the University of Illinois Medical Center. The woman was admitted to the hospital on 23 May suffering from flu-like symptoms. Officials said the woman's condition quickly deteriorated and the woman's baby, a 27-week fetus was delivered by cesarean section on Friday. The woman died the following day and was diagnosed with pneumonia and the H1N1 flu.—Internet

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18 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Britain

LONDON, 4 June—Britain's Department of Health confirmed on Wednesday 18 new cases of A/H1N1 flu infections, bringing the total number of cases in the country to 381. The Department of Health statement said all the 18 new cases were from England. The new total of 381 cases included 23 cases in Scotland announced Tuesday by the Scottish Executive and one in Northern Ireland announced by the Northern Ireland Executive. Testing of the swine flu virus is now carried out by the Health Protection Agency's regional network of laboratories. To date, 313 cases have been confirmed in England, 65 from Scotland, two from Northern Ireland and one from Wales. —Internet

**Drive
with
care**

**Pregnant
Chicago woman
dies from
A/H1N1 flu
after giving birth**

Donation Programme for Donors in Agricultural Areas affected by cyclone Nargis

- ✦ On 2,3 May 2008, Cyclone Nargis ravaged the delta region causing severe havoc and loss of lives of the farmers and their families. Even though, those areas reached a certain level of rescue and rehabilitation by the State Government, all concerned departments, general public, INGOs & NGOs, there is still room for further donations.
- ✦ We would like to say "Thank you very much" to state Government, INGOs, NGOs; all Local and international donors for donating tens of thousands of (100,000 Bags) Biosupreme Bio-fertilizer to the areas affected by cyclone Nargis with consortium efforts.
- ✦ We, SUPREME GROUP OF COMPANIES had also donated (5) thousands bags of BIO SUPREME Bio-fertilizers & Water Treatment Machines to those affected areas with the courtesy of the State Government, INGOs and NGOs' cooperative efforts.
- ✦ We have sent to our Bio-fertilizers donors, such as INGOs & NGOs regarding the results in using BIO SUPREME in the Cyclone Nargis areas. There, we made video records, interview records and our company's activities on how our technicians went to those areas, giving right application methods, other technical supports training to the farmers directly.
- ✦ So, for anyone who did not receive the results of donations and records of our movements, you may inquire at SUPREME GROUP OF COMPANIES at any time.

Act of charity + Bio Supreme Bio Fertilizer + Well trained Agronomist from Supreme Bio TechGroup rendering Right Extension Services, Training, Problem Solving and right application methods. + Combination of true & correct agricultural inputs (Seeds, Chemical fertilizer, water, etc...) + Success of Farmers from Nargis Affected Areas



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FOUND BEST SOLUTION FOR AGRICULTURAL IN NARGIS AREAS (BEST FOR THE RECLAMATION OF SALT-AFFECTED SOIL)

- In e.mail interview Dr. Abdelbagi M Ismail, a Senior Scientist of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) said "Organic Fertilizers are more helpful in Saline Soils as they can help reduce salt affected by reclaiming the soils and provide nutrients for the plants. [THE MYANMAR TIMES: October 20-26, 2008].
- In the reclamations of saline soils, organic amendments must be applied. Compost or any other organic materials is recommended to be used during the salt-affected soil. [Handbook of Plant and Crop stress by Mohammad Pessaraki, Contributor Mahammad Pessaraki, Published by CRC, Press 1999 ISBN 0824719484].
- "Organic and Bio Fertilizers are only things that can regenerate the fertility of paddy fields" said Dr. Win Htin (Ph.D), Retired General Manager, Land Resources Utilizations Department. [THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR, Tuesday 2 September '08]
- "We should choose Bio-Supreme fertilizer to regenerate farmlands and paddy field that have been flooded by seawater" said U Zaw Than (Retd.) Myanma Agriculture Service. [THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR, Tuesday 2 September '08]
- "I cultivated 20 acres of paddy. All sown acreage is under the plantation of Hsinthukha paddy strain. I used Bio Fertilizers donated by well wishers. So the per -acres yield increased from 45 baskets of paddy to over 52 baskets. In flow of seawater did not harm the paddy cultivation" said by farmer U Win of Nyaunglein Village, Labutta Township. [THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR: Friday 10 April '09]

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Million-year-old mammoth skeleton discovered in Serbia

BELGRADE, 4 June — A skeleton of a mammoth believed to be about 1 million years old has been discovered in an archaeological park in eastern Serbia, the park's director said on Wednesday. Miomir Korac, director of Archaeological Park of Viminacium near Kostolac, told *Tanjug* news agency that the skeleton was discovered in a layer of yellow sand at a depth of 27 metres on Tuesday and it was one of the oldest

and rather rare types of mammoth. The skeleton is over four metres tall, five meters long and weighs 10 tons, Korac said, adding that the specimen is probably a descendant of the tropical, so-called "southern mammoths," which arrived in Europe from northern Africa over 1 million years ago.

He also said that it is rather unusual to find so well preserved mammoth skeleton in a river mound.—Internet

NASA sets 13 June as date for space shuttle Endeavour's launch

WASHINGTON, 4 June — NASA managers completed a review on Wednesday of space shuttle Endeavour's readiness for flight and selected 13 June as the official launch date for the STS-127 mission to the International Space Station, NASA said Wednesday in a Press release. Commander Mark Polansky and his six crewmates are scheduled to lift off at 7:17 am EDT (1117 GMT) from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, NASA said.

Endeavour's launch date was announced following a daylong Flight Readiness Review at Kennedy. During the meeting, top NASA and contractor managers assessed the risks associated with the mission and determined the shuttle's equipment, support systems and procedures are ready for flight.—Internet

Ministry of Finance and Revenue Internal Revenue Department Commercial Tax Directorate

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SPORTS

Serena Williams loses in French Open quarterfinal

PARIS, 4 June— One shot by Serena Williams sent Svetlana Kuznetsova to the court in a messy spill that left her covered with clay.

The Russian was down but not out. Showing newfound resilience, she squandered a big lead in the second set Wednesday but ended Williams' 18-match Grand Slam winning streak in the French Open quarterfinals, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-5.

Williams, seeded second, was seeking her third successive major title and the 11th of her career. Williams was on the verge of reaching the women's final four after mounting a comeback and taking a 3-1 lead in the final set.

"She blamed nerves for her defeat.

In the third set I had an opportunity and I got really tight, and I pretty much gave it to her," Williams said. "It was like, 'Here, do you want to go to the semis? Because I don't.' She was like, 'OK.'"

The No 7-seeded Kuznetsova faced a set point serving at 5-6 in the first set but erased it with a slam and took the lead. After Kuznetsova's tumble in the second set, Williams erased a 5-3 deficit and rallied three points from defeat to even the match.

"It was very confusing," Kuznetsova said. "Yes, I missed my moments, but she also was playing good."

Internet



Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova, right, shakes hands with US player Serena Williams after a quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 3 June, 2009.—INTERNET

FIFA explores player imports, age limits

NASSAU, 4 June— FIFA will continue to examine the controversial "6+5" rule to limit foreign players on clubs that has angered European Union nations after a supportive vote at the FIFA Congress here.

Joseph "Sepp" Blatter, president of the global football governing body, backs the plan and cites a study saying the limiting of imports to five men on the field would be legal even as some nations see the idea as discriminatory. "The 6+5 will come. It's just a matter of time," Blatter said.

The Congress voted 188-3 on Wednesday to have FIFA's executive committee continue working toward passage of the plan, which Blatter wants to see voted upon next year in South Africa.

An exploratory task force was created to investigate changing age rules for Olympic football, now open to players 23 and under with three exemptions. FIFA's executive committee backed a reduction in the age cap to 21. "Certain members of the executive committee favor a reduction in the age," Blatter said.—Internet

Berlusconi says Kaka still Milanese

ROME, 4 June — Brazilian playmaker Kaka remains an AC Milan player, despite reports from Spain he is heading for Real Madrid in a 65-million-euro deal, Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi said on Wednesday.

Spanish radio station Cadena Ser reported on Tuesday the deal had been agreed by newly-installed Real president Florentino Perez, AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani and Bosco Leite, Kaka's father and agent.

But Berlusconi insisted that "there is still no decision" on a definitive move and added he would be meeting with the player on Monday after the latter returns from a weekend World Cup qualifier against Uruguay. "I will meet Kaka on Monday and then I'll tell you," Berlusconi told state broadcaster Rai.

Internet



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INTERNET

Everton boosted by trio signing contract extensions

LIVERPOOL, 4 June— Beaten FA Cup finalists Everton were boosted on Wednesday as international trio club captain Joseph Yobo, Tim Howard and Phil Jagielka signed contract extensions with the club.

England international defender Jagielka was Everton's player of the season but the former Sheffield United star missed the 2-1 FA Cup final defeat by Chelsea last Saturday because of a serious knee injury.

Internet

Costa Ricans rip US for World Cup lead

SAN JOSE, 4 June — Alvario Saborio and Selso Borges scored early goals to give Costa Rica a 3-1 victory over the United States here, putting the Ticos atop North America's World Cup 2010 qualifying.

Costa Rica improved to 3-1 for nine points in the North and Central America and Caribbean region (CONCACAF) to move past the Americans, who slid to 2-1-1 for seven points to stand second in the six-nation hexagonal qualifying event.

Internet



Steve Bruce.

Federer reaches 20th successive Slam semi, faces Del Potro

PARIS, 4 June — Roger Federer reached his 20th consecutive Grand Slam semi-final on Wednesday where he will face Juan Martin Del Potro, who'll be playing his first, for a place in the French Open final.

Federer claimed a 7-6 (8/6), 6-2, 6-4 win over France's 11th seed Gael Monfils to close in on a first Roland Garros title and a record-equalling 14th major.

Argentine fifth seed del Potro, seven years Federer's junior and who had reached the last eight at the US and Australian Opens, eased past Spain's Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in his quarter-final.

World number two Federer is now the overwhelming favourite for the title, following the defeats of four-time champion Rafael Nadal, as well as third seeded Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic, the fourth seed.

Internet

Carvalho ready to quit Chelsea

LISBON, 4 June—Veteran Portuguese international defender Ricardo Carvalho said on Wednesday that he was prepared to leave FA Cup winners Chelsea for a club that guaranteed him first team football.

The 31-year-old — capped 50 times — has been at Chelsea since 2004 but rarely played last season because of a succession of injuries.

"I am available for a club who wishes to have me," said Carvalho, who was speaking at Portugal's training camp ahead of leaving for a World Cup qualifier in Albania.

"But before being approached, an agreement must be found with Chelsea, although I am delighted that several clubs are interested in me.

I have had four extraordinary years at Chelsea till this year, which has not been very good, indeed the worst of my career. I wasn't in great shape, because I haven't played.

But if there is no transfer, I will be fine at Chelsea."—Internet



Veteran Portuguese international defender Ricardo Carvalho.—INTERNET

Bruce confirmed as new Sunderland boss

SUNDERLAND, 4 June —Steve Bruce believes he can transform Sunderland into a club more familiar with the top half of the Premier League than regular relegation dogfights.

The former Manchester United defender was finally appointed as the club's new manager on Wednesday and, after signing a three-year contract, insisted he could reciprocate the success he enjoyed at Wigan.

"The aim is to take the progression forward," the 48-year-old said. "We don't want to be flirting with relegation. We want to be up where we were with Wigan."

Bruce was brought up as a fan of Sunderland's biggest rivals, Newcastle, but he does not expect that to be a barrier to him forging a bond with the Black Cats faithful.—Internet



Farmers work in terraced fields in Longsheng County of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 4 June, 2009. While entering the ploughing season, more and more tourists come to visit the terrace with an over 700 years' history. The number of tourists exceeded 50,000 from January to May in 2009.

INTERNET

Sleeping pills may increase elderly suicide risk: Study

GOTHENBURG, 4 June—Sedatives and sleeping pills prescribed to ease depression, anxiety and sleep problems appear to increase the risk of suicide four-fold among the elderly, Swedish researchers said on Wednesday.

They reviewed the records of 85 men and women older than 65 who had committed suicide and compared them with a group of elderly people from among the general population who did not kill themselves.

After adjusting for psychiatric conditions, the patients who took sedatives and hypnotics for sleeping problems were four times more likely to commit suicide, the study found.

According to the World Health Organization, 877,000 people worldwide kill themselves each year. For every suicide death, anywhere from 10 to 40 attempts are made, the UN agency estimates.

Scientists have linked sleep disturbances to increased suicidal risk in people with psychiatric disorders and in adolescents but it is unclear whether the association also exists in the general population.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (5.6.2009) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

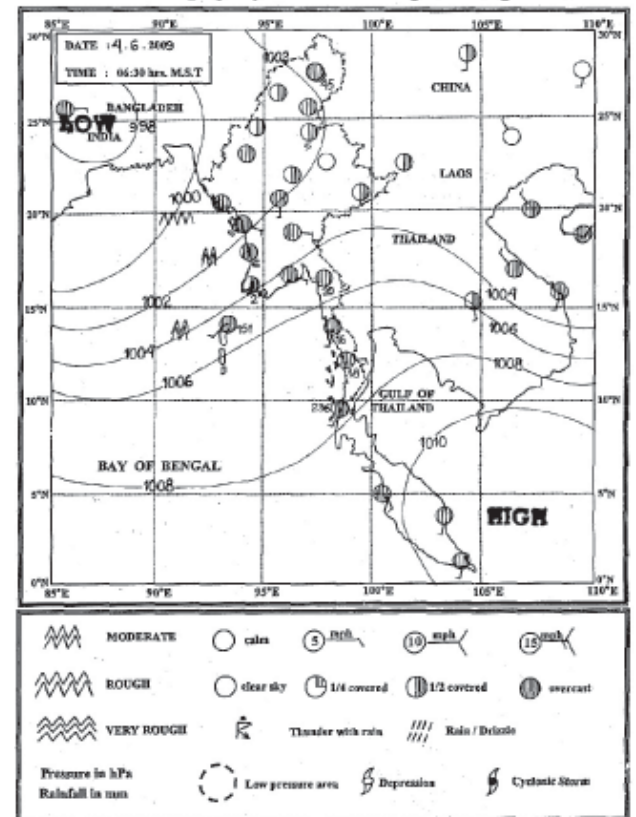
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * TRASH TO TREASURE
- * The Beauty of the 1st Defile of The River Ayeyawady
- * Ancient Architectural heritage of Taungthaman Kyauktawgyi Pagoda
- * Grow more trees for the sake of environment and national economy
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Shwe Bo's Glazed pots
- * The Source of the River Ayeyawady
- * Blacksmith Village Min Kan
- * Traditional Bamboo Utensils of Myanmar
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Bagan)
- * Myanma Ancient Ornaments Showroom
- * Enhance People's Health Awareness
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * TRASH TO TREASURE
- * The Beauty of the 1st Defile of The River Ayeyawady
- * Ancient Architectural heritage of Taungthaman Kyauktawgyi Pagoda
- * Grow more trees for the sake of environment and national economy
- * Byalah (Mythical Antelope)
- * Naga Traditional Costumes and Dance
- * The Conspicuous Dhammayangyi
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 4 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon, Kayah States, and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Kayah State and isolated in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (9.37) inches, Coco Island (6.11) inches, Ye (3.82) inches, Hpa-an (2.16) inches and Putao (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-6-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 4-6-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-6-2009 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 3-6-2009 was (4.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-6-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (16.93) inches at Mingaladon, (21.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (26.81) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 3-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Friday, 5 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. The mirror image of the musical oldies

8:15 am

7. မိုးယွန်းကြီးရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:30 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. “သတိတစ်ချက်တစ်သက်အမှား” (ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of national races

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

4:35 pm

4. Musical programme

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm

8. လူငယ်နှင့်ဆေးလိပ်အန္တရာယ် (ကာဠုန်မိုနောက်ဆိုင်အန္တရာယ်)

5:40 pm

9. Songs of yester years

5:50 pm

10. ဥတုရာသီတောကိုမှီ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:50 pm

13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်

7:05 pm

14. Musical programme

7:15 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း- ၂၉)

20. သီချင်းချစ်သူ



Myanmar, ROK seek means to promote multi-sectoral cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—A discussion between the delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and the Korean delegation led by President Mr Lee Myung-bak of the Republic of Korea was held at Regency Ballroom (A) of Hyatt Hotel in Jeju of the Republic of Korea at 4 pm on 2 June.

Together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein at the meeting, were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to ROK U Myo Lwin, Director-General of Government Office Col Thant Shin and departmental heads, and Korean delegation members together with President

Mr Lee Myung-bak of ROK were Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Yu Myung-huan, Minister of Commerce Mr Lee Youn Ho, ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key-chong and senior officials.

The two countries mainly discussed promoting bilateral relationship and multi-sectoral cooperation including economic cooperation between the two countries.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak at Regency Ballroom (A) of Hyatt Hotel in Jeju, the Republic of Korea.—MNA



Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein holding discussion with Korean delegation led by President Mr Lee Myung-bak at Regency Ballroom (A) of Hyatt Hotel in Jeju, the Republic of Korea.

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Prime Minister receives President & CEO of Daewoo International Corp

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim called on Prime Minister General Thein Sein at the hall (See page 10)

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives President & CEO of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Jae-Young Kim at Lotte Hotel in Jeju, the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Low pressure area over Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—According to the observations conducted at 4.30 pm today, a low pressure area is forming over the middle of the Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department today.—MNA

