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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcome Sri Lankan President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa at Nay Pyi Taw Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—At the invitation of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by special flight this morning to pay a State Visit to the Union of Myanmar.

The Sri Lankan goodwill delegation led by Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcome Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development

Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, ministers and their wives, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin and wife, Sri

Lankan Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Newton Gunaratna and wife, embassy staff and family members.

At 10.25 am, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam

Shiranthi Rajapaksa and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by special aircraft. Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Sri Lankan

Ambassador Mr. Newton Gunaratna greeted Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa aboard the special aircraft.

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Senior General Than Shwe and Sri Lankan President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa take salute of the Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 15 June, 2009

Build a network of railroads across the Union

The government is striving in all aspects to build up a modern, developed nation with balanced development of all the regions across the Union. In doing so, the Ministry of Rail Transportation on its part is building a network of railroads covering the states and divisions.

Myanma Railways is repairing and upgrading the existing railroads, building more new railroads and producing passenger carriages and freight carriages at a low cost for ensuring smooth transport and regional development as well as for the convenience of the public passengers.

There were only 1967.35 miles of railroads before 1988, but now the length has reached 3238.05 miles. Moreover, there have been 821 railway stations all over the nation.

As for new railroad projects, 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku railroad, 95-mile Katha-Bhamo railroad, 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad, 150-mile Dawei-Myeik railroad and 25-mile Sittway-An-Minbu railroad are under construction.

Minbu-An-Sittway railroad project links Minbu in Magway Division on Kyangin-Pakokku railway section and Sittway in Rakhine State. This railroad will be about 257 miles long and pass through tunnels, bridges and Hsingaung-Padan-Natyekantaung-An-Minbya-MraukU-Kyauktaw towns.

Upon completion of the project, the national people of Rakhine State will have easy access to different regions of the country, thereby contributing to the improvement of various sectors including the economic and social sectors.

All in all, at a time when the government is constructing a network of railroads for the people to have easy access to all states and divisions across the Union, the local people are to have a stake in maintaining the already-build railroads for their durability.

Sakura Auto Auction Centre opened

YANGON, 14 June—A ceremony to open Sakura Auto Auction Centre of Sakura Technical Services Co Ltd was held at the Cherry Garden Housing in 14/3 Ward, South Okkalapa Township here this morning. Chairman of the company U Htay Aung extended greetings and formally opened the auction centre.

Being the first international level auto auction centre, its services are based on a computer-bargain with the use of IT in the marketing of automobiles. The company will auction off about 200 vehicles at weekends fortnightly. Those wishing to auction their vehicles are to entrust the automobiles in advance before Saturday and Sunday.

For further details contact is to be made to Cherry Garden Housing in 14/3 Ward, South Okkalapa Township (Tel:01-569073, 569074, 09 8601779 and 09 8601864) or E-mail: Sakura autoauction @ gmail.com and URL: WWW. Sakura-auction.com.

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People's Desire

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

Commander inspects road/bridge in An Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye looked into An-Sittway road on 3 June and attended the collective plantation ceremony of monsoon physic nut.

Next, the commander inspected traffic island and Basic Education High School in Alezay Ward in MraukU.

On 4 June, he inspected strand road in Kyauktaw, Yadana rice mill and 50-ton rice mill on

strand road and construction of Ganantaung bailey bridge in Ponnagyun Township and attended the collective plantation ceremony of monsoon physic nut.

Afterwards, the commander attended the coordination meeting held at the meeting hall of Rakhine State Office in Sittway with state, district and township level officials and delivered an address. He then looked into strand road and Shukhinthar road in Ohtan ward.

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World Population Day commemorative essay contests held

YANGON, 14 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein visited the essay contests in commemoration of the World Population Day 2009 organized by Yangon Division Immigration and National Registration Department this morning.

The commander, the deputy minister and party looked into participation of the basic education students in the essay contest at Basic



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint views participation of students in essay contests of Yangon Division to mark World Population Day 2009.—MNA

Education High School No. 1 in Lanmadaw Township and the university students at Yangon Institute of

Education in Kamayut Township.

The commander and the deputy minister also visited the essay

contest for college students at Yankin Education Collage in Yankin Township.

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Kayah State marks World No-Tobacco Day

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June —World No-Tobacco Day was marked at the City Hall of Loikaw on 31 May with an address by Chairman of Kayah

State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint.

On 2 June, the chairman attended a tree growing ceremony in

commemoration of World Environment Day at Khonetha Village in Loikaw Township. The chairman and wife and officials planted trees and

viewed and encouraged departmental staff, members of social associations and the local people planting trees.

MNA



Chairman U Htay Aung of Sakura Technical Services Co Ltd formally opens Sakura Auto Auction Centre.—MNA



Feud, falsehoods sparked US Afghan attack

LONDON, 14 June — A British television report to be broadcast on Monday says American forces who killed scores of people last August in Azizabad, western Afghanistan, attacked the village on the basis of false allegations inspired by a blood feud with a neighbouring community. An hour-long, in-depth documentary, previewed by *The Associated Press* and to be broadcast by Channel 4, includes scenes from a Herat provincial court trial in which a leader from the rival village was sentenced to death for murder for having given false information leading to the deaths of 91 innocent Azizabad civilians.

Despite that court ruling, the US Central Command maintains its position that the Americans killed 22 Taliban fighters, along with only 33 civilians.

The British broadcaster will also report that US Special Forces are not cooperating with local police seeking three men

from Kalask, the rival village, in the torture death of an Azizabad man. The suspects are guards at the US base in nearby Shindand.

The report's producer-director and narrator, Tom Roberts, says provincial officials believe US forces have taken sides in the inter-village feud, which apparently stems from competition for Shindand base jobs.

The Azizabad attack badly strained US relations with its Afghan ally, as has a more recent US attack, in Farah Province on 4-5 May, when Afghan officials say 140 villagers were killed. US officials say no more than 30 civilians died, along with 60 to 65 militants.

After the ground and air assault by US and Afghan forces last 22 Aug on Azizabad, the US military said 30 militants were killed and no civilians. It later acknowledged five civilian deaths. Still later, a Central Command investigative report raised the civilian toll to 33.—*Internet*



Hatem Abode, left inspects the damage to his flat after a mortar landed in central Baghdad, Iraq, recently. A woman and her three children were wounded in the attack.
INTERNET



The damage caused by a car bomb in the town of Bathaa, which is near Nasiriyah, about 200 miles (320 kilometres) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq recently.—INTERNET

Afghan violence peaks ahead of elections

KABUL, 14 June — Taliban violence has reached record highs in Afghanistan, the international military says, and there are fears the trend will continue as militants target the August presidential elections.

Thousands of mostly US troops are moving in to secure the polls and to reinforce the turbulent south, a Taliban stronghold, but regional US commander General David Petraeus has warned of "tough months ahead."

Petraeus said on Thursday that the past week had seen the highest level of security incidents since the 2001 ouster of the Taliban in a US-led invasion, despite intense international efforts to quell the violence.

Insurgent-initiated attacks from January to May this year were about

60 percent higher than those for the same period last year, Canadian Brigadier General Richard Blanchette told AFP.

This was part of a trend that had seen attacks climb over the past two years, said Blanchette, the spokesman for the Inter-

national Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

"The number of attacks varies significantly across Afghanistan with Helmand Province in particular experiencing the highest increase in attacks," he said.

Internet

US must limit Afghan civilian deaths

WASHINGTON, 14 June — The big goals of the new American general taking charge of the war in Afghanistan start with fixing a problem that bedeviled the man he is replacing: the repeated, inadvertent killing of civilians.

Stanley McChrystal, the four-star Army general picked to provide the fresh thinking that Pentagon chief Robert Gates says is needed to win the war, will have at least one im-

portant new tool at his disposal — some 21,000 additional US ground troops.

The expanded presence of American forces may reduce the need for deadly airstrikes that can be effective in smashing Taliban fighters but all too frequently kill or maim civilians.

McChrystal is due in the capital, Kabul, this weekend, replacing Gen David McKiernan, whom Gates fired. McChrystal stopped at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Friday to join Gates in consulting with allied defence ministers about NATO's role in Afghanistan.—*Internet*

Britain to unveil Iraq inquiry this week

LONDON, 14 June — The British government will announce an inquiry into the war in Iraq this week, media reported.

The move is expected to be confirmed in a statement to parliament, the *Observer* newspaper and *Press Association* domestic news wire said, quoting unnamed sources. It will probably come as early as Tuesday, the *Observer* said.

The probe is set to be announced days after Prime Minister Gordon Brown fended off a crisis which threatened his leadership prompted by historically bad results in European and local election results on 4 June.

A new *You Gov/Sunday Times* poll gave Brown's ruling Labour party 24 percent support compared to 40 percent for the main opposition

Conservatives led by David Cameron.

The inquiry will likely examine the circumstances leading up to Britain's decision under Brown's predecessor Tony Blair to join the US-led invasion in March 2003, and its aftermath.

Internet

Afghan, foreign troops kill 19 Taliban militants in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 June—Afghan security forces backed by US-led Coalition forces killed 19 Taliban militants including their commander in Paktica Province of eastern Afghanistan, spokesman for provincial administration said on Saturday.

"The operation, began Friday morning, left 19 militants dead so far including their commander Mohibullha," Hamidullah Zuwak told *Xinhua*.

He added that the operation was launched in an area between Gomal and Sarobi districts and no casualties on joint forces and civilians were reported.—*Internet*



File photo shows boy carries his belongings next to the rubble of his home which was destroyed in a US airstrike in the village of Azizabad in the Shindand district of Herat Province, Afghanistan.—INTERNET

Higher rates, oil prices threaten US recovery

WASHINGTON, 14 June—Rising bond yields are taking a toll on home mortgage and corporate lending rates and together with jumping oil prices are threatening the expected US recovery from prolonged recession.

Just as the US economy is on track to bottom out soon, long-term interest rates — reflected by Treasury bonds — and oil prices have jumped to eight-month highs, neutralizing the impact of government stimulus programmes, analysts say.

While the short-term federal fund rate — the interest which banks charge one another on overnight loans —

remains at virtually zero, 10-year bond yields have risen above four percent and 30-year bond yield to nearly five percent last week, the highest levels since October.

“The yield curve steepening could potentially crimp whatever nascent strength there may be in the global recovery,” warned

Carl Weinberg, chief economist of High Frequency Economics.

Bond yields have also jumped in Germany, Britain, Japan and Canada, fueled by fears that aggressive monetary stimulus and government borrowing in a bid to avert a deflationary spiral could fuel an eventual surge in inflation.

Internet



Job seekers search for employment opportunities at a Graduate Recruitment Fair in London. Britain's battered economy is witnessing “green shoots” of recovery after a deep recession, but they could remain fragile for some time as the jobless toll continues to rise, analysts warn.—INTERNET

SNC-Lavalin bags 1.1 bln dlr contract in Algeria

ALGIERS, 14 June—Algeria's national oil company Sonatrach announced it had awarded a 79.3-billion-dinar (1.11-billion-dollar, 793-million-euro) contract to the Canadian engineering firm SNC-Lavalin to

build natural gas processing facilities.

Under the contract SNC-Lavalin is to build infrastructure to collect gas at four southern fields as well as a natural gas processing facility and a facility to process and reinject carbon dioxide into gas fields, Sonatrach said in a statement.

“These installations will permit beginning around 2012 to produce and process 3.5 billion cubic metres of natural gas per year, quantities which should earn 500 million dollars from export,” Engery Minister Chakib Khelil was quoted

as saying by Algeria's APS news agency.

The natural gas will flow to the Arzew liquefied natural gas processing facility that is being built near the Mediterranean coastal city of Oran, which should allow Sonatrach to boost exports from 62 billion cubic metres per year currently to 85 billion from 2014, said Khelil.

Under the 39-month contract SNC-Lavalin is to build gas collection infrastructure at Rhourde Nouss Central, Rhourde Nouss South/East, Rhourde Adra and Rhourde Adra South fields.—Internet



A technician works at a gas treatment plant south of Algiers.—INTERNET

Russian economy shows signs of stability, challenges remain

MOSCOW, 14 June — The global financial crisis has hit the Russian economy after 10 years of expansion averaging almost 7 percent. Although recent statistics show signs of stability, it is believed that economic growth is unlikely to resume soon.

Russia's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by 9.5 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2009, according to the Federal State Statistics. In the same period, industrial output tumbled 14.3 percent and the foreign trade surplus plunged 43.6 percent.

The Economic Development Ministry has

downgraded its GDP forecast from a 2.2 percent decline to a 6 percent shrinkage in view of the deteriorating economic indicators.

The government, meanwhile, has introduced a series of measures to ensure social stability and an improvement to the economy.

It has spent 1.4 trillion rubles (46.7 billion US dollars) from its oil funds to carry out the anti-crisis measures. Taking money from other sources into account, Russia will spend 3 trillion rubles on its economic stimulus package.

Internet

Britain eyes green shoots in struggling economy

LONDON, 14 June—Britain's battered economy is witnessing “green shoots” of recovery after a deep recession, but they could remain fragile for some time as the jobless toll continues to rise, analysts warn.

Major economies including Britain, the eurozone, Japan and the United States were dragged into recession last year as a result of the global financial crisis and the credit crunch, leaving many people facing a bleak winter.

But as the summer warms up shopkeepers and businessmen are reporting signs that customers have money in their pockets again, while banks are lending more, helping to steer the housing market out of a steep slump. Mexican food chain Chilango has bucked the downturn, launching its first restaurant in Islington, north London, in 2007 amid the eruption of the global financial crisis. It opened a second outlet on Fleet Street last October.

“My gut feeling is that the recession's not going to get worse than where we are now — it may stay at the point we are at — but it will only get better from this point,” Chilango founder Eric Partaker told AFP.

His experience is in line with recent news suggesting that the British economy could be awaking from its slumber. The country's gross domestic product (GDP) — the total value of goods and services produced in the economy — shrank in the third and fourth quarters of 2008, and contracted a further 1.9 percent in the first three months of 2009.—Internet



In this photo released by Brazil's Air Force, debris from the Air France flight 447 are put on display at the Antigua and Barbuda's merchant ship Gammagas, on 13 June, 2009. INTERNET

Air France jet sent message on rudder problem

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 June—A burst of automatic messages sent by Air France Flight 447 before it crashed includes one about a problem with a rudder safety device but lacks decisive clues as to what sent the jet plunging into the Atlantic Ocean two weeks ago, an aviation expert said on Saturday.

The industry official, who has knowledge of the Air France investigation,

told *The Associated Press* that a transcript of the messages posted on the Web site EuroCockpit is authentic but inconclusive.

One of the 24 automatic messages sent from the plane minutes before it disappeared 31 May with 228 on board points to a problem in the “rudder limiter,” a mechanism that limits how far the plane's rudder can move. The flight was headed from Rio

de Janeiro to Paris through an area of fierce thunderstorms. The nearly intact vertical stabilizer — which includes the rudder — was fished out of the water earlier this week by Brazilian searchers.

“There is a lot of information, but not many clues,” the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss the matter.—Internet



All items from Xinhua News Agency

SCO pays much attention to economic, financial cooperation

BEIJING, 14 June—The annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) will be held in Russia's Ural city of Yekaterinburg on 15 June. Since the establishment of the SCO in 2001, its members have made achievement in cooperation in the political, security, economic and financial fields.

Experts believe that

amidst the current financial crisis, strengthening economic and financial cooperation among SCO member states helps to enrich cooperation within the organization's framework.

The SCO member states — China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — adopted a programme of multilateral trade and eco-

nomics cooperation in 2003. Since then, cooperation in security and economic matters has been gradually established, with economic cooperation gaining an increasingly important influence.

In October 2005, the SCO banks consortium was established, indicating the start of financial cooperation among the member states.—Xinhua

Prospect broad for energy, environment cooperation between China, Japan

BEIJING, 14 June — China and Japan have a broad prospect for energy and environment cooperation, an expert on Japanese issues told *Xinhua* in an interview on Saturday.

Japan is leading the world in energy-efficiency and environment protection technologies, while China is currently devoted to developing an environmental-friendly and energy-efficient society," said Zhou Yongsheng, a professor with China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU).

Japan last September unveiled its New Economic Growth Strategy, under which the country will concentrate on im-

proving energy efficiency and developing high value-added products for international market, said Zhou, who is also a member of the Chinese Association for Japanese Studies.

With the strategy, Japan attempts to end the traditional energy consumption model which is heavily relied on fossil fuels like oil, coal and natural gas, Zhou said.—Xinhua



People visit the 2009 Zhejiang (Shanghai) Travel Fair in Shanghai, east China, on 12 June, 2009. The fair kicked off in Shanghai on Friday, promoting Shanghai's neighbour, Zhejiang Province's tourist resorts, especially those related to the 2010 Shanghai World Expo. —XINHUA

India's economy shows early signs of recovery

NEW DELHI, 14 June —India's economy has shown a sign of early recovery from the global economic meltdown as recent statistics have indicated, thanks to the government's stimulus measures.

The Indian government said on Friday that the country's industrial output in April grew 1.4

percent from the same month last year. The figure was also a significant hike from March's 0.75 percent.

The sign of recovery can also be seen in the 5.8 percent growth in the first quarter of 2009. The figure was higher than the previous forecast of 5.5 percent. Meanwhile, the Indian Industrial Product index stopped declining in April and resumed climbing.

Nikhilesh Bhattacharyya of the Moody's, an international economic consultation firm, predicted that in the coming months, India's industrial output is very likely to maintain a stable growth.

Xinhua



The queen and king of Samba carnival of Helsinki perform along a street in the centre of Helsinki, capital of Finland, on 13 June, 2009. The 19th Samba Carnival was held in Helsinki on Saturday, attracting thousands of people to participate in this festival. —XINHUA

Palestinians call for unity ahead of Hamas Gaza takeover anniversary

GAZA, 14 June— Hamas security forces dispersed a rally calling for an end to the bitter Palestinian schism in Gaza city on Saturday, on the eve of the second anniversary of Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in June 2007.

Some 3,000 people attended the rally organized by the left-wing Popular Front to Liberate Palestine (PFLP), chanting slogans to call on rival Fatah and Hamas groups to end the two-year political rift between Hamas-ruled Gaza and the Fatah-dominated West Bank.

Rabah Muhana, a sen-

ior PFLP Gaza leader, told *Xinhua* that the police attacked the demonstrators, leaving two people injured and three detained.

Witnesses said Hamas policemen moved after thousands of Gazans chanted behind a cheerleader "We don't want Abbas or Haneya, we want a national unity."

Ismail Haneya is prime

minister of the Hamas unity government, which was deposed by President Mahmoud Abbas after Hamas took control of the coastal enclave.—Xinhua

A racing car rolls past a balance bar in the course of field during one stage of the 2009 National Auto Field Cross Country Championship in Beijing, on 13 June, 2009. —XINHUA



Some California Senate employees face furloughs due to budget crisis

LOS ANGELES, 14 June—Some employees in California's Senate are bracing for the possibility of involuntary, unpaid furloughs four months af-

ter rank-and-file state workers were forced to stay home two days each month without pay.

According to an e-mail sent by Senate leader

Darrell Steinberg's chief of staff to other top Senate aides, Republican and Democratic senators voted in closed-door caucuses this week to furlough staff earning more than 50,000 US dollars annually, the *Los Angeles Times* said on Saturday.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger ordered the original furloughs but does not have that authority over the legislative branch.

The goal is to save 5 percent of workers' pay. That equals roughly one furlough day a month, the e-mail said.

Xinhua



This picture released by the United Nations Mission in Sudan shows internally displaced people of the Murle tribe carrying food rations from the World Food Programme at a distribution point in the Sudanese town of Pibor in March 2009.—INTERNET

South Sudan gunmen attack UN food aid shipments

JUBA, 14 June —Armed members of a South Sudan tribe attacked on the weekend barges carrying UN food aid, a UN official said, amid unconfirmed reports that several people were killed.

Gunmen from the Jikany Nuer ethnic group attacked some 27 barges carrying aid for the UN's World Food Programme outside the town of Nassir in Upper Nile state, said Michelle Iseminger.

The barges were on their way to the town of

Akobo when they were attacked, said Iseminger, the WFP programme director for South Sudan.

Officials said the supplies are vital to support some 18,000 displaced people in Akobo who fled their homes in fighting earlier this year. Iseminger said that 16 boats managed to return to Nassir, but the fate of the 11 other barges was still unknown. "Nobody knows their real conditions now," she said.

According to local reports, several people were

killed or wounded during the attack. "There are many wounded in the hospital including soldiers, and many killed, there are dozens dead," said one resident of Nassir town, asking not to be named.

UN officials were unable to confirm the reports.

The attacks follow clashes in May between factions of the Lou Nuer and Jikany ethnic groups, in which at least 66 people were killed according to local officials.

Internet

Hamas welcomes Iran's election results

GAZA, 14 June—Palestinian Islamic Hamas movement on Saturday said Iran's election results showed support for the country's defiant policy.

The results show a wide public commendation for Iran's policy of challenge," said Fawzi Barhoum, a spokesman for Hamas which controls the Gaza Strip, in a state-

ment sent to the press.

Iran's incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has won a landslide victory in the 10th presidential election, securing a second term of presidency in the next four years, Iran's Interior Minister Sadeq Mahsouli said on Saturday afternoon.

Internet

Hospitals oppose Obama's Medicare, Medicaid cuts

WASHINGTON, 14 June—President Barack Obama said Saturday he wants to help pay for his health care overhaul by slowing Medicare and Medicaid spending, but hospitals, medical technicians and others are resisting. The high-stakes struggle over medical care is heating up as Obama declares the status quo unacceptable.

The president suggests trimming federal payments to hospitals by about \$200 billion over the next 10 years, saying greater efficiencies and broader insurance coverage will justify the change. Hospitals, especially those with many poor patients, say the proposed cuts are unfair and will harm the sick and elderly.—*Internet*

AL chief meets with Solana for peace

CAIRO, 14 June —There is a positive atmosphere created by the new US administration, Arab League (AL) chief Amr Moussa said on Saturday at the headquarters of the AL. Moussa told reporters after meeting European Union (EU) foreign policy chief Javier Solana, "the new US administration led by President Obama pursues achieving peace in the Middle East."

Now, there is an open window that we must seize to establish a Palestinian state and end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," said Moussa.

Moussa stressed that there is a real opportunity to achieve peace in the region and the Arabs should seize the opportunity.—*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM



Aurora, a 20-year-old Beluga whale gives birth at the Vancouver Aquarium in Vancouver, British Columbia. Aurora was in labour for about three hours before delivering the new calf.

'Body' actually mannequin

Connecticut State Police said a discovery on the side of a cliff that was thought to be a human body turned out to be a mannequin.

Lt Paul Vance said the object was first spotted and identified as a body Saturday night in West Rock State Park but a specialized ropes team dispatched to the scene Sunday morning discovered the "body" was actually a mannequin, WTNH-TV, New Haven, Conn, reported Monday.

Vance said the State Police Major Crimes Squad was on the scene for about 2 1/2 hours Saturday night and three hours Sunday morning.

Man jailed 153 times

A man from Portsmouth, New Hampshire was arrested for the 153rd time, one week after his release from a one-year jail term on a theft charge.

Paul Baldwin, 49, was arrested over the weekend for allegedly punching someone in the face. He told a judge on Monday that he plans to plead guilty to the assault, along with trespassing and alcohol charges. He said he has had a long battle with alcohol and was trying to correct the problem during his most recent one-year jail term. "All I need is help with the drinking, your honor," he told the judge."

Bail was set at \$1,500 cash and Baldwin was ordered to have no contact with the alleged assault victim. If he is able to post bail, he is also court-ordered to observe a 7 pm curfew.



Rally reflection : A dog sits under a shelter to protect itself from the rain during a rally organized by Ukrainian Zoo Rights activists in front of the mayor's office in Kiev.



Toy poodles are seen dressed up with pair of sunglasses at a dog fiesta in Tokyo.

British boy finds seven-leaf clover

A British 9-year-old said he discovered a seven-leaf clover while hunting for the four-leaf variety with his father in a nature reserve.

Alastair Barnes said he was walking in the Coombe Bassett nature reserve, near Salisbury, England, when he came upon the seven-leaf clover, a variety experts said are even more rare than the traditionally lucky four-leaf clovers, the *Daily Mail* reported on Monday.

"I was really hoping to find a four-leaf clover when I spotted one with seven leaves," the young boy said. "I was amazed and I immediately shouted to my dad: 'Daddy daddy, I've found a seven-leaf clover.'" "He didn't believe me at first but then he came over and had a look for himself," Alastair said. "I picked it and took it home. It was amazing to find something so rare — I was so happy."

Children benefit from daytime nap

Taking a nap during the day may help reduce hyperactivity, anxiety and depression for children aged four to five, a new study shows.

In the study, researchers at Pennsylvania State University analyzed 62 children categorized as either napping (77 percent) or non-napping (23 percent).

The study found that children who didn't take daytime naps had higher levels of anxiety, hyperactivity and depression. Children who took naps did so an average of 3.4 days a week, according to the study.

The study findings were presented on Monday at the annual meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies in Seattle. The study data were based on the parents' or caregivers' reporting of the children's typical weekday and weekend bedtime/wake time and napping patterns. Family demographics and behavioral assessments of the children were also included in the analysis.

"There is a lot of individual variability in (the age) when children are ready to give up naps. I would encourage parents to include a quiet 'rest' time in their daily schedule that would allow children to nap if necessary," said lead author Brian Crosby, a postdoctoral fellow of psychology.



Flourishing oil palm farming in Taninthayi Division

Article, photos; June Maung Maung

Kawthoung in Kawthoung District, Taninthayi Division, is an entrance to the border in the southern part of Myanmar.

The key to rapid development of the whole coastal region of Taninthayi Division is that Kawthoung is easily accessible by land, by sea and by air from the cities in upper Myanmar. People can travel by car at any times from Kawthoung to Kamaukkyi, Karathuri, Bokpyin, Taninthayi, Myeik, Pulaw, Palauk, Thayetchaung, Dawei, Yebyu, Kalein-aung, Ye, Lamaing, Mudon, Thanbyuzayat, Mawlamyine, Paung, Thaton, Bilin, Kyaikto, Waw, Bago and Yangon, as well as by sea to Myeik and Yangon.

It takes about six hours to travel by speedboat to Dawei, about 300 knots from Kawthoung. And it takes about 55 minutes to travel by air from Yangon to Dawei, 1 hour and 10 minutes to Myeik, and 1 hour and 55 minutes to Kawthoung. Smooth transport is the driving force behind the significant progress of the whole Kawthoung District. Junior Officer of the Township General Administration Department U Min Lwin said, "Kamaukkyi has

developed a lot. Due to its economic growth, the living standard of local people is getting high. Their businesses such as oil palm farming, rubber farming, deep sea and offshore fishing, shipbuilding and industrial zones are thriving. They have generated a large number of jobs not only for local people but for many people from around the nation."

U An Ban, in-charge of Taninthayi Division Oil Palm Project, said that



Daw Tin Moe Hlaing
(Shwepaukkan)
(Chief Accountant).

since 1999, Yuzana Co Ltd had been farming oil palm in Kawthoung, Kamaukkyi, Karathuri, Bokpyin and Taninthayi in Kawthoung District, reclaiming virgin and fallow lands with the assistance rendered by the government.

Chief Engineer U Zaw Lwin said, "This year, we have planted 850,000 oil palm saplings and built



Khamaukkyi 38th Mile Yuzana Palm Oil Mill in Kawthoung District, Taninthayi Division.

812.44 miles of earth roads and 235.22 miles of gravel roads, totalling 1047.66 miles. And we have opened a basic education high school (Kamaukkyi) and an affiliated primary school with 12 teachers for the education of the children of the farm



Daw Moe Thandar
(Yangon) (Chief Treasurer).

workers. We have 250 housing units for staff, 320 rows of houses for workers and 100 houses for officials, an assembly hall. We provide free health care with a hospital, eight dispensaries, a Red Cross ambulance, three doctors, five nurses and 19 health assistants. We provide the staff and workers with welfare service with a cinema hall, three libraries, a supermarket, two department stores, a market, a restaurant and free power supply."

Chief Accountant of Yuzana Palm Oil Mill Daw Tin Moe Hlaing (Shwepaukkan) said, "I feel fulfilling the basic needs of the workers is

somehow doing meritorious deeds."

Chief Treasurer Daw Moe Thandar (Yangon) said that she was satisfied with her performance for economic development of her palm oil Mill, representing the female workforce.

Accountant Daw Ei Ei Paing (Taunggyi) said



Daw Ei Ei Paing
(Taunggyi)
(Accountant).

that she was far away from her home, but she was happy to work there and she regarded all her workmates as her sisters and brothers.

The mill of Yuzana Co Ltd can mill 60 tons of palm oil fruits per hour.

It also purchases oil palm fruits from the State-owned oil palm, Dagon Timber Co, and Pokaung Co, and distributes its crude palm oil to Thakayta palm oil mill. Now, Taninthayi Division has become another edible oil bowl of the nation.

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Red wine demonstrates significant health benefits

BRISBANE, 14 June — The benefits of alcohol are all about moderation. Low to moderate drinking — especially of red wine — appears to reduce all

causes of mortality, while too much drinking causes multiple organ damage. A mini-review of recent findings on red wine's polyphenols, particularly one called resveratrol, will



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be published in the September issue of *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*; the review is also available at Early View.

"Reports on the benefits of red wine are almost two centuries old," said Lindsay Brown, associate professor in the School of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Queensland and corresponding author for the study. "The media developed the more recent story of the French paradox in the early 1990s.—Internet

What really prompts dog's 'guilty look'

NEW YORK, 14 June — What dog owner has not come home to a broken vase or other valuable items and a guilty-looking dog slouching around the house? By ingeniously setting up conditions where the owner was misinformed as to whether their dog had really committed an offense, Alexandra Horowitz, Assistant Professor from Barnard College in New

York, uncovered the origins of the "guilty look" in dogs in the recently published "Canine Behaviour and Cognition" Special Issue of Elsevier's Behavioural Processes.

Horowitz was able to show that the human tendency to attribute a "guilty look" to a dog was not due to whether the dog was indeed guilty. Instead, people see 'guilt' in a dog's body language when

they believe the dog has done something it shouldn't have — even if the dog is in fact completely innocent of any offense.—Internet



Boxer mix.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife...

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Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party welcomed the Sri Lankan President and wife.

Next, the Senior General and the Sri Lankan President took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais of the airport. The State Band played the National Anthems of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Union of Myanmar.

The Sri Lankan President and the Senior General inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Sri Lankan President presented his entourage to the Senior General. Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa

cordially greeted those who accompanied the Senior General and wife.

The Senior General, wife and party greeted the goodwill delegation led by the Sri Lankan President and wife who left for Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone where they will be accommodated.

The Sri Lankan President and wife were accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama, ministers and senior officials.

In welcoming the Sri Lankan goodwill delegation led by the Sri Lankan President and wife, the photographs of Heads of both countries and the banner bearing "Warmly welcome Hon'ble President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa of the Democratic Socialist



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing cordially greet President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.
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Senior General Than Shwe and President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa inspect the Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Republic of Sri Lanka and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa" in Myanmar and English were put up at Nay Pyi Taw Airport, Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, Pinlaung Junction and Razahatani Road. State Flags of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Union of Myanmar were hoisted around Nay Pyi Taw Airport, the Roundabout at the exit of the airport, Thabyegon Roundabout, Razathingaha Roundabout and Lotus Roundabout.

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World Population Day commemorative essay contests held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — Jointly-organized by the Ministry of Immigration and Population and UNFPA, World Population Day -2009 commemorative basic education high and middle school level essay contests were held at Nay Pyi Taw No 3 Basic Education High School (Ywataw) and university and college level at Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University of Agriculture today from 9 am to 11 am.

Chairman of the committee for celebrating World Population Day-2009 Director-General of the Population Department U Maung

Myint and members and officials visited the schools and viewed the students participating in the contests.

The essay was titled 'Protecting marginalized populations from the global economic crisis'. Altogether 268 students took part in the contests.

The commemorative essay contests were also held at designated places of the states and divisions.—MNA

Director-General U Maung Myint of Population Department views participation of students at basic education high and middle school level essay contests.—MNA





Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Sri Lankan delegation led by Hon'ble President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa meet

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—A meeting between a delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and a delegation led by Hon'ble President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa took

A meeting between a delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and a delegation led by Hon'ble President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa takes place at the meeting hall of Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Sri Lankan Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama sign an agreement on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and official/service passports of the two countries.—MNA



place at the meeting hall of the Government Office here at 3.30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin, Director-General Col Thant Shin of

the Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department, Director-General U Kyaw Tint of Political Department and officials. The Sri Lankan President was accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Transport Mr Hon. Dallas Alahapperuma, Deputy Minister of Labour Mr Hon. Marvin de Silva, MP Mr Hon .Wimal Weerawansa of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Sri Lankan Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Newton Gunaratna and high-ranking officials.

On arrival at the meeting hall, the Sri Lankan delegation was warmly welcomed by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The meeting started with the greetings of Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Next, the Sri Lankan President made a speech.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa discussed matters on further

promotion of cooperation in such sectors as religion, trade, economy, education, agriculture, forest, hotels and tourism, transport, etc. as well as in regional and international arenas.

A ceremony to sign agreements between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka was held at the same venue at 4.50 pm.

First, Myanmar Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Sri Lankan Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama signed an agreement on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and official/service passports of the two countries, and exchanged the documents.

Next, Myanmar Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Sri Lankan Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama signed an MoU on tourism cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and exchanged the documents.—MNA

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj - Gen Soe Naing and Sri Lankan Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama sign an MoU on tourism cooperation.

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Forestry Minister inspects development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint, looked into plantation of eucalyptus for building of house at Warsaung and Konthar villages in Loikaw Township on 10 June.

On 11 June, the minister and chairman of Kayah State PDC attended the opening ceremony of Khawukhu No.2 new tarred road and the minister opened the new tarred road.

The new tarred road—1,175 feet long and 12 feet wide—costs K 7 million and constructed by SPDC.

Next, they also attended the opening ceremony of Basic Education Middle School (Branch) at Konthar village in Loikaw Township and delivered an address. Chairman of Kayah State PDC presented exercise books and the organizing committee documents related to the new school building to Township Education Officer. A member of school board of trustee spoke words of thanks and officials opened the new school

building.

The 120 feet long and 30 feet wide new school building costs K 16.5 million.

After that, the minister and the chairman of Kayah State PDC arrived at Home for the Aged and donated cash and medicine.

At the ambulance presenting ceremony in Prusho Township Hospital, the minister delivered a speech and well-wisher U Tun Kyaw presented documents related to the ambulance to Head of Township Health Department Dr Daw Khine Hay Mar Myint.

Afterwards, U Kyi Sein from Wood World presented Oxygen machine and Head of Township Health Department spoke words of thanks. And then the minister and the chairman of Kayah State PDC viewed the ambulance and encouraged the patients and provided cash and nutrients.

They then met with local people at Basic Education Middle School in Htipauso village in Prusho Township and the minister provided exercise books and cash to them.

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Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa visits Gems Museum, Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden, Nay Pyi Taw Myoma market

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa, wife of Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa and party, accompanied by wife of the Minister for Sports and wife of the Myanmar Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, arrived at Gems Museum and were welcomed by the Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and officials.

First, the curator of Gems Museum explained the facts about gems land where gem, jade and minerals were exploited, to Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa and party.

Next, they viewed gems in Gems Museum. Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa



Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa, wife of Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, and party visit Gems Museum.—MNA

signed in the visitors' book. And then the managing director presented gifts.

Afterwards, Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa and party visited shops of

Myanma Gems Enterprise, Myanmar Ves Joint Venture Co Ltd, Aye Aye Khine Gems Company, Romantic Gems-studded painting and Shwekanote Gems

enterprise at the Gems Museum.

They then visited Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden and Nay Pyi Taw Myoma market by car.—MNA

Press briefing on future programmes of Okkthar United FC

YANGON, 14 June—A press briefing on future programmes of Okkthar United FC took place at Inya Lake Hotel here this afternoon.

At the briefing, Managing Director of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and Patron of Okkthar United FC U Aung Moe Kyaw clarified

the future programmes of the football club, and replied to queries raised by the media men.

The football club was established with the aim

of striving for the development of Myanmar football as a national concern, of participating in the MNL based on a new system of professionalism, of turning out outstanding footballers by nurturing and training new generation footballers and of facilitating Myanmar football to be able to regain achievements in the international meets. And the football club will try its best to meet its objectives.—MNA

Managing Director of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd & Group of Companies and Patron of Okkthar United FC U Aung Moe Kyaw explains future programmes of Okkthar United FC.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Greenland ice sheet melting faster than expected

FAIRBANKS, 14 June — The Greenland ice sheet is melting faster than expected, according to a new study led by a University of Alaska Fairbanks researcher and published in the journal *Hydrological Processes*.

Study results indicate that the ice sheet may be responsible for nearly 25 percent of global sea rise in the past 13

years. The study also shows that seas now are rising by more than 3 millimeters a year—more than 50 percent faster than the average for the 20th century.

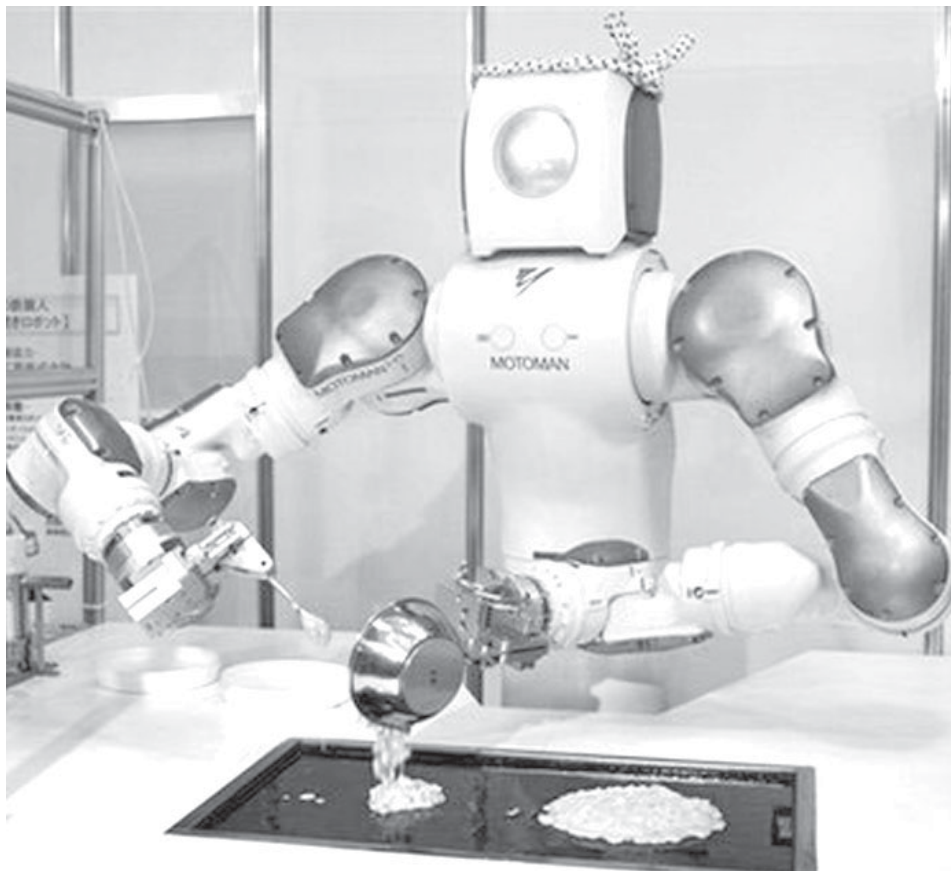
UAF researcher Sebastian H. Mernild and colleagues from the United States, United Kingdom and Denmark discovered that from 1995 to 2007, overall precipitation on the

ice sheet decreased while surface ablation—the combination of evaporation, melting and calving of the ice sheet—increased. According to Mernild's new data, since 1995 the ice sheet lost an average of 265 cubic kilometres per year, which has contributed to about 0.7 millimetres per year in global sea level rise.

Internet



Melting water from a glacier in Greenland runs into the ocean.



Cooking robot 'Okonomiyaki Robot' pours the ingredients for okonomiyaki (Japanese flour cake) over a heated cooking pan during its demonstration at the International Food Machinery and Technology Exhibition in Tokyo, Japan, on Tuesday, 9 June, 2009.

INTERNET

US Returns over 100 Bases to Iraqis ahead of troops Pullout

BAGHDAD, 14 June — The US military said on Saturday that over 100 military bases have been handed over to Iraqi security forces ahead of the June 30 deadline for US combat troops to pull out from Iraqi cities and towns as part of a landmark security pact.

A US military statement said a joint US and Iraqi committee, tasked with monitoring the implementation of US-Iraq security agreement, highlighted progress achieved in Iraq during its third meeting, including “the return of over 100 bases and the safe and orderly release of over 3,000 detainees” since the implementation of the pact.

The committee meeting on Thursday was presided by Iraqi Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani, US Ambassador Christopher Hill, and top US troops commander, General Ray Odierno, the statement said. Meanwhile, Iraqi Defence Ministry spokesman, Major General Mohammed al-Askari said on Saturday that Iraq had set up a joint command centre with the US military to coordinate operations after the June 30 deadline.

“Minister of Defence, Abdul Qader al-Obiedi opened today the Joint Military Operations Coordination Committee to coordinate US and Iraq’s military operations after June 30,” Askari

said, pointing out that the committee would be responsible for giving authorization to US troops to intervene even after the pullout of US forces from urban areas.

“The principle of the centre is to organize the work and to speed up US troops’ intervention without violating the law,” he said. Iraqi Parliament overwhelmingly voted for the key security agreement which keeps the presence of US military in Iraq for another three years in November. Under the agreement, US troops will withdraw from Iraqi cities, towns and villages by 30 June 2009, and to completely pullout from Iraq by 31 December, 2011. —MNA/Xinhua

British lawmakers criticize US missile shield plan

LONDON, 14 June — A planned US missile shield may not strengthen Europe’s security and could hurt NATO’s interests if deployed in the face of Russian opposition, British members of Parliament said on Sunday.

The United States says the anti-missile system is designed to prevent potential attacks from countries such as Iran, but the plan has outraged Moscow which sees it as a threat. Russia has urged Washington to drop its plan to put 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and a radar station in the Czech Republic. Both former Soviet satellites are now NATO members. Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee, made up of legislators from the main political parties, voiced reservations about the US plan in a report on weapons proliferation. “We are not convinced that, as they are currently envisaged and under current circumstances, the United States’ planned ballistic missile defence (BMD) deployments in the Czech Republic and Poland represent a net gain for European security,” it said.

MNA/Reuters

Life may extend planet’s ‘life’

SCIENCE DAILY, 14 June — Roughly a billion years from now, the ever-increasing radiation from the sun will have heated Earth into inhabitability; the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that serves as food for plant life will disappear, pulled out by the weathering of rocks; the oceans will evaporate; and all living things will disappear.

Or maybe not quite so soon, say researchers from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), who have come up with a mechanism that doubles the future lifespan of the biosphere—while also increasing the chance that advanced life will be found elsewhere in the universe.—Internet

British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 14 June — A British soldier has been killed in a bomb explosion in southern Afghanistan,

the Ministry of Defence said on Saturday.

The soldier, from the 2nd Battalion the Rifles, died on Friday near Sangin in Helmand Province, the southern region of Afghanistan where most British troops are based and where the Taliban remains strong.

“It is with deep regret that we report the death of another soldier in Helmand Province,” a spokesman for the British task force said in a statement. The death raises to 168 the number of British service personnel killed in Afghanistan since Britain joined the United States in invading the country in 2001. —MNA/Reuters



An aerial view shows Burj al-Arab hotel in the oil-rich Gulf emirate of Dubai. Businesses in the United Arab Emirates are more confident of brighter trade prospects than their peers in financial hubs Hong Kong and Singapore, world banking giant HSBC said in a survey.—INTERNET

Latest survey shows Beijing has 527 kms of Great Wall

BEIJING, 14 June — Latest survey by the Beijing Municipal Administration of Cultural Heritage shows that there are 526.65467 kilometres of the Great Wall in Beijing.

The figures were released on Saturday, the fourth “Cultural Heritage Day”, a domestic holiday that falls on the second Saturday of each June.

Of the nearly 527 kilometres of Great Wall, about 388 kilometres have been renovated or rebuilt, according to the survey. Data released by the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping in April showed the total length of the Great Wall is 8858.88 kilometres.

MNA/Xinhua



Triumph the Insult Comedy Dog appears at a news conference during the Bonnaroo Arts and Music Festival in Manchester, Tenn, on Saturday, 13 June, 2009. Comedian Robert Smigel manipulates the hand puppet.

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Major rebel arms cache found in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 14 June—Sri Lankan troops have unearthed the largest haul of weapons and ammunition discovered since the defeat of Tamil Tiger rebels last month, the government said.

Hundreds of automatic assault rifles, mortar bombs and land mines were found during a two-day search in the north of the island.

A clearing operation was also under way in the area where Tamil Tiger leader Velupillai Prabhakaran was killed last

month.

“Troops conducting search and clear operations in the Wanni areas uncovered some more LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) weapons, ammunition and explosives,” the defence ministry said.

Military officials said the discoveries made over the weekend formed the largest haul since the government’s recent victory over the Tiger rebels ended decades of ethnic conflict.—*Internet*



Archaeologists work at the excavation site of No1 on 13 1 pit of the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses of Emperor Qin Shihuang, in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 13 June 2009. (INTERNET)

Nine foreigners missing in northern Yemen, probably kidnapped

SANAA, 14 June—Nine foreigners, including seven Germans, two Britons were found missing in southern Yemen, probably kidnapped by tribe militants, local security officials said Saturday.

The nine-person group, a German engineer and his six family members and two British friends, were found missing Friday night.

A report on the ruling party’s official website said they were kidnapped by rebels.—*Internet*

Opel rescue opens Pandora box for German state aid

FRANKFURT, 14 June—Germany, having orchestrated a rescue for automaker Opel, is trying to keep the lid on a Pandora’s box of state aid, even if it means turning away luxury sports carmaker Porsche and retailer Arcandor.

Chancellor Angela Merkel has said repeatedly that the bailout for Opel with the help of a public credit worth 1.5 billion euros (2.1 billion dollars) was an “exceptional case”.

She said “we have very clear criteria (for offering public aid): was the company in good shape in the summer of 2008” before the global economic crisis began to gather steam?

In remarks to ZDF public television last week, she said: “Does it have a future in the economy? What is its outlook? And then we have a commission that decides.”—*Internet*

Italian hostage in Philippines alive

MANILA, 14 June—An Italian Red Cross worker held hostage by militants in the southern Philippines is still alive, the military said, after weekend clashes left six members of the security forces dead.

“Our information is clear, that he is alive,” Marine spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Edgar Arevalo told DZBB radio in Manila, citing intelligence reports from the field.

He said troops were conducting follow-up operations Sunday, a day after five Marines and a police commando were killed in an ambush by Abu Sayyaf militants, who have been holding Eugenio Vagni, 62, on southern Jolo island since January.

Arevalo said 17 soldiers were also wounded in the fighting, although the Abu Sayyaf was believed to have suffered heavy casualties as well.—*Internet*

Somalia gets new Navy force after years of absence

MOGADISHU, 14 June — Drilling in the open ground of the dusty and dilapidated Old Port in the north of Mogadishu are nearly five hundred young men recruited to serve Somalia’s nascent navy force, the first in nearly two decades.

“We expect this force to receive intensive training in four months and then be armed and start protecting the Somali

coast against foreign intrusion and criminal activities,” Admiral Farah Omar Ahmed, newly appointed Chief Somali Navy Commander, said at an opening ceremony for the navy training.

Admiral Ahmed said the force were the first batch of an expected five thousand Navy force Somalia will eventually have to protect its territorial waters and fight ram-

pant piracy, two decades after the force has collapsed with the overthrow of the late Somali government of former Somali President Mohamed Siyad Barre in 1991.

With an ever growing high seas piracy off the Somali coast and the Gulf of Aden, the east African nation’s urgent need for a navy to combat the menace is ever more apparent.

—*Internet*

Malaysia to aid Indonesia ahead of haze season

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June—Malaysia has offered to help Indonesia curb forest fires blamed for the choking haze that shrouds the region each year, media reports said, as air quality fell in the country.

In the dry season, Indonesian farmers burn forests to clear land for agriculture, causing a smoky haze that spreads across the region, affecting tourism and increasing health problems.

“We have special aeroplanes which can be used to carry out water bombing,” the *Sunday Star* quoted Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak as saying.

“It is up to the Indonesian government to accept it,” the premier told the newspaper, as he urged Malaysians to avoid

open burning.

Malaysian environment authorities said air quality and visibility in parts of the country over the past week fell from “good” to “moderate.”

On Sunday morning, the environment department said 22 out of 49 areas it monitored were “moderate,” an improvement from Friday when three areas including capital Kuala Lumpur were “unhealthy.”

The Indonesian government has outlawed land-clearing by fire but weak enforcement means the ban is largely ignored.

Environment ministers from Singapore, Malaysia and other regional nations have urged Indonesia promptly to ratify a regional treaty aimed at preventing cross-border haze pollution.—*Internet*

Pilot of small plane dies in crash at NH resort

GILFORD, 14 June—Authorities say the pilot of a single-engine plane has died after crashing on the grounds of a New Hampshire resort.

Witnesses say the *Cessna 177* hit two trees at the Margate Resort in Gilford, then came down in a parking lot at 4:20 pm Saturday, shortly after taking off from nearby Laconia.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters says the pilot was taken to a local hospital and later died of his injuries. His name hasn’t been released.

The plane was registered to David Richard Kerr of Falmouth, Maine, but Peters says Kerr wasn’t flying it at the time of the crash.

Peters says no one on the ground was injured. The crash is being investigated by the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board.—*Internet*



International child abductions by parents rising

NEWARK, 14 June—It was a globe-trotting romance: a handsome American working as a model in Italy falls in love with a Brazilian beauty studying fashion design in Milan. They marry in 1999, settle in the tony New Jersey shore town of Red Bank, and have a son.

Four years later, the couple's relationship begins to change from an international love affair into a diplomatic nightmare.

The woman, Bruna Bianchi, took the couple's son to visit her relatives in Brazil in 2004 but never returned. The boy's father, David Goldman of Tinton Falls, NJ, has been battling to get his son back ever since.

While the Goldman case has been prominent in recent news coverage, it isn't the only dramatic custody case being fought across international borders. The US State De-

partment says such parental abductions involving American children are rising. There were more than 1,000 new cases of American children taken by a parent to another country last year — a 35 percent increase over 2007, according to the department.

The international tug-of-wars get even more difficult to resolve when nations disagree on which parent should keep a child.—Internet



Technicians work with eggs in the inoculation area of Sinovac Biotech Ltd, a Chinese vaccine making company, during production of a vaccine for the H1N1 flu virus in Beijing on 14 June, 2009. Vaccine makers germinate the virus in fertilized chicken eggs in a process that can take four to six months.—INTERNET

Foot and mouth disease outbreaks in southeast Nepal

KATHMANDU, 14 June—An outbreak of foot and mouth disease has affected cattle of five Village Development Committees (VDCs) in Siraha district of southeastern Nepal for the past few days. According to Livestock Sub-Center at Bariyarpatti of Siraha, some 150 km southeast

of Nepali capital Kathmandu, more than 50 percent buffaloes, cows and goats are suffering from the infectious disease in Mohanpur, Bidhanpur, Tulsipur, Tunebapatti and Bariyarpatti.

Doriklal Yadav, chief at the sub-center, said the health institution receives

the flow of around 50 cows and buffaloes daily, Nepali national news agency RSS reported on Sunday.

He fears that foot and mouth disease could turn endemic since the sub-center is only offering primary treatment and lacks advance treatment.

Internet

Gout cases increasing in United States

SAN DIEGO, 14 June — Pharmaceutical companies are working on new medications for gout as experts say up to six million US residents may have the disease.

The New York Times said on Saturday that a new gout medication was approved by the Food and Drug Administration this year for the first time in more than four decades.

Ardea Biosciences chief executive Barry Quart, whose San Diego company is attempting to create similar gout medications, said the extremely painful affliction has essentially become forgotten in the medical world.

"It's kind of like the forgotten disease," he told the *Times*. But studies indicate the number of gout cases nationwide may have dou-

bled during the last 30 years. The disease typically strikes older individuals and is up to four times more common in men than women.

The Times said gout begins with occasional painful attacks but the attacks increase in frequency as the disease begins to create crystallized deposits called tophi that can be disabling.—Internet



This photograph taken on 19 April, shows the skeletal remains of a ship at a shipbreaking yard in Shitakundo, some 16 kms from Chittagong. A controversial global treaty to clean up the ship recycling industry will mean a boom in business for the Bangladeshi magnates whose workers pull the often toxic vessels apart, experts say.—INTERNET

New deal brings boom for Bangladesh shipbreakers

DHAKA, 14 June—A controversial global treaty to clean up the ship recycling industry will mean a boom in business for the Bangladeshi magnates whose workers pull the often toxic vessels apart, experts say.

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) agreement on ship-breaking was signed last month by 65 countries, and business leaders say the deal finally legitimises their work and should herald major growth for the sector.

But trade unionists and environmentalists have criticised the treaty for failing to address the serious dangers faced by workers and the pollution that the industry causes.

About 25,000 men are employed on the Sitakundu coastline of south-east Bangladesh, exposed to dire conditions and the risk of poisoning from asbestos, mercury and other substances.

Ships are driven into the 10-kilometre (six-mile) stretch of beaches on high tides and then taken apart,

with their steel recycled for uses such as construction.

"Around a dozen new companies are popping up here," Enam Ahmed, technical head of the Bangladesh Shipbreakers Association, told AFP from Sitakundu.

"Yards that have been dormant for years are bouncing back to life. There's a sense a boom time is coming with more ships heading our way. The new treaty recognises the way we work."

Internet

India's flu A/H1N1 cases rise to 17

NEW DELHI, 14 June—The number of A/H1N1 flu cases in India has increased to 17 on Saturday, according to the semi-official *Press Trust of India*.

A boy, 1.5 years old, was tested positive for the new flu virus on Saturday, one day after his six-year-old sister was confirmed to be infected on Friday in the central city of Hyderabad, said the report.

The two children arrived in India with their parents from New York on 10 June.

They are receiving treatment in hospital, accompanied by their grandfather, who was put on anti-viral drugs and has tested negative for the virus.

Internet

Guatemala urges two swine flu-hit towns to shut down

GUATEMALA CITY, 14 June —Guatemala's government is asking two towns to close down nearly all public venues to prevent the spread of swine flu. Health Secretary Celso Cerezo said the virus has infected 96 people in the Central America country, including 11 in the last 24 hours. Most have recovered. On Wednesday, Guatemala suspended all schools nationwide until at least July 1. Cerezo said most of the cases have been reported in two small southern towns, Palin and Santa Lucia. The government recommended on Friday that those towns close restaurants, bars movie, theaters, churches and other public venues until the epidemic subsides.—Internet

Israel finds 17 more A/H1N1 flu cases

JERUSALEM, 14 June —Seventeen additional A/H1N1 flu cases have been diagnosed in Israel over the weekend, local news service Ynetstet reported Saturday on its website.

The latest cases have brought to 94 the total number of confirmed cases of the global pandemic in the Jewish state.

Israeli Health Ministry has called on passengers of El Al flight 0104 from Toronto and Air France flight 2220 to go to the hospital if they developed flu-like symptoms, said the report.—Internet

SPORTS

Cotto retains WBO title with win over Clottey

NEW YORK, 14 June—Under normal circumstances, the brutal fight that Miguel Cotto and Josh Clottey waged on the eve of the national Puerto Rican Day parade might have left fans clamoring for a rematch. Then again, with Manny Pac-



Miguel Cotto, of Puerto Rico, lands a body shot while fighting Joshua Clottey, of Ghana, during the third round of a WBO welterweight championship boxing match on 13 June, 2009, at Madison Square Garden in New York.—INTERNET

quiao sitting ringside, economics might prevail. Overcoming a grisly early cut from an accidental headbutt and several ferocious rounds from Clottey, the gutsy Cotto fought to a narrow split decision Saturday night. He not only retained his WBO title inside a packed Madison Square Garden, he may have earned a big-money shot at Pacquiao, the reigning pound-for-pound king.—Internet

Del Bosque warns Spain in prime condition

RUSTENBURG, 14 June—Spain coach Vicente del Bosque warned on Saturday his team was in prime condition despite a gruelling season and were pumped up to win the Confederations Cup.



Spanish national football team's coach Vicente del Bosque plays with the ball during a training session at Rustenburg's Royal Bafokeng stadium on the eve of their Confederations Cup match against New Zealand.—INTERNET

The European champions are on a phenomenal 32-match unbeaten streak and open their tournament in this mining town on Sunday against New Zealand.

Del Bosque, the former Real Madrid coach, said he had already picked his starting 11 but was not prepared to reveal names.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Nordqvist leads rain-shortened PGA Championship

HAVRE DE GRACE, 14 June—As a rookie playing in the third round of the PGA Championship, Anna Nordqvist probably figured the only problem she might encounter was a little bit of nervousness.

That wasn't an issue on Saturday. Neither was a lengthy rain delay or fading daylight. Nothing, it seems, is too much for this cool Swede to handle.

Nordqvist took a one-shot lead over Lindsey Wright by making a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 15 after the horn halted play because of darkness. The players were allowed to finish the hole, and the 22-year-old Nordqvist took advantage by moving to 10 under.

"Obviously finishing with the birdie brings me some good momentum for (Sunday)," Nordqvist said.

Internet



Anna Nordqvist of Sweden, prepares to tee off on the fourth hole during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament, on 13 June, 2009, in Havre de Grace, Md.—INTERNET

Li hands Sharapova Birmingham defeat

BIRMINGHAM, 14 June—Maria Sharapova's Wimbledon build-up suffered a setback on Saturday when she was knocked out of the Birmingham grasscourt event 6-4, 6-4 by China's Li Na.

Sharapova, the champion here in 2004 and 2005, is still feeling



China's Li Na

her way back after over 10 months out with a shoulder injury and she showed signs of a quick revival by reaching the French Open quarter-finals.

But the unseeded Russian was plagued by errors on Saturday, suffering six breaks of serve in her 90-minute defeat. "I definitely wasn't playing with the same intensity I had in the last couple of matches. Some days you have it, some days you don't," said Sharapova who had defeated Li at Roland Garros.

Internet

Djokovic to face Haas in Halle ATP final

HALLE, 14 June—World number four Novak Djokovic booked his place in the final of Halle's ATP grasscourt tournament with an error-strewn 7-6 (9/7), 6-4 win over qualifier Olivier Rochus on Saturday.

Having blasted his way past Austria's Jurgen Melzer in Friday's quarter-final, Djokovic was far from assured in the semi-final against a player ranked 136th in the world, but finally won through to his second grasscourt final.

"There were a lot of long rallies and I had to work hard at the baseline," admitted Djokovic who plays Germany's Tommy Haas in Sunday's final.—Internet



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Belgium's Olivier Rochus during their semi-final match of the ATP tennis tournament at the Gerry-Weber-Stadium in the western German town of Halle.—INTERNET

Roddick hopeful of winning Wimbledon fitness battle

LONDON, 14 June—Andy Roddick is confident of winning his Wimbledon fitness battle after the American was forced to pull out of his Queen's semi-final against James Blake with an ankle injury.

Roddick, a two-time Wimbledon finalist, suffered a twisted ankle when he slipped off the back of the court while trying to play a lob in the third game of the first set on Saturday.

The world number six carried on until the end of the seventh game when he called an injury time out and had his right ankle and foot heavily bandaged.

Internet



Four-time Queen's Club champion Andy Roddick returns a shot to US John Blake during the semi-final match at the tennis tournament at Queen's Club in west London.

INTERNET

Murray turns on style to reach first Queen's final

LONDON, 14 June—Top seed Andy Murray swept into his first Queen's final with a ruthless 6-2, 6-4 win over Juan Carlos Ferrero on Saturday.

Murray is bidding to become the first Briton to win the pre-Wimbledon warm-up event since Bunny Austin in 1938.

Queen's was the venue for Murray's first Tour victory in a singles match four years ago and the 22-year-old has once again been right at home on the grass courts of west London.

Internet

President's seal of approval boosts Bafana

JOHANNESBURG, 14 June—A visit by President Jacob Zuma to inspect his troops on the eve of battle has given Confederations Cup hosts South Africa a huge boost ahead of Sunday's opener against Iraq, captain Aaron Mokoena said.

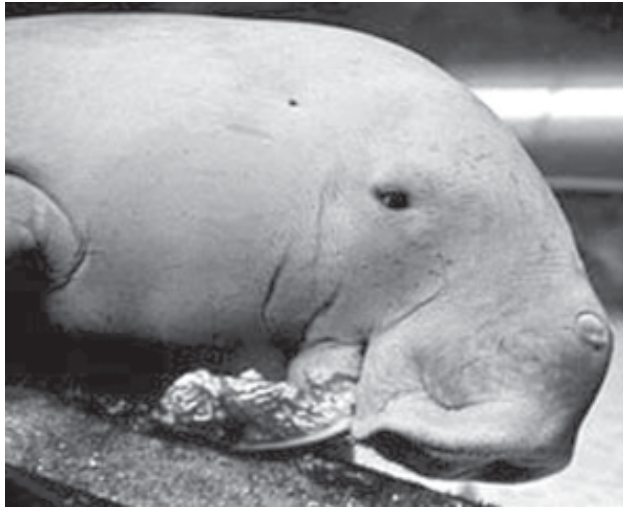
Bafana Bafana (The Boys) go into the Group A confrontation with the Asian champions at Ellis Park in high spirits with, according to their Brazilian coach Joel Santana, no injury worries despite a lingering question mark over Teko Modise's fitness.

And the charismatic South African head of state's seal of approval at a Saturday morning training session has only heightened spirits in Santana's squad.

"President Zuma made our day," Mokoena told a press conference.—Internet



South African President Jacob Zuma juggles with the ball next to South Africa's captain Aaron Mokoena (L) in Soweto on the eve of the FIFA Confederations Cup.—INTERNET



Lettuce cake : Sydney Aquarium's Dugong 'Wuru' eats lettuce from a special lettuce birthday cake underwater during the Aquarium's 21st birthday celebration in on Sydney.

INTERNET

Newly-wedded young couple struck dead by thunder

BEIJING, 14 June—A newly-wedded couple, both 27 years old, lost their lives in a thunder stroke on Saturday afternoon when climbing a part of the "Wild Great Wall" in suburban Beijing, the *Beijing Youth Daily* reported on Sunday.

The man, surnamed Wei, was a staffer of the State Intellectual Property Office and the woman, surnamed Chen, was a Ph.D candidate of the prestigious Peking University, according to the report. Phone calls to the local police bureau on Sunday remain unanswered. A witness surnamed Ji was quoted by the *Beijing Times* as saying that the two, together with three other tourists, continued climbing toward the peak of the Jiankou part of the Great Wall despite strong rainfall, thunder and lightning.

The two fell off the 50-metre-high wall, Ji said. They already stopped breathing when rescuers arrived about two hours later. The other three tourists, all colleagues of Wei, were slightly injured and are back in the city of Beijing. This part of the Great Wall, located in the Huairou District, is known for being abrupt and rugged.— *MNA/Xinhua*

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (15-6-2009) (Monday)

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

Local Transmission

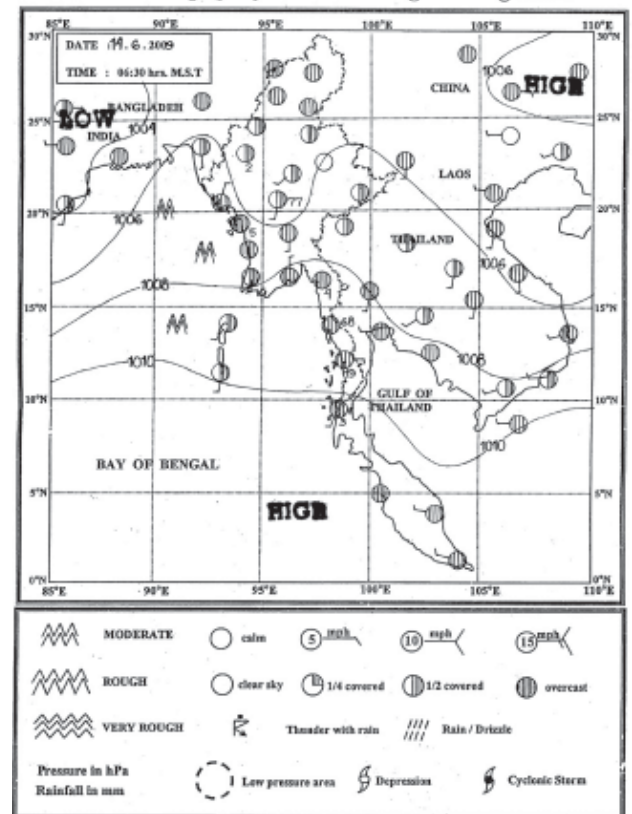
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Aung Pan, the broker-centre of Shan State
- * A Village of Pa-O
- * Creative Decoration for Creative living
- * A Thin Kind of Paper
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Central National Blood Bank (Yangon)
- * Marketable Fruits
- * Ever Green Songs (Pianist Chit Swe) (Rain)
- * In Commemoration of 150th Foundinf Anniversary of Mandalay City
- * Orchid Products for Healthy Lifestyle
- * Beautiful and Colourful Plastic Basket
- * Fossilized Wood Picture
- * Native home of the Khome
- * An Umbrella For Style
- * Aung Pan, the broker-center of Shan State
- * A Village of Pa-O
- * New, Modrnized Myanmar Food
- * Creative decoration for Creative living
- * A Thin Kind of Paper
- * Taunggyi: An Environmentally Sustainable City
- * Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part I)
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 14 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thantaunggyi (5.60) inches, Theinzayat (3.19) inches, Meikhtila and Dawei (3.03) inches each, Hpa-an (1.18) inches and Kawkaireik (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-6-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 14-6-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-6-2009 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 13-6-2009 was (2.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-6-2009 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.75) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (28.58) inches at Mingaladon, (34.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (39.49) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 13-6-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Kayin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawdy and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Chin State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak to moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 15 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:15 am

6. Cute little dancers

8:25 am

7. Song of National Races

8:35 am

8. ပဲခူးတိုင်းရဲ့အလှပန်းချီဆွဲ ချောင်းတံတားနဲ့သက်သေတည်

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. “ကျွန်ရစ်ခဲ့သောခြင်ထောင်လေး တစ်လုံး”

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance variety

4:25 pm

3. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:40 pm

4. Musical programme (The radio myanmar modern music troupe)

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသံတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

5:05 pm

6. Song of national races

5:15 pm

7. “အလျော်အစား”

5:30 pm

8. Musical programme

5:45 pm

9. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ဇွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. Sing and enjoy

7:15 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမက်အလိုရှိသည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “မေ့မေတ္တာ”

- (အပိုင်း-၂)

18. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး

- ၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ

- ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း

- တရားတော်



Senior General Than Shwe receives Sri Lankan goodwill delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received the Sri Lankan goodwill delegation led by President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior

General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and Myanmar Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin.

The Sri Lankan goodwill delegation was accompanied by Sri Lankan Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Newton Gunaratna and embassy staff.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

