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Senior General Than Shwe and wife bid farewell to Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife at Nay Pyi Taw Airport



wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

At the lounge of the airport, Senior General Than Shwe presented the album of documentary photos taken during the visit to Nay Pyi Taw to President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing cordially greeted the President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife at the boarding bridge.

The visiting delegation left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon at 10.35 am by special flight. The Senior General and wife and party waved to the delegation. The delegation was accompanied by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife, Ambassador of Myanmar to Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin and wife, the deputy director-general of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Myanmar Mr Newton Gunaratna.—MNA

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing see off Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing this morning bade farewell to Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa at Nay Pyi Taw Airport before they departed for Yangon.

Vice-Chairman of SPDC Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin and ministers and their wives also bade farewell to the Sri Lankan delegation led by Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa.

At 10.05 am, the goodwill delegation led by Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa arrived at the lounge of the airport where they were cordially welcomed by Chairman of SPDC Senior General Than Shwe and



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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 16 June, 2009

Further strengthen friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka

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, a goodwill delegation led by Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 14 June.

The goodwill delegation led by Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa called on Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon of 14 June.

During his goodwill visit, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa held a discussion with the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein at the meeting hall of the Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw. During the discussion, an agreement on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and officials passports of the two countries was signed and the documents were exchanged.

Myanmar and Sri Lanka have maintained relations in the field of religion since time immemorial. Throughout the course of history, the two countries have been able to strengthen friendship and cooperation.

As the diplomatic relations of the two countries have turned 60 years, they have been able to cement friendship and cooperation all the more. And their cooperation in religious, trade, economic, education, agriculture and forest, hotels and tourism and transport is ever more apparent.

Therefore, we firmly believe that the goodwill visit of Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa to the Union of Myanmar reflects the friendship between the two countries and will be able to continue strengthening bilateral cooperation.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint speaking at Basic Administrative and Management Course No. (2/2009) for newly appointed doctors.

HEALTH



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

MPF Special Refresher Course opens

YANGON, 15 June—The opening ceremony of officers' Special Refresher Course No.17/2009 of Myanmar Police Force under Ministry of Home Affairs was held at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township at 9 am today with an address by Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

Also present at the ceremony were members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, officials of the departments under the Ministry of Home Affairs, the rector, the pro-rector and heads of department of CICS (Phaunggyi).



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo makes a speech at Special Refresher Course No (17/2009).—MNA

Newly appointed doctors receive management skills

YANGON, 15 June — Newly appointed doctors of Ministry of Health received management skills during the 5-day course at the University of Nursing here.

Speaking at the ceremony to open the course for 2/2009 at the

university today, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint urged the doctors to keep on learning the advanced medical techniques while serving in the interests of the country.

A total of 1,114 doctors — 166 from

A World of Wonder Program launched

YANGON, 15 June — As a 'World of Wonder Program', Silk Air and Singapore Airlines will sell return tickets at a special discount from 16 to 30 June.

Low Season

Promotion Discount, jointly organized by Silk Air/Singapore Airlines and Abacus Myanmar (Global Distribution System), will sell return tickets to those who want to travel to South East Asian countries, Japan, Korea and China, Australia and New Zealand, the United States and European countries.

For detail information and to buy tickets, contact Amtra Travel Ph: 393304, 393305, Columbus Travel Ph: 229245, 255123, Htoo Travel Ph: 548554, 557890, Nice Fare Travel Ph: 393088, 245378, Saw Pornphan Travel Ph: 373234, 224883, Sun Far Travels Ph: 243993, 255338 and Than Than Travel Ph: 255034, 255035.—MNA

University of Medicine-1 (Yangon), 217 from University of Medicine-2 (Yangon), 432 from Mandalay University of Medicine and 299 from Magway University of Medicine.

Over 900 doctors attended the course No 1/2009 conducted in April, and 2,039 doctors have been appointed at the hospitals and dispensaries across the country this year.

MNA



Roadside bombs kill district police chief, two civilians in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 15 June—One district police chief was killed on Sunday afternoon when a police team was working to defuse the roadside bomb in southern Afghan province of Kandahar and another roadside bombing claimed the lives of two civilians in the neighbouring Helmand Province, officials said.

Haji Agha Lalai, a member of provincial council in Kandahar, told *Xinhua* that Mohammad Naheem Khan, police chief of Panjwayi, was leading a team to remove the roadside bomb when it blew off unexpectedly killing him on the spot and injuring another policeman.

In another incident, a roadside bomb, planted in a handcart, was detonated by remote-control when one police vehicle was passing through a local market in the center of Gereshk district in the dusk time of Sunday, said Daud Ahmadi, the spokesman for provincial administration.—*Internet*



A man shouts and cries while sitting at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Shula district recently.—INTERNET

Gunmen kill six labourers in NE Baghdad

BAQUBA, 15 June—Unknown gunmen shot dead six labourers in north of Baquba, the capital city of Diyala Province on Sunday, a provincial police source said.

The incident took place in the morning when three gunmen in their car intercepted a minibus carrying the six labourers and shot them dead, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The victims were heading to their work at a brick factory near the town of Baladroz, some 75 km north-east of Baghdad, the source said.

The incident is under investigation, the source said, adding that the attack is holding the fingerprints of Qaida in Iraq network.

Diyala Province, stretching from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaeda militants and other militant groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.—*Internet*

Canadian soldier killed by roadside bomb in Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 15 June—A Canadian soldier was killed in southern Afghanistan on Sunday after one of two improvised explosive devices he was trying to defuse exploded, military officials said.

The explosion occurred just afternoon in the Panjwaii district, which is about 20 kilometers south-west of Kandahar city, Canadian media reported from Afghanistan.

An Afghan police officer was also killed, and an Afghan interpreter was wounded.

It is the second Canadian death in Afghanistan in a week. Another soldier was killed last Monday when he stepped on an explosive device.

Internet

A boy stands near a destroyed vehicle at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Shula district recently.

INTERNET

Taleban fighters murder female nurse in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 June—Taleban militants in attack against government interests targeted a nurse along with her spouse, killing the armless couple in west Afghanistan, police spokesman in the region Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said on Sunday.

"The militants in attack against innocent people targeted the nurse and her husband at Saturday night, killing the couple," Ahmadi told *Xinhua*.

"She was going along with her husband on a motorbike to help a patient in Khormaliq village, outside the provincial capital Farah when the militants opened fire, killing the couple," Ahmadi further said. In their drive against government interests, the Taleban militants often attack soft targets including teachers and schools as hundreds of schools have been closed down due to such attacks, mostly in the southern provinces.—*Internet*



21 Afghan militants killed, 18 injured

KABUL, 15 June—Clashes in western and southwestern Afghanistan left over 21 Taleban fighters dead and 18 more injured, officials said on Sunday.

Seventeen militants were killed in the districts of Gulistan and Pashrod in Farah Province at Satur-

day night as the security forces came in contact with the militants, provincial governor Rohul Amin Amini told *Xinhua*.

Spokesman of the Afghan army in the west region Basir Ghorri also said that four Taleban fighters were killed in Balami-rghab district of the neigh-

bouring Badghis Province on the same day.

According to the officials, 18 more militants sustained injuries in the firefights. Taleban fighters who have vowed to intensify activities this year in Afghanistan have yet to make comment.

Internet

Turkish soldier killed in clash with PKK in E Turkey

ANKARA, 15 June—One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed in clash with the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party in eastern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Sunday.

The clash between the PKK members and the Turkish soldiers took place in the mountainous area in Yuksekova town of Hakkari Province near Iraq when the Turkish se-

curity forces were launching an operation in fight against the PKK militants, according to the report.

It said that one PKK militant was also killed in the clash, adding that the operation staged by the Turkish security forces were continuing in pursuit of the PKK members who escaped. Turkish security forces conducted frequent operations against PKK militants in eastern and southeastern Turkey.

The PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in south-eastern Turkey. So far, some 40,000 people have been killed in the past two-decade conflicts.

Turkey's military forces have taken tougher actions against the PKK after the country's legislature extended the government's mandate to launch cross-border operations against the rebels in northern Iraq.—*Internet*



Residents and policemen gather near the wreckage of a vehicle used in a car bomb attack in Nassariya recently.—INTERNET



British businesses say no economic growth until 2010

LONDON, 15 June—The British economy is stabilising but growth will not return until the beginning of 2010, and then it will still be slow, the country's leading business lobby group said on Monday.

In its latest forecast, the CBI said gross domestic product (GDP) would likely flatten out during the second half of 2009.

"The UK economy is stabilising, with the worst of the quarterly falls in GDP behind us, but it will take until the beginning of

next year before we see a return to growth," it said, adding that this growth will be "modest".

It predicted the economy would retract by 0.1 percent in the third quarter of this year, zero percent in the fourth, and grow by 0.1 percent and 0.3 percent in the first two quarters of 2010.

"The return to growth is likely to be a slow and gradual one; difficult credit conditions are still affecting business behaviour," said CBI director

general Richard Lambert.

He noted some analysts had begun to speak of "green shoots" in the recession-hit economy, including the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) which said that GDP grew in April, but expressed caution.

"It will take some time before we can be sure these shoots have roots we can depend on for sustainable growth and, in the meantime, the government must do everything it can to help firms get access to credit," he said.

The CBI forecast that by the end of the recession, Britain's economy will have shrunk by a cumulative 4.8 percent, including 3.9 percent this year, after five successive quarters of retraction.

Internet

Storm kills 14 in China, leaves thousands homeless

SHANGHAI, 15 June—

At least 14 people were killed and more than 180 others were injured in a severe hail storm that destroyed thousands of homes across eastern China's Anhui Province, authorities have said.

More than 10,000 people had to be evacuated and nearly 9,700 houses collapsed in the storm on Sunday that caused an estimated 450 million yuan (65 million dollars) worth of damage, Anhui's Civil Affairs Bureau said.

Hailstones and gale winds of up to 104 kilometres per hour (65 miles per hour) lashed the province for nearly an hour and a half Sunday afternoon, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Internet

Airbus warns of possible big drop in orders this year

PARIS, 15 June—Aircraft maker Airbus warned Sunday that orders this year could fall well short of the targeted 300, as it geared up for a Paris Air Show with spirits dampened by the puzzling crash of one of its A330 models.

"This ... air show is overshadowed by two events," Airbus head Thomas Enders told a seminar here, recalling the still unexplained loss 1 June over the Atlantic of an Air France A330 and a deep financial crisis that has whacked global aviation.

Enders, who last week described the A330 as "one of the safest planes ever built" and appealed for patience during the accident probe, said that while Airbus still hoped to receive around 300 orders this year the final tally "could be considerably lower."

Internet

Two killed in RAF plane crash with glider in Britain

LONDON, 15 June — Two people were killed on Sunday in a mid-air crash between a plane and a glider over Oxfordshire in south Britain.

Sky news quoted the Ministry of Defence as saying that the two were flying a Royal Air Force (RAF) training aircraft near Abingdon, Oxfordshire when the collision took place.

Internet



A pilot runs on the tarmac in front of an Airbus A380 as the plane prepares to take off to practice its flight routine on 13 June, 2009 during the preparations for the Paris Air Show.—INTERNET

Nigerian rebels say hit another Chevron facility

ABUJA, 15 June—Nigeria's main militant group said on Monday it had sabotaged an oil pumping station in the Niger Delta operated by Chevron, the fifth attack claimed against the US energy company in less than a month.

Chevron facilities in the southern Delta state have become the main target of attacks by the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), which declared an "all-out war" against the military last month.

"(Militants) hit the Abiteye flow station operated by Chevron today ... triggering another systems failure which resulted in a massive fire outbreak that is consuming the entire facility," MEND said in an emailed statement.

It was not immediately possible to independently verify the statement. Chevron officials were not immediately available for comment.

Internet

Sri Lanka military says rebel sub found

COLOMBO, 15 June—Sri Lankan troops have recovered the first submarine believed to have been used by the defeated Tamil Tiger rebels, the military has said.

Troops found the 24-foot (7.2-metre) submersible on the coast of the northeastern district of Mullaittivu, where the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were defeated last month, ending decades of ethnic conflict.

"It had reportedly been used by the LTTE, most probably by their senior cadres, for clandestine sea movements before the LTTE was wiped out," the military said in a statement.

It said several other Tiger submersibles had previously been found, but that the latest device appeared to be the first one that was actually used. Troops also unearthed the largest haul of

weapons and ammunition discovered since the Tiger defeat, the defence ministry said on Sunday.

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

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

Internet



This undated picture released by the Sri Lankan Army on 15 June, shows what they claim is a submarine used by Tamil Tiger rebels found off the coast of Mullaittivu where the Tamil Tigers were defeated in May.—INTERNET



Zhang Daning (R), commissar of China's 7th riot police squad to Haiti on a peacekeeping mission for the United Nations, and Li Qin, commissair of 8th riot police squade to Haiti, holds a handover ceremony in Port-au-Prince, on 13 June, 2009. —XINHUA

China, Russia steadily deepen cooperation

MOSCOW, 15 June—Chinese President Hu Jintao is scheduled to pay a state visit to Russia on 16-18 June.

The Sino-Russian strategic partnership has been steadily improving in recent years, as the two countries continue to achieve breakthroughs in political, economic and cultural cooperation.

Russian media said that China and Russia have set up an exemplar of international ties after 60 years

since the establishment of diplomatic relations.

As friendly neighbours sharing common borders, China and Russia have unswervingly given emphasis to enhancing political trust and coordination while developing bilateral ties. After the establishment of the Sino-Russian strategic partnership of cooperation in 1996, the two countries set up the mechanism for regular high-level visits, under which leaders from both

countries can effectively communicate and understand each other through frequent meetings and talks.

Based on the consensus of a fair international order and the development of global situations, China and Russia hold the same or similar stances on a series of major world issues such as the situations on the Korean Peninsula and in the Middle East and Iran.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

CSTO leaders agree on rapid reaction forces

MOSCOW, 15 June —Leaders of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) signed an agreement to establish joint rapid reaction forces on Sunday, news agencies reported.

"The document that has been signed includes an agreement on collective forces and a decision by the Collective Security Council on the rapid-reaction force structure," Russian President Dmitry Medvedev was quoted by the *RIA Novosti* news agency as saying.

The new forces will consist of large military units from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, *RIA Novosti* said.

Those military units will be armed with modern compatible weapons and military hardware, said the *Itar-Tass* news agency.

The document also includes a number of action plans for the CSTO members for the period until 2012.

The forces, which Medvedev said "will be just as good as comparable NATO forces," are expected to counter such threats as military aggression, terrorist activities, trans-border crimes and drug trafficking.

Two CSTO member states, Belarus and Uzbekistan, did not sign the document, since Uzbekistan "has some doubts" and Belarus "does not attend this summit," the *Itar-Tass* quoted Medvedev as saying.

Yet Medvedev believed the two countries will eventually sign the agreement.—*Xinhua*

Lebanese majority leader reveals negotiations with Hezbollah

BEIRUT, 15 June—Lebanese Sunni majority leader MP Saad Hariri revealed on Sunday that negotiations are underway between his Sunni party Al-Mustaqbal and the Lebanese Shiite armed group Hezbollah regarding the group's weapons, the Egyptian TV quoted Hariri as saying.

Hariri said that the arms of Hezbollah can be handled only through "calm dialogue," adding that "negotiations are underway regarding the resistance weapons to achieve Lebanon's interest," Hariri stressed.

He added that consultations are also underway between all Lebanese parties to form a new government.

Lebanese elections on 7 June granted the western-backed ruling majority victory over the Iranian-backed Hezbollah-led opposition, and a new parliament speaker will be elected on 21 June.—*Xinhua*

Archaeologists battle mites to save 1,400-year-old city wall

XI'AN, 15 June—An ancient Chinese city wall with a history of more than 14 centuries is being eaten away by a kind of mite in Xi'an, capital of northwestern Shaanxi Province, archaeologists have said. Experts were surprised to find it had been the mites undermining the wall at the Hanguang Entrance Remains Museum during their one-year research for further protection. "The discovery is the world's first of this kind. The mites had damaged the wall seriously," said Li Yuhu, archaeologist of Shaanxi Normal University.

The Hanguang Entrance is one of the 18 entrances in the city wall in Xi'an, which served as the nation's capital for 13 dynasties in history. The eight-meter-high entrance with three gates, one 5.5-meter-wide gate in the middle and two 5.3-meter-wide gates in the east and west, is the best preserved one, and was built at the beginning of the seventh century.—*Xinhua*

Police talk with each other after they patrolled by helicopter in the mountain area in Yanqing county of Beijing, capital of China, on 13 June, 2009. A helicopter was used for the first time on Saturday to help local police in poppy plantation hunting in suburb Beijing.

XINHUA



The US and Endeavour orbiter flags wave in the breeze in front of the space shuttle Endeavour Friday afternoon on 12 June, 2009 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.
XINHUA



NASA plans to launch Endeavour Wednesday

BEIJING, 15 June—NASA is planning to launch space shuttle Endeavour on Wednesday on a construction mission to the International Space Station, officials said on Sunday.

The US space agency postponed Endeavour's launch on Saturday due to a potentially dangerous hydrogen leak. Repairs were expected to take four days.

NASA managers decided on Sunday to try to make one attempt to launch Endeavour this week, on Wednesday at 5:40 am EDT (0940 GMT). If weather or technical problems interfere, the shuttle mission likely would be delayed until next month to allow the moon probe flight.

Originally NASA reserved Wednesday for launch of an unmanned Atlas rocket

carrying the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) spacecraft. NASA planned to delay the launch of its new moon probe for two days for the sake of Endeavour.

NASA has to choose between the missions because Cape Canaveral Air Force Station can support only one type of rocket at a time. "It really is better for both missions to try to go during this launch period," said LeRoy Cain, shuttle deputy program manager.

Endeavour is due to deliver the last segment of Japan's Kibo laboratory and dozens of spare parts to the station. NASA is on deadline to complete station assembly and retire the shuttle fleet by 30 Sept, 2010. Eight missions remain on the schedule.—*Xinhua*

ETA claims responsibility for five attacks

MADRID, 15 June—The armed Basque separatist group ETA claimed responsibility for five attacks committed since the start of the year, including one aimed at killing police officers.

In a statement published in the Basque daily Gara, ETA claimed responsibility for two booby-trapped bombs placed near a television tower which the group damaged in the Basque country on 16 January.

The two hidden were designed to go off when police officers arriving at the scene triggered a trip line, but were instead discovered and defused.

ETA also claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack on 9 February in a Madrid business district that caused no injuries but extensive damage.

The blast went off in front of Ferrovial construction company, which is building a high-speed rail line in the Basque country that ETA opposes.

And the group claimed responsibility for three other attacks, none of which caused injuries. They were launched after police foiled a bid by ETA members to break out of a Spanish jail.—*Internet*



View of a television relay station where a bomb exploded on 6 May in La Granja mountain pass, Spain. —INTERNET

US signal locator to search for Flight 447 boxes

SAO PAULO, 15 June—A Dutch ship towing a high-tech, US Navy listening device was set to troll the Atlantic on Sunday in search of data and voice recorders that investigators say are key to determining what caused an Air France jet to crash in the Atlantic with 228 people on board.

The Navy device, called a Towed Pinger Locator, will try to detect emergency audio beacons, or pings, from Flight 447's black boxes, which could be lying thousands of feet (meters) below the ocean surface.

Without the recorders, it may be impossible to ever know what caused the Airbus A330 to crash several hundred miles off Brazil's northeastern coast on 31 May.—*Internet*

Soldiers capture 25 gunmen in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 15 June—The Mexican army has captured 25 gunmen in northern Mexico who witnesses say disguised themselves as soldiers.

The men were captured at a ranch in the state of Chihuahua, across from Texas, after the army received a complaint, the Defence Department said in a statement Sunday. Soldiers also seized 29 automatic rifles during the Thursday raid in Nicolas Bravo.

Mexico has deployed 45,000 soldiers nationwide to crush Mexico's drug cartels but corruption among police and other government officials has hindered the crackdown.

In Cancun, soldiers arrested the local leader of the Gulf drug cartel, the army said on Sunday. It said Juan Manuel Jurado Zarzoza was arrested Friday and that he was in charge of drug sales, extortion and kidnappings in Cancun.—*Internet*

Netanyahu endorses Palestinian independence



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a speech at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan near Tel Aviv, on 14 June, 2009. —INTERNET

JERUSALEM, 15 June— Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu endorsed a Palestinian state beside Israel for the first time on Sunday, reversing himself under US pressure but attaching conditions such as having no army that the Palestinians swiftly rejected.

A week after President Barack Obama's address to the Muslim world, Netanyahu said the Palestinian state would also have to recognize Israel as the Jewish state — essentially saying Palestinian refugees must give up the goal of returning to Israel.

With those conditions, he said, he could accept "a demilitarized Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state." The West Bank-based Palestinian government dismissed the proposal.

"Netanyahu's speech closed the door to permanent status negotiations," senior Palestinian official Saeb Erekat said. "We ask the world not to be fooled by his use of the term Palestinian state because he qualified it. He declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel, said refugees would not be negotiated and that settlements would remain."—*Internet*

Lincoln stamp: Stolen, found, sold for \$431,000

A rare Abraham Lincoln stamp that was stolen from Indiana in 1967 and surfaced 39 years later in Chicago has sold at auction for more than \$430,000.

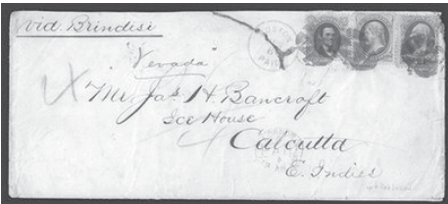
The stamped envelope was auctioned at Manhattan's Robert A Siegel galleries.

The buyer is Arthur KM Woo, a doctor who would reveal nothing more about himself.

He paid \$431,250 for the 90-cent stamp, against a pre-sale estimate of \$300,000 to \$400,000, including the buyer's premium.

The so-called

Ice House Cover with Lincoln's likeness is on an envelope mailed from Boston to an ice house in India in 1873. The stamp vanished from its owner's safe in Indianapolis and turned up in 2006 at a home in Chicago. A collector notified police.



This undated photo provided by Robert A Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc shows a 136-year old stamped envelope known to collectors as 'The Ice House Cover.' The envelope, with a rare Abraham Lincoln stamp that was stolen from an Indiana collector in 1967 and surfaced 39 years later in Chicago was sold at auction by the Robert A Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc, in New York on 13 June, 2009, for \$431,250.

Couple, 93 and 89, wed in Florida

A 93-year-old Florida man married his 89-year-old sweetheart after a brief courtship that followed about 20 years of friendship, the man says.

Ebenezer Rose, 93, whose previous wife of 58 years, Bernice, died about four years ago, said he met his new bride, Monica Hayden, 89, about 20 years ago in church, the Palm Beach (Fla) Post reported on Monday.

"She had eyes on me all these years," he said of his bride, whose previous husbands are both deceased. "By God's grace, we're here."

Rose said he proposed to Hayden about six months ago and the couple tied the knot Sunday at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Palm Beach. "I told her, Each of us is living a lonely life. Why not get married?" he recalled.

Beauty of the beasts: Swiss cows fight to be queen

GRIMENTZ, Switzerland—Furie and Cigale eye each other warily, take a step forward and lock horns.

It's an ancient ritual, one that plays out each summer high in the Swiss Alps, as cows battle to be queen and villagers come to watch.

Judges record every fight as spectators sit on the surrounding mountainside, sipping local wines and cheering their family herd. But it is the cows who choose who to fight and who will reign supreme at the end of the season.

"They've been doing this ever since my grandparents were young, and even before that," says Marthe Vianin, once the proud owner of several fighting



Berkane, the cow, left, and Bergamote battle for the title of 'Queen' in Grimentz in the Swiss Alps, Sunday, 14 June 2009.

cows. "It's hundreds of years old."

Vianin, in her sixties, has come to watch her son's two cows—Tzardon and Bamby—take on champions from other herds.

NEWS ALBUM



People play in mud during the international music festival "Be2gether" near the 16th century Norviliskes castle, 80 km (50 miles) from Vilnius, at the border with Belarus.

Burned Maine topless coffee shop seeks donations

The owner of a Maine topless coffee shop destroyed by fire says he plans to have clothed waitresses collect donations in the parking lot to raise money to rebuild.

Under town zoning rules, Donald Crabtree would need a new permit to start operating his business from a trailer or other structure on the property in Vassalboro, just north of Augusta.

Crabtree tells the *Kennebec Journal* newspaper he's going to set up a tent instead and have employees hand out free doughnuts and coffee next to a collection jar.



Information Ministry plants 5,770 trees in monsoon season

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan planted trees in the monsoon season tree planting ceremonies of enterprises under the ministry here yesterday.

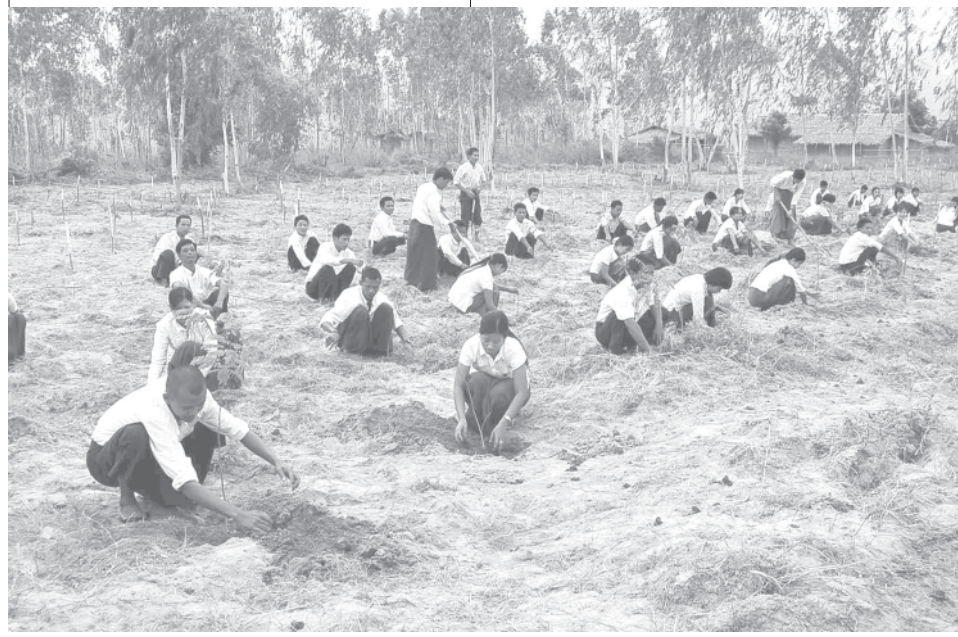
The minister visited the ceremonies to plant trees for the monsoon season that took place at News and Periodicals Enterprise, Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Myanmar Radio and Television here and staff and

officials of the enterprise volunteered for the planting of trees— 200 trees in the Ministry of Information, 1,360 trees in compound of MRTV, 250 trees in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw press and 240 trees in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Printing Press.

After the tree planning ceremonies for the 2nd time for the monsoon season for 2009, the ministry has planted 5770 trees in total. — MNA

Staff of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Myanmar Radio and Television together grow trees in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.—MNA

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views staff of Printing and Publishing Enterprise growing trees in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.—MNA



Second leg of Baron's "Commands Respect" Amateur Golf Challenge 2009 Tournament held



YANGON, 15 June— The second leg of Baron's "Commands Respect" Amateur Golf Challenge 2009 Tournament, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, was held at Myanmar Golf Resort, here this morning.

After the 18-hole events, Linte stood first with 71 strokes, Yan Naing Phyo second with 72, Aung Myo third with 74, Maung Maung Oo fourth with 74, Thaug Hteik Soe fifth with 76 and Tin Lin Ko sixth with 76 strokes of the qualified players from Yangon. Executive U Chan Han of Myanmar Golf Federation presented prizes to the players.

Likewise, Zin Min Thu stood seventh with 76 strokes, Ye Myo Hein eighth with 77, Aung Kyaw Thu ninth with 77, Aung Si Thu tenth with 78, Min Thura Aung eleven with 78 and Soe

Moe Aung twelve with 78 strokes from Yangon. Sales Director U Kyaw Thu Min of Myanmar Brewery Ltd presented prizes to the players.

Qualified players including 12 from Yangon, 12 from Mandalay will take part in qualify events for final events at Yangon (Yangon Golf Resort), Nay Pyi Taw (Myodaw Golf Resort), PyinOoLwin (PyinOoLwin Golf Resort), Mandalay (Yetagontaung Golf Resort), Bagan (Bagan Golf Resort), Pyay (Thirikhitar Golf Resort) and Yangon (Panhlaing Golf Resort).—MNA

Yangon Mayor meets Chinese delegation

YANGON, 15 June— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin met this morning with the 12-member Chinese delegation led by Mr Lu Canjun, Deputy Secretary-General of Xiamen Municipal Government of Fujian Province of the People's Republic of China, at the mayor's office of the Yangon City Hall.

Vice-chairman of the

committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Joint Secretary U Kyaw Soe, heads of departments, and officials from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China were present at the meeting.

On arrival at Yangon yesterday afternoon, the Chinese good-will delegation was welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Joint Secretary U Kyaw Soe, Head of Public Relation

and Information Department U Hla Myint Swe and officials at the Yangon International Airport.

At the Traders' Hotel at 4.30 pm, both sides discussed to cooperate in commerce and trade between Yangon and Sharmin and Vice-Chairman of the committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa hosted a dinner in honour of the goodwill Chinese delegation at Karaweik Hotel in the evening.

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Auditor proficiency course concluded

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June— Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung delivered an address at the concluding ceremony of Auditor Proficiency Course No-20 at training school of Auditor-General's office here today.

Also present on the occasion were director-general, deputy director-general, managing director, responsible persons of the school, lecturers, trainees. A total of 115 trainees attended the 45-day course.

The first level, second

level, third level courses for civil services, proficiency course for auditors of the Auditor-General's office and diploma in accounting will be opened at the training school of the Auditor-General's office.

MNA

Essay contest held to mark WPD

YANGON, 15 June— No 2 Kengtung B.E.H.S in Kengtung Township yesterday.

The head of Shan State INRD, members of sub-committee for holding contest, heads of

the state, district and township levels, teachers and staff viewed the contests.

A total of 97 students took part in the contest.

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Sri Lankan President and wife pay homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa and goodwill delegation paid homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda here this morning.

The Sri Lankan President and party arrived at the pagoda together with Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife, Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin and wife and Sri Lankan Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr.



Newton Gunaratna and wife and they were welcomed there by Minister for Religious



President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa offer 'soon', water, flower, fruit, and robe and alm-bowl to the Jade Buddha Image at Uppatasanti Pagoda.

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President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa plant star tree at National Herbal Garden.

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Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wife, departmental heads, members of the pagoda board of trustees and officials.

Sri Lankan President and party paid homage to a jade Buddha image in the pagoda cave and offered 'soon', water, flowers and fruits.

President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa signed in the visitors' book.

A picture of the

pagoda was presented to President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife as a Dhamma gift. The President and wife also presented a casket containing relics.

The Sri Lankan President and party viewed the paintings depicting Buddha's life. They posed for photo together with Myanmar ministers.

On arrival at National Herbal Garden, they were welcomed by

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and wife and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe.

The President and wife planted a Khaye tree in the garden.

The President and wife and party posed for photo together with Col Thein Nyunt and Dr Paing Soe.

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Sri Lankan goodwill delegation arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 15 June—The Sri Lankan goodwill delegation led by President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon by special flight this morning.

The delegation, accompanied by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife, Myanmar Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka U Ohn Thwin and wife, and Sri Lankan Ambassador

to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Newton Gunaratna and wife, was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife at the Yangon International Airport.

The commander and wife hosted a luncheon in honour of the Sri Lankan President and wife at Sedona Hotel.

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MANDALAY, 15 June — Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspected upgrading of roads in Mandalay on 29 May.

The mayor urged officials concerned to complete the upgrading of roads in time meeting the set standard and fulfilled the requirements.

The 26-foot wide and over 1,100-foot long 78th street between the 42nd and 45th street and the roads linking Yangon-Mandalay Highway and

Buddha's Tooth Relic Pagoda are being upgraded by Mandalay City Development Committee.

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Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspects upgrading of roads in front of Buddha's Tooth Relic Pagoda.—MCDC



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing ...

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, member of SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, member of SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Com-

mander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, ministers and their wives, the Myanmar ambassador to Sri Lanka, directors-general and officials of the SPDC office and the government office.

Together with President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa were Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Transports Mr. Hon.

Dallas Alahapperuma, Deputy Minister of Labour Mr. Hon. Marvin de Silva, MP Mr. Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr. Newton Gunaratna to Myanmar and wife, members of the Embassy and officials.

First, State Band played national anthems of Sri Lanka and Myanmar at the dinner.

Artistes from the Fine Arts Department and Myanmar Music Asiayon to the accompaniment of Myanmar Athan modern music

band entertained them with songs and dances before and during the dinner.

After the dinner, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and President Mr. Mahinda

Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa exchanged gifts.

President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa presented bouquet to the artistes.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa posed for a documentary photo together with the artistes.

MNA

Sri Lankan President unveils bronze plaque of Mitta Village established in Kungyangon Township

YANGON, 15 June — A goodwill delegation led by Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa attended a ceremony to mark the opening of Mitta Village established in Kungyangon Township held at Sedona Hotel here today.

President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa unveiled the bronze plaque of the village at the ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-

Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, members of the goodwill delegation, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Myanmar Mr Newton Gunaratna, Ven Dr Bodagama Chandima Thero, adviser to the President of Sri Lanka on religion and culture, Mr Wang Chu-Chin, Chairman of Theravada samadhi education committee, donors, local people from Mitta Village and officials concerned.

Ven Dr Bodagama Chandima Thero briefed on donation to the

reconstruction of the village and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama delivered an address, on behalf of the President of Sri Lanka.

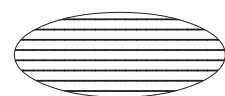
Afterwards, the president of Sri Lanka and wife handed over documents related to the houses in the village to local people and the president unveiled the bronze plaque of the village.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay presented gifts to the president and Ven Dr Bodagama Chandima Thero and the ceremony came to an end.

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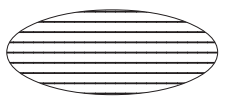


Senior General Than Shwe presents album of documentary photo to Sri Lankan President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. (News on page-16)—MNA



The Sri Lankan President unveils bronze plaque of Mitta Village in Kungyangon Township.

MNA



Chin State marks World No -Tobacco Day

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June— World No -Tobacco Day ceremony was held at the meeting hall of Haka General Hospital at 8.30 am on 1 June with an address by Chairman of Chin State

Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hone Ngai.

Also present at the ceremony were members of the state PDC, departmental officials, members of the

social organizations and nurses.

At the ceremony, the head of the state health department explained facts about World -No Tobacco Day.

MNA

Commander inspects sanitation tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected the sanitation tasks in the

compound of Lawkamanisula Pagoda at Pyigyidagon Township, Mandalay on 8 June.

The commander attended the opening ceremony of the

commanders' shield sepat takraw competition held at Bahtoo gymnasium on 9 June.

The commander and wife enjoyed the traditional cane ball competition.—MNA

Winners of table tennis tourney awarded

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Prize presentation ceremony of Western Command Commander's shield Table Tennis tourney was held at An station hall on 2 June, attended by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye.

The Commander and officials presented prizes to winning teams.

In the evening, the commander attended the monsoon tree plantation ceremony at Gellaung village.

The commander gave a speech at World Environment Day ceremony in Sittway on 5 June. The commander

planted trees at the tree plantation ceremony in Sittway station.

He inspected the site chosen for construction of Government Technical High school in west Sanpya ward, No.4 BEHS, construction site of staff quarters in Pyayawtha station, construction of Pyayawtha bridge, railroad and

planted trees alongside the railroad.

He gave a speech at World No Tobacco Day ceremony in Mawlake ward and presented prizes to the winners and viewed the essays and wall posters.

Next, the commander made a speech at coordination meeting on high yield monsoon paddy at state Agriculture Service meeting hall.—MNA

Mandalay mayor meets entrepreneurs

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June-- Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han met and gave a speech to entrepreneurs for the pesticide foods at City Hall on 8 June.

The mayor viewed the sanitation tasks around Zay Cho Taw market and attended to the needs.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects collective agricultural farming of farmer U Saw Jane of Hmone Pya village in Loikaw Township.—MNA

Regional developments inspected in Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—A ceremony to honour the outstanding students of Kayah State who passed 10th Standard Matriculation Examination for 2009 was held the City Hall in Loikaw on 12 June.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint made speeches.

After making donation of cash to Home for the Aged and school exer-

cise books to the schools, the minister, the chairman, chairperson of Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee of the State Daw Nwe Ni Win and officials presented certificates of honour and cash awards to the outstanding students.

Five distinction winner Ma Phyu Phyu Tun expressed words of thanks on behalf of the students.

Kayah State saw one five distinction winner, two four distinction winners, seven three dis-

tinction winners, 16 two distinction winners, and 54 one distinction winners for 2009.

After meeting local people at Dawtacha village BEPS in Loikaw Township, the minister, the chairman and officials inspected plantation of farmer U Saw Jane in Hmone Pya village.

At the opening ceremony of 'Lin' self-reliant library of Dawsawbee village, they made speeches and wellwishers donated cash and publications.—MNA



DPRK top leader watches opera based on Chinese classic

PYONGYANG, 15 June—Kim Jong Il, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), watched opera "The Dream of the Red Chamber" which was based on a Chinese ancient classic, the official *Rodong Sinmun* daily said on Monday.

Kim extended satisfaction over the scenario and performance of the opera, an important event run under the "Year of DPRK-China Friendship", saying the successful recreation of the opera was "a clear proof of the validity and vitality of the literary and art idea of the Worker's Party of Korea".

He also noted the importance of "combining the innovative view of the 21st century with the mode of creation and work-style displayed in the 1970s", urging the

DPRK people to "bring about an exceptional creative upswing" in the country.

The performance was given at the Hamhung Grand Theatre in the capital city of the South Hamgyong Province. But the report did not give the date of the opera.

DPRK artists played

the opera "The Dream of the Red Chamber" in 1960s. The Phibada (Blood of Sea) Opera Troupe recreated the opera this year for the "Year of DPRK-China Friendship". Kim Jong Il reportedly watched the rehearsal of the opera in March.

MNA/Xinhua



Police Brig-Gen Than Han moves a pon to kick off the tournament.

MNA

MPF Chief's Shield Chess tourney kicks off

YANGON, 15 June—The 19th Myanmar Police Force Chief's Shield Chess tourney was opened at office of Yangon Divi-

sion Police Force. On behalf of the MPF Chief, Police Brig-Gen Than Han attended the opening ceremony and made a

speech.

Altogether 22 teams are participating in the tourney that will continue up to 18 June.—MNA



A recent surge in weakened and malnourished sea lions found along the Northern California coast is mystifying scientists and keeping workers hopping at the newly expanded Marine Mammal Center here.

Internet



South Africa kicked off the one-year countdown to the World Cup in a ceremony Thursday at a nearly complete stadium nestled between mighty Table Mountain, the glistening Atlantic and overlooking Nelson Mandela's former Robben Island prison.

INTERNET

CJI says Indian Constitution has stood "the test of time"

LONDON, 15 June—The Indian Constitution has withstood "the test of time" even as guiding frameworks in neighbouring countries have withered away, Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan has said crediting its success to the vision of its drafter B R Ambedkar.

"The Indian Constitution has withstood the test of time and it has performed. That is why our democracy has survived, while the Constitutions in our neighbouring countries have either withered away or have fallen into problems," he said while delivering the First Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on Judicial Activism and Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights.

"To some extent social transformation has taken place in the country because of Indian judiciary and no-one can take away credit from Dr Ambedkar, architect of the Constitution," Balakrishnan said at the Nehru Centre here last night. The Chief Justice said Ambedkar wanted to codify the Hindu law but some of the influential lawmakers did not support him, forcing him to resign from the cabinet.

He said the Indian judiciary could be proud of its role in bringing about certain social changes in the country. India's High Commissioner to the UK Shiv Shankar Mukherjee said the Indian Constitution commanded huge respect in younger nations, particularly in the African sub-continent.—MNA/PTI

Nine foreign hostages killed in Yemen

SAN'A (Yemen), 15 June – Nine missing foreigners in Yemen have been murdered, said a Yemeni official Monday,

apparently executed by their kidnappers in the impoverished nation in the Arabian peninsula where al-Qaida has a strong presence.

The nine foreigners, including seven German nationals, a Briton and a South Korean, disappeared last week while on a picnic in the restive northern Saada region of Yemen.

Shepherds roaming the area found the remains of three of the women in the mountainous northern Saada province near the town of el-Nashour, known as a hideout for al-Qaida militants, the official said.—Internet



Map of Yemen locating Saada. Seven out of nine foreigners taken hostage were found dead in northern Yemen on Monday, security officials said.—INTERNET

CIA chief believes Cheney almost wants U.S. attacked

WASHINGTON, 15 June—CIA director Leon Panetta says it's almost as if former vice president Dick Cheney would like to see another attack on the United States to prove he is right in criticizing President Barack Obama for abandoning the "harsh interrogation" of terrorism suspects.

"I think he smells some blood in the water on the national security issue," Panetta said in an interview published in The New Yorker magazine's June 22 issue. "It's almost, a little bit, gallows politics. When you read behind it, it's almost as if he's wishing that this country would be attacked again, in order to make his point".

Cheney, who was a key advocate in the Bush administration of

controversial interrogation methods such as waterboarding, has become as a leading Republican critic of Obama's ban on harsh interrogations and his plan to shut the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In a blistering May 21 speech, Cheney said Obama's reversal of Bush-era policies were "unwise in the extreme" that would make the American people less safe. Panetta called Cheney's actions "dangerous politics." He told The New Yorker he had favoured the creation of an independent truth commission to look into the detainee policies of former President George W. Bush. But the idea died in April when Obama decided such a panel could be seen as politically vindictive.

MNA/Reuters

Scottish death marks Europe's first H1N1 fatality

LONDON, 15 June—Europe recorded its first death from H1N1 flu on Sunday after Scottish health officials said a patient with the disease had died, just days after the World Health Organization labelled the outbreak a global pandemic. The person who died had pre-existing health problems, Scotland's Health Ministry said, adding that the influenza virus—commonly known as swine flu—was generally mild.

Scotland has suffered a disproportionately high number of cases of H1N1 flu, a mix of human, pig and bird viruses. Late on Sunday Scotland had confirmed 498 cases out of a British total of 1,261, the highest in Europe.

Most of the flu deaths have occurred in Mexico, the source of the outbreak, while the United States has the highest number of cases with more than 13,000 people infected. "We can confirm that one of the patients who had been in hospital, and had been confirmed as suffering from the H1N1 virus, has died today", the Scottish Government said in a statement.

"The patient had underlying health conditions," the statement continued. Officials declined to give further details about the patient.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared an influenza pandemic on Thursday and advised governments to prepare for a long-term battle against the virus.

Scottish Health Minister Nicola Sturgeon said the risk to the public remained low. "Tragic though today's death is, I would like to emphasize that the vast majority of those who have H1N1 are suffering from relatively mild symptoms", she said.—MNA/Reuters

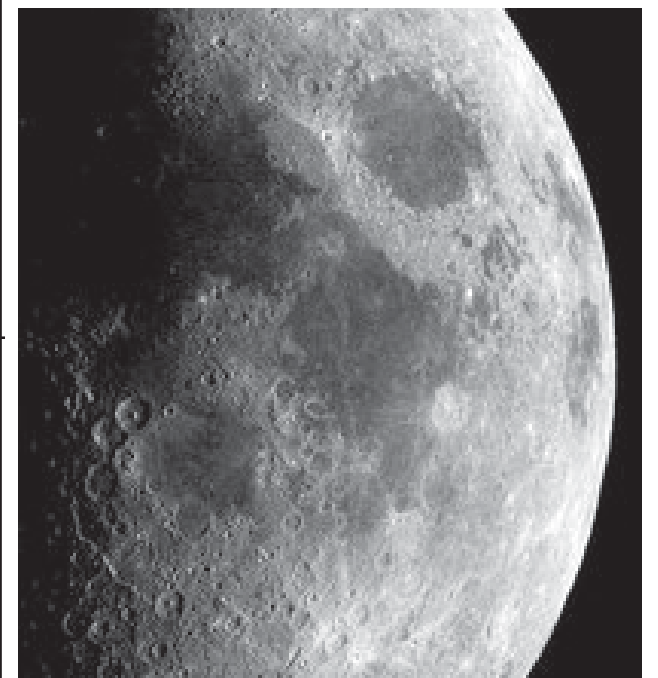
Quake hits off Philippines' Mindanao island

MANILA, 15 June—A magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck off the southern Philippine island of Mindanao on Sunday, the United States Geological Survey said, but local officials said no damage or casualties were expected. The quake was centred 99 miles (159 kilometres) east south east of General Santos and had a depth of 47 miles, the USGS said.

The temblor originated under the sea and was unlikely to cause any damage, said Renato Solidum, director at the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

Solidum said his agency had recorded a minimal intensity 2 in each of the cities of Davao and General Santos.

About 1,600 people were killed and billions of pesos worth of property and infrastructure destroyed when a 7.8 magnitude quake struck the northern part of the country's main Luzon island in July 1990, the last major earthquake in the country.—MNA/Reuters



There have been raging debates over the years as to whether there is frozen water on the moon or not. Soon two NASA spacecraft, a lunar spy craft and a kamikaze probe, will help answer the question by peering into the permanent darkness of craters at the moon's south pole.—INTERNET

Baghdad double bombing kills 2

BAGHDAD, 15 June — A double bombing Monday morning in eastern Baghdad killed at least two people and injured six others, an Interior Ministry official said.

Two bombs attached to two vehicles—a car and a minibus—detonated in quick succession near a crowded market in the predominantly Shiite district of al-Shaab, according to the official.

The casualty toll was expected to rise.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki warned of increased political violence in the country, mentioning a deadly bombing last Wednesday in the southern town of Bathaa that killed more than 30 people and injured dozens.

Internet



Miniature dachshund crossbreed dogs are seen dressed up with hats at a dog fiesta in Tokyo.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KMA II VOY NO (904)

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

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

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

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

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

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TENDER NO.- BRIDGE/PW/2009-2010/BB-001

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar for the supply of **Bailey Bridge Components** for (27) bridges to be constructed in **Ayeyawady Division**.
2. Tender application form (including Required Sets of Bailey Bridge and Detailed technical specification of Materials) can be purchased in **USD 2500 or equivalent Euro**.
3. The Payment for tender application must be paid to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank (Public Works Account No.IDA-06-93899)
4. The tender documents can be obtained from Bridge Division, Building No. (11), Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar only with the Payment receipt to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.
5. Tender should be submitted to the above address not later than **16:30 hours on 18.7.2009**
6. For further detail information, Please contact to Telephone No-067-407276, 407466.

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2. Tender application form of **SINKHAN BRIDGE** (including Technical Specifications, Terms of Tender, Tender Schedule, and Offer Form) can be purchased for **USD 3000 or equivalent Euro**.
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China, Japan, S Korea meet on environment

BEIJING, 15 June—China, Japan and South Korea Sunday agreed to increase cooperative efforts for public awareness on environmental protection.

The three countries' environment ministers, who met in Beijing for their 11th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting, also discussed the environmental challenges facing their region and the rest of the world, China's state-run *Xinhua news* agency reported.

China's Zhou Shengxian, Japan's Tetsuo Saito and Korea's Lee Maanee also agreed to promote green cities and low-carbon products and to fight air and water pollution, the report said. The tripartite meeting, which was started in 1999, is designed to discuss environmental issues at ministerial level in the three countries and to promote regional environmental cooperation, the report said.—*Internet*

SingTel launches music service for mobile phones in Singapore

BEIJING, 15 June—Singapore Telecommunications Limited (SingTel) launched a service on Sunday in Singapore that lets mobile subscribers download music files and videos. SingTel, Southeast Asia's leading telecommunications company, developed the service with Universal Music. It hopes the web-based facility, called AMPed, will help it attract new customers as well as get existing subscribers to upgrade service plans.

"SingTel decided two years ago that the telco of the future needs to be more than just bits and bytes," SingTel's CEO for Singapore Allen Lew said.

More than 50 percent of Singapore mobile users listened to music on their phones and SingTel needed to provide customers with information and entertainment as well, he said.—*Internet*



Lifestyle melts away with Uganda peak snow cap

BUNDIBUGYO, 15 June—In 1906, Mount Speke, one the highest peaks of Uganda's Rwenzori Mountains was covered with 217 hectares (536 acres) of ice, according to the Climate Change Unit at Uganda's ministry of water and environment. In 2006, only 18.5 hectares remained.

Satellite images taken in 1987 and again in 2005 show that much of the thaw has occurred over the past two dec-

ades.

When Yasamu Maate was a younger man, he could stand in his garden on a clear, cloudless morning and stare at the ice caps on the range.

But on a recent Friday the 87-year-old lamented the loss of those ice caps, which have all but disappeared, as the world around him has gotten warmer.

"We used to use the snow and ice as our guide," he said, sitting on

a roadside chair in Bundibugyo, a village in western Uganda at the base of the Rwenzoris, which run roughly 100 kilometers (60 miles) along the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"We would say if there was a lot of snow on the mountains the rain was coming, but these days we are not seeing it. The coldness has disappeared."

Internet



The Rwenzori mountain range in western Uganda. In 1906, Mount Speke, one the highest peaks on the range was covered with 217 hectares of ice, according to the Climate Change Unit at Uganda's ministry of water and environment. In 2006, only 18.5 hectares remained—INTERNET

Argentine glacier advances despite global warming



In this on 18 May, 2009 file photo, a tourist looks back through a cave on Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina's Patagonia region.

INTERNET

BUENOS AIRES, 15 June— Argentina's Perito Moreno glacier is one of only a few ice fields worldwide that have withstood rising global temperatures.

Nourished by Andean snowmelt, the glacier constantly grows even as it spawns icebergs the size of apartment buildings into a frigid lake, maintaining a nearly perfect equilibrium since measurements began more than a century ago. "We're not sure why this happens," said Andres Rivera, a glacialist with the Center for Scientific Studies in Valdivia, Chile. "But not all glaciers respond equally to climate change."

Internet

Pesticides linked to pre-cancer condition

BETHESDA, 15 June— A US study linked pesticides used in agricultural work to a pre-malignant condition, researchers said.

Lead author Dr Ola Landgren of the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, said monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance is characterized by an abnormal level of a plasma protein — a pre-cancerous condition that can lead to multiple my-

eloma, a painful cancer of the plasma cells in the bone marrow. Multiple myeloma accounts for approximately 1 percent of all cancers.

The study of 678 people who apply pesticides, culled from a US Agricultural Health Study of more than 50,000 farmers, found exposure to certain pesticides doubles one's risk of developing an abnormal blood condition called MGUS.

The blood of study

participants, who were licensed to apply restricted-use pesticides, was assessed for MGUS prevalence.

The median age of participants was 60 years — range 30-94 years — and all lived in either Iowa or North Carolina.

Participants also completed questionnaires providing comprehensive occupational exposure information for a wide range of pesticides and exposures.

Internet

British flu fatality is first outside Americas

LONDON, 15 June—British authorities have confirmed the first swine flu death outside the Americas, marking a new stage in the spread of the virus which has infected almost 30,000 people worldwide.

Three days after the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic, the government in Scotland said an infected patient who also had "underlying health conditions" had died in hospital.

It is the first death in a patient with the A/H1N1 virus outside the Americas, where 145 people had died as of Friday, according to the WHO.

Canadian health authorities have since confirmed their sixth swine flu death, a woman in her fifties who had also suffered from "a chronic disease."—Internet



A laboratory technician in Southampton works on samples of swine flu. British authorities have confirmed the first death from the disease outside the Americas, marking a new stage in the spread of the virus which has infected almost 30,000 people worldwide.—INTERNET

Singapore confirms 6 more Influenza A/H1N1 cases

SINGAPORE, 15 June— Singapore has confirmed six more cases of Influenza A/H1N1, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 40, the country's Health Ministry said on Sunday night.

According to the ministry, all of the 40 cases, except one who was a close contact of a confirmed case, are imported cases with a travel history.

In the last three days, a

total of 19 cases were reported. Thirteen of the imported cases had arrived in Singapore from Australia, two from the United States, two from the Philippines, one from Thailand, and one from Canada.

Singapore reported its first confirmed case of Influenza A/H1N1 on 27 May. So far, 17 patients have been discharged.

Internet

Chile decrees emergency measures after A/H1N1 infections reach 2,337

SANTIAGO, 15 June — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet has signed a decree that allows the Health Ministry to buy drugs and other materials needed to fight the A/H1N1 flu without going through the normal bidding process, local newspaper *El Mercurio* reported Sunday.

As the flu has killed two people and infected 2,335 others in Chile, the decree declares handling the disease as the top priority for the nation's health services.

Internet

S Korea's confirmed A/H1N1 cases rise to 65

SEOUL, 15 June — South Korea's health authorities confirmed four additional cases of A/H1N1 here on Monday, raising the number of confirmed cases to 65. Monday's four additional confirmed cases include three South Koreans who recently returned from the United States for summer vacation and one American citizen, the Ministry for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs said in a statement.

As they were showing flu-like symptoms, they have been placed at state-designated hospitals for close observation and treatment, the ministry said.—Internet

Thailand's total number of A/H1N1 virus patients rises to 201

BANGKOK, 15 June — Thailand on Monday reported 51 more A/H1N1 virus cases, bringing the country's total number to 201, according to the Thai Public Health Ministry.

Earlier, Education Minister Jurian Laksanavisit said he has already ordered classes' suspension in eight education institutions in Bangkok and a nearby province of Pathumthani.

Internet

SPORTS

Murray ready to step up a level at Wimbledon



Britain's Andy Murray lifts the trophy after beating James Blake of the US in at Queen's Club in London. Murray won 7-5, 6-4.—INTERNET

LONDON, 15 June—Andy Murray admits he will have to produce the form of his life to follow his Queen's triumph with victory at Wimbledon.

Murray clinched his fourth ATP Tour title this year on

Sunday as he became the first Briton since Bunny Austin in 1938 to win the pre-Wimbledon warm-up event at Queen's.

With a first grasscourt trophy safely secured thanks to his 7-5, 6-4 win over America's James Blake, Murray can turn his attention to ending an even longer wait for British success at Wimbledon.

Internet

Djokovic writes off Wimbledon hopes after Halle defeat

HALLE, 15 June—World number four Novak Djokovic wrote off his Wimbledon chances on Sunday after slumping to a 6-3, 6-7 (4/7), 6-1 defeat to Germany's Tommy Haas in the Halle grasscourt final.

The Serbian, who was top seed in the absence of Roger Federer, had made hard work of beating qualifier Olivier Rochus from Belgium in his semi-final and his faltering form continued on grass with Wimbledon just a week away.

"Because I went out early there last year and because I didn't play at my top-level here, I would definitely not rate myself as a favourite for the title in London," said former Australian Open champion Djokovic.

Internet



Serbia's Novak Djokovic reacts to lost point against Germany's Tommy Haas during the final match of the ATP tennis tournament at the Gerry-Weber-Stadium in the western German town of Halle. Haas won the match 6-3, 6-7, 6-1.—INTERNET

Gay wins wire-to-wire, earns US Open berth



Brian Gay tees off on the seventh hole during the final round of the St Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn, on 14 June, 2009. Gay bogeyed the hole.—INTERNET

MEMPHIS, 15 June—Brian Gay thought so little of his chance to play his way into the US Open in his last possible chance that he had plans for a week off. Not even a tentative plan sketched out just in case. Well, he better figure something out pretty quick. His wire-to-wire victory Sunday in the St Jude Classic punched his ticket to Bethpage Black.

"Right now I don't know if we're going home first or what we're going to do, whether we spend tomorrow traveling, going home and repacking," Gay said. "Get to work on Tuesday I guess."—Internet

Torres hits hat-trick as Spain rout New Zealand

RUSTENBURG, 15 June—Fernando Torres bagged a hat-trick as European champions Spain crushed New Zealand 5-0 to open their Confederations Cup campaign in emphatic style on Sunday.

The Group A victory, their 13th consecutive win, extended their



unbeaten run to 33 games as they look to overturn Brazil's world record 35 matches without defeat between 1993 and 1996.

Yet despite Spain being the world's number one ranked team and packed with star names, the Royal Bafokeng Stadium here was half empty, something that will worry FIFA with the World Cup in South Africa less than a year away.—Internet

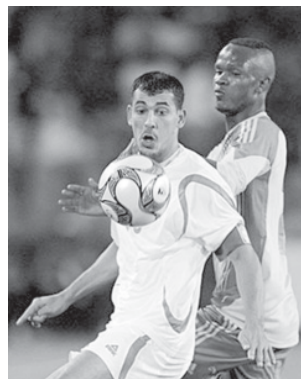
Spanish Fernando Torres in action during the FIFA Confederations Cup football match New Zealand vs Spain on 14 June, 2009 at the Royal Bakofeng Stadium in Rustenburg. Spain won 5-0.—INTERNET

Iraq stifle South Africa in Confed Cup opener

JOHANNESBURG, 15 June—The 2009 Confederations Cup opened with a goalless stalemate between hosts South Africa and Asian champions Iraq at Ellis Park here on Sunday. With Group A favourites Spain, in action against minnows New Zealand later on Sunday, expected to steamroll into the semi-finals, the point apiece keeps both teams in the running to join the Euro 2008 winners as group runners-up.

South Africa coach Joel Santana said his Bafana side had been undone by a combination of missed chances and Iraq's defensive strategy.

"We had 17 shots on goal, compared to three from Iraq," the Brazilian remarked.—Internet



Iraqi Younis Mahmoud (L) fights for the ball with South African Siboniso Gaxa (R) during the opening football match of the FIFA Confederations Cup South Africa vs Iraq at Ellis Park stadium in Johannesburg. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.—INTERNET

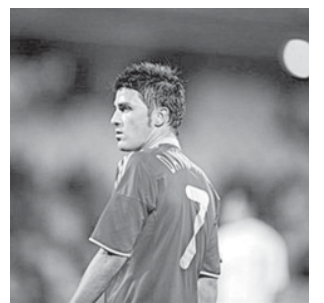
Barcelona battle Real for Villa

MADRID, 15 June—Barcelona on Sunday went head-to-head with bitter rivals Real Madrid in the battle to sign Spanish international striker David Villa from Valencia.

"Negotiations to sign David Villa have been opened. There are a lot of players who want to come here. That's great and it's something that people should know," Rafael Yuste, vice-president of Barcelona, told local radio.

The Mundo Deportivo newspaper on Sunday reported that the champions had tabled a 35-million-euro bid for Villa.

Real Madrid, who have already bought superstars



Spanish David Villa reacts during the FIFA Confederations Cup football match New Zealand vs Spain at the Royal Bakofeng Stadium in Rustenburg.—INTERNET

Kaka and Cristiano Ronaldo this month, had been chasing Villa but were reported to have been put off by a 42-million-euro asking price.

Internet

Rookie Nordqvist easily wins LPGA Championship

HAVRE DE GRACE, 15 June—A long and memorable day for Anna Nordqvist ended with well-deserved champagne shower on the 18th green.

Playing in only her fifth professional tournament, the steely nerved rookie from Sweden shot a 4-under 68 on Sunday to win the LPGA Championship by four strokes over Lindsey Wright.

Nordqvist finished at 15-under 273 in the tournament's final stand at Bulle Rock Golf Course. After letting a five-shot lead dwindle to one, Nordqvist sank a 12-foot birdie putt on No. 14 and essentially clinched her first career victory with a 35-foot putt for a birdie on No. 15.

When the shot dropped into the cup, the 22-year-old Swede pumped her fist with delight.

Internet



Anna Nordqvist of Sweden, lines up a putt on the sixth hole during the final round of the LPGA Championship golf tournament, on 14 June, 2009, in Havre de Grace, Md.—INTERNET

Mark Martin wins NASCAR race in Michigan

BROOKLYN, 15 June—The most surprised person to find Mark Martin in Victory Lane at Michigan International Speedway was the driver himself.

The 50-year-old NASCAR star has run well but has had to deal with considerable bad luck this season. It looked like more of the same Sunday when the battery in his No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet began to fail before the halfway mark in the LifeLock 400 Sprint Cup race.

Martin turned off everything in the car that he could, nursing it as best he could. Then he realized the race was going to be a fuel economy run.

"I always, always come up short in those gas things," Martin said. "I'm probably about 2 and 25 in these things." Make that 3 and 25 now.—Internet



Mark Martin drives during the NASCAR LifeLock 400 race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich, on 14 June, 2009.—INTERNET



A nine-day-old baby elephant with his mother at the Safari Park in Gianyar, on the Indonesian resort island of Bali on 2 February. Poachers may have used poisoned pineapples to kill an endangered Sumatran elephant for its valuable tusks, environmental group WWF said on Monday.—INTERNET

Eight killed, 120 injured in east China storm

HEFEL, 15 June—Eight people were killed and 120 others were injured as storm swept east China's Anhui province, said local authorities on Sunday.

Gale with the maximum speed of 29 metres per second ravaged in Anhui with hailstones from 2:15 to 3:40 p.m. on Saturday. Eight people were killed by collapsed houses and fallen trees, while 120 were injured.

Twenty of those described as "seriously injured" were sent to hospitals, said an official with the disaster relief office of the province. Details of the disaster is not available yet.

This is the second storm this month. The first occurred from June 3 to 5, affecting nearly four million people and killing more than 20. A working team has been sent out by the civil affairs bureau of Anhui to affected areas.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (16-6-2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Sittway with Magnificent Sight
- * King Thayawaddy's Bell
- * A Hidden Treasure (Kekku)
- * Orchid Garden
- * The beautiful lake... where the natural biodiversity gathers

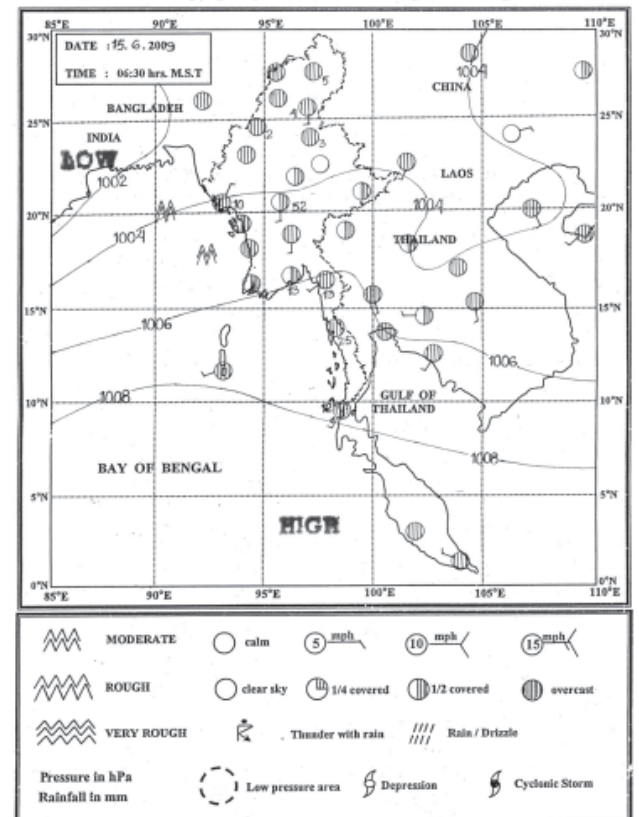
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Aung Pan, the broker-center of Shan State
- * A Village of Pa-O
- * New, Modernized 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
- * Sittway with Magnificent Sight
- * King Thayawaddy's Bell
- * A Hidden Treasure (Kekku)
- * Orchid Garden
- * The beautiful lake... where the natural biodiversity gathers
- * Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part-II)
- * Handiworks of Pride
- * The Tranquil Mindat Township
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 15 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin State and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Chungson (4.88) inches, Mudon (2.48) inches, Meiktila (2.05) inches, Kyeikkhame (1.57) inches, Bago (1.18) inches and Dawei (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-6-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 15-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-6-2009 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 14-6-2009 was (6.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-6-2009 was (0.83) inch at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.94) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (29.41) inches at Mingaladon, (35.12) inches at Kaba-Aye and (40.43) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 14-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 16th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Rakhine States.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-6-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-6-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 16 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. Song of yesteryears

7:50 am

5. “စက်မှုတပ်ဆင်လုပ်ငန်းတွင်”

8:00 am

6. Nice and sweet song

8:10 am

7. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

8:20 am

8. Musical programme

8:30 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of National Races

4:25 pm

3. The mirror images of the musical oldies

4:40 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

4:55 pm

5. Song for uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

7. “စမ်းကရွှေ ငါးကငွေ” (ညိုရော်၊ မိုးဒီ၊ သက်ဦးကို၊ ဆုတံဆိပ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-နိုင်ငံ)

5:30 pm

8. သဘာဝရင်သွေးငယ်များ တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

12. ဆိုလိုက်ကြရဲ့

7:15 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမက်အလိုရှိသည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “မေ့မေတ္တာ”

- (အပိုင်း-၃)

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing see off Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San who leave for People's Republic of China on goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing saw off a goodwill delegation led by 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San who left at 10.45 am today for the People's Republic of China at the invitation of PRC Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

Also present at the airport were member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, the Director-General of the Government Office and heads of department, and Charge d' affaire of PRC Embassy to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Tang Hai.

Members of the delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San are Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife,

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Electric Power No. (1)

Col Zaw Min, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, the Director-General of the SPDC Office and heads of department.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing see off goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host dinner in honour of visiting Sri Lankan goodwill delegation



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host a dinner in honour of visiting Sri Lankan goodwill delegation led by Sri Lankan President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted a dinner in honour of visiting Sri Lankan goodwill delegation led by President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and wife Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 7 pm yesterday.

Also present at the dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) (See page 9)