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44 reconstructed schools in Maubin handed over to Education Ministry



Minister Col Thein Nyunt addresses the ceremony to hand over 44 schools that have been reconstructed after the storm in Maubin Township to the Ministry of Education.—(PBANRDA)

YANGON, 8 June —Forty-four reconstructed schools were handed over to Ministry of Education yesterday in Maubin Township. The schools were destroyed by the Storm Nargis.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the ceremony to hand over the school buildings to Ministry of Education held at Toeshwewah Hall in Maubin.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Col Thein Nyunt said under the directive of the Prime Minister, Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, measures were taken to reconstruct 44 schools which were destroyed by the Storm Nargis in cooperation with construction companies. Work on reconstruction of 44 schools — five were constructed by Development Affairs Department; 13 by A-1 Construction Company; 13 by TZT Construction

Company and 13 by Original Group Company — started on 6 February, 2009. The construction was funded by the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and private donors.

Head of Maubin District Education Department U Soe Myint Than handed over the documents related to the schools to headmasters of the schools in the presence of Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt.

Chairman of Maubin Township Peace and Development Council U Ye Mon and Headmaster of the basic education primary school in Shwetachaung Village in Maubin Township spoke words of thanks for reconstruction of the schools.

The schools have started for the 2009-10 academic year.

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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

Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital of Taunggyi providing health care

Article: Win Kyaw; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



Photo shows Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital in Taunggyi of Shan State (South).

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 9 June, 2009

Towards deeper friendship and closer cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka

The 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka fell on 7 June, 2009.

The existing friendly relations between the two countries are based on the close religious and cultural affinities. These affinities originated thousands of years ago and still continue to thrive.

Friendship, mutual understanding and interaction between the peoples of Myanmar and Sri Lanka have consolidated in the past sixty years and the activities commemorating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations will add a new momentum to further strengthening of the bilateral ties.

Myanmar and Sri Lanka are exerting collaborative efforts for the propagation of Theravada Buddhism. Moreover, they have been able to promote the national interests, security and prosperity of the two peoples through cooperation at bilateral and regional contexts and actively cooperate at the international fora to contribute towards world peace and prosperity.

Myanmar and Sri Lanka share common platforms at many regional and international fora, including the United Nations, the Colombo Plan, the Asia Cooperation Dialogue and BIMSTEC.

We believe that centuries-old friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka will be further consolidated in the years to come and the two nations will continue to work more closely for the mutual benefits of their peoples.

Auto auction centre to be inaugurated on 14 June

YANGON, 8 June — An auction centre for sales and buying autos will be inaugurated at Cherry Housing in South Okkalapa Township on 14 June.

The opening of the auction centre which is the first of its kind in Myanmar is organized by Sakura Technical Services Co Ltd.

As part of the special promotion, sales of autos during the inauguration period of the centre will be given exemption from registration fee.

Those wishing to sell and buy vehicles at the centre which meets the international standard may contact the centre.

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People's Desire

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

Industry-2 Minister attends 1st tree growing festival

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—The 1st tree growing ceremony of the Ministry of Industry-2 for the rainy season tree plantation for 2009 was held in the surrounding areas of the office of the Ministry yesterday afternoon.

Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, the Director-General and Managing-Directors planted the saplings, and viewed participation of the staff in

planting saplings.

In the 1st tree plantation ceremony, a total of 4150 saplings were planted at the ministry, and over 0.1m saplings will be planted for greening around the ministry and staff quarters in the rainy season.—MNA

Mayor inspects dredging of drains

YANGON, 8 June — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected dredging of drains in Yangon North District today.

During the inspection, he gave instructions to officials concerned.—MNA

U Ohn Thwin presents Credentials to President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—U Ohn Thwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 26 May, 2009, in Colombo.—MNA



Opening ceremony of new annexe of canteen of TTC in progress.

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New annexe of canteen of TTC opened

YANGON, 8 June—A ceremony to open the new annexe of canteen was held at the Pyinnyabaikman hall of teachers training centre of Yangon Institute of Education here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Education

Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, pro-rector of Yangon Institute of Education Dr. Lwin Lwin Soe, Headmistress of TTC Dr Nanda Htun and teachers, parents, the old student of TTC and donor of the new building of canteen Maung Nay Shwe Thway Aung and his family, guests and

representatives of students.

Maung Nay Shwe Thway Aung at the ceremony explained the purpose of the donation, and pro-rector Dr. Lwin Lwin Soe and headmistress Dr. Nanda Htun spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Dr. Nanda Htun, Maung Nay

Shwe Thway Aung, U Zaw Zaw of Max Myanmar Co., Ltd and U Thet Aung Cho of Asia Glory Trading Co., Ltd cut the ribbon to open the new building.

The students will enjoy hygienic food at the canteen.—MNA

Myanma Gonye Magazine Vol 30 in circulation

YANGON, 8 June — Myanma Gonye Magazine Vol 30 has come out today. It features articles, poems, short stories, international affairs, the youth sector, English

articles, humours and cartoons written by famous writers such as Min Yu Wai, Daung Nwe Soe, Tekkatho Myat Thu, Ketu Nilar, Chit Naing (Psychology).

Interested people

may send manuscripts and advertisements to Chief Editor of Myanma Gonye Magazine, No.455/457, New University Avenue Extension, Bahan Township, Yangon.

MNA





China says need “balanced” UN resolution on N Korea

TOKYO, 8 June—Japan’s Foreign Minister on Sunday called for a strong UN Security Council resolution against North Korea after its latest nuclear test, but his Chinese counterpart said a “balanced” resolution must be adopted. Japan’s Hirofumi Nakasone and China’s Yang Jiechi met in Tokyo amid rising tension after North Korea fired a long-range rocket over Japan in April followed by a nuclear test in May.

UN diplomats in New York have been in closed-

door negotiations for over a week, but the five permanent Security Council members — including China — and Japan had yet to produce a deal on the sanctions resolution against North Korea. “The Security Council must adopt a resolution with a strong content that will make North Korea understand that a nuclear test is not acceptable,” a Japanese Foreign Ministry official quoted Nakasone as telling Yang.

Yang told Nakasone: “China agrees for an appropriate and balanced Security Council resolution to be passed as swiftly as possible,” the Japanese Foreign Ministry official said. The Security Council is debating to adopt a resolution that would broaden sanctions imposed on North Korea after its first nuclear test in 2006. One diplomat has said the latest draft resolution called for a “moderate” tightening of the sanctions.

MNA/Reuters



Residents walk past the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad, on 4 June, 2009.

INTERNET

17 Bodies retrieved from Air France crash

BRASILIA, 8 June—Fifteen more bodies were recovered on Sunday in the Atlantic Ocean near the site where an Air France jetliner was believed to have crashed a week ago, bringing the number of bodies retrieved to 17, Brazilian military officials said.

The 15 bodies were found in a sea area some 1,150 kilometres off Brazil’s northeastern coast city Recife, Air Force spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Henry Munhoz told reporters in Recife. The Brazilian military said eight bodies were picked up by a French Navy ship on Sunday, but gave no further details.

Brazilian ships retrieved two corpses on Saturday and seven others on Sunday. Among the nine, Munhoz said, four were male and four female, while the gender of the other body could not be identified. He added that the Brazilian military were transporting the 17 bodies to the islands of Fernando de Noronha, 370 kilometres off the coast of Brazil, from where the corpses and debris would be eventually brought to Recife.

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi Arabia urges Obama to impose Mideast solution

RIYADH, 8 June—King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia has urged US President Barack Obama to impose a solution on the festering Arab-Israeli conflict if necessary, a Saudi newspaper said on Sunday.

Saudi Arabia and other Arab states want Obama to get tough with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who has balked at Palestinian statehood and defied US calls to halt the expansion of Jewish settlements.

King Abdullah told Obama during his visit to Riyadh last week that Arab patience was wearing thin and that a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict would be the “magic key” to all issues in the region, al-Hayat said, quoting what it called informed sources.

“We want from you a serious participation to solve the Palestinian issue and impose the solution if necessary,” the Saudi monarch told Obama, according to the paper, which is owned by a nephew of the monarch. It did not elaborate. Saudi Arabia was the driving force behind an Arab peace initiative first put forward by Arab states in 2002 offering Israel recognition in return for withdrawal from Arab land occupied in 1967 and a Palestinian state.

MNA/Reuters

Radio executive shot dead in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, 8 June—Unidentified gunmen shot dead the director of an independent radio station and wounded a journalist in the Somali capital Mogadishu, station officials said on Sunday.

Muqtar Mohamed Hirabe, the director of Shabelle radio station, and his colleague Ahmed Omar Hashi, news editor of the station, were attacked by two men armed with pistols who fired several shots at the newsmen.

Hirabe died on the scene while Hashi managed to escape after being shot in the arm and abdomen, eyewitnesses said. “We do not know who was behind the killing of the director and the injury of the editor,” Abdurrahman Al Adala, Editor-in-Chief of Shabelle radio, told Xinhua.

Hashi was rushed to the main Medina hospital after he managed to get the help of local residents. Doctors at the hospital said he was operated on and is responding well to treatment. His injury is not life-threatening, they said. Hirabe, 48, is the fifth media person to be killed in Somalia since the start of this year. He is also the third journalist from Radio Shabelle murdered this year. He is survived by two wives and five children.

MNA/Xinhua



A man wounded in a bomb attack receives medical treatment in a hospital in Baghdad, on 4 June, 2009.

INTERNET

Britain’s Brown faces revolt after poll rout

LONDON, 8 June —Britain’s Prime Minister Gordon Brown faced a renewed challenge to his leadership on Monday after support for the ruling Labour Party plunged to its lowest level in a century in European elections.

Compounding Labour’s woes, the far-right British National Party won two seats in the European Parliament for the first time. The BNP gained the seats in two regions of northern England at the expense of Brown’s Labour Party, which has been hurt by a scandal over politicians’ expenses. Brown, who reshuffled his government after six ministers resigned last week, was set to meet on Monday evening with Labour members of Parliament, a number of whom have called on him to quit ahead of a general election due within a year.

MNA/Reuters

Rocket or mortar hits Baghdad Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 8 June—The US military says a rocket or mortar has slammed into Baghdad’s guarded Green Zone. Sirens wailed and the public address system warned people to “duck and cover” and stay away from windows shortly before the blast. The military said the Green Zone was hit by indirect fire, a term referring to rocket or mortar fire. But it provided no information about casualties. Sunday’s attack comes just over two weeks after an American was killed when a rocket struck the sprawling area that houses the US Embassy and much of the Iraqi government.

The Iraqis assumed control of the Green Zone from the Americans on 1 January under a new security agreement and have begun removing some of the protective blast falls around the area.—Internet



An aerial view shows a neighbourhood on the outskirts of Kandahar city, on 4 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Official says Indonesia needs no help from IMF

JAKARTA, 8 June — Indonesia does not need help from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) yet because its situation is not as bad as the 1998 financial crisis, the *Kompas* daily quoted the agency's official as saying on Monday.

Currently, Indonesia's balance of payments is in a good shape and forex reserves accumulated by Bank Indonesia, the central banks, have been increasing to a safe level against rupiah fluctuation." Indonesia's growth had been 6 per cent during 2005-2006. Based on the fact, Indonesia is not in a situation to seek help from the IMF," said the agency's Head of Asia-Pacific Division Thomas Rumbaugh.—MNA/Xinhua

Two American journalists sentenced in DPRK

PYONGYANG, 8 June—The Central Court of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) sentenced two American journalists to 12 years of reform through labour, the official *Korean Central News Agency* reported on Monday. The trial of American journalists Laura Ling and Seung-eun Lee was held from 4 to 8 June the report said.

The trial confirmed the crime the two female journalists committed against the Korean nation and their illegal border crossing as they had already been indicted and sentenced each of them to 12 years of reform through labour, it said. Seung-eun Lee, a Korean-American, and Laura Ling, a Chinese-American, were detained on 17 March along the DPRK-Chinese border.—MNA/Xinhua

Netanyahu wants "maximum understanding" with US

JERUSALEM, 8 June — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday he would strive for "maximum understanding" with Washington on peace issues but gave no sign he intends to bow to its demand to halt settlement expansion.

Under pressure from US President Barack Obama over settlements in the occupied West Bank and Palestinian statehood, which Netanyahu has not

endorsed, the Israeli leader said he would set out his policies in a major speech later this month.

"I want to make clear, it is our intention to achieve peace with the Palestinians and with the countries of the Arab world while attempting to reach maximum understanding with the United States and our friends in the world," Netanyahu said.

"I aspire to a stable

peace based on the solid foundations of the security of the state of Israel and its citizens," he told his right-wing cabinet at its weekly meeting.

By mentioning security, Netanyahu again highlighted an issue he has called paramount to Israel's approach to peace with the Palestinians, whom he has said should have self-government but only limited powers of sovereignty.

MNA/Reuters

Africa's COMESA kicks off summit in Zimbabwe

VICTORIA FALLS, 8 June—The 13th summit of Africa's largest trading group COMESA started in the Zimbabwean resort town of Victoria Falls on Sunday, with the long-anticipated official launch of a regional Customs union topping the agenda.

It will be the second crucial step taken by the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in its process

of economic integration after the 19-member bloc established the first free trading area in Africa in 2000.

The important move had been confirmed again by COMESA secretary general Sindiso Ngwenya before the summit. The COMESA chief announced that the customs union will be launched next Monday when the summit came to an end.

"The Common Tariff Nomenclature and the Common Customs Documentation (CCD) are in place and what remains is the COMESA Regional Policy still under negotiation," he had said.

MNA/Xinhua

Greek police arrest two foreign journalists for illegal entry

ATHENS, 8 June—Two foreign journalists working for Finland's state television have been arrested for illegally entering Greece from Turkey, police said on Sunday.

The two journalists, aged 49 and 25, were arrested for entering Greece through an unguarded passage at Aenisios at the Evros River estuary on Saturday afternoon.

They were reportedly trying to videotape means of entry into Greece by illegal immigrants for a television investigation report. A 34-year-old illegal immigrant was arrested at the same point earlier, at dawn on Saturday.

All three detainees were due to appear before the Alexandroupolis public prosecutor. There was no immediate information as to whether they would be released or charged.

MNA/Xinhua



Garbage lies strewn in a river during World Environment Day in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan on 5 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Village guard killed in mine blast in S-E Turkey

ANKARA, 8 June—One Turkish village guard was killed while two others wounded on Sunday when a mine exploded in south-eastern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The mine, planted by the members of the banned Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), went off when village guards Murat Olmez, Zeki Olmez and Nebi

Olmez were collecting wood in Uludere town of south-eastern province of Sirnak, said the report, adding that Murat Olmez died on the scene of the explosion.

The two other village guards were taken to the Sirnak State Hospital in a military helicopter and are receiving medical treatment, added the report.

The PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Some 40,000 people have been killed in the over two-decade conflict.

Turkish security forces conduct frequent operations against PKK militants in eastern and south-eastern Turkey.

MNA/Xinhua



A boy eats as he watches performers during 'End Hunger, Walk the World' on 7 June, 2009, in Manila, Philippines. The annual world event is to raise money and awareness for the World Food Programme.—INTERNET



All items from Xinhua News Agency

Volcano eruption forces evacuation of 8,000 in S-W Colombia

BOGOTA, 8 June—Around 8,000 people were ordered to leave their homes on Sunday in Narino Province, southwestern Colombia, after a mild eruption of the Galeras Volcano in the province.

The 4,276-metre-high volcano, located near the southern Colombian City of Pasto, had a mild eruption at about 7.20 am local time

(1220 GMT) on Sunday morning, said Martha Calvache, director of the National Geology and Mining Institute.

There have been no reports of casualties or material damage. The institute declared a red alert which means an eruption is under way. The regional government ordered an evacuation of the area

around Galeras, which is home to around 8,000 people and is some 700 kilometres away from the capital of Bogota.

The volcano could be calm for several days, Calvache said. But she warned that it could reactivate, to which she said people should pay close attention.

Xinhua



Musicians play bagpipes at the 30th Vienna Brass Band Festival held in downtown Vienna, Austria, on 6 June, 2009. Over 2,000 musicians of 40 brass bands from Austria, Poland and Liechtenstein etc. offered performances during the festival. —XINHUA



Models present creations by graduates of Guangxi Arts Institute (GXAI) in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 6 June, 2009. —XINHUA

Mexico City awards visiting mayors

MEICO CITY, 8 June—Nine visiting mayors from the Union of Ibero-American Capital Cities on Sunday received the title of distinguished citizens from the Mexico City's mayor.

The nine cities are namely Paraguay's Asuncion, Colombia's Bogota, Argentina's Buenos Aires, Panama's

Panama City, Bolivia's La Paz, Peru's Lima, Quito, Chile's Santiago and El Salvador's San Salvador.

Mexico City's mayor Marcelo Ebrard said their visit was an honour, and "even more so now after the extremely harsh emergency we have lived through, a health emergency which by good fortune we survived".

Mexico City was worst hit by the A/H1N1 influenza, which has infected nearly 22,000 people worldwide and claimed 125 lives.

Xinhua

School girls perform during the singing competition of the Turkish Language Olympics in Istanbul, on 3 June, 2009. —XINHUA

Japan, China set up working group on IPR protection

TOKYO, 8 June—China and Japan signed a memorandum and established for the first time a working group to protect intellectual property rights (IPR) here on Sunday.

The "MOU for Intellectual Property Protection Exchanges and Cooperation" and the working group are aimed to create a legal framework to enforce crackdowns on violations of intellectual

property rights, according to Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming.

"The working group will focus on information sharing of laws and regulations with regards to IPR, as well as the experience in the law enforcement" Chen said at the Press conference later in the day. "Japan is a very advanced country in terms of IPR protection and we believe there are many

experiences that China can learn," he added.

He said through efforts in recent years China has established its own IPR protection system. "China, as a developing country, will face a lot of problems in the process of enforcement, but we will not shun such problems". "China and Japan have a broad range of economic cooperation.

Xinhua



Flu A/H1N1 infections amount to 424 in Japan

TOKYO, 8 June—With four more cases reported in Fukuoka Prefecture on Sunday, Japan's tally of A/H1N1 flu infections have amounted to 424, local media reported on Sunday.

The four patients—three middle school boys and one primary school boy—tested positive for the new flu after having run fevers, according to officials from the Fukuoka municipal government. No further report about the latest cases is available. The number of confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases has thus totalled six in the southwestern prefecture. —Xinhua

Nepali Govt lifts bird flu ban

KATHMANDU, 8 June—The government has lifted an over three month-long ban on farming and transportation of poultry products in Mechi Municipality in eastern Nepal, where the first case of bird flu was detected, local media reported on Monday.

According to myrepublica.com, a Cabinet meeting on Friday took the decision after two surveillance teams comprising experts and technicians found no sign of the avian influenza within the radius of 10 kilometres of the Mechi Customs office—the flashpoint of bird flu. The first case of bird-flu was detected on 16 January in a small non-commercial poultry farm. —Xinhua

26 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 8 June—A European health agency said on Sunday that 26 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 14 were confirmed in Germany, four respectively in Netherlands and Austria, one respectively in France and Denmark, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 1,056, with 291 cases in Spain and 486 in Britain, 57 in France and 63 in Germany, the ECDC said.

Xinhua

Israel questions IAEA's monitoring ability

JERUSALEM, 8 June— Israel's Foreign Ministry on Sunday questioned the UN nuclear watchdog's ability to monitor Iran's nuclear programme, and urged the international community to take determined action to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

The comments were made in response to the latest reports published over the weekend by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on its investigations in Iran and Syria.

The report on Iran "contains serious findings of increased uranium enrichment in Iran, in violation of Security Council resolutions, as well as other activities that could be connected to a military nuclear programme," the ministry said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Lebanon arrests two Nationals accused of spying for Israel

BEIRUT, 8 June—Lebanese authorities arrested on Sunday morning two brothers accused of spying for Israel, Lebanese National News Agency (NNA) reported.

The Lebanese police said they found computers, equipment and documents used for communication with Israel at their house in Rmeich village of the Nabatiye Governorate in southern Lebanon. The two brothers are relatives of retired senior police officer, Emaad Al-Alam, who was arrested on 10 April over accusations of leading a spying network for Israel, the report said.

Last week, Lebanon charged nine people with spying for Israel, bringing the total number of suspects charged in the past few weeks to 35, according to the state-run NNA.

MNA/Xinhua



Cirque du Soleil's artists perform in front of the Santa Monica Pier in Santa Monica, California. Canadian acrobatic troupe Cirque du Soleil, created in 1984 and now performing in all corners of the world, is celebrating its silver anniversary with the launch of its 25th show "Ovo," about insects.

INTERNET

Eighteen killed in Acapulco drug shootout

ACAPULCO, 8 June —Eighteen people were killed in a shootout between drug gangs and soldiers in the Mexican beach resort of Acapulco, the Army said on Sunday. The gun battle, near tourist hotels in the Pacific Ocean resort, was a further blow to Mexico's tourism industry, already reeling from cancellations by foreigners scared away by the swine flu epidemic.

Gunmen battled troops from a cartel safe house, throwing hand grenades at soldiers who had surrounded them and spraying gunfire into military vehicles and nearby homes.

The shooting began late on Saturday and went on until after midnight. "There were grenade and rocket explosions, and weapons like AK-47s," said an employee of a neighbouring hotel. "The fight lasted almost two hours."

Sixteen suspected members of the Beltran Leyva drug gang were killed as well as two soldiers, including a captain. — MNA/Reuters

Militants free another hostage in Philippines

MANILA, 8 June— A Filipino lending firm employee has regained her freedom after being held hostage by the al Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf militants in southern Philippines for more than four months, a military commander said on Sunday.

Rear Admiral Alex Pama, commander of the

military's Naval Forces Western Mindanan, told reporters that Leah Patris ran away from her captors late Saturday night in Sumisip town of Basilan Province, as the guerillas were avoiding government troops closing in on them.

Patris was snatched with fellow lending firm employee Ahmad Ilang by

the militants on 2 February and were later brought to island province of Basilan, a strong-hold of the 340-member militant group. Ilang was released on 6 February. Patriz, 29, told local media that her daughter occupied her thoughts during her captivity of more than four months.

MNA/Xinhua

NEWS ALBUM



Katina Zammit of Australia poses with her new hair and make-up created by an artist from Sienta La Cabeza of Spain during the Singapore Arts Festival. Sienta La Cabeza performances consist of putting volunteers on stage, styling their hair and applying makeup in eccentric ways in front of an audience and accompanied by live DJ music.

A lion hounds a little fox at the zoo in Wuppertal, Germany. The fox got into the lions' enclosure by mistake, and obviously had no fun in playing with the big cats. He managed to escape unhurt.



Royal family stung by theft of beehives

Thieves have stolen hundreds of thousands of bees along with their hives destined for the royal family, police said.

Disease and dwindling bee numbers have led to a sharp rise in the value of hives and the cost of honey, tempting thieves to carry out audacious raids. Thefts worth thousands of pounds (dollars) have been reported across the country in recent months, with the latest and most high profile taking place on hives run by royal beekeeper Murray McGregor in West Lothian, Scotland.

About 11 hives, containing up to 500,000 bees, many destined for the Balmoral royal estate in Scotland to make honey for Prince Charles's Duchy Originals luxury food label, were taken in the raid last month.

"There have been a number of thefts going on," said McGregor. "It appears to be happening quite often. We are very vulnerable to it because the hives are left unattended."

90-year-old Ill woman gets high school diploma

A 90-year-old suburban Chicago woman who dropped out of school to help her family during the Great Depression now has her high school diploma.

Eleanor Benz left Chicago Public Schools' Lake View High in 1936 during her senior year to take a job. Over the following decades she moved to the suburb of Gurnee and had 15 children, 54 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Benz attended night school for typing

Timely fish tale: Hawaii fish coughs up gold watch

Hawaii resident Curt Carish boasts a timely fish tale: a 10-inch reef fish he caught by hand in shallow water coughed up a ticking gold watch.

Carish says he was enjoying a picnic on Port Allen beach when he saw the nenu fish awkwardly swimming close to shore.

He says a friend gave him a bamboo stick and told him to get the fish. So he jumped into the waist-high water and hit the nenu until it went limp.

He noticed the fish had an abnormally large belly as he tossed it into a cooler.

A friend opened the cooler later to discover a gold watch next to the fish's mouth.

and bookkeeping, but she recently told one of her daughters that never completing high school was one of her greatest disappointments. Her children contacted Lake View, and the school approved Benz's diploma.

This week, at her 90th birthday party, Benz's family presented her with the diploma and a 2009 gown and cap with a 1936 tassel.

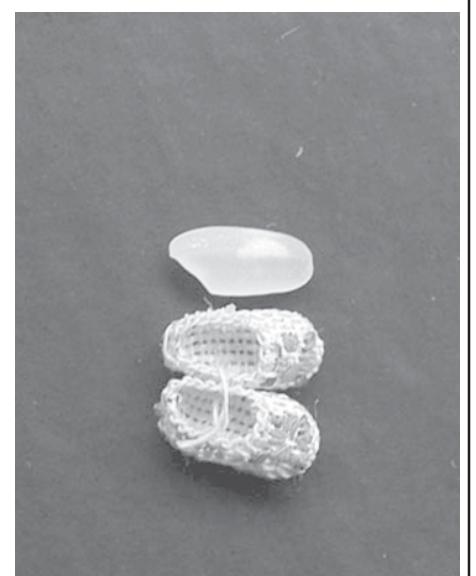


Photo shows the handmade mini shoes craftwork made by Ren Tingli comparing to rice in Chifeng city in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.



ASEAN-Korea Poetry night

Maung Swe Ngae

“JeJu Island, how splendid!”

When I had a bird’s-eye view of Jeju Island from the plane, I exclaimed so.

Jeju Island, 450 km south of Seoul, is romantically dubbed as the “Jewel of the Pacific”. Roughly an oval shape, it is 74 km from east to west and 32 km from north to south. It is located southwest of the Korean Peninsula.

It is a gateway between Japan and China and located in the centre of Northeast Asia and is known for its beautiful scenery that draws crowds of tourists to the island. It is a volcanic island, the largest island of Korea and its surface area is 1824. 9 km. At the heart of the island, Mt Halla towers magnificently over Jeju.

Jeju is the island where ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit was held on June 1-2 this year. It is also a land where those responsible for film industries, poets and musicians from ten ASEAN member countries met. The programmes were aimed at bringing ASEAN countries together in the cultural fields, including film, art and literature.

It is for this reason, that Myanmar musicians from the Ministry of Culture reached Jeju Island to take part in the ASEAN Traditional music Orchestra Performance. Likewise, U Aung Myo Myint (Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise) had to participate in the film development discussions and I had to read the poems I composed at the ASEAN-Korea Poetry Night hosted by Korea Literature Translation Institute (LTI Korea).

When we arrived in Jeju on the evening of 31 May, Kim Shin-Young, one of the organizers of the Poetry Night event, met us at the Jeju Airport and took us to Shine Ville Resort where we were accommodated.

Soon after we were entertained to dinner at the hotel, we were invited to the ASEAN Traditional Music Orchestra Performance which would play at 8 pm on the fifth floor of the International Convention Centre Jeju (ICC Jeju). It was attended by the Heads of State and Government of ASEAN member nations as well as the President of the Republic of Korea.

This event was proposed to bring about collective cultural awareness of traditional music within the Asian artistic community. It was said that the ASEAN-Korea Traditional Music Orchestra Performance is the world’s first orchestra performance consisting of traditional musical instruments from Korea and the ASEAN countries. Indeed seeing is believing.

The 80 musicians comprised 30 Koreans and five members from each ASEAN State. The orchestra featured its unique performance on the day before the commencement of the commemorative summit, with delegates from all the ASEAN countries and the people of Jeju Island attending.

Minister for Culture and Tourism Yu In-chon, seventh from left in back row, poses with participants of the ASEAN-Korea Poetry Night (Myanmar participant is sixth from right in back row).



“It was not only aurally impressive, but visually striking, with musicians wearing their colourful national costumes and playing their unique instruments,” said the professor at College of Korean Music, Chung-Ang University.

On the night of 1 June, ASEAN-KOREA POETRY NIGHT took place at Azalea Hall, Shine Ville Resort, Jeju. Ten poets from ASEAN countries plus three poets from the Republic of Korea –Jawawi bin Haji Ahmad (Brunei), Kim Pich Pinun (Cambodia), Moon Choong Sung (Korea), Chong Hyon-jong (Korea), Kim Seon Wu (Korea), Maung Swe Ngae (Myanmar), Rio Alma (the Philippines), Edwin Thumboo (Singapore), Chiraman Pitpreecha (Thailand) and Ly Lan (Vietnam)—read the poems in their own national languages, wearing the national costumes. However, W.S. Rendra (Indonesia) failed to attend the Poetry Night event due to his ill health.

We had to send three poems each based on the theme of “Beauty, Seed of Peace” in national language and English in advance. As for Myanmar, I sent three poems entitled “May the Golden Dove Melodiously Cool!” “The Beauty of Scarecrow” and “The Legacy of Bagan.”

All the poems composed by the poets from ASEAN countries and Korea were printed in English and Korean in book form and were distributed in advance. The event took place between 7 pm and 11 pm and it was graced by the presence of award-winning poets and writers from the Republic of Korea.

After the poetry-reading, queries were raised on the poems we had read. Our Poetry Night was very lively with questions and answers and exchanges of views on literature.

“The event aimed to bring Asian poems and literary works together at one venue, and it was indeed a great chance for us to learn and appreciate the works of

foreign writers,” Kim Shin-Young, one of the organizers said.

“It’s not easy to bring poets from all over Asia to one venue, and so this is indeed a memorable and important event for all of us. We believe Korea will be on the forefront in expanding collaborations and programmes, and by working together with artists from various cultures and countries, we will be able to enrich Asian literature to the utmost,” said Kwon Se-hoon, the team manager for International Communications at the Korea Literature Translation Institute.

After the Poetry Night event, Kim Shin-Young asked me, “Are you gratified with the outcome of the Poetry Night event?”

“Quite sure. Words cannot express my feeling for this very delightful and exciting Poetry Night. It has proved that there is unity in diversity of literature.”

I responded her question with a smile on the spot.

That night, I could not sleep at all. As the ‘poetry bug’ in my soul stimulated me, I wrote down the following poem entitled “On the Island Jeju,” which I read at the farewell lunch.

- * Island Juje is pleasant and gay,
With flowers alongside fragrant all the way.
- * At evening time, when the sun falls,
Can clearly be heard chirps and caws.
- * T’s well laid out and quite thriving.
Surrounded by fragrant flowers blossoming.
- * On the Island Jeju, fair damsels abound,
You’re invited just to look around.
- * On the Island Jeju, unending sights to see,
Surely to keep you healthy and happy.
- * LTI Korea takes care of us in the rain.
Can’t say never, never here again!



Myanmar participant reciting poems at ASEAN-Korea Poetry Night.



Myanmar participant, fourth from right in back row, with the Korea and ASEAN poets.



Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital of Taunggyi providing health care

Article: Win Kyaw; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

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While visiting Taunggyi, we, the news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily, gazed at the new

was opened on 22-7-2007."

She continued to explain, "The hospital is constituted with the ma-

pectant mothers. If the infants have any complaint at birth, doctors and nurses closely supervise providing of medical



An official separates blood and serum with the use of a machine.

and grand Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital for some time.

We saw a three-storey building painted with pink colour, and the building is decorated with beautiful designs. It was the annexe of Women's and Children's Hospital of Taunggyi.

With the assistance of U Naing Tun of Taunggyi Sub-printing House, we met Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Than Than Htay to observe the health care services of the hospital for women and children in Taunggyi.

In the interview, the medical superintendent said, "The original hospital was built in August 1945. At that time, the hospital was called Taunggyi Township People's Hospital. In 1981, the hospital was designated as Women's and Children's Hospital (200-bed). Construction of the three-storey extended building of the hospital commenced on 3-3-2005 by laying down the cornerstones, and it

ternity ward, the infant care ward, the operation theatre, the child care ward, the anaesthetic department, the pathology department and the X-ray department. The hospital gives medical treatment to the patients referred by districts and townships of Shan State (South). Moreover, it is also a nurse/midwife training hospital. Women from Magway and Mandalay divisions are attending the nurse/midwife training course."

"In 2008, the hospital gave health care services to over 1,600 ex-

treatment to them at the infant care ward full time. To do so, the hospital has been facilitated with modern medical equipment," she added.

"The hospital provides the medical treatment to the patients with common diseases and dengue hemorrhagic fever. Especially, health care service is being given to the women with ureic complaint which is common when djenkol beans are put on sale in abundance. With regard to the DHF, it is necessary to provide the patients with



Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Than Than Htay.

blood transfusion. The hospital uses the Beckman Coulter Centrifuge for serum for convenient treatments to the child patients. An adequate number of doctors and nurses at the hospital can give full care services

to women and children," explained Dr Daw Than Than Htay.

After the interview, the news crew toured the hospital. We witnessed modern medical equipment at the operation theatre, full treatments at the infant care ward, and neat and tidy patient wards. Moreover,

health is a great reward. Health is the most important for the life of human beings. As part of efforts to fulfil the health requirements of the local people, Women's and Children's Specialist Hospital in Taunggyi of Shan State (South) is providing treatments to the local women and



Modern equipment for operation theatre.

we saw the doctors and nurses comforting and giving treatment to the patients.

children with the use of modern medicines and equipment.

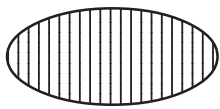
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Myanma Alin: 7-6-2009

Indeed, good

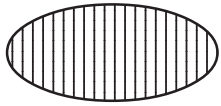


Health care service being provided to infants.



**Maung Min Htet
Paing and Maung
Aung Kyaw Moe
accept cash and kind
from MWAFF.**

TRANSPORT



Vice-President of MWAFF presents cash, kind to two eye patients

YANGON, 8 June — Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay, accompanied by central executive committee members of MWAFF, went to Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital here today and comforted two patients who received eye surgery for cataract. They presented cash and kind to Maung Min Htet Paing, 12, a inborn-cataract patient from Kyaukpyu Township and Maung Aung Kyaw Moe, 3, who had undergone eye-surgery for his right eye. — MNA



A responsible person brief on matters related to Indian Pharmaceuticals Exposition 2009.—MNA

Weight lifting contest on 27-30 June

YANGON, 8 June — Myanmar Weight Lifting Federation of Myanmar Olympic Committee will organize the Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Trophy weight lifting contest at Aung San Stadium from 27 to 30 June.

The contest for men and women is divided into three categories. The

U-17 weighting lifting event is also included in the contest.

Those weight lifting teams wishing to compete in the contest may enlist at Myanmar Weight Lifting Federation by 20 June. More information is available at Myanmar Weight Lifting Federation, Ph 01 388160.

MNA

Buffaloes distributed to storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 8 June — Under the FAO/OSRO/MYA/901/JPN project, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, in cooperation with FAO, distributed 320 buffaloes and supplementary feed to the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division on 30 May.

The animals were donated by such non-governmental organizations as Mercy Corps, Samaritan's Purse, ACTED and Mitta Development Foundation and will be distributed to

Konegyi, Binedauntchaung, Betut, Htanbinchaung, Saluseik, Sinchayyar, Konetan and Inngatay village-tracts in Labutta Township.

The animals will be used in agriculture during this monsoon and vaccination measures will be taken by district and township livestock breeding and veterinary department. A total of 1120 buffaloes have been distributed to the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division up to now.—MNA

“External Immobilization in Orthopaedic Practice” on 13 June

YANGON, 8 June — Organized by the orthopaedic association under Myanmar Medical Association, talks on “External Immobilization in Orthopaedic Practice” will be given by orthopaedic specialists at MMA in Mingala Taungnyunt Township from 8 am to noon on 13 June. The association has invited general practitioners to attend the talks.— MNA

Indian Pharmaceuticals Exposition 2009 on 12-14 June

YANGON, 8 June — With the arrangement of Myanmar Medical Association and Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association, Indian Pharmaceuticals Exposition 2009 will be held at Traders Hotel here from 12 to 14 June.

A total of 40 companies will participate in the exposition and Buyer and Seller Meet will be held during the

exposition. Talks on medical education will be conducted on 13 and 14 June.

At a press meet at UMFC Office Tower here today, Vice Chairman of MMA Prof U S Kyaw Hla, Chairman of MPMEEA Dr Win Sithu and Chairman of the committee for holding the exposition 2009 Mr. Himanshu Shekhar Biswal briefed on matters related to the exposition.

MNA

58 receive carpentry, bricklaying and iron work skills in Putao

YANGON, 8 June — Course No. 1 on carpentry, bricklaying and iron work of the training school for development of national races in Putao, Kachin State, concluded at the training school on 5 June.

A total of 58 trainees—29 from Putao, four from Naungmon Township, 25 from Machanbaw township—

completed the course.

During the training, the trainees were provided meals, accommodation and aids for the training free of charge.

The training school is under the Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.—MNA



Officials of LBVD hand over a buffalo to farmers in storm-hit areas.—MNA



Aungban enjoys economic growth through agricultural farming

Article: Win Kyaw; Photos: Tin Soe



Bags of potato at a brokerage house.

When we found stockpiles of tomato and cabbages at Miba Myitta Bro-

kerage House, we asked Ko Moe Kyaw, in-charge of the brokerage house

about their trade. He said that they distributed seasonal vegetables all-year



A stockpile of ginger.



Bags of garlic to be loaded onto trucks.

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more than 100,000 viss of potato; and that they distributed it to other regions throughout the nation.

Monywa Brokerage

House said that it collected ginger from Kalaw, Pintaya, Pinlaung and Yaksauk and transported it to Monywa; that in season, it traded 10 to 15 tons of ginger a day.



Workers unloading cabbages from local farms.

round; that they transported their goods to Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw; and that the brokerage houses of Aungban transported 10 to 15 trucks of fruit and vegetables to the markets in Nay Pyi Taw once a week.

Owing to fertile soil, Aungban makes significant progress in growing fruit and vegetables, and local people enjoy economic growth and high living standard.

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Beehive fence deters elephant raiders

LONDON, 8 June — A fence made out of beehives wired together has been shown to significantly reduce crop raids by elephants, a research says.

The fence is constructed of log

beehives suspended on poles beneath tiny thatched roofs (to keep off the sun). The hives are connected by eight metre lengths of fencing wire. Elephants avoid the hives and will attempt to push through the wire but this

causes the hives to swing violently causing the elephants to fear an attack of angry bees.

The results of a pilot study in Kenya, published in the *African Journal of Ecology*, show that a farm protected by the beehive fence had 86 per cent fewer successful crop raids by elephants and 150 per cent fewer raiding elephants than a control farm without the fence. The reduction occurred despite the fact that none of the hives were occupied at the time suggesting that elephants remember painful past encounters with African honeybees and avoid the sights and smells associated with them.

Internet



Close up of the beehive fence which can withstand crop raids by elephants.

Cantabrian Cornice in Spain experienced 7 cooling and warming phases over past 41,000 years

MADRID, 8 June — The examination of the fossil remains of rodents and insectivores from deposits in the cave of El Mirón, Cantabria, has made it possible to determine the climatic conditions of this region between the late Pleistocene and the present day. In total, researchers have pinpointed seven periods of climatic change, with glacial cold dominating during some of them, and heat in others.

In 1996, an international team of scientists led by the University of Zaragoza (UNIZAR) started to

carry out a paleontological survey in the cave of El Mirón. Since then they have focused on analysing the fossil remains of the bones and teeth of small

vertebrates that lived in the Cantabrian region over the past 41,000 years, at the end of the Quaternary.

Internet



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The art installation by Bulgarian artist Pavel Koichev 'Pasture on the water' is displayed on the surface of a lake near the village of Osikovica, east of the Bulgarian capital Sofia, Wednesday, on 3 June, 2009. The art installation will be at the lake until 10 June.—INTERNET

Lebanese oppsn. votes against corruption ruling coalition Govt

BEIRUT, 8 June—Lebanese voters went on Sunday to cast their ballots amid sharp divisions between supporters of the opposition who are calling for a change to stop corruption and the ruling coalition who are against Hizbollah arms.

"We want a strong state not a state inside a state," Sami, a Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) supporter told *Xinhua* after he voted for the pro-government list in the Maten area which is witnessing a fierce competition between the two rival groups, he added that his party is voting

against the arms of Hizbollah in order to have a strong sovereign and free state."

In Beirut's third predominantly Christian district of Ashrafieh, streets were crowded and voters were in long lines waiting for their turn to cast their ballots, Izabell Titizian, an Armenian Lebanese lawyer said that she is voting for the opposition because a change of the current ruling government is needed. "We have tried them for years now, they are corrupted and did nothing for the people, all they care for is to make

their own money and suppress the poor and deprive them more."

Meanwhile, Anna, a housewife who has three children, and supports opposition Free Patriotic Movement (FPM) of Christian leader Michel Aoun said she was voting for the opposition because they are "honest and have the interest of Lebanon and its people above anything else." "We have 18 different sects in Lebanon, we can not win alone, we need to be allied and united with other Lebanese sects and the Shiites are honest allies," Anna stressed.

MNA/Xinhua

Sweden's oppsn. Social Democrats top European parlt. elections

STOCKHOLM, 8 June—Sweden's main opposition Social Democrats retained its position as the biggest winner in Sunday's European Parliament elections, according to preliminary results. The party garnered 24.5 per cent of votes, the same as the previous elections, the Swedish public broadcaster SVT reported.

It was followed by Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt's conservative Moderate Party, which got 18.8 per cent of votes. The other two big winners are the Green Party and the Liberal Party. They won 10.9 per cent and 13.6 per cent of votes, higher than the 6.0 per cent and 9.9 per cent they gained in the 2004 European elections. Their seats in the European Parliament will rise to two and three from one and two.

Fielding candidates for the first time, the Pirate Party, which supports

shortening the duration of copyright protection and allowing noncommercial sharing of files on the Internet, won 7.1 per cent of votes and will occupy one of the 18 Swedish seats in the European Parliament.

The party has been rather popular among the 18-30 age group, and won most of the support from this group in the elections. The big loser was the June List, an eurosceptic party. The votes it grabbed dropped some 10 percentage points to 3.6 per cent, which means it will lose all of its seats in the European Parliament.

The opposition Left Party also saw its support dwindling as its share of the votes has halved to only 5.6 per cent. Sweden will take over the rotating six-month presidency of the European Union from 1 July.

MNA/Xinhua

A visitor looks at Anatoly Shuravlev's 'Black Holes' at the Russian pavilion during the vernissage of the 53rd Biennale International Art Exhibition in Venice, Italy, on Thursday, 4 June, 2009.
INTERNET



Spain's opposition Popular Party wins Euro election

MADRID, 8 June—Spain's opposition conservatives as expected won Sunday's European election, marking its first triumph in a national vote

since 2000, but not by the landslide margin some had predicted during the economic crisis.

Spain's Popular Party gained 42.2 per cent of

votes to the ruling Socialist Party's 38.5 per cent, drawing its highest ever support in a European parliamentary election, based on a preliminary count.

"This result calls for a change in government economic policy and many other things because the majority of Spaniards have spoken," PP leader Mariano Rajoy told supporters outside the party's Madrid headquarters. The victory reinforced Rajoy's leadership, which has been shaken by internal power struggles and corruption scandals.

But the PP lead of 3.7 percentage points was below the 5 point margin analysts said could seriously weaken Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, and even lead to early national elections.—Internet

Sakozy triumphs in EU poll socialists wilt

PARIS, 8 June—President Nicolas Sarkozy's UMP Party triumphed in Sunday's European parliamentary elections handing the opposition Socialists stinging defeat and bucking an EU-wide trend that saw ruling parties penalized in the vote.

Partial results indicated the centre-right UMP would win 28 per cent of the vote with the Socialists slumping to 16.8 per cent, an almost exact reversal of their performance in the last EU ballot in 2004.

The biggest surprise was provided by a coalition of Green

politicians, led by 1968 student leader Daniel Cohn-Bendit, who took some 16 per cent of the vote, ensuring that environmental issues will jump up the political agenda.

Centrist Francois Bayrou, who came third in the 2007 presidential election, saw support for his MoDem Party slump to some 8.5 per cent, wrecking his hopes of building strong electoral momentum for another assault on Sarkozy.

The UMP's strong showing comes despite the economic downturn, which had hit Sarkozy's popularity, and is the first time a sitting President's party had

come out ahead in a European election since 1979.

Government ministers said the result showed the country supported Sarkozy's reform programme, aimed at strengthening the economy and making its industry more competitive.

"We will continue to modernize France and we will need everyone," said Prime Minister Francois Fillon.

However, the record abstention rate of some 60 per cent took some of the shine of the result, with pollsters saying such a low turnout was always likely to favour the right.—MNA/Reuters



A young sea turtle is seen on Runduma island, Wakatobi, Indonesia, home to important migrations routes at the crossroads of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, is home to six out of seven of the world's turtle species. Under Indonesian law on nature conservation and a 1999 government regulation on flora and fauna, turtles are listed as protected species.

INTERNET

STOP ONLY USING UREA OR CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS START COMBINE USING OF BIO ORGANIC FERTILIZER AND CHEMICAL FERTILIZER to highest crop potential and to reclaim perfectly in Nargis flooded Soils.

- "Organic Fertilizer also provide a cheaper option in Myanmar, where chemical fertilizers are not sufficient and are expensive for farmers." "The best combination is Organic Fertilizers supplemented by chemical Fertilizer such as Urea" said Dr. Abdelbagi M Ismail, a Senior Scientist of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). [THE MYANMAR TIMES: October 20-26, 2008].
- "On average, we should use to four bags of Bio Supreme Fertilizer an acre of paddy field. If we want to regenerate a field before growing paddy and when paddy plants propagate and they are affected by fungus, we should put two bags on an acre of paddy. If we use tendency of pale fertilizer can be increased about three times. The benefit reaches its peak if we combine two bags of Bio Supreme Fertilizer and g=eight small baskets of pale Fertilizer" said U Zaw Than (Retd. Myanma Agriculture Service). [THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR, Tuesday 2 September'08]
- "I used two bags of Bio Supreme Fertilizer and four small baskets of pale fertilizer in combination, and the paddy yield increased to more than 70 baskets. In the past paddy did not grow well. Now we find monsoon paddy successful when we use Bio Supreme Fertilizer" said Farmer Daw Myint Myint, Hse Village, Thangwa Township. [THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR, Tuesday 2 September'08]

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY FERTILIZERS USERS AT NARGIS AFFECTED AREAS

- ? (1) What kind of Fertilizer is suitable for salinity soil? Why?
According to the comments of (IRRI) and thanks to the beneficial performance of micro-organisms in quality Bio Fertilizer is the best solution for the sea water flooded paddy fields, because not only Bio Fertilizer adjust the pH of saline soil but also increase the organic matter required for paddy plantation,
- ? (2) Is the suitable fertilizer user- friendly with End User/ farmers?
More than Hundred Thousands Bags of Bio Supreme – BIO Organic Fertilizer had been used in Ayeyarwaddy Division since the last four years and in addition, because of Bio Supreme Fertilizer donation by NGOs/ INGOs in Nargis Areas, the usage volume of Bio Organic Fertilizer increased by additional hundred thousands bags, that the users/ farmers were already friendly with using Bio Organic Fertilizer.
- ? (3) How to use the fertilizer effectively and how to solve any problems?
Skillful Agronomists from Bio Supreme Bio fertilizer give, regular training (3 times per season) and have discussions for proper application of Bio Supreme – Bio Organic Fertilizer and problem solving at distributed areas.
- ? (4) Is it economically feasible to use Bio Organic Fertilizer and will it affect the quality of the yield?
Specially cost effective. Most people misunderstanding that by using Bio Organic Fertilizer, the crop's quality improved but output yield decreased so that it is not cost effective. There are distinct Financial profitability and yield improvement by using Bio Supreme Fertilizer combined with small amount of chemical fertilizer. Yield improvement can be around 10% and production cost can be saved by about 20%. (There are so many references and Evidence.)
- ? (5) Any outstanding features of Bio Organic Fertilizer to use it as a long term fertilizer?
(a) Currently sole Bio fertilizer manufacturer in Myanmar which applied within Australian Technology being the world's highest Bio Fertilizer user's Technology and quality standard.
(b) Possessing many recommendations from the customers and end users.
(c) Possessing solid evidence for the benefits of application especially in the sea water flooded paddy fields and salt water tolerant paddy species.
(d) Assisting and training techniques of bio fertilizer application and good agricultural practices up to field.
(e) The largest Bio Fertilizer factory of Myanmar which has plant capacities of 25000- 50000 tonnes per year.
(f) Possessing of International standard of quality produced according to the guidelines of Australian Standard AS 4454 -2003.
(g) Reasonable and cheapest price as of 30%~35% of Urea and 20%~25% of compound chemical fertilizer.

China Construction Bank opens first branch in US

NEW YORK, 8 June—China Construction Bank Corporation (CCB), the world's second largest bank by market value, opened its New York branch on Friday. The New York branch, CCB's first branch in the United States, extends CCB's global presence and marks a significant milestone in CCB's global strategy, said CCB's Chairman Guo Shuqing told *Xinhua* after the opening ceremony. The establishment of CCB's branch in New York, the world's largest financial centre, will significantly improve CCB's ability to provide worldwide services to its customers, he added.

The New York branch will engage in wholesale banking activities, including lending, acceptance of wholesale deposits, trade finance, US dollar clearing and treasury, according to the CCB.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Pirates free Nigerian tug and crew after 10 months

ON BOARD NRP CORTE-REAL, 8 June—Somali pirates have released a Nigerian tugboat after holding it and its crew hostage for 10 months, NATO alliance officials said on Saturday.

NATO forces patrolling the Gulf of Aden received news that the *MV Yenegoa Ocean* had been released on Friday night with 10 crew members off the coast of Caluula, northeast Somalia, NATO Lieutenant Caroline Ghijssen said.

Monitoring groups say the Nigerian sailors were the longest-held crew of any of those abducted by Somali pirates since a wave of ship hijackings off the Horn of Africa began.

It was not immediately known if a ransom had been paid.—*MNA/Reuters*

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF FORESTRY
MYANMA TIMBER ENTERPRISE

DATED, 9-6-2009

SEALED TENDER NO (STWB-01/2009-2010)

MYANMA TIMBER ENTERPRISE WILL HOLD A SEALED TENDER SALE AS FOLLOWS.

COMMODITY : (i) TEAK DOOR / TEAK WINDOW.
(ii) HARDWOOD CARVING
(VARIOUS DESIGN)
(iii) TEAK FURNITURE
(VARIOUS DESIGN)
(iv) VENEER
(v) PIECES OF HARDWOOD
(vi) PITH OF TE'TREE
(Diospyros Burmanica)

QUANTITY : ABOUT (21.7489) TONS

DATE : 18.06.2009 (THURSDAY)

TIME : (12:00) NOON

PLACE : GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,
WOOD BASED INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT, MYANMA TIMBER
ENTERPRISE, AHLONE.

EARNEST MONEY : EURO 10000 IS REQUIRED FOR
OVERSEA COMPANIES.
: EURO 5000 IS REQUIRED FOR
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PLEASE CONTACT THE GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE, WOOD BASED INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT
OF THE MYANMA TIMBER ENTERPRISE FOR
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INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER NO. 2T(C/RB)/PASA/PW/2009-2010

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, for the supply of "Bailey Components".
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.

Managing Director
Public Works
Ministry of Construction

TENDER INVITATION

Myanma Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1) is intended to renovate the existing cement factory of 500 ton per day Dry Process, (5 stage SP) plant from existing output production capacity of about 300 ton per day to obtain rated production capacity of 500 ton per day cement clinker, at Kyaukse Cement Factory, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, Union of Myanmar.

Sealed tenders are invited on semi-turnkey basis including machinery supply, erection, commissioning, technology transfer and supervisory services. The details can be obtained from the following contact office.

-Myanma Ceramic Industries
Building No.41, Nay Pyi Taw
Union of Myanmar
Tel: 067-408386, 408296
Fax: 067-408064

* Tender Closing Date: 31.8.2009 (Monday)

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Invitation to Tender

Sr. No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	Diamond Drill Bit (Ks/FE)	100 Nos	8.6.2009	22.6.2009
2.	Wheel Loader 2 ~3m ³ (FE)	1 Unit	8.6.2009	22.6.2009
3.	Hammer for Crushing Plant (Ks/FE)	40 Nos	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
4.	Heat Resistance Chain (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
5.	Spare Parts for Production Machinery (Ks/FE)	8 Items	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
6.	Spare Parts for Extrusion Machine (Ks/FE)	12 Items	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
7.	Spare Parts for Kobelco Excavator K 907 (Ks/FE)	2 Nos	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
8.	UPS (Ks/FE)	1 Unit	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
9.	Heavy Equipment Spare Parts For Asbestos Cement Plant (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
10.	Machinery and Mechanical Spare Parts For Asbestos Cement Plant (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
11.	Carbide Disc (Ks/FE)	6 Nos	8.6.2009	7.7.2009
12.	V.Belt (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	15.7.2009
13.	Bolt & Nut (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	15.7.2009
14.	Ball Bearing (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	15.7.2009
15.	Lubricant (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	15.7.2009
16.	Conveyor Belt (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	15.7.2009
17.	Welding Electrode (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	15.7.2009
18.	Tyre (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	15.7.2009
19.	Battery (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	8.6.2009	15.7.2009

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Myanmar Ceramic Industry

Russia bans Belarus milk products as tensions rise

MINSK, 8 June—Russia has banned the import of 500 types of milk product from Belarus, Russian news agencies reported on Saturday, at a time of strain between the two former Soviet republics.

Russian media cited a top health official, Gennady Onishchenko, as saying the products had failed health standards. But Belarus denied this, calling the move a “warning signal”. Russia, which has in the past imposed trade restrictions at times when it was at odds with other ex-Communist countries, has recently grown alarmed by Belarus’s tentative rapprochement with the European Union.

“The ban is in force as of today,” media cited Onishchenko as saying. “I warned Belarus. But a month has passed and there has been no fundamental change.”

Belarus earns billions of dollars from its dairy exports, and last year had about 4 per cent of the Russian market. A Belarussian Government source told *Reuters* the products that were banned had in any case not been cleared for export to Russia. —MNA/Reuters

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (291) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.6.2009 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.

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India clones second buffalo in three months

NEW DELHI, 8 June—Indian scientists on Saturday said they have cloned the world's second buffalo just three months after the first one died of pneumonia within a week of its birth. The buffalo calf, named Garima, was born at 11 am IST at the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal, and weighs about 43 kilos, the institute's Director A K Srivastava told *PTI*. “Garima is absolutely healthy and we are fully optimistic about her survival. A two-member veterinary doctors' team has arrived from the Haryana Agricultural University.

Them apart, our own veterinary doctors, led by KPS Tomar, are also looking after her and we are taking all precautions to avoid any mishap,” Srivastava said. The scientists adopted a more advanced technique than that used in producing Dolly — the sheep that became the first mammal to be cloned. The ‘hand-guided cloning technique’, perfected by the NDRI scientists, would allow production of calves of a desired sex. However, scientists have used tissue from foetus to clone the calf this time instead of taking the tissue from the ear of a female buffalo, as was the case last time. The first cloned buffalo was born on 6 February, which survived only for a week. —MNA/PTI

Thailand confirms ninth case of influenza A/H1N1

BANGKOK, 8 June—Thailand's Ministry of Public Health on Sunday reported a ninth case of influenza A/H1N1 infection in the country.

Witthaya Kaewparadai, Public Health Minister, said the latest patient was a 29-year-old businessman who returned from the United States on Thursday and was admitted to a hospital on Saturday morning after having felt sick around Friday midnight.

According to lab result by the Department of Medical Sciences on Saturday, the man's example tested positive for the virus, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Nsofor scores twice as Nigeria beat Kenya 3-0

ABUJA, 8 June—Obinna Nsofor snatched two second half goals to help ensure a comfortable 3-0 win for Nigeria over Kenya in their World Cup African zone Group B qualifier in Abuja on Sunday.

The Inter Milan forward, who saw little league action this season, converted a 72nd minute penalty and then hit home a thundering shot five minutes later.

The Super Eagles started the game with a goal inside the opening two minutes as Ike Uche took advantage of a defensive slip to run through the defence and expertly finish.

But Kenya used superior physical strength to set up several chances to get back into the game, notably from pacey striker Denis Oliech.

Twice they had an open goal yawning in front of them but failed to take the opportunity.

Nigeria moved to four points from their first two games in the group, two behind leaders Tunisia who beat Mozambique 2-0 on Saturday. Nigeria are away to Tunisia on 20 June.—MNA/Reuters



Dutch Dirk Kuyt (L) clashes with Kristjan Orn Sigurdsson of Iceland during their World Cup 2010 qualification match from Group 9 at Laugardalsvöllur Stadium in Reykjavik, Iceland. Holland beat Iceland 2-1 here on Saturday to become the first European country to qualify for the 2010 World Cup.—INTERNET

Holland qualify for the World Cup

REYKJAVIK, 8 June—Holland beat Iceland 2-1 here on Saturday to become the first European country to qualify for the 2010 World Cup.

The Dutch booked their place in South Africa with two first half goals from Nigel de Jong and Mark van Bommel, with Iceland's Kristjan Orn Sigurdsson cutting the deficit two minutes from time.

The win lifted coach Bert Van Marwijk's team onto 18 points from six games, a yawning 11 points clear of second-placed Scotland.—Internet

El Salvador's Rudis Corrales (C) celebrates with teammate Eliseo Quintanilla (front) during their FIFA World Cup South Africa-2010 qualifier football match against Mexico at the Cuscatlan stadium in San Salvador.—INTERNET

Brilliant Federer clinches first French Open title

PARIS, 8 June—Roger Federer clinched his first French Open title when he swept past Swede Robin Soderling 6-1, 7-6, 6-4 in the final on Sunday.

The 27-year-old Swiss world number two, who held serve throughout, equalled American Pete Sampras' record of 14 grand slam titles.

He became the sixth player to win all four grand slam tournaments after one hour 55 minutes, completely outplaying the 23rd-seeded Soderling, who had ended world number one Rafael Nadal's four-year reign on the Paris clay in the fourth round.

Federer raced through the first set in just 23 minutes and served four aces to bag the second-set tiebreak 7-1 before putting Soderling out of his misery on his first match point when the Swede netted a service return.

MNA/Reuters



South Korea's players celebrate after scoring a goal against the UAE during their World Cup 2010 Asian qualifying match in Dubai, on 6 June. SKorea won 2-0.—INTERNET

Anti-Syrian bloc celebrates Lebanon election win

BEIRUT, 8 June—An anti-Syrian coalition defeated Hizbollah in Lebanon's parliamentary election on Sunday in a blow to Syria and Iran and a boost to the United States.

"Congratulations to Lebanon, congratulations to democracy, congratulations to freedom," the coalition's leader Saad al-Hariri said in a victory speech at his mansion in Beirut. The outcome was

also welcome news for Saudi Arabia and Egypt, which back Hariri's "14 March" alliance—the date of a 2005 rally against Syria's military presence in Lebanon. "We have lost the election," conceded a senior politician close to the bloc of Shi'ite groups Hizbollah and Amal and Christian ally Michel Aoun.

"We accept the result as the will of the people."

The vote will be viewed as a stinging setback to Aoun, who held the biggest bloc of Christian MPs in the outgoing assembly and had hoped to seal his claim to speak for the Christians.

MNA/Reuters

Suspected militants attack S Thailand, two dead, 20 injured

BANGKOK, 8 June—Two people were killed and some 20 wounded in two attacks by suspected militants in Thailand's south border province of Narathiwat on Sunday, local media reported.

The first attack occurred around 11:40 am (0440 GMT) at an intersection in Yi-Ngo county, Narathiwat, when gunmen armed with M-16 assault rifles fired at a group of local police officers, injuring two of them, the Thai News Agency (TNA) reported. The two were sent to a local hospital and one of them died later, the TNA said.

Some five minutes later, a vehicle bomb was detonated by suspected insurgents in front a drug store in Yi-Ngo county. The 50 kilos-bomb, placed in a gas tank and put in pick-up truck, was triggered by remote mobile phone. The attack resulted in one villager death and nearly 20 injuries. The injured were sent to Narathiwat Hospital. Earlier Sunday, two unidentified gunmen opened fire at a village in the southern border province of Yala. —MNA/Xinhua

Peru looks for missing police, troops patrol jungle

BAGUA GRANDE, 8 June—Peruvian troops searched for missing police and patrolled towns in the Amazon on Sunday after 60 people died in clashes with Indian tribes opposed to President Alan Garcia's plans to mine and drill oil in the jungle.

Troops controlled the town of Bagua Grande, around 870 miles (1,400 kilometres) north of the capital Lima, after an overnight curfew was imposed to defuse the worst crisis of Garcia's term.

An indigenous leader said 40 protestors were killed and the government said 23 members of the security forces perished in two days of battles over Garcia's push to lure billions of dollars in foreign investment to the rainforest. Protestors say they are defending their ancestral

home.

"The situation is normal at the moment, but we are continuing with patrols as a precaution," said Major Jose Luis Santillan, police chief in nearby Bagua Chica, close to the stretch of highway known as "Devil's Curve", where 11 police died when they moved to break up a roadblock on Friday. Dozens of police were held hostage by protestors, but most were freed a few hours later. On Sunday, two were still missing.

MNA/Reuters

Second person dies from H1N1 flu in Chile

SANTIAGO, 8 June —A Chilean man has died from H1N1 flu, Chile's Government said on Sunday, the second death in the South American country from the new virus that has killed more than 125 people worldwide.

A Chilean Health Ministry spokesman said the 56-year-old man, who had a history of heart problems, died in the southern city of Osorno on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



Cloned buffalo calf 'Garima,' seen here at an undisclosed location in India. Scientists in the Indian state of Haryana have reportedly cloned a buffalo using foetal tissue in order to boost the species' population.—INTERNET



In this photo released by Brazil's Air Force, Brazil's Navy sailors recover debris from the missing Air France jet at the Atlantic Ocean, on Monday, 8 June, 2009.

INTERNET

Indian students in Australia living in fear

CANBERRA, 8 June—The Indian community had been targeted by a spate of violent attacks that threatened young students residing in Australia, the *Australian Associated Press* reported on Monday.

Indian students living in Melbourne said a car that was set alight on Sunday was another example of “hate crime” that makes the community living in fear.

Police said the car was deliberately lit in a common car parking area for a block of units which houses many Indian students.

Spokesman for the Federation of Indian Students in Australia Gautam Gupta said students had been threatened by drug dealers in the area before the car was destroyed.

“One of the residents of that block of flats had been asked for money by drug dealers and he had to seal himself inside his apartment,” Gupta said.

Meanwhile, a crowd of angry international students assembled at the Sydney Town Hall on Sunday to protect about the series of violent attacks against their peers.—MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (9.6.2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

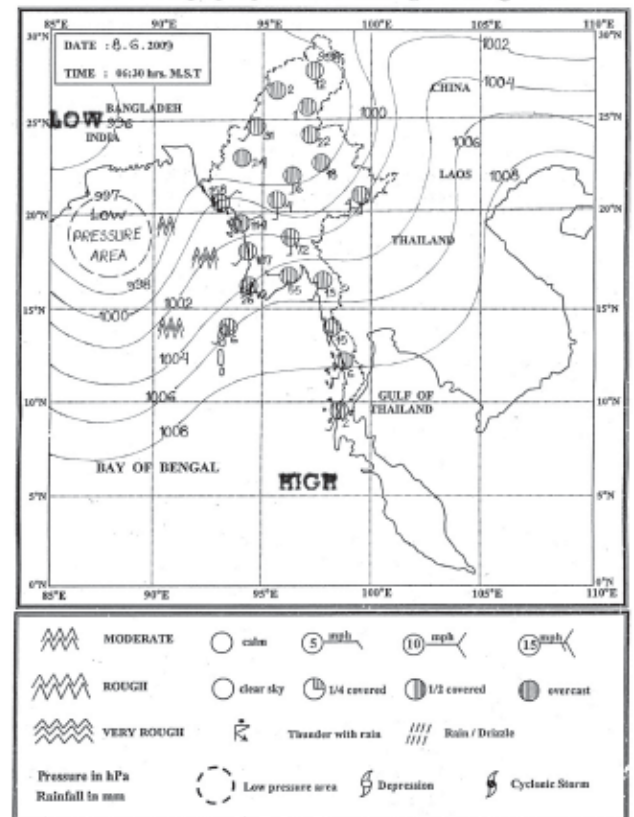
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Where the Rhododendron Blooms
- * 100 Shuttles Traditional Weaving Industry
- * Traditional Custom of Kadu National Race
- * Lifestyles along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-2)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Travelogue (Kalaw)
- * Hunter's Hill
- * Useful Variety of Bamboo
- * Lifestyles along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-1)
- * With love all are possible
- * Dainty Hill resort of Loi-Mwe
- * Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-III)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Where the Rhododendron Blooms
- * 100 Shuttles Traditional Weaving Industry
- * Traditional Custom of Kadu National Race
- * Lifestyles along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-2)
- * The Art of Making Paper Toys
- * Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-IV)
- * Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) for regional development
- * Coconut Dolls
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 8 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in the whole country with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and Magway Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungdaw (10.63) inches, Sittway (9.96) inches, Ann (9.06) inches, Kyaukpuy (4.77) inches, Thandwe (4.22) inches, Mogok (3.35) inches, Taunggu and Moehnyin (3.15) inches each, Kanbalu (2.64) inches, Magway (1.73) inches and Minbu (1.65) inches.

Maximum temperature on 7-6-2009 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 8-6-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-6-2009 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 7-6-2009 was (1.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-6-2009 was (1.53) inches at Mingaladon, (2.21) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.47) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (25.47) inches at Mingaladon, (31.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (35.63) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 7-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Kachin States, Bago and Ayeyawady 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) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Coastal areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-6-2009: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Tuesday, 9 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါတသန္တတိတော်

7:25 am

2. ကျန်းမာဖို့အထူးကစားစို့

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Song of National Races

8:10 am

7. ရေစကြိုအားမာန်ခင်မွန်ရေလှောင်တံ

8:15 am

8. Songs of Yester Years

8:30 am

9. International news

8:40 am

10. “ဘဝသစ်ရဲ့စာမျက်နှာ”

8:50 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. ကြေးမုံရိုသွင်တေးနယဉ်

4:30 pm

4. မြန်မာ့မီးရထားလမ်းသစ်ပွားတိုင်းပြည်အကျိုးများ

4:55 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာဒုတိယနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)

5:00 pm

6. Song for Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. “တစ်သက်စာ”

5:40 pm

8. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

5:50 pm

9. ရင်းနှီးမြှုပ်နှံဝင်ခရီးစဉ် (အပိုင်း-၁)

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:30 pm

11. Weather Report

6:35 pm

12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

13. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမက်အလိုရှိသည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “မေ့မေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၁)



Aungban enjoys economic growth through agricultural farming

Article: Win Kyaw; Photos: Tin Soe



A stockpile of cabbages at a brokerage house in Aungban.

Fine buildings and houses of Aungban serve as a testament to its economic development due to commercial growth.

Aungban has become the commercial hub of Shan State, purchasing fruit and vegetables from around Shan State and distributing them to other regions across the nation.

Aungban is in Kalaw Township, Taunggyi District. It is constituted with 12 wards and 4176 houses and has a population of over 28,000. It not only grows crops on a commercial scale but also buys and sells them from its surrounding townships.

Recently, our media group from the Myanma Alin paid a visit to wholesale centres of vegetables in Pyithaya Market in Aungban. We found the centres and brokers as busy as a bee, arranging, loading and unloading vegetables and crops.

In an interview, U Shwe Thi, in-charge of U Hmat Gyi Brokerage House, said that they purchased gingers from the farms in Kalaw Township; that they also exported ginger to Bangladesh through Sittway, Yangon

and Mandalay and that at that time, they were distributing 10 to 15 tons of whitish ginger a day.

On arrival at Tun Tauk Brokerage House, we saw stockpiles of garlic to be loaded onto trucks. We learnt that the brokerage house was trading various species of garlic; that the garlic prices went down or up slightly on the ground of the size of commodity flows into the town.

We also visited Naung-yoe Brokerage House and saw workers classifying tomatoes into green and ripe ones. We learnt that the tomatoes were from Kalaw; that they classified the fruit into two groups: green and ripe ones; that when tomato was in season, they distributed around 10,000 tons of tomato to various regions including Yangon and Mandalay a day; and they also traded cabbages and cauliflower.

Ko Moe Thar, in-charge of Shan Hteik Tan Brokerage House, where we found many stockpiles of potato, said that they collected potato from Heho, Kalaw, Pinlaung and Pintaya; that in season, they got
(See page 10)



Fine buildings and houses of Aungban indicate commercial growth of the region.

Basket weaving may have taught humans to count

NORWICH, 8 June — Did animals teach us one of the oldest forms of human technology? Did this technology contribute to our ability to count? These are just two of the themes due to be explored at a conference on basketry at the University of East Anglia.

The event, which takes place today and tomorrow (June 5-6), is part of Beyond the Basket, a major new research project led by the university exploring the development and use of basketry in human culture over 10,000 years.

Basketry has been practised for millennia and

ranges from mats for sitting on, containers and traps for hunting, to fencing and barriers for animals or land, partitions and walls - all of which have been central to culture.

Beyond the Basket is a two-and-a-half year project funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council as part of its Beyond Text programme. The research will explore the role of basketry in human culture and focus on various parts of the world, both in the past and present, from Europe to Amazonia, central Africa and Papua New Guinea. The aim is to identify the mechanical

traditions of making and the ways in which basketry is implicated in wider patterns of understanding, for example the order of society or the design of the universe. It will also show the impact of woven forms on other media, such as pottery, painting, and stone sculpture and architecture, and look at the future of basketry and the solutions it could offer to current issues, whether technical or social.

Project leader Sandy Heslop, of the School of World Art and Museology at UEA, said: "Basketry is a worldwide technology and is the interaction between human ingenuity and the environment. —Internet



Basketry masks in Amazonia.

Weather report

YANGON, 8 June—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that according to the observations at 12:00 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal has become unimportant.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of Rainfall

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Toungoo	3.15 inches
Mohnyin	3.15 inches
Kanbalu	2.64 inches
Magway	1.73 inches
Minbu	1.65 inches