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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Arrangements made for applying international level curricula and syllabuses, multi-media system and teaching aid, electronic and educational network system in education sector

Special Refresher Course No. 12 for Faculty members concludes at CICS (Upper Myanmar)

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung addresses concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No. 12 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges at CICS (Upper Myanmar).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—The concluding ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No. 12 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges was held at Yadana Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin yesterday morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, deputy ministers, the Mandalay Mayor, the Deputy Chief Justice

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Surprising green energy investment trends found worldwide

SCIENCEDAILY, 7 June—Some $155 billion was invested in 2008 in clean energy companies and projects worldwide, not including large hydro, a new report says.

Of this $13.5 billion of new private investment went into companies developing and scaling-up new technologies alongside $117 billion of investment in renewable energy projects from geothermal and wind to solar and biofuels.

The 2008 investment is more than a four-fold increase since 2004 according to Global Trends in Sustainable Energy Investment 2009, prepared for the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) Sustainable Energy Finance Initiative by global information provider New Energy Finance.—*Internet*

Nature parks can save species as climate change

DURHAM, 7 June — Retaining a network of wildlife conservation areas is vital in helping to save up to 90 per cent of bird species in Africa affected by climate change, according to scientists.

The research team – led by Durham University, including BirdLife International and the RSPB (BirdLife in the UK) – looked at the effects of climate change on 815 bird species of conservation concern in Sub-Saharan Africa and on the network of sites designated for them (termed Important Bird Areas).

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Nurture human resources systematically

Special Refresher Course No.15 for faculty members of universities and colleges concluded at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township on 6 June.

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 of Road Map of the State.

The youth who are trained by their teachers will have to take over State duties in political, economic and social fields of a new nation.

Moreover, 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 skillful 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. Only then, will teaching and nurturing of students meet with success.

Overall, as the government is building sound political, economic and social foundations by employing human resources and modern technologies in order to carry out nation-building tasks at a full capacity, the teachers on their part are to train the youth of the future in a systematic way.

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**

Yangon Div level computer, cartoon, painting, poster contests organized

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint views participation of students in computer, cartoon, painting and poster contests to mark International Day aganist Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.— MNA

YANGON, 7 June—The Yangon Division level computer, cartoon, painting and poster contests to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2009, organized by Yangon Division Drug Abuse Control, was held at Yangon University of Computer Studies in Hline Township and No. 2 Basic Education High School in Latha Township, this morning.

Students from basic education schools in Yangon Division took part in the contests.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials visited participating students at the respective places.—*MNA*

Stimulant tablets, marijuana seized in Yangon Division, Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—The authorities of Yangon (West) Special Anti-Drug Squad searched Tet Tun (a) Tin Tun near Modern Tea Shop on Tamway Road in Bahan Township at 10.30 am on 4 June. They seized 99 pink WY brand stimulant tablets and one green stimulant tablet from his short pants. Tet Tun (a) Tin Tun is under investigation, and efforts are being made to arrest the related drug possessors.

In another incident, the authorities of Taunggyi Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (South) at 12.30 pm on 4 June, acting on information, searched Ma Mi Mi Yu in front of Moe Thauk Kyei Café on Merchant Street in Ward 5 of Kalaw and seized two blocks of marijuana weighing 3.1 kilos from her plastic shopping basket. Ma Mi Mi Yu is under investigation and the authorities are undertaking the task to arrest the related drug possessors.—*MNA*

***The 10th ceremony to honour wellwishers in progress at Hninzigon Home for the Aged in Bahan Township.*— MNA**

Hninzigon Home for the Aged honours wellwishers

YANGON, 7 June—The 10th ceremony to honour the wellwishers was held at the hall of Hninzigon Home for the Aged in Bahan Towship this morning.

Those present paid respects to grandma Daw Aye May of 108 years old, grandma Daw Tha Pru of 102 years old, grandma Daw Tin Mya of 95 year old, grandma Daw Tin Mya of 95 years old, grandpa U Kyaw Shein of 94 years old and grandpa U Kyaw Thaung of 90 years old and presented cash to them.

Chairman of the Home Committee Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd) accepted over K 12.5 million to the funds of the home donated by 107 wellwishers.

Hninzigon Home for the Aged can accommodate 100 grandpas and 140 grandmas. Now, the home is looking after 63 grandpas and 125 grandmas.—*MNA*

Militants use teenagers in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 June — Iraqi militants have increasingly used teenagers in their attacks against US troops and Iraqi security forces, the US military said on Saturday. A military statement provided details about five teenagers between 14 to 19 who have been involved in grenade attacks and suicide bombings.

It said the teenage attackers are "part of a growing trend of children carrying out attacks on Iraqi security and US forces" in Kirkuk Province in northern Iraq.

In the town of Hawijah, some 30 km west of Kirkuk, a teenage boy was seen on Thursday throwing a grenade at a joint US and Iraqi police patrol, but the grenade failed to detonate, the statement said.

Days earlier, two teenagers, aged between 14 to 16, separately attacked two joint patrols in the same town, one of the attackers was captured, the statement said.

The military also said that a boy possibly aged 14 was the driver in a suicide car bombing that killed five Iraqi policemen in oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

Also in Kirkuk, a 19-year-old man was captured by Iraqi police while attempting to detonate his explosive vest at a Shiite mosque on 1 May, it said.

Col Hugh McNeely, the deputy commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based near Hawijah, said the "terrorists actively recruit them (teenagers) to risk their lives for goals that the child probably doesn't even understand."—*Internet*

An Afghan soldier is seen holding a rocket launcher as he patrols a street in Spin Boldak, on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Taliban militants stormed a police post in northwestern Afghanistan early Sunday, killing four policemen, while two civilians died in a bomb blast in the country's south, authorities said.—INTERNET

Relatives of a boy who was killed in a bomb attack cry during his funeral in Baghdad on 4 June, 2009.
INTERNET

Police chief escapes suicide car bombing in W Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 June — The police chief of Iraq's western province of Anbar survived a suicide car bomb attack on Saturday, wounding two of his bodyguards, an Interior Ministry source said.

A suicide car bomber drove his explosive-laden car into the convoy of Major General Tariq al-Assal, while he was leaving the provincial police headquarters in central the city of Ramadi, some110 km west of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. Assal survived unhurt, but one of his convoy's vehicles was damaged and two of his bodyguards were wounded, the source said.—*Internet*

Roadside bombings kill Afghan soldier, wounds six others in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 June — One Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier was killed and six other including five Afghan border police sustained injuries on Saturday morning in three separate roadside bombings in eastern Afghanistan, officials said.

Roadside mines planted by insurgents struck a vehicle of ANA in Dumanda district of Khost Province on Saturday morning, killing one ANA soldier and wounding another, a senior ANA officer, Gen Mohammad Hisrar told *Xinhua*.

In the second incident, roadside bomb planted by militants hit a vehicle of Afghan border police in Dand-e-Patan district of Paktia Province wounding five policemen, provincial administration spokesman Rohullah Samon told *Xinhua.—Internet*

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,311

WASHINGTON, 7 June —As of Saturday, on 6 June, 2009, at least 4,311 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes nine military civilians killed in action. At least 3,454 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 179 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—*Internet*

Two Taleban commanders detained, three others killed in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 June — Security forces after clash with Taleban fighters in west Afghanistan on Saturday arrested two militants' commanders and killed three others, police spokesman in western region Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said.

"The clash took place in Dilaram district of Farah Province today morning during which three Taleban fighters were killed and two others sustained injuries," Ahmadi told *Xinhua*.

In clash with insurgents, he added, Mullah Amanullah and Mullah Naeeb, both commanders of Taleban in the area were detained, while efforts to chase down another Taleban commander Mullah Akhtar is continuing.—*Internet*

Taleban militants kill three guards of Afghan private company in West

KABUL, 7 June — Taleban militants ambushed convoy of a private Afghan company in Nimroz Province, west of Afghanistan on Saturday, provincial governor Ghulam Dastgir Azad said.

"Militants attacked a convoy of Angar private security company on Zaranj-Dilaram road at 11:00 am today leaving three guards of the company dead," Azad said. One guard was also injured in the clash, he further said. This is the second attack on the above company over the past two weeks.

Previous attack against Angar Security Company, which provides security to logistic convoys of US-led forces, left nine guards dead in the western region two weeks ago.—*Internet*

Iraqis inspect the damage to a cafe after a bomb blast, in Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 June, 2009. Seven people died and nearly 30 were wounded when a bomb exploded on Wednesday evening, according to Iraqi officials.—INTERNET

Iran launches new missile production line

TEHERAN, 7 June—Iran on Saturday launched production line of a new homemade supersonic ground-to-air missile system, local English-language *Press TV* reported.

The smart missile system called "Shahin (hawk)", which has a range of more than 40 kilometres, is capable of targeting fighter jets and helicopters, Iran's Defence Minister Brigadier General Mostafa Mohammad-Najjar who inaugurated the production line was quoted as saying.

The research and production phases of the defense system, including missile, missile interceptors, hardware and software networks and launch pad have been carried out by Iranian experts, Mohammad-Najjar said, adding that it will promote Iran's defence capabilities against possible air attacks.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced last month that Iran has successfully launched an advanced surface-to-surface missile named "Sejil 2" with a range of about 2,000 km.

Mohammad-Najjar announced last year that the Islamic Republic has successfully test-fired a new generation of surface-to-surface missile named Sejil which has a range of about 2,000 km.

Iran had already test-fired its another Shehab-3 missile capable of hitting targets within a range of 2,000 km, vowing that its missile capabilities are "a defensive tool against invasions." —*Internet*

A factory worker checks a Prius hybrid vehicle in its final stage of the assembly line at Toyota Motors' Tsutsumi factory in Toyota, Aichi prefecture. After months of cutting output, closing plants and laying off staff as its car exports crashed, the world's biggest auto-maker has resumed overtime work to ramp up production of its new Prius hybrid.— INTERNET

Japan auto-makers race ahead with green cars

TOYOTA CITY, 7 June—The world economy may still be in deep crisis, and the global auto sector in the doldrums, but Toyota Motor's vice president Takeshi Uchiyamada has some good news.

After months of cutting output, closing plants and laying off staff as its car exports crashed, the world's biggest automaker has resumed overtime work to ramp up production of its new Prius hybrid.

Last month, an industrial survey said the low-emission car for the first time topped Japan's monthly domestic car sales — knocking its main rival, Honda Motor's Insight hybrid, from first to third spot.

While US car-makers like General Motors are on life support, struggling under the dead weight of their fuel-guzzling sports utility vehicles, the plant here is humming to the tune of next-generation car technology.

Japan's auto giants hope that, amid the global recession, brisk domestic sales and a worldwide trend towards tougher regulations on carbon dioxide emissions will keep them in international pole position.—*Internet*

Rubbish seen, piled up near a road during International Environment Day, in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 5 June, 2009.

INTERNET

Jobless rate in UK to keep rising long after end of recession

LONDON, 7 June—There were fresh signs that the British economic outlook may be brightening but unemployment in the country will carry on rising long after the recession ends, *The Economist* said in its latest issue seen on Saturday.

So far the British employment has fallen by 1 percent since it peaked at 29.5 million in the second quarter of 2008.

That is about the same drop as at a similar stage in the economic downturn of the early 1980s, and a bit less than the 1.5-percent decline in the early 1990s, said *The Economist* in an article in the 6-12 June issue.

Internet

Hamas: High-ranking contacts held with Egypt to defuse tension with Fatah

GAZA, 7 June—Islamic Hamas movement is holding high-ranking contacts with Egypt, which sponsors the inter-dialogue, in a bid to defuse tension with rival Fatah movement, a Hamas spokesman said on Saturday.

Ayman Taha, a spokesman for Hamas in Gaza said in a press statement that there are mutual contacts held on high levels with Egypt to carry its responsibilities following last-week violent incidents in the West Bank.

Nine Palestinians, including four Hamas militants and four security officers belong to President Mahmoud Abbas security forces were killed in two separate violent incidents on Sunday and Thursday in the West Bank city of Qalqilya.

"Two days ago, there have been contacts with Hamas politburo Khaled Meshaal and Egypt," Taha said, adding that Meshaal spoke with high-ranking Egyptian security officials who sponsor a Palestinian reconciliation dialogue.—*Internet*

Students walk to an exam site of a middle school for the college entrance exam in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 7 June, 2009. China's national college entrance exam kicked off on Sunday with about 10.2 million registered examinees.

INTERNET

Moderate earthquake jolts southern Alaska

WASHINGTON, 7 June —A 5.2-magnitude earthquake jolted the Alaska Peninsula region on Saturday, the Alaska Earthquake Information Center reported.

According to a report posted by the USGS on its website, the tremor, followed by a 4.2 magnitude aftershock, struck at 4:21 am local time (1221 GMT) on Saturday about 117 kilometres south of the Cold Bay.

No injuries or damages have been reported so far.—*Internet*

Strong earthquake hits mid-Atlantic Ocean

WASHINGTON, 7 June —A strong earthquake of 6.0 magnitude shook the northern mid-Atlantic Ridge on Saturday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

According to a report posted by the USGS on its website, the tremor, which occurred at 2033 GMT, was epicentered some 1,340 miles (2,160 km) east-northeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico at a depth of 6.2 miles (10 kilometres).

The USGS, which monitored the quake, did not indicate any necessity of issuing a tsunami warning.

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Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan (R) shakes hands with Japanese Foreign Minister Hirofumi Nakasone prior to the meeting in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 7 June, 2009. The second China-Japan high-level economic dialogue, co-chaired by Wang Qishan and Hirofumi Nakasone, opened here on Sunday.—XINHUA

China, Japan seek closer cooperation on various economic, trade issues

TOKYO, 7 June — Visiting Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming met here on Sunday with his Japanese counterpart Toshihiro Nikai on various economic and trade issues and reached broad consensus on future cooperation.

During their talks, the two ministers exchanged of views on such issues as cooperation on the protection of intellectual property, the promotion of the WTO Doha Round negotiation and the prevention of trade protectionism.

Chen said that with joint efforts from both sides, a favourable pattern with all-dimentional, in-depth and mutually beneficial and complementary features has been developed in China-Japan economic and trade cooperation.

Faced with the grave challenges posed by the global financial crisis, the two countries need to made joint efforts to turn the "crisis" into an "opportunity", prevent the spread of trade protectionism, advance the WTO Doha Round negotiation and make positive contributions to Asia's economic stability and the world economic recovery, said Chen.

Nikai, for his part, voiced his hope that the two sides will take concrete steps in a concerted effort to create a favourable commercial environment for enterprises of both countries to conduct cooperation in areas such as trade and investment.

Xinhua

Russia seeks leading position on world grain market

ST PETERSBURG, 7 June— Russia will boost domestic grain production in a bid to consolidate its position on the global market, President Dmitry Medvedev said here on Saturday.

"We are preparing to strengthen our position on the world grain market and to put financial and organizational support behind it," Medvedev said in his opening remarks to the World Grain Forum heldin St Petersburg.

The Asia-Pacific region is of great significance for Russia's grain exports, Medvedev told an audience of agricultural business representatives.

Russia's measures to diversify its export destinations are not only beneficial to trade partners, but also conducive to the development of the eastern Siberia and the Far East region, he said.

The Russian president called for joint efforts by major grain exporters to ensure reasonable grain prices. "We could discuss forming a new policy in grain production and international grain trade," he said.

Medvedev also noted that Russia's grain harvest could reach 80-90 million tons this year, with 20 million going to exports.

In 2008, Russia saw a record high grain harvest of 108 million tons.

Xinhua

Two bodies retrieved from crashed Air France jetliner

BRASILIA/ PARIS, 7 June—Two male bodies were retrieved Saturday morning from the crashed *Airbus A330* as investigations revealed problematic speed monitors on the Air France jetliner.

Picture released by the Brazilian Navy shows a Brazilian Navy vessel which participated in the search operation over the area where Air France flight AF447 went missing en route from Rio to Paris. —XINHUA

Two male bodies were discovered in the Atlantic Ocean near the area where the Air France Flight 447 was believed to have crashed, the Brazilian Air Force announced at a Press conference in Recife. Both bodies were believed to belong to passengers aboard the crashed jet, Air Force spokesman Col Jorge Amaral told reporters.

A suitcase containing a plane ticket for the flight was also found, as some other items including a blue-colour cabin seat with serial number 237011038331-0 on it were recovered, said the spokesman.—*Xinhua*

China launches assembly center for large aircraft programme

SHANGHAI, 7 June— Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd (COMAC) unveiled its manufacturing and assembling centre here Saturday, the latest step towards the goal to manufacture China's homegrown large aircraft.

The Final Assembly Center of the COMAC was based on the Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Co, with a registered capital of two billion yuan (292.7 million US dollars), said COMAC's general manager Jin Zhuanglong.

It was one of the COMAC's three key entities which were responsible for aircraft design, manufacturing and service.Jin said the Final Assembly Centre's new base in Shanghai's Pudong area will be constructed within this year.

By 2010, the centre will be able to produce 30 *ARJ21-700* model planes a year, and the capacity will be expanded to 50 jets by 2012, Jin said.

The *ARJ21,* an acronym for "Advanced Regional Jet for the 21st Century," is the first regional jet that China has fully developed independently, in accordance with the standards set by General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (GACAC), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA).

Xinhua

An ARJ21 (Advanced Regional Jet for the 21st Century) plane is assembled at Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Co, Ltd in Shanghai, east China, on 6 June, 2009. The Final Assembly Centre of the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd (COMAC), based on the Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Co, Ltd, was formally inaugurated on Saturday. —XINHUA

China urged to invest more in Africa's manufacturing sector

VICTORIA FALLS, (Zimbabwe), 7 June—Africa needs more Chinese investment in the manufacturing sector so that it can move up the value chain and increase the incomes of its people, a senior COMESA official said on Saturday.

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) secretary-general Sindiso Ngwenya told *Xinhua* in an exclusive interview that although Chinese companies had invested mainly in the services sector, Africa would want them to do more in the manufacturing sector so that less wealth is exported abroad."With regard to trade, the trade between COMESA countries and China has been growing more than 50 percent to 100 percent depending on the country but on average more than 50 percent annually, and this can be reflected by the trade figures themselves where by the end of 2008 China-Africa or Africa-China trade was approaching the 100 billion US dollar mark," Ngwenya said.

"But regarding investment, yes, Chinese companies are in the region. For example in Zambia when other companies were closing the mines the Chinese companies have continued to operate because they are not there for the short term but they are there for a long term partnership that is mutually beneficial to all of us," he said. —*Xinhua*

A dream of domestic salt security

Ngar Min Swe

To produce salt surplus locally is on target. And it is needed to stockpile the salt surplus in order that the nation can avert import of salt even if it faces climate changes. According to the hydrologists, it has changed a lot in the global weather pattern. If Mon State and Ayeyawady Division face equator-like weather pattern, their salt output can drop by about 50 per cent. If so, the acreage of salt farms is to be doubled for salt security of the nation.

Rice, edible oil and salt are the three consumer goods. I have heard fluctuation in the prices of rice, edible oil and meat and fish, but not in salt. In the meal expenses of a family, the expense on salt is nothing, if compared with that of rice, edible oil and meat and fish.

Salt is, in fact, a necessary consumer product for man. Man can consume flour, corn and tapioca in place of rice, but salt can be replaced with nothing. Since the world saw industrial development, oil has become a strategic type of fuel. In the world, many wars have broken out due to rivalry for oil. Salt has stood as a strategic consumer good since the Stone Age. The world saw many wars, following rivalry for salt.

Having coasts with a total length of about 1500 miles, Myanmar has not seen shortage of salt. In the time of Myanmar kings, some regions around Bago such as Waw, Thanatpin, Kawa, Kayan and Thongwa produced salt on a large scale. The salt produced in Bago District was enough for consumption of the whole nation. At that time, in Bago, salt earth was collected and dissolved in water. Then, the saltwater was baked in pots.

After Myanmar fell under the rule of the British colonialists, Burma Salt Company, a British company, and Chinese entrepreneurs exposed seawater to the sun in fields, and then baked it with iron pots in Kyaikkhami, Ye and Labutta regions. That salt had better quality than the salt produced in Bago region, and could be produced on a commercial scale at low expenses. Later, Bago salt became less popular. Waw, Kawa, Thanatpin, Kayan and Thongwa had many fields and firewood was scarce there. So, it was impossible for the regions to produce salt by baking it with firewood.

Myanmar's neighbours have produced sun-baked salt with seawater since the colonial time, but the colonial government did not prohibit the people from baking seawater with firewood to produce salt. Many alien-owned companies manufactured salt with firewood, thereby wasting the forest resources of Myanmar. In consequence, large areas of evergreen forests in Kyaikkhami and Ye and mangroves in Labutta deteriorated.

In 1962, the Salt Division of the People's Pearl and Fisheries Enterprise under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry established a model salt farm near Kyaikkhami, and organized salt farmers to practise the process of producing sun-baked salt in place of the method of producing salt by baking seawater with firewood. Since 1963, salt farmers have exercised the method of sun-baked salt production.

Then, the Salt Division was reconstituted into the Salt Corporation, and the corporation set up Thamei-byu salt farm in Ngapudaw Township, Ayeyawady Division; Sanei salt farm in Kyaukpyu Township, in Rakhine State; Thaunggon salt farm in Kungyangon Township, Yangon Division; and Laba salt farm in Thayetchaung Township, Taninthayi Division, with the aim of disseminating the sun-baked production methods to the salt farmers of the seaside states and divisions. However, Bago Division, a coastal region, was exclusive in the plan. Bago Division, which once used to be a salt production region, came to rely on Mon State and Ayeyawady Division for salt.

The State Peace and Development Council promulgated a law on salt farming and banned salt production with firewood so as to avert deforestation. So, the producing of salt with firewood was almost given up. State level officials occasionally visited salt farms and encouraged salt farmers to boost production of salt. The total area of the nation's salt farms has risen to about 40,000, from only about 15,000 in 1988. So, the salt supply exceeded the domestic consumption, and the salt surplus of Ayeyawady Division and Rakhine State was exported to Bangladesh.

The cyclone "Nargis" that took place on 2 and 3 May 2008 ravaged the salt farms in Ayeyawady Division, whose salt output made up 70 per cent of that of the entire nation.

If the people do not have access to sufficient amount of salt, they will become weak with no mood to work. If so, the productivity and national defence capacity will fall. If a man do not consume sufficient amount of salt for long, he may lose his life. Shortage of salt can have negative impact on the nation's economy, education, health care and security. It is not wise to rely on foreign countries for salt. With that concept in view, the Head of State gave guidance on assistance to be rendered by the government for ensuring quick recovery of the salt farms in Ayeyawady Division that were destroyed by the storm "Nargis".

As part of the programme, the government provided small loans to salt farmers to restore the salt farms in Ayeyawady Division. Now, all the salt farms in the division have been restored, and Mon State and Rakhine State are stepping up salt farming. However, the nation saw heavy rains in November, which is the first month of the salt season. Therefore, it was some time late to begin salt farming. To make things worse, very often it rained and it was cloudy in the salt season. So, the salt output was less than it used to be.

Now, the nation is seeing a flow of salt from abroad. So, to produce salt surplus locally is on target. And it is needed to stockpile the salt surplus in order that the nation can avert import of salt even if it faces climate changes. According to hydrologists, it has changed a lot in the global weather pattern. If Mon State and Ayeyawady Division face equator-like weather pattern, their salt output can drop by about 50 per cent. If so, the acreage of salt farms is to be doubled for salt security of the nation.

The Head of State also gave guidance on regeneration of the salt lands in Bago Division to help fulfil the salt requirement of the nation. To be honest, salt farmers including I failed to produce salt in Bago area. As a result, the sun-baked salt farms in Bago did not prove successful till 2008. Under the supervision of the chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council and the minister, in-charge of the division, and technical assistance of the Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines, Kawa Township Union Solidarity and Development Association launched a 43-acre model salt farm at Thanbanseik Village in Kawa Township, Bago Division, in October 2008.

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A dream of domestic salt security

Ngar Min Swe

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The newspapers and television programmes carried news about the inspection tour of high ranking officials looking into salt produced by a salt farm of Kawa Township USDA in Thanbanseik Village, Kawa Township, Bago Division. I was desirous of visiting the salt farm. So, I became interested to engage in salt industry in Bago Division whenever opportune. I left Mon State for Bago on 5 May. And I arrived at Ohnne Village on Kayan-Yangon road via Bago. On arrival at Ohnne Village, I phoned U Kyi Win of Myanma Salt Industry who is in-charge of the Thanbanseik salt farm. As U Kyi Win was in Yangon, I was given the number of the salt farm. I hired a motorcycle taxi and went down to the Thanbanseik salt farm. As there was poor transport due to bad weather, I had to take about one and half hours to reach Sarphyusu Village.

When I arrived at Sarphyusu Village I saw Thanbanseik Village from a distance. At the exit of Sarphyusu Village, the motorcycle was unable to go further as the road was muddy due to the recent rains. The salt farm is still far away from Sarphyusu Village. To know the length of the trip to continue, I contacted the salt farm by my CDMA phone. As I was told that someone would be dispatched to fetch me, I waited at the cemetery of the village. There is no rest house at the cemetery but a small tomb under a tree. Being tired, I sat against the small tomb. At that very moment, an idea struck me that **it is sure that I will die one day in the very future like the one entombed. When I die I will have to give up all my possessions. But to be an unselfish and reliable person, I will have to exert efforts to the best of my ability in the interest of posterity before my death**. At that time, I saw a man with a bamboo stick and a red hat heading to me. He was the person who was going to fetch me.

It was about 6 pm when I arrived at the salt farm of Kawa Township USDA. Workers were busy with the functions of the salt farm. Although the salt farms of Mon State closed their businesses, it is surprising to see that the Thanbanseik salt farm, the only one in Bago Division, is still in operation. Braving the bad weather, the salf farm was in action. This can be attributable to the favourable geographical conditions of Bago Division and the skills of salt workers.

Under the moon light of Kason, I happened to have a long chat with U Bo Win, the deputy supervisor of Htanbingyaung salt farm of Paung Township, Mon State. I learned that assigned by Myanma Salt Industry U Bo Win was at the Thanbanseik salt farm and he was well-versed in salt making. In the course of the friendly informal conversation I further found out that there were also two salt workers who are locals. The two locals said that they have now become qualified in salt making thanks to U Bo Win although they have no knowledge about salt making in the past.

In early morning, there arrived U Maung Myint, the chairman of Thanbanseik Village PDC. U Maung Myint said that he was there to assist an entrepreneur who is desirous of engaging in salt business as he was told that the entrepreneur had arrived. After having breakfast, U Maung Myint, U Bo Win and I viewed round the soil where salt can be produced near Thanbanseik Village. There were discarded farmlands where salty water entered as there was no embankment and virgin and fallow land near the village.

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On 6 May, I together with U Maung Myint went to TadaU Village after lunch. After about one hour walk, we arrived TadaU Village where we met with U Aung Myint (a) U Ohn Hmok, an elder of the village. U Aung Myint said that he wished his region could make remarkable progress in salt business. U Aung Myint sent us to the house of U Aung Man, the chairman of TadaU Village PDC, who provided us with meals and accommodation.

After dinner, we discussed salt business. Witnessing progress of salt business in Thanbanseik salt farm of Kawa Township USDA, most of local farmers would like to do salt business on a manageable scale. Bago region is blessed with favourable weather and geography for salt industry. **The region possesses a large number of workforces with ready market for the salt produced. Bago region costs less than Ayeyawady Division and Mon State in the transportation of salt to Yangon and Mandalay markets. Bago region could become again a region where a great deal of salt can be produced if the encouragement of the government and the interest of local salt workers and farmers are combined.** As the car to leave TadaU for Bago would set off 3.30 am, we ended up our chat and went to bed at about midnight.

There were salt farms stretching along the coast in Thanbanseik Village. The salt workers were busy with the process of loading and transporting the salt. I myself drove a heavy truck loaded with salt from TadaU Village to Bago Railway Station. At the station, workers were loading bags of salt onto a cargo train. The cargo train made the signal in order to leave the station. But I heard nothing but a long horn of a car. Only then, had I realized that they were all my dreams, and I woke up and sat up. U Aung Man said to me that the bus would soon leave. After that, U Aung Man and U Maung Myint saw me off at the bus terminal where I took a truck for Bago. I have made up my mind to extend my salt business in Bago region. I firmly believe that my dream of doing salt business will come true in the early 2010.

(Translation: MS+TS)

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On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung presents diligence award to Lecturer U Nyunt Aung of University of Forestry (Yezin).—MNA

Arrangements made for applying international…

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(Upper Myanmar), members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, the rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar), faculty members and trainees.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee the Secretary-1 of SPDC, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an address. He said: The trainee faculty members can apply the experiences and knowledge obtained from the training course in the task of implementing the national education promotion long-term plan. While realizing national level short-term and long-term plans including the national education promotion 30-year long-term plan, the government is implementing the border area and national races development plan, the 24-special region development plan and the rural region development plan. In looking back the history of the nation, lack of modern technology was one of the factors for three aggressive wars of colonialists to occupy the country.

After taking the responsibility of the State, the Tatmadaw government had forged the national unity and fulfilled the basic requirements for building a modern nation. The government encouraged the private sector in the industrial sector, carried out development of the services, production and trading through the market-oriented economic system and created job opportunities after setting up state-owned industries and region-wise industrial zones.

Moreover, the government is striving for ensuring the better transport for enabling the raw materials and products to the domestic and international markets and for fulfilling the requirements of electric and energy sectors which are the basic needs of the industries.

In the education sector, arrangements were made for applying the international level curricula and syllabuses, multi-media system and teaching aid, electronic and educational network system. The faculty members are to turn out the students to become educated human resources as a national duty for enabling the nation to keep abreast of other countries. The new generation youth who will shape the future nation must have high efficiency of applying modern technology and they have to be equipped with Union Spirit and the spirit of abiding by the laws and rules and regulations.

In addition, it is necessary to nurture the new generation youths to be equipped with national characters of Myanmar and good morale characters. In this regard, the faculty members can apply the experiences obtained from the nationalism lessons of the training course.

In the long-term national education promotion programme, there includes the sector of national standards and maintaining national value. In the higher education sector also, no matter what changes and developments the world's nations have, work plans have been adopted to include the importance of national interests, national value and national standards in school curriculums and syllabuses, new teaching programmes, research work and dissemination of public knowledge.

Knowing the fact that ensuring continued emergence of human resources and the youth of new generation to be capable of serving the national interests plays an important role in national development, the teachers of the higher education sector are to always try to promote their teaching quality and perform their education duties successfully.

Later, on behalf of Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister U Thaung presented model training awards to U Win Min Tun, tutor of Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University and Daw Kyi May Thein, tutor of Mandalay University of Computer Studies and diligence awards to U Nyunt Aung, lecturer of University of Forestry (Yezin) and Daw Ohn Mar Lwin, lecturer of Technology University (Mandalay), model hostel award to Daw Moe Moe Win, assistant lecturer of Mandalay University of Computer Studies and completion certificates to the trainees.

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BIG service and new products of LION launches

YANGON, 7 June—As a new service of LION for monthly promotion, an introducing ceremony of Business Information Guides (BIG) Service and its new products took place at room-9, building-10 at Yuzana Plaza on Yuzana Road in Tamway Township from 7 to 11 June.

LION gives services for providing streamline information of products to supermarket, store & fashion entrepreneurs and business information guide (BIG) service to suppliers and distributors.

It also serves shelf hiring in showroom for the purpose of advertisement, pamphlet, catalogue and business card services. BIG will inform its members of information for new products. Owners of stores may get sources information of required products.

LION sells electronic article surveillance (EAS) system and real-time colour quad processor of CCTV camera (4,8,9,16), new barcode printers and barcode system services. All of new fashion, fancy and gold shop products are available at the LION through one-stop shopping.

Those interested may contact Yuzana Plaza (Tel: 200747, (Ext-7950, 7915), 0999-73060 and 0951-05194) and the shop on Thittaw street (Tel: 210560 and 228587).—*MNA*

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung speaking at coordination meeting of Ministry of Forestry.—MNA

Ministry of Forestry holds coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—The Ministry of Forestry held a coordination meeting yesterday at Yezin Forest Research Department, here.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung instructed the staff to have good morale characters, to observe the codes of service personnel, rules and regulations and to strive for meeting targets of the respective tasks.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general and managing directors of department and enterprises under the Ministry of Forestry, the rector of University of Forestry, deputy director-general, the pro-rector, general managers and officials and invited persons.—*MNA*

Myanmar under 13 youth football team arrives back

YANGON, 7 June—Myanmar under 13 youth football team, which participated in the under 13 Asian Youth football Match held at Sabah of Malaysia from 1 to 6 June, arrived back at Yangon International Airport by air this morning.

They were welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by officials of Myanmar Football Federation and their relatives.

They had three wins, one draw and three losses in seven matches.

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Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander attends harvesting, ploughing ceremony

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin views collective harvesting of summer paddy and ploughing for cultivation of monsoon paddy in Kyitaung Village of Nay Pyi Taw Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended a ceremony of harvesting summer paddy and ploughing for monsoon paddy held in Kyitaung village in Nay Pyi Taw Township in Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday.

The Deputy Minister for Industry-2, local authorities and District Manager of Agriculture Service, departmental officials, invited persons and local farmers attended the ceremony and Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council reported on completion of harvesting of summer paddy.

Next, the commander delivered a speech and looked into harvesting of summer paddy and collective ploughing for monsoon paddy in the fields of farmer U Tin Thaung and U Than. Afterwards, the commander and party viewed Ayar-1 power tiller, harvester and thresher produced by the Ministry of Industry-2.

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Namsang People's Hospital (50-bed) Project, part of wide-ranging health care for the people

Article: *Myint Maung Soe and* Photos: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

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east of Namsang, and it is being undertaken by Asia World Co.

When asked about the project, U San Maung, in-charge of the hospital construction site told the Myanma Alin, "Our company (Asia World Co) started groundwork on 12 March 2009. We have set a target to complete the groundwork by June. We are working hard with 10 units of heavy machinery and skilled workers to complete the groundwork on schedule."

He added, "We will build the hospital in 'U' shape. Completion of the whole project by October 2009 is on target."

In Namsang, Kyaukme District, Palaung nationals make up the majority of local population. Namsang standing at an altitude of 5,332 feet, tea thrives in the region, and local Palaung nationals live on tea farming.

The government is trying to improve the education and health standards of local people of Namsang, where peace and stability have been restored since 1988.

In the near future, Namsang Township will see a new 50-bed hospital that will be able to provide better health care to local people.

A tipper lorry carrying out groundwork at work site.

Completion of the whole project by October 2009 is on target. (U San Maung (left), in-charge of Namsang People's Hospital (50-bed) Project construction site.

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Death toll of Mexican daycare centre blaze rises to 38

MEXICO CITY, 7 June —The death toll in a Mexican daycare centre blaze has risen to 38, officials said on Saturday.

The death toll rise came after several children died overnight, and the figure is expected to go even up as over 40 children and six adults were still hospitalized, said local officials.

Most of the victims died from smoke inhalation, local media quoted officials as saying, noting the injured adults included staff members at the daycare centre and people who tried to help.

Some of the injured children had third-degree burns, said fire department officials.

There were some 142 children and six staff members in the privately-run centre when the fire occurred.

A fire at a nearby warehouse leased by the state government spread to the centre and caused the tragedy, and firefighters spent two hours to control the blaze, local media said.—*Internet*

***Relatives of the victims of a fire at a daycare centre embrace each other as another reads a list with the names of the children who are in intensive care at a hospital in Hermosillo, in the northern Mexican state of Sonora on 6 June, 2009.*—INTERNET**

Air France accelerates replacement of faulty speed sensors on A330s

PARIS, 7 June — Air France said on Saturday it was speeding up replacement of faulty speed sensors on all of its *Airbus A330s* which problem was feared to have possibly downed its Flight 447 with 228 people on board.

In a statement, Air France said that in May last year it began noticing "incidents of loss of airspeed information during cruise flight" on its twin-engine *A330s* and four-engine *A340s*. The company said it had begun changing all speed monitors, or pitot tubes, on both aircraft types in its fleet on 27 April — five weeks before Flight 447 went down.

French investigators said Airbus had recommended to all its airline customers that they replace speed-measuring instruments on the *A330*.

"They hadn't yet been replaced" on the plane that crashed, said Paul-Louis Arslanian, the head of the French accident investigation agency, BEA.

According to Arslanian, it was inappropriate to swiftly tie the pitot tubes to the crash, saying that "it does not mean that without replacing the pitots that the *A330* was dangerous."

The Air France Airbus 330 vanished over the Atlantic Ocean early on Monday after leaving Rio de Janeiro for Paris. Debris and two male bodies have been found.—*Internet*

California's draught expected to end due to incoming El Nino

LOS ANGELES, 7 June — Weather patterns over the Eastern Pacific may be setting up for an El Nino pattern this fall, possibly portending an end to California's recent drought, scientists said in remarks published on Saturday.

Longterm forecasts generated at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California in San Diego indicate that an El Nino is forming, as the conditions seem ripe for an increase in sea temperatures and ocean levels off Peru, climate researcher David Pierce told the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

"We are forecasting an El Nino this year," said Pierce. "Hopefully, it will bring a little more rain, not only to San Diego but to the entire Southwest.

"That would be quite nice," he told the *Union-Tribune*.

That forecast was echoed by the lead scientist at the Climate Prediction Center in Maryland, as well as the University of Washington's Climate Impacts group.—*Internet*

Palestinian killed in Gaza explosion

KHAN YOUNIS, 7 June — A Palestinian was killed on Saturday afternoon in a blast in southeast Gaza Strip town of KhanYounis, security sources said.

The sources said that Sami al-Daghma, 25, died and a second man was injured when a home-made rocket exploded.

The rocket was fired earlier towards Israel but prematurely landed in al-Faraheen area in eastern Khan Younis, near al-Daghma's house, and did not went off until the two men tried to evacuate it. The slain and wounded people were members of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party.

Security and policemen from Islamic Hamas movement, which has been controlling Gaza since routing pro-Abbas forces in 2007, were called to the scene of the blast and opened an investigation.—*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM

The other side... : "Untitled 2007" by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan is on show during the opening of the Punta della Dogana in Venice.

A man dives into the water near the waterfall in the Jingbo Lake in Mudanjiang, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. The Jingbo Lake regains its flying waterfall as a result of a massive sluice from the lake dam on 6 June, the first ever this year.

Gay penguins hatch egg

A gay penguin couple in a German zoo has hatched an egg that was rejected by its biological parents, and is rearing the chick."

Z and Vielpunkt, both males, gladly accepted their 'Easter present' and began straight away with hatching the egg," said the zoo in Bremerhaven on Wednesday. Joachim Schoene, a zoo vet, said: "A pair abandoned an egg by pushing it out of their nest and so we placed it in the care of the homosexual penguins.

"They accepted the egg immediately and took turns in incubating it with their body heat. They did this for 35 days and the baby was born."It is in a little cave in the enclosure which is fiercely guarded by one or the other at all times so we don't know yet if we have a little boy penguin or a little girl one."

Fla man sets state hot dog eating record

Hall Hunt of Jacksonville, Fla, says a stomach full of confidence and not much else helped him set a state hot dog eating record.

The 27-year-old participant in the Florida Hot Dog Eating Championship in Pinellas Park, Fla, managed to down 33 wieners in 10 minutes, shattering the state record by five and easily taking home a championship, *The Tampa (Fla) Tribune* reported on Sunday."Every time I go to a contest I'm trying to break the record," Hunt said after Saturday's event. "I woke up. I felt really good this morning, really hungry, and I was really confident I could do it, God willing."

While Hunt was able to beat his nearest competitor on Saturday by 18 1/2 hot dogs, he recognizes the level of competition will increase when he takes part in Nathan's Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest in New York."My chances in the final are a long shot," Hunt said of the July competition, "because Takeru Kobayashi and Joey Chestnut have won the Nathan's contest so many years in a row."

Scared bear crashed into woman's home

Police in Knoxville, Tenn., said they are searching for a black bear that burst into a woman's home after it was apparently spooked by a neighborhood dog.

The Knoxville Police Department said Tom and Becky Mash called 911 at about 10:20 pm Wednesday to report their encounter with the bear while walking their dog, the *Knoxville News Sentinel* reported on Thursday.

The couple said the bear appeared to have been frightened by their dog's barking and crashed into a woman's home through a glass door.

The file photo taken in May, 2009 shows a Pelopidas mathias butterfly in Hainan Province, south China. The southern island province accomodates butterflies of at least 609 species. Its warm temperature, wet air, usual sunshine and abundant rainforests prepare an ideal growing environment for butterflies.

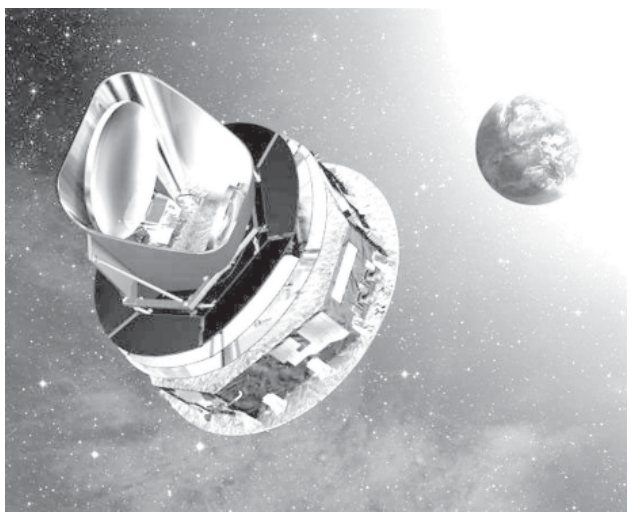
Planck satellite maneuver aims at L2 arrival

DARMSTADT, 7 June—Beginning June 5, ESA's Planck satellite will carry out a critical mid-course manoeuver that will place the satellite on its final trajectory for arrival at L2, the second Lagrange point of the Sun-Earth system, early in July. The manoeuvre is scheduled to begin at 19:28 CEST on 5 June 2009, and will last for up to 30 hours.

Planck's main thrusters will conduct repeated 'pulse burns' during this time, switching on then off for 6 seconds every minute.

This pulse-burn technique is necessary because Planck is slowly spinning as it travels through space, rotating at 1 rpm. The thrusters, which are fixed to the spacecraft and are not steerable, can only burn when they are oriented in the correct direction, which occurs for 6 seconds during each 60-second rotation.

The manoeuvre is expected to provide an overall change in speed of 550.8 km/hour. As of 5 June, Planck was travelling at a speed of 105 840 km/hour with respect to the Sun and was located 1.19 million km from Earth.—*Internet*



Planck cruising to L2.

The file photo taken in May, 2009 shows two Pieris canidia butterflies mating in Hainan Province, south China. The southern island province accomodates butterflies of at least 609 species. Its warm temperature, wet air, usual sunshine and abundant rainforests prepare an ideal growing environment for butterflies.—INTERNET

Iraq detains five US security contractors

BAGHDAD, 7 June—Iraqi security forces detained five U.S. security contractors for involving in the killing last month of a fellow citizen in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, CNN said on Sunday.

The US embassy in Baghdad confirmed that five US citizens have been arrested by Iraqi security forces, but there were no charges against them so far, an embassy spokesman told CNN.

It said that the five had been taken into custody on Friday following a pre-dawn raid on their company's office in the Green Zone.

The men were arrested in connection with last month's killing of James Kitterman, 60, who owned a construction company working in Iraq, the channel said.

On May 22, Kitterman's body was found bound, blindfolded and fatally stabbed in a car in the Green Zone.

The names of the five captured and the name of their company were not released, it said, adding that the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been involved in the probe of the victim's death.

The United States and Iraq have signed an agreement that control the US troops withdrawal from Iraq and set guidelines for the activities of foreign contractors while they remain in the country.

The agreement allows US troops and contractors to be tried in Iraqi courts for only serious crimes that committed while they are off-base and off-duty.

The US combat troops are scheduled to leave Iraqi cities and major towns by June 30, and to completely pullout from Iraq by December 31, 2011.

Internet

China to hold national antiterror drills in areas around Beijing

BEIJING, 7 June—China will hold a national antiterror exercise "Great Wall-6" beginning on June 9, less than four months ahead of the celebrations of the 60th founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China, according to official sources.

The exercise, composing a series of specialized drills, will be carried out in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and Shanxi and Hebei provinces that surround Beijing, the national capital, said a spokesman of the headquarters of the "Great Wall-6" Sunday.

The exercise, which will last through the middle of this month, is aimed to test the capabilities of these areas as well as the national capital to combat terrorism and deal with emergencies, according to the official.

The national antiterror exercise will involve several areas, adopt various forms, and use various levels and sorts of antiterror forces, he noted.—*Xinhua*

India's first stemcell transplant for traumatic brain injury

BANGALORE, 7 June—A 27-year old woman, suffering from severe disability for the past one year following an accident, has succesfully underwent brain stemcell transplant surgery, the first such case in India, doctors at a superspeciality hospital claimed Saturday here in the capital of southern state of Karnataka.

A team of neurosurgeons led by Dr N K Venkataramana, Chief Neurosurgeon and Vice-Chairman, BGS Global Hospitals, carried out the complex surgery on Madhu Mallika who sustained the severe brain injury in an accident last year.

"The patient was suffering from altered sensorium, severe cognitive dysfunction and lack of movement in limbs. Following the surgery, she has now regained full consciousness, memory, communication abilities and purposive movements in limbs," Venkataramana told reporters here.—*MNA/PTI*

India seeks strong bilateral relations among BRIC nations

NEW DELHI, 7 June—India has stressed the need for the four-nation grouping, BRIC, comprising Brazil, Russia, India and China, to strengthen their bilateral relationships that will help them to be more effective collectively.

Ahead of the first BRIC summit to be held in Yaketenaburg in Russia this month, Indian Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon has called for the democratization of international financial institutions in these countries.

"The world is on the cusp of a new type of multi-polarity. And it is becoming clearer and clearer that international decision-making on global economic issues must necessarily be democratized to reflect present realities," Menon told local journalists on Sunday.—*Internet*

IAEA discovers traces of uranium in Syria

CAIRO, 7 June—The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said on Friday that it has found traces of processed uranium in a second site in Syrian capital Damascus, *Pan-Arab Al-Arabiya TV* reported on Saturday.

The IAEA is investigating a US intelligence report which claimed that a secret DPRK-designed nuclear reactor that Syria has almost completed for the production of plutonium.

The IAEA said in 2008 that it found similar traces of uranium at Al-Kibar site in Damascus which has been shelled by Israel in 2007 over worries that it was used for processing plutonium.

The new find in addition to the earlier one increased worries over undeclared nuclear activity in Syria.—*MNA/Xinhua*

French official: Finding black boxes top priority of crash investigation

PARIS, 7 June—Finding the flight data and cabin voice recorders of the ill-fated Air France jetliner is the top priority of the ongoing investigation, French Junior Transport Minister Dominique Bussereau said Sunday.

Brazilian investigators have found more debris, the official said. If they proved to belong to the crashed airliner, it will help further inves-tigations, he said.

But Bussereau said finding these two recorders, more com-monly known as black boxes of planes, remained an urgent task, as investigators have only about three weeks to locate the black boxes.

Commenting on reports about problems detected with speed monitors on the Airbus A330, Bussereau said that such a single failure, even if confirmed, can hardly explain the cause of the crash.—*Internet*

Prehistoric whale discovered

The discovery of the whale bone.

GOTHENBURG, 7 June — The skeleton of a whale that died around 10,000 years ago has been found in connection with the extension of the E6 motorway in Strömstad. The whale bones are now being examined by researchers at the University of Gothenburg who, among other things, want to ascertain whether the find is the mystical "Swedenborg whale".

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2. Tender application form (including tender documents and detailed technical specifications of materials) for "**Bailey Components**" will be purchased in US Dollar 2,000.
3. The payment for tender application must be paid to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank (Public Works Account No.1DA-06-93899)
4. The tender documents can be obtained from Store Division, Building No.(40), Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw only with the payment receipt to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.
5. Tender closing date and time is 8.7.2009 at 15:00
6. For further detail information, please contact to Telephone No-067-407581, 407577.

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Ministry of Construction

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MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (9032)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (9032) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Body of US climber found after China avalanche

BEIJING, 7 June—The body of an American mountain climber has been found after an avalanche in an isolated part of southwestern China, the official *Xinhua News Agency* said Saturday. Rescue workers were still searching for two other American members of the group who went missing on Mount Gongga in Sichuan Province, Li Zhixin, an official with the Chinese Mountaineering Association, told *Xinhua*.

The report did not identify whose body had been found. Wade Johnson, 24, of Arden Hills, Minnesota, and Micah Dash and Jonny Copp of Boulder, Colo, were last heard from 20 May at the base camp of Mount Edgar, a peak of Mount Gongga, according to an e-mail his parents sent to friends.—*Internet*

China leads Asia-Pacific in new flu cases on 6 June

HONG KONG, 7 June—The Asia-Pacific region reportedly had 9 new confirmed Influenza A/H1N1 cases on Saturday, with China taking the lead by 6 cases, 3 in the mainland and another 3 in Hong Kong. Japan, Singapore and Malaysia also reported new cases on the same day.

Three more A/H1N1 flu cases were confirmed on the Chinese mainland Saturday, bringing the total number to 70.

In Hubei Province, a 18-month-old girl was tested A/H1N1 positive Thursday, the provincial health administration said Saturday. The Chinese-American, the third confirmed case of the virus in the province, arrived in the provincial capital of Wuhan on 30 May via a flight from Dallas, the United States.

In Guangdong Province, a 19-year-old man was tested A/H1N1 positive Friday, the provincial health administration said. The man, Guangdong's 23rd confirmed case, left Canada with symptoms of cough, headache and sore throat and arrived in Shenzhen city Thursday. The administration has quarantined 24 people who had close contact with him and is tracing others. So far, 12 A/H1N1 flu patients have recovered and left hospital and 11 are still being treated in Guangdong.

Internet

Mitsubishi Motors has announced it would start selling its iMiEV electric minicars next month to Japanese corporate and government customers, spearheading the commercialisation of zero-emission cars.
INTERNET

Somali battle kills 123, rebels deny leader Aweys dead

MOGADISHU, 7 June—Battles between rival Islamist groups in central Somalia have killed 123 people, a rights group said on Saturday, and a pro-government militia said militant rebel leader Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys had died in the fighting.

Aweys' militia denied that as propaganda.

Witnesses said scores of bodies lay in the streets of Wabho town after fighters from the hardline al Shabaab and Hizbul Islam groups battled moderate Islamist group Ahla Sunna Waljamaca for control. Most of the deaths were on Friday.

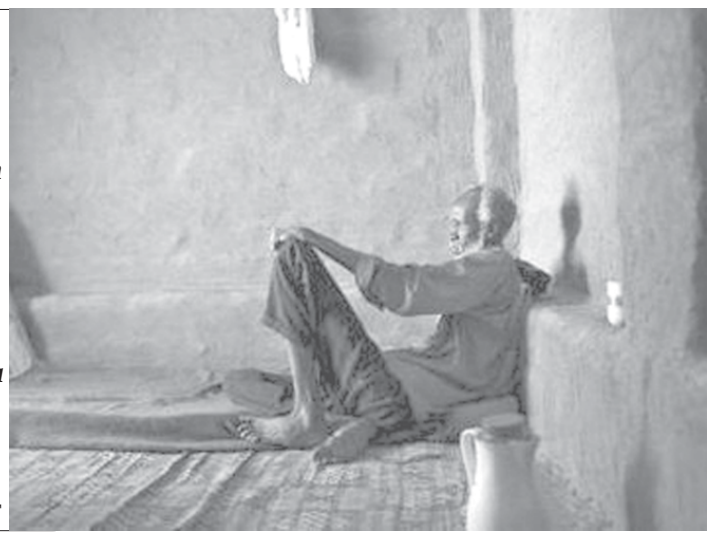
The local Elman Peace and Human Rights Organization said it had confirmed 123 fighters killed in one of the worst flare-ups of the year in the conflict-riven Horn of Africa nation.

An Islamist insurgency that broke out in early 2007 — the latest in 19 years of conflict in Somalia — has killed around 18,000 civilians and thousands more fighters.

It has also drawn foreign jihadists into Somalia, enabled piracy to flourish offshore, and unsettled the whole region, putting East African neighbours on high security alert.

In Mogadishu, al Shabaab have been battling the security forces of President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed. In the central region, pro- and anti-government Islamist militia have been fighting all year, with towns changing hands regularly.

Internet



Somali refugee Ali Mohammed Hassan, 60, sits in his mud shelter at Dagahaley camp in Dadaab in Kenya's northeastern province, on 6 June, 2009. Hassan, who fled violence in Somalia last year, said he suffers from depression and despair.—INTERNET

Two killed in attack on CAR army base

BANGUI, 7 June—At least two people were killed and several wounded in an attack early Saturday on a military base in Central African Republic, said the army and a rebel force involved in the peace process.

A spokesman for the Union of Democratic Forces (UFDR), which has signed a peace deal with the Bangui government, told *AFP* the attack had been directed against their base in Birao, in the northeast of the country.

"Very early this morning, a group of individuals from an unidentified zone attacked the UFDR base at Birao," said Djarnib Ngrebaye.

"Our forces, supported by the army, managed to fight off the attackers," he added.

"There are two dead on the side of the attackers and several wounded, but that is just a provisional toll." Commander Emmanuel Ngboya of the CAR armed forces confirmed the attack to *AFP*.

"They had weapons. They came to kill, not to look for food," he said. "There are two dead on the side of the UFDR and about 10 wounded."

Another military source, who asked to remain anonymous, blamed the attack on ethnic Kara rebels of the UFDR opposed to the group's involvement in the peace process. According to this source, it was a settling of scores between the Kara and the majority ethic Goula, who dominate the UFDR and who are led by Zakaria Damane.

Internet

"Slumdog millionaire" terms compete to be millionth English word

NEW DELHI, 7 June—The Indian term of praise "Jai ho" and popular word "slumdog" from the Oscar prize winner "Slumdog Millionaire" are among the 73 other finalists from across the globe to become the millionth English word, reported the private *Indo-Asian News Service* on Saturday.

The Global Language Monitor, a US-based firm that analyzes and catalogues the latest trends in word usage and word choices, will choose the millionth word on 10 June at 1022 GMT, said the report.

The firm says there are 999, 927 words in English language, 73 short of one million, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

A woman carries a inflatable mattress to her tent at the tent city homeless community, knows as Pinellas Hope in Pinellas Park, Florida on 6 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Bird flu virus can survive two years in landfill

LOS ANGELES, 7 June—Carcasses of birds infected with the bird flu virus continue to be infectious for up to two years, a new study has found.

The bird flu virus can survive in landfill leachate — liquid that drains from a landfill — for at least 30 days and up to two years, according to the study that appears in the June issue of the journal Environmental Science & Technology.

Factors that most reduced the virus' survival times were elevated temperatures and acidic or alkaline pH, said Nebraska public health researchers who conducted the study.

Hundreds of millions of chickens and ducks infected with bird flu have died or been killed worldwide in an effort to control the spread of the disease.

The remains are disposed of in different ways, including burialin landfills. For example, the carcasses of more than 4 million poultry that were culled or died during a 2002 outbreak in Virginia were placed in municipal landfills, according to the American Chemical Society.—*Internet*

Scientists eye glowing volcano crater in Hawaii

VOLCANO, HAWAII, 7 June—The summit of Hawaii's Kilauea volcano is glowing brightly as molten lava swirls 300 feet below its crater's floor, bubbling near the surface after years of spewing from the volcano's side.

The expanding vent of Halemaumau crater helps confirm scientists' belief that the lava is close to the surface of the summit, said Janet Babb, a geologist and spokeswoman for the US Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.

Park rangers have begun keeping the overlook at the Jaggar Museum open later at night to accommodate the growing number of visitors arriving at dusk or after dark to view the glow.

Kilauea has been erupting for more than 25 years, with its lava creating a plume of steam as it spills into the Pacific Ocean. But this recent activity is coming from the top of the volcano, not its sea-level side. This is the strongest glow coming from the crater since October, but scientists don't know if lava will ever erupt in a fountain from within the crater, Babb said.

"There's no way to know if that will ever materialize," she said. "It would be grand to see some fountaining here."—*Internet*

Canada's Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq (R) watches research technologist George Moussa test samples after announcing funding to create a network of researchers to speed up influenza research and test new vaccines against the H1N1 flu virus during a news conference in Toronto, on 5 June, 2009. The network of 80 scientists from 30 research and public health institutions will get C$10.8 million ($9.7 million) over three years.—INTERNET

Frantic search for survivors of China avalanche

BEIJING, 7 June—About 1,500 rescue workers have been frantically digging and blasting through avalanche debris in southwest China hoping to locate scores of people believed to be trapped beneath, according to state press. The government has not released an official death toll, however state radio said Saturday 26 people were confirmed dead, while television reports Sunday said 72 remain missing after Friday's avalanche in Chongqing municipality.

Sunday's rescue efforts focused on an iron ore mine where 27 miners were working when up to 3.5 million tonnes of boulders and rock crashed down from Wulong mountain, China Central Television said.

With homes also buried, there were fears the rescue work might be slowed down later Sunday with rain forecast, the report said.—*Internet*

Rescue workers search for survivors at the site where a landslide occured earlier in the Jiwei Mountain area, in Tiekuang Township, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 6 June, 2009.—INTERNET

In this undated photo provided by Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, a camera's telephoto lens captures the detail of crater wall illuminated by vent glow at the summit of the Kilauea volcano in Hawaii.—INTERNET

Sixty-three new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 7 June—A European health agency said on Saturday that 63 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 58 were confirmed in Britain, four in the Netherlands, and one in Belgium, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free TradeAssociation) countries rose to 1,034, with 291 cases in Spain and 486 in Britain, 56 in France and 49 in Germany, the ECDC said. —*Internet*

Singapore reports one more confirmed case of Influenza A/H1N1

SINGAPORE, 7 June—Singapore reported one more confirmed case of Influenza A/H1N1 on Saturday, bringing the number of total cases in the city state to 15.

According to a statement issued by Singapore's Ministry of Health, the 15th confirmed case is a 39-year-old Indonesian female, who is the aunt of the 11th case here. On 1 June, she went to Singapore's Changi Airport to fetch her niece when the latter arrived here from New York via Frankfurt. Her niece, who developed symptoms on 2 June, was confirmed positive on 3 June.

The Indonesian female was confirmed positive after laboratory results on Saturday, and three of her household members have already been placed on home quarantine order.

Internet

India reports first case of human-to-human transmission of A/H1N1 flu virus

NEW DELHI, 7 June—The first case of human-to-human transmission of the deadly virus of A/H1N1 flu in India was reported Sunday in Hyderabad, central India, taking the number of persons afflicted by the disease to seven in the country, reported the semi-official *Press Trust of India*.

The human-to-human transmission took place when a man, who came back from the United States on 31 May, infected his younger brother living in Hyderabad, said the report.

Internet

SPORTS

Brazil leaps atop World Cup qualifying table

Uruguay's Martin Caceres tries to slow a charge by Brazil's Luis Fabiano during their South American qualifier football match for the FIFA World Cup South Africa-2010 at the Centenario Stadium in Montevideo. Brazil won 4-0.—INTERNET

MONTEVIDEO, 7 June—Brazil leaped to the top of the South American qualifying table for the 2010 World Cup with a 4-0 rout of host Uruguay while former leader Paraguay fell 2-0 at home to Chile.

Brazil won at Centenario stadium for the first time since 1976 on goals by FC Barcelona star Dani Alves in the 11th minute, AS Roma cenral defender Juan in the 35th, Sevilla's Luis Fabiano in the 52nd and AC Milan star Kaka on a penalty kick in the 74th minute.

Goals by Matias Fernandez in the 12th minute and Humberto Suazo in the 50th gave the Chilean a critical away triumph that put them only one point off the pace of Brazil and Paraguay, which now trails on goal difference.—*Internet*

Capello relieved as England edge closer to S Africa

ALMATY, 7 June—Fabio Capello has paid tribute to his England players for the way in which they put a stuttering start behind them to maintain their 100 percent World Cup qualifying record with a 4-0 win over Kazakhstan. Capello was alarmed by the extent to which the Kazakhs had unsettled his side in the opening half hour, with striker Sergey Ostapenko wasting one clear chance and then having a second effort chalked off for offside.

But the Italian declared himself satisfied with the way they killed off the match with goals from Gareth Barry and Emile Heskey in the closing minutes of the first half before Wayne Rooney's eighth in his last six internationals and a late Frank Lampard penalty gave the score a flattering edge.—*Internet*

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Australia qualify for World Cup after Qatar draw

Qatar's Mesaad al-Hamad (R) clashes with Australia's Tim Cahill (L) during their World Cup 2010 Asian qualifying football match at al-Sadd stadium in Doha.—INTERNET

DOHA, 7 June—Australia booked their ticket to the 2010 World Cup here on Saturday but their bruising goalless draw with Qatar will give them plenty to think about as they plan for the big event in South Africa.

The Socceroos, who have two more matches to play in Group A of the final Asian qualifying phase, found the Qataris too tough to handle this time after having won all their previous three matches in the lengthy qualifying process with consummate ease.

Pim Verbeek's side became the second team to qualify for the World Cup after Japan defeated Uzbekistan 1-0 a few hours earlier in Tashkent.

Australia have 14 points from six matches which includes four wins and two draws while Qatar will have to wait some more years to realise their World Cup dream after a disastrous qualifying campaign under Bruno Metsu that has fetched them just five points from seven matches.—*Internet*

South Korea seal World Cup place with UAE win

UAE's Fares Jumaa (L) challenges South Korea's Chu Young Park (R) during their World Cup 2010 Asian qualifying football match in Dubai. South Korea beat United Arab Emirates 2-0 here on Saturday to qualify for the 2010 World Cup.—INTERNET

DUBAI, 7 June—A 2-0 win against the United Arab Emirates here on Saturday ensured South Korea a ticket to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Park Chu Young opened South Korea's account in the fifth minute and Ki Sung-Yeung benefited from a comical error by the goalkeeper in the 37th minute to seal the issue and send his team to the finals for the eighth time.

The result lifted the Taeguk Warriors into the lead in Asian Group B with 14 points from six matches with their remaining two qualifiers at home. North Korea were held to a goalless draw by Iran earlier Saturday and that placed second on 11 points from seven matches.

South Korea manager Huh Jung-Moo said: "Our first objective was to win this match and I am happy we managed to do that.—*Internet*

Kuznetsova stuns Safina to win French Open title

Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova returns a ball to Russia's Dinara Safina during a French Open tennis final match at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. Kuznetsova defeated Safina 6-4, 6-2 in an all-Russian final of the French Open to take away her second Grand Slam title.—INTERNET

PARIS, 7 June—Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated Dinara Safina 6-4, 6-2 in an all-Russian final of the French Open on Saturday to take away her second Grand Slam title.

It was a comprehensive win for the 23-year-old seventh seed who lost in the final here in 2006 to Justine Henin two years after she stunned the world of tennis by winning the US Open as a 19-year-old.

For Safina it was a crushing way to end a two-week-long campaign geared at securing a first Grand Slam title and proving that she is a worthy of the world number one spot.—*Internet*

Japan coach Okada happy as qualification secured

TASHKENT, 7 June—Japan national coach Takeshi Okada saluted his side after Shunji Okazaki's early strike saw off Uzbekistan 1-0 in Tashkent to secure qualification for the 2010 World Cup on Saturday.

"We expected a tough battle today and the match was really tough," Okada said after Japan became the first team to qualify for South Africa.

"But we played according to our plan and managed to clinch a very important win.

"I'm very pleased with my players' performance. They did a very good job. They played with heart but it was a very well-disciplined performance," opined Okada, despite a late red card for Wolfsburg midfielder Makoto Hasebe - and one for Okada himself.

"I was furious with the referee, said Okada.

"When I was advising my players, he sent me off. I can't believe it. But my players were patient, they did really well."

The win lifted Japan top of their Asian final qualifying round Group A with 14 points from six matches comprising four wins and two draws.—*Internet*

Japan beat Uzbekistan 1-0 here Saturday to become the first country to qualify for the 2010 World Cup.—INTERNET

Salvadorans stun Mexico in WC2010 qualifier

SAN SALVADOR, 7 June — Eliseo Quintanilla's penalty kick in the 86th minute gave El Salvador a stunning 2-1 triumph over Mexico to damage the favored Tri-color's bid to reach the 2010 South Africa World Cup.

A handball penalty in the area against Mexico set the stage for Quintanilla to become the hero and boost the Salvadorans into third place - the final guaranteed World Cup qualifying position - in the six-team round-robin event.

It was a debut defeat for new Mexico manager Javier Aguirre.

Aguirre, who guided Mexico to the round of 16 in the 2002 World Cup, replaced fired former England manager Sven Goran-Eriksson after Mexico's 3-1 loss at Honduras in April.

But the problems with the Mexican side remained even with the change in leadership.

Internet

APPRECIATION
Daw San Kyi aka Daw Nellie

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to attending Physician, doctors, nursing staff and employees of Shwe Baho Medical Centre for their unstinting care, treatment and kind attention extended during her illness, all friends and relatives far and near, UNICEF friends and colleagues, MEOSA class of 68' friends, former students of MEHS/S.H.S (1) Dagon, YKKO Management and personnel of Head Office and all outlets, Myanmar Equestrian Federation, Yangon Sailing Club, Hninzigon Home for the Aged for their condolence visits, floral tributes, outpouring of grief and sympathy, paying respects, encouragement, comforting words expressed personally, by phone and email and attendance at the funeral on Sunday, 31 May 2009.

We regret our inability to thank all individually.

B.B.S U Win Tin (UNICEF) & bereaved family members.

U Nyan Lin (YKKO)

Probe shows autopilot off before Air France jetliner crashed

PARIS, 6 June—The agency investigating the crash of Flight 447 said on Saturday that signals from the missing Air France jetliner suggest that its autopilot was not on before it vanished.

Paul-Louis Arslanian, the director of France's air safety investigation agency, said at a press conference in Paris that the plane sent 24 failure signals in the five minutes before contact was lost, suggesting that the aircraft experienced multiple systems failures before it plunged into the sea.

Arslanian said investigators are analyzing the 24 messages as they are still not sure whether the automatic pilot was shut off by the pilots or by the on-board computer because of the different data from the speed-measuring instruments.

He said some problems had been detected with the speed-measuring instruments on the Airbus A330 of which the manufacturer Airbus had recommended a replacement.

Xinhua

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(8.6.2009) (Monday)

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Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* Travelogue (Kalaw)
* Useful Variety of Bamboo
* Dainty Hill resort of Loi-Mwe
* Lifestyles along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-1)
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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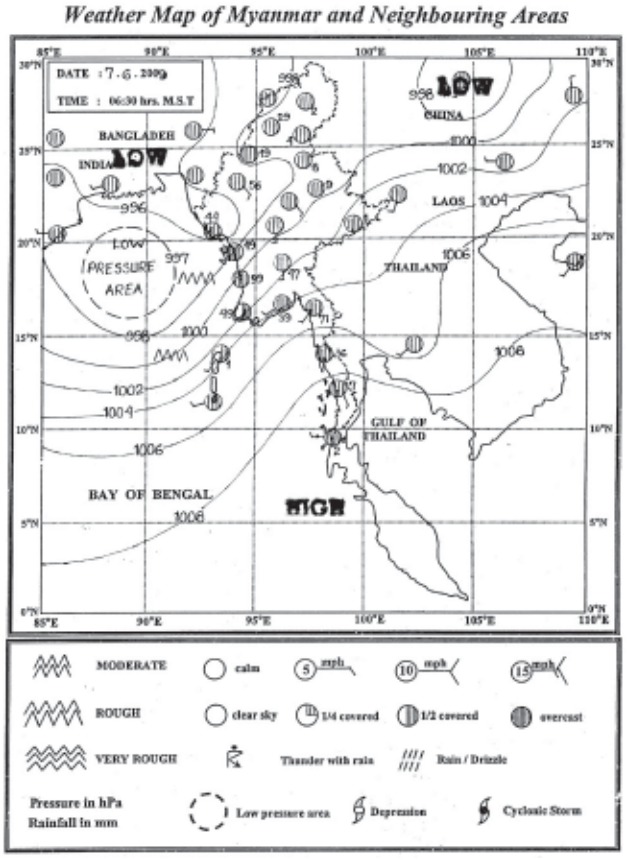
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 7 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (7.05) inches, Bilin (5.12) inches, Thandwe (4.80) inches, Theinzayat (4.65)inches, Thaton (3.46) inches, Bago (3.35) inches, Ye (3.19) inches, Mudon and Kawkareik (2.99) inches each, Mawlamyine (2.79) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.52) inches, Hmawbi (2.48) inches and Hpa-an (2.44) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-6-2009 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 7-6-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-6-2009 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 6-6-2009 was (1.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 7-6-2009 was (1.78) inches at Mingaladon, (1.53) inches Kaba-Aye and (2.33) inches Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (23.94) inches at Mingaladon, (29.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (35.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from West at (18:30) hours MST on 6-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Shan and Kayah States, widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, and Mon States, Bago, Magway, Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-6-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-6-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Monday, 8 June
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရား၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am
2. Morning news

7:40 am
3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:45 am
4. Cute little dancers

7:55am
5. "နောက်မကျရအောင်" (မင်းသူ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

8:10 am
6. Musical programme

8:20 am
7. "မြန်မာ့ကျောက်ရတနာများဖြင့် ဖော်ကျူးထားတဲ့မြန်မာ့ ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာပြတိုက်"

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. Local talent

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. Dance variety

4:20 pm
3. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm
4. Musical programme

4:35 pm
5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:45 pm
6. Song of National Races

4:50 pm
7. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

5:05 pm
8. Song for uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm
9. "လူငယ်နှင့်ဆေးလိပ်အန္တရာယ်" (ဆေးလိပ်အန္တရာယ်)

5:30 pm
10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:40 pm
11. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ [မော်လမြိုင် (အပိုင်း-၂)]

6:00 pm
12. Evening News

6:30 pm
13. Weather report

6:35 pm
14. Sing and enjoy

7:10 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမက်အလိုရှိသည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူ့သံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

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The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Namsang People's Hospital (50-bed) Project, part of wide-ranging health care for the people

Article: *Myint Maung Soe and* Photos: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

The government is stepping up gear in the projects for progress of border areas. As a result of the projects, local people of border areas are now enjoying cumulative development in health care, education and transport.

In our recent visit to Shan State (North) to collect data and figures to write articles on regional development, we dropped in Namsang People's Hospital (50-bed) Project in Kyaukme District.

The present People's Hospital of Namsang, a border town, is a 25-bed one. The project is designed to upgrade the old hospital to a 50-bed health care facility.

The project is located in Mangala Ward on Namsang-Panlong Road,

(See page 9)

Namsang People's Hospital (50-bed) Project construction site on Panlong-Namsang Road, east of Namsang, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North).

Noteworthy amounts of Rainfall

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INSIDE

A dream of domestic salt security

The government provided small loans to salt farmers to restore the salt farms in Ayeyawady Division. Now, all the salt farms in the division have been restored, and Mon State and Rakhine State are stepping up salt farming.

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Breast cancer gene can be blocked

ANN ARBOR, 7 June — Researchers have identified a gene that is overexpressed in up to 20 percent of breast cancers and that could be blocked in the lab by a currently available blood pressure drug, according to a new study from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The gene, called AGTR1, caused normal breast cells to behave like cancer cells.

This behavior was reversed by treatment with the blood pressure drug losartan. Tumors in mice that expressed AGTR1 shrunk by 30 percent eight weeks after treatment with losartan, a drug approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to treat high blood pressure.

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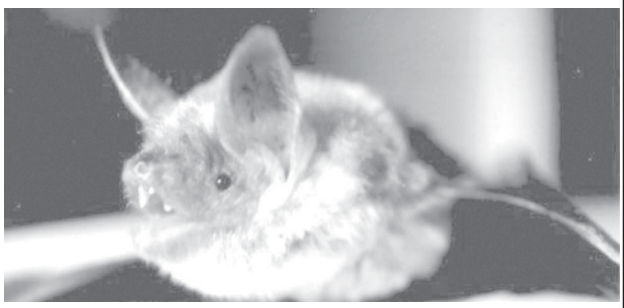
Bats recognize individual voices of other bats

BERLIN, 7 June — Bats can use the characteristics of other bats' voices to recognize each other, according to a study by researchers from the University of Tuebingen, Germany and the University of Applied Sciences in Konstanz, Germany. The study explains how bats use echolocation for more than just spatial knowledge.

The researchers first tested the ability of four greater mouse-eared bats to distinguish between the echolocation calls of other bats. After observing that the bats learned to discriminate the voices of other bats, they then programmed a computer model that reproduces the recognition behaviour of the bats.—*Internet*



Greater mouse-eared bat. Researchers found that bats can use the characteristics of other bats' voices to recognize each other.