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Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers a speech at a ceremony to mark World Environment Day 2009.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—The World Environment Day 2009 was observed at the hall of the Ministry of Forestry, here, this morning, with an address by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office, departmental heads, officials of the National Commission for Environmental Affairs,

Ambassadors and officials of foreign embassies, resident representatives of UN agencies and guests. First, the documentary video clips of World Environment Day 2009 was presented.

The Prime Minister said: With the emergence of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) which was formed in 1972, the World Environment Day has been celebrated in the world cities on the 5th of June annually since 1987.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Sweden which falls on 6 June 2009.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views booths being displayed by ministries in commemoration of World Environment Day 2009.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

PERSPECTIVES

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Regional cooperation for food security, environmental conservation

Prime Minister General Thein Sein, at the invitation of President of the Republic of Korea Mr. Lee Myung-bak, attended the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit and Related Summits of Bilateral Summit in Jeju, the Republic of Korea on 1 and 2 June.

The summits were attended by the Korean President, and the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries. They endorsed the Joint Declaration and the agreement of establishment of ASEAN-Korea free trade area.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivered an address to the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit Session-II, saying that Myanmar welcomed the establishment of ASEAN+3 emergency rice reserve to avert insecurity of major food such as rice; and that Myanmar wished to see agricultural cooperation and technological exchanges for security of food, for alleviation of poverty and for sustainable development.

ASEAN-Republic of Korea relations have improved from multi-sectoral cooperation to the level of dialogue partner since 1989. It is heartening to note that the joint declaration led to an increase in the funds for cooperation. In addition, the two sides will boost trade, investment, tourism and cultural exchanges.

All the countries concerned will have to cooperate in accordance with the principles manifested in the UN climate change framework. And they should welcome the announcement of ROK that it would provide 200 million US dollars for East Asia climate Partnership.

It is, therefore, believed that ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit will help cope with global challenges such as climate change, conservation and sustainable development of the environment.



Vice-President Daw Aye Aye of MMCWA donates books and fly-proof latrine and accessories to Basic Education Primary Schools in Townships of Nay Pyi Taw District through school heads. —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

Minister U Soe Tha signs ASEAN-ROK Investment Agreement

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, who accompanied Prime Minister General Thein Sein during the trip to the Republic of Korea, met with entrepreneurs from the Republic of Korea separately at the Hall of Lotte Hotel in Jeju, the Republic of Korea on 1 June.

Together with Minister U Soe Tha at the call were Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Korea U Myo Lwin and Director-General Daw Myo Nwe of Foreign Economic Relations Department and together with Korean entrepreneurs was Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong.

The minister also met with Chairman Mr Ik



Minister U Soe Tha meets with CEO Mr Jae Hyun Lee of H.C Industrial Development Co., Ltd at the Hall of Lotte Hotel in Jeju, the Republic of Korea.—MNA

San-Kim of IK SAN International Co., Ltd and party at 11 am, with Chairman and CEO Mr Hong Tae Kim of Teach Data Co., Ltd and party at 11:20 am and with CEO Mr Jae Hyun Lee of H.C Industrial Development Co., Ltd and party at 11:40 am.

At the call, they discussed matters related to mine exploration, opportunities to make investment in information and technology sector and tourism industry and to establish factories in Myanmar.

In the afternoon, Minister U Soe Tha

together with Economic Ministers from ASEAN countries attended luncheon hosted by Minister for Trade Mr Kim Jong-hoon of the Republic of Korea at Lotte Hotel.

On 2 June, Minister U Soe Tha attended the signing ceremony of ASEAN-ROK Investment Agreement under the framework of ASEAN-ROK Agreement and signed it at 11:40 am.—MNA

MMCWA donates exercise books and fly-proof latrines to BEPSs in Nay Pyi Taw District

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held a ceremony to donate exercise books, fly-proof latrines and accessories to

Basic Education Primary Schools in Townships of Nay Pyi Taw District at No. 34 BEPS in A-lyin-loh village, Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District this morning.

Present were Vice-President Daw Aye Aye of MMCWA, CEC members Daw Nilar Thaw and Daw Thazin Nwe, township-level departmental personnel, teachers, members of social organizations and locals.

The vice-president delivered an address and donated exercise books, fly-proof-latrines and accessories to BEPSs in villages of Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana Township through respective principals.

U Soe Hlaing, Nay

Pyi Taw District Education Officer presented certificate of honour to the vice-president and spoke words of thanks.

The vice-president and personnel then went to No. 170 BEPS in Kungyansu village of Nay Pyi Taw Uttaya Thiri Township and donated exercise books, fly-proof-latrines and accessories to BEPSs in Uttaya Thiri Township, Puppa Thirai Township, and Zeya Thiri Township through principals concerned.

U Soe Hlaing, Nay Pyi Taw District Education Officer presented certificate of honour to the vice-president and spoke words of thanks. The vice-president and CEC members cordially greeted local people.—MNA

Myanmar secure three wins, one draw and one loss in Japan-Mekong U-15 football tourney

YANGON, 5 June—The Japan-Mekong Under-15 Football Tournament was held in Japan from 2 to 5 June.

Myanmar youth team secured three wins, one draw and one loss in five matches.

Myanmar lost to Laos 1-2 and held a goalless draw with Thailand. Myanmar youth routed Vietnamese youth 3-0, trounced Cambodian youth 4-0 and thrashed host Japanese youth 3-1.

MNA



The scene of a bomb blast in the Rasheed market in southern Baghdad recently. An American soldier was killed by a roadside bomb that struck his patrol in eastern Baghdad, the US army has said.—INTERNET

Bomb attack kills four Afghan farmers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 June—Four farmers were killed Wednesday as a mine struck their tractor in Kandahar Province in Afghanistan, the former stronghold of Taliban, police said on Thursday.

“The gruesome incident occurred in Shah Walikot district on Wednesday, resultantly killing four farmers and destroying their tractor,” a senior police officer Abdullah Khan said.

This is the first time that farmers became victims of militants’ cruel tactic of roadside bombing in Taliban’s former stronghold. Taliban militants, who have vowed to step up activities this year in Afghanistan, have yet to make any comment.—Internet

Taliban militants kill Afghan candidate of provincial council

KABUL, 5 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 Taliban militants, for the incident. The second presidential and provincial election in post-Taliban Afghanistan is set on 20 August this year while Taliban militants have warned Afghans to boycott the election.—Internet



US soldiers pack as they prepare to leave their base in Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 June, 2009. Under an agreement with Iraqi government, all US combat troops must leave Iraqi cities to garrisons outside the towns by the 30 June, 2009.

INTERNET

US soldier killed in grenade attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 June — An American soldier died of wounds sustained from a grenade attack in northern Iraq on Thursday, the US military said. The attack occurred when militants hurled a hand grenade on his patrol in the province of Kirkuk, a military statement said without elaboration.

Kirkuk is a volatile area which is home to a mix of Kurds, Arabs and Turkomans, who are in territorial dispute. About 4,309 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the outbreak of Iraq war in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

Internet

Two soldiers killed, six injured in clashes with rebels in Colombia

BOGOTA, 5 June — Two Colombian soldiers were killed and six others were injured during clashes with rebels in the border province of Narino early Thursday, Colombian authorities said.

Some members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) were detected by government soldiers in a minefield in the southern province early Thursday morning, a local government official said.

The two sides exchanged gunfire before the rebels detonated landmines, killing two soldiers and injuring six others, the official added.

The FARC, Colombia’s largest rebel group, has been fighting government troops for more than 40 years.

Internet

Turkish soldier killed in clash with PKK

ANKARA, 5 June — One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed in a clash with the rebels of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey on Thursday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Three other soldiers were injured in the clash in the Bestler-Derele region in the province of Sirnak, according to the report. The clash came three days after the PKK announced it would halt its armed attacks against Turkish targets until 15 July.

Turkish security forces conduct

frequent operations against PKK militants in eastern and southeastern Turkey.

The PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Some 40,000 people have been killed in the over two-decade conflict. Turkey’s military forces have taken tougher actions against the PKK after the country’s legislature extended the government’s mandate to launch cross-border operations against the rebels in northern Iraq.

Internet



Iraqi soldiers inspect the scene after a bomb exploded at a market in the Dora neighbourhood of Baghdad on 1 June, 2009. Four people were killed and 14 others wounded in the blast, Iraqi police officials said.—INTERNET



In this photo released by China's Xinhua news agency, police officers investigate a burnt public bus in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 5 June, 2009. A fire aboard the bus killed 24 people and left another 44 hospitalized on Friday morning in southwestern China, state media reported.—INTERNET

Russia, US to hold third round of START talks in late June

MOSCOW, 5 June — The third round of Russia-US talks to negotiate a replacement for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I) will be held in Geneva in late June, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Thursday.

Russia and the United States on Wednesday concluded their second round of talks on a new strategic arms reduction agreement in Geneva. "The parties continued to discuss a wide range of issues, including the drafting of the future agreement, and the

possible parameters of a report on the negotiating process to be presented to the Russian and the US presidents in July," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement posted on its website.

They "also agreed to hold the next round of talks in the second half of June 2009, in Geneva," it said. The Russian delegation at the talks is led by Anatoly Antonov, director of the security and disarmament department of the Russian Foreign Ministry, and the US del-

egation by Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller.

The two sides held their first round of negotiations in Moscow on 19-21 May, which was described as a "success." The START I, which is due to expire in December, places a limit of 6,000 strategic or long-range nuclear warheads on each side. The subsequent Moscow treaty calls for reducing nuclear warheads to between 1,700 and 2,200 by the end of 2012.

Internet

Submarine rescue system delivered to Australia

CANBERRA, 5 June — A new submarine rescue system that will cut response time for underwater emergencies was delivered to Australia on Thursday.

The LR5 submarine rescue system from Britain had previously been "on-call" but was on the other side of the world if needed.

"The relocation improves response times and allows the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) to exercise the capability with Collins Class submarines," the Defence Materiel Organization's head of maritime systems Boyd Robinson said.

The LR5 is a manned submersible in operation with the British Royal Navy.

Internet

At least four rebels killed in S Philippines

COTABATO, 5 June — At least four separatist Muslim rebels have been killed and one soldier was wounded in the latest violence in southern Philippines, an Army official said on Thursday.

Fierce firefight broke out Wednesday at around 08:00 pm local time after some members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)—the country's largest guerrilla organization — stormed a military detachment at the village of Riena Reginte in the township of Datu Piang, Maguindanao Province, the military's local spokesman Lt Col Jonathan Ponce told reporters.—*Internet*



Mitsubishi Motors Corp employees clean the company's newly unveiled electric car 'i-MiEV' displayed in front of the automaker's headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, on 5 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Boeing Dreamliner may finally take flight this summer

CHICAGO, 5 June — The Chicago-based US Boeing Company might finally take flight with their 787 Dreamliner plane this summer, it is reported here on Thursday.

Boeing had originally set the first flight date for the new 787 Dreamliner

back in the summer of 2007. The plane was touted to be among the lightest and most fuel-efficient in the industry. But Boeing has had to push back the flight date four times because of production problems and a labor strike last fall, according to a report by the *Chicago*

Tribune.

According to another report, the head of Boeing thinks the Dreamliner could be in the air by the end of this month.

The company plans to begin delivering the planes by first quarter 2010.

Internet

Vietnam targets growth rate of 7-8 % in 2011-2015

HANOI, 5 June — Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said Vietnam would set a target for economic growth of 7 to 8 percent each year in the 2011-2015 period, local newspaper the *New Hanoi* reported on Friday.

This target will be included in the country's socio-economic development plan in the 2011-2015 period, according to the newspaper.

Under the plan, the overall target is to develop an economy with fast and sustainable growth rate, enhancing the developmental potential of the country.—*Internet*

Intel to buy US software vendor Wind River

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 June — Intel Corp on Thursday said it will buy Wind River Systems Inc for about 884 million US dollars in a deal which is aimed to boost Intel's capabilities in embedded systems and mobile devices.

Intel said it has agreed to acquire all outstanding Wind River common stock for 11.5 dollars per share in cash and the transaction is expected to

close this summer.

Wind River will become part of Intel's strategy to grow its processor and software presence outside the traditional personal computer and server market segments into embedded systems and mobile handheld devices, the world's largest computer chip maker said.

"This acquisition will bring us complementary, market-leading software assets and an incredibly

talented group of people to help us continue to grow our embedded systems and mobile device capabilities," Renee James, Intel's vice president, noted in a statement.

Founded in 1981, Wind River is a leading software vendor in embedded devices.

The company is now headquartered in Alameda, California, and has over 1,600 employees worldwide.—*Internet*



A man walks along the US-Mexico border fence in Tijuana, Mexico, on 4 June, 2009. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced on Thursday grants of about \$59 million for local law enforcement efforts to combat crime along the US-Mexico border.—INTERNET



China, Malaysia to upgrade cooperation

BEIJING, 5 June—China would take the 35th anniversary of Sino-Malaysia ties to promote cooperation, said President Hu Jintao here on Thursday. Hu made the remarks during a meeting with visiting Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

He said ties had developed smoothly in the last 35 years, with frequent high level visits, increasing political trust and fruitful cooperation in trade, energy and infrastructure. The two sides had also worked together to promote cooperation in east Asia and maintained coordination to deal with the international financial crisis, Hu added. Hu said cementing strategic and cooperative partnership was an important component in China's peripheral diplomacy. The two

governments signed a joint action plan on strategic cooperation on Wednesday. Najib and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao attended the signing ceremony after their talks.

Hu said China would take the action plan as an opportunity to push forward tangible cooperation. Najib said the action plan outlined future political, economic, cultural, and education cooperation. He said Malaysia would join with China to promote bilateral and regional cooperation to deal with the financial crisis.

Najib and Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu attended a business forum earlier Thursday, calling for stronger cooperation between companies from both countries. —Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (1st R) meets with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak (1st L) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 June, 2009.—XINHUA



A huge thermometer, located in front of the Flame Mountain, shows the temperature standing at 66 degrees centigrade, in Turpan, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 3 June, 2009.—XINHUA

Four killed in West Bank clashes

RAMALLAH, 5 June—Four people were killed in gunbattles between Hamas militants and Palestinian security forces in the West Bank on Thursday, a source said.

Three Hamas militants and a Palestinian policeman were killed in the gunbattles, the second such incident in less than a week, the source said, adding that the clashes which started early Thursday were over. The bodies of the three Hamas gunmen were found in a building in which they holed up in the northern West Bank city of Qalqilya, said the source.

Early Thursday morning, Qalqilya governor Rabeh al-Khandaqji told *Xinhua* that a policeman was killed when he came under fire from a house the Palestinian security forces were trying to search.

Witnesses said the shooting began when the policeman approached the door of the house. A security source also told *Xinhua* that Hamas gunmen started the shooting.

Meanwhile, a source close to Hamas said the Palestinian National Authority sent troops to the house of Abdel Fatah Shraim, a Hamas member who has been in detention, in a bid to arrest his fellow militants hiding there. The Hamas source, however, denied that the militant attacked the security troops.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Slovenian ship escapes Somali pirates attack

BELGRADE, 5 June—A Slovenian ship was attacked in the Gulf of Aden early on Thursday by Somali pirates, but managed to escape with the help of an Indian military ship, Slovenian national radio reported.

The pirates in three boats failed in their attempt to hijack the ship Postojna owned by the Slovenian maritime transport company Splosna plovba because of the quick response from the Indian military ship, which escorting a convoy of ships, the radio said.

According to the radio, the Indian ship fired several warning shots to discourage the attackers and no one was injured in the incident.—Xinhua



A Palestinian policeman dispels residents near the scene of the gunbattle in the northern West Bank city of Qalqilya on 4 June, 2009. Three Hamas militants and a Palestinian policeman were killed in gunbattles between Hamas militants and Palestinian security forces in Qalqilya on Thursday.—XINHUA

Russia to stage Int'l Military Music Festival in September

BEIJING, 5 June — First Russian International Military Music Festival will be staged in Red Square in early September, announced the organizing committee of the festival at a press conference in Moscow on Wednesday.

Khalilov, instructor-general of the festival and also conductor-general of Russia's Defence Ministry's Military Band, said at the

press conference that military bands from China, Britain, Egypt, Israel, India, Italy, Kazakhstan, Finland, France and Switzerland will be invited to perform their traditional military music at the opening ceremony, scheduled on 5 September. Meanwhile, Military Band for Russian President will also stage a special music performance, which performs only

on important occasions.

It is learned that during the military music festival, from 5 to 10 September, a live music performance will be staged every night in Red Square by military bands from different countries. In daytime, military bands will also stage charity shows on the main streets, squares and parks in Moscow. —Xinhua

Air France says no hope of finding survivors

PARIS, 5 June—Air France has told families of passengers on *Flight 447* that there is no hope that anyone aboard the plane could have survived, the media reported on Thursday. When meeting with families in a hotel near Charles de Gaulle airport on Wednesday, Air France's CEO Pierre-Henri Gorgeon said the plane broke up either in the air or when it crashed into the ocean and there were no survivors, according to Guillaume Denoix de Saint-Marc, a spokesman for a victim's help group.

More Debris, including a seven-metre-long object and 10 other objects, some of them metallic, was found by the search planes over a wide area, but pilots had not spotted any signs of survivors, the Brazilian Air Force said.—Xinhua

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Today, so we are celebrating the World Environment Day in Myanmar in accordance with this year's theme: "Your Planet Needs You: Unite to Combat Climate Change", the World Environment Day is being celebrated in Mexico City of Mexico at the global level. Myanmar is cooperating hand-in-hand with the international communities in the movement to conserve the environment. Myanmar is actively taking part in the activities for the benefit of the human being, holding the Environment Day annually.

Today, natural disasters such as heavy rainfall, storms, flood, land slides, earthquakes and tsunami are

using today, to use solar energy and wind energy and to extensively implement research activities.

Sustainable environmental conservation is one of eight goals of the UN for reducing environmental deterioration across the world in 2015 in addition to the development gap among the global countries and education and health requirements of developing countries. Myanmar, being a member of the UN, is striving for meeting the goals similar to that of other global countries.

Myanmar formed the National Commission for Environmental Affairs in 1990 in order to systematically and effectively perform the environmental conservation activities. The objectives of the NCEA are:

- to establish sound environmental policies for utilization of natural resources;
- to set environmental standards, rules and



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being faced in some parts of the world while drought, intense heat, and extreme cold are also experienced in other parts of the world. At the same time, degradation of the environment such as air pollution, shortage of water, melting of ice sheets in the poles, rising of sea level, and greenhouse gases are threatening the existence of human being almost every day.

If we study the causes of the environmental degradation, we will find that GHGs such as CO₂ and CFC (Chlorofluorocarbons) emission from industries for centuries has caused ozone depletion, deforestation and melting ice in poles, and as a consequence, ecosystem in which plants, animals and environment are intertwined, has been degraded.

Today, due to excessive utilization of resources and pollution of the environment which are the major causes leading to the environmental degradation, a poor environment will be left for the next generation. To avoid such circumstances and to be able to create a better environment, the environment must be conserved to ensure sustainable development.

For these situations, the world communities have made all-out efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and as a consequence, the Kyoto Protocol was adopted in 1997. According to the Protocol, most developed countries have to cut carbon emission from the industries by 5.2% in the first commitment period from 2008 to 2012.

At the same time, all countries in the world must systematically manage natural forests and establish forest plantations which can absorb CO₂ to check global warming, to substitute fossil fuel with renewable energy, to extensively use more fuel-efficient stoves than we are

regulations to control the pollution of water, air, and noise, hazardous and toxic wastes, chemicals;

- to formulate policies and strategies which take into consideration needs for both environment and development; and
- to broaden the knowledge about the environmental conservation of the entire people through extension activities for their participation.

In addition, development tasks are being undertaken for uplifting living standard of the entire people and the aim is being realized for environmental conservation. Myanmar's environmental policy was issued in 1994. In accordance with the environmental policy, the Nature Conservation Committee was formed in 2004 with the representatives from nine ministries as the members who are responsible for monitoring the environmental conservation activities at different administrative levels. The duties and responsibilities of the committee are as follows:-

- To perform the activities with a view to greening and protecting the degradation of the natural environment;
- To conserve both water and land resources from being eroded and degraded by natural causes and anthropogenic activities in order to protect soil erosion and poor fertility in the soil;
- To carry out the activities to protect against deforestation and conserve watershed;
- To carry out the activities to prevent land clearing and forest fire for slash-and-burn cultivation system which cause negative impacts on the environment;

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents third prize to Pho Yazar (Thazi) in the article contest.—MNA

Myanmar is carrying out the establishment of nature reserves, expansion of reserved forests and protected public forests, establishment of forest plantations, tree planting programme by public movement, conservation of watersheds, measures to reduce shifting cultivation in accordance with forestry and wildlife legislations and regulations.



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung presents third prize to San San Tint (MPCE) in essay contest.—MNA



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- To perform activities to ensure proper flow of water into dams and reservoirs and to prevent situation which causes damages to dams and generation of electricity due to alteration of flow of rivers and streams which are caused by illegal logging and mining;
 - To implement other activities related to the conservation of the natural environment.
- In 1997, "Myanmar Agenda 21" was formulated as the long-term guidelines for integration of the activities related to conservation of the environment and development activities in Myanmar for sustainable development. The programme was implemented in accordance with the "Global Agenda 21" which was adopted at the World Summit on Human and Environment held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

The country is also carrying out the establishment of nature reserves, expansion of reserved forests and protected public forests, establishment of forest plantations, tree planting programme by public movement, conservation of watersheds, measures to reduce shifting cultivation in line with forestry and wildlife conservation legislations and regulations.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, Dry Zone Greening Department was formed in 1997 and the department has been carrying out natural forest protection, forest plantation establishment, wood fuel substitution, and water supply tasks in 13 districts of Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions since then. Until 2008-2009, a total of 300,000 acres of forest plantation has been established in the dry zone thereby combating desertification in the area which used to be extremely dry.

At the same time, 34 nature conservation areas have been designated covering 10,275.52 square miles in Myanmar. The country has targeted to extend the nature conservation area up to 5% of total land area of the country. Myanmar system of cutting down trees, based on sustainable forest management, ensures protection of environment and ecology and Myanmar's forest cover until now is about 50% of total land area.

The government is growing about 70,000 acres of valuable trees such as teak, ironwood and gum-kino plants in the forest reserves, and permissions were given to the private entrepreneurs to grow teak and other trees plantations. Moreover, plan is under way to establish the forest plantations on 55,200 acres of land in 2009, and over 17 million saplings will be distributed to the people as the public movement.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets guests who attend ceremony in commemoration of World Environment Day 2009.—MNA

Myanmar is observing the Vienna Convention for the Protection of Ozone Layer and Treaties and Ratifications, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Stockholm Convention, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Katahina additional treaties on bio-security and the environmental conservation programme

uplifting of efficiency for drawing air quality control plan. The government is also joining hands with the UN Industrial Development Organization in re-purifying CFC gas from the refrigerators, and with the Global Conservation Monitoring Centre to compile the preliminary national report of the UN Climate Change Convention.

The people are to join hands with the government in carrying out the national level tasks and other tasks in cooperation with the international organizations. It is necessary to disseminate the knowledge about environment affairs to the entire people for undertaking the environmental conservation task.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged those present to actively participate in the environmental conservation activities for ensuring stability of the climate in accord with the motto of this year's World Environment Day "Your planet needs you—Unite

to combat climate change" to maintain the sustainable development of natural environment for new generations; and to continuously conserve the fine tradition of Myanmar's environmental conservation.

Regional Coordinator of UNDP Mr Bishow B Parajuli read out the message of UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and Deputy Regional Director Ms Dechen Tsering of Asia and Pacific Regional Office of UNEP, the message of UNEP Executive Director Dr Achim Steiner.

The Prime Minister presented first, second and third prizes to Dr Wah Wah Maung, Daw Nan May Lay Thant and Pho Yazar (Thazi) and consolation prizes to Daw Khin Khin Soe, Dr Aye Myint and Ko Thet Oo (Myawady TV) in the article contest.

Chairman of National Commission of Environmental Conservation Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung awarded first, second

and third prizes to Ma Nan Thitsa, Maung Kaung Kin Oo and San San Tint (MPCE) and consolation prizes to Su Su Khaing (Myanmarsar), Maung Thant Zin Tun and Ma Aye Mya Kyi Phyu in the essay contest.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present.

The Prime Minister visited the booths displayed by the ministries.

In commemoration of the World Environment Day 2009, the Prime Minister planted a gum-kino sapling in front of the Ministry of Forestry.

The commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers, departmental heads, Ambassadors of the foreign countries and resident representatives of UN agencies also grew gum-kino plants.

Likewise, staff of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Forestry planted saplings around the ministry to mark the World Environment Day.

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UNDP Regional Coordinator Mr Bishow B Parajuli reads out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in commemoration of World Environment Day 2009.—MNA

in June 1992.

In addition, Myanmar signed the Kyoto Protocol on 13 August 2003 and has been implementing hydro-electricity projects, and encouraging use of bio-gas in rural development schemes in order to reduce GHGs emission.



Deputy Regional Director Ms Dechen Tsering of Asia and Pacific Regional Office of UNEP reads out the message of UNEP Executive Director Dr Achim Steiner in commemoration of World Environment Day 2009.—MNA

of Greater Mekong Sub-region.

Moreover, the government cooperated with the UNEP in realizing the plan on recruitment of national ozone unit, the plan on national level sustainable development strategy and the plan on

The government is growing about 70,000 acres of valuable trees such as teak, ironwood and gum-kino plants in the forest reserves, and permissions were given to the private entrepreneurs to grow teak and other trees plantations.



Section 257 (1) of Code of Criminal Procedure says if the accused, after he has entered upon his defence, applies to the Magistrate to issue any process for compelling the attendance of any witness for the purpose of examination or cross-examination, or the production of any document or other thing, the Magistrate shall issue such process unless he considers that such application should be refused on the ground that it is made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice

The court does not need to summon all the witnesses the accused has nominated

Final statements of both sides for amendments regarding dismissal of three witnesses nominated by plaintiffs heard

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Yangon North District Court this morning presided over criminal cases No. 47/2009, No. 48/2009 and No. 49/2009 against US citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma.

As the lawyers of the defendants submitted the application for amendment related to the decree on criminal case No. 47/2009 to the Yangon Division Court, the court could not hear the final statement and hearing of the cases were adjourned until 12 June.

In the criminal case No. 47/2009 of Yangon North District Court against US citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma, defendants Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma submitted the application for amendment to Yangon Division Court on 2 June through their lawyers U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Myint and Daw Khin Htay Kywe to amend the decree on refusing their three witnesses ruled by the Yangon North District Court. It was the criminal amendment case No. 437/2009 of the Yangon Division Court.

After hearing the statement of Lawyer U Nyan Win, Yangon Division Court accepted the application for amendments to the decree and the hearing was adjourned until 5 June.

The final arguments of both sides were heard at 3 pm today. In his statement, Lawyer U Nyan Win said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma presented four defence witnesses. The four defence witnesses are U Tin Oo, U Win Tin, U Kyi Win and Daw Khin Moh Moh. The court stated that it would examine U Kyi Win, out of four proposed witnesses, and examined U Kyi Win on 28 May, he said. He assumed that three other witnesses were rejected as the court did not summon them to the court, he added. As they assumed that it was unjust and against the law, the applicants pleaded for amendments to the decree. He continued to say that it was against the law that in the daily records of the court, only U Kyi Win would be summoned to the court on 27 May and there is no decree related to other defence witnesses. It was wrong for the court that it did not issue a separate decree for other defence witnesses without tangible reasons and the decision of the members of the jury was biased, that the

provision of the code of criminal procedure Section 257 (1) was submitted to the court for easy reference; that the accused claimed that if the application was assumed to be made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice, summoning of a witness could be refused; that it was clearly stated that if refused, the reason must be put on record; that as for presenting the current witnesses, there was no intention concerning the points mentioned above for any reason, especially there was not any intention at all to cause delay; that it was wrong to reject without any evidence and to do so without any reason by deciding that summoning U Kyi Win alone and refusing other defence witnesses without issuing any separate decrees although four witnesses were claimed for examination as stated in the amendment form para-4 were aimed at harming the statements vexation, or delay or defeating the ends of justice prescribed in the provision of the code of criminal procedure Section 257 (1); and that the original court decree should be amended as such mistakes could not be remedied under Section 537 of the code of criminal procedure.

Yangon Division deputy law officer Daw Khin Mar Kyi in her final argument said, in the application for amendments, it was stated that in the original court decree dated 27 May U Kyi Win alone was to be examined as a witness; that refusing other witnesses without any separate decrees was contrary to the code of criminal procedure Section 257 (1); that although it was verbally said that the decree was issued in accord with the Section 257 (1) of the code of criminal procedure, it was not kept on daily record; and she added that according to the daily record of the court dated 27 May, the decision was made as follows:

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay submitted the list of witnesses, law experts U Kyi Win, Daw Khin Moh Moh, U Win Tin and U Tin Oo with regard to their character. There was no argument against the character.

Competent lawyers who advise the clients in the court have the rights to provide their arguments. Our decision is that we will summon Advocate U Kyi Win only to provide evidences in the arguments.

Of the four witnesses nominated by those who

apply for amendments, U Win Tin and U Tin Oo are intended to provide some statements regarding the characters of the applicants. Regarding the characters of the applicants, the court has already made a decision that there is no need to argue. Moreover, in the case filed for Mr John William Yettaw's entering the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, there has not been any accusation against her for her characters. Therefore, the decision not to call and question U Win Tin and U Tin Oo, to say about the characters of the applicants, is not against the law. The applicants have submitted that they wish to hire Daw Khin Moh Moh as a legal expert. Lawyers, who will give the clients advice, have the rights to provide arguments on legal affairs in the case. The court has summoned U Kyi Win as a legal expert, so not calling and questioning Daw Khin Moh Moh is not against the law. Section 257 (1) of Code of Criminal Procedure says, "If the accused, after he has entered upon his defence, applies to the Magistrate to issue any process for compelling the attendance of any witness for the purpose of examination or cross-examination, or the production of any document or other thing, the Magistrate shall issue such process unless he considers that such application should be refused on the ground that it is made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice." So, the court does not need to summon all the witnesses the accused has nominated. Apparently the witnesses the applicants have nominated are the ones who are not needed to present any evidences, so there is nothing more than delay if they are summoned and examined. Therefore, the court's decision not to call and examine those witnesses complies with the law. Therefore, I would say the amendments proposed by the applicants should be dismissed.

Today, Supreme Court Advocates U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Myint and Daw Khin Htay Kywe were on the side of the applicants; and Yangon Division Deputy Law Officer Daw Khin Mar Kyi, Daw Khin May Day and U Myat Khaing, on the side of those who defended the application.

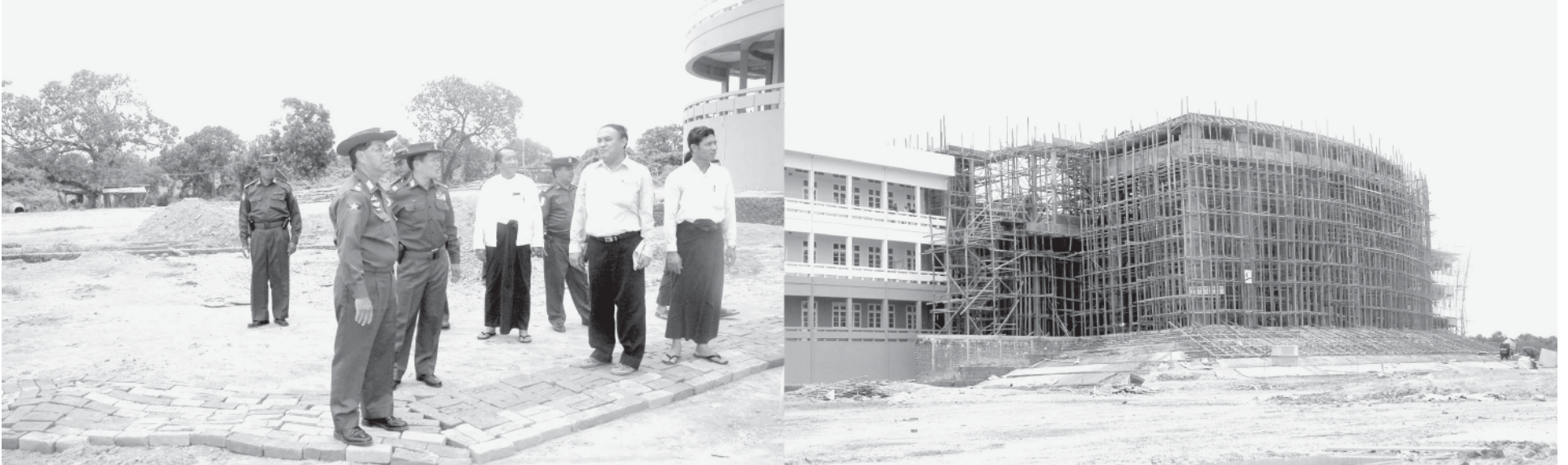
After hearing the final arguments of both sides, Yangon Division Court fixed the date of the 9th of June to deliver the judgment on the case.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends tree planting ceremonies in Hmawby, Taikkyi Tsps



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspects progress in construction of Technological University (Hmawby).—MNA

YANGON, 5 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, heard reports on progress of Bago mountain range greening project presented by the director of Yangon Division Forest Department at Central Forest Development Training Department in Hmawby Township yesterday morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on conservation and establishment of forest plantations in Yangon Division.

At Phugyi station physic nut sapling growing ceremony in Taikkyi Township, they heard reports on cultivation of physic nut in the station and future tasks presented by officials.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and

officials presented physic nut saplings to servicemen and family members.

Afterwards, they attended the rainy season tree growing ceremony to mark the World Environment Day 2009 at Myaungdaga Steel Plant in Hmawby Township. The Assistant Director of District Forest Department reported on growing of trees in the district and progress of nursery work.

They presented saplings to departmental personnel, social organization members and people. Next, they viewed participation of the people in growing saplings.

At the briefing hall of Technological University (Hmawby) Construction Project, the rector reported on matters related to the university and the project manager on progress of construction.

After giving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected progress of construction tasks at the university

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FM sends message of felicitations to Swedish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Carl Bildt, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Sweden, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Sweden which falls on 6 June 2009.—MNA

Authorities concerned warn those in charge of NLD...

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Such an act of saying that there is no full rights of defence while the trial is still in progress in fact is like disturbing the court proceedings. In the fourth paragraph, the announcement states that the provisions of the dissolved 1974 constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Myanmar are referred to in filing the law suit against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The act of saying that the 1974 constitution has been dissolved without showing any firm proof is a lawless act; that stating of such incorrect and biased words in advance while the case is still in progress amounts to turning a blind eye to the truth and disturbing the court.

The announcement was issued by the NLD youth group. As this group is not legally registered at the Commission, the association is in breach of the law concerning the formation of organizations and associations.

When the authority concerned warned the NLD youth group yesterday, they said they extracted and quoted the announcements of the Central Executive Committee of the National League for Democracy to issue the NLD youth's announcement. The announcement was released with the approval of

the NLD CEC. Therefore, the NLD CEC is responsible for the use of words and impact of the announcement.

When they were warned by the authorities concerned on 4-6-2009, the NLD youth group said that the announcement was intended to circulate inside only and was not distributed to outside. However, the announcement was also put on website : Niknayman-Niknayman.co.cc; and other websites on 3-6-2009. Being put on the Internet without permission, the announcement is against the Electronic Act 33 (A).

Without seeking permission for publishing, the announcement has reached the public. Therefore, the announcement is against the printing and publishing registration law.

Though NLD has rights for freedom of speech, the announcement No 01/06/09 of the NLD youth group issued on 2, June 2009, with the approval of the NLD CEC, has harmed peace and stability and prevalence of law and order in the country and disturbed the trial proceedings of a court.

Moreover, that can mislead the people into misunderstanding the government, incite activities that may harm the public respect for the government, and cause unrest. So, security members are handling the activities with great care in order to maintain peace and stability.

NLD CEC members in response said that CEC Member U Than Tun explains to the members their lawyers' questions and cross-questions heard in

the court and they are recorded every day; that the purpose is that the people can know the hearing as though they listen to the hearing of the case; that they do not have any intention to disrupt the judicial system; that they allowed young members to issue the announcement according to their wish; that they are just expressing their opinion on the 1974 constitution; that anyhow the body that will have to deliver judgment on the case is the court; and that they will accept the judgment of the court.

NLD CEC members signed to state that they understood what the authorities explained to them.

Similarly, the team comprising Bahan Township PDC Chairman U Aung Mon Lat, Chief of Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun, Township Court judge U Khin Maung Htwe and Township law officer Daw Naw Doris again warned those in-charge of NLD youths; U Myo Nyunt, U Hla Oo and U Aye Tun at the Township PDC office from 4.25 pm to 4.50 pm today.

In response to the calling and warning, NLD youths group said that NLD youths organization is a small group to NLD, not a separate one, so they do not assume their acts are against Unlawful Associations Law; and that NLD CEC is held responsible for the announcement.

Members of the NLD youths group signed to say that they knew well the warning and explanations given to them by the authorities.—MNA



Proficiency Course (1/2009) for staff concludes

YANGON, 5 June—The conclusion of Proficiency Course (1/2009) for staff

conducted by the Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information

took place at the Central Press of PPE in Botahtaung Township here this morning.

PPE Managing Director U Aung Nyein delivered a speech and presented prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the trainees.

Altogether 128 trainees completed the six-week course.—MNA

Managing Director of PPE U Aung Nyein presents prize to an outstanding trainee in Proficiency Course (1/2009) for staff.—MNA



Text for 2008 Translation Manuscript comes out

YANGON, 5 June— Translation manuscripts for 2008 are invited to participate in Sarpay Beikman manuscript contest.

“Understanding Teams” was the manuscript translation. Those wishing to participate in the contest may buy that book for K 300 per copy at Sarpay Beikman book shop, No.529-531 on Merchant Street here.

Translated manuscript will be accepted through form and discipline for the manuscript can be bought at Editorial section of Sarpay Beikman for K 100 and those from other States and Divisions for K 200.

Those wishing to buy the book from the townships may order the book for K 500 through money order addressed to secretary, Sarpay Beikman Manuscripts Scrutinizing Committee. The last date for submission is 30 September 2009.—MNA

UMFCCI officials leave for PRC

YANGON, 5 June —A six-member delegation led by Vice-President U Thaung Tin of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) left here by air for the People's

Republic of China on 2 June to attend GMS E-commerce Workshop to be held in Kunming, China from 3 to 6 June. President U Win Myint of UMFCCI, Vice-President U Tun Aung and responsible persons saw them off at Yangon International Airport.

Likewise, a 42-entrepreneur delegation led by CEC member U Myo Thant of UMFCCI

left here for PRC on 2 June to attend 17th China Export and Import Show to be held in Kunming, China from 2 to 10 June.—MNA

UMFCCI officials seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for PRC.—MNA



High population density triggers cultural explosions

LONDON, 5 June — Increasing population density, rather than boosts in human brain power, appears to have catalysed the emergence of modern human behaviour, according to a new study by UCL



New research suggests that increasing population density, rather than boosts in human brain power, appears to have catalyzed the emergence of modern human behavior.

(University College London) scientists published in the journal Science.

High population density leads to greater exchange of ideas and skills and prevents the loss of new innovations. It is this skill maintenance, combined with a greater probability of useful innovations, that led to modern human behaviour appearing at different times in different parts of the world.

In the study, the UCL team found that complex skills learnt across generations can only be maintained when there is a critical level of interaction between people. Using computer simulations of social learning, they showed that high and low-skilled groups could coexist over long periods of time and that the degree of skill they maintained depended on local population density or the degree of migration between them. Using genetic estimates of population size in the past, the team went on to show that density was similar in sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and the Middle-East when modern behaviour first appeared in each of these regions. The paper also points to evidence that population density would have dropped for climatic reasons at the time when modern human behaviour temporarily disappeared in sub-Saharan Africa.—Internet

How humans have disrupted nitrogen cycle

NUUK, 5 June — More and more, scientists are getting a better grip on the nitrogen cycle. They are learning about sources of nitrogen and how this element changes as it loops from the nonliving, such as the atmosphere, soil or water, to the living, whether plants or animals. Scientists have determined that humans are disrupting the nitrogen cycle by altering the amount of nitrogen that is stored in the biosphere.

The chief culprit is fossil fuel combustion, which releases nitric oxides into the air that combine with other elements to form smog and acid rain. But it has been difficult to know precisely the extent to which such emissions have altered the nitrogen balance.—Internet



Ice Coring Scientists extracted a 100-meter-long ice core in Greenland to measure how fossil fuel burning of industrial times has disrupted the global nitrogen cycle.

Elevated water temperature, acidity boost growth of key sea star species



Purple Ochre Sea Stars. New research by UBC zoologists indicates that elevated water temperatures and heightened concentrations of carbon dioxide can dramatically increase the growth rate of a keystone species of sea star.

VICTORIA, 5 June — New research by UBC zoologists indicates that elevated water temperatures and heightened concentrations of carbon dioxide can dramatically increase the growth rate of a keystone species of sea star.

The study is one of the first to look at the impact of ocean acidification on marine invertebrates that don't have a large calcified skeleton or external shell, and challenges current assumptions about the potential impact of climate change on marine species.

The findings were published online this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Internet



Scientists get measure of Antarctica's hidden heights

LONDON, 5 June — Scientists have produced the first detailed map of the last unexplored mountain range on earth, which was hidden under the thick ice of east Antarctica.

Research involving University of Edinburgh scientists shows that the Gamburtsev mountains, in the middle of east Antarctica, have a similar form and size to the European Alps, said a news release from the University on Thursday.

The findings shed light on how the climate in the region has changed, and offer some details about the timescale over which Antarctica's ice sheet formed.

The site is also believed to mark the spot from which the ice sheet originated.

According to the study, the mountains

were first eroded by water, then carved by glaciers, long before the Antarctic ice sheet came into being believed to be some 14 million years ago.

Scientists first realized the mountains existed over 50 years ago when a seismic survey indicated peaks in the area. The latest survey, using radar, surveyed a 30km by 30km area in detail and represents the first in-depth study of the mountain range.

Internet

Fighter plane crashes in Greece with pilot ejecting to safety

ATHENS, 5 June — A Greek Airforce F-16 fighter plane crashed on Thursday morning near Ioannina, northwestern Greece, while its pilot managed to eject to safety.

According to an Airforce General Staff (GEA) announcement, the F-16 jet was on a training flight near the area of Ioannina when it crashed at 10:33 am local time on Thursday.

The pilot successfully used the automatic ejection system to eject to safety.

The announcement said that the pilot was in contact with another jet fighter in the area, adding that a Super Puma helicopter was on the way to pick up the downed pilot and transport him to the closest hospital. — Internet



The spectacular scene of a vast expanse of white cloud and mist over the mountain peaks of Mount Lushan in east China's Jiangxi Province on 3 June, 2009. — XINHUA

Strong quake hits Japan's Hokkaido

TOKYO, 5 June — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.3 jolted Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido on Friday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The focus of the tremor, which occurred at 12:30 pm (0330 GMT), was 20 km below the sea off Tokachi of Hokkaido.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to property, and no tsunami warning was issued. — Internet

Several militants killed in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 5 June — Several anti-government militants were killed as a clash erupted in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan, German forces based in the province said in a statement received on Friday.

The militants attacked the troops at 06:00 pm local time in Chardara district Thursday and troops returned fire, killing sev-

eral militants, said the statement released by German Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT). The troops would continue the operation until the area is cleaned up from militants, the statement stressed.

Militants have intensified their activities in the relatively peaceful Kunduz Province since the beginning of this year

and it has conducted several attacks including roadside bombings so far.

Some 3,800 German forces with majority of them based in Kunduz have been serving in Afghanistan within the framework of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to stabilize security in the post-Taleban country.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



Wang Bingrong, the record keeper of stone lock challenge, upcasts a stone lock weighing over 40 kilograms at the challenge meeting hosted by Wang himself in Taizhou, a city of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 2 June, 2009. Wang invited over a hundred hobbyists of stone lock sport to his challenge meeting at his own expense on Tuesday, the day of Wang's birthday. Wang successfully kept the record with the highest total points through rounds of competitions. Stone lock training is one of the important physical training methods of Chinese Martial Arts.

Three sisters in 40s graduate together

North Carolinian Valerie Noel says graduating from the University of Phoenix with her two younger sisters was the culmination of a collaborative dream.

Noel said she and her sisters obtained human services/management bachelor's degrees at the Raleigh, NC, campus of the for-profit educational institution thanks to their ability to lean on one another in their individual times of need, *The (Raleigh) News & Observer* reported.

Flight delayed by search for ashtray

A British Airways flight was delayed for 25 minutes at London's Heathrow Airport as crews searched for a replacement bathroom ashtray, officials said.

After passengers were told the crew needed to find a "vital" part before taking off, it turned out the important piece was an ashtray to replace one that was missing, even though smoking on the aircraft was banned, the *Daily Mail* reported.

A new ashtray was eventually found after much searching, during which the flight's captain allegedly suggested the crew "rob" another plane of its bathroom ashtray.

French spiderman arrested for climbing Sydney skyscraper

Self-described French spiderman Alain Roberts was arrested in Sydney after he successfully climbed one of the city's skyscrapers, the *Australian Associated Press* reports.

A crowd of about 200 people gathered as Roberts climbed the 41-level Royal Bank of Scotland Tower at the Aurora Place. The crowd cheered when he reached the top of the building and immediately began his descent to street level.

Police had closed off surrounding streets in the central business district and arrested the Frenchman as he finished his descent.

Roberts has scaled more than 70 skyscrapers all over the world including Chicago's Sears Tower, Canary Wharf in London and the Petronas towers in Malaysia and Shanghai's high building, Jin Mao Tower in 2007.



French Alain Robert passes the 32nd floor as he climbs the Royal Bank of Scotland building in Sydney, Australia. The French skyscraper climber nicknamed 'Spiderman' was arrested after scaling a 41-story building in downtown Sydney with his bare hands, stopping traffic on the busy street below.

The Blue Impulse aerobatics team of Japan's Air Self-Defence Force performs over Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan. The aerobatics show was put on to celebrate the 150th port-opening anniversary of Yokohama.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV INTAN VOY NO (05/2009)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV INTAN VOY NO (05/2009) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S KM INTERTRANS
Phone No: 256919/256916/256912

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SINAR BANG KA VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BANG KA VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (451)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (451) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV OCEAN CORAL VOY NO (42)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OCEAN CORAL VOY NO (42) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER LTD
Phone No: 256924/ 256914

Cook Islands to open
office in China

WELLINGTON, 5 June—Cook Islands Foreign Minister Wilkie Rasmussen will has said the Pacific island nation will open a representative office in China in August.

Rasmussen made the announcement on Wednesday after he introduced Leon Xu to cabinet as the newly appointed honorary consul to China's eastern coastal city of Qingdao, the *Cook Islands News* reported on Thursday.

Xu is a New Zealand citizen and businessman based in Manukau City with interests in China and New Zealand. The Cook Islands cabinet approved Xu's appointment about two weeks ago. Rasmussen said a dedicated Cook Islands office in China will help the country better promote trade and investment.

Rasmussen said Xu will have the authority to also work for the Cooks as a special representative in Beijing and Asia in general.—*Internet*

Actor David Carradine poses at the 60th Annual Directors Guild of America Awards in Century City, California, on 26 Jan, 2008.
XINHUA



Hollywood actor found dead
in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 5 June — A Hollywood actor was found hung in a hotel room in Bangkok on Wednesday, Thai media quoted local police as saying here on Thursday.

According to the website of *The Nation* newspaper, the dead was Hollywood actor David Carradine, who played roles in the movies *Kang Fu* and *Kill Bill*.

Police believes he committed suicide, the report said.
Internet

Ten-year-old girl battles
breast cancer

BEIJING, 5 June — Ten-year-old Hannah Powell-Auslam from Southern California shocked the world when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in April. But even after her first chemo treatment recently, the girl is upbeat and determined to beat the disease.

"I always try to look on the bright side with everything," Hannah—the fifth-grader at Escalona Elementary School— said ABC's "Good Morning America" in an interview that aired on Wednesday.

Hannah, according to her family, is the youngest known girl to be diagnosed with breast cancer after complaining of an itch in her side in April. Her mother discovered a lump, and that led to a diagnosis of breast cancer. Her family said she was diagnosed with invasive secretory carcinoma, a type discovered in children in the 1960s."You feel like you're sick all the time," Hannah said of the effects of her chemotherapy. "You just want to go lay in bed and be in your closed-off little box."

In a desperate attempt to save Hannah's life, doctors removed her left breast on 7 May. The show filmed Hannah at home getting her head shaved rather than waiting for chemotherapy to take its toll. Other family members—her father, grandfather and younger brother— got buzz cuts, too, in solidarity.—*Internet*

Alaska leads US states
in overall Internet
access

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 June—Alaska had the highest overall Internet penetration rate among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in the United States, a new study has found.

In October 2007, when the most recent data is available, 76.1 percent of Alaskans aged 3 and over had Internet access from any location either inside or outside their homes, Alaska's largest newspaper *Anchorage Daily News* reported on Thursday, citing latest statistics from the US Census Bureau.

Alaska was followed by New Hampshire, which had an overall Internet access rate of 74.6 percent. The national average was 62.4 percent of people having Internet access from any location.

Alaska also ranked second among the US states for rate of home Internet access, with 78.5 percent of Alaskans aged 3 and over living in a household with Internet access. New Hampshire topped the category with a rate of 82.6 percent.

According to the study, among US households using the Internet in 2007, some 82 percent had a high-speed connection, and about 17 percent used a dial-up connection.—*Internet*



Boats compete on the first day of the Putrajaya International Dragon Boat festival on Lake Putrajaya, south of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 5 June, 2009. About 1,500 international and local participants are competing in the inaugural three-day event.—INTERNET

150 kids fall sick after taking Vitamin-A
capsules in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 5 June — Some 150 children aged between six months and five years fell sick after taking Vitamin-A capsules and deworming tablets, local newspaper *The Independent* on Friday.

The incident occurred on Thursday in Bangladesh's Faridpur district, 101 km southwest of the capital Dhaka, according to the daily.

Sources were quoted as saying that a health worker of Family Planning Division came to a village of the district and fed the capsules and tablets to the children.

"After about two hours, the children started vomiting and fell sick," a report from the area said, quoting villagers. The sick children were rushed to a local hospital in the district town where they were undergoing treatment. — *Xinhua*



Study identifies simple drug treatment may prevent nicotine-induced SIDS

WASHINGTON, 5 June — A new study has identified a specific class of pharmaceutical drugs that could be effective in treating babies vulnerable to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), because their mothers smoked during pregnancy. The findings are published on Wednesday in the *US Journal of Neuroscience*.

According to researchers at McMaster University in Canada, exposure of the fetus to nicotine results in the

inability to respond to decreases in oxygen — known as hypoxia — which may result in a higher incidence of SIDS. In the same study on rats, they found that the diabetic medication ‘glibenclamide’ can reverse the effects of nicotine exposure, increasing the newborn’s ability to respond to hypoxia and likely reducing the incidence of SIDS. “During birth the baby rapidly changes its physiology and anatomy so that it can breathe on

its own,” explains Josef Buttigieg, lead author who conducted his research as a PhD graduate student in the department of Biology. “The stress of being born induces the release of the hormones adrenaline and noradrenaline — collectively called catecholamines — from the adrenal glands. During birth, these hormones in turn signal the baby’s lungs to become ready for air breathing.”

For some months after birth, the adrenal glands act as a critical oxygen sensor. — *Internet*



Donuts, French fries and fried chicken. Children in the United States are at risk of “recession obesity” as parents substitute cheap, fast food for healthy meals to try to weather the economic slump, a report published on Wednesday showed. —INTERNET

Study shows protein may be strongest indicator of rare lung disease

WASHINGTON, 5 June — Researchers at the University of Cincinnati (UC) have discovered a protein in the lungs that can help in determining progression of the rare lung disease Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF).

Researchers say the protein — Serum surfactant protein A — is superior to other IPF predictors and could lead to better decisions about treatment and timing of lung transplantation.

The study, led by Brent Kinder, will be published on Thursday in the journal *Chest*. “A simple blood test may give us the information we need to help determine the short term risk of death in a patient with IPF,” says Kinder, an assistant professor of medicine at the UC College of Medicine and pulmonologist with UC Physicians.

“This protein is a stronger predictor of the severity of illness than age, symptoms or prognostic data, like breathing tests.” IPF is scarring of the lung. As the disease progresses, air sacs in the lungs become replaced by fibrotic scar tissue.

Lung tissue becomes thicker where the scarring forms, causing an irreversible loss of the tissue’s ability to carry oxygen into the bloodstream. — *Internet*



A sample of blood is drawn from the leg of Dalma in Boston, Massachusetts. —INTERNET

Story of London festival launched in Britain’s capital

LONDON, 5 June — A month-long festival dubbed Story of London was launched here on Wednesday at the Tower of London. Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London, has joined forces with organizations across the capital to create a massive celebration of the city’s past, present and future, with over 400 events covering history and heritage, art and

architecture, design and fashion, music, theater and film.

“The Story of London is about celebrating the people and communities that have shaped our capital, whilst also telling Londoners and visitors about the vast array of cultural and heritage organizations on their doorstep,” said the mayor. — *Internet*

food diet, the mice with the genetically engineered shunts stayed skinny, compared with mice without the shunts.

The shunt, which contained an enzyme normally found in bacteria and plants but not in mammals, acted as an “artificial engine” that enabled liver cells to burn more fat.

Instead of accumulating in the blood or being stored by the body, the fat was metabolized, converted to carbon dioxide and exhaled.

“Exercise is always a good way to burn fat, but we found you can increase the metabolic channels for burning fat even without exercising more,” said study author James Liao, a professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles.

— *Internet*

Madrid schools report more A/H1N1 flu cases

MADRID, 5 June — The Spanish Ministry of Health confirmed on Thursday an increase in the number of cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus detected in three schools

in the Madrid area.

Another case has been detected in the north Madrid neighborhood of Fuencarral.

The number of confirmed cases in the

Issac Albeniz Institute in Leganes rose from 21 cases on Wednesday to 31 on Thursday.

Another 62 possible cases remain under investigation.

Meanwhile the number of confirmed cases in the Pio Baroja college in Leganes has risen from two to three. — *Internet*



A sales assistant at a pharmacy in Melbourne Airport. Australian states have ordered children returning from the swine flu-hit region of Victoria to be quarantined as the number of infections across the country jumped to 634. —INTERNET

Malaysia to test vaccine against A/H1N1 flu on pigs

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 June — Malaysian scientists plan to conduct a trial testing of a vaccine against A/H1N1 flu on pigs next week, a government official said on Thursday.

The testing will be conducted on about 10,000 pigs in the Perak State and it would take six weeks for the results, said

Veterinary Services Department Director-General Abd Aziz Jamaluddin.

If it is proven effective, the department

will propose the vaccination for all the 1.7 million pigs nationwide, he was quoted as saying by local media. — *Internet*

Singapore confirms 12th Influenza A/H1N1 case

SINGAPORE, 5 June — Singapore has confirmed its 12th case of Influenza A/ H1N1, the country’s Health Ministry said on Thursday.

The patient is an 18-year-old Singaporean man. He went to Melbourne on 16 May and returned to Singapore on Emirates EK405 on Monday.

The patient went to local hospital on Thursday noon and laboratory results confirmed his infection in the evening. — *Internet*

SPORTS

Safina, Kuznetsova renew rivalry in French final

PARIS, 5 June—The all-Russian women's final at the French Open renews a rivalry dating back a decade, and Svetlana Kuznetsova hopes to fare better than the first time she faced Dinara Safina.



Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova jubilates after defeating Australia's Samantha Stosur during a semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 4 June, 2009.—INTERNET

They were juniors then — Kuznetsova from St. Petersburg, Safina from Moscow, both with athletic bloodlines." I was like 12 or 13, and Dinara was an unbelievable girl," Kuznetsova said. "She's one year younger than me. I had no chance playing against her. I remember I lose to her 6-1, 6-love or something."

They've played each other many times since, and Kuznetsova leads 7-4 in tour-level matches. Saturday's showdown will be the biggest yet, with a Grand Slam title at stake. It would be the first for Safina and the second for Kuznetsova, the 2004 US Open champion.—*Internet*

Rooney itching to make up for Barca heartbreak

ALMATY, 5 June — Wayne Rooney is planning to get Manchester United's Champions League final defeat "out of the system" by firing England to the brink of next year's World Cup finals in South Africa.

At the end of a long season, England's stars could have done without an eight-hour flight to central Asia for Saturday's match against Kazakhstan. But Rooney insists he is itching to play his first match since his club's 2-0 defeat by Barcelona in Rome last month and shrugged off concerns about the five-hour time difference, high temperatures and concerns over the quality of the playing surface in Almaty's Central Stadium.

"For most footballers, it is a job we all love and if you can play wherever, you will play," Rooney said. "To be honest, I've been looking forward to these England games to get Rome out of the system." Of course you are disappointed but, at the end of the day, we just have to deal with it.—*Internet*



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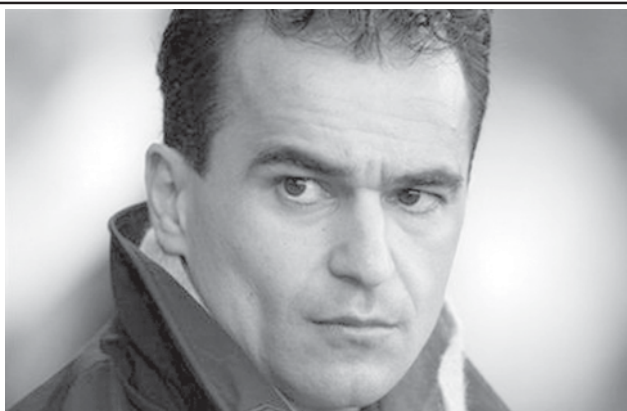
Accountants warn over Liverpool debt

LONDON, 5 June—Accountants have voiced concern over the short-term viability of Liverpool's parent company as the club's American owners, Tom Hicks and George Gillett, attempt to refinance 350 million pounds of debt.

Annual accounts for Kop Football (holdings) Ltd., which were published on Thursday, showed that the parent company made losses of 42.6 million pounds in the year to July 2008, largely due to interest payments on the debt that was incurred to enable Hicks and Gillett to buy the club.

The club's accountants, KPMG, issued their warning in a note attached to the accounts.

It said: "The group has credit facilities amounting to 350 million pounds which expire on 24 July 2009. The directors have initiated negotiations to secure the replacement finance required by the group and these negotiations are ongoing." —*Internet*



Swansea City's Spanish manager Roberto Martinez, is set to become the new manager of Wigan after the Premier League club reached an agreement with Swansea on the terms of his release.—INTERNET

Martinez set to become new Wigan boss

WIGAN, 5 June—Roberto Martinez is set to become the new manager of Wigan after the Premier League club reached an agreement with his current club Swansea on the terms of his release.

Wigan owner Dave Whelan confirmed Thursday that he had agreed to pay the Championship club around two million pounds in compensation and voiced confidence that he could quickly wrap up negotiations on Martinez's personal terms.

The 35-year-old Martinez is a former Wigan player who has established a reputation as an astute manager after guiding Swansea to the League One title and then within two places of the Championship play-offs in successive seasons.—*Internet*

Maradona hits back at U-20 national team coach

BUENOS AIRES, 5 June — Argentine national team coach Diego Maradona on Thursday refuted the complaints from Under-20 team coach Sergio Batista on the "lack of dialogue" between them.

"I do not know that is wrong with 'Checho (Batista)', I do not know if he has his period or what. I do not know what he wants, to kiss him on the mouth. I called him when the Under-20 team was out of the World Cup (in Egypt). Let's stop this story. What do I have to do? He should respect me as I do," Maradona said.

Maradona said that when he took over the national team "the first one" he went to look for was Batista and that "whenever I have a match where I'm playing my life, he comes out talking" with the press. Maradona added that he "does not have any problem and if I have it is solved man to man." —*Internet*

Valencia president resigns amid bad economy

MADRID, 5 June — Valencia president Vicente Soriano resigned on Thursday amid bad financial situation. According to Spanish media, the Spanish Primera Liga club now has debts of over 637.6 million US dollars.

Soriano had tried to sell Valencia's stadium in a bid to help finance a move to a new venue that is under construction. But the club defaulted on payments to the team and the construction company.

Valencia finished sixth in the Primera Liga to qualify for the Europa League but Spain internationals David Villa, David Silva, Raul Albiol and Juan Mata, among others, may have to be sold to finance their debts. Media speculation has linked the players with moves to Real Madrid, Barcelona and English Premier League clubs in the past few days.—*Internet*

Japan invited to play in 2011 Copa America

TOKYO, 5 June—Japan have been invited to play in the 2011 Copa America in Argentina, following their maiden appearance in the 1999 edition, the Japan Football Association said on Thursday.

Junji Ogura, the association's vice president, learned of the invitation in Nassau, Bahamas, where he was attending the congress of football's world governing body FIFA, a spokeswoman for the FA said.

"We'll have more details when the vice president returns home," she added.

Japan competed in the South American continental championship in 1999 in Paraguay under French coach Philippe Troussier.

The Blue Samurai were knocked out at the group stage with one point, losing to Paraguay and Peru and drawing 1-1 with Bolivia.—*Internet*



Japan striker Yoshito Okubo (centre) battles for the ball with Belgium defender Gill Swert (right) during the first half of their Kirin Cup match in Tokyo.—INTERNET

Roma coach Spalletti stays until 2011

ROME, 5 June — AS Roma coach Luciano Spalletti will stay with the Italian Serie A club until 2011, Italian media reported on Thursday. Under a renewed agreement, Spalletti will have more decisional power in the market operations of the Rome club as he begins his fifth season with the red-yellow. His contract expires in 2011.

Rumors had it that Spalletti was likely to take over the coaching post at Juventus next season but the 50-year-old told local media that he would stay.

"I'm staying and please don't say that I'm not convinced or that I'm not motivated," Spalletti was quoted. "I'm staying for the good of Roma." Roma finished in sixth in the league, securing a place for the Europa League, a new version of the UEFA Cup. —*Internet*



Emperor penguins congregate on an ice field near Wilkes Land in the Australian Antarctic Territory. Scientists have tracked down previously undiscovered colonies of Antarctic emperor penguins after spotting trails of their droppings on satellite pictures, a study has revealed.—INTERNET

French military fails to find more Flight 447 debris

PARIS, 5 June—French search planes have not found any more debris from *Flight 447*, which crashed into the Atlantic with 228 people onboard, a senior military official said on Thursday. Four planes, including an AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft from the Dakar French air base, took part in locating the Air France passenger jet, said Christophe Prazuck, an official with the French Chief of Staff.

The search team spotted some metallic objects, which turned out not to belong to the plane, he said. Air France on Wednesday told families of passengers on *Flight 447* that the airliner disintegrated either in the air or when it crashed into the ocean and there were no survivors. Some debris, including a seven-meter-long chunk and 10 other objects, was found by Brazilian planes over a wide area, but pilots had not spotted any sign of survivors, the Brazilian Air Force said.

The overall zone is roughly 640 km northeast of the Fernando de Noronha islands off Brazil's northern coast. Investigators are working with Air France, Airbus and meteorologists to determine what caused the Airbus A330-200 with 216 passengers and 12 crew members to slam into the Atlantic Ocean after leaving Rio de Janeiro for Paris on Sunday night.—Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (6.6.2009) (Saturday)

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

Local Transmission

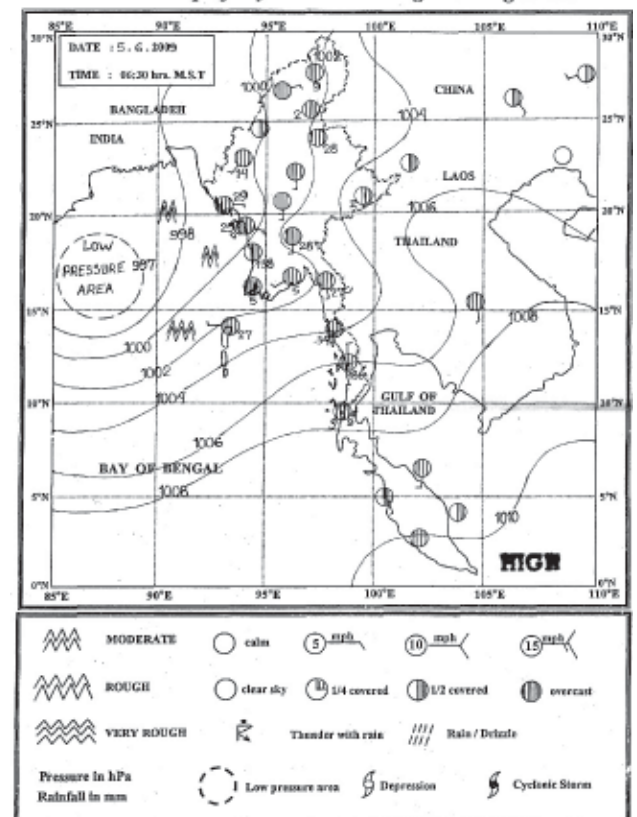
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Colourful Lotus-shaped Candles
- * A Memorable Market Day (Inle Khaung Taing)
- * Progressive Scene of Danichang Model Village
- * The Beauty of the 2nd Defile of The River Ayeyawady
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America 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
- * Oxen Brothers
- * Naga Traditional Costumes and Dance
- * Strive for Development of Industrial Zone
- * The Conspicuous Dhammayangyi
- * Colourful Lotus-shaped Candles
- * A Memorable Market Day (Inle Khaung Taing)
- * Progressive Scene of Danichang Model Village
- * The Beauty of the 2nd Defile of The River Ayeyawady
- * Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-I)
- * Typical Traditional Customs of Mor Shan
- * Build more dams for boosting crop production
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 5 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy fall in Rakhine State, isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (7.56) inches, Thandwe (5.44) inches, Yangon (Central) and Gwa (4.96) inches, Thaton (3.27) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.92) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.52) inches and Bago (2.01) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-6-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 5-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-6-2009 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 4-6-2009 was (3.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-6-2009 was (2.52) inches at Mingaladon, (2.94) inches Kaba-Aye and (4.96) inches Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (19.45) inches at Mingaladon, (23.98) inches at Kaba-Aye and (31.77) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 4-6-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today the low pressure area over Central Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan States and Bago Division and isolated to scattered in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-6-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-6-2009: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Weather outlook for second weekend of June 2009: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 6 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. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:05 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

7. International News

8:35 am

8. “မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးကွာ” (ဧရာ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ကြုံကြုံလင်း၊ အေးအေးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်)

8:45 am

9. Musical programme

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်

11:50 am

4. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:35 pm

5. Yan can cook

12:55 pm

6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ” (အပိုင်း-၅၁)

1:50 pm

7. Dance of national races

2:05 pm

8. “သွားလမ်းသာလို့ လာလမ်းမြှင့်ပါစေ” (မိုးအောင်ရင်၊ မိုးယုစံ၊ အောင်အောင်၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ ကျော်ဇင်ထွဋ်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အကယ်ဒမီစင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

2:40 pm

9. International news

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar national league MNL-Group(2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မကွေး F.C အသင်းနှင့်ညီညွတ် လူနီတက် F.C အသင်း)

5:45 pm

2. Musical programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening news

6:30 pm

4. Weather report

6:35 pm

5. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကြွယ်

6:50 pm

6. ပုဇွန်ကျောင်းတော်

7:10 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူသက်ထား” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

8:00 pm

8. News

9. International News

10. Weather report

11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)



Secretary-1 of the SPDC receives Japanese Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives delegation led by Mr Kenichiro Sasae, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan at the office of the SPDC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received delegation led by Mr Kenichiro Sasae, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan at the office of the SPDC at 3 p.m

today.

Present at the call together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of SPDC Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of

Protocol Department and Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department of MOFA and Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister was accompanied by Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa.—MNA

Authorities concerned warn those in charge of NLD youth branch, NLD CECs regarding announcement dated 2 June issued by youth taskforce of NLD

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—The youth taskforce of the National League for Democracy released the announcement No. 01/06/09 on 2-6-2009. As the announcement contained false hood detrimental to prevalence of law and order of the State and peace and stability and security, the authorities concerned on 4-6-2009 evening warned those in charge of NLD youth branch who released the announcement.

Treasurer U Hla Thein (Tamway-1), youth in-charge U Myo Nyunt (Ahlon), U Hla Oo (Mandalay) and U Aye Tun (Yankin) were present to hear the warning.

Those in charge of NLD youth branch said that the announcement was released with the prior permission of the CEC of NLD. They said that the points in the announcement were excerpts from the announcements of NLD CEC. They added that they compiled the draft announcement and the CEC edited and approved it before the release. Having sought the approval, the CEC assured that they would take responsibility for the announcement which was the attitude of CEC and the instructions of the authorities concerned would be submitted to the CEC, they said.

A group comprising Commissioner of Yangon Division General Administration Department U Khin Maung Tun, Division Law Officer U Zeya, Deputy

Commander of Special Branch Police Col Win Naing Tun of Myanmar Police Force and Commander of Division Police Force Police Col Win Naing warned NLD CECs U Than Tun, U Nyunt Wai, U Hla Pe and U Soe Myint from 5.12 pm to 5.46 pm on 5-6-2009.

Regarding the intrusion case of US citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, the paragraph 2 of the announcement No. 01/06/09 released by the youth tasks undertaking group of NLD mentioned that the case against Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was being heard under Article 22 of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts without attendance of the public at the special court in the Insein Jail.

In reality, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's case is being tried at the special court with the court decision for the application of prosecution law officers and the crime of security violation. Although the trial is taking place at the special court, court reporters have been appointed and daily court hearings are reported in newspapers. Moreover, diplomats and local and foreign correspondents are allowed to visit the court occasionally. Therefore, the people are informed about the case in time. As stated in the announcement of the youth branch, there has been no report yet on the side

of the accused that the people have no chance to know about the case. Therefore, the announcement with false accusations against the measures the court is taking in accord with the law is tantamount to disturbing the court and the existing laws.

It is stated in the third paragraph of the announcement that it is regrettable that up to date, authorities have been refusing the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi demanded by the UN Secretary-General and leaders of ASEAN, EU and the world's countries. In reality, the case is being examined at the court as the accused including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi have violated the existing internal laws. The case is just the internal issue. The announcement that has been issued at the outside instigation is an act of misleading the public, causing misunderstandings and creating public unrest.

The fourth paragraph states that in hearing the lawsuit against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi she has no full right to defend herself. The truth is that the accused have had the rights to hire their lawyers as they wished, to consult with their lawyers and to apply for amendments regarding the controversial matters. For example, they were arranging for defence witnesses at Yangon Division Court at about 3 pm on 5-6-2009. This means they have their full rights.

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