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Heads of State, Heads of Government and FMs of Myanmar and Sri Lanka exchange messages of congratulations on 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—On the auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which falls on 7 June 2009, heads of State and heads of government and ministers for foreign affairs of the two countries exchanged messages of congratulations.

Message from His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, to His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I have a great pleasure in extending to Your Excellency, and through you, to the people of Sri Lanka, our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

The existing friendly relations between our two countries are firmly based on the close religious

and cultural affinities. These affinities originated thousands of years ago lasted until to-date and still continue to thrive. The establishment of modern day diplomatic relations between the two countries has now entered into sixty years. Friendship, mutual understanding and interaction between our two peoples have consolidated in the past sixty years. I firmly believe that the activities commemorating the 60th anniversary of our diplomatic relations will add a new momentum to further strengthening of our bilateral ties.

May I take this opportunity to convey my personal best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and continued success as well as for the continued progress and prosperity of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Message from His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Excellency,

It gives me great pleasure to convey to Your Excellency, the government and the people of the Union of Myanmar on this historic occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and Myanmar my sincere greetings and warm felicitations and those of the government and the people of Sri Lanka.

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Young people are State's major forces responsible for realizing national goals such as creating a better human society and building a new modern, developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline

Special Refresher Course No. 15 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges concludes

YANGON, 6 June—The Special Refresher Course No. 15 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges concluded at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for

Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of the CSSTB, the rector, the pro-rector and faculty members of CICS (Phaunggyi) and trainees.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein in his address said that teachers of respective universities and colleges have learned a lot from the refresher course enabling

them to know about the history and lessons of their own country, prevailing conditions inside and outside the country and future prospects, thereby promoting their confidence and commitments.

The State is implementing development projects across the country in order for the Union of all national people to stand tall as a peaceful, modern and developed nation in the international community, said the minister.

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Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein addresses conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No. 15 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges held at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 7 June, 2009

Work in harness for conservation of the environment

The Ministry of Forestry marked the World Environment Day (2009) at its hall in Nay Pyi Taw the other day, which was graced by the presence and address by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The World Environment Day is celebrated alternately in world cities on the 5th of June every year. This year, the World Environment Day was held in Mexico City of Mexico.

Myanmar commemorates the World Environment Day yearly and cooperates with the international community in environmental conservation programmes.

Today, the world is facing a variety of natural disasters triggered by global climate changes such as torrential rains, storms, floods, erosion, landslides, earthquakes and tsunamis, alongside drought, intense heat and extreme cold.

The environmental deterioration, which is largely due to excessive exploitation of natural resources and environmental pollution, can leave evil legacy to younger generations.

So, it is required to conserve the environment in a systematic way for its sustainable development so as to generate a better environment which can guarantee that world people will be able to cope with the worsening environmental conditions for better life not only at present but also in future.

Myanmar is now carrying out processes in line with the laws for conservation of biodiversity to achieve greater success such as establishment of national sanctuaries, forest reserves, protected forests and plantations, monsoon mass movements to grow trees, and conservation of watershed areas.

Now, environmental conservation tasks are undertaken not only at the national level but also in cooperation with international organizations. So, the people are urged to contribute with a sense of duty towards such purposeful tasks.

Chairman of Myanmar Geosciences Association Dr U Win Swe and party seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Malaysia.—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

Industry-1 Minister inspects regional development in NyaungU Township

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected regional development tasks and met with local people of NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday and fulfilled their needs.

Afterwards, the minister donated K 1 million for Tatma Village Basic Education High School (Branch), K 300,000 for Sapathin Village BEPS and K

1 million for Suti Village BEMS (Branch).

The minister also donated K 1 million for Htipu Village BEMS, K 300,000 for Dahatsi Village BEPS, K 500,000 for Ywalu Village BEPS and K 200,000 to the funds for repair of the drinking water lake in Phyuhtwar Village.

MNA

Educational institutions in Yangon inspected

YANGON, 6 June— Chan Nyein together with Minister for Education Dr officials inspected Yangon University of Foreign Languages

yesterday.

He touched on the reports by Rector Dr Myo Myint, pro-rectors and deans.

On arrival at Yangon University of Distance Education, the minister heard reports on arrangements for conducting intensive lectures and arrival of textbooks. He gave advice for the academic work.

The minister also inspected Yangon Institute of Education, Yangon Institute of Economics, Yankin Education College and Thingangyun Education College.

MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visits Yangon University of Foreign Languages.—MNA

Chairman of Myanmar Geosciences Association leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 6 June— Chairman of Myanmar Geosciences Association Dr U Win Swe, Joint Secretary of Myanmar Stratigraphic Committee U Soe Thura Tun and member U Nyunt Htay left here by air today for attending the 11th Regional Congress on Geology, Mineral and Energy Resources of Southeast Asia to be held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia from 8 to 10 June.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary U Aye Lwin of the association and officials. —MNA

1st Japan Cup Karatedo Championship on 23-24 June

YANGON, 6 June — Myanmar Karatedo Federation will organize the 1st Japan Cup Karatedo Championship at Aung San Gymnasium, here on 23 and 24 June.

The women's contest includes singles Kata event, team Kata event, under-46 kilo, under-50 kilo, under-55 kilo, under-61 and above-61 kilo Kumite events and team Kumite event.

The men's contest comprises singles Kata and team Kata

events, under-54, under-60, under-67, under-75 and above-75 kilo Kumite events and team Kumite event.

The championship will be held in line with the rules of World Karatedo Federation. The athletes wishing to take part in Kata event must be 16 years and above and the athletes for Kumite event, 18 years and above on that day when the championship commences.

Only Karatedo teams acknowledged by the MKF may compete in

the championship.

The Karatedo teams wishing to participate in the championship are to fill the names of the manager, the coach, the referee and athletes in the form to be sent to the MKF (Aung San Stadium, Yangon), not later than 18 June. The manager or the coach are to submit the report on the number of participants in the teams to the federation, not later than 21 June.

MNA



Iraqi Govt welcomes Obama's speech over troops' pullout

BAGHDAD, 6 June — The Iraqi government on Friday welcomed Barack Obama's address over his pledge to respect timeline of US troops pullout and his positive gesture toward Muslim world.

"The Iraqi government welcomes US President Barack Obama renewal to adhere to his administration's commitments toward Iraq and his respect to the timeline of US troops' withdrawal from Iraq according to the agreement signed by the two countries," Ali al-Dabbagh, the Iraqi government spokesman said in a statement.

The Iraqi government also hailed Obama's pledge to keep military bases on the Iraqi land, Dabbagh said, adding

that the two countries have a common aspiration to build a strategic partnership. Dabbagh also said that "Obama's address reflects a positive trend for the US administration that shows a better understanding of the culture of the region's peoples."

"Such understanding (of US administration) would reduce opportunities to enhance extremist ideology that tried to defame the image of Islam in the world," he said. On Thursday, US President Barack Obama delivered a keynote speech at Cairo University, which was seen as an attempt to reach out to Muslims to rebuild US credibility in the Muslim and the Arab world.—Internet



File photo shows an injured US Marine awaits surgery after sustaining multiple injuries during combat operations against militants in the western Iraqi city of Falluja.—INTERNET

France to send Tiger gunships to Afghanistan

PARIS, 6 June — France will send Tiger gunships to Afghanistan to replace its three aging attack helicopters, announced French Defence Minister Herve Morin Friday.

Armed with rockets, missiles and a 30 mm cannon, those attack choppers would be able to provide close air support to ground forces battling the Taliban. According to Herve Morin, the troops would arrive in Afghanistan in the summer.—Internet



Firefighters drench the historic Casa Grande Depot, in Casa Grande, Ariz. on 5 June, 2009. Fire departments from the cities of Eloy, Maricopa and Gila River Indian Community also responded to the scene. Firefighters efforts to save the wooden structure were thwarted by the strong winds and poor condition of the building.—INTERNET

Explosion kills five, wounds eight in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 6 June — A bomb attached to a motorcycle went off near a car stop in Spin Boldak district of Taliban's former strong hold Kandahar province on Saturday morning, killing five people including the saboteur, wounding eight others, police said.

"It was around 9:30 am local time (0500 GMT) when a bomb in the motorbike blew up prematurely, killing the culprit and four other civilians," Jawad Ahmad, a police spokesman at Spin Boldak, told Xinhua.

Ahmad added that eight other civilians including three women and two children were wounded in the incident. He blamed "the enemy of Afghanistan", a term used against Taliban militants, for the incident,

saying so far it is not clear who was the target of the bomber.

This not the first time that civilians became the victims of militant's crucial tactics of suicide and roadside bombings, four Afghan farmers were killed on Thursday when their tractor struck a roadside bomb in Shah

Walikot of the Kandahar province. Taliban militants, who staged a comeback three year ago from their traditional hot bed south of Afghanistan, have vowed to speed up their assaults against Afghan and international troops stationed in the post-Taliban country.

Internet

An apparent suicide bomb attack tore through a busy bus station in an Afghan town on the border with Pakistan on Saturday, killing four men, police said.
INTERNET



US military reports two US troop deaths in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 June —The US military on Friday reported two American troop deaths in Iraq, including a soldier who was killed in a grenade attack north of Baghdad.

The soldier was the second American fatality from grenade attacks Thursday in Iraq.

Separately, a US Marine died Friday as the result of a non-combat related incident, the military said in a brief statement that provided no further details.

US casualties remain sharply lower than in the past years. But the conflict continues to take a toll as the Americans face a 30 June deadline to pull back from urban areas in Iraq, the first step toward a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

May saw 25 US troop deaths, the highest number since the same number died in September. The death toll the previous month was 19.

The Multi-National Corps — Iraq soldier died late Thursday of injuries sustained in an attack on a patrol in Diyala Province, according to a military statement issued Friday.

Another soldier was killed Thursday in a grenade attack against a patrol in the northern Tamim Province, which includes the disputed city of Kirkuk.

Internet

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 621

WASHINGTON, 6 June — As of Friday, 5 June, 2009, at least 621 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its figures Friday at 10 am EDT.

Of those, the military reports 457 were killed by hostile action.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defence Department reports 67 more members of the US military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, three were the result of hostile action. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sudan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen.

There were also four CIA officer deaths and one military civilian death.—Internet



Mexican soldiers guard 10 tons of marijuana in Tijuana, Baja California state, in May seized from a truck at a check point near the border with the US. The United States will step up intelligence efforts aimed at stemming the illicit flow of drugs, guns and cash across the border with Mexico, according to a White House strategy paper soon to be sent to Congress.—INTERNET

US loses just 345,000 jobs in May, raising hopes

WASHINGTON, 6 June—Employers throttled back on layoffs in May and cut the fewest jobs in any month since the financial crisis erupted last fall — raising the brightest hope yet that an economic recovery will take hold later this year.

But with companies still reluctant to hire, the nation's jobless rate rose to a quarter-century high of 9.4 percent, and it likely will keep rising into 2010, possibly within striking distance of its post-World War II peak of 10.8 percent. The economy shed 345,000 jobs in May, the Labour Department said on Friday — half what it was losing in a month at the start of the year. But the report also underscored how hard it has been for America's 14.5 million unemployed to find new jobs.—*Internet*



Job postings board is shown at Central City Concern on 4 June, 2009, in Portland, Ore. With companies in no mood to hire, the unemployment rate jumped to 9.4 percent in May, the highest in more than 25 years.—INTERNET

Canada unemployment rate hits 11-year high

OTTAWA, 6 June—Canada's unemployment rate climbed to 8.4 percent in May, the highest level in 11 years, government agency Statistics Canada reported on Friday. That was up from 8 percent in April.

A total of 42,000 jobs were cut during May, most of which happened in the manufacturing sector in Ontario province. Overall, the manufacturing sector shed 58,000 jobs across the country. There were also job losses in transportation and warehousing. Public administration was the only industry with a notable employment increase.—*Internet*

Thousands lose power after underground explosion in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 June—An underground Pacific Gas and Electric Co (PG&E) vault explosion in downtown San Francisco on Friday has caused about 3,200 PG&E customers to lose power, local media reported.

The explosion occurred in the city's Tenderloin neighbourhood area late Friday morning, sending a column of fire and clouds of black smoke out of a manhole there, local KTVU televi-

sion station reported.

A San Francisco Fire Department spokeswoman said firefighters had to rescue some people who were stuck in elevators due to the power outage.

Police have closed off streets around the explosion site in the area of Polk and O'Farrell streets and no injuries have been reported so far.

Authorities were worried that the smoke may be loaded with toxic chemicals. Medics and firefighters were on scene to make sure the smoke doesn't cause further problems.

Internet

Residents in southern Mogadishu's Hamarweyn district rescue a man who was among survivors of a collapsed house in southern Mogadishu, Somalia, on 5 June, 2009. Three family members two of them children died in the incident.—INTERNET



Russia sees no nuke reduction until US missile shield plan clarified

MOSCOW, 6 June—Russia will not cut its nuclear arms until the US plan to deploy a missile defence system in Europe is clarified, news agencies reported on Friday, citing the country's military chief of staff.

"We have left the missile forces practically unchanged during the military reforms," Gen Nikolai Makarov was quoted as saying by RIA Novosti and Interfax.

"As long as the situation in the world, including the US missile shield plan, remains unclear, we

will not alter our nuclear arsenal," Makarov said.

The remarks came shortly after the second round of talks on a nuclear disarmament treaty between Russia and the United States.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I), which is due to expire in December,

places a limit of 6,000 strategic or long-range nuclear warheads on each side. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his US counterpart Barack Obama, at their first meeting in London in early April, agreed to negotiate a replacement for the START I by the end of the year.—*Internet*

Fire kills 27 children in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 6 June—A fire killed at least 27 children in a daycare centre in the northwestern Mexican state of Sonora on Friday, the Formato 21 Radio based in Mexico City reported.

At least 176 children were staying in the centre in the state capital Hermosillo when the blaze broke out. Some children have been rushed to local hospitals for treatment.

More victims might be found, and the final casualties were not available for the moment as rescuers were still working at the spot.

A fire at a nearby tire warehouse spread to the centre and caused the tragedy, local media said.—*Internet*



Paramedics wheel a baby to an emergency room after being rescued from a fire at a daycare centre in Hermosillo, Mexican state of Sonora on 5 June, 2009. A fire at a daycare centre in northern Mexico on Friday killed at least 29 children and injured others, the government said. The victims died of mostly from smoke inhalation, Sonora state Justice Department spokesman Jose Larrinaga said on Milenio television.—INTERNET

Somalia fighting displaces 96,000 people from Mogadishu

NAIROBI, 6 June—The UN refugee agency said on Friday about 96,000 Somalis have been displaced by the latest fighting

in the bullet-riddled Mogadishu which began last month in the Horn of Africa nation.

In a statement issued in Nairobi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said the displacement was growing rapidly as the fighting rages in the restive capital.

"The number of Somalis forced from their homes in Mogadishu has now topped 96,000 since the start of fighting between government forces and armed opposition

groups on 8 May," the UNHCR said in the statement.

"Out of this latest total of displaced, an estimated 35,000 are still in the city, looking for shelter in more secure areas because they have no means to leave," it said.

Intense fighting between the government and the opposition Al-Shabaab and Hezbul Islam (Islamic Party) groups erupted in several north-west areas of Mogadishu on 8 May.

Internet



Greek PM: Environmental policy requires action, not empty words

ATHENS, 6 June—Environmental policy is not carried out with grandiose but empty words, but with projects, persistence, political will, strategy and results, Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis said on Friday on the occasion of World Environment Day.

According to *Athens News Agency*, during a visit to the Psytalleia sewage treatment plant, the prime minister said that “It requires political forces that see and recognize the problems where

they exist, that speak the truth to the citizens, that dare to apply the policies that the country needs. And on the environment, there is only one choice, that between words and works, between barren nihilism and action, between responsibility and irresponsibility.”

He said environmental protection was a lasting and daily battle, “and there is still much to do.”

The World Environment Day “underlines the pressing need to actively meet, with determination

and effectiveness, the greatest challenge faced by humanity today, which is to preserve the planet’s viability.”

Protection of the environment, preservation of bio-diversity, a turn to green growth and renewable energy, tackling climate change, are causes that concern everyone collectively and individually, Karamanlis said, adding that it was everyone’s duty to join forces and contribute to a common, concerted effort.

Xinhua



Students visit a model of emission cleaning treatment system at an exhibition featuring environmental protection in Hefei, capital of east China’s Anhui Province, on 5 June, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Head of UN-AU peacekeepers in Darfur visits clash site

UNITED NATIONS, 6 June —Head of the UN-African Union (AU) peacekeeping mission in the war-ravaged western Sudanese region of Darfur on Friday visited the scene of recent deadly clashes between Sudanese government forces and rebel militants.

General Martin Luther Agwai, Force

Commander of the joint UN-AU mission in Darfur (UNAMID), met with military and police personnel under his command deployed in the region and was briefed the security situation following the clashes.

He also discussed with civilians who moved to the vicinity of the UNAMID camp site near Umm Barru as a re-

sult of the clashes in the far west of North Darfur state.

The fighting between Sudanese forces and armed members of the rebel Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) late last month in the North Darfur town of Umm Baru claimed more than 50 lives and forced hundreds to flee their homes.—*Xinhua*



The house of Zhang Xiulin, a farmer of Shilipu village, is destroyed by a big fallen tree after the strong storm and rain swept Shangqiu, east China’s Henan Province, 5 June, 2009. Strong storm, gales, hailstones and heavy rain whipped Shangqiu on Wednesday, leaving at least 20 people dead and 79 injured. —XINHUA

UN chief urges Japan to set emission reduction target for 2020

UNITED NATIONS, 6 June — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has urged Japan to set an ambitious emission reduction target for 2020 to address global warming, Ban’s associate spokesperson Farhan Haq said here on Friday.

In a telephone conversation with Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso on Thursday night, Ban stressed “the importance of showing leadership by setting an ambitious mid-term emissions reduction target” for Japan for 2020, Haq told a regular news briefing.

“He further underlined the importance of this being in line with the targets, which the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has said are necessary to avoid potentially catastrophic consequences from climate change,” Haq said. According to Haq, Japan said it will announce its mid-term targets soon.

The Japanese prime minister planed to announce the national mid-term reduction target next Wednesday, but is facing with difficulty as the views of the business community and environmental groups diverge on the issue, Japan’s *Kyodo News Agency* said.—*Xinhua*

Search for missing Air France flight intensified

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 June — One more French plane Friday joined the search for the missing Air France Flight 447 and two more Brazilian ships are heading to the waters where the plane is believed to have crashed, the Brazilian military said.

The plane, named Atlantique Rescue D, is the fourth French aircraft to join the search effort, which is coordinated by the Brazilian Air Force from the Fernando de Noronha archipelago, 550 km off Brazil’s northeastern coast, said a joint statement from the Brazilian Navy and Air Force.

The aerial search team now has 12 planes and one helicopter. Moreover, two more ships are on their way to join the three Brazilian Navy ships sweeping the area where Flight 447 is believed to have crashed.

France also announced that it is sending two more navy ships and a nuclear submarine to the region. The sub, scheduled to reach the possible crash area next week, has sonar equipment which will help to locate the black box somewhere on the sea bed up to 6,000 meters underwater.

The search efforts have reached the fifth day Friday, but no debris of the



A pilot of the Brazilian Air Force remote sensing aircraft R99 talks about the rescue work to journalists in Recife, northeastern Brazil, on 5 June, 2009. Brazilian air force on Thursday announced that they had sent five more planes and soldiers to search for the missing Air France airliner, while Brazilian Air Force Brigadier Ramon Borges Cardoso said prospects to find survivors were very low.—XINHUA

ill-fated Airbus 330, which vanished over the Atlantic Ocean early Monday, have been recovered.

None of the objects, initially spotted by military pilots, pulled out Thursday by the searching ships, belong to Flight 447, according to Brazilian authorities.

The search operation is now more focused on the search for debris, as the possibility of finding survivors or bodies becomes more and more remote.—*Xinhua*

US Internet ad revenues down 5% in first quarter

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 June—In the first quarter of 2009, Internet advertising revenues in the United States dropped 5 percent from the same period a year earlier to about 5.5 billion US dollars, said a study released on Friday.

While releasing the figures, executives at Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB), which conducted the study with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, noted that Internet advertising has been less hit by economic recession than other media sectors. “Interactive advertising has taken its rightful place as a fixture on marketing plans across sectors, which means we aren’t immune to broader economic trends,” Randall Rothenberg, president of the IAB, said in a statement.—*Xinhua*



Firemen search for survivors at the site where a landslide occurred earlier in the Jiwei Mountain area, in Tiekuang Township, about 170 kilometres southeast of the downtown area, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 5 June, 2009. At least 80 people were feared buried in the landslide at an iron ore mining area in Chongqing Municipality on Friday, according to the local government.—INTERNET

China orders all-out rescue efforts while 79 buried, 27 trapped in fatal landslide

CHONGQING, 6 June — Three seriously injured people remained in critical condition Saturday morning, more than 12 hours after they were pulled out from a landslide in southwest China, while 79 people are feared dead and 27 others are trapped under a mine.

Three medical experts sent by the Ministry of Health arrived in Chongqing Saturday to

help with the rescue work after the landslide happened at about 3 p.m. Friday at an iron ore mining area of Jiwei Mountain in Tiekuang Township, Wulong County, about 170 kilometers southeast of Chongqing's downtown.

Liu Jianchun, a government spokesman with the rescue work, told Xinhua on Saturday that 79 residents and passers-by were buried in the landslide which destroyed 12 houses and buried the mining area.

Rescuers said the people buried in the debris almost have no chance to survive, but they hope to rescue the 27 miners trapped under the mine.

Seven people were pulled out from the debris as of Friday evening, and three of them have not escaped life danger as of Saturday morning, said Qu Qian, director of the Chongqing Municipal Health Bureau. —Internet

UN: new uranium traces found in Syria

VIENNA, 6 June — The UN nuclear agency on Friday reported its second unexplained find of uranium particles at a Syrian nuclear site, in a probe launched by suspicions that a remote desert site hit by Israeli warplanes was a nearly finished plutonium producing reactor.

In a separate report, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran continued to expand its uranium enrichment program despite three sets of UN Security Council sanctions meant to pressure Teheran into freezing such activities.

And it said the growing pace of enrichment is causing it to review its inspection routine so that it can maintain oversight of the process. —Internet

Bomb kills around 40 in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 June — A bomb blast killed around 40 worshippers attending Friday prayers at a mosque in a remote area of northwest Pakistan, a senior official told *Reuters*.

"Around 40 people are killed. The death toll is 40. We have no idea as yet how many have been wounded," Atif-ur-Rehuman, the senior-most government administrator in Upper Dir, where the explosion occurred, said.

Upper Dir is close to Swat valley where Pakistan security force launched a major offensive last month to expel Taleban militants.

Pakistani officials have warned that militants would strike back.

US special envoy Richard Holbrooke was due to hold talks with Army chief General Ashfaq Kayani on Friday—MNA/Reuters

MPs slam BBC for radio silence over stars' pay

LONDON, 6 June — The BBC has been attacked by a committee of MPs for refusing to disclose exactly how much of the public's money it is spending on wages for its top radio presenters.

The Public Accounts Committee said on Thursday the National Audit Office (NAO), which has a right to scrutinize pay in any government department, has been blocked from seeing individual salaries. The

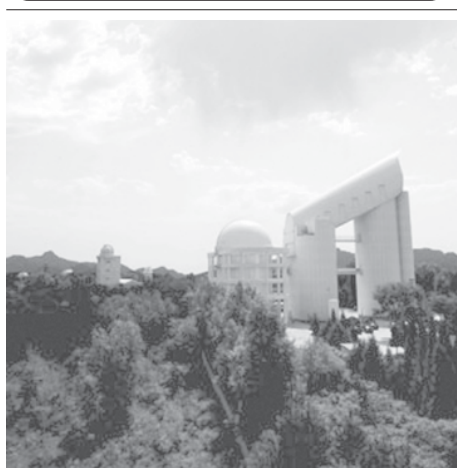
corporation, which is funded with over three billion pounds of public money each year, says it will only let the NAO see a breakdown if it signs a non-disclosure agreement.

Documents leaked to British newspapers three years ago revealed Radio 2's Terry Wogan was on 800,000 pounds a year; Chris Evans 240,000 pounds and Radio 1's Chris Moyles on 630,000 a year to present his breakfast show. Last year,

leaked details showed top chat-show host Jonathan Ross was paid 18 million pounds for a three-year deal.

The BBC Trust said it keeps salary details confidential because it has "legal obligations to staff" and that disclosure would raise questions over data protection and privacy laws. Committee Chairman Edward Leigh slammed the BBC's reasoning for the secrecy as a complete canard". —MNA/Reuters

NEWS ALBUM



The undated file photo shows the exterior of the Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopy Telescope (LAMOST) in Xinglong, Hebei Province, north China. The LAMOST of the Xinlong Station of National Astronomical Observatories under Chinese Academy of Sciences passed the national examination on 4 June. The telescope with a reflecting Schmidt corrector MA and a spherical primary mirror MB is the largest of its kinds in the world. The size of MB is 6.67m x 6.05m, while that of MA is 5.72m x 4.40m, and the effective aperture in diameter is 3.6m-4.9m. The LAMOST will be able to observe 4,000 astronomical spectrum during a period of 1.5 hours in a single night.

More than \$250,000 found on roadside

Police in Syracuse, NY, say an antique shop owner found more than \$250,000 in plastic bags beside the street outside his business.

David Jenks, owner of the Syracuse Antique Exchange said the store was open past its usual 5 pm closing time for Fridays due to a charity event and he discovered the bags of cash when he went outside to his car, *The (Syracuse) Post-Standard* reported.

"I was walking out to my car for a clean shirt when I saw bags of trash on the side of the road," Jenks said.

Jenks said he realized the bags were full of money when he attempted to move them. He said he put the money into a pair of mail bins with the help of a barber from the business next door.

He said each cash bag included deposit slips from stores at Carousel Centre.



Lost class ring returned to woman, 97

A Memphis woman who found a 1929 high school class ring while raking leaves in a lot said she traced the item back to its 97-year-old owner.

Misty White said she found the Central High School ring, which bore the initials "AMM," while raking a lot as part of a "Save Libertyland" event for cleaning defunct amusement park Libertyland, the Memphis Commercial Appeal reported Monday.

"Something made me keep raking leaves," White said. "It was under two years of leaves, and the ring just popped out."

White said she found the school's 1929 yearbook at a library and identified the ring's owner as Anna Maude Mahaffey. After some research, White said she was able to find Mahaffey, who after her marriage to Richard White 70 years ago began using Mahaffey White as her professional name.

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



Children watch swimming penguins at the new Penguin enclosure which enables the visitors to watch the living of penguins from a tunnel under the water at the Zoo in Wuppertal, western Germany.

Parental influence on child eating is weak

The conventional wisdom that parents' dietary choices help children establish their eating behaviors may be incorrect, US researchers suggest.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health examined the dietary intake and patterns among US families and found the resemblance between children's and their parent's eating habits was weak.

Average dietary intake and dietary quality indicators were assessed using two 24-hour dietary recalls provided by study participants. Senior author Dr Youfa Wang assessed the overall quality of the participating children's and their parents' diets. Child-parent dietary resemblance in the US is relatively weak, and varies by nutrients and food groups, he said.



Fullmoon Day of Nayon

Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

Nayon the third month of Myanmar lunar calendar coincides with June. It is the month which ushers in monsoon, turning the country emerald green. A green carpet of grass appears under showers. There is an old Myanmar saying {nyun\mui;eq;’ ~~Link~~ showers nurture tender grass}.

May Htone [Mithuna] is its astrological name, meaning a couple of man and woman. Its zodiacal symbol is a couple of man and woman holding a long rod and a harp. The sun and the asterism Migathi in daytime and the moon and the asterism Zitha at night together reach noon. Traditionally designated flower of Nayon is jasmine.

On three counts Nayon is auspicious. Firstly the fullmoon day of this month is Maha thamaja Day on which Gotama Buddha discoursed on Mahasamaja Sutta before a great assembly of devas and Brahma celestial beings. The background history runs thus, while Gotama Buddha was residing in Mahawunna Vihara near Kapilavatu, peoples of Kapilavatu and Kauliya, the two kingdoms on either side of the River Yawhani were about to fight each other for the use of the River’s water. There appeared Buddha between the two armies on the river banks. Both armies laid down their arms and paid homage to the Buddha who forbid fighting and admonished them to share the water equally and fairly. Then the Buddha narrated the jataka stories with the lessons of mutual benefit of unity and peace. The two armies were reconciled. Two hundred and fifty soldiers from each side, totalling 500 became monks who later attained sainthood. On the fullmoon day of Nayon, the Buddha delivered Maha Thamaja Sutta. Multitudes of devas and Brahmas after hearing the sutta, attained spiritual peace and later became Arahats. Enemies such as nagas and garudes, Saka deva and Asura, snake and frog, etc. became friends. Since then, Buddhists have been celebrating Mahathamaja Day on Nayon’s fullmoon day by reciting Mahathamaja Sutta, chanting Paritta and doing good deeds.

The second count is the holding of gracious ploughing ceremony performed by the king in royal

paddy fields, so that there be plenty of rain and good harvest. It was that while King Sudhodana was performing the rite of ploughing royal paddy fields, his baby son Prince Siddhartha, left forgotten under the shade of the Jabuthabye Tree, showed a miracle by sitting up cross-legged in jhana mudra (meditation). This rite of ploughing paddy fields at the commencement of monsoon (Nayon) is performed in most Buddhist countries till today. We have records of royal ploughing ceremonies since Bagan Period. King Mindon the second last Myanmar king never failed to observe this tradition. His last ploughing ceremony in the royal paddy fields to the east of Mandalay Palace city was eye witnessed by Sir George Scott [pen named Shway Yoe] who gave a detail account of it in his book *The Burman: His Life and Notions*.

The third count is the tradition of Nayon’s monthly festival. It is the festival of religious examinations. Buddhism is highly literate. There are three Sasanas [the teachings of the Buddha]. Pariyatti Sasana is the acquisition of a sound knowledge of the Dhamma [the law] and all religious literatures and scriptures through extensive and intensive learning. Paripatti Sasana is being accomplished in knowledge and Priveda Sasana is the acting according to the knowledge communicated and acquired. Pariyatti, the learning of the Dhamma is the primary step. Monks especially (novices and laymen inclusive) are encouraged by state and people to study diligently Tipitaka (1) Three Treatises of Sutta (Discourses) (2) Five Treatises of Vinaya [Monks’ Disciplines and (3) Seven Treatises of Abhidhamma (Buddhist philosophy) plus all commentaries and sub-commentaries and all appertaining Buddhist literatures, under the guidance of senior learned monks.

Examinations, recitation, oral and written, of their academic progress are held annually in Nayon, in specially built halls called Thudhamma Zayats, elaborately decorated and gilt teak buildings. The King, his court and lay devotees at their respective pavilions gathered to watch with respect and to provide daily alms food and other needs to the examiner and examinee monks. Where there was royal appearance

ceremonies were bound to take place and festive atmosphere was created.

Examinations may take the whole month. There were four grades. (1) Pathama Nge or Lower grade (2) Pathama Lat or middle grade (3) Pathamakyi or Higher grade and (4) Pathama Kyaw or Highest grade. Success or failure was decided on the merits scored in all forms of examination. The monk who scored the highest total marks among all successful candidates was selected “First”. The rest were classified under List 1 and List 2.

Guna Puja [Honouring Ceremony] was held by the King in the courtyard. The Pathama Kyaw, conveyed on a gilt palanquin borne by 40 men with gold umbrellas shading him, other successful candidates carried either on sedan chair or on caparisened horses were brought into the royal presence and stationed at the respective places. Royal drums were struck and royal musical ensemble played. After the king had performed the libation rite (pouring lustral water and sharing his merit of religious deeds with all sentient beings) he awarded the successful candidates with cash, kind, and special privileges and immunities for their religious missionary works.

There was a choice for successful monks—to remain monk for life and devote entirely to religious mission or to revert to laity to enter royal service, first as clerk, with the prospect of promotion of higher positions ending on ministerial status, one day, depending upon loyalty and administrative ability. Those who remained monks were well supported by the king and there was the prospect of becoming “Raja Guru” [King’s adviser-teacher] depending upon their excellent and outstanding contributions to the state and Buddha Sasana. Civil and military servicemen of Myanmar kings were products of monastic education which covered political, administrative, economic, social moral and cultural aspects. Religious examinations were held without fail in the colonial times and war periods.

Today this tradition of holding religious examinations is still upheld by the Government and the people in cooperation.



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspecting the maintenance of the bund at Nabu Lake in Pyinsi Village-tract of Natogyi Township.

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Commander presents school uniforms, stationery to students

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe delivered an address at the ceremony to present school uniforms and stationery to the basic education students for 2009-2010 academic year at the hall of the hall of the command headquarters on 29 May afternoon.

On the occasion, the commander, wife and officials gave away school uniforms and stationery to the students.

After inspecting the maintenance of

the bund at Nabu Lake in Pyinsi Village-tract of Natogyi Township on 30 May morning, the commander cordially greeted the residents.

The commander viewed the maintenance of the bunds of Nabyin and Yoekan lake and construction of spillway.

Later, the commander inspected progress of No. 1 Inter-District Road and maintenance of the left canal of Kinda dam near Chaunggwa Village in TadaU Township.

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Heads of State, Heads of Government and FMs of...

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The embassy in Myanmar was one of the first resident missions established by Sri Lanka. The establishment of diplomatic ties between Sri Lanka and Myanmar on 7th June 1949 marked a new beginning in the existing long standing relations between our two countries. The Theravada Buddhist traditions existing between our two countries have always been the pinnacle in the bilateral ties between Sri Lanka and Myanmar. This is evidenced in the Ramanne and Amarapura Buddhist orders established in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka and Myanmar share common platforms at many regional and international fora, including the United Nations, the Colombo Plan, The Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) and Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC). More recently, Myanmar has been welcomed to the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) as an observer.

My visit to the Union of Myanmar this month and the numerous other activities planned to take place in our two countries as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations will further consolidate our bilateral relations.

Accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your good health and personal well-being and the peace and prosperity of the people of the Union of Myanmar.

Message from His Excellency General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, to His Excellency Mr. Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Excellency,

I have the great pleasure in conveying my heartiest congratulations to Your Excellency and to the government of Sri Lanka on the auspicious occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Looking back the past six decades, I am happy to witness that the traditional bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries have been flourishing through exchange of high level visits. Moreover, Myanmar and Sri Lanka are taking collaborative efforts for the propagation of Theravada Buddhism. Just as we have been able to promote the national interests, security and prosperity of the two

peoples through cooperation at bilateral and regional contexts, we have also actively cooperated at the international fora to contribute towards world peace and prosperity. I am confident that we will be able to overcome the challenges facing the world today through our continued joint efforts.

I would like to reaffirm that the government of Myanmar will continue to strive for promoting close and cordial relationships which existed between our two countries throughout history as well as for enhancing our cooperation for mutual benefits of the two countries and peoples in the years ahead.

Message from His Excellency Mr. Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to His Excellency General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar
Your Excellency,

On the happy occasion of the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the Union of Myanmar, I have great pleasure in extending my profound felicitations to Your Excellency, the government and the people of the Union of Myanmar.

Establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries sixty years ago was an important landmark for further consolidation of historical and cultural relations between the two countries and for forging a new era of bilateral relations.

It is my sincere wish that the cordial relations between Sri Lanka and the Union of Myanmar will be further nurtured and enriched in the years to come.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and best wishes for your good health and personal well-being.

Message from His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar to His Excellency Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Excellency,

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warm congratulations and greetings to Your Excellency on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Myanmar and Sri Lanka opened a new chapter of bilateral cooperation by the establishment of diplomatic relations on 7 June 1949. If we look back history, we can see that Theravada Buddhism reached the shore of Myanmar from Sri Lanka during Bagan era. We, Myanmar peoples, are therefore acquainted

with Sri Lanka since many centuries ago. Thus, we would like to reaffirm our desire to continue our joint efforts for further consolidation of centuries-old friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka in the years to come. Since Myanmar pursues the policy of upholding the five principles of peaceful co-existence, I wish to express my firm belief that the relations between our two countries will continue to flourish based on those cardinal principles.

The commemoration of this auspicious occasion marks another important milestone in the history of relations between our two countries. We will continue to work more closely at both bilateral and multilateral contexts for the mutual benefits of the two peoples.

I avail myself of this opportunity to add my sincere best wishes for Your Excellency's personal well-being and success.

Message from His Excellency Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar
Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the Union of Myanmar, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency my warm congratulations and best wishes.

Buddhism has always occupied the foremost place in the relations between our two countries. This is reflected not only in our historic relationship but also through the cultural and religious links that are vibrant even today. The enthusiasm shown by the Buddhist scholars of both countries in furthering their knowledge of religion in each other's educational institutions is evident in the current day religious connections between our two countries.

Sri Lanka and Myanmar have cooperated with each other at various international platforms for our mutual benefit. In the area of economic development there is much potential for public and private sector ventures beneficial to the peoples of our two countries. The closeness of our bonds are demonstrated by the frequency of visits exchanged at high political levels. It is my desire to further enhance bilateral relations between our two countries.

I look forward to meeting Your Excellency during the state visit of His Excellency the president of Sri Lanka to Myanmar this month.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your good health and well-being.—MNA



Dy Health Minister meets staff of Medical Research Department

YANGON, 5 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe met with medical staff at the hall of Medical Research Department (Lower

Myanmar) in Dagon Township on 3 June.

Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Min of the department reported on progress of research

works and Director-general Dr Daw Khin Pyone Kyi on matters related to future research tasks.

The researchers submitted the requirements of the tasks. After attending to the needs, the deputy minister gave concluding remarks.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe speaking at the meeting with staff at the hall of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar).—MNA



Young people are State's major forces responsible...

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The nation regained her independence and sovereignty after lots of national people had sacrificed their lives. However, it had to face and solve the problem of internal insurgencies for

more than four decades in post-independence period because of racism and different ideologies that were left by the colonialists as an evil legacy.

Consequently, the country failed to carry out nation-building tasks

to a full extent such as efforts for development of human resources and employing modern technologies and it lagged behind others.

The Tatmadaw government, after assuming State duties, was able to forge national consolidation and build political, economic and social foundations so as to

transform the nation into a modern, developed one.

The minister went on to say that the State is striving not only for development of the agricultural sector, the nation's main business, but also for building up an industrialized country.

While the country is striving for national education promotion, it is also trying to catch up with other nations by safeguarding its independence and sovereignty taking lessons from the past and learning current developments of the world.

The minister added that now is the time when the nation is in the process of building a peaceful, modern and developed one in accord with the seven-step Road Map of the State. In the future, the youth who are trained by their teachers will have to take over State

duties in political, economic and social fields.

The young people are major forces of the State that are responsible for realizing the national goals such as creating a better human society and building a new modern, developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. Hence, they need to be skilful in modern technologies, equipped with true patriotism and Union Spirit and respect laws, rules and regulations.

Although the youth can be trained by teachers to improve educationally, improvement of their moral behaviours needs not only their teachers' training but also teachers' ideal code of conduct.

In conclusion, the minister said, universities and colleges are situated in various parts of the Union, the teachers are to

contribute towards regional development tasks, technical and technological research work and modern technology dissemination activities.

Then, on behalf of Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister Dr Chan Nyein presented Best Trainee awards to demonstrator U Zaw Htet Aung of Hinthada University and assistant lecturer Daw Aye Thandar Soe of Yangon University of Economics, diligence awards to senior demonstrator U Htay of Technological University (Toungoo), lecturer Daw Tin Tin Htwe of University of Computer Studies (Patheingyi) and associate professor Daw Than Hay of Hinthada University and completion certificates to the trainees.

MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presents diligence award to senior demonstrator U Htay of Technological University (Toungoo).

MNA

World Environment Day marked by holding paper-reading session

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—The paper-reading session to mark the World Environment Day was held at the hall of the Ministry of Forestry yesterday afternoon, attended by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials.

Three resource persons from Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Transport submitted their papers to the session part-I and seven resource persons from Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transport and Yangon City Development Committee read their papers at the paper-reading session part-II.

MNA

Motorboats donated to storm-hit areas

YANGON, 6 June—Fifteen motorboats donated by Ingyin Development Co Ltd were handed over to the villages hit by the cyclone "Nargis" at the Myanmar Maritime University on 2 June.

At the ceremony, Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for Receiving Relief Supplies Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered a speech. Managing Director of the company U Soe Min Aung presented the documents related to the donation to Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe.

The minister and party inspected the motorboats.—MNA

Organizing Yangon Division Poster and Essay Contest discussed

YANGON, 6 June—A coordination meeting on organizing the Yangon Division Poster and Essay Contest to mark World Population Day which falls on 11 July 2009 was held at the hall of Yangon Division Immigration and National Registration Department at the corner of 37th Street and Maha Bandoola Street in Kyauktada Township this afternoon.

The Head of Yangon Division INRD delivered a speech and the organizing subcommittee discussed arrangements for successful holding of the contest.

The title for the poster and essay contests is "Protecting marginalized populations from the global economic crisis".

Five categories of the poster contest will be held at Lanmadaw Basic Education High School No. 1 from 9 am to 1 pm on 13 June. The middle and high school level essay contest will be organized at Lanmadaw BEHS No. 1 from 9 am to 11 pm on 14 June, the college level at Yankin Education College and the university level at Institute of Education in Kamayut Township.

The application forms for the contest may be taken out from respective universities, colleges and schools and the furnished forms are to be sent to Yangon Division INRD at 379, at the corner of 37th Street and Maha Bandoola Street, Kyauktada Township, not later than 12 June.—MNA

Sarpay Beikman issues its 48th book

YANGON, 6 June—Sarpay Beikman Book Association of Printing and Publishing Enterprise is issuing "Myanmar Traditional Ornaments and Monasteries" by Maung Yin Hlaing (Pyinmamyain) which won U Ohn Pe Literary Award (first prize in research category) as the 48th book of the association

to the members. The book may be obtained at Sarpay Beikman Book Association, No. 529/531 on Marchant Street for members in Yangon and will be sent through mail to other members.

Those wishing to be members of the association may contact secretary of Sarpay Beikman Book Association, No. 529/531 on Merchant Street here, Ph:01-249031.—MNA

Special criminal appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of The Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) U Htun Htun Oo, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Sein Hlaing and U Kyaw Win sitting at Court room No.1 of The Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgment in (10) special criminal appeal cases and (4) special civil cases. And then heard (5) special civil appeal cases under section (7) of the Judiciary Law, 2000, yesterday.—MNA

Exercise books with health education to be on sale

YANGON, 6 June—Under the school health education programme, the Myanmar Medical Association and the Myanmar Forest Friends Association will jointly distribute exercise books with health education facts at reasonable prices in Dawbon and Mingala Taungnyunt townships soon.—MNA



Information Minister visits rainy season tree planting festival for 2009

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan this morning attended the rainy season tree planting festival for 2009 for greening around the Ministry of Information, here, and viewed participation of staff in growing saplings.

The minister planted a mango sapling for the first week of tree planting ceremony.

After visiting the tree growing festival participated

by the staff of departments and enterprises, the minister inspected greening tasks at the dam and livestock breeding tasks.

Staff actively participated in the tree growing ceremonies at Myanmar Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw Daily of News and Periodicals Enterprise and Nay Pyi Taw Press of Printing and Publishing

Enterprise in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

In the rainy season tree planting ceremony for the first week, a total of 650 saplings were planted at the Ministry of Information, 670 saplings at Myanmar Radio and Television, 1,300 saplings at Nay Pyi Taw Daily and 1,100 saplings at Nay Pyi Taw Press, totalling 3,720 in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views collective participation of staff of departments and enterprises of Information Ministry in rainy season tree planting festival 2009.—MNA

Aircraft incident leaves copilot slightly injured

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—A passenger airplane from Myanmar Airways on its way from Yangon to Sittway slewed to the right side of the runway at Sittway Airport this morning.

The F-28 XY-ADW took off Yangon at 7.10am and touched the ground at Sittway Airport at 8.20 am today. At the site about 2000 feet from the start of the runway, it skidded to the right side and stopped when it run into the fence of the airport.

Of the 68 people on board: six crew members and 62 passengers, copilot U Soe Yee picked up minor injuries in his forehead, and none of the rest was injured in the accident. Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, servicemen from Sittway Station and members of local social organizations rushed to the airport and provided assistance to them.—MNA

Oldest European turns 113

LONDON, 6 June — Europe's oldest man, Henry Allingham, celebrated his 113th birthday in London on Saturday with members of the Royal Air Force (RAF).

Allingham, born towards the end of Queen Victoria's reign, is the last surviving founder member of the RAF.

He was joined at his party also by members of his family and the Royal Navy.

"It's wonderful, I never expected this honour," the centenarian told reporters.

Internet



Henry Allingham, Britains oldest man and oldest surviving First World War veteran gestures as he celebrates his 113th birthday at HMS Katherine's Dock, London.
INTERNET

Missing Air France jet suffered systems failure

PARIS, 6 June—French investigators said Saturday that the Air France jet which plunged into the Atlantic suffered multiple systems failures in its final moments and had speed monitors that had failed on other planes.

Automatic error messages broadcast by the Airbus A330 just prior to the crash on Monday showed that its autopilot had cut out after it received conflicting speed readings, the head of the French air accident investigation agency said.—Internet



To mark 87th birthday of goldsmith U Hton, member of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association, a ceremony to donate K 2.4 million to organizations was held recently. Family members of U Hton Goldsmith Shop present K 1.5 million to the funds for construction of Thudhamma building on Cherry Road in Mingala Ward of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.—UMFCCI

Three suspected drug users dead after jumping from hotel window in N China city

HOHHOT, 6 JUNE—Three suspected drug users were confirmed dead, after they jumped out of a hotel window from the 4th storey to escape police examination in Baotou City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Saturday morning, police said.

Police forced open the room after the insiders

refused to open the door even though the officers have identified themselves.

They stopped one suspect from jumping out of the window. The suspect told the police five others have already jumped out of the window before him.

Police were led to the hotel in Gangtie Street at 1:20 a.m. Saturday upon receiving

tips there was a situation in room 405.

The police found two of them dead at the scene. Another suspect died on the way to hospital. The two injured are in hospital.

Police found yellow pills, which they suspect to be drugs, in the pocket of the one of the injured persons, as well as drug taking tools in the room

Internet





Shan State (East) having easy access to hilly regions and plains through communication system

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

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Expedite Mail Service (EMS) is being given in Kengtung and Tachilek, and the post offices in Kengtung, Tachilek, Mongphyat, Monghsat, Mongkhat, Mongton, Mongpyin and Mongyang Townships are offering services on Expedite Money Order (EMO).

The facsimile service commenced in Kengtung on 27 June 1994 and the computerized telegraphic service in Kengtung on 1 January 2001.

At the Shan State (East) Post Office, the news team witnessed functions of expedite mail and facsimile services.

With regard to the telephone communication, Shan State (East) Manager U Thein Zaw explained, "We use telephone lines here through the ADSL system. Such system has easy access to



Shan State (East) Manager U Thein Zaw of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

applying the Internet due to high speed. Therefore, Internet cafés in Kengtung are applying the ADSL system." After that, he took us to Public Access Center near the post office.

We saw youth at the Internet booths surfing the Internet. Staff Officer U Maung Maung Myint said, "The youth in the region understand how to apply the Internet applications. They search topics that they want to know. They send topics to other places. They make

chatting. They can do it freely."

We noticed that the talent and skill of youth on the hilly regions do not lag behind in development.

Shan State (East) Manager U Thein Zaw further explained that Kengtung Auto-exchange was opened on 4 April 1992. Up to now, the exchange had been installed with 5124 telephone lines. The plan is under way to extend 200 more telephone lines in Kengtung and 500 more

lines in Tachilek. The Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung microwave link was launched in April 1999 and the Kengtung-Tachilek microwave link in January 2000. Kengtung GSM station was put into service on 25 March 2006. Tachilek GSM station was opened on 10 May 2006, and so far, the station has been installed with 6,000 GSM lines.

In visiting round Kengtung, we saw the local people at Public Call Offices-PCO for the telecommunication and realized that the distance can be shrunk between the hilly region and the plain regions through the telecommunications.

The Shan State (East) Manager continued to explain that a total of 65 PCOs were opened in Shan State (East) for public communication. Moreover, the cross-border fibre link between Myanmar and Thailand started on 28



Photo shows a microwave station in Mongpyin.

March 2007.

In the past, the local people faced difficulties in using magnetophone telephones. Now, they

have easy access to not only across the country but also to the world over. Such convenience and improvements in the communication sector are fruits of prevailing peace and stability and development projects.

So far, Mongpyin had been facilitated with 400-line auto-exchange, Mongphyat with 400-line auto-exchange and Mongyawng with 400-line auto-exchange. An auto-exchange to be installed with 350 lines is under construction in Kattaung Village and it will be opened soon.

During the visit, we saw the economic development in the border towns of Shan State (East). Moreover, the improvement of communication sector contributes much to remarkable progress of economic, education, health and social sectors of the region.

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Office of the township engineer-in-charge and satellite station seen in Mongyawng.





Walking in the 'spider web': Visitors look at "Galaxies forming along filament like droplets along the strands of a spider's web" by Argentinian artist Tomas Saraceno at the Giardini of the Venice Art Biennale.—INTERNET

Police find unexpected bombs, alligator

LOCKLAND, OHIO, 6 June — Investigators searching an Ohio consignment store for stolen goods found more than they had expected, including a 3-foot alligator. They also discovered two homemade bombs in the building in Lockland, WLWT-TV in Cincinnati reported. The entire block around the building was evacuated on

Wednesday night. Police said they also discovered \$50,000 in stolen items.

The alligator was turned over to the Hamilton County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "He's aggressive, he could do some damage if he got a hold of somebody," said Sheriff's Deputy Dan Conners. But owning the alligator is not actually against the law in Ohio, and the SPCA said Thursday the owners were already trying to get it back, WCPO-TV reported. "Noah wanted to get married in space but we probably won't be able to afford it for another 25 to 50 years - so I suggested this as a compromise," she said.

Internet

Chocolate milk as good as 'sports drink'

SEATTLE, 6 June — Low-fat chocolate milk was found to provide equal or possibly superior muscle recovery compared to a high-carbohydrate recovery beverage, US researchers say.

Researchers at James Madison University in Seattle said the study involved 13 male college soccer players who participated in "normal" training for one week, then were given low-fat chocolate milk or a high-carbohydrate recovery beverage daily after intense training for four days. After a two-week break, the athletes went through a second round of "normal" training, followed by four-day intensified training to compare their recovery experiences following each beverage — with the same amount of calories.

Internet

Singapore unveils Asian Youth Games opening ceremony plan

SINGAPORE, 6 June — The inaugural Asian Youth Games opening ceremony is set to be a dazzling showcase of the exuberance of youth and the multi-cultural diversity of Asia, the Singapore Asian Youth Games Organizing Committee (SAYGOC) said on Friday.

Themed "Asia's Youth, Our Future", the opening ceremony will bring more than 1,400 performers from 20 schools and tertiary institutions together in an display of teamwork and vigour. More than 7,000 people are expected to catch the performances on spot at the Singapore Indoor Stadium on 29 June. In a first for an international multi-sport games, the

opening ceremony will be broadcast live via webcast to reach out to the international community.

The show comprises three mass displays, titled "Garden in the City," "Asia's Zest" and "Spirit of Evolution," which make use of visual illusions as well as the innovative use of props and costumes to capture the imaginations of the audience.

The SAYGOC said that highlights include an energetic dance featuring bamboo sticks, a musical piece incorporating Korean drums and Sanskrit phrases, an ancient Asian language, and a show-stopping descent from the skies by two dancers.

Internet

Early treatment to help prevent kids from depression

BEIJING, 6 June — A new US study suggests that early intervention to treating teenagers with clinical depression may help prevent episodes of chronic cases that will haunt them throughout adulthood.

The study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) is the largest to date showing that a relatively modest

intervention goes a long way to prevent episodes of depression in high-risk teens. The study involved 316 adolescents, ages 13 to 17, in four cities. All of the teenagers had a history of depression or current symptoms that just fell short of a clinical diagnosis. The teens also had at least one parent who had been diagnosed with depression.

Half the teenagers were randomly assigned to a prevention programme that consisted of eight weekly group sessions of cognitive behavioral instruction (CB) lasting 90 minutes each, plus six follow-up sessions that met once a month. The other half of the volunteers were assigned to a control group that got "usual care," meaning they were free to

seek help from whatever resources were available to them in their community - as were the teens in the experimental group. There were no differences between the groups in terms of the types of services they chose on their own.

The teenagers were followed for nine months. Less than a quarter (21.4 percent) of those in the CB programme went on to have an episode of depression, compared with about a third (32.7 percent) of those in the control group. The results were far more dramatic for teens whose parents were not actively suffering from depression: only 11.7 percent who went through the program had an episode of depression during the nine-month follow-up.

Internet



Miss World 2008 Ksenia Sukhinova (L) of Russia and Miss Indonesia 2008 Sandra Angelia (R) crown the winner of Miss Indonesia 2009 Kerenina Sunny Halim during the pageant's final in Jakarta on 6 June, 2009. Thirty-three contestants from 33 provinces in Indonesia took part in the pageant.—INTERNET

Turkish security forces seize 70 kg of heroin

ANKARA, 6 June — Turkish security forces impounded 70kg of heroin in an operation in Turkey's eastern province of Agri, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Friday.

Acting on a tip off, the security forces stopped and searched a lorry at the border crossing which was on its way from Iran to Belgium via Turkey, according to the report. During the search with the help of two sniffer dogs, they found 70 kg of heroin stashed in 60 packages and hidden in cache, said the report, adding the lorry's driver of Iranian descent was detained.

The Turkish security forces confiscated 16 kg of hashish in operations conducted throughout Turkey on Thursday. Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.— Internet



Rio Tinto's Alcan Mining Operation at Weipa, in northern Queensland. Mining giant Rio Tinto on Friday cancelled its controversial tie-up with China's Chinalco in favour of a joint venture with fierce rival BHP Billiton and a 15.2 billion US dollar rights issue.—INTERNET



Wet ear wax may signal breast cancer risk

TOKYO, 6 June—A gene may link wet, sticky earwax and osmidrosis — malodorous armpits — to breast cancer risk, Japanese researchers say.

The study, published in the *Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Journal*, suggests the same gene involved in osmidrosis and earwax may be linked to breast cancer.

“We do strongly hope that our study will provide a new tool for better predication of breast cancer risk by genotyping,” senior researcher Dr. Toshihisa Ishikawa of the Tokyo Institute of Technology says in a statement. “Using a rapid and cost-effective

typing method presented in this study would provide a practical tool for pharmacogenomics-based personalized medicine.”

Ishikawa and colleagues studied the cellular and molecular interactions in the body surrounding a gene associated with breast cancer — called ABCC11 — when they discovered the link between the gene and wet-type earwax and excessive armpit odor.

“Wet, sticky earwax might not be easily noticed, but most people can’t miss unpleasant body odors,” Dr. Gerald Weissmann, editor in chief of the *Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Journal*. — Internet

Diet may help reduce prostate cancer risk

SYDNEY, 6 June—A diet low in fat and red meat and high in produce may be beneficial in preventing and treating prostate cancer, researchers in Australia said.

Robert Ma of University of New South Wales and colleagues reviewed previously conducted research and found that a low-fat diet heavy on vegetables and light on meat, dairy products and calcium may reduce the risk of getting prostate cancer and help people who have it.

The review, published in the *Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics*, found the consumption of toma-

toes, cauliflower, broccoli, green tea, vitamin E and selenium seemed to propose a decreased risk of prostate cancer. Consumption of highly processed or charcoal-cooked meats, dairy products and fats seemed to be correlated with prostate cancer.

Internet



A man herds cattles on the snow-covered grassland in Qianshan Village in Yiwu County of Hami, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 4 June, 2009. The area along the Tianshan Mountain in north Hami met snow weather on Thursday. —INTERNET

Parkinson's disease linked to pesticides

PARIS, 6 June—An epidemiological study involving French farm worker exposure to pesticides found an association with Parkinson's disease, researchers found.

Dr. Alexis Elbaz of the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research and University Pierre et Marie Curie said the study involved people with the French health insurance organization for agricultural workers who were frequently exposed to pesticides.

The study leader said that by interviewing participants, visiting farms and collecting data on pesticide exposure, occupational health physicians constructed a detailed lifetime exposure history to pesticides.

Internet

Malaysia confirms 6th case of A/H1N1 flu

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 June— Malaysia on Friday confirmed its sixth case of A/H1N1 flu in a student arriving here on Wednesday from the United States on the Malaysia Airline flight MH091.

Malaysian Health Minister Liow Tiong Lai said that the other passengers and crew on the same flight were being traced for home quarantine.

He also said that his ministry would issue pamphlets and put upholsters to remind the public of taking precautions when going overseas.

Malaysia confirmed three cases of A/H1N1 flu on Thursday, including one 23-year-old male student who came back to Malaysia on the MH091 flight from New York on Monday.

Malaysian Health Ministry Director-General Ismail Merican said on Friday that 35 people that contacted the student on the flight on Monday were undergoing home quarantine.—Internet

A/H1N1 related deaths rise to 32 in US

HOUSTON, 6 June—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Friday that it had seen 27 deaths from A/H1N1 flu virus in 10 states, but actual number of fatalities of the virus could be 32 if five more deaths in three more states are included in the list, according to local health officials.

In California, a nine-year-old girl named Karen Perez at elementary school in Contra Costa County has died from A/H1N1 flu, which is the third fatality connected to the new flu virus in the state.

“The death occurred on 29 May and a state laboratory confirmed test results Wednesday afternoon. The child also had a secondary bacterial infection,” Contra Costa Health Services announced on Thursday in a press release. Contra Costa Public Health Director Dr. Wendel Brunner said the county will not close schools, including the one the child attended, following the death case.—Internet

Melbourne world's swine flu capital

MELBOURNE, 6 June—Australia's second city of Melbourne has become the “swine flu capital of the world”, according to a report, as the country's confirmed tally of the disease soared to 1,009.

Some 874 of the infections have been detected in the southern state of Victoria, with most of those cases concentrated in the north and west of the state capital Melbourne, the health department said on Saturday.

The disease has spread more than 1,000-fold in the past three weeks, hitting schools in the Melbourne area hard and making Victoria the worst affected area on earth per head of population, The *Australian newspaper* said. “Melbourne is now the swine-flu capital of the world, with the H1N1 virus twice as prevalent in the Victorian population as it is in Mexico, where the pandemic began,” the respected daily reported.

“With the state's comparatively small population, swine flu occurs in about one in 9,139 Victorians — more than double the one in 21,860 Mexicans with the virus and triple the one in 27,295 people with swine flu in the US,” it added.—Internet



People are seen waiting at a swine flu clinic in Melbourne's Austin Hospital. Australia's second city has become the “swine flu capital of the world”, according to a report, as the country's confirmed tally of the disease soared to 1,009. — INTERNET

Two Ecuadorian nurses infected with A/H1N1 flu

QUITO, 6 June—Two Ecuadorian nurses from the western city of Guayaquil, Guayas have been infected with influenza A/H1N1, a local institution said on Friday.

One of the nurses was infected after having contact with a flu patient and the other was working in a medical center in Guayaquil, said Alba Mestanza, head of the College of Nursing in Guayas.

Both were quarantined immediately, he said.

He added that the infections were believed to be because they did not hand in their protective tools in time. So far, the Ecuadorian Health ministry has reported 51 cases of the virus, of which 44 are in Guayaquil, four in Quito (including a foreigner), two in Machala and one in Portoviejo. —Internet

Singapore confirms two more Influenza A/H1N1 cases

SINGAPORE, 6 June—Singapore confirmed two more cases of Influenza A/H1N1 on Friday, bringing the number of total cases here to 14.

According to Singapore's Health Ministry, the 13th confirmed case is a 23-year-old Singaporean male who went to Melbourne on May 27 and returned to Singapore on Singapore Airlines SQ238 on Thursday. He was detected having a fever by the thermal scanner at Changi Airport and was sent to local hospitals on the same day.

The 14th confirmed case is a 22-year-old Singaporean female who is a cabin crew with Singapore Airlines and went to New York on 24 May. She was on the same flight (SQ25) from New York to Frankfurt as three of Singapore's earlier confirmed cases.

While these three earlier confirmed cases arrived in Singapore on Monday, she had stopped over at Frankfurt and returned to Singapore one day later on Tuesday. She developed symptoms on Wednesday and was sent to hospital on Thursday.—Internet

SPORTS

Federer 1 win from tying Sampras' Grand Slam mark

PARIS, 6 June—Fresh off a ragged, rugged, five-set French Open semifinal victory Friday, Roger Federer was leaving for the night when a dozen or so fans drew his attention.



Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates winning his semi-final against Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 5 June, 2009.—INTERNET

They wanted photos and autographs, and Federer obliged, signing hats, a poster, even one guy's white polo shirt. As Federer ambled off, a man shouted: "Win on Sunday! Please!"

Pausing for a moment before sliding into a car, Federer turned and, with a quick wave of his skilled right arm, replied, "OK." Ah, if only it were that simple. For all his accomplishments, for all his trophies and records, Federer now wants — needs? — to do something he never has: win a final at Roland Garros.

By coming back to beat No. 5-seeded Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina 3-6, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4, Federer moved within one victory of his first French Open championship — and of so much more.—*Internet*

Hype returns as Capello talks up England chances



Head coach of team England Fabio Capello answers journalists' questions during his pre-match Press conference in Almaty.—INTERNET

ALMATY, 6 June—Eighteen months after they failed to qualify for Euro 2008, England are once again billing themselves as World Cup contenders.

Five straight wins in the qualifying campaign for next year's finals have helped to heal the psychological scars of missing out on the last major international tournament and the new mood of confidence was underlined by head coach Fabio Capello on the eve of Saturday's group six clash with Kazakhstan. The Italian

is confident that his squad — which is virtually unchanged from the group of players who failed under Steve McClaren — is ready to cross swords with the world's best in South Africa in 12 months time.

Internet

Injured Iniesta to miss Confederations Cup

MADRID, 6 June—Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta dropped out of the Spain squad for the Confederations Cup because of an injury and will be re-

placed by Valencia's Pablo Hernandez, the Spanish Football Federation said on Friday.

Medical tests carried out on the 25-year-old confirmed that his thigh muscle injury was more serious than previously thought and could require him to be sidelined for up to two months, it said in a statement. "There is a strong chance of a relapse. He already had one in the Champions League final and we don't want another. He needs a long period of recuperation," federation doctor Oscar Celada told a news conference.—*Internet*



Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta



FIFA World Cup qualifying football match results

(6-6-2009)

- Asia (Group 1)

Uzbekistan	0 - 1	Japan
Qatar	0 - 0	Australia

Asia (Group 2)

Korea DPR	0 - 0	Iran
U.A.E.	0 - 2	Korea Republic

Europe (Group 6)

Kazakhstan	0 - 4	England
Belarus	5 - 1	Andorra

Diego's Argentina need to bounce back

MONTEVIDEO, 6 June—It's getting close to crunch time for Argentina approaching the final straight of Latin America's long slog of 2010 World Cup qualifying. A 6-1 mauling in their last outing at high altitude in Bolivia in April was the albiceleste's worst loss in six decades and heaped acute embarrassment on coach Diego Maradona, whose side have to seek redemption on Saturday at home to Colombia.

Argentina currently occupy the last of the four guaranteed qualifying slots for the finals in South Africa with 19 points from 12 games — five adrift of Paraguay, two behind eternal rivals Brazil and one shy of Chile's 20. With Uruguay breathing down their

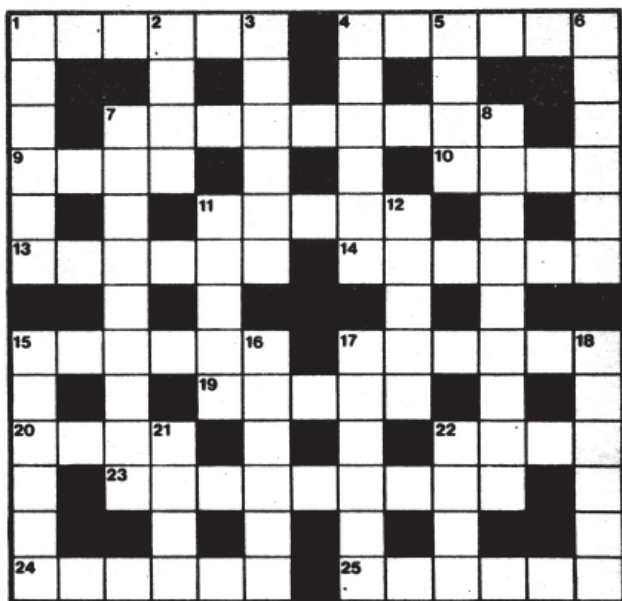


Argentina's national football coach Diego Maradona during a training session in Ezeiza, Buenos Aires on 4 June.—INTERNET

necks on 17 points the Argentines cannot afford to slip up against a Colombian side which would, in the event of a shock win, close the gap to just two points in a tight regional contest.

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Two-wheeled cab
- 4 Impressions
- 7 Wrongly asserted
- 9 Spare
- 10 Highland dagger
- 11 Demon
- 13 Menace
- 14 Cotton material
- 15 Wedged
- 17 Thief's (anag.)
- 19 Cold vegetable dish
- 20 Number of Muses
- 22 Blood-sucker
- 23 English cricket county
- 24 Alarm-bell
- 25 Remembrance

DOWN

- 1 Small village
- 2 Twirl
- 3 Old firearm
- 4 Calm
- 5 Frozen over
- 6 Ailing
- 7 Wedlock
- 8 Airship
- 11 Challenges
- 12 Ruled
- 15 Sweetened curds
- 16 Reduce the light
- 17 Get to the bottom of
- 18 Cordial, robust
- 21 Ages
- 22 Out of

France find feet against 10-man Turkey

PARIS, 6 June—France signed off before the summer recess with a much-needed 1-0 victory over Euro 2008 semi-finalists Turkey in a rain-sodden friendly here on Friday. Jeered throughout their 1-0 defeat to Nigeria on Tuesday, Raymond Domenech's side responded with a more industrious display against a side reduced to 10 men for over 50 minutes following Uzulmez Ibrahim's dismissal.

Karim Benzema's goal from the ensuing penalty was enough to decide the match, which was held up in the closing stages when visiting fans hurled missiles onto the pitch before being placated by Turkey coach Fatih Terim. "I scored and we won, that's good but we have to continue working," said Benzema. He added: "There were lots of Turkish fans, it was more than a friendly. Now we can go on holiday, rest before coming back to tackle the new season." Driving rain made for a slippery pitch and sloppy touches, despite France's best attempts to atone for the loss against Nigeria in Saint Etienne that was marred by enthusiastic barracking from their own fans.—*Internet*



French forward Florent Malouda (L) runs past Turkish midfielder Nuri Sahim (R) during the friendly football match at the Gerland stadium in Lyon, southern France.—INTERNET



Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova, left, and compatriot Safina Dinara hold their trophy after their women's singles final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 6 June, 2009. Kuznetsova won 6-4, 6-2.—INTERNET

Two killed in plane crash in Austria

VIENNA, 6 June—Two pilots were killed when a small aircraft crashed in southern Lower Austria on Saturday, said the State Fire Service Command.

The aircraft smashed into a forest in the area of Seebensteiner Berg and was completely destroyed. The pilot and co-pilot died on the spot.

A witness to the crash alerted authorities. Ambulances, mountain rescuers, police and firefighters rushed to the scene.

This is the second small plane crash in Austria in the past 10 days. On the evening of 29 May, a double-engine four-seat aircraft crashed in central Austria. As the plane crashed in a dense forest in bad weather, rescuers only found the wreckage two days later. All three people on board were killed.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (7.6.2009) (Sunday)

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

Local Transmission

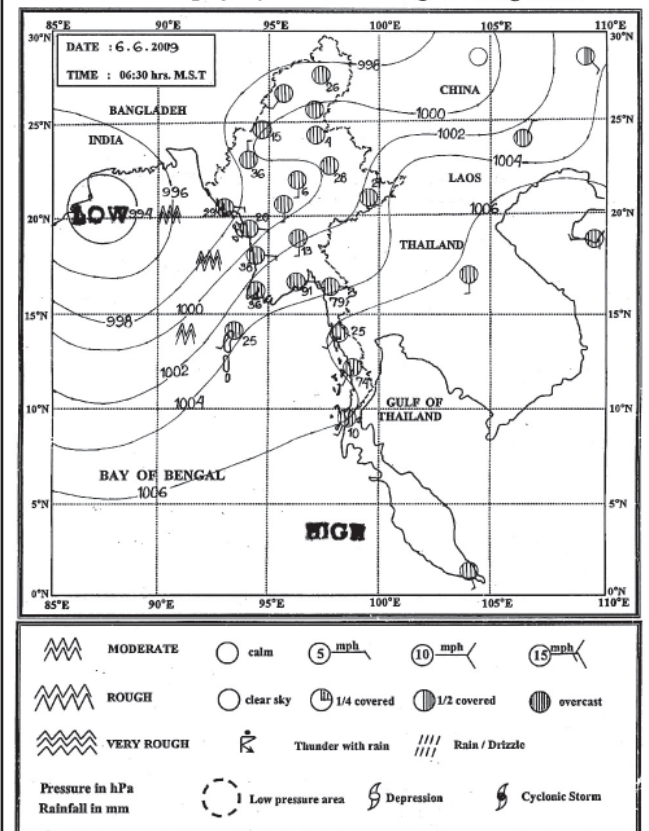
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Peaceful and Developed Dawei
- * Straw Embossed Painting
- * King of all fruits
- * The Colossal Marble Buddha Images from the Sacred Sagyin Hill
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Colourful Lotus-shaped Candles
- * A Memorable Market Day (Inle Khaung Taing)
- * Progressive Scene of Danichauing Model Village
- * The Beauty of the 2nd Defile of the River Ayeyawady
- * Beautiful Pleasant Beach Village
- * Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-I)
- * Typical Traditional Customs of Mor Shan
- * Build more dams for boosting crop production
- * Peaceful and Developed Dawei
- * Straw Embossed Painting
- * King of all fruits
- * The Colossal Marble Buddha Images from the Sacred Sagyin Hill
- * Tasty fried Nga-Poe from Padu Village
- * Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-II)
- * Breeding of Mythun
- * 50-ton Paper Mill (Thabaung)
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 6 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mon State, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.39) inch, Belin (5.51) inches, Hpa-an (4.37) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (3.58) inches, Myeik (3.23) inches, Thaton (3.19) inches and Mawlamyine (3.15) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-6-2009 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 6-6-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-6-2009 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 5-6-2009 was (Nil) approx.

Rainfall on 6-6-2009 was (2.71) inches at Mingaladon, (3.58) inches Kaba-Aye and (1.06) inches Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (22.16) inches at Mingaladon, (27.56) inches at Kaba-Aye and (32.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 5-6-2009.

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 7th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Yangon 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 (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-6-2009: Some rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 7 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြား တော်မူသောဥပသုတ္တံပြောတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning news
3. နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့ (အဖွဲ့ဝင်) မန္တလေးတိုင်း၊ ကျောက်ပန်းတောင်းမြို့၊ သုခဝတီစာသင်တိုက် ပဓာန နာယကဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တသံဝရ (အဂ္ဂမဟာဂန္ထဝါစကပဏ္ဍိတ) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော "မဟာသမယနေ့အကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ" တရားတော်

8:10 am

4. Nice and sweet song

8:20am

5. မြန်မာ့ပြည်တစ်လွှားလမ်းတံတားများ

8:30 am

6. International News

8:40 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:50 am

8. "လက်တွေ့ပြချင်လို့" (ပြီးငွေစိုး၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:20 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:30 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ" (အပိုင်း-၅၂) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:45 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ဗိုလ်ချုပ်ဇာတ်လမ်း "ကျင်လည်ရာဘဝများစွာ" (မင်းထက်ကျော်ဇော်၊ ဆွေစိုးလှ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ချိုတူးဇော်)

2:15 pm

7. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ

2:25 pm

8. Musical programme

2:40 pm

9. "မမြင်ကွယ်ရာ" (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မတူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

2:50 pm

10. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of National Races

4:20 pm

3. ဓမ္မပူဇော်အစီအစဉ်

4:35 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတ်ယူနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

4:50 pm

5. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

6. စိတ်သံစဉ်အလှဆင်

5:20 pm

7. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန နိုင်ငံတော်သံစုံတီးဝိုင်းဖျော်ဖြေ တင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်

5:30 pm

8. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dragon Adventure"

6:55 pm

12. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "မှတ်ထားမလို့" (ဝိစိ၊ ချာလီ၊ ပြာလောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ထင်ထင်)

7:10 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူသက်ထား" (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather report

17. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ်

- "ခိုင်နိုင်ဆောင်ရွက်စွမ်းစားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

19. ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်

(အပိုင်း-၁၇)

- "သိတကုဆရာတော် အရှင်ဉာဏိသာရ၏ နယုန်လပြည့်မဟာသမယ ကြီးကျယ်ထူးမြတ်သည့် အခါတော်နေ့"

**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

Shan State (East) having easy access to hilly regions and plains through communication system

Nowadays, various technologies are developing across the world remarkably. All the world-wide events can be seen through the information technology. Developing technology contributes to improvement of easy and smooth communications between the hilly region and the plain or the easternmost area and the westernmost area.

The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is striving for development of the communication sector of the State applying the modern technology.

The ministry is giving communication services by installing MPT satellite terminals in the rural areas, extending the telephone, fax and e-mail services for the

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public and opening Public Access Center (PAC) with the connection of Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line-ADSL with a view to developing the information and communication technology.

Shan State (East) is a hilly region which is home to many national people. At present, the Tatmadaw government is undertaking the tasks to narrow the development gap between the plain and the hilly region and between the rural and urban areas.

While visiting Shan State (East), the news crew of the Kyemon Daily went to the office of Shan State (East) Manager of

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications on Thittabin Hill Camp in Kengtung Myothit to be able to present the tasks of MPT for national brethren of the hilly region.

We saw the microwave tower on the peak of the hill.

Shan State (East) Manager of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications U Thein Zaw said, "The communication station of Shan State (East) is formed with post office, telegraphic office, auto-exchange, magneto exchange, GSM station, microwave station, VSAT satellite station and iPStar satellite station."

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Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Office and a microwave tower seen in Kengtung of Shan State (East).

Special sales of Industry-1 Ministry held in Mahlaing

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—The Ministry of Industry-1 held a ceremony to open the special sales at the Buddha Pujaniya of Panaing Pagoda in Mahlaing, Mandalay Division, 4 June.

A total of 298 items of products manufactured by the enterprises under the ministry will be sold at the special sales.

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Cassini finds Titan's clouds hang on to summer

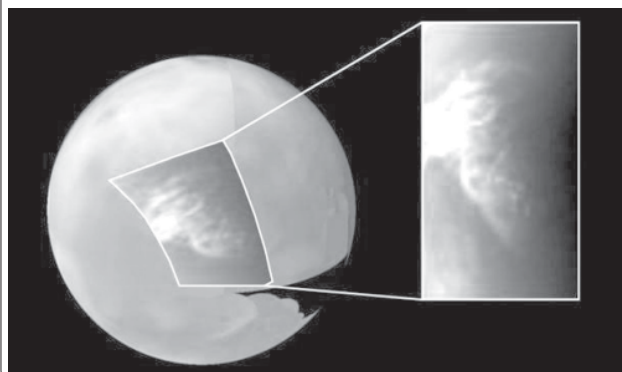
PARIS, 6 June — Cloud chasers studying Saturn's moon Titan say its clouds form and move much like those on Earth,

but in a much slower, more lingering fashion.

Their forecast for Titan's early autumn—warm and wetter.

Scientists with NASA's Cassini mission have monitored Titan's atmosphere for three-and-a-half years, between July 2004 and December 2007, and observed more than 200 clouds. They found that the way these clouds are distributed around Titan matches scientists' global circulation models. The only exception is timing—clouds are still noticeable in the southern hemisphere while fall is approaching.

Internet



Result of matriculation examination announced

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—The result of matriculation examination held in March 2009 was announced this morning.

The results were posted at the respective examination centres in States/Divisions and Townships at simultaneously.

Moreover, the results from States and Divisions except Yangon Division were posted at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Insein Township, No. 1 BEHS in Yankin Township, No. 3 BEHS in Kamayut Township, No. 1 BEHS in Lanmadaw Township, No. 2 BEHS in Dagon Township and No. 1 BEHS in Thingangyun Township.

Radio Myanmar will broadcast the result of matriculation examination in remote areas of States and Divisions such as Tanai, Machanbaw, Putao, Nagmon, Phakant, Kamaing, Sumprabum and Chibwe examination centres in Kachin State; Papun, Kyain-seikkyi and Kamamaung in Kayin State; Kanpetlet, Matupi, Rezwa, Mindat and Paletwa in Chin State; Gwa, Kyeintali, Zayatkonkhin and Manaung in Rakhine State; Momeik, Namsang (North), Monghsat, Mongkai, Kunlong, Mongton, Mongpyin, Mongyang, Maukmai, Mongyawng, Kehsi Manhsan, Mongnaung, Kunhing, Hopan, Mongkhat, Mongpan, Mongphyat, Mabein, Nga-oh, Mongshu, Tonghon, Mangton and Laukkai in Shan State; Palaw, Palauk, Pala and Bokpyin in Taninthayi Division; Pauk, Yepya, Htilin, Saw, Laungshe, Kyaukhtu, Sedoktara and Ngaphe in Magway Division; Nanyun, Leshi and Lahe in Sagaing Division; and Cocogyun of Yangon Division commencing 8 am today (Sunday) through short wave 50.17 and 5916 kHz.

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