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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

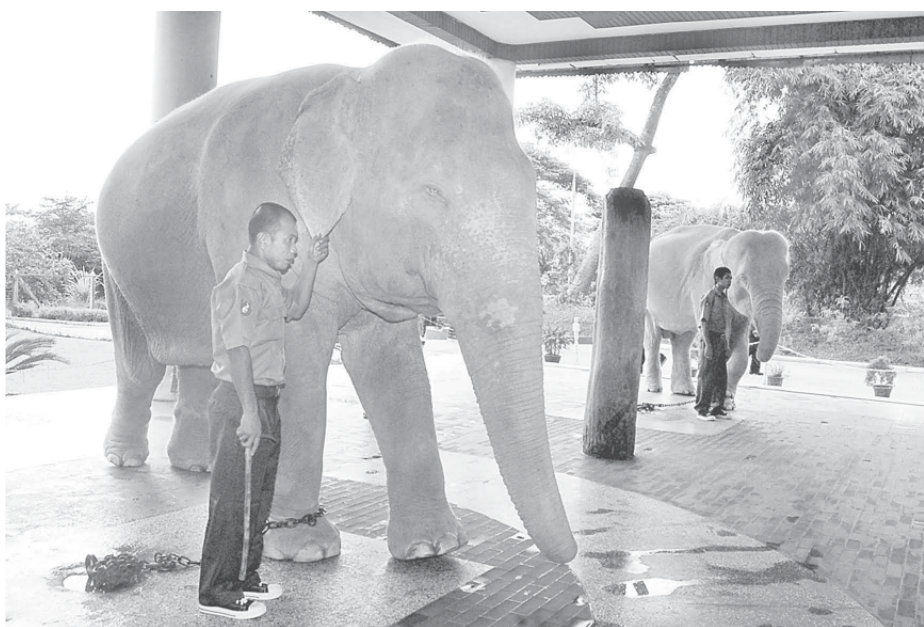
- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country 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

Sri Lankan goodwill delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 16 June—The Sri Lankan goodwill delegation led by President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa 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, Sri Lankan Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Newton Gunaratna and wife paid respects and offered robes to Lecturer and Admin Sayadaws and members of the Sangha of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) and International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University led by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaws at Convocation Dhammayon of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) on



President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa view white elephants at Yadana White Elephant Garden on Min Dhamma Hill. — MNA



Thiri Mingala Gaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township here at 9.30 a.m. today.

Next, the visiting Sri Lankan President and wife and delegation members observed white

elephants at Yadana White Elephant Garden on Min Dhamma Hill.

Then the goodwill delegation led by Sri Lankan President and wife left here by special flight at 10.55 a.m. They were seen

off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, the Minister for Sports and

wife, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife, the Myanmar Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and wife, the Sri Lankan Ambassador to the Union

of Myanmar and wife and officials.

The visiting Sri Lankan President and wife and party paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday evening.

MNA

What limits the size of birds?

SEATTLE, 16 June—Why aren't birds larger? Fifteen-kilogram swans hold the current upper size record for flying birds, although the extinct *Argentavis* of the

Miocene Epoch in Argentina is estimated to have weighed 70 kilograms, the size of an average human. In a forthcoming article in *PLoS Biology*, Sievert Rohwer, and his

colleagues at the Burke Museum at the University of Washington, provide evidence that maximum body size in birds is constrained by the amount of time it takes to replace the flight feathers during molt.

As bird size increases, feather growth rate fails to keep up with feather length until, eventually; feathers wear out before they can be replaced.

This fundamental relationship requires basic changes in the molt strategy as size increases, ultimately limiting the size of flying birds.

Internet



Bald Eagle soaring.

Gene evolution process discovered

LEEDS, 16 June—One of the mechanisms governing how our physical features and behavioural traits have evolved over centuries has been discovered by researchers at the University of Leeds. Darwin proposed that such traits are passed from a parent to their offspring, with natural selection favouring those that give the greatest advantage for survival, but did not have a scientific explanation for this process.

In new research the Leeds team reports that a protein known as REST plays a central role in switching specific genes on and off, thereby

determining how specific traits develop in offspring.

The study shows that REST controls the process by which proteins are made, following the instructions encoded in genes. It also reveals that while REST regulates a

core set of genes in all vertebrates, it has also evolved to work with a greater number of genes specific to mammals, in particular in the brain – potentially playing a leading role in the evolution of our intelligence.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Act according to health education announcements

There are various types of flu such as avian flu and swine flu and now there has been a new type of human flu caused by A/H1N1, a new strain of flu virus. It can be transmitted from human to human quickly.

According to the WHO, there have been 28,774 people infected with this pandemic disease in 74 countries and, out of them, a total of 144 have died up to now. The Ministry of Health has been taking preventive measures to ensure that the disease cannot spread to Myanmar. It is also issuing announcements and educating people.

The symptoms of the human flu are fever, a runny nose, cough, a sore throat, aches and pains, headaches, and loss of appetite. If it is serious, it can cause high fever, bad cough, tiredness, difficult breathing, unconsciousness and restlessness. In such a case, immediate health care is recommended.

As the latest strain of flu can spread from person to person very quickly, precaution is never superfluous. It is necessary to take care of personal hygiene, to cover the face with a handkerchief when coughing and sneezing, to wash the hands thoroughly with soap and to take a good night's sleep. In addition, going to crowded places, drinking a lot, using drugs and visiting the house of an infected person or hospitals unnecessarily should be avoided.

It is also necessary to sterilize stairs, lifts, walls, furniture and utensils and to make sure that there is good ventilation and sanitation at schools, offices, hotels, orphanages and homes for the aged.

As there have been outbreaks of the flu pandemic in some countries, we would like to call on the entire people of Myanmar to act according to the announcements issued by the Ministry of Health to prevent the outbreak or spread of the disease.

Work coordination meeting of Myanma Insurance held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—A work coordination meeting for 2008-2009 financial year of Myanma Insurance (Head office) and State/Division/District offices under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the meeting hall of Myanma Insurance (Head Office) on Merchant Street here on 15 June. Managing Director U Thein Lwin of Myanma Insurance made an opening speech on the occasion and those in-charge from State/Division/ District offices presented the annual financial reports for 2008-2009.

The coordination meeting resumed at the same venue today. Officials concerned of Head office and respective departments instructed the officials to exceed the targeted insurance and to actually have insurance covers needed in public.

The managing director presented the prizes to the outstanding offices and agents. During 2008-2009 financial year, the Myanma Insurance (Head Office) and State/Division/District offices earned over K14,000 million.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Forestry Minister and Kayah State Chairman inspect regional development tasks



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung meeting with local people in Lobarkho Village in Dimawhso Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint met with local people at Lobarkho Village Basic Education Middle School in Dimawhso Township on 13 June. The minister delivered an address and donated cash for construction of new school building.

In the afternoon, the minister, the chairman and officials inspected the construction of Daungkha BEMS in the township and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and the chairman presented cash and stationery in meeting with local people.

On 14 June, the minister and party visited the Loikaw rafting station in which they looked around the station.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Chairman Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected agricultural camp of Myanma Agriculture Service, new paddy strains, fertilizers and insecticides being displayed at the camp in Naekawku Village in Loikaw Township.

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Deputy Minister
for Religious
Affairs Brig-Gen
Thura Aung Ko
being welcomed by
Ambassador of
United Kingdom
Mr. Mark Canning
at the reception to
mark the Birthday
of Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II
on 16, June 2009.

MNA



New issue of Yangon Travels Journal in circulation

YANGON, 16 June—Yangon Travels Journal Volume (II), No. (6) with works of a variety topics came out today. It is designed to help reduce the number of traffic accidents, give traffic education to bus owners and conductors, and ensure smooth dealing between bus conductors and passengers.

Copies of the issue are available at bookshops and branches of private bus lines. Manuscripts may be sent to and advertisements may be put at No (474), Theinbyu Road, in front of Kantawkalay Post Office, Phoemyay Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, (Tel: 381858).—MNA

Over 9600 acres of poppy in Shan State (North) wiped out

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—A total of 163.29 acres (66.08 hectares) of poppy in Lashio, Hsenwi, Mongyan, Namtu, Mongton, Namhkam and Kutkai Townships in Shan State (North) were destroyed from 1 to 11 June. So far, 9607.75 acres of poppy in States and Divisions have been destroyed during this year's poppy cultivation season.

MNA



Russia will try to help Afghanistan build political system

Moscow, 16 June—Russia will exert its best in helping Afghanistan set up an effective political system, said Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Monday when meeting with his Afghan counterpart Hamid Karzai. “We’ll do everything possible to help Afghanistan build its effective political system and promote its further development,” the *Itar-Tass* news agency quoted Medvedev as saying in the Russian city of Yekaterinburg on the sidelines of the ninth annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

The SCO comprises Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, while Iran, Mongolia, India and Pakistan are observers at the bloc. Karzai was invited to the summit as a guest.

“There are problems that pose a threat to our countries and our neighbours and we’ll deal with them jointly,” said Medvedev.—*Internet*

The wreckage of a minibus sits in the road after it was blown up in a bus station in the Al-Shaab District of Baghdad. Five people, including an Iraqi soldier, were killed and 14 wounded in violence across Iraq on 15 June 2009, security officials said.—INTERNET

Hatem Abode, left inspects the damage to his flat after a mortar landed in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 11 June, 2009. A woman and her three children were wounded in the attack.—INTERNET



Internet

Two Al-Jazeera producers arrested in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 June—Al-Jazeera called for the immediate release of two of its Afghan producers after they were arrested by Afghan intelligence agents. The network said it has been unable to contact them.

Qais Azimy and Hamedullah Shah, who work for the network’s English and Arabic services, have been held by Afghan authorities since Sunday, the station said on Monday in a statement.

“Al-Jazeera is officially requesting information from the Afghan authorities and is calling for Qais and Hamedullah’s immediate release,” it said. It was unclear why the two were arrested.

In a news report over the weekend from the northern Afghan Province of Kunduz, Al-Jazeera showed Azimy meeting with Taliban fighters and interviewing a Taliban commander who said that he was in charge of hundreds of men and had 12 suicide bombers waiting to strike.—*Internet*

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,313

WASHINGTON, 16 June—As of Monday, 15 June, 2009, at least 4,313 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes nine military civilians killed in action. At least 3,453 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

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

Afghan troops kill five Taliban militants in North

KABUL, 16 June—A cleanup operation conducted by Afghan security forces on Monday claimed the lives of five Taliban militants including their commander in Afghanistan’s northern province of Kunduz, a senior police officer said Tuesday. “Afghan police and army back by troops from Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) of Germany, conducted an operation in Gul Tiapa area, northwestern of Kunduz City, resultantly Shaikh Abdul and his four followers were killed,” deputy provincial police Chief Abdul Rahman Haqtash told *Xinhua*.

Haqtash said that three more Taliban fighters’ sustained injuries in the firefight lasted for four hours. Shaikh Abdul was notorious for organizing attacks against interest of Afghan and NATO -led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) troops in Kunduz, he added. Germany has more than 3,800 soldiers under the command of NATO -led ISAF in northern provinces of the country.—*Internet*



Iraqi security forces look at the pool of blood on a spot where one of attackers on a Sunni lawmaker Harith al-Obeidi was killed in Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 June, 2009. INTERNET

US to stick to Iraq withdrawal date

BAGHDAD, 16 June—The top US commander in Iraq said on Monday that he remains “absolutely committed” to pulling back all combat troops from urban areas by the end of the month, as provided for in a US-Iraqi security agreement.

Gen Ray Odierno said a limited number of advisers and trainers will remain in the cities to work with Iraqi security forces, leaving unanswered questions about how many US troops would remain and where they would be located.

“We will not get into any specific numbers, but it is a very small number,” Odierno told a joint news conference with key Iraqi officials.

Odierno said the pull back of combat troops would also extend to the northern city of Mosul, where Sunni militants still pose a threat.

Earlier this year, he said Mosul might be one of the cities where combat troops might remain. Odierno said violence and tensions in Mosul have declined.—*Internet*

UN Secretary-General's message on World Day to Combat Desertification

17 June, 2009

The following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message on the World Day to Combat Desertification, to be observed today.

Desertification and land degradation affect one third of the Earth's surface, threatening the livelihoods, well-being and development of as many as 1 billion people. Faced with long periods of drought, famine and deepening poverty, many have only one option: flight from the land. There are already an estimated 24 million environmentally induced migrants. That number could rise to 200 million by 2050.

This year's observance of the World Day to Combat Desertification highlights the growing threat to national and regional stability posed by desertification. Nearly one third of the world's cropland has become unproductive and been abandoned in the past 40 years. Almost three quarters of rangelands show various symptoms of desertification. Climate change is a contributing factor, but not the only one. In particular, we must reconsider our agricultural practices and how we manage our water resources. Agriculture and the raising of livestock account for 70 per cent of freshwater use and as much as 80 per cent of deforestation. Growing demand for crops for animal feed and biofuels will put further pressure on these scarce resources if not managed sustainably.

Current global consumption and production patterns are unsustainable. The consequences will include further global food crises, such as we saw in 2008, and continued desertification, land degradation and periods of drought. As usual, the poor will be the first victims and the last to recover.

The recently concluded seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development stressed that desertification and land degradation are global problems that require a global response. In December, world leaders can provide such a response when they meet in Copenhagen to seal a deal on climate change. A comprehensive and equitable agreement to slow down global warming must also help developing countries to adapt to the impacts that are already under way. In particular, it must provide adequate and predictable financing to support improved land management, more efficient water use and sustainable agriculture.

On this World Day to Combat Desertification, let us recognize the security risks of letting desertification advance unchecked. Let us also recognize that by combating climate change we can help to reverse desertification, increase agricultural productivity, alleviate poverty and enhance global security.—UNIC



Russian President Dmitry Medvedev (2R) walks with leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member-nations at the Maly Istok residence just outside Yekaterinburg.—INTERNET

Russia hosts key security summit

YEKATERINBURG, 16 June—Russia hosted the second day of a key security summit seen as a counter to US power with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, making his first foreign trip since his re-election, in attendance.

Ahmadinejad arrived early on Tuesday to attend the high-profile get-together dominated by Russia and China, being hosted by the Kremlin in the Urals Mountains deep inside Russia.

The summit organizers broadcast live footage showing a widely-smiling Ahmadinejad, wearing a dark suit but not tie, shaking hands with a beaming Medvedev before the leaders went into the second day of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

The summit organizers also showed footage of a relaxed and smiling Iranian leader coming down the stairs of his plane as he was being met by a host of journalists and officials at a local airport.

Whether Ahmadinejad, who has a habit of stealing the limelight at international events, would turn up at the summit had become a source of intrigue after he postponed his planned arrival on Monday following unrest over his election victory.

Internet

Two killed in shooting near Virginia shopping mall

WASHINGTON, 16 June—Two men were shot dead near a shopping mall in Prince William, Virginia, a Washington suburban county, on Monday morning, police said.

One man was found dead near a bus terminal and another corpse was found in a wooded area along the nearby highway Interstate-95.

Both locations are near to the Potomac Mills shopping mall, Prince William County police told reporters.

A vehicle was also found with bullet holes, but it was unclear whether it belonged to the victims or whether they were in the car when they were shot.

Police have identified the victims and the suspect, but their names have not been released.

Police officers are hunting for the suspect, who is believed to have a gun and is described as 40-year-old black male wearing dark clothes.—*Internet*

Four killed in US family murder-suicide

WASHINGTON, 16 June—In an apparent murder-suicide, a couple and their two children were found dead on Monday at their home in Seminole County, the US state of Florida, local authorities said.

The County Sheriff's Office told reporters it appears three of the family members were killed by the other member, who later committed suicide.

The couple, John and Cynthia Wood, had two children — Aubrey, 12, and Dillon, 10.

Although the nature of the case is not finally determined, officials said John Wood apparently shot his entire family because there was a gun found beside his body. Police said it might never be known what exactly led to the tragedy, but there seems to be a sign of financial difficulty with the family.

When a cleaning woman entered the family's home by noon, she found the bodies and reported to the police.—*Internet*

Earthquake hits north of Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, 16 June—An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale shook on Monday the Caribbean region of Honduras, causing no

casualties or property damage.

The tremor occurred at 10:00 am local time and was felt in Roatan and Utila localities, both islands off the northern Honduran coast.

The epicenter was located in the sea 56 km northeast of Roatan, with a depth of 6.1 km, a spokesman for the Permanent Commission of Contingencies (Copeco) said.

The northern departments of Atlantica, Colon and Cortes were also affected by the earthquake.

Internet

China, Nigeria state firms find oil in Niger Delta

ABUJA, 16 June—China's state oil firm SIPC and Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) have discovered crude oil from Niger Delta region of the west African nation, an official statement said.

SIPC, a subsidiary of China Petroleum Corporation, and NPDC, the exploration and production arm of the state-run Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), jointly discovered crude in the Oil Mining Lease (OML) 64, also known as Kakaku-1 well, the statement said.

NNPC said in the statement that the well was drilled to a total depth of 11,150 feet and encountered six major hydrocarbon intervals, three out of which are bearing oil.

"Initial test on the well indicates that the oil is similar to most oil discovered in Nigeria, that is sweet light crude. Production from the well ranges between 1,284 and 3,110 barrels per day and zero water content," said the statement.

Production from the well will begin after field appraisal, it said.—*Internet*



People play at a coast in Algiers, capital of Algeria, on 14 June, 2009. A total of 54 coasts of the city have been opened to the public. XINHUA



Chinese arms on show in Paris

BEIJING, 16 June—A series of China-made planes and missiles have gone on display at this year's Paris Air Show.

The air show comes amid tough times for the recession-hit airline industry and in light of unanswered questions over the crashed Air France jetliner.

China's latest L-15 jet trainer and air-to-air missiles are among the exhibits displayed by the Aviation Industry Corporation of China, the country's major airline manufacturer.

The 48th Paris Air Show opened on Monday at Le Bourget Airport, north of Paris. It will last until Sunday. The century-old exhibition is one of the most influential air shows in the world.

Xinhua



China's latest jet trainer, L-15, is one of the most eye-catching China-made exhibit being displayed at the 48th Paris Air Show.

XINHUA



Sightseers view the spectacular torrential Hukou (Kettle Mouth) Waterfall on the Yellow River in Yichuan, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 14 June, 2009. —XINHUA

Colombia, Italy fund hospital-vessel for poor families

BOGOTA, 16 June—Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and delegates from Italy inaugurated on Monday a hospital-vessel to assist poor families in Buenaventura Port in the Pacific Ocean.

The programme is funded by Colombian and Italian non-governmental organizations.

"It is a social health company," Uribe said at

the ceremony. The vessel will start traveling on 27 June.

The vessel was also funded by "Colombia wants to see you," a foundation soccer player Ivan Cordoba established with 1.5 million US dollars.

Medical services, including pediatrics, surgery, gynecology, psychology and odontology, will be provided on the

vessel to some 2,500 people from Buenaventura and nearby town, most of whom are of Afro-Colombian origins.

The vessels will have the written label of "Life without drug, a global effort," to take the message to residents in the region, through which drug traffickers smuggle cocaine to Central America.

Xinhua

Chile, Russia agree to deepen commercial ties

SANTIAGO, 16 June—More than 100 officials and businessmen from Chile and Russia met in Russia on Monday to deepen the bilateral commercial ties between the two countries.

According to reports reaching here from Moscow, the event entitled "Chilean-Russian Economy Commercial Days," was organized by the Chilean Direction on International Economic Affairs (Direcon), the Chilean National Society of Agriculture (SNA) and the Russian Chamber of Commerce.

The Association of Sectorial Unions from the Agro-food Complex of Russia and the SNA signed a letter of intent on cooperation.

Businessmen and representatives from trade unions of both countries also held different business meetings.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Mexico's tourism industry sees 140,000 job cuts amid flu crisis

MEXICO CITY, 16 June—Mexico's tourism and services industry saw 140,000 job cuts during the flu-hit period of April and May, a business organization said on Monday.

Some 20,000 workers lost their jobs on the worst day of the epidemic, said Mario Sanchez Ruiz, president of the National Trade, Services and Tourism Chambers Federation.

Sanchez expects the tourism industry to recover in at least six months as "Mexico depends on a recovery of the international economy, especially that of the United States."

Mexico reported an official unemployment rate of 5.1 percent at the end of March, 1.2 percentage points higher than the same period of 2008. But economists deemed the figure had generally understated the real rate as it still include citizens that had worked for just a few hours during the 15-day survey period.

Xinhua

Indonesian robot team wins in San Francisco

JAKARTA, 16 June—Indonesian robot team from University of Computer Indonesia (UNIKOM) grabbed gold medal in the International Robo Games held in 12-14 June, 2009 in San Francisco of the United States, the private news portal detikcom reported on Tuesday.

The General Consulate of Indonesian Republic in San Francisco, in its press release said that the victory was grabbed by performance of Robot *DU-114* which got the fastest time of searching fire source and extinguished it by automatic water syringe.

Meanwhile, Robot *NEXT-116* made by other UNIKOM student StevanusAkbar did not get any medals. However, it was the only robot having eight legs as moving tools competed in category of the Open Fire Fighting Autonomous Robot amidst other robots with wheels or chains as moving tool. The *NEXT-116* was declared by the juries as the spectacular robot in the category.—Xinhua

Sinosteel backs local community for global growth

BEIJING, 16 June—Despite its burgeoning international interests, Huang Tianwen, president of the Sinosteel Corporation, believes that one factor, above all else, accounts for the company's continuing success story - its commitment to showing genuine respect to its staff and the local community throughout all of its operations, no matter where in the world they are based.

It is this belief, he main-

tains, that has seen the company grow into one of China's largest iron ore trader and allowed it to spread its operation across four African countries.

The majority of Sinosteel's staff in its three African subsidiaries are locals, although it does still employ a number of Chinese managers at each of its sites. This follows a policy the company adopted in 2004 that saw it pledge to develop the management skills of the

local workforces at all of its plants.

A typical beneficiary of this policy is Adolf Munyai, now legal affairs and purchasing manager of ASA Metals Pty Ltd, a joint venture between Sinosteel and Limpopo Province of South Africa.

Munyai joined ASA Metals Pty in 2005 and his first assignment was to develop the chrome iron reclamation plant project in the Maroga community.—Xinhua



Visitors view the environment-friendly car at the China International Energy Saving and Environmental Protection Exhibition 2009 in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 June, 2009. —XINHUA

Nigerian rebels threaten FIFA junior World Cup

LAGOS, 16 June—Armed militants in Nigeria's Niger Delta on Monday claimed attacks against facilities run by US oil giant Chevron and warned FIFA against letting the country host the under-17 World Cup tournament.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) in an email statement also threatened to extend its operations beyond Delta State to others in the oil-rich but volatile southern region.

MEND said they had

started a huge fire that destroyed Abiteye flow station and blown up two other Chevron facilities there early Monday.

"Hurricane Piper Alpha hit the Abiteye flowstation operated by Chevron today which resulted in a massive fire outbreak that is consuming the entire facility," it said in the statement.

MEND vowed to move "into the neighbouring states of Bayelsa and Rivers before passing through the remaining states of Ondo, Edo and Akwa Ibom then finally

head off-shore."

The group also took "this opportunity to advise FIFA to have a re-think about Nigeria hosting the under-17 World Cup tournament at this time, as the safety of international players and visitors cannot be guaranteed due to the current unrest."—*Internet*



The Lagos Teslim Balogun Stadium, one of the venues for the FIFA Under-17 World Cup in Nigeria between October and November.

INTERNET

Brazilian police seize 12 tons of marijuana

RIO DE JNEIRO, 16 June—The Brazilian Federal Police announced on Monday it seized a shipment of over 12 tons of marijuana in a small town in the country's southern state of Parana.

It was the largest amount of drug seized in Brazil this year, and one of the largest ever reg-

istered in the country, officers said. The drug was seized late on Sunday in the town of Guaira at a checking point near the Airton Senna Bridge, which connects the states of Parana and Mato Grosso do Sul. The area is close to the Paraguayan border.

The marijuana was

being transported in a truck in the disguise of wood shipment. The officers decided to check the truck because the driver was very nervous and kept contradicting himself.

The truck driver, a 50-year-old man, said the drug was to be transported to Sao Paulo.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Turkmens launch \$1.5 b resort

TURKMENBASHI, 16 June—The president of this normally reclusive nation staged lavish ceremonies for foreign guests and media on Monday to launch a new \$1.5 billion resort on the desert shore of the Caspian Sea in a city named after his eccentric and autocratic predecessor.

Gurbanguli Berdimukhamedov stood on the porch of one of three gleaming white luxury hotels just completed here, and told thousands of guests that the development would help his energy-rich country diversify its economy.

He also said the development represented a chance to attract investors to his Central Asian desert nation of five million. Last week, Berdimukhamedov said he wants to expand the country's relations to the United States and the West.

"For us there are no near or far countries, large or small companies, there are only honest and reliable partners," he said.—*Internet*

US airlines asked to gather more data of passengers

WASHINGTON, 16 June—US authorities are requiring all US airlines to gather more personal data of the passengers, including full names, dates of birth and genders, officials said.

Airlines operating domestic flights must comply with the new rule early next year and those operating international flights by the end of next year, officials were quoted as saying by the St Louis Post-Dispatch on Monday.

Currently, passengers in the United States don't have to give their dates of birth or genders to the airlines when buying tickets.

The new rule known as Secure Flight, aims to increase safety and reduce the frequency of misidentifying passengers with those named on suspected terrorist lists, according to Carrie Harmon, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Safety Administration.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



A man views a huge eggshell porcelain bowl displayed in Jiujiang, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 13 June, 2009. The huge bowl, with a diameter of 126 centimeters, has been finished in Jingdezhen last year.

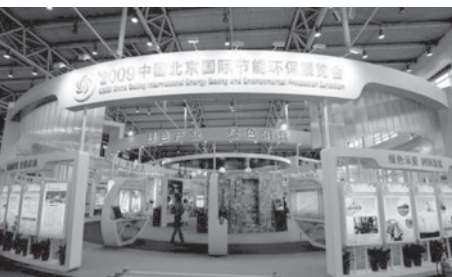


Photo taken on 14 June, 2009 shows the display area of the China International Energy Saving and Environmental Protection Exhibition 2009 in Beijing, capital of China. The exhibition kicked off on Sunday and attracted over 250 enterprises from home and abroad.

Baby born at side of highway

Firefighters in Omaha said a baby born at the side of Interstate 80 in the Monday morning commuter hours was dubbed "The Rush Hour Baby."

The firefighters said Patricia and Juan Salas, who have five previous children, were on their way to Bergan Mercy Medical Center on Monday morning when the impatient baby decided it was time to emerge, KETV, Omaha, reported on Monday.

"It was no surprise, not their first rodeo," firefighter Brad Philippi said. "They've done this before — obviously not in a vehicle on the side of the road."

Another firefighter, Todd Tevelde, said the baby boy was blue-skinned when they arrived on the scene, but he "pinked up" after his airways were opened and an oxygen mask was placed over his head.

Woman rams 81-year-old scam victim's car

Authorities said Bessie Lou Phillips was so mad her brother was sentenced to life in prison for scamming an elderly woman she followed the victim and rammed her car. Phillips, 42, was charged Tuesday with attempted aggravated assault after the unidentified victim was rammed.

Police said Phillips is the sister of 41-year-old Manuel Cooper, who had just

Kids play 36 hours of baseball for charity

An army of about 800 Massachusetts youngsters kept a single baseball game going for 36 hours to set a world record and collect money for charity.

Jim Lucas, a Wrentham T-ball coach who masterminded the event that began at 8:01 am Saturday, said the hundreds of local kids between the ages of 5 and 15 who came out to play 101 innings of baseball scored 687 runs for a final score of 348-339, The Boston Globe reported on Monday.

The current Guinness Book of World Records states the longest game was played for 32 hours, 29 minutes between two men's St Louis senior league teams in 2007. Lucas said his players rotated in and out of the game for 36 hours.



Revellers play with tomato pulp during the annual "Tomatina" (tomato fight) in Sutamarshan Province Boyaca.

Wild Turkey crashes through window of Wis home

A Wisconsin woman and her 5-year-old daughter got a fowl visitor when an unwelcome wild turkey crashed through a bedroom window.

Heidi Herrera said she was watching television with her daughter when the bird quickly charged into the living room of their home in the eastern Wisconsin town of Mishicot. Herrera got her daughter and their pet Chihuahua to safety in another bedroom.

The mother then ventured out and found the turkey in the kitchen. When she walked toward it, the bird ran out the open front door and down the street, leaving behind feathers, blood and glass scattered throughout the house.



Integrated farming system benefiting rural people

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

We saw farmers at green paddy fields with mountain ranges in the background. They were working at paddy plantations with the use of agricultural equipment. That scene was an encouraging sign for food sufficiency of the nation.

With the assistance of Head of Shan State (South) Information and Public Relations Department Daw May May Ni, the news team of the Myanma Alin Daily that



Photo shows a paddy plantation of farmer U Aik Sam where fish is being bred in Tilaw Village-tract of Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State (South).

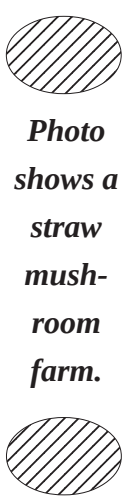
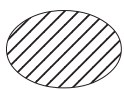


Photo shows a straw mushroom farm.



left Taunggyi recently arrived at the integrated farm of farmer U Aik Sam of Bawdithad Village in Tilaw Village-tract of Nyaungshwe Township.

We learned that the integrated farm is an agriculture system combined with agriculture and livestock breeding farms.

On arrival at the integrated farm, we saw the preparations being

made for the ceremony to introduce the integrated farm. In an interview, Nyaungshwe Township Manager U Sao Swam Waing of Myanma Agriculture Service said, "Fish is being bred in this paddy plantation. Shweyinaye paddy strain yields 110 baskets of paddy per acre. The farm is located on 9.85 acres of land. A total of 50,000 tilapia and Hamilton's carp

species are being bred at the farm. We catch fish once a year. We have a separate hatching pond."

We saw many mango plants there and asked about it. Officials explained that these plants are Seintalon mango species and about 300 mango plants are thriving at the farm.

We witnessed cow, pig, chicken, duck and goat farms. Goats and

pigs are being bred on the fish pond. U Sao Swam Waing further explained, "Droppings of goats can be used as not only fertilizer but also feeds for fish. Feedstuff for goats and pigs such as vegetables, bran and other wastages that dropped into the pond will become feedstuff for fish. And water from the pond supplied to vegetable plantations will be nutritious for the plants."

At the integrated farm, we saw farm animals and chrysanthemum

We learned that bio-solution and waste of earthworm are used in agriculture works.

In addition, we witnessed growing of straw mushrooms at the farm. The straws from making mushrooms can be used as fertilizers.

We noticed that nothing was wasted at the integrated farm and wastes of animals and these items benefit one another. If the local farmers undertake the integrated farming works, they will reap rich benefits.



Nyaungshwe Township Manager U Sao Swam Waing of Myanma Agriculture Service.



Mango trees thriving in integrated farm of farmer U Aik Sam.



A tank where earthworms are being bred to produce natural bio-solution.

flower plantations, vegetable patches, onion and garlic plantations. Moreover, we observed a tank where natural bio-solution is being produced from waste of earthworms.

On our way back, we gazed at the scenic beauty of mountain ranges, green plantations and rural housings under the cloudy sky, and I thought that the integrated

farm system would enhance the livelihood of rural people.

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Myanma Alin:
13-6-2009



Minister for Industry-2 inspects truck and LED bulb production

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein discussed matters on production of 6.5-ton trucks and innovation for producing trucks with experts at

No.1 Auto mobile Assembling Factory on 12 June.

The minister inspected the LED bulbs production at LED bulb production workshop on Mindhamma road and

instructed responsible persons to produce high quality products, run the machines at full capacity and sell at fair prices in compliance with local market demand.

MNA

Selected candidates for further studies to be qualified ones, says Health Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint had a meeting with rectors and heads of department at Yangon University of Medicine (1) on 13 June.

In his address, the minister said that the government is sending well-qualified academic doctors abroad for further studies to improve the medical science of the nation, stressing the importance of the point that the selected candidates for further

studies must be qualified ones with a sense of cherishing the motherland and serving the public interest.

Director-General of the Medical Science Department Dr Than Zaw Myint reported on principles for selecting candidates for post-graduate courses, and professors, on designation of subjects.

Director-General of the Department of Health Dr Win Myint reported on work progress

for human resource development in hospitals, and Director-General of the Department of Medical Research (Central Myanmar) Dr Tun Naing Oo, on examinations for improvement of medical science. The minister fulfilled the requirements.

The minister also held a meeting with service personnel at the Food and Drugs Administration Division under the Department of Health.—MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint makes speech in meeting with rectors and heads of departments at Yangon University of Medicine-1.—HEALTH

Seminar between Myanmar and Sri Lanka held

YANGON, 16 June—A seminar on economic matters between Myanmar and Sri Lanka was held at Sedona Hotel here yesterday evening. Vice-President U Win Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of

Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) made a greeting speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka H.E Mr Rohitha Bogollagama made speeches.

Responsible persons replied to the queries raised by the entrepreneurs.

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Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun makes speech at a seminar on economic matters between Myanmar and Sri Lanka.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka H.E Mr Rohitha Bogollagama makes speech at Seminar on economic matters between Myanmar and Sri Lanka.—MNA

MKF organizes Karatedo Referee Seminar

YANGON, 16 June—The opening of Karatedo Referee Seminar for the 14th State/Division Karatedo Competitions, organized by Myanmar Karatedo Federation under the leadership of the Ministry of Sports, was held at Grand Ballroom (3) of Parkroyal Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here yesterday afternoon.

MKF President Dr Win Zaw made an opening address.

Mr. Lim Chee Jim, Chairman of Asia Karatedo Federation (AKF) Referee Council, extended greetings.

Altogether 12 trainees of MKF, five of the

Ministry of Forestry, four of Yangon Division Police Force, two each from the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation, Mandalay, Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, one each from Sports and Physical Education Department, Nyi-nyut-yay Club (Mandalay Division), AryanU (Mandalay Division), Shan State (East), Defence Services (Navy), Triangle Region Command and Yangon Command and 15 selected players who are undergoing training for XXV SEA Games totalling 51 attended the seminar.

MNA



Mr. Lim Chee Jim, Chairman of Asia Karatedo Federation (AKF) Referee Council delivers an opening speech.—MKF

Rules, regulations for restaurants, boarding houses in Mandalay to be tightened

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han held a meeting with the proprietors of restaurants, cold drink shops and boarding houses in Mandalay municipal area, at Mandalay City Hall on 1 June.

The mayor in his speech said that the meeting was intended to tighten the rules and regulations promulgated for restaurants, soft drink shops and boarding houses; that the committee occasionally makes field trips and issues licences for various businesses; and that action is to be taken against the restaurants and boarding houses that fail to adhere to the rules and regulations. He urged entrepreneurs to participate in the process to keep Mandalay peaceful and clean.

Local authorities reported on field trips to give licences for strong drinks and law enforcement measures.

Registrars and pro-rectors of Mandalay University of Medicine, and Mandalay University presented facts about licensed restaurants and boarding houses in the municipal area. The proprietors raised queries and held discussions about their businesses.

The mayor gave concluding remarks.—MNA



**Minister Col
Thein Nyunt
delivers address
at coordination
meeting on
upgrading
Nay Pyi Taw
Herb Garden.**

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MOC Chairman attends prize-presentation ceremony of ISD Taekwondo competition (2009)



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint awards shield to Yangon Division Team that wins championship shield of 13th Taekwondo competition.—SPED

YANGON, 16 June—Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended a prize presentation ceremony of the 13th Inter-state and division Taekwondo competition (2009) at the Aung San Indoor Stadium here this evening.

After the final matches, officials presented the prizes to the winners.

Next, the Minister presented championship shields and duplicate shield to Kayah State women's team and Yangon Division men's team.

Then, the Minister encouraged weightlifters

in the training camp who will participate in the XXV SEA Games.

Afterwards, he attended a prize presentation ceremony of Archery competition to mark the International Olympic Day for 2009 at the Kyaikkasan Archery range and presented the prizes to the winners.—MNA

Awareness against human influenza pandemic to be raised in states/divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Heads of state/division Health Departments of Ministry of Health held a meeting here today to discuss prevention and control of human influenza pandemic.

At the work coordination meeting held at the central department for prevention and combating infectious diseases, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya

Oo called on heads of the respective work committees for prevention of the human influenza pandemic from states and divisions to raise awareness against the pandemic in states and divisions.

World Health Organization declared the outbreak of human influenza pandemic on 11 June as the new influenza A/H1N1 reached the human-to-hu-

man infection in many countries.

There is no outbreak of the human influenza pandemic in Myanmar yet.

At the meeting, heads of states and divisions health departments reported on their experiences in preventing the disease. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister.

MNA

Upgrading of Nay Pyi Taw National Herb Garden Work Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—The work committee for upgrading of Nay Pyi Taw National Herb Garden held a work coordination meeting at the hall of the garden this afternoon with an address by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

Chairman of Work Committee for Upgrading of Nay Pyi Taw National Herb Garden Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe gave instructions

on works being carried out and Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department, Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department and those in-charge of respective booths explained matters related to display of booths, Director U Win Zaw of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, works to be done and Deputy Chief Engineer U Myo Aung of Special Development Project, progress in construction of

buildings and roads and water and electricity supply.

The chairman of work committee and those present held discussions and the minister made concluding remarks.

Nay Pyi Taw National Herb Garden was built with the aim of enabling enthusiasts from abroad and at home and heads of other countries to visit. A total of 20,871 plants of 353 kinds of herbs were grown at the garden.

MNA

Industry-2 Ministry holds 2nd rainy season tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—The 2nd rainy season tree planting ceremony 2009 of the Ministry of Industry-2 took place at the ministry here on 13 June.

Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin

Maung Kyaw, the director-general and managing directors planted trees and viewed the collective growing of trees by service personnel.

6,255 saplings were grown at the ceremony. A

total of 10,405 saplings were planted at first and second rainy season tree planting ceremonies.

Next, the deputy minister also viewed the trees being planted around staff quarters.

MNA

Literary discussion held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—The staff of Nay Pyi Taw District Information and Public Relations Department held the literary discussion at the

district office on 11 June. U Myint Than (photo-technician 2) and Daw Mya San Yi (compiler 3) took part in the discussion on the article "If good

neighbourly relations are maintained" written by Kyaw Ye Min published on 11 June Myanma Alin daily and so did Staff Officer U Aye Pe.—MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo delivers address at a coordination meeting on prevention and control of the human influenza pandemic.—MNA

Mongtin Village on brink of transition to urban area

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

(from page 16)

As a result of the strenuous efforts the government has been making since 1988 to restore peace, border areas now are enjoying stability and peace and witnessing projects for regional development. In addition, local people of border areas are enjoying the taste of cumulative development in health care, education and social affairs thanks to the plans for improving their socio-economic life.

Under the arrangements made by the chairman of Kyaukme District Peace and Development Council, our media group



Farmer U Kyaw Oo, Narmon Village.

from the Myanma Alin Daily visited Mongtin Village on Kyaukme-Mogok Road.

In the past, local people of the region stayed in a state of panic due to uneasy peace. Since the Tatmadaw's assumption of State duties, the people of Mongtin Village-tract

including Mongtin Village have enjoyed security and the projects for regional development have picked up momentum.

Mongtin Village has seen peace and stability, and is in a transitional stage to an urban area due to the development programmes.

The village is situated on Kyaukme-Mogok Road, six miles from Kyaukme. It is merely a village, but has many fine buildings and houses astride Kyaukme-Mogok Road.

"Our village is constituted with more than 1000 houses, and has 90 exchange phones. The main business of our

region is agricultural farming. The common crops we grow are monsoon paddy, soya bean and summer paddy", said Chairman of the village Peace and Development Council U Soe Maung.

In 2007-2008, U Tha Aung of Narmon Village of Mongtin Village-tract won first prize for highest per acre yield of summer paddy in Shan State (North) with 289.53 baskets of Hsinshweli strain paddy, and U Kyaw Oo of the same village, with 289.33 baskets of Hsinshweli strain paddy.

U Tha Aung said, "In our region in the past, we had to take security duty



Shan traditional drums are showed off at the house of U Tha Aung of Narmon Village.

on our own holding a rifle just after it was getting dark, let alone growing paddy like this.

"So, we could not take enough time to sleep at nights. However, now, peace has been restored, and we can boost paddy production."

Mongtin Village-tract is made up of 10 villages: Narmon, Wailone, Mahinlan, Peinkha, Waibu, Lwe Awe, Manhsan, Mongtin, Namhsat and Pinthi. Now, Mongtin Village is like a town. There is a plan to equip the village with auto

telephones. In the village, 15 houses have a satellite receiver each. All the houses in the village have at least a motorcycle each. The major crops of the village are summer and monsoon paddy, soya bean and corn. With extensive cultivation of crops, the village will be able to enjoy greater economic development and higher living standard.

Translation: MS
Myanma Alin:
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A scene of Mongtin Village which is on the verge of transition to an urban area.

Computer system for dementia patients

OSLO, 16 June—The labour force in the health services is shrinking, there are more and more old people, and a very high proportion of them are plagued by deteriorating short- and long-term memory. All this has created a need for computer-based solutions that will enable elderly people to live safely in their own homes, but at the same

time, the technology needed to take special care of them is expensive. On top of this, different standards for home sensors create problems.

This situation formed the backcloth for the EU's decision a couple of years ago to launch a series of projects to make it simpler for industry to develop new equipment in this field. One of these projects was called Mpower, and

its aim was to create a computer platform that could be used for various purposes and meet a wide range of needs among its target group.

What is being tested out in Norway today is a simple communication system based on a computer screen, aimed at elderly people who live at home but whose memory is failing.

Internet



These ladies have tested the system and enjoyed the experience.



In this handout picture released by The Indian Press Information Bureau Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (right) shakes hands with Chinese President Hu Jintao as they meet in Yekaterinburg. Leaders from the world's leading emerging powers meet to show their unity amid the economic crisis and coordinate strategy for increasing their influence.—INTERNET

Cop finds \$100 bills blowing in wind

HARRISBURG, 16 June —A New Jersey man was left wondering where his \$3,000 cash had gone after a job in Pennsylvania. Turns out, the answer was blowin' in the wind.

A Harrisburg-area police officer gearing up to catch speeders early Saturday spotted several \$100 bills fluttering in the breeze along the road. Camp Hill police Officer Lane Pryor then found a folder containing the rest of the cash and contact information for the man who lost it.

Pryor tracked down the man, Jose Castilao, and returned the money.

Castilao had been on his way home on Friday night after working an event at a Harrisburg-area country club when he realized the folder with his payment was missing.

Camp Hill's police chief says the officer's handling of the windfall speaks well of him.—Internet



A billboard promotes a newly-open shopping mall in Beijing on June 12. China has ordered local governments to favour domestic companies when carrying out projects that are part of a massive anti-crisis stimulus package, state media has reported.—INTERNET

Somali rebel attack outside Mogadishu kills six

MOGADISHU, 16 June—Somalia's al Shabaab rebels attacked a government-held checkpoint outside Mogadishu on Tuesday, with six fighters dying in the battle, residents said.

A two-year insurgency led by the Islamist group which western security services say is al-Qaeda's proxy in Somalia has killed 18,000 civilians, made 1 million people homeless, drawn in foreign jihadists, and enabled piracy to flourish offshore.

"Heavy fighting took place ... al Shabaab men have ambushed a checkpoint here controlled by government soldiers. I saw six people dead in the battle," said a resident of Galgalato village, about 15 km (9 miles) northeast of the capital.

In the latest cycle of 18 years of

violence, al Shabaab and another militant group, Hizbul Islam, are fighting the administration of President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed and an allied moderate Islamist group Ahlu Sunna Waljamaca..

The insurgents control large swathes of south Somalia and parts of the capital, with some districts changing hands regularly in heavy fighting during recent weeks.

An al Shabaab spokesman, Sheikh Ali Hussein Raghe, confirmed Tuesday's attack and vowed more would follow. "The Mujahideen have confiscated three battle-wagons from the enemy. We shall keep on attacking to eradicate illegal checkpoints." Galgalato is on a strategic road linking Mogadishu to the north coast. Government officials were not immediately available for comment on Tuesday's violence.—Internet

Italian police arrest dozens in anti-Mafia raid

ROME, 16 June— Italian police said on Tuesday they had arrested 13 people suspected of helping a top Mafia fugitive hide, communicate with other mobsters and conduct his business.

Investigators said that with Tuesday's arrests they are closing in on Matteo Messina Denaro, a fugitive who is among a handful of mobsters vying to take over the Sicilian Mafia. Most of the arrests were carried out in Trapani, a city in Western Sicily that is the power base of Messina Denaro.

The World Health Organization last week declared a pandemic for A/H1N1 influenza. As of Tuesday, 76 countries officially reported 35,928 cases of A/H1N1 flu infection, including 163 deaths.—Internet

Harry Potter publisher denies plagiarism claim

LONDON, 16 June— Bloomsbury Publishing Plc on Monday denied allegations that author J.K. Rowling copied "substantial parts" of a book by another children's

author when she wrote "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

The book, published in 2000, was the fourth installment of the hugely successful boy wizard Harry Potter series that has sold more than 400 million copies worldwide and been turned into a multi-billion-dollar film franchise.

Internet

Philippine A/H1N1 flu cases near 250

MANILA, 16 June— The number of confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in the Philippines has mushroomed to nearly 250, the country's Department of Health said Tuesday.

The department said it confirmed 54 new cases Tuesday, bringing the number of A/H1N1 infections to 247, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Also on Tuesday, Lagro Elementary School in Quezon City suspended classes for 10 days after being notified of two confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu, formerly called swine flu, the broadcaster said. Nine schools in the Philippines have reported confirmed cases.—Internet

May housing construction jumps by 17.2 percent

WASHINGTON, 16 June—Construction of new homes jumped in May by the largest amount in three months, an encouraging sign that the nation's deep housing recession was beginning to bottom out.

The Commerce Department said on Tuesday that construction of new homes and apartments jumped 17.2 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 532,000 units. That was better than the 500,000-unit pace that economists had expected and came after construction fell in April to a record low of 454,000 units.

In another encouraging sign, applications for building permits, seen as a good indicator of future activity, rose 4 percent in May to an annual rate of 518,000 units.

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A man walks by a stock price indicator at a securities firm in Tokyo. Nikkei 225 index ends Tuesday's morning session down 196.00 points, or 2.0 percent, at 9,843.67.—INTERNET



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Two killed in small plane crash in Rus- sia's Urals

Moscow, 16 June—
Two people died when a
small private plane
crashed in Russia's Urals,
news agencies reported
citing the Russian Air
Transport Agency on
Monday.

The Cessna 150L with
three people aboard
crashed near Urmantau in
Bashkortostan. Two pas-
sengers died, and the pi-
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Russian authorities are
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to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now
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premises of S.P.W where it will lie at the consignee's
risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and condi-
tions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Portugal resumes flights to Mexico

LISBON, 16 June—Portugal resumed on Monday its flights to Mexico that were
suspended last month due to the A/H1N1 flu outbreak in the country.

A total of 140 Portuguese passengers traveled on Monday on a White Airways
flight to Cancun, a Mexican coastal resort.

A spokesman of White Airways said there will be a weekly flight to Cancun on
every Monday. The company expects a growing number of passengers of the
flight.

Portugal decided to suspend its flights to Mexico in May to prevent the spread
of the A/H1N1 flu virus. However, none of the confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu in
Portugal was infected in Mexico.

The number of confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu in the world has exceeded
35,900, including 163 deaths, according to a latest update of the World Health
Organization. —*Internet*

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



FDA asks for warning on some asthma drugs

WASHINGTON, 16 June—The US Food and Drug Administration has asked manufacturers to include a precaution in the labeling of some asthma drugs called leukotriene modifiers.

The federal agency said the labeling should advise patients that some neuropsychiatric events have been reported by people taking montelukast (Singulair), zafirlukast (Accolate) and zileuton

(Zyflo and Zyflo CR).

“Leukotrienes are chemicals the body releases in response to an inflammatory stimulus, such as when a person breathes in an allergen,” the FDA said in a statement. “Montelukast and zafirlukast are leukotriene receptor antagonists that work by blocking leukotrienes. Zileuton is a leukotriene synthesis inhibitor, which works by stopping the

formation of certain substances that cause swelling, tightening and mucus production in the airways.”

The FDA said reported neuropsychiatric events include agitation, aggression, anxiousness, dream abnormalities, hallucinations, depression, insomnia, irritability, restlessness, suicidal thinking and behavior—including suicide—and tremors.

Internet



A heavy thunder storm hits Beijing on Tuesday morning, causing darkness in the city during the daytime.—INTERNET

Why smoking may increase heart risk

LOS ANGELES, 16 June—US researchers suggest nicotine may be a reason smoking increases the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles and Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California, said the studies in animals found nicotine promotes insulin resistance—a pre-diabetic condition where blood-sugar levels are

above normal.

Other studies show people with prediabetes are at greater risk of developing stroke, heart attack and other cardiovascular diseases.

The researchers studied the effects of twice-daily injections of nicotine on 24 adult mice during a two-week period.

“Our results in mice show that nicotine administration leads to both weight loss and decreased food intake,”

study researcher Theodore Friedman of Charles Drew University said in a statement. “Mice exposed to nicotine have less fat. In spite of this, mice have abnormal glucose tolerance and are insulin resistant.”—Internet

Low-fat diet may help avoid liver cancer

PHILADELPHIA, 16 June—Low-fat diet helps genetically predisposed animals avoid liver cancer, US researchers found.

In a study comparing two strains of mice—one susceptible to developing

cancer and the other not—researchers found that a high-fat diet predisposed the cancer-susceptible strain to liver cancer.

Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Case

Western Reserve University found that by switching to a low-fat diet early in the experiment, the same high-risk mice avoided the cancer malignancy.

The switched mice were lean rather than obese and had healthy livers at the end of the study.—Internet



People visit the opening ceremony of the 48th Paris Air Show in Le Bourget in the northern suburb of Paris on 15 June, 2009. The Paris Air Show, the biggest of its kind in the world, was opened on Monday and was expected to attract some 300,000 visitors.—INTERNET

Three more US states report first death of A/H1N1 flu

HOUSTON, 16 June —Three more states in the US on Monday reported their first death of A/H1N1 flu.

In Boston, director of the city public health commission Barbara Ferrer said at a news conference that a woman in her 30s is the first A/H1N1 flu-related death in the state of Massachusetts, where confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu reached 1,153 last Thursday.

State and city health officials said the woman died on Sunday had some other health problems but they are not sure if they directly contributed to her death.

“We believe very much that this is a reminder that flu can be serious,” said John Auerbach, the state commissioner of department of public health, quoted by local reports.—Internet

Thailand's total number of A/H1N1 flu virus patients rises to 310

BANGKOK, 16 June —Thailand on Tuesday reported 109 more A/H1N1 virus cases, bringing the country's total number to 310, Deputy Public Health Minister Manit Nopamornbodi announced here on Tuesday.

Despite of the rising number of the A/H1N1

virus patients, Manit pleaded the public not to panic.

The rising number of A/H1N1 flu cases was not unusual since other countries also encountered the same problem, said Doctor Prat Boonyavongvirot, permanent secretary of the Health Ministry.

Meanwhile, Doctor Prat said the new virus could pose higher risk to children under five years old, pregnant women, elders with an age of over 65 years old, and people with low immunity, or those with chronic diseases such as lung, heart and kidney diseases.—Internet

New Zealand's confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 rise to 100

WELLINGTON, 16 June—The number of confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 in New Zealand rose to 100 on Tuesday, a sign that the flu epidemic was escalating rapidly.

Thirteen new cases confirmed in South Island's Canterbury region late Monday night brought the national total of confirmed cases to 100, the Ministry of Health said on Tuesday.

Three schools and two early childhood centers were now closed as the flu continued to spread through the community.

Students at three Christchurch and four Auckland schools have come down with the virus. The Ministry of Education said on Tuesday there were at least three other schools which have cases of the virus but are remaining open.—Internet

Dairy farms use less land, feed and water

ITHACA, 16 June— A US study finds dairy genetics, nutrition, herd management and animal welfare improvements have resulted in a streamlined milk production system.

Cornell University researchers found today's modern milk production system has a smaller carbon footprint than did mid-20th century farming practices.

“As US and global populations continue to increase, it is critical to adopt management practices and technologies to produce sufficient high-quality food from a finite resource supply, while minimizing effects

upon the environment,” Jude Capper, the study's lead author, said.

The study showed the carbon footprint for a gallon of milk produced in 2007 was only 37 percent of that produced in 1944.

Improved efficiency has enabled the US dairy industry to produce 186 billion pounds of milk from 9.2 million cows in 2007, compared with only 117 billion pounds of milk from 25.6 million cows in 1944. That, said the scientists, has resulted in a 41 percent decrease in the total carbon footprint for US milk production.

Internet

SPORTS

Mourinho wants Carvalho and Deco



Chelsea players Deco (L) plays with Ricardo Carvalho during a training session at Stamford Bridge in London, 2008. Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho is eager to sign Carvalho and Deco from Chelsea.—INTERNET

Carvalho and we have started talks," Massimo Moratti told *La Gazzetta dello Sport* newspaper.

"We want to sign the two of them and I'm delighted to have seen that the two players want to come here.

"We still haven't got the nod from Chelsea but I think we'll manage to find that quickly."—INTERNET

Kaka rescues Brazil in 4-3 Confed Cup thriller

BLOEMFONTEIN, 16 June—Real Madrid's new signing Kaka rescued Brazil with a last-gasp penalty to hand the defending champions a controversial 4-3 win over Egypt in the Confederations Cup on Monday.

Brazil were leading 3-1 with first-half strikes from Kaka, Luis Fabiano and Juan cancelling out Mohamed Zidan's effort before Egypt drew level with two second-half goals inside a minute.

The game looked destined for a draw until substitute Ahmed al-Muhamadi deliberately handled the ball on the Egyptian goal-line and was sent off, leaving Kaka to coolly convert from the spot in the 91st minute.

The penalty decision by English referee Howard Webb did not go down well with Egypt, who filed a complaint with FIFA after the match.—INTERNET

No offers for Aguero, Forlan: Atletico president



Atletico Madrid's president said Monday he has received no offers for Argentine star Sergio "Kun" Aguero, pictured in May 2009, a reported target of Chelsea, or Uruguayan striker Diego Forlan.—INTERNET

has come to us," said Enrique Cerezo. "We have no offers for our players. "We don't want to sell, the idea is to make a great team," he said.

British media reports last week said Chelsea had launched a 45-million-pound (53-million-euro) bid to sign the 21-year-old Aguero, who scored 17 goals last season to help Atletico claim a place in the Champions League.—INTERNET

ROME, 16 June—Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho is eager to sign Portuguese duo Ricardo Carvalho and Deco from Chelsea, according to the Italian club's president.

"The coach has asked for Deco and

Aussie striker Kennedy linked to Nagoya

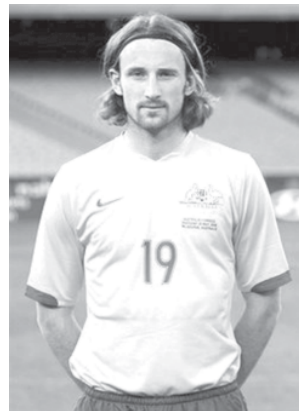
SYDNEY, 16 June—Towering Australian striker Josh Kennedy said Monday his management was negotiating with Japanese J-League club Nagoya Grampus with a view to a possible transfer from his German Bundesliga club.

Kennedy, 26, who is expected to lead the Australian attack in their final Asian World Cup qualifier against Japan in Melbourne on Wednesday, is looking to move from Karlsruher SC, where he has had limited playing opportunities.

"My manager has spoken to them (Nagoya),"

Kennedy told reporters.

"Nothing is official at the moment, so we'll see what happens in the next few weeks and we'll stay in touch."—INTERNET



Towering Australian striker Josh Kennedy, seen here in 2006.

INTERNET

Martinez deal agreed by Swansea and Wigan

LONDON, 16 June—Wigan will finally get to unveil former player Roberto Martinez as their new manager after a row with the Spaniard's club, Swansea, over a compensation package was

resolved late on Monday.

Martinez is now expected to be unveiled as Steve Bruce's successor at the JJB Stadium on Tuesday.

Premier League side Wigan had hoped to make the announcement last week however it was halted because of a row over the cost of taking the Spaniard's backroom staff from Swansea.

The 35-year-old Martinez replaces Bruce after he left the club to take over at Sunderland.

Martinez guided Swansea to the League One title last year and then finished within two places of the Championship play-offs last season.—INTERNET



Wigan will finally get to unveil former player Roberto Martinez, pictured in February 2009.—INTERNET

Italy's American connection ends hopes of 10-man USA

PRETORIA, 16 June—World champions Italy joined Brazil at the top of Group B after coming from behind to beat 10-man United States 3-1 in an electric Confederations Cup encounter here on Monday.

London Donovan put the States into a first half lead only for the Azzurri to hit back after the break with goals from New York-born substitute Giuseppe Rossi and Daniele De Rossi.

USA coach Bob Bradley naturally pointed to Ricardo Clark's red card eight minutes before half-time as a turning point.—INTERNET



Italian midfielder Daniele de Rossi (R) celebrates with Italian midfielder Andrea Pirlo after scoring the third goal against the US during the Fifa Confederations Cup football match USA vs Italy at the Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria.

Italy won 3-1.—INTERNET

Wolves sign Serb Milijas



Serbia's Nenad Milijas (R) vies with Anatoliy Tymoshchuk of Ukraine during their FIFA international friendly match in Nicosia, February 2009.

INTERNET

Wolves chief executive Jez Moxey.

Milijas, the player of the year in the Serbian league last season, is considered a dead-ball specialist, and has used those skills to build up an impressive goal-scoring record from midfield.

INTERNET

Stars mingle with the long shots at US Open

FARMINGDALE, 16 June—Tiger Woods held the putter with only his left hand as he rapped a 60-foot putt across the practice green. Then he hit another putt

with his right hand, a third putt with both hands in conventional style. He asked for the wedge to try a variety of shots out of sticky grass, searching for the best approach. Woods knows all the drills.

This is his 15th straight year playing in the US Open, and his third attempt this decade at joining an elite group as back-to-back champions in the so-called toughest test in golf.

Woods is the overwhelming favourite at Bethpage Black, where he won by three shots in 2002 as the only player to finish under par. The challenge figures to come from a familiar cast, whether it's Pádraig Harrington or Phil Mickelson, Geoff Ogilvy or Jim Furyk.

INTERNET



Scott Lewis chips onto the 12th green in preparation for the US Open Golf Championship at Bethpage State Park's Black Course in Farmingdale, New York, on 15 June, 2009.

INTERNET



Tiger Woods watches his drive off the 9th tee during a practice round of the US Open golf championship in Bethpage, New York, on 15 June, 2009. At rear left is Wood's swing coach Hank Haney.—INTERNET



Job seekers browse vacancy notices at a job fair in Manila on 12 June. Unemployment in the Philippines fell to 7.5 percent in April from 8.0 percent a year earlier, according to recently released jobs data.—INTERNET

Nigerian gunmen kill footballer after title win

YENAGOA (Nigeria), 16 June—The captain of Bayelsa United was killed by armed robbers hours after he helped his team win Nigeria's premier league, a club official said on Monday. Abiel Tabor, 24, was shot late on Sunday near the town of Oleh, in southern Nigeria's Delta state, when he tried to drive away from the gunmen.

Tabor was travelling with his younger brother and two others to visit his family after Bayelsa clinched the title with a 2-2 draw against Warri Wolves. "We were told he was killed by the armed robbers close to Warri," said Bayelsa's assistant chairman Dbi Ayah.

Violent crime has surged in the Niger Delta since militants, who say they are fighting for a fairer share of the region's natural resources, launched a campaign of sabotage against the oil industry three years ago.—MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (17-6-2009) (Wednesday)

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

Local Transmission

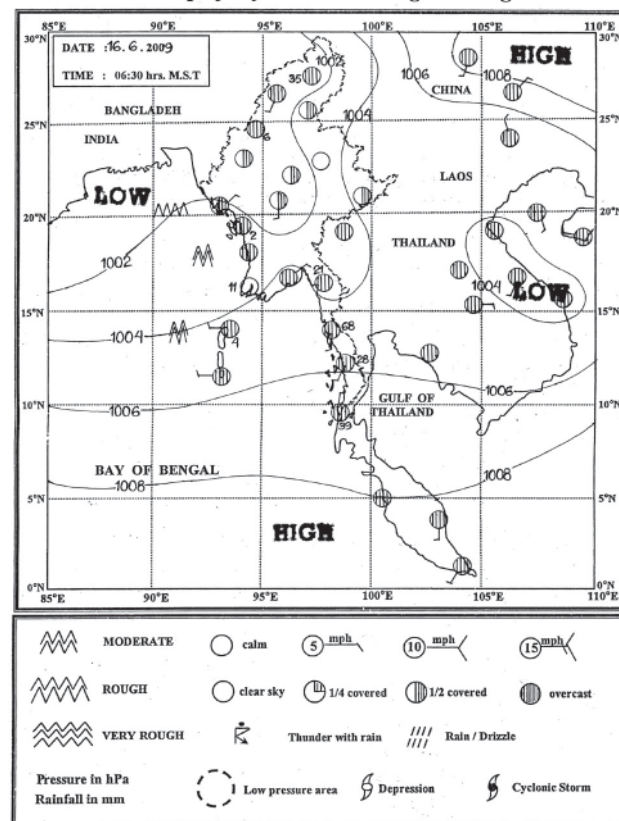
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- * Bamboo Paper
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- * Tha Mee Hla Island
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * 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
- * Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (PartII)
- * Handiworks of Pride
- * Dat Taw Gyaik Waterfall
- * The Tranquil Mindat Township
- * Bamboo Paper
- * A Visit to "Lwe" Nationals
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- * Tha Mee Hla Island
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Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 16 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kayin State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Longlon (6.34) inches, Ye (3.23) inches, Machanbaw (2.99) inches, Dawei (2.80) inches and Theinzayat and Kawkareik (2.17) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 15-6-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 16-6-2009 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-6-2009 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 15-6-2009 was (2.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 16-6-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (29.41) inches at Mingaladon, (35.12) inches at Kaba-Aye and (40.55) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from West at (16:45) hours MST on 15-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 17th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, scattered in Shan State, Upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Mon State and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-6-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-6-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 17 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. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

6. “ကွမ်းတိုင်းမကြမ်းနဲ့”

8:15 am

7. Musical programme

8:30 am

8. မြန်မာ့ကြွေကြွယ်ကွေ့မှုအက

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Song of National Races

4:20 pm

3. Classical song

4:30 pm

4. စက်မှုကုန်ကြမ်းသီးနှံရာဘာ (အပိုင်း-၁)

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာမှုပညာ အထူးပြု) (မြန်မာမှုပညာ)

4:55 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

5:20 pm

8. “ဆီးချို၊ သွေးချိုကာကွယ်ပါ”

5:40 pm

9. ရွှေယဉ်လင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

10. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ဇွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:40 pm

13. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:55 pm

14. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွပ်ကွက်အိတ်

7:10 pm

15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:35 pm

16. ရာသီလွင်သရွပ်ဆောင်လွှဲပြင်

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International News

19. Weather Report

20. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း

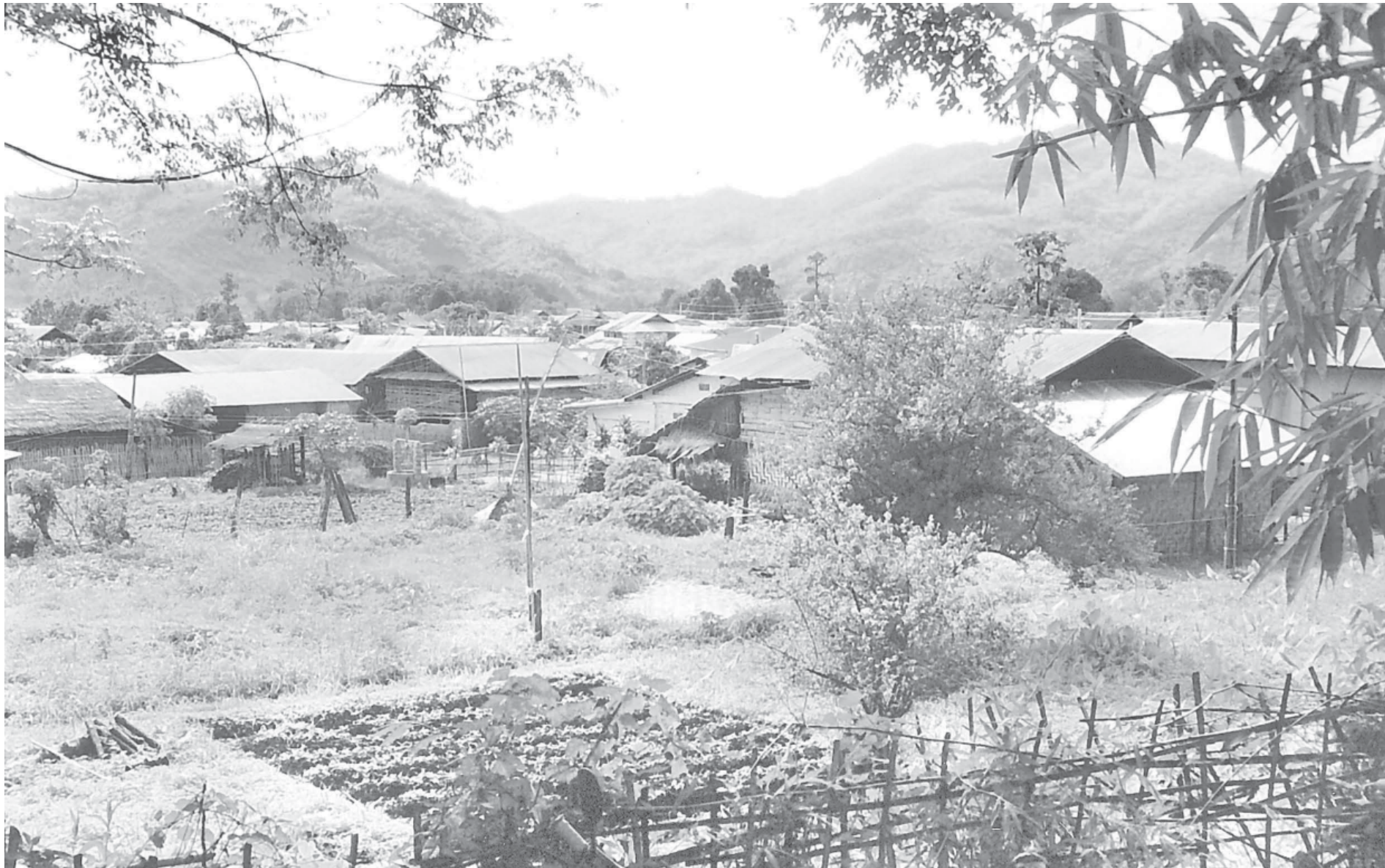
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Mongtin Village on brink of transition to urban area

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



Mongtin Village in Kyaukme Township, Shan State (North), is enjoying cumulative development.

(See page 10)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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Is sky limit for wind power?

SCIENCE DAILY, 16 June—In the future, will wind power tapped by high-flying kites light up New York? A new study by scientists at the Carnegie Institution and California State University identifies New York as a prime location for exploiting high-altitude winds, which globally contain enough energy to meet world demand 100 times over. The researchers found that the regions best suited for harvesting this energy match with population centers in the eastern U.S. and East Asia, but fluctuating wind

strength still presents a challenge for exploiting this energy source on a large scale.

Using 28 years of data from the National Center for Environmental Prediction and the Department of Energy, Ken Caldeira of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology and Cristina Archer of California State University, Chico, compiled the first-ever global survey of wind energy available at high altitudes in the atmosphere.

Internet



In the future, will wind power tapped by high-flying kites?

Deforestation causes 'boom-and-bust' development in Amazon

BRASILIA, 16 June— Clearing the Amazon rainforest increases Brazilian communities' wealth and quality of life, but these improvements are short-lived, according to new research published today (12 June) in Science.

The study, by an international team including researchers at the University of Cambridge and Imperial College London, shows that levels of development revert back to well below national

average levels when the loggers and land clearers move on.

Since 2000, 155 thousand square kilometres of rainforest in the Brazilian Amazon have been cut down for timber, burnt, or cleared for agricultural use. Forest clearance rates have averaged more than 1.8 million hectares per year (roughly the area of Kuwait), and the deforestation frontier is advancing into the forest at a rate of more than four football fields every minute.

Internet

An average of 1.8 million hectares of forest are lost annually in the Brazilian Amazon.

