



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Established 1914

Volume XVII, Number 57

5th Waning of Nayon 1371 ME

Friday, 12 June, 2009

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Russian President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Dmitry A Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2009.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Philippines President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—On the auspicious occasion of the 111th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2009, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San to pay official visit to PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—At the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China and wife, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) and wife Daw Mya Mya San, will pay an official visit to the People's Republic of China in the near future.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Secretary-1 attends National Day reception of Russian Federation

YANGON, 11 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attended a reception to mark the National Day of the Russian Federation at Sedona Hotel here today.

The Secretary-1 and wife were accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife and senior military officers and their wives. Ambassadors and charge d' affaires ai and military attaches from embassies in Yangon and invited guests were also present at the reception.

When the Secretary-1 and wife arrived at the reception, they were welcomed by Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar Mr. Mikhail Mgeladze and wife.

The Secretary-1 and those present at the reception saluted the State flags of Myanmar and the Russian Federation. Ambassador of the Russian Federation hosted a dinner at the reception.— MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin being welcomed by Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail Mgeladze and wife .—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 12 June, 2009

Take an active part in the anti-drug campaign

The government of Myanmar has been raising the momentum of the campaign against narcotic drugs since 1999-2000 by laying down a 15-year narcotic drug eradication plan.

The menace of drugs is threatening all nations—developed, developing as well as least developed. It is the concern of the entire mankind and it wrecks the future of many youths, good sons and daughters of the soil.

The problem of drugs in Myanmar is an evil legacy left by the colonialists and border areas lagged behind other regions of the Union due to the cultivation of poppy.

Since the Tatmadaw government assumed responsibilities of the State in 1988, it has placed a special emphasis on the development of border areas and national races. And to be able to carry out eradication of narcotic drugs effectively, it enacted the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law in 1993.

In January, 2007, the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control was reconstituted and state/division-, district- and township-level narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances prevention groups were formed to raise the momentum of the anti-drug campaign.

And the government is working together with the neighbours of Myanmar, the countries in the region and the sub-region and international organizations for supply elimination, demand elimination and law enforcement.

We would like to call on all the national races of the Union to work hand in hand with the government in its drive to wipe out the danger of narcotic drugs from our soil once and for all.



Deputy Health Minister Dr Mya Oo presents medicines to health care centres and rural health care centres in Paungde Township through officials.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergey V Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2009.

MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of felicitations to Philippine counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—On the auspicious occasion of the 111th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alberto G Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.—MNA

Myanmar Government hands over cash donation to Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—A ceremony to hand over donation of the Government of the Union of Myanmar to the Government of Sri Lanka as a humanitarian assistance for the internally displaced people of the northern part of Sri Lanka was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Yangon at 3.30 pm today.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, the director-general, the deputy director-general and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Mr Newton Gunaratna and officials from the



Minister U Nyan Win hands over US \$ 50,000 on behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar to Mr Newton Gunaratna, Ambassador of Sri Lanka.—MNA

Embassy of Sri Lanka.

On behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar, Foreign

Minister U Nyan Win handed over a cash donation of US \$ 50,000 to Mr Newton Gunaratna,

Ambassador of Sri Lanka. Afterwards Ambassador Gunaratna spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Health care service provided with impetus

YANGON, 11 June—Secretary of the National

Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo held a meeting with members of Township Health committee, service personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders and fulfilled the requirements at Nawarat Hall in Paungde, Bago Division (West), on 7 June.

The deputy minister presented a computer set each to Paungde Basic Education High School and Paungde (Myoma) BEHS, and medicines to the hospital, health care centres, and rural health care centres of the township. Officials

presented insecticide treated mosquito nets, commodes, and pamphlets.

He also had a similar meeting at Thaphangon Village in Paungde Township and presented a laser printer to Thaphangon Village affiliated BEHS, and medicines to health care centres and rural health care centres in Thaphangon Village-tract.

He also visited Paungde Township People's Hospital.—MNA

Staff children get cash assistance

YANGON, 11 June—Mawlamyine Township General Administration Department of Mon State provided cash assistance and stationery for its staff's children for 2009-2010 academic year at a ceremony held at the office of Township Peace and Development Council on 30 May.

GAD officials presented K 129,900 and stationery to 27 students.

MNA

Tobacco Kills



Washington, DC, police officers block the street leading to the main entrance of the Holocaust Museum (C), in Washington, DC, after a shooting. A lone gunman said to have links to white supremacist groups opened fire on Wednesday inside the Holocaust Memorial Museum here, fatally wounding a security guard before being shot himself.—INTERNET

Two shot at Washington's Holocaust Museum

WASHINGTON, 11 June — Two people were wounded in a shooting at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in downtown Washington DC on Wednesday, local police said. The DC Police Department said a man walked to the museum and shot a security guard, according to local TV reports. Another guard returned fire and shot the suspect.

Both of the wounded were sent to hospital with serious injuries, and their conditions remain unknown. The DC Fire Department said another person was also injured from broken glasses at the museum. The shooting was reported to police at 12:52 pm local time (1652 GMT) and officers rushed to the scene just south of the Independence Avenue bordering the National

Mall, not far from the White House.

Eyewitnesses told local TV that the gunman carried a "long gun," probably a rifle or a shotgun. Roads surrounding the museum have been closed off as emergency vehicles and police cars converged on the scene.

Internet

Taleban storm district, killing two policemen in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 June — Taleban militants, in a recent violent attack against government interest, killed two policemen on Wednesday as they stormed Zand Khan district in Ghazni Province of southern Afghanistan, police said. "A group of Taleban militants raided Zand Khan District by rockets and mortars today at around 11 am (0630 GMT)," Khial BazShizai, police chief of Ghazni, told *Xinhua*. Shirzai said two policemen were killed and two more sustained injuries in a clash that took place after the rocket attacks.

One police van was found missing after firefighting which is still ongoing, he added. In a separate incident, according to the police commander, one Afghan National Army soldier was killed and four others were wounded as their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Ghazni Province.—Internet

Ghaddafi's historical visit to Italy paves way for Libya-EU ties

ROME, 11 June — Libyan leader Muammar Ghaddafi on Wednesday started his first historical visit to Rome. The 3-day visit is set to boost Libya-Italy bilateral relations and pave way for closer cooperation with the European Union (EU) on economic and immigration issues.

Ghaddafi's visit to Rome is the product of 40 years of hard-spun diplomatic negotiations. It follows the signature in August 2008 of the Treaty on Friendship, Partnership and Cooperation between Italy and Libya which officially put an end to the long-lasting colonial dispute by granting material compensation to Libya and launching a strategic economic and anti-immigration partnership.—Internet



Iraqis gather at the site of a car bomb blast in the southern city of Nasiriyah. A car bomb exploded in a market in a southern Iraqi town on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Turkey, Iraq sign military cooperation agreement

ANKARA, 11 June — Turkey and Iraq signed a preliminary accord on military cooperation, the Turkish military said in a statement published on its website on Wednesday.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in the Turkish capital of Ankara by Deputy Chief of Turkish General Staff Gen. Hasan Igsiz and his Iraqi counterpart Nasier Abadi, the army said in the statement. Proceedings for the MoU, which envisages cooperation on military training and technical issues, had been going on for over a year, it added.

Separately, Iraqi Vice President Tareq al-Hashemi was to hold talks with Turk-

ish President Abdullah Gul and Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan on Wednesday in Ankara, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. The two neighbouring countries have intensified relations that have been hit by security concerns.

Ankara has sought close ties with Baghdad to enlist Iraqi support against the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), whose members use northern Iraq as a base for launching attacks in Turkey. Turkish security forces conducted frequent operations against PKK militants in eastern and southeastern Turkey.

Internet

Putin says Russia can drop nuke arms together with other countries

MOSCOW, 11 June — Russia can safeguard its security without nuclear arms, and is ready to drop all of them if other nations could do the same, said Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Wednesday.

"Why do we need nuclear weapons? Did we invent them or did we ever use them?" Putin was quoted by the *RIA Novosti* news agency assaying at a meeting with visiting German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

"If those who made the atomic bomb and used it are ready to abandon it, and if, as I hope, other powers that possess them (weapons) officially or unofficially are ready to do the same, we will heartily welcome and promote this process," said Putin.



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (L) speaks with German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier in Moscow on 10 June, 2009.—INTERNET

The Russian head of government made the remarks when Steinmeier asked whether he can imagine Russia's security without nuclear weapons, the Interfax news agency reported.

On the same day a

senior Russian military officer said the minimal acceptable number of nuclear warheads for Russia that the new Russian-US treaty on strategic arms reduction could stipulate is 1,500.

Internet

Four Taleban militants killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 June — Taleban militants, in attempt to influence northern Afghanistan, ambushed police forces in the relatively peaceful Baghlan Province when police returned fire killed four militants on the spot Wednesday, provincial governor Hajji Akbar Barikzai said.

"In response to Taliban attack, Afghan security forces chased the militants and launched a cleanup operation in Magal village killing four rebels," Barikzai told *Xinhua*.

The governor added that the operation would continue against Taleban elements in the area to ensure durable stability there. It is the first time that the insurgents have penetrated in Baghlan province since their collapse in late 2001 while the militia has begun anti-government activities in the neighbouring Kunduz Province some months ago.—Internet



The hyena shows plucks one unlucky bird straight from the air as it desperately tries to take flight.—INTERNET

PNA's crackdown on Hamas stems from fear of losing power in West Bank

GAZA, 11 June—Since Islamic Hamas movement took control of the Gaza Strip by force in mid-June 2007, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas security forces have always kept an eye on its activities in the West Bank, in fear of its attempt to take control of the territory.

In recent weeks, the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) security forces doubled its security

activities against Hamas in the West Bank, and cracked down on the movement's militants, activists and members.

The two separate violent incidents in the northern West Bank city of Qalqilya, where four Hamas militants, four security officers and one civilian were killed, rang a warning bell, and urged the PNA security forces to intensify their crackdown

on the movement.

After Qalqilya's incidents, Abbas' security forces spokesman Adnan Dameiri said in a statement that the security forces discovered huge amounts of weapons and explosives hidden in mosques, and arrested dozens of Hamas activists, with lots of money, maps and incitement leaflets confiscated.

Internet

Airbus A320 makes emergency landing in Canary Islands

MADRID, 11 June — An Airbus A320 plane made an emergency landing on Spain's Canary Islands, the country's airport authority said Wednesday.

No one was hurt in the accident, according to airport officials.

The plane took off from the Canary Islands and was forced to turn around and make an emergency landing, as engine troubles were reported shortly after the takeoff.

The airliner was headed for Oslo, Norway.

Internet

Chrysler completes sales of assets to Fiat

CHICAGO, 11 June — Chrysler LLC, the third largest US automaker that filed for bankruptcy protection at the end of April, has completed its sales of assets to a new group headed by Italian auto giant Fiat, allowing for the formation of a new automaker — Chrysler Group LLC.

The new group will combine the good assets from the bankrupt Chrysler and technology from Fiat, the company announced on Wednesday. The move came one day after the US Supreme Court decided not to hear a court action from a group of pension funds in

the US state of Indiana, which had temporarily halted the merger on Monday.

The deal has come five days ahead of a deadline imposed by Fiat to complete the merger and is expected to open the door for more government loans to the struggling Chrysler.

The deal gives Fiat, which manufactures Fiat, Alfa Romeo-, and Lancia-branded vehicles in Europe, 20 percent of the equity in Chrysler in exchange for sharing billions of dollars worth of technology and engineering assets with the US automaker. The company

has an option to buy up to 35 percent of Chrysler down the road if certain milestones mandated by the agreement are achieved.

The two sides signed off on a partnership this morning that creates a new automaker to be known as Chrysler Group LLC. It begins operations immediately, under new chairman Robert Kidder and Chief Executive Officer Sergio Marchionne, who is also CEO of Fiat. Former Chrysler chairman and CEO Robert Nardelli returns to former employer Cerberus Capital Management LP.

Internet

Three Chinese cities among top 50 most expensive locations worldwide

SINGAPORE, 11 June — Three Chinese cities, namely Beijing, Shanghai and China's Hong Kong, are among the top 50 most expensive locations in the world, according to a survey released on Wednesday.

The survey, which was conducted by a human resources consultancy, ECA International, showed that Beijing is now ranked the 26th most expensive cities worldwide from the 104th last year. Shanghai and China's Hong Kong are currently ranked the 28th and 29th respectively. Last year, the two Chinese cities stood at the 111th and the 98th respectively.

Luanda, capital of Angola, is the most expensive city in the world while Japan's Tokyo is ranked the second on the list.

In Asia, Tokyo is the first of the top 51 most expensive cities in the region. Five Chinese cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, China's Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Guangzhou are also among the top 10 most expensive cities in the region.

As for Singapore, the city state is the 10th most expensive city in Asia and 72nd worldwide.

Internet

US Navy hands over 17 suspected Somali pirates to Kenya

MOMBASA, 11 June—US Navy handed over 17 suspected Somali pirates to Kenyan authorities on Wednesday against the backdrop of foreign warships stepping up naval patrols off the coast of Somalia.

With the handover of the suspects, who were aboard a US Navy ship *Gettysburg*, the total number of Somali pirates transferred to the Kenyan authorities increased to 24 since Monday.

Seven suspects, among them a 14-year-old boy, were flown to Mombasa on Monday from Djibouti by the Swedish Navy and

charged in a Malindi court on Tuesday. The 17 will also be charged in Malindi.

All future suspects handed over to police will now face the charges in Malindi because courts in Mombasa — where there are nine such cases going on — are congested, chief provincial operations officer in charge of investigations Sebson Wandera said.

"Due to the high number of suspects under trial in Mombasa we will transfer the trials to Malindi and if need be to other towns including Voi," Wandera said, add-

ing that the 17 — the highest number handed over by the US navy — would be charged on Thursday.

The handover of the suspects brings the number of those being tried in the country to nearly 100, with 10 others serving a seven-year jail term after their appeal was struck off by the high court last month.

The suspects were arrested in the Gulf of Aden on May 13 as they tried to attack a commercial ship, *MV Amira*, which was sailing towards Alexandria, Egypt.

Internet



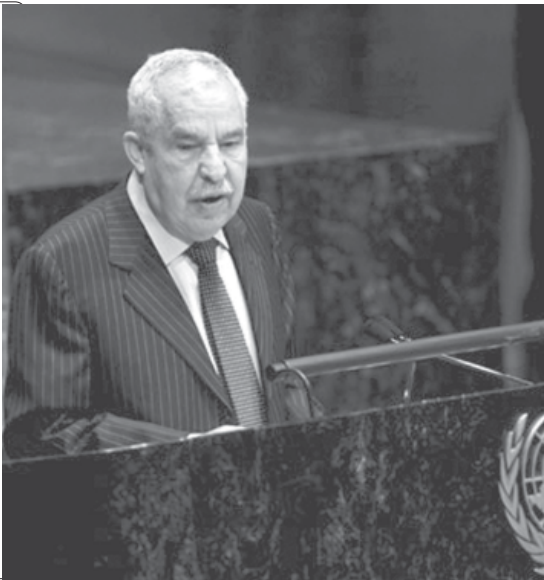
Some suspected Somali pirates are seen in Mombasa, city of east Kenya, on 10 June, 2009. US Navy handed over 17 suspected Somali pirates to Kenyan authorities on Wednesday against the backdrop of foreign warships stepping up naval patrols off the coast of Somalia.

XINHUA



Ali Treki, currently serving as Libya's minister for African Union affairs, speaks at the UN headquarters in New York, on 10 June, 2009. Libyan diplomat Ali Treki was elected on Wednesday as president of the 64th session of the UN General Assembly (GA) by acclamation at a plenary meeting of the 192-member body.

XINHUA



Libyan diplomat elected UN General Assembly president

UNITED NATIONS, 11 June — Libyan diplomat Ali Treki was elected on Wednesday as president of the 64th session of the UN General Assembly (GA).

Treki, who previously served as Libya's foreign minister and later as the country's UN envoy, was elected by acclamation at a plenary meeting of the 192-member body. He will replace the current GA president, Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann of Nicaragua, when the next assembly session convenes on 15 Sept.

In his acceptance speech, Treki said that under his presidency, the General Assembly will continue to push forward the reform of the United Nations, in particular the reform of the Security Council. "UN reform, in all its various aspects, especially reforming the Security Council and revitalization of the General Assembly, must continue to be one of our priorities," he told the delegates at the meeting. "We should make every effort to achieve it as soon as possible," he stressed.—Xinhua

Israeli Barak calls on Netanyahu to endorse two-state solution

JERUSALEM, 11 June—Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Wednesday to abide by all the previous peace agreements including the Road Map that requires the two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts.

"Our party, the Labor party, joined the government, among other reasons, because we agreed that this government will abide by all agreements made by previous governments. That's why we think we should clearly state that we commend President Obama's initiative, that we are committed to the Road Map and that we want two states for two peoples, all this without compromising our security concerns," Barak was quoted by the website of Jerusalem Post as addressing the students in the Knesset (parliament).

The Defence Minister said he hoped Netanyahu would accept US President Barack Obama's Middle East peace initiative. As for Obama's latest speech to the Arab world in Cairo, Barak said "it was important because he still told them important things about our place here and about the need to abandon the path of violence and make peace."

After meeting with Obama's Mideast envoy George Mitchell on Tuesday, Barak said Israel should cooperate with the US president seeking for an all-inclusive regional accord. Barak said that Obama's efforts to bring an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict was "an exceptional opportunity," and said it would be right for Israel to adequately consider its path and properly navigate inside this series of challenges and opportunities.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Kidnapped Chinese-Filipino businessman rescued in Philippines

MANILA, 11 June — Policemen rescued a Chinese-Filipino businessman in a daring rescue operation nearby Manila on Wednesday afternoon, resulting in the killing of one of the suspected kidnappers, the police said on Thursday.

Gerald Lao Tiu, 34 years old, was abducted by a group of armed men in front of his residence in Quezon City, Metro Manila. The kidnappers demanded a ransom of 10 million pesos (210,000 US dollars) from Tiu's family.

Isagani Nerez, chief of the Philippine Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response, said that the information about the abduction was immediately reported by witnesses and the police was able to pinpoint the safe house of the kidnappers in Rizal Province, on the east of Manila. The police launched the operation and killed one suspect on the spot. According to Nerez, the group responsible for the kidnapping is a newly-organized syndicate composed of about eight members and believed to be led by a former police officer. The same group is also believed responsible in the two other recent kidnapping cases this year.

Early on Thursday, the police killed four other suspected members of the kidnapping gang in a shoot-out at a checkpoint in Metro Manila. Policemen found some personal belongings of Tiu, including ATM cards and credit cards, in the gang's car.—Xinhua

Asia's first-ever int'l comedy film festival staged in Thailand

BANGKOK, 11 June—Thai capital is staging, in a week starting from Wednesday, a bunch of hilarious movies from 25 countries in the first-ever international comedy film festival in Asia, hopefully to create an joyful atmosphere amid the continuing global and domestic economic crisis, said one of its organizers in the opening ceremony.

Weerasak Kowsurat, Chairman of the Tourism Authority of Thailand that co-organized the 2009 World Comedy Film Festival, told Xinhua, "The event tonight is not only benefiting the Thai tourist industry and the Thai comedian film industry as well, but also we are presenting a showcase of a lot of comedy movies from around the world. In this event, we are sure there will be connections, and also discussion and learning of crossed culture, because laugh comes from different ways of looking at things from different culture and language."

The opening ceremony in Siam Paragon shopping center witnessed some most popular Thai movies stars and tens of overseas movie celebrities walking the red-carpet, and among the Hollywood stars was Verne Troyer, who is most recognized for acting as "Mini Me" in the hilarious Austin Powers (1999). Talking about the festival, Troyer, who drove his way through along the red-carpet on a mini-scooter, said, "I hope everything goes good...I think it'll be fun."

Xinhua

China's Cabinet announces plan to boost coastal Jiangsu

BEIJING, 11 June—The State Council, China's Cabinet, on Wednesday announced a plan to boost coastal regions of east China's Jiangsu Province, where growth has long lagged behind some other parts of the booming province.

Coastal Jiangsu, led by cities of Lianyungang, Yancheng and Nantong, is an important part of the Yangtze River Delta, according to an executive

meeting of the State Council, presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao. Wednesday's plan is aiming to build the region into a traffic hub, a coastal industrial base, a good place to live as well as potential development zones as the area abounds in land reserves and mud flat.

The country would accelerate the development of the three leading cities, boost infrastructure such

as power grid and transportation, raise the region's fishing output, and strengthen exploration of the muddy coast, partly by reclaiming land from the sea in a scientific way, according to the plan.

Lianyungang City is also the start point of the Europe-Asia rail line that goes through west China before finally reaching Rotterdam of the Netherlands.

Xinhua



A woman tries on a Mexican hat during a culture festival in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 8 June, 2009. A cultural festival was held here until 14 June by local government to revitalize the tourism in the city.—XINHUA



One of the more frequent killers, the *Amanita bisporigera*—or “death angel”—is white and can be confused with edible varieties, including button and meadow mushrooms. The death angel, however, contains amatoxin, which stops cell metabolism (thereby killing them), usually beginning with the liver and kidneys; it can cause death within days. It is found in North America, whereas its cousin, the *A. virosa*, is more common in Europe.—INTERNET

Canadian space tourist begins training in Russia

MOSCOW, 11 June — Founder of the famed Canadian acrobatic troupe Cirque du Soleil, Guy Laliberte, has started his training in Russia for a 12-day trip to the International Space Station (ISS).

The 50-year-old Canadian billionaire is currently receiving training at Russia's Star City space training center, the RIA Novosti news agency reported. He is scheduled to travel to the ISS on 30 Sept, aboard the Russian Soyuz TMA-16 spacecraft.—Internet

Orbital chaos may cause planetary smash-up within solar system

BEIJING, 11 June — A new study in the Thursday's issue of *Nature* predicts there's a real, albeit slim, possibility of a planetary smash-up inside the inner solar system due to the Mercury's distinctly lopsided orbit. Forget sending probe to Mars, the planet may come crashing right here to Earth if gravitational interactions substantially agitate its now-stable orbit.

Boffins Jacques Laskar and Mickael Gastineau of the Paris Observatory say results of a new computer model show a roughly one percent chance within the next five billion years that such a planetary apocalypse will happen. The researchers simulated the most current data available on the interactions of solar system's eight planets (with the edition of Pluto and Earth's moon) over the course of five billion years — a point in

which the sun is expected to swell into a red giant and swallow the inner planets.

Mercury is a particular nuisance to the stability of the solar system because its orbit is a slightly elongated ellipse, leaving it more vulnerable to being swayed by gravity

of the large outer planets like Jupiter. Out of 2,501 scenarios sequentially nudging Mercury's orbit by only 0.38 millimeters, 25 lead to a large enough increase in the planet's orbital eccentricity to allow collisions with Venus or the sun.

Internet

Breastfeeding lowers risk of MS relapse

WASHINGTON, 11 June — Breastfeeding may protect women with multiple sclerosis against relapses of their disease, possibly by delaying a return to normal monthly cycles, US researchers reported on Monday.

They found that MS patients who nursed their babies exclusively — meaning no bottled formula — for at least two months appeared less likely to have a relapse within a year of the child's birth than women who did not breastfeed.

“It is well-known that women with MS have fewer relapses during pregnancy and a high risk of relapse in the postpartum period,” the researchers wrote in the Archives of Neurology. Women also are advised not to take MS drugs during pregnancy or while breastfeeding, so patients must choose between nursing their babies and resuming treatment. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends breastfeeding exclusively for the first six months of a baby's life and continued nursing for at least a year.—Internet

Israeli woman mistakenly throws mattress with \$1m

JERUSALEM, 11 June — An old mattress with one million US dollars was thrown by an Israeli woman as garbage, local media reported on Wednesday.

Anat, a resident in the coastal city of Tel Aviv, didn't know her

mother hid the huge amount of savings inside the old mattress, which was replaced by a new one Anat bought on Monday.

It was just too late to begin searching the treasure after it had already been taken by

garbage workers to the landfill.

The desperate woman now is still looking for the mattress among thousands tons of garbage at three different landfill sites, according to Army Radio.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



Members of traditional Maori group “Waka Huia” perform in San Marco square, as part of the opening of the New Zealand pavilion at the Venice Biennale June 3, 2009. The Biennale, one of the world's major art festivals traditionally held every two years dating back to 1895, is opened to the public.



A giant panda eats watermelons at the Jinan Zoo in Jinan, capital city of east China's Shandong Province, as a heat wave reaching 35 degrees Celsius hits the city.

Calif octuplets mom signs TV show deal

The Southern California octuplet mom has signed a deal to star in a reality television series, her lawyer said Sunday.

Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to the world's longest-surviving set of octuplets, agreed to be filmed for a proposed television show by 3Ball Productions, attorney Jeff Czech said.

The woman says she's “excited” about filming a reality show featuring her life with 14 children.

Mom accused of duct-taping daughter's boyfriend

Authorities arrested a woman for allegedly trying to kidnap her daughter's boyfriend and haul him away to Northern California. A sheriff's spokeswoman said Tuesday that two women went to the young man's home on Saturday afternoon and tried to tie him up with duct tape.

The victim told authorities the women said they were taking him to get him away from one of the women's 21-year-old daughter. Authorities said both women were arrested on suspicion of attempted kidnapping.

Officials said the girlfriend was later arrested for investigation of dissuading a witness and extortion for allegedly trying to get her boyfriend to recant his statements on the kidnapping to authorities.

The company, which is a subsidiary of Amsterdam-based Eyeworks International, hasn't yet sold the show to any American television network, he said.

The show will be modeled after a successful Eyeworks TV series in Denmark that documents the lives of four children from the day they were born until they become adults.

“They came up with this idea, presented to her and she liked it because she'll get to use a camera and do some of the filming herself,” Czech told The Associated Press.

He said film crews will not follow Suleman and her children 24 hours a day, but will document certain milestones such as birthdays and special events.

Car loses all 4 wheels; no one hurt

A car in Switzerland came to a sudden halt when all its wheels disconnected at once on a highway, according to police.

The car had just stopped and passengers had swapped the winter tires for summer wheels. But they had, in the process, used the wrong nuts, police said Monday.

No one was injured.



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. The art installation will be at the lake until June, 10.

NY man arrested buying drugs with slaughtered pig

It was a simpler sort of drug trade. Syracuse police say a 45-year-old man offered a slaughtered pig as partial payment for a bag of crack cocaine.

They say two women were spotted making the deal on a street corner just before 8 p.m. Thursday. Angelo Colon of Fulton was arrested on a misdemeanor drug possession charge and 42-year-old Omar Veliz faces a felony drug sale charge.

Police say Colon paid half a pig and \$10 for a \$50 bag of crack. Veliz told police the pig was for a celebration for a relative being released from jail.

While officers were arresting the suspects, someone took the pig.



Tachilek enjoying development fruits, trade promotion

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

During our visit, we saw straight and wide Kengtung-Tachilek Road and beautiful and colourful



Chairman of Tachilek District Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Swa Tun.

flowers of cherry, gold mohur and Indian laburnum plants on both sides of the road.

The highway bus that left Kengtung at 9 am arrived in Tachilek at 2.30 pm after driving along 102 miles long hilly road.

Tachilek is sharing border with Mongphyat and Mongyawng townships in the north, Laos in the east, Thailand in the south and Monghsat Township in the west.

On arrival at Tachilek, we, the news crew of the Kyemon Daily met Chairman of Tachilek District Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Swa Tun.

In an interview,



The statue of King Bayintnaung who established the Second Myanmar Empire seen at the park in downtown Tachilek.

District PDC Chairman U Kyaw Swa Tun explained, "Tachilek District is formed with three townships namely Tachilek, Tahlay and Kenglat. Altogether 99,510 people of Shan, Akha, Wa, Lahu, Lishaw, Palaung, Kachin, Kayah, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and other national races are residing in 334 villages of 26 village-tracts. Indeed, Tachilek is a strategic town in the economic sector."

We learned that over 70,000 acres of lands had been reclaimed to the cultivable areas in Tachilek Township. Due to cultivation of over 40,000 acres of monsoon paddy and over 2600 acres of summer

paddy, the township achieved 183.43 per cent of paddy sufficiency. Moreover, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, maize, green gram, sugarcane and niger plantations are thriving in the township. Tea and coffee could be grown overfulfilling the target. In addition, national entrepreneurs achieved success in growing rubber and undertaking the integrated farms.

In the education sector, Tachilek District opened with four Basic Education High Schools, three Basic Education Middle Schools and 56 Basic Education Primary Schools and a total of 17,179 students were admitted to



No. 1 Friendship Bridge in Tachilek.

pursue education at the schools in 2008-2009 academic year. Therefore, the district secured cent per cent school enrolment rate.

Regarding the health sector, the district has one District People's Hospital, two Township People's Hospitals, one station hospital and one rural dispensary. In the area of the district, it is facilitated with two inter-township roads such as the 50-mile road to Mongphyat and the 67-mile road to Monghsat, one over-180-foot-long bridge and 82 under-180-foot-long bridges for ensuring better transport.

After visiting the district office, we entered the office of Township Development Affairs Committee. At the entrance,

we saw a signboard "Towns and Villages must be modernized and developed as soon as possible".

Tachilek has two-way Bogyoke Aung San Street stretching three miles and six furlongs from No. 1 Friendship Bridge to the junction of Kengtung-Tachilek Road. We saw running of various automobiles and motorbikes on the road.

While gazing into the views of departmental buildings and stores, we toured the town. After paying homage to Shwedagon replica pagoda, we took photos of the scenic beauty of the town from the hill. We witnessed the traffic island areas of the entrance road to the airport decorated with beautiful landscapes. After that, we went to Pontaung Ward and paid homage to Ngwe Pagoda. From the hillock, we had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful scene on bird eye's view of the town.

In the urban area, we visited one development affairs market and three other markets of the national races. In visiting the markets one after another, we conversed with the local people and learned that development of the region

contributes much to promotion of trade.

After touring the town, we re-entered the office of Township Development Affairs Department. At the office, Staff Officer U Tin Win Maung said, "The department is supplying water from Lwedawhkam Village, three miles from the town, to 462 water taps in the urban area."

In the past, the region had dirt roads only. At present, self-reliant roads have been constructed with the contributions of the government, the townselders and local people. As a result, the local people have an easy access to all the areas of the district without any hindrance.

Taking the opportunity to visit Tachilek of Shan State (East), we, the news crew of the Kyemon Daily, is pleased to write this article with the belief that the equitable development can be seen in both rural areas and border regions while the whole nation is gaining development momentum day by day.

**Translation: TTA
Kyemon: 2-6-2009**



The road to Golf Club in Tachilek decorated with landscapes on traffic islands.

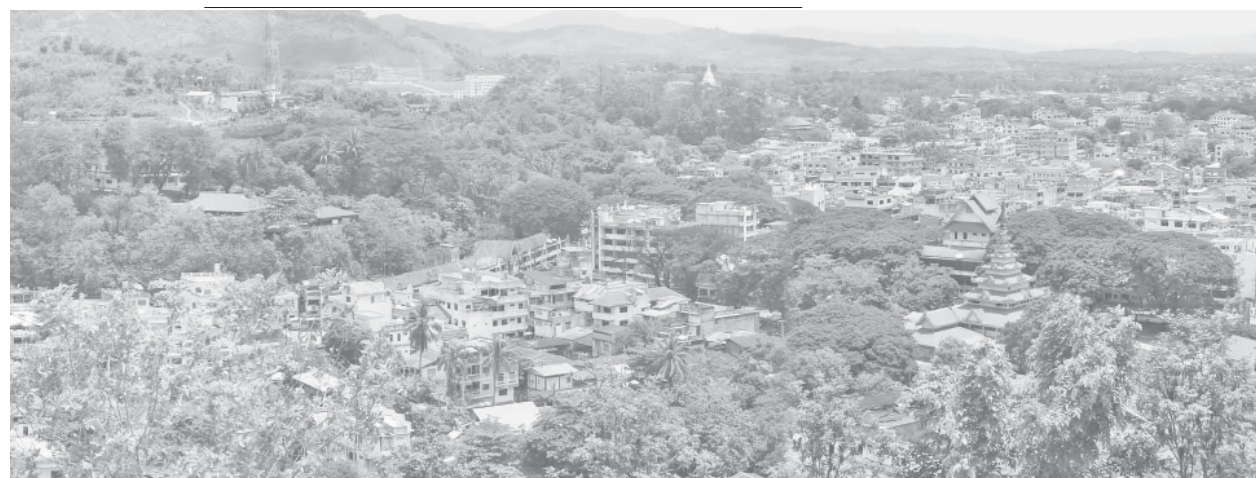


Photo shows an aerial view of developing Tachilek.



Printing and publishing of school textbooks for 2010-2011 academic year discussed



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at School Textbooks Printing and Publishing Committee meeting 1/2009.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—The School Textbook Printing and Publishing Committee held the coordination meeting No. 1/2009 at the hall of the Ministry of Information, here, yesterday afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the meeting was to discuss the printing and publishing school textbooks for 2010-2011 academic year. The

aim, he said, was to supervise distributing textbooks to the students without any weak point and printing the quality textbooks for 2010-2011 academic year on schedule in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. The minister instructed officials and ministries concerned to render necessary assistance for supervising the distribution of textbooks to the students in time, and practising the system of handing down the textbooks to new

students, printing the textbooks in time for 2010-2011 academic year meeting the set standards.

Secretary of the School Textbook Printing Subcommittee Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise read the reports on minutes and resolutions of the previous meeting and accomplishment, and submitted the reports on printing and publishing of the textbooks.

Chairman of the Textbook Publishing Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min reported on progress of this year's task and

arrangements on publishing the textbooks for coming year and timely distribution.

Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-

Gen Win Myint also took part in the discussions.

Those present took part in the discussions.

After attending to the needs, the minister gave

concluding remarks.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads and officials.

MNA



Electric Power No. 2 Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint participates in discussions.—MNA



Chairman of Textbook Publishing Subcommittee Education Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min makes discussions.—MNA

Development tasks inspected in Pyay, Shwedaung, Paukkhaung

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint on 30 May viewed dredging of drains for proper flow of water and sanitation tasks in wards of Pyay.

On 31 May morning, he attended the ceremony to mark the World No-Tobacco Day at the hall of the Head of Division Health Department.

Brig-Gen Sein Myint also attended the opening ceremony of Basic Education High School (Branch) in Aungthukha Village and the opening of Klyana Meikta Library in Kwema Village-tract in Shwedaung Township. While in Kwema Village, he inspected progress in building self-reliant station hospital.

At Thiri Khittaya Golf Course in Pyay on 1 June morning, Brig-Gen Sein Myint attended the tree planting ceremony to mark the World Environment Day and viewed participation of the people in growing saplings.

In Paukkhaung, he attended the opening of BEMS (Branch) and unveiled the signboard of the school.—MNA

Traditional costume show on 27, 28 June

YANGON, 11 June—As a gesture of marking Myanmar Women's Day, which falls on 3 July 2009, Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization will conduct Myanmar traditional costume show, under the aegis of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

Senior female academy-winning celebrities, young actresses and models of Star & Model agency will present traditional costumes worn age-wise. In addition, the show will be accompanied with entertainments of famous actors and vocalists.

The show will take place at the National Theatre on Myomakuang Street here at 7pm on 27 and 28 June. Admission fees are K 10,000, K 7,000, K 5,000 and K 3,000 per head. Tickets are available at National Theatre and Uncle SAM shops (FMI Center, Yankin Center, Dagon Center and BAK) starting from 23 June.

MNA

Talks on hotel business on 13 June

YANGON, 11 June — Shatec Institutes from Singapore will conduct educative talks on hotel business at Park the Royal Hotel here from 1 pm to 3 pm on 13 June.

Singapore Hotel Association (SHA) represents all hotels in Singapore and Shatec Institutes is an institution comprising seven institutes under SHA. They are Institute of Hosting, Institute of Leisure & Tourism, Institute of Restaurants & Bar, Institute of Wine & Spirits, Institute of Culinary Arts, Institute of Pastry & Baking and Institute of Lodging.

Those who have completed the courses at Shatec Institutes have opportunities to get jobs not only in hotels in Singapore but also in international hotels.

During the talks, experts will give talks on hotel management, management for tourism, cooking, baking, hotels and restaurants.

Those wishing to attend the talks may contact Ph 652288, 521125, 09-51 24761.

MNA



The whole country must be green with woodlands

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

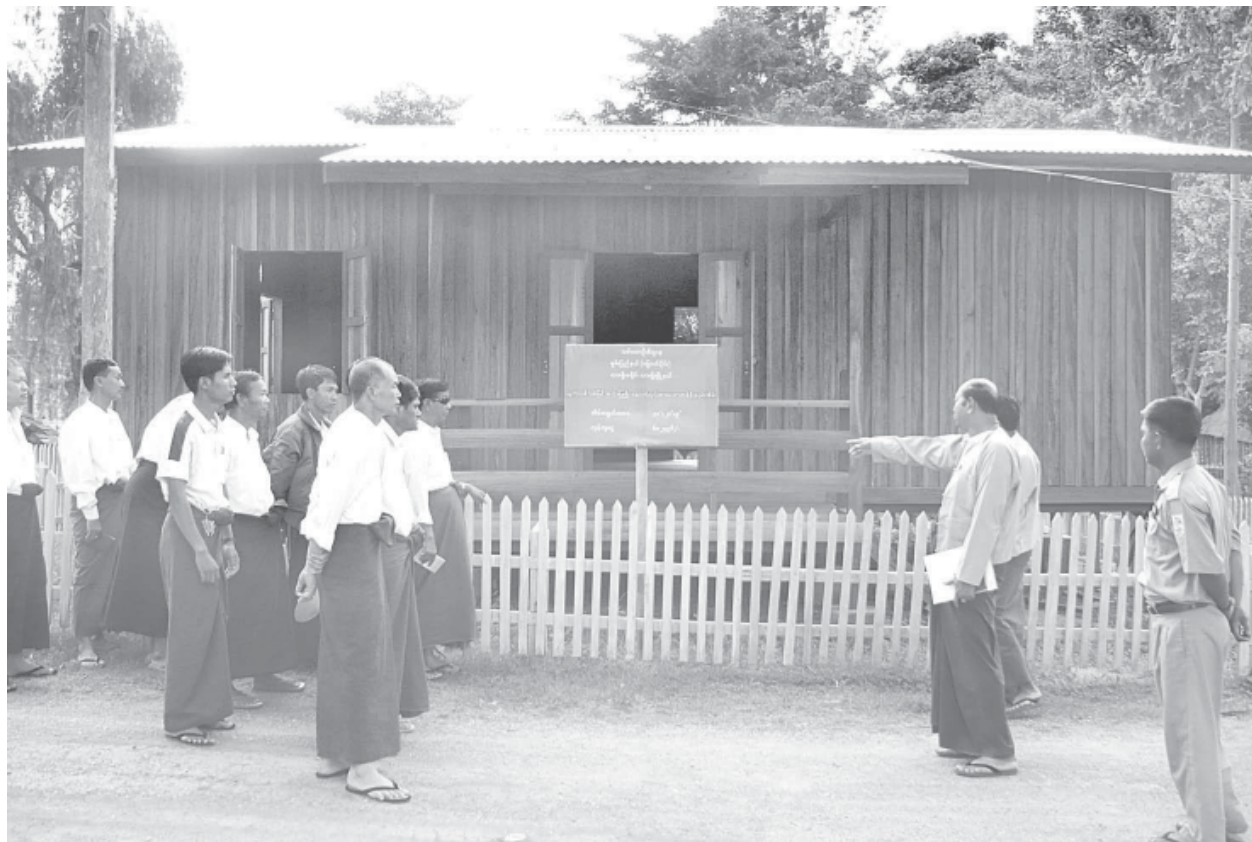
(from page 16)
distributed for mass activities to grow trees for regional greening.

Now, it rains a lot in the nation, so tree-planting ceremonies are being held in states and divisions under the regional greening projects in order to put the motto "The whole nation must be green with woodlands" into reality.

In our recent trip to Lashio in Shan State (North), our media team from the Myanmar Alin Daily interviewed

establishment of plantations, he said, "In 2008-2009 financial year, we grew 800 acres of economic plantations (teak, gum-kino and pine) and 1,200 acres of watershed plantations, totalling 2,000 acres. The survival rate of the trees we have grown is more than 85 per cent."

"We added 250 acres of teak to the natural forests in 2008-2009, and we have a target to grow 600 more acres of teak in the forests in 2009-2010. We reproduced trees in



Village-owned eucalyptus plantations are set up under the arrangements of the Forest Department in Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North).

A rural house built of eucalyptus wood in Yaykantaung nursery in Lashio.



In 2008-2009, 400,000 saplings of various species were distributed to local people in the townships in northern Shan State. Altogether 400,000 saplings are nurtured for 2009-2010. Now, the rainy season has set in, so the saplings are being distributed to local people to grow.

Furthermore, village-owned eucalyptus plantations are being established for rural housing estates for 42 villages in the townships of Shan State (North).

Due to the programme under which households in the town-

ships of Shan State (North) had to grow teak saplings at the rate of three units a household in 2008-2009, 23,779 households have grown 74,050 teak saplings. In 2009-2010, 15,900 households will grow 47,700 teak saplings.

Like Shan State (North), other states and divisions are growing trees to make forests in the rainy season. So, the whole nation will be green with forests and trees soon.

Translation: MS
Myanma Alin:
8-6-2009

Deputy Director U Soe Win (3) of Shan State (North) Forest Department about establishment of plantations and conservation of forests.

He said, "We are now growing trees, regenerating natural forests with hardwood trees and reproducing trees in the deforested areas for conservation of natural forests in northern Shan State."

Regarding the

2,000 acres in 2008-2009, and we will do the same for 2,000 more acres in 2009-2010," he said.

He said, "For the private sector, we let entrepreneurs grow 430 acres of teak in northern Shan State in 2008-2009. And we will make a private teak plantation of 2,300 acres in 2009-2010.

He added that as a trial plot, they grew fast-growing species of plonia in six acres of land in Hsipaw Township and 30 acres of land in Mabein Township in 2008-2009 and the programme showed successful. So, they will grow 500 more acres of plonia in 2009-2010.

Local people of Punhtun Village in Shan State (North) grow saplings to establish plantations.



Singaporean Senior Minister and party pay homage to Shwedagon Pagoda, attend opening of station hospital in Twantay Tsp

YANGON, 11 June—The visiting Singaporean delegation led by Senior Minister Mr. Goh Chok Tong of the Republic of Singapore arrived in Yangon from Heho of Shan State (South) yesterday afternoon by special aircraft of the Singaporean Air Force.

In the evening, they paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

This morning, a ceremony to open Kayinchaung Station Hospital was held in

Kayinchanug Model Village of Twantay Township. Present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Singaporean Senior Minister Mr. Goh Chok Tong, Singaporean Ambassador Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong, Thai Ambassador Mr. Bansarn Bunnag, departmental officials and local people.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and the Singaporean Senior

Minister delivered addresses and pressed the button to unveil the inscription of the hospital.

Next, the ministers and guests visited the hospital.

After the ceremony, the ministers and guests viewed development of the village.

In the evening, the Singaporean Senior Minister and party left Yangon by special aircraft of the Singaporean Air Force.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Singaporean Senior Minister Mr. Goh Chok Tong formally open bronze plaque of Kayinchaung Station Hospital of Kayinchaung Model Village in Twantay Township.—MNA

Mayor inspects development tasks

YANGON, 11 June—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected dredging the drains for proper flow of water, tube-wells and water tanks for preparedness against fire at South Motelatsaunggon ward,

Sangyoung Township here on 9 June.

At Thamine creek on Baho Road between Mayangon and Hline Townships, the mayor looked into constructing a reinforced concrete bridge across Thamine creek on Baho Road for proper flow of water in

the creek and then left necessary instructions.

Next, the mayor visited Kyaikkasan creek on Hanthawadi Road in No. 6 ward, South Okkalapa Township in which he inspected dredging the creek, and gave necessary instructions to officials.—MNA



Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects dredging drain in Motelatsaunggon Ward in Sangyoung Township.—MNA

National Seminar on OIE Standards for Veterinary Services takes place

YANGON, 11 June—Jointly organized by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and OIE, National Seminar on OIE Standards for Veterinary Services took place at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here on 8 June morning. Regional Commission Chairman of OIE Dr Gardner Murray and Acting Director General of LVD Dr Aung Gyi spoke on the occasion.

Next, Dr Gardner

Murray, Dr Ronello Abila, Dr John Stratton and Dr Laddawalaya explained the objectives, formation and policies of OIE, prevention against animal diseases, dealing in animals and animal products, laboratory diagnosis and others. Director of LVD Dr L Tu Mein Gaung explained providing of veterinary services. Then, those present at the seminar also took part in the discussions.

The seminar was attended by officials of the

Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Forestry, Development Affairs Committee, Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences, Myanmar Veterinary Council, Myanmar Veterinarians Association, Myanmar Livestock Federation and livestock companies and media men.

MNA

LBVD conducts talks on A/H1N1 in Myaungmya

YANGON, 11 June—Public Talks on Swine Influenza and Human Influenza A/H1N1 was held in Myaungmya on 7 June. Acting Director-General of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Ministry of

Livestock and Fisheries Dr Aung Gyi delivered an address before the talks held at the office of Myaungmya District Peace and Development Council.

Afterwards, Director Dr L Tu Mein Gaung gave

talks on human influenza and swine infectious diseases.

Officials and staff of the departments and livestock breeding businessmen and local people attended the talks.—MNA

Online Visa on Arrival system introduced

YANGON, 11 June—Diamond Palace Travel & Tours Co Ltd introduced Online Visa on Arrival system at the Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road in Dagon Township here this afternoon.

The company will practise the system with the permission of the

Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu delivered a speech.

Chairman of the company U Thein Thann briefed the attendees on Myanmar on Arrival Visa System and Hotel &

Tourism Online Services Provider designed to expedite arrival visa and other services for promotion of Myanmar's tourism industry. Those responsible answered the queries raised by the guests. The deputy minister gave concluding remarks.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu delivers an address at ceremony to introduce new Online Visa on Arrival.—MNA

MAAS holds talks (3/2009)

YANGON, 11 June—Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science of the Ministry of Education organized the talk (3/2009) at the Arts Hall of Yangon University yesterday.

It was attended by President of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science U Than Oo and

executive members, the rectors, the pro-rectors, professors/heads of departments, professors, guests and observers.

First, President U Than Oo extended greetings.

Next, the MC touched on the biography of Rector (Retd) of Yangon University Dr Maung Di

who will give talks at the ceremony.

Then Dr Maung Di gave talks on Carbon dioxide "Friend or Foe" and answered the queries raised by those present.

Afterwards, President U Than Oo spoke words of thanks and presented a gift to Dr Maung Di.—MNA



Philippine exports fall by 35.2% in April

MANILA, 11 June—The Philippines export receipts in April fell by 35.2 per cent on year to 2.803 billion US dollars as electronic shipments continued to slide amid weak demand, the National Statistics Office said on Wednesday.

Indonesia offers joint Malaysia patrols over dispute

JAKARTA, 11 June—Indonesia has offered to conduct joint sea patrols with Malaysia in bid to cool tensions over disputed waters in the oil-rich Ambalat area, Jakarta's Defence Minister said on Wednesday.

The navies of both countries have faced off several times in recent weeks, with Jakarta saying that it nearly opened fire on May 25 on a Malaysian patrol vessel.

Malaysia sent its Armed Forces chief Abdul Aziz Zainal to Jakarta on Wednesday in a bid to cool tensions over the long-running dispute in an area close to the Indonesian Province of East Kalimantan and the Malaysian state of Sabah in Borneo.

"I explained to the Chief of Staff that we want a joint maritime border patrol between the two countries apart from the existing code of conduct between the two navies," Indonesian Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono said after the meeting.—MNA/Reuters

The export of electronic products—accounting for some 60 per cent of the country's total export revenue—brought in 1.684 billion dollars, down 33.2 per cent from that in April 2008. The statistics office attributed the sharp decline to a decrease in the shipment of semiconductors.

This is the seventh consecutive month that Philippine exports posted negative growth. Export revenues declined 3.6 per cent from the level posted in March 2009.

Shipments to the Philippines major markets—the United States,

Japan and China—declined as demand remained weak in the month.

Other top export earners such as apparel, petroleum and cathodes also posted sharply lower earnings.

Revenues from clothing accessories, accounting for 3.6 per cent share of total exports, fell 34.6 per cent to 100.43 million dollars.

Receipts from shipment of petroleum products fell 44 per cent to 52.66 million dollars, while sales of cathodes also declined by 37.2 per cent to 63.42 million dollars.—MNA/Xinhua



The Swedish Koenigsegg CCR is seen at the MPH '05 car show at Earls Court in London. Swedish sports car maker Koenigsegg is to buy Saab Automobile from US giant General Motors with support from Norwegian investors, a broadcaster reported on Thursday.—INTERNET



Members of the Brazilian Air Force carry the body of a victim of Air France Flight 447 that went missing en route from Rio to Paris, at a base in Fernando de Noronha island on 11 June, 2009. All 228 people aboard Air France flight AF 447 from Rio de Janeiro to Paris are believed to have died when the Airbus A330 aircraft crashed into the ocean after flying into stormy weather more than a week ago. Brazilian military search teams have recovered 41 bodies from the sea and moved some of them to the archipelago of Fernando de Noronha off Brazil's northeastern coast, which is being used as a base for the search operations.—INTERNET

Vietnam's military plane crashes to maize field, causing one death

HANOI, 11 June—A Vietnamese military plane fell down to a local maize field, setting itself on fire and causing one death, the online newspaper *Vietnam Nation* reported on Wednesday.

The exploded plane was found at Cam Phu commune, Cam Thuy District, Thanh Hoa central province of Vietnam on Tuesday by local farmers.

"There must have been something wrong with the plane's engine because the plane made a big noise before it went down to the field," said a witness.

The death was identified to be a Vietnamese pilot, who was the only person on that plane at the time of accident, said a local policeman Bui Duc Tinh cited by the newspaper as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico day-care fire caused by air conditioner

MEXICO, 11 June—A fire last week that killed 44 children at a Mexican day-care centre was caused by a damaged air conditioner

in a neighbouring warehouse, the attorney-general said on Wednesday.

Authorities are

investigating whether owners, employees or government officials could face negligence charges after a fire raged through the ABC day-care in the northern city of Hermosillo on Friday. Attorney-General Eduardo Medina Mora said.

"The fire was caused by the overheating of an air conditioner due to continuous and prolonged use," Medina Mora told reporters. After melted aluminum from the air conditioner ignited paper on the floor of the warehouse, where the state government stored license plates and documents, heat and fire spread into the rafters of the industrial building and across to the day-care centre, he said.—MNA/Reuters



Five-year-old Thomas Pittson, of Montreal, Canada, gets a ride on his father Nick's shoulders as they walk near the space shuttle Endeavour on 11 June, 2009 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Seven astronauts are scheduled to liftoff early Saturday morning for a trip to the international space station.

INTERNET

US forces kill "warlord" in Afghan airstrike

KABUL, 11 June—US forces in Afghanistan killed a man they described as a "warlord" and 16 other militants in an airstrike, the US military said on Wednesday.

They named the target as Mullah Mustafa, and described him as a commander of about 100 armed men in Ghor Province in the west of Afghanistan, with links to both the Taliban leadership and Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

The military said US-led coalition forces had called in the airstrike after observing the commander leaving his compound in Ghor's mountainous Sharak District and meeting with fighters in a remote area on Tuesday.—MNA/Reuters

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems
NAY PYI TAW
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDERS

1. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems seek interested foreign and local suppliers to put forward price quotations for the following commodities upon which the payments will be in local currency.
Required Commodities are as follows :

Item No	Quotation No	Commodities	Quantity
1.	1(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Discharge Pipe(350 mm ø)6m	10 Nos
		Discharge Pipe(450 mm ø)6m	10 Nos
		Discharge Pipe(500 mm ø)6m	10 Nos
2.	4(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Flexible Rubber Hose (350 mm ø) 2m	5 Nos
		Flexible Rubber Hose (450 mm ø) 2m	5 Nos
		Flexible Rubber Hose (500 mm ø) 2m	5 Nos
3.	3(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Bolt & Nut (20 × 50)	1000 Sets
		Bolt & Nut (20 × 55)	1000 Sets
		Bolt & Nut (20 × 60)	1000 Sets
4.	4(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Flexible Steel Wire (10 mm ø) (1 Coil × 220m)	1 Coil
		Flexible Steel Wire (24 mm ø) (2 Coil × 220m)	2 Coil
5.	5(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Welding Electrode (3.25mm)	350 Packages
6.	6(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Paints	750 Gals
7.	7(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Tarpaulins	220 Sayds
8.	8(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Dump Truck (Model Up-1999)	
		RE-8 Engine Power 16990 CC	2 Nos
9.	9(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Transporter (Model Up-1999) RE-10 (Low BED)	
		Engine Power 21,230 CC	1 No
10.	10(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Office Table	30 Nos
11.	11(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Officer Chair	15 Nos
12.	12(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Tyre	
		700 × 16	14 Nos
		750 × 15	10 Nos
		900 × 20	10 Nos
		235/75-15 (Japan) Yokohama	5 Nos
		175/70-13 (Japan) Yokohama	10 Nos
13.	13(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Battery	
		12 V , 70 Ah	6 Nos
		12 V , 60 Ah	8 Nos
		12 V , 150 Ah	10 Nos
14.	14(Q) DWIR 2009-2010	Nylon Rope 1-1/4" ø	1 Coils

Tender closing date : 26th June, 2009 (Friday) at 12 : 00 , noon.

2. For the purchase of tender forms and further detail information please contact Deputy Director, at below mentioned address starting from(17.6.2009)during office hours.

Deputy director (Procurement Division)
Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems
No.400, Lower Pazundaung Rd; Yangon
Tel : 95-01-291533, Fax : 95-01-290230

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1 Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro:

Tender No	Description	Quantity
12(T)2/MR(ML) 2009-2010	Nickel Cadmium Battery for Locomotives Engine Starting (52 Cells/Set, Rated Capacity 145 ~160 AH, 1.0 Volt/Cell Brand-HOPPECKE FNC 1803 HR (or) SAFT SRX 1500(or)SAFT SRX 1500 P)	40 Sets

Closing Date/Time - 10.7.2009 (Friday)(12:00)Hours

2 Tender documents are available at our office starting from 11.6.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291994, 95-1-291985.

French nuclear submarine to hunt for black boxes of crashed plane

PARIS, 11 June — A French nuclear-powered submarine will start searching on Wednesday for the flight data and cabin voice recorders of an Air France plane that crashed into the Atlantic Ocean last week, the military said.

The submarine *Emeraude* will search for the recorders, more commonly known as the plane's black boxes, in the morning in an initial search zone of 36 kilometres by 36, Christophe Prazuck, a spokesman for the military said. It will then move to other areas in the following days. No deadline has been set for the search yet.

This is the first time the French military uses a nuclear-powered submarine to search for the debris of a crashed plane. *Emeraude* will use its sonar equipment to locate the black boxes that are believed to have sunken to the ocean floor.

Another French navy battleship will also set off to the crash site on Wednesday afternoon to join *Emeraude* in the hunt. The *Airbus A330* with 228 people on board vanished over the Atlantic Ocean last Monday on a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris. The Brazilian navy research team has found 41 bodies so far.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINAR BANTEN VOY NO (051N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BANTEN VOY NO (051N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PHU MY VOY NO (919N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHU MY VOY NO (919N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BLPL LOGISTICS PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (333)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (333) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

11 security men killed in landmine blast by leftwing rebels in E India

NEW DELHI, 11 June — In yet another extreme leftwing rebel strike on Indian security forces, at least 11 paramilitary personnel were killed on Wednesday in a landmine explosion in the eastern state of Jharkhand, a senior Indian Home Ministry official said.

"The blast took place in Serengda-Aruanga village in West Singhbhum district when a security patrol party was coming from a rebel-infested area after a two-day patrolling. While 11 personnel were killed on the spot, another six people sustained injuries in the blast," the official said.—*Internet*

TRADE MARK CAUTION

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., of 416, Maetan-dong, Yeongtong-gu, Suwon-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-



Reg. No. 2093/1997
Reg. No. 1209/2004

in respect of "All goods in Int'l Classes 14, 37, 38, 42".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin
M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for Samsung Electronics
Co., Ltd.

P. O. Box 60, Yangon
Dated: 12 June 2009

At least 8 killed in clash in S Philippines

MANILA, 11 June — At least six extremist militants and two soldiers died as government forces assaulted a known lair of the Abu Sayyaf group and Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) in the southern Philippines early on Thursday, the military said.

Navy spokesman Lt Col Egard Arevalo said the clash erupted around 5:10 am local time (2110 GMT Wednesday), followed by a firefight with about 100 extremist militants led by JI leaders Dulmatin and Omar Patek and Abu Sayyaf leaders Albader Parad and Dr Abu.

JI, labeled as a terrorist organization by the United Nations, is a militant Islamic network dedicated to the establishment of an Islamic state in Southeast Asia incorporating Indonesia, Malaysia, the southern Philippines, Singapore and Brunei. And Abu Sayyaf is a group responsible for a series of bombings and kidnappings in the Philippines, especially in the southern region of Mindanao. — *Internet*

**Donate
Blood**



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV OEL EXCELLENCE VOYNO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OEL EXCELLENCE VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BLPL LOGISTICS PTE LTD**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

PNA, Hamas welcome US remarks on Palestinian statehood

GAZA/RAMALLAH, 11 June — Both the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and Islamic Hamas movement welcomed on Wednesday the United States' attempts to help the Palestinians establish their statehood on the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel.

US peace envoy George Mitchell was sent to the region earlier this week. He held talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of Washington's effort to resume the stalled peace negotiations between the two sides.

Veteran Palestinian peace negotiator Saeb Erekat told reporters that President Mahmoud Abbas and Mitchell held "positive, in depth and constructive talks," adding that President Abbas listened to a detailed report on Mitchell's previous meetings with Israeli officials.

Mitchell told reporters in Ramallah that "America won't turn its back to the Palestinian people's aspiration to live in dignity and establish their independent state," adding "the only solution for the conflict is to achieve each other's aspirations in having two states."

However, he added that the two sides "have responsibilities in implementing the Road Map, in which I believe it is not only responsibilities, but also a joint interest for each of them to serve peace in the region." "President Abbas reiterated the Palestinian (National) Authority's commitment to the Road Map plan and the principle of the two-state solution that ends the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories that began in June 1967," said Erekat. — *Internet*

Hong Kong to close primary schools over swine flu

HONG KONG, 11 June — Hong Kong authorities have ordered all primary schools in the city to be closed for two weeks after the first cluster of local swine flu cases was found.

The move came after 12 pupils at a city secondary school were found to have contracted the A(H1N1) virus, chief executive Donald Tsang told reporters.

Tsang said authorities were unable to identify the source of the infection, making it the first "cluster" of human swine flu cases in the city without a known link to those travelling overseas.

All primary schools, kindergartens, child care centres and special schools would be shut for 14 days from Friday in an effort to control the spread of the virus, Tsang said.

"Given the global situation, (for) Hong Kong to have its own local cases is simply inevitable," Tsang said. "I believe the fellow citizens and the government have done all we can in postponing the arrival of the first indigenous case." — *Internet*



A tram driver wearing a protective mask looks at a mother and child in Hong Kong where authorities have ordered all primary schools in the city to be closed for two weeks after the first cluster of local swine flu cases was found. — *INTERNET*

Hawaii adds 83 new cases in five days, brings total to 198

HOUSTON, 11 June — The Hawaii Department of Health on Wednesday said it has confirmed 83 new cases of A/H1N1 flu, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the U.S. state to 198 Last Friday, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on its website that the state of Hawaii had 115 confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu.

Oahu is the hardest-hit island with 78 of 83 newly confirmed cases on Wednesday and 190 of 198 confirmed cases

so far in the state." "The numbers we are seeing are expected and not alarming," state Health Director Chiyome Fukino said in a statement.

The department said Hawaii has been preparing for the possibility of a pandemic around the

world for years. A strong framework is in place for response to a possible pandemic in Hawaii. Hawaii was the first state in the nation to pilot an airport surveillance program to detect novel influenza viruses in November of 2005.

Internet

Smallest microwave is just a prototype

LONDON, 11 June — What is being billed as the world's smallest microwave promises new convenience for consumers but so far it's just a prototype, British industry analysts said.

The portable microwave can be powered through a link to a USB port on a laptop computer, The Daily Mail of Britain reported Monday. It was developed in partnership with HJ Heinz Co to give workers, students and travelers a way to heat up beverages or snacks — including hamburgers, soup or tea — the newspaper said.

For now, it isn't available in the marketplace, but experts at the Microwave Association say the

technology is there to get the gadget into the hands of consumers.

Gordon Andrews — managing director of GAMA Microwave Technology — worked with Stephen Frazer, an authority on industrial design and managing director of Frazer Designers, to develop what's being called the mini-micro. It uses a combination of mobile phone radio frequencies to generate heat for cooking.

Andrews said the device could be powered with lithium ion batteries, which would make it "completely portable, which would be a help to fishermen, campers or sportsmen."

Internet

200 new cases of A/H1N1 flu reported in US state of New Jersey

HOUSTON, 11 June — The number of confirmed and probable cases of A/H1N1 flu in the US state of New Jersey has more than doubled in the past five days, jumping from 148 last Friday to 351 on Wednesday, according to figures released by the state health department late Wednesday.

Last Friday, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on its website that the state of New Jersey had 148 confirmed and probable cases of A/H1N1 flu. The state health department said Wednesday that 238 confirmed cases and 113 probable cases have been reported in 18 of the 21 counties in New Jersey.

These figures, according to the state health department, do not reflect the overall incidence of the A/H1N1 flu in New Jersey because the state is only testing cases in which patients are hospitalized or there are clusters of illness. Nationwide, more than 13,217 confirmed and probable cases in all 50 states, including 27 deaths in 10 states, were reported by the CDC on its website last Friday.

Internet

Vietnam to build \$30m bio-ethanol factory

HANOI, 11 June — Vietnam will start building bio-ethanol factory with total investment of 80 million US dollars later this month local newspaper *the Labour* reported Thursday.

This is the first factory of its kind in the northern part of the country, said the newspaper.

It will use cassava and sugarcane to produce low-price bio fuel to serve petrol processing and would be able to replace a portion of imported petrol.

MNA/Xinhua



An orangutan swimming through the waters of the Rungan River, in Central Borneo, Indonesia. Destruction of their natural habitat forced these huge apes to take to water. The rising worldwide demand for palm oil used to make bio-diesel fuel has led to mass deforestation in areas like Borneo. — *INTERNET*

SPORTS



Brazil's Daniel Alves tries a scissors kick. Robinho scored in the 40th minute and Nilmar netted the winner in the 49th as Brazil seized sole possession of first place in South American 2010 World Cup qualifying by beating Paraguay 2-1.—INTERNET

Brazil leads qualifying, Argentina defeated

RECIFE, 11 June — Robinho scored in the 40th minute and Nilmar netted the winner in the 49th as Brazil seized sole possession of first place in South American 2010 World Cup qualifying by beating Paraguay 2-1.

Paraguay shared the qualifying table lead with Brazil entering Wednesday's showdown and grabbed a 1-0 in the 25th minute on an own goal by Brazil's Elano before the five-time World Cup champions battled back for the victory. Other matches saw host Ecuador upset Argentina 2-0, Chile rise to second in the table with a 4-0 romp over visiting Bolivia, Venezuela and Uruguay play to a 2-2 draw and host Colombia blank qualifying doormat Peru 1-0.

The results left Brazil (7-1 with six drawn) atop the table on 27 points, one more than Chile (8-4 with two drawn) and three ahead of Paraguay (7-4 with three drawn) after the 14th of 18 rounds of matches. Despite the defeat, Argentina (6-4-4) held onto the fourth and final guaranteed World Cup qualifying spot on 22 points, two points ahead of Ecuador (5-4 with five drawn) and four atop Uruguay (4-4 with six drawn).—*Internet*

German stars rule as Berdych, Tsonga crash out of Halle

HALLE, 11 June — Germany's tennis players kept the home flag flying at Halle's ATP tournament on Wednesday to reach the quarter-finals as seeds Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Tomas Berdych were both dumped out.

Former world number two Tommy Haas became the fourth German of the day to reach the last eight with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) win over fourth-seed Tsonga in just 79 minutes on Wednesday evening.

"The level was pretty high, but it is frustrating to play well and still lose," said Tsonga. "But all credit to Tommy, he played very well and I think he will go through the draw now."

Haas will play an all-



Germany's Mischa Zverev celebrates winning the ATP tennis tournament match against Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych at the Gerry-Weber-Stadium in the western German town of Halle. Zverev won the match 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (10/8).—INTERNET

German quarter-final against Mischa Zverev on Friday and was pleased to have so many compatriots through to the last eight. "It shows how the German players like the faster surface," he said.

Internet

Beckham's 1st competitive England start in 2 years

WEMBLEY, 11 June — David Beckham started his first competitive game for England in two years, a World Cup qualifier against Andorra on Wednesday night. The Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder made his 112th international appearance, 13 shy of the English record set by goalkeeper Peter Shilton.



England's David Beckham passes the ball during the World Cup group 6 qualifying soccer match against Andorra at Wembley Stadium in London, on 10 June, 2009.

INTERNET

The 34-year-old had started only exhibitions for England since a European Championship qualifier in Estonia in June 2007. Beckham played in central midfield in place of Gareth Barry, who was suspended, and Michael Carrick, who is injured.

England entered with a 6-0 record and the lead in Europe Group Six. Beckham spent the last five months on loan to AC Milan and is to rejoin the Galaxy for its July 16 match at the New York Red Bulls. He hopes to return to AC Milan in January.—*Internet*

England and Serbia close on World Cup

PARIS, 11 June — England and Serbia both took significant strides towards the 2010 World Cup in South Africa with victories in their European qualifying matches on Wednesday. Fabio Capello's England brushed aside a limited challenge from minnows Andorra to win 6-0, while Serbia consigned the Faroe Islands to a 2-0 defeat.

England's seventh straight win means they lead Group Six by 10 points from Croatia and Ukraine, while Serbia are eight points above second-placed France in Group Seven. Man of the match Glen Johnson set up Wayne Rooney twice in the first half, first for a



England striker Wayne Rooney celebrates scoring his second goal during the World Cup Qualifying match against Andorra, Wembley Stadium, London. England won 6-0.—INTERNET

third-minute header and then a crisp volley, with Frank Lampard sweeping home Theo Walcott's cut-back in between.

Internet

Luxehills attracts record Omega China Tour field to Chengdu

BEIJING, 11 June — An Omega China Tour record field of 150 players will compete in this week's RMB1 million Luxehills Golf Championship in Chengdu, which tees off on Thursday.

Defending champion Tsai Chi-huang, one of two Chinese Taipei invites, expected strong competition from the international field, which features Sofitel winner Kurt Barnes and eight more PGA Tour pros.

"It's a big field this week with more foreigners. I think the tour will be more competition than last year, especially as the Australian players are very strong," said the former Asian Tour player.—*Internet*

Confed Cup crucial to 2010 World Cup

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June — The FIFA Confederations Cup which kicks off this weekend in South Africa is crucial to next year's World Cup tournament, said FIFA president Sepp Blatter on Wednesday.

"It's definitely time to kick off now, not only in terms of the organisation in South Africa, but in terms of making sure they can deliver and will deliver," said Blatter, a year ahead of the first African World Cup. "That's why this Confederations Cup, one year before the big event, is crucial. It's very important for FIFA but also for the participating



FIFA president Sepp Blatter.—INTERNET

teams. I'm sure it will be a great competition."

South Africa is ready and committed for 2010, he said in a statement marking the 12 month countdown to the World Cup. Speaking in Johannesburg, FIFA competition director Jim Brown said the Confed Cup was a 2010 dry run but that teams were also in South Africa to win.—*Internet*

After Kaka, Real president sets sights on Ronaldo

MADRID, 11 June — After completing a move for Kaka, Real Madrid president Florentino Perez has said he intends to talk to Manchester United in a bid to convince the club to let Cristiano Ronaldo join the Spanish giants.

"I have not yet spoken to them but I will do it in the coming days," he told Spanish public radio RNE late on Tuesday. Spanish media have reported that Real have a pre-agreement to sign the 24-year-old Portuguese winger from Manchester United but Perez said he has never seen this agreement, which was allegedly made by his predecessor.

However sports daily AS reported Wednesday that Perez had decided to pay 89 million euros (124 million dollars) for the 2008



Cristiano Ronaldo. INTERNET

FIFA World Footballer of the Year under the terms of this pre-agreement. Rival paper Marca reported Wednesday that he had already spoken to David Gill, Manchester United's chief executive, who told the new Real Madrid president that the player would cost 96 million euros (134 million dollars).

Internet

Saudis draw, Iran wins in WC Asian qualifying

BEIJING, 11 June — Saudi Arabia needs to fight hard for the automatic berth in next week's final match of the World Cup Asian qualifying after it was held to a goalless draw by South Korea in Seoul on Wednesday.

While Iran, in the same group with the Saudis, beat the United Arab Emirates 1-0 with a second-half goal from captain Ali Karimi, keeping its hopes alive of a berth at the finals and making the Group B qualification wide open.

Saudi Arabia now must win its final game at home against DPR Korea if it is to clinch automatic qualification. A draw or a win for the visitors would see DPR Korea go through automatically instead.

Saudi Arabia could even miss out on third place in Group B after Iran's 1-0 win over the United Arab Emirates.—*Internet*



OBITUARY
OM GANGA
Barun Krishna Naidu @ Bryan
Aged (37)

General Manager Linkers (Farest) Pte, Ltd

Second son of Mr.Ashok Krishna Naidu @U Htay Aung (chief officer, East Win Ship management LTD) and Mrs. Sipra Krishna Naidu, younger brother of Arun Krishna Naidu @ Allan, brother of Mrs. Nina Banik, brother of Nikhil Chowdhury, nephew of Nelson, Chandra and Usha (PyinOolwin), nephew of Mr.K.B Chowdhury-Miloo, of No.53/55, Room No.15, Bogalayzay street, Yangon, expired at 5:50 AM on Wednesday, 10th June 2009 at Asia Taw Win Hospital and was cremated on the same day at Ye Way Hindu Cemetery.

Friends and relatives far and near, please accept this as the only intimation.

Bereaved Family

Russia builds baltic oil route to bypass Belarus

UNECHA (Russia), 11 June—Russia started building a four-billion-US- dollar oil pipeline on Wednesday to cut Belarus from a key supply route to Europe, as tension grow between the ex-Soviet allies over warming ties between Minsk and the European Union.

The new pipeline, which will skirt Belarus on its 1,000-kilometre route to the Baltic, was first mooted after a transit dispute in 2006 and will tighten Kremlin control over energy supply routes, also giving it the option to divert flows from Ukraine.

“It’s a very significant loss for Belarus, not only in economic terms but politically, as the country is losing its reputation as a reliable transit nation,” Yaroslav Romanchuk, head of the Mizes think tank in Belarus, said.

Russia, the world's No.2 oil exporter, is keen to bypass the countries that stand between its abundant oil and gas reserves and customers in Europe after going with both Ukraine and Belarus over transit conditions in recent years. The Baltic Pipeline System extension will, carry 30 million tons a year, or 6 percent of Russia's output last year, to Ust-Lugar port on the Baltic Sea. The router, known as BTS-2, is scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2012.

Construction begins only weeks after Russia shelved a 500-million-US-dollars loan to ease Belarus through the financial slowdown, saying it was unhappy with the economic policies of Belarussian President Alexander Lukadshenko.—MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(12-6-2009) (Friday)

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

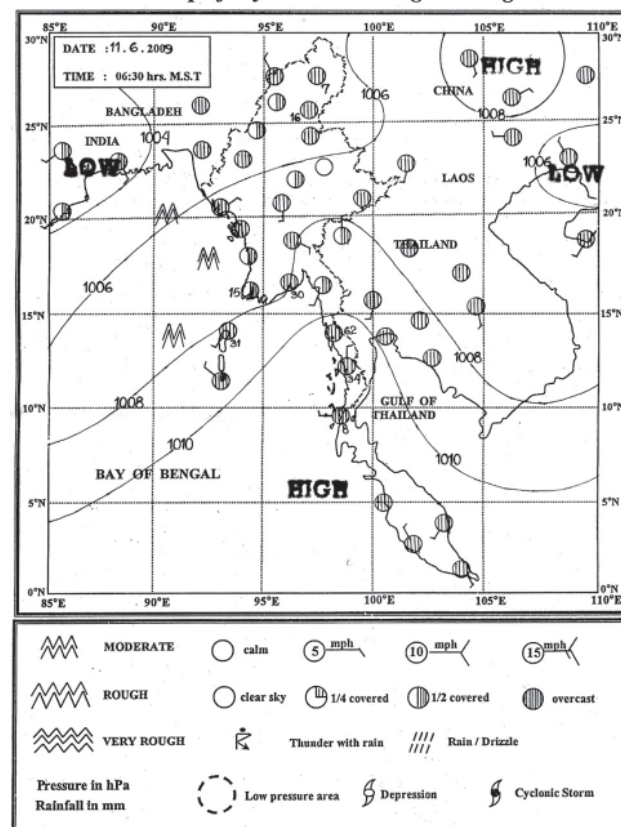
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
 - * Myanma Traditional Gold Leaf Works
 - * The Art of Making Pennant
 - * How To Make Chinlone
 - * Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (VI)
 - * Lush and Green Myanmar Land
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- ### Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Lovely Customs and Dances of Gon Shan
- * Build More Factories for Development of Import-substitute Industries
- * Have a Jaggery.....after your meals...
- * Hsinbyushin Temples, Stone Carving and Monasteries
- * Lifestyles along the Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-4)
- * Traditional Chin Cuisine
- * Production of Dry Prawn in Myeik
- * Inn-Waing Waterfall
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-II)
- * Myanma Traditional Gold Leaf Works
- * The Art of Making Pennant
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (VI)
- * Lush and Green Myanmar Land
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Monywa)
- * Lacquerware in Bagan
- * Inlay Blacksmith Craftsmanship
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-III)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 11 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Mon State, isolated in Shan State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.39) inch, Dawei (2.55) inches, Myeik (1.70) inches, Hmawby (1.58) inches, Coco Island (1.22) inches and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-6-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 11-6-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-6-2009 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 10-6-2009 was (1.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-6-2009 was (1.02) inches at Mingaladon, (1.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (27.02) inches at Mingaladon, (33.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (36.26) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 10-6-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak to moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 12th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Kachin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kayin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 12 June
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါဒသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:45 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- ပျံသာပျံပါထက်အာကာသသို့ (ကျိုင်းတုံလေယာဉ်ပြေးလမ်း)

8:20 am

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:30 am

- “မြို့ကြီးသားယဉ်ကျေးမှု”

8:40 am

- International News

8:50 am

- Musical programme

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

- Songs of yester years

4:30 pm

- “အမျိုး နှင့် မျိုး”

4:45 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:05 pm

- Songs for Uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

- မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာကား

5:35 pm

- Dance of National Races

5:45 pm

- သာဘာဝတ်ဝန်းကျင်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး

သုံးစွဲစေလိုစွန့်ပစ်အမှိုက်သုံးမိမိ

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်

7:05 pm

- Musical programme

7:15 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm

- News

- International News

- Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၃၁)

- သီချင်းချစ်သူ



Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V Putin, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2009.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Philippine President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—On the auspicious occasion of the 111th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines, which falls on 12 June 2009, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines.—MNA

The whole country must be green with woodlands

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

At the ceremony to mark the World Environment Day (2009) held in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 June, Prime Minister General Thein Sein in his speech said that Myanmar was

growing about 70,000 more acres of trees of hardwood species such as teak, ironwood and gum-kino trees annually; that in 2009, 55,200 acres of plantations would be

established to hit the target; and that more than 17 million saplings of various species would be
(See page 9)



Local people of Nawnghkio Township in Shan State (North) grow teak saplings at the rate of three units a household.

Doctorate in beautiful flowerbeds

STOCKHOLM, 11 June—What colours make a garden beautiful? What colours match and what colours clash? How can a flowerbed be planned based on scientific colour theory? Researcher Nina Nilsson at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, is finding the answers to these questions. She is the first person in the world to earn a doctorate in the colour composition of flowerbeds.

The colours of plants have fascinated

mankind for thousands of years. The colour of a plant not only tells what kind of plant it is, colours are also linked to emotions and memories. Plant colours can therefore be thought of in a biological, a cultural and an esthetical perspective.

Unique study

Colour is a foundation of horticulture, and is probably the strongest determinant of how a flowerbed or a garden is perceived. Yet, few scientific studies have focused on the colour composition of flowerbeds - until now.

First in the world Nina Nilsson, Faculty Subjects Coordinator for Con-



Nina Nilsson, researcher at the Department of Conservation at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

servation, Gardening and Garden Design, the Department of Conservation/Dacapo at the University of Gothenburg, is probably the first person in the world to conduct scientific research on colour composition of flowerbeds. She bases her research on two standard works: UK gardening pioneer Gertrude Jekyll's book 'Colour Schemes for the Flower Garden', which remains a best-seller almost 100 years after first being published, and Swiss Johannes Itten's 'Kunst der Farbe', which established 'Itten's colour theory'.—Internet

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Nay Pyi Taw	0.39 inch
Dawei	2.55 inches
Myeik	1.70 inches
Hmawby	1.58 inches
Cocogyun	1.22 inches
Yangon (KabaAye)	1.18 inches