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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcome back Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San on return from PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcomed back the 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 on their return from People's Republic of China at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 4.35 pm today. The delegation paid a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of Mr Xi Jinping, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China and wife.

Also present together with the Senior General and wife, who welcomed back the delegation, were member of the State Peace and Development Council 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 and 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, departmental heads, Chargé d' Affaires of the PRC Embassy Mr Tang Hai and officials.

Together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife, the delegation members Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC member 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 departmental heads also arrived back from PRC.

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***Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcome back Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San on their return from PRC at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*—MNA**

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 21 June, 2009

All arid regions to have easy access to potable water

Water is essential for living things and trees to survive. Supply of safe water is one of the most urgent tasks for development of rural areas.

Previously, cholera, trachoma and dermatitis were common in the arid regions of Myanmar due to lack of potable water. And of 8042 of the villages in the three arid divisions — Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay divisions, some villages were deprived of clean water, some villages did not get sufficient water, and some villages used to be the areas where water was scarce.

So, the government has been putting the 10-year potable water supply project into effect since 2000-2001. As a result, now all the 8042 villages of the three arid divisions and 14,382 villages of other states and divisions have easy access to potable water.

Providing requirements of adequate potable water for the people is, indeed, a noble, wholesome deed. So, well-wishers, social organizations and international organizations are now joining hands with the government to achieve the goal by making generous donations to beef up the tasks.

Now, the cash donation ceremony for supply of potable water to rural areas has been held in its 16th time. At the ceremonies, well-wishers showed their great generosity. Now, all the villages of 34 townships in Sagaing Division, 25 townships in Magway Division and 23 townships in Mandalay Division have got potable water sufficiently.

Supply of adequate potable water enables local people of arid zones to lead a healthy life and make the practice of personal hygiene and kee their surroundings clean. Rural folks will be able to enjoy greater benefit if the people keep on making generous donations in collaboration with the government for supply of potable water to arid zones.

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**

Secure and smooth transport for Yangon Division discussed

YANGON, 20 June—The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held a coordination meeting at the hall of All Private Bus-line Control Committee (Head Office) on Laydauntkan Road in Tamway Township yesterday afternoon.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint made a speech on enforcement of traffic rules and secure and smooth transportation.

Officials reported on requirements in traffic rules enforcement and safety travelling.

After attending to the needs, the commander gave concluding remarks.

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F&R Minister meets management officers

YANGON, 20 June—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with management officers from the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Yangon Division this afternoon.

The minister urged them to follow the objects and aims of the State, to be model service personnel and to strive for developing economy of the State in accordance with the departmental rules, principles and procedures.

Next, Heads of the Yangon Division departments and enterprises and Division Manager reported on progress of financial aims and future plans and then the minister gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister looked into tax collection system on imports in customs warehouse, prohibition of illegally imports, collecting of regular taxes and fine system and other works at Yangon International Airport (Mingaladon). The director-general and those in-charge of warehouse then reported on the progress and the minister Stressed the need to follow the rules.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun looks into custom warehouse at Yangon International Airport (Mingaladon).*—MNA**

Religious Affairs Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the Union of Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung at the ministry (Yangon branch) on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township here this morning.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and departmental officials.

They discussed cooperation in religious affairs between the two countries.—*MNA*

***Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung receives Vietnamese Ambassador Mr. Chu Chong Phung.*—MNA**

Action to be taken against undisciplined video industries

YANGON, 20 June— Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Scrutinising Video Industry gave directives to the Township Supervisory Committees for Scrutinising Video Industry and Township Video Sub-Groups to inform those engaged in the businesses of video production, video shooting, video editing, copying of video tapes (VCD and DVD), distribution/renting and showing video tape (at video houses, karaoke lounges-KTV, tea shops and restaurants and beauty saloons for men and women) of taking work licences in accord with the TV and Video Law.

Moreover, the township committees are to supervise those engaged in the video industries to do their businesses in line with prescribed disciplines.

When the authorities concerned perform the checks and inspections and find out that those who are engaged in the video industries are running their businesses with expired licences, action will be taken against them in accord with the laws, by-laws and directives.

MNA

In Iraq, we did not feel safe because of violence, In US, we do not feel safe because we do not have jobs

Many who fled Iraq find poverty in US

HOUSTON, 20 June — Thousands of Iraqi refugees resettled in the US are living in poverty and need additional federal aid to survive the nation's economic crisis, according to a new report by an international aid agency.

The report issued by the International Rescue Committee, a New York-based refugee resettlement organization found that the US government's resettlement programme is "dangerously underfunded" and fails to meet refugees' basic needs. The report's findings were echoed by Houston resettlement workers and refugees who said they are struggling to find jobs and make ends meet. More than 19,000 Iraqi refugees have been resettled in the US since 2007, including hundreds in Houston. "In Iraq, we did not feel safe because of the violence," said Hassan Al Jaber, a 52-year-old Iraqi who said he worked as a *CNN* cameraman in Iraq and arrived in Houston as a refugee in January 2008 with his family. "Here, we do not feel safe because we do not have jobs."—*Internet*

File photo shows an Iraqi mother holding her child of mal-nutrition in a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, recently.
INTERNET

Mistakes by US force 'likely' caused Afghan deaths

WASHINGTON, 20 June – A failure by US forces to follow procedures in air strikes last month in Afghanistan "likely" caused the death of at least 26 civilians, according to the US military.

An internal investigation of a 4 May battle with Taleban militants in western Afghanistan found US air crews and ground troops acted in line with the laws of armed conflict but three air strikes by a *B-1* bomber failed to adhere to US combat rules and orders. "Not applying all of that guidance likely resulted in civilian casualties," said a summary of the military probe released on Friday.The report recommended tactics and combat rules in the Afghan war be revised to avoid civilian casualties but did not call for prosecution of any US military personnel.

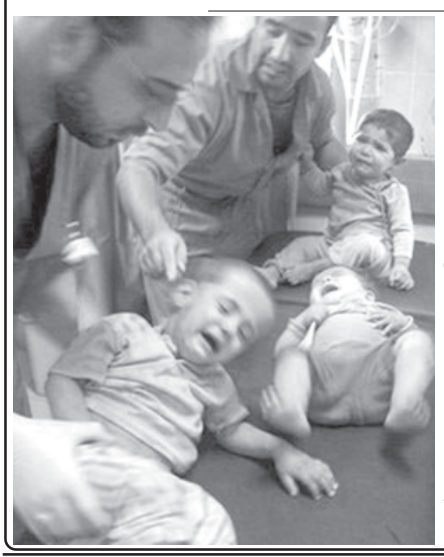
The investigation found that 78 Taleban fighters were killed and 26 civilians died in the incident, but said it was possible that a higher number of civilians were killed.The Kabul government has put the civilian toll at 140.The incident has fueled public anger at the NATO-led coalition and prompted President Hamid Karzai to demand a halt in air strikes. US and NATO officials have grown increasingly concerned about the effect of civilian casualities on the war effort, as insurgents have sought to exploit the incidents to sow distrust of foreign troops.—*Internet*

Truck bomb kills at least 30 in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 June – A truck bomb exploded near a Shiite mosque in northern Iraq following prayers on Saturday, killing at least 30 people and wounding dozens, police said.

Worshippers were leaving the mosque in Taza, 10 miles (20 kilometers) south of Kirkuk, following noon prayers when the truck exploded, according to police Brig. Gen. Sarhat Qader, who gave the casualty toll. Tensions have risen in the oil-rich area of Kirkuk as Kurds seek to incorporate it into their semi-autonomous region despite opposition from Arabs, Turkomen and other rival ethnic groups. That has raised concerns about an outbreak of ethnic violence in northern Iraq even as attacks elsewhere decline.

Internet



Medics treat three children who were wounded by a truck bomb attack near a Shiite mosque, at a hospital in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq on Saturday 20 June, 2009.
INTERNET

The war on Afghanistan is wrong

KABUL, 20 June — While most Americans have turned against the Iraq War, many of them still think that the war on Afghanistan was morally and legally justified. Their rationale is that the United States was simply defending itself by attacking Afghanistan and retaliating against those who had conspired to commit the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Of course, the last thing on people's mind was that the 9/11 perpetrators themselves were retaliating for the bad things that the US government had long been doing to people in the Middle East.

In fact, the farcical, chaotic, and destructive nature of the US government's entire "war on terror" is easily exposed when one applies its principles universally to every other nation. That is, if the US government has the right to wage a war on terror, then so has every other nation. That means then that every nation has the right to attack every other nation in which there are suspected terrorists. Cuba, for example, would have the right to attack the United States in order to kill or capture Posada and, for that matter, those Cuban-American citizens who are funding anti-Castro terrorist activity in Cuba.

Obviously, the only reason that the US government is getting away with its "war on terror," including regime-change operations against Third World countries and military wars of aggression on sovereign and independent nations, is that it has overwhelming military strength, especially compared with Third World countries. In the US government's war on terror, might makes right. But as the US empire becomes increasingly overstretched by waging such a war, the American people are going to inevitably discover what lies at the end of that road: death, destruction, conflict, discord, terrorism, torture, rendition, and infringements on liberty. —*Internet*

Children in 'body bags'.—INTERNET

Two US troops killed in southern Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 20 June — A roadside bomb blast in southern Afghanistan killed two US troops on Friday, the US military said.

The explosion occurred in Kandahar Province, the spiritual birthplace of the Taleban. No other information, including the victims' names or which branch of the military they served in, was released.US military officials have said they expect a 50 percent rise in the number of roadside or suicide bomb attacks this year. At least 76 US troops have died in Afghanistan so far in 2009, a record pace.

Elsewhere in the Afghan south, international and Afghan forces killed 16 Taleban militants in a gunbattle, police said on Friday. One police officer also died in the fighting, they said.NATO forces confirmed there was a clash in Uruzgan Province on Thursday, but spokesman Lt Cmdr Christopher Hall said they only had reports of five dead, all of them militants.—*Internet*

Afghan villagers stand near the graves of air-strike victims in western Farah Province, in May.
INTERNET

World hunger reaches 1 billion mark

ROME, 20 June—The global financial meltdown has pushed the ranks of the world's hungry to a record 1 billion, a grim milestone that poses a threat to peace and security, UN food officials said Friday.

Because of war, drought, political instability, high food prices and poverty, hunger now affects one in six people, by the United Nations' estimate. The financial meltdown has compounded the crisis in what the head of the UN Food and Agricultural Organization called a "devastating combination for the world's most vulnerable."

Compared with last year, there are 100 million more people who are hungry, meaning they consume fewer than 1,800 calories a day, the agency said. "No part of the world is immune," FAO's Director-General Jacques Diouf said. "All world regions have been affected by the rise of food insecurity."

Internet

A chartered Antonov-124 cargo plane is seen here landing in Marietta, Georgia, in 2001. Air traffic controllers forced a US-chartered cargo plane carrying ammunition to Afghanistan to land at Mumbai airport after it violated Indian air space, according to officials.—INTERNET

US-hired Russian aircraft suspected to violate Indian airspace, forced to land

NEW DELHI, 20 June—A Russian aircraft hired by the United States military was instructed by the Indian defence ministry to change its flight path midway and head for Mumbai airport while it was overflying India on Friday evening, reported the local newspaper *Times of India* on Saturday.

The *Antonov 124* had 18 Russians on board and was on its way from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, where the United States has a base, to Kandahar in south Afghanistan, said the report quoting sources at the Mumbai airport. A defence ministry public relations official confirmed the incident, but denied that any Indian Air Force fighter had escorted the aircraft.

When seeking permission from the defence ministry to fly over Indian airspace, the aircraft identified itself as a civil aircraft doing a charter operation. However, when applying to enter Pakistani airspace from India, it identified itself as a defence aircraft, said the report. The ambiguous status of the aircraft forced the defence ministry to issue orders to divert it to Mumbai, said the report quoting unnamed sources.

Internet

Car bomb kills police officer in Spain's Basque region

MADRID, 20 June—A car bomb explosion killed a police officer in the northern city of Bilbao in Spain's Basque region on Friday, an attack suspected to have been carried out by the country's extremist Basque separatist group ETA.

The bomb exploded at 9:05 a.m. (0705 GMT) in a car park in the Santa Isabel neighborhood in the town of Arrigorriaga, Basque police said.

The victim was a member of the Spanish National Police, said Basque Interior Minister Rodolfo Ares, local media reported.

The bomb was attached to the underside of the police officer's car and exploded when he started the vehicle, it was reported.

Though there has been no claim of responsibility for the attack so far, the technique is believed to be one often employed by the ETA, an organization blamed for the deaths of more than 800 people in its 40-year campaign to carve a Basque homeland out of northern Spain and southwestern France.

Internet

Spanish police inspect the wreckage after a car bomb in the northern town of Arrigorriaga. A bomb blast blamed by officials on the Basque separatist group ETA killed a Spanish policeman Friday.—INTERNET

California's unemployment continues to rise

LOS ANGELES, 20 June—California's unemployment rate rose to 11.5 percent in May, much higher than the national unemployment rate of 9.4 percent, the US Department of Labour reported on Friday.

California posted the highest unemployment level in May since current record-keeping began more than three decades ago, the department said.

Unemployment in California stood at 11.1 percent in April and 6.8 percent in May 2008.

Only four states have a higher unemployment rate than California — Michigan at 14.1 percent, Oregon at 12.4 percent and Rhode Island and South Carolina, tied at 12.1 percent, according to the Labor Department.

Meanwhile, the California Employment Development Department said the government posted the largest job declines in the month, down by 14,200 jobs. The job losses affected every other sector besides education and health services, said the department.—*Xinhua*

Phillip Koch looks for a job at the One Stop Center in Garden Grove, Calif, on 19 June, 2009. California's unemployment rate climbed to 11.5 percent in May, the highest in modern record-keeping, the US Department of Labour reported Friday.—INTERNET

L.A County paying for 8,000 abandoned phone lines

LOS ANGELES, 20 June— Auditors poring over Los Angeles Country's books to reduce a deep budget deficit have found 8,000 abandoned or unused phone lines costing taxpayers 1.5 million US dollarsa year, the Lon Angeles Times reported on Friday. The discovery includes some phone lines that may never have served any legitimate government purpose, like one registered to a now-defunct ticket brokerage in Hollywood that the county has paid for 14 years. 'This is government at its worst,'' County Supervisor Zev Zaroslaysky told the Times, We have a problem, no doubt about it. But we are going to move quickly to fix it.''

Because the auditors are only about hallway through their review, they predict that they may ultimately discover some 16, 000 abandoned lines, with an annual cost to txpayers of about three million US dollars in phone bills, the paper reported.

Internet

Israel sees "good chance" for dialogue with Palestine

UNITED NATIONS, 20 June—Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said on Friday that he sees a "good chance" to start dialogue with Palestine soon.

"We have today a good chance to start dialogue with the Palestinians ... We are ready to start direct talks immediately," Lieberman told reporters at the UN Headquarters in New York after meeting with UN chief Ban Ki-moon.

"It's necessary to create positive dynamism between two sides," he said. "We will continue our cooperation with the UN."

Internet

A model displays a Kawasaki car at 2009 Tokyo Special Import Car Show in Tokyo Big Sight International Exhibition Centre of Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 19 June, 2009. The exhibition is held once a year, featuring imported luxury cars and modified cars as well as automobile spare parts.—XINHUA

Train derailment causes fire and evacuations in US Illinois state

CHICAGO, 20 June—A freight train derailed Friday night in the US state of Illinois, causing a large fire and evacuations, local media reported.

The train derailed at about 8:30 pm local time (0100 GMT Saturday) at Sandy Hollow in Winnebago County, about 140 kilometers northwest of Chicago.

The derailment took place possibly because heavy rains had washed out the tracks, local officials said.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department confirmed the derailment but did not give any details.

According to eyewitnesses, a number of cars caught fire and residents of the area near Sandy Hollow were evacuated from their homes.

At least two people were taken to local hospitals.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Vehicles move on a flooded street in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 19 June, 2009. Heavy rain has been striking some cities and counties in Shaanxi Province since 18 June.—XINHUA

Jobless rate in Western US tops 10 percent

WASHINGTON, 20 June—The housing bust sent the unemployment rate in the West bolting past 10 percent in May — the first time in more than 25 years that a region of the United States has suffered double-digit joblessness.

A Labour Department report released Friday showed the West absorbing the worst of the recession, which is now the longest since World War II. California, Nevada and Oregon endured particularly heavy job losses in construction, manufacturing and tourism.

The region has been pounded because it was the epicenter of the housing boom that collapsed. As home values plummeted, the West lost jobs and wealth, and consumers grew skittish about spending.

"The West is where houses are being abandoned most quickly because it has the largest percentage of the population under water — owing more on their houses than they're worth," said Robert Reich, labor secretary under President Bill Clinton and now a professor at the University of California, Berkeley. "They lose their capacity to borrow. All of that means that they can't buy very much."—*Internet*

Snow storm strands hundreds of drivers on Argentina Chile border

BUENOS AIRES, 20 june — A snow storm fanned by high wind stranded some 700 trucks along

the border area between Argentina and Chile on Friday.

In the Argentine locality of Usapallat, large number of stranded trucks lined up for more than 50 meters along the national route 7. Both sides have suspended transit via the international tunnel Cristo Redentor in the Andean mountain range.

Spokesmen from the Argentina National Police said that though in the last hours the conditions had improved, the bad weather continued and for the moment the transit restrictions would not be lifted.

Xinhua

Russia reports first fall in unemployment since last September

MOSCOW, 20 June—Russia's unemployment rate declined to 9.9 percent by the end of May, marking its first fall since last September, the Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat) said on Friday.

About 7.5 million, or 9.9 percent of the economically active population, were classified as unemployed in late May in line with the methodology of the International Labor Organization, down from 10.2 percent a month ago, Rosstat said.

A total of 2.211 million were officially registered as unemployed at the end of May, compared with 2.269 million one month earlier, Interfax news agency reported.

Xinhua

Smart Telecom to begin services in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 20 June—A new telecom company is soon making its foray in the Nepali market, taking up the number of telecom operators in the country to five, local media reported on Saturday.

If things go as planned, Smart Telecom will launch basic telephone service within 2009, an official of Smart Telecom requesting anonymity told the website.

According to myrepublica.com, Smart Telecom, which acquired the license to provide telecom services after depositing a fee of 39,500 US dollars, is a joint venture between Nepali, Singaporean and Israeli companies.—*Xinhua*

A teacher explains the exhibition to her students in the Modern Art Museum in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 18 June, 2009. The 61-year-old Modern Art Museum, located in the Ibirapuera Park in Sao Paulo, holds exhibitions all over the year to exhibit the achievements of the art and the design all over the world. According to the new statistics, the museum accepted more than 250,000 visitors in 2008.— XINHUA

Turkish Airlines to buy more Airbus, Boeing planes

ANKARA, 20 June —Turkey's flag carrier Turkish Airlines will buy seven *A330* wide-body aircrafts from the European manufacturer Airbus and seven *B777-300ER* planes from the US producer Boeing, local media reported on Friday.

The airlines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to purchase the Airbus planes for regional and long-haul flights, with deliveries scheduled from August 2010, local *Daily News* quoted Airbus as saying.No financial details about the deal were provided, said the report, adding the *A330* aircrafts are worth 180.9 million US dollars each on the basis of Airbus' list price.

The purchase will add to Turkish Airlines' current 67 Airbus aircrafts, including seven *A330s*, said the report.

The Turkish carrier will also buy seven *Boeing B777-300ER* planes, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Friday. As one of the fastest growing airlines in Europe, Turkish Airlines saw profit rise by 327 percent year-on-year to more than 700 million US dollars in 2008.—*Xinhua*

Big oilfield services companies cut more jobs

HOUSTON, 20 June — Even with crude prices on the rise, three of the biggest oilfield services companies say they've cut more jobs as they adjust to sluggish exploration and drilling activity. Schlumberger Ltd, the world's largest oilfield services outfit, said Friday it eliminated another 100 jobs this week in North America. Smaller rivals Halliburton Co and Baker Hughes Inc also said they had reduced positions, but neither provided specific numbers.

The three companies combined have cut about 10,000 jobs already this year. Oilfield service companies have had to adapt to far lower spending by many oil and gas producers, which hire service providers for seismic work, reservoir management and other oilfield tasks.

Oil prices have risen about 35 percent since the start of May, and the number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the US rose this week for only the second time this year. But energy demand remains weak, and the number of rigs working in the US is down by more than 1,000 from a year ago.—*Internet*

A handout picture released by the Brazilian Navy shows recovered debris of the Air France aircraft lost in midflight over the Atlantic Ocean on 1 June onboard a Brazilian Navy Corvette at Recife's harbour on 19 June, 2009. Air France announced Friday that it will pay about 17,500 euros (about 24,000 US dollars) as an initial compensation to the families of the victims of the Flight 447 air crash. —INTERNET

Air France crash families to get $24,000

PARIS, 20 June — Air France said Friday it would give about euro17,500 ($24,000) as an advance to the families of the victims of the crash of Air France Flight 447 from Rio de Janeiro to Paris.

Remains of some of the 228 dead, and hundreds of pieces of wreckage reclaimed from the sea off Brazil are helping experts build a picture of what happened to the *Airbus A330.*

But much hope still is pinned on the relentless international search for the plane's missing flight recorders, which should provide vital data. Air France chief executive Phillipe Gourgeon said that finding them was the essential objective now.

In an interview broadcast on RTL radio, Gourgeon also said, "We are going to be very focused on the first advance of about euro17,500 that is paid for each victim." He added that there were no strings attached to accepting the advance.—*Internet*

New evidence disrupts Canadian Taser inquiry

VANCOUVER, 20 June—An inquiry into the death of a Polish immigrant at the hands of Canadian police fell into disarray on Friday when the government admitted it failed to disclose potentially damaging evidence.

Inquiry head Thomas Braidwood, a retired judge, called the failed disclosure "appalling" and ordered the inquiry put on hold until 22 September, so that witnesses can be recalled. Lawyers had been scheduled to begin closing arguments on Friday.

A tearful government lawyer said she had found a Royal Canadian Mounted Police e-mail that appears to contradict statements made by RCMP officers about the night Robert Dziekanski died at Vancouver International Airport in 2007.

The four officers had testified they never discussed using a Taser stun gun on Dziekanski before confronting him, but the e-mail from the RCMP's internal investigation in 2007 indicated that use of the weapon was planned in advance. Dziekanski, who was in the process of immigrating to Canada, where his mother lives, died after he was repeatedly jolted by a police stun gun, although the exact cause of his death has never been determined.—*Internet*

Nissan to make electric cars in US

TOKYO, 20 June — Japanese carmaker Nissan Motor Co Ltd. plans to start producing electric vehicles in the United States, according to a newspaper report.

It would be the first time that a Japanese automaker mass-produced electric vehicles overseas, the *Nikkei* business daily said.

The company is seeking low-interest loans from the US government to develop green vehicles and plans to invest 50 billion yen (518 million dollars), which could rise to more than 100 billion yen depending on demand, the daily said.

Under the plan, Nissan will build electric-car assembly lines at a plant in Smyrna, Tennessee, the location of Nissan North America Inc's headquarters, the newspaper said.

This facility will be capable of churning out 50,000 to 100,000 of the eco-friendly vehicles a year by 2012, it said.

Nissan also intends to construct a production facility for high-capacity lithium ion batteries at the Smyrna site by linking up with Japanese computer giant NEC Corp.—*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM

Ancient marble sculptures of horses from the Acropolis are displayed in the new Acropolis Museum in Athens, Greece.

Ohio 8-year-old lands 53.5-pound carp

An Ohio 8-year-old who went out fishing with his dad landed a 53.5-pound carp, a fish that experts said may be the largest of its type ever caught in Ohio.

Josh Cobb, who weighs in at 66 pounds, said his dad let him reel the mammoth fish in all by himself at the Newton gravel pit so there would be no doubt that the catch was his, WKRC-TV, Cincinnati, reported Wednesday.

The fish was weighed on a certified scale at Bethel Feed and Supply and the Game Warden has been contacted about certifying the catch an Ohio record. The current record holder is a 50-pound fish landed in 1967.

A robot that predicts human's needs

Now a robot can predict intentions of its human partner! European researchers have developed a robot that anticipates a person's needs.

The robots, built by members of the European Commission's Joint-Action Science and Technology project, were programme to help a person put together a complicated toy. Because the robot knows the toy-building process, it observes the person's actions, such as what part the person is holding, and deduces what it can do to help, such as locating the proper tool needed for assembly.

"The robots observe behavior, map it against the task and quickly learn to anticipate [partner actions], one of the researchers, Wolfram Erlhagen of the University of Minho in Portugal, said in a news release from the commission.

The robots were also programmed to deal with suspected errors and seek clarification when their partners' intentions were ambiguous. For example, if one piece could be used to build three different structures, the robot had to ask which object its partner had in mind. This development could lead to robots that act more like human companions -- making decisions by anticipating or questioning actions rather than just mimicking or repeating preprogrammed instructions.

A man walks down Qianmen Dajie. The once-historical street that belongs to Beijing's oldest neighbourhoods has now been turned into the city's newest tourist attraction. Shang Hong, a folk custom expert said the new Qianmen "counted as a failure. The aim should be to protect traditional customs.

Teen survives 80-foot fall

A teen who fell 80 feet while trying to get a snapshot of his family at a North Carolina waterfall appeared to have only cuts and bruises, rescue workers say.

James Manley, fire department chief in Highlands, said the 16-year-old fell at Glen Falls, the Asheville Citizen-Times reported Wednesday.

"He was trying to get a picture and got too close and fell over," Manley said.

The rescue took about half an hour, Manley said. The teen was then taken by helicopter to a hospital, where he was listed in serious condition late Tuesday.

A whale shark is released after being delivered to the Pole Aquarium of the Dalian Laohutan Ocean Park in Dalian of northeast China's Liaoning Province.

Young calf rescued from well

Authorities in Florida said paramedics and veterinarians rescued a 3-month-old calf that fell down a 12-foot-deep well.

Marion County Fire Rescue spokeswoman Peveeta Persaud said Thomas Wesley Harrell went to feed his cows early Monday morning when he discovered the female calf had fallen down the well, the Orlando (Fla) Sentinel reported Tuesday. Daniel Jodoin, a paramedic with the Marion County Fire Rescue, was the first to be lowered into the well to examine the animal and report on the size of the well's opening, Persaud said.

She said Dr Roger Clemmons, a veterinarian from the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine was then lowered into the well on an A-frame constructed by the firefighters and sedated the calf.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcome back Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. **(News on page-1)**

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San being welcomed by Chinese Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping at the eastern hall of the Great Hall of People in Beijing. **(News on page-16)** —MNA

Vice-President of PRC hosts dinner in honour of Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of SPDC Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June— Vice-President of the People's Republic of China Mr. Xi Jinping hosted a dinner in honour of Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San at the western hall of the Great Hall of People in Beijing at 6.45pm on 16 June.

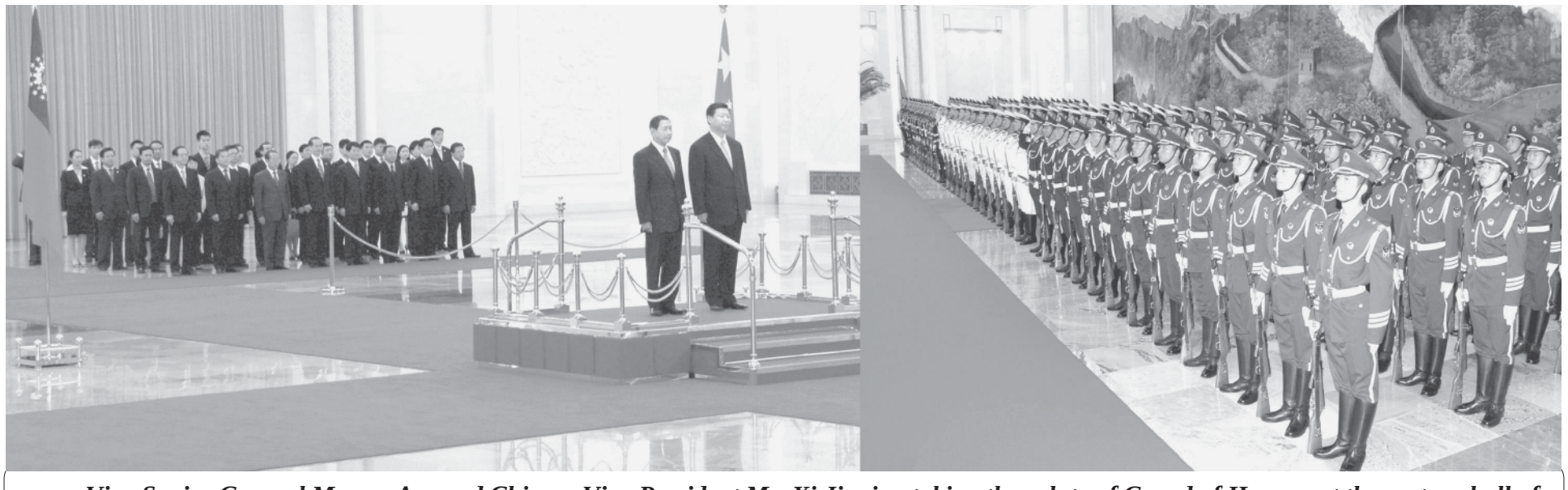
Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, member of SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of Political Department U Kyaw Tin, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Daw Myo Nwe and officials.

Together with the PRC Vice-President were Vice-Chairman of Peoples' Congress of PRC Mr. Han Qi De, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Wang Guangya, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo, Vice-Minister of National Development and Reform Commission Mr. Mu Hong and Vice-Minister of Commerce Mr. Chen Jian.

On arrival at the hall, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife were cordially welcomed by Vice-President of PRC Mr. Xi Jinping.

Vice-President of PRC Mr. Xi Jinping hosted the dinner to Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of SPDC Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San. During the dinner, Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife were entertained with Chinese traditional songs.

After the dinner, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party went back at Daoyutai State Gues thouse.—*MNA*



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Chinese Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping taking the salute of Guard of Honour at the eastern hall of the Great Hall of People. **(News on page-16)—**MNA

The aim of visit to the People's Republic of China is to enhance existing bilateral friendship and cooperation

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

Foreign countries should not interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar

Chinese Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets Chinese Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Vice-President of the People's Republic of China Mr. Xi Jinping held discussions at the eastern hall of the Great Hall of the People at 5.30 p.m. on 16 June.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye was accompanied by Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, 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, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Director-General of SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General U Kayw Kyaw of the Protocol Department and Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General Daw Myo Nwe of Foreign Economic Relations Department of the Ministry of NPED and officials.

The Chinese Vice-President was accompanied by Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Wang Guangya, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo, Vice-Minister of National Development and Reform Commission Mr. Mu Hong, Deputy-Minister for Commerce Mr. Chen Jian and high-ranking officials.

Firstly, Chinese Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping said that he cordially welcomed the Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye to China. China and Myanmar are good neighbourly nations and the bilateral relations and cooperation between two peoples are making significant progress.

China and Myanmar adopted the five principles of peaceful co-existence, and the bilateral relationship between the two countries is making progress.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Chinese Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping holding discussions at eastern hall of the Great Hall of the People.—MNA

The visit of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye has reflected how Myanmar government and her people showed interest in relations with China, he added. He said that new successes in bilateral relations would emerge during current visit.

In his speech, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye expressed thanks for warm welcome and hospitality accorded towards Myanmar delegation including himself during the visit to Beijing, a modern and developed city.

As the relationship between the two countries is based on Paukphaw relations, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said as soon as they got to China they felt as though they were in the home of their close relatives.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye conveyed the greetings of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe to the Chinese leaders including the Vice-President.

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Peoples of China and Myanmar have maintained bilateral ties through the peaceful co-existence principle.

Minister U Soe Tha and Vice-Minister Mr Chen Jian signing MoU.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets Chinese…

(from page 8)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that the aim of his visit to the People's Republic of China is to enhance the existing bilateral friendship as well as to scale up the economic cooperation between the two countries.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that he believed that the present meeting would generate fruitful results as the meeting was to be held based on friendly relations between the two good neighbourly nations, on thriving remarkable cooperation in the history of bilateral relations and on fraternal and Paukphaw relations.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye explained bilateral diplomatic ties and the existence of two nations in accord with the five principals of peaceful coexistence, further strengthening of ties by exchanging goodwill visits of the leaders of the two countries, current political, economic and social development of Myanmar, donations of emergency and relief aid from China to Myanmar for relief works in the event of the storm Nargis and natural disaster preparedness long-term measures and invited the Vice-President to visit Myanmar at a convenient time.

In his address, the Chinese Vice-President expressed thanks to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye for presenting facts and developments of Myanmar.

He said that he thanked Vice-Senior General Maung Aye for conveying the greetings of Senior General Than Shwe to the leaders of the People's Republic of China. On behalf of President Mr. Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China, he wished for Senior General Than Shwe and Myanmar leaders. He expressed his thanks for the invitation of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye to visit Myanmar. At an opportune time, he said that he would pay a visit to Myanmar.

He added that the peoples of China and Myanmar have maintained bilateral ties through the peaceful co-existence principle. Myanmar is one of the earliest countries to set up diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China, and it will be the 60th anniversary of establishment of the diplomatic relations between the two countries in the coming year, he added.

He continued to say that China and Myanmar adopted the five principles of peaceful co-existence, and the bilateral relationship between the two countries is making progress. He noted that thanks to concerted efforts of the leaders of the two countries, the bilateral relationship and cooperative measures are achieving development in all aspects. In addition to the political sector, progress can be witnessed in economic, trade, culture, armed forces and other sectors, he said.

He said that the People's Republic of China supports the endeavours of the Myanmar government and people for ensuring peace and stability, economic growth and national unity. He said he believes that only the people and the government of Myanmar can solve the internal affairs of Myanmar, and foreign countries should not interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar and should not impose sanctions against Myanmar.

He pledged that China will continue to support Myanmar in the international sphere, and China will stand by the interests of Myanmar. He added he is pleased with the efforts of the Myanmar government in implementing the State's seven-step Road Map and with the success in democratic process and national unity.

He said China will maintain peace and stability of China-Myanmar border by adopting the non-interference policy in the internal affairs of Myanmar. He added he firmly believes that the Myanmar government and the people can overcome difficulties in the political reformation and in the realization of political and economic objectives and development of the nation. In conclusion, the Chinese vice-president said that whatever it may be, China is always a good friend of Myanmar and will uphold the fair interests of Myanmar.

The People's Republic of China supports the endeavours of the Myanmar government and people for ensuring peace and stability, economic growth and national unity.

***Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin and Vice-President of China National Petroleum Corporation Mr. Liao Yongyuan signing MoU.*—MNA**

Next, they cordially and frankly discussed progress of cooperation in politics between the two countries, cooperative measures of the two countries in the international fora, the present world economic and financial crisis, mutual cooperation in human resources development, energy, electrical, transport, trade and industrial sectors and prospects for cooperation in other sectors.

Afterwards, the ceremony to sign the bilateral agreements, Memorandum of Agreement and MoU between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the People's Republic of China was held at Hebei Hall of the Great Hall of the People at 6.30 pm.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Vice-Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Jian of China signed the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the People's Republic of China and exchanged notes.

Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin and President of China Power Investment Corporation Mr Lu Qizhou signed the Memorandum of Agreement brtween Department of Hydropower Implementation and China Power Investment Corporation for the Development, Operation and Transfer of the Hydropower Projects in Maykha, Malikha and Upstream of Ayeyawady-Myitsone River Basins and exchanged notes.

Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin and Vice-President Mr Liao Yongyuan of China National Petroleum Corporation signed the Memorandum of Understanding Relating to Development, Operation and Management of the Myanmar-China Crude Oil Pipeline Project and exchanged notes.

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***Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin and President of China Power Investment Corporation Mr Lu Qizhou sign Memorandum of Agreement.*—MNA**

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party pay homage to Buddha Tooth Relic, visit Bird Nest Stadium and Water Cube in Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, arrived at Ling Guang Si Buddhist Temple where the Buddha Tooth Relic is being kept at Ba Da Chu Park in Beijing at 8.40 am on 16 June.

They were welcomed by Myanmar Military Attaché Col Tint Wai, Deputy Secretary-General Mr Zhang Lin of the Chinese Buddhist Association and officials.

Members of the Chinese Buddhist Association welcomed Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party by singing Dhamma songs.

First, they paid homage to the Abbot and venerable Sayadaws of Ling Guang Si Buddhist Temple.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered alms and cash to the Abbot Sayadaw.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin together with goodwill delegation members also donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

The Abbot of the Temple presented Dhamma gifts to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife and delegation members.

On arrival at the Gandakuti Building where the Buddha Tooth Relic is being kept, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party offered flowers, water and fruits to the Jade Buddha Image and paid homage.

They visited the Gandakuti Building. The Abbot Sayadaw of the Temple explained the history of the Buddha Tooth Relic, the journey of the Buddha Tooth Relic to Myanmar for the obeisance of Myanmar people and matters related to the Jade Buddha Image donated by Myanmar.

The Myanmar delegation visited the old place of the Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda where the Buddha Tooth Relic was kept.

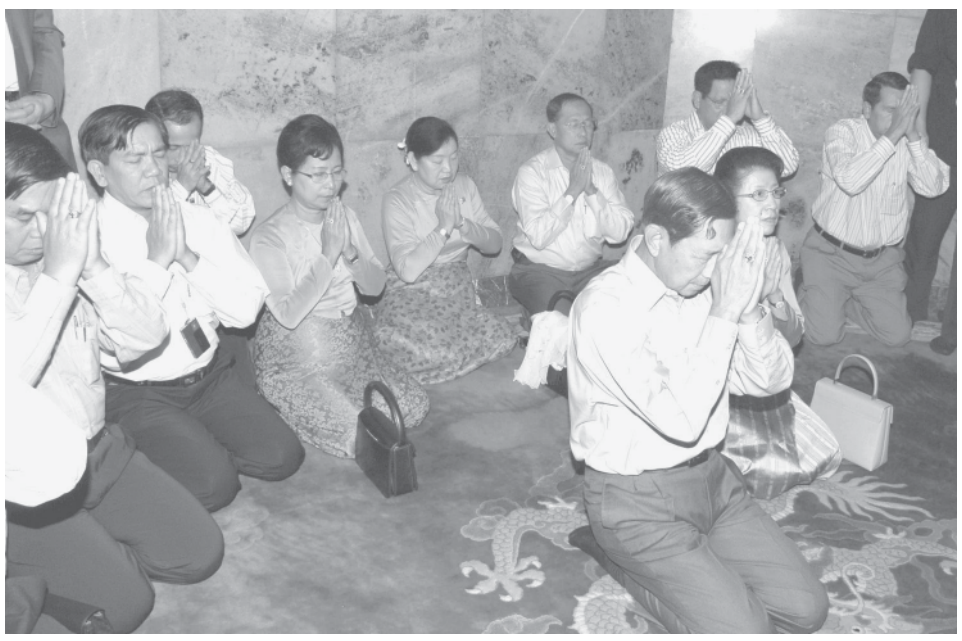
At the Bird Nest Stadium in Beijing, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party heard reports on construction of the stadium and organizing of the World Olympic Games 2008 at the stadium presented by officials.

After visiting the stadium, they posed for a documentary photo.

At the Water Cube, next to the Bird Nest Stadium, officials explained construction of Water Cube, holding of swimming contest in the World Olympic Games 2008 and taking various sports exercises at Water Cube to the Myanmar delegation.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife and party visited the Water Cube.

It was learnt that the construction of the Water Cube completed on 28 June 2008; that the swimming contests were held in the World Olympic Games 2008; and the building was constructed by applying the environmental conservation technology and the advanced energy technology.—*MNA*



***Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San paying homage to Buddha Tooth Relic in Ba Da Chu Park in Beijing.*—MNA**

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San visit Water Cube in Beijing.

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Nay Pyi Taw BEPS No. 17 gets new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered addresses at the ceremony to hand over the documents related to the new school building for BEPS No. 17 at Yaysin village in Nay Pyi Taw Township yesterday.

First, Wellwisher U Thein Tan explained the purpose of donation and handed over documents related to the new school building to the township education officer.

Next, the commander, the minister and officials inspected the new school building and learning of schoolchildren.

A total of K 18.6 million was spent on construction of the new building.

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***Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister Dr Chan Nyein view studying of the students at No. 17 new BEPS in Yaysin village in Nay Pyi Taw Townhip.*—MNA**

New school buildings in storm-hit area handed over to Ministry of Education

YANGON, 20 June—The cornerstone laying ceremony of new Basic Education Primary Schools donated by i Love Myanmar in storm-hit areas took place in conjunction with a ceremony to hand over new school buildings to the Ministry of Education at Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta Townships in Ayeyawady Division.

On 12 June, donor Chairman of i Love Myanmar Daw Levisetnaingthan laid corner stones at the designated place of new BEPS at Thechaung village in Bogale Township, on 13 June, at Dhanichaung model village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

On 14 June, Director of Emmanuel Foundation U Danyelalin and Chairman of i Love Myanmar and responsible persons opened the new BEPS building in Kakayo village in Labutta Township and handed over the related documents to the Ministry of Education.

Next, Chairman of Labutta District Peace and Development Council extended greetings and Chairman of i Love Myanmar explained the purpose of the donation and presented related documents to Labutta Township Education Officer U Win Maung.

Likewise, the opening ceremony of new BEPS took place in conjunction with a ceremony to hand over new school building at the school in Tarluphahtaw village and the cornerstone laying ceremony in Padaukgon village. On 16 June, the opening ceremony of BEPS building and a ceremony to handover new school buildings were held in front of the school in Amatgale village.—*MNA*

Donors hand over related documents of new BEPS building in Labutta Township to Ministry of Education.
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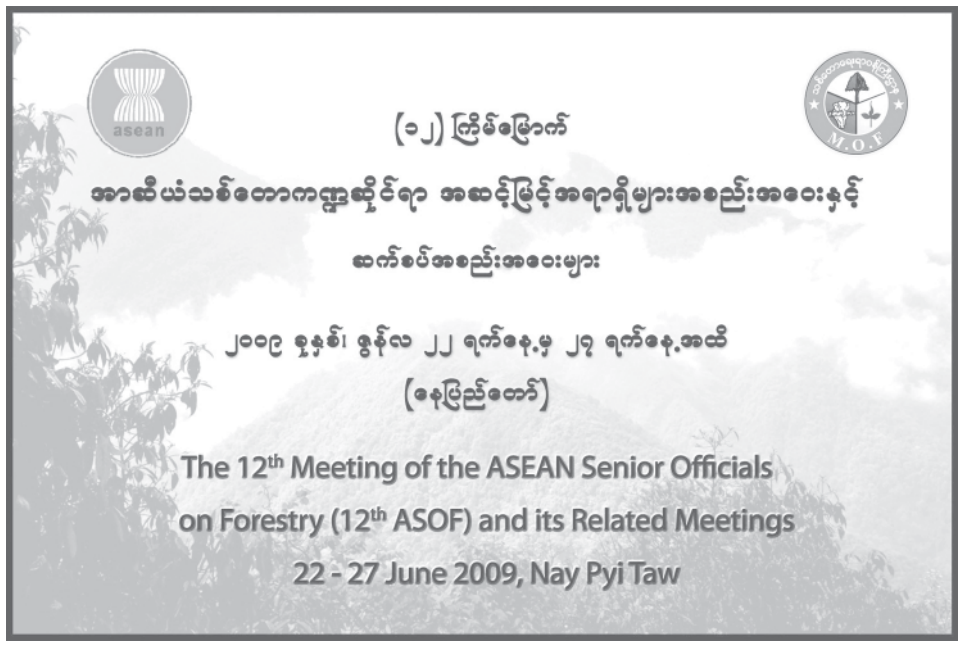

Dy Health Minister attends coord meeting of Public Health University

YANGON, 20 June—The coordination meeting of management and teaching tasks of University of Public Health under the Ministry of Health was held at the meeting hall of the university addressed by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, here, on 19 June.

Rector of University of Public Health Dr Tin Min and Heads of Departments reported on management matters in teaching, promoting of quality of faculty members, teaching aids and future works. The deputy minister urged them to pay attention not only to treatment but also to public health in teaching and to be a good doctor.

The deputy minister, accompanied by Director (Laboratory) Dr Nay Win, Director (Infectious discase) Dr Soe Lwin Nyein of the Health Department and Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint, arrived at Yangon International Airport this morning and looked into surveillance tasks being carried out to prevent spread of A/H1N1. The deputy minister and party met with health staff and gave instructions to prevent infection of A/H1N1 and to follow the notice of the Ministry of Health and fulfilled the requirements.

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***Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo looks into survillance tasks being carried out to prevent spread of A/H1N1 at Yangon International Airport.*—MNA**

Markets in Mawlamyine Tsp under way of inspection

YANGON, 20 June—Deputy Director of Mawlamyine Township Development Affairs U Kyaw Lin looked into mosquito spraying, proper flow of water drain around the market, discarding of rubbish in designated place and cleaning tasks in accord with health by the Township Development Affairs at Myaing Yadana market, No. 2 market and Thanlyin market in Mawlamyine Township on 7 June.

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MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Pay cuts, non-paid leave for SIA pilots

SINGAPORE, 20 June—Singapore Airlines (SIA) said it has reached agreement with its pilots' union on pay cuts and non-paid leave as part of cost-cutting efforts to counter the effects of the global economic downturn.

SIA said in a statement issued on late Friday that pilots have agreed to take a day of leave each month without pay.Pilots also agreed to take a cut of 65 percent of one day's pay out of their monthly basic salary, the airline said.

It said the measures, which will take effect from 1 July, were necessary as "the airline has surplus pilot resources because of the cutback in flights following the sharp fall in demand for air travel."SIA had earlier reached agreement with its other staff unions on cost-cutting measures, including shorter work months and grounding some of its planes.

Internet

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Supplements slow blindness in elderly

BELFAST, 20 June—An eye care expert in Northern Ireland suggests vitamin supplements may slow sight loss in the elderly.

Usha Chakravarthy of Queen's University Center of Vision and Vacular Science in Belfast says an anti-oxidant supplement may help prevent early age-related macular degeneration in elderly patients from progressing to late age-related macular.

Patients with late age-related macular degeneration lose their central vision and are unable to read, watch television or recognize people's faces.

Chakravarthy headed a five-year trial involving 400 people in Ireland of the supplement CARMA — Caroteneoids and Co-antioxidants in Age-related Maculopathy — which contained the carotenoids lutein and zeaxanthin as well as zinc and vitamins C and E.

Internet

Living near fast-food may not up weight

INDIANAPOLIS, 20 June—A US study contradicts the conventional wisdom that living near a fast-food outlet increases weight in children, researchers said.

The study by Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis also contradicts the notion that living near supermarkets, which sell fresh fruit and vegetables as well as so called junk food, results in lower weight for children.

First author Robert Sandy of Indiana University and colleagues compared children's weight over time before and after one of these food purveyors moved near the children's residences.

The study, published in the National Bureau of Economic Research's Economic Aspects of Obesity, also found that residing near certain recreational amenities — fitness areas, kickball diamonds and volleyball courts — lowers children's body mass indexes. The researchers estimated that locating one of these facilities near the home of an overweight 8-year-old boy could lower his weight by 3-6 pounds.

Surprisingly, living near a track and field facility was associated with weight gain.—*Internet*

Canadian telecommunications company Nortel that has been in bankruptcy protection since January announced it will sell most of its wireless business to Nokia Siemens Networks for 650 million dollars.
INTERNET

Mass transit can be hard on the ears

NEW YORK, 20 June—The New York City mass transit system provides affordable and efficient transportation, but it could be hard on the ears, a team of researchers said.

Richard Neitzel of the School of Public Health at the University of Washington and Robyn Gershon of Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health conducted hundreds of measurements of noise levels at platforms and stations, as well as inside of vehicles on New York subways, buses, ferries, commuter railways and the Roosevelt Island tramway.

The study, scheduled to be published in the American Journal of Public Health in August, found that on average, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's subways had the highest noise levels, at 80.4 decibels, followed by the Path trains, at 79.4 dBA and the tram at 77 dBA.

Internet

Whalers cut open and inspect a 35-tonne fin whale one of two fin whales caught aboard a Hvalur boat off the coast of Hvalfjsrour, north of Reykjavik, on the western coast of Iceland.—INTERNET

Mexican gunmen stop ambulance, kill patient inside

MORELIA, 20 June—Gunmen tossed a grenade at an ambulance and then opened its doors to kill a patient inside who had narrowly survived an earlier shooting in a drug cartel-plagued Mexican state Friday. Paramedics ran for their lives during the attack.

Vehicles carrying four masked gunmen cut off the ambulance around 2 a.m. as it carried the 23-year-old man to a hospital in Morelia, the capital on Michoacan state, according to a report from the state prosecutor's office.

Assailants tossed a fragmentation grenade at the ambulance, setting it on fire, and the two paramedics ran away, according to the police report. The gunmen then opened the back doors and fired at the patient and his wife, who was accompanying him.

The man died and the 20-year-old woman was listed in serious condition. No arrests have been made.

The state prosecutor's office said the victim had been taken to a local hospital by his family Sunday night after being wounded in a shootout between rival gangs in Uruapan, a center of Mexico's avocado industry. He was being transferred early Friday to a better-equipped hospital in the state capital.

Internet

People play table tennis during the opening ceremony for the 7th National Fitness Festival of Beijing held next to the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, in Beijing, China, June 20, 2009. Thousands of people played table tennis in the "Harmony Cup" show.—INTERNET

Nuclear power emerges as green option for Asia

MANILA, 20 June— Nuclear power is emerging as an option key source of "green energy" for most developing Asian countries, in order to stem the spike in greenhouse gas emission which came along way with the region's economic success, experts who participated in a Manila forum said.

The growing concern over climate change — and how it will hurt the region's environment, human health and economy — has forced economic planners, advocates and business leaders in Asia to search for a stable energy source that can moderate the carbon emissions, they said.

"Developing Asian countries — whether they like it or not — should take a look at nuclear power as a source of energy," said Piyasvasti Amranand, chief advisor of the Bangkok-based Energy for Environment Foundation and former Thai energy minister at Friday's closing of the Asia Clean Energy Forum.The three-day forum was organized by the Asian Development Bank(ADB) and the United States Agency for International Development.

Piyasvasti said renewable energy sources — such as wind power and biofuels — are indeed environment-friendly, but they may not be enough to meet the needs of the fast-growing region.

Interent

Nigeria's militants say destroyed oil pipeline

LAGOS, 20 June— Nigeria's main militant group said it destroyed on Friday a major pipeline supplying crude oil to Italian oil group Agip's Brass exports terminal.

The Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta (MEND) said in a statement the pipeline "was blown up at the Nembe creek in Bayelsa state" in the early hours of Friday.he Italian group confirmed the act of "sabotage", the latest to hit oil majors operating in the volatile Niger Delta in recent weeks.

In a statement from its Rome headquarters, Agip said the attack had forced an output loss of 33,000 barrels a day of crude and two million cubic metres of gas a day.

MEND said its fighters had encountered and disarmed seven Nigerian soldiers from a military gunboat, which it disabled with explosives.

Internet

A man arranges Agip drums at an oil station and depot in Nigeria's capital Abuja, June 19, 2009.
INTERNET

Cuba builds biogas plants as new energy sources

HAVANA, 20 June — Cuba has built some 700 biogas plants as new energy sources to develop an efficient and sustainable energy model in the island, an energy expert said on Friday.

Cuba, will continue to build biogas plants and to use the energy at rural houses as an ideal way to save fuel and protect the environment, said Mario Alberto Arrastia, an energy expert from Cubaenergia, an energy information center.

According to research data, Cuba has the potential to produce biogas exceeding 400 million cubic meters per year. It could generate electric power of 85 megawatts.

Biogas is used in Cuba mostly for household cooking.

Havana City, the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, all located in the west of the island, have most potentials of biogas, which generates energy from the remains of sugar and coffee industries.

Internet

Southern California utility okayed to start rooftop solar programme

LOS ANGELES, 20 June — Southern California Edison, a major electricity supplier in the area, has got a green signal to install, own and operate rooftop solar panels capable of generating 250 megawatts of power within its service territory, a report said on Friday.

State regulators on Thursday approved a proposal from the utility company to commercially use sunlight to generate electricity, according to a website report by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* weekly.

The approval marks the first time a California utility will own a significant renewable energy source.

The California Public Utilities Commission, in a move that upset ratepayer advocates, also voted to double the size of the program, allowing for independent solar providers to own and operate rooftop solar panels that can generate another 250 megawatts.

Internet

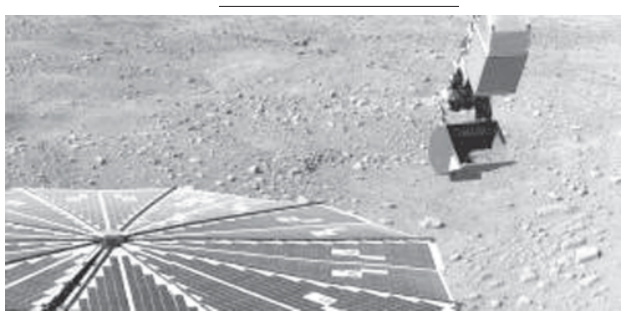
Evidence for shorelines on Mars announced

BOULDER, 20 June — A University of Colorado-Boulder research team says it has discovered the first definitive evidence of shorelines on Mars.

The scientists, led by researcher Gaetano Di Achille, said the finding is an indication of a deep, ancient lake, with implications for the discovery of past life on the Red Planet.

The scientists estimate the lake covered as much as 80 square miles and was up to 1,500 feet deep.

Di Achille said the shoreline evidence was found along a broad delta and included a series of alternating ridges and troughs thought to be surviving remnants of beach deposits.—*Internet*



This June 2008 NASA photos show the robotic arm on NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander carrying a scoop full of Martian soil. NASA has announced they will be extending the Phoenix mission until the end of September after the lander recently found evidence of water on the Martian surface.—INTERNET

Singapore confirms 26 new A/H1N1 flu cases

SINGAPORE, 20 June—Singapore has confirmed another 26 new cases of influenza A/H1N1 cases, bringing the total number of confirmed cases here to 103, the country's Health Ministry said on Friday night.

The ministry said that the newly confirmed cases include three who appear to have acquired their infections in Singapore. Twenty-two cases involve travelers returning from other countries while another case was a close contact of an earlier confirmed case.

Singapore reported its first confirmed case of Influenza A/H1N1on May 27. So far, 29 patients have been discharged. The remaining74 patients are still in the hospital and their conditions remain stable.

Interent

A/H1N1 flu cases surge to 5,710 in Canada

OTTAWA, 20 June—The total of confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in Canada has risen to 5,710, with 805 new cases added during the past two days, according to the latest figures released by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) Friday.

Another person has died of the virus, bringing the total victims of the flu in Canada to 13. This latest case involved a person from Ontario province with underlying medical conditions, provincial health officials said.

The number of patients that require hospitalization has increased to 349.

Ontario province is still the worst-hit, with 2,528 confirmed cases, followed by Quebec with 1,349.

The virus continues to spread quickly in the Nunavut Territory, an autonomous region for the Inuit people with a mere population of 30,000. It added 19 new cases during the past two days, bringing the total to 204.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Chelsea match Liverpool's bid for Johnson

PORTSMOUTH, 20 June—Portsmouth executive chairman Peter Storrie revealed on Friday that Chelsea have matched Liverpool's 17.5 million pounds bid for England defender Glen Johnson.

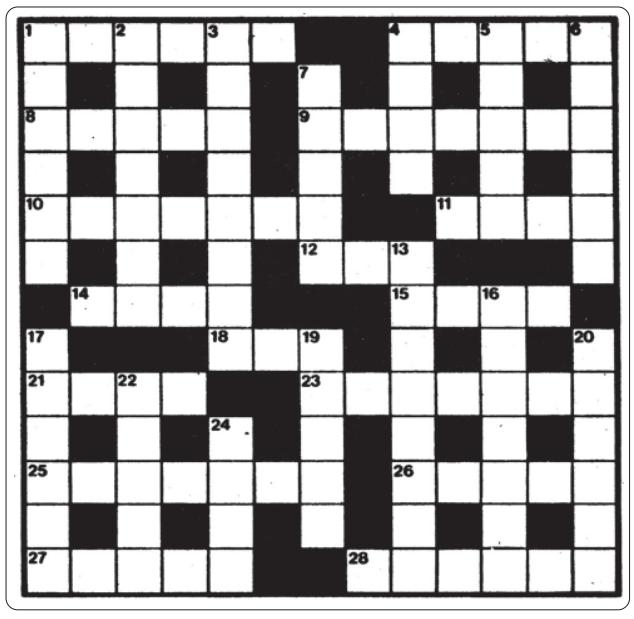
Johnson appeared to be on his way to Anfield after Liverpool's offer was accepted earlier this week, but Storrie confirmed the Fratton Park club have now agreed terms with Chelsea as well.The 24-year-old has already had one spell at Chelsea before leaving due to lack of first team opportunities and must now decide if he wants to return to Stamford Bridge.

"The matter will come to a conclusion at the beginning of next week. I do not have a preference over the move, it is up to Glen," Storrie said."The deals are almost identical so it really is down to him and what club he prefers, which one is going to pay him more money.

"Glen wants to play regularly in the Champions League, he has got himself back in the England side so I understand that. Sometimes you have to be fair to players."Storrie admits that Johnson needs to be playing Champions League football next season in order to cement his place in the England team ahead of next year's World Cup in South Africa.—*Internet*

Portsmouth and England defender Glen Johnson

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

1 Corn grinder
4 Linger
8 Golf stroke
9 Fishing vessel
10 Assuage (anag.)
11 Threesome
12 Inexperienced
14 Ban
15 Crooked
18 Tear
21 German white wine
23 Late
25 Incentive
26 Nearby pub
27 Work dough
28 Edge

DOWN

1 Unpretentious
2 Free time
3 Lift
4 Hard wood
5 Overlord
6 Midfoil
7 Guide
13 London rail terminus
16 Down in price
17 Become smaller
19 Composure
20 Underground storeroom
22 Spinney
24 Fastener

'Intelligent' Iraq can do it, says Bora

Iraq national football team coach Serbian Bora Milutinovic

JOHANNESBURG, 20 June—Iraq coach Bora Milutinovic has paid tribute to his players' intelligence and expressed optimism that the Asian champions' Confederations Cup run will continue beyond Saturday's game against New Zealand.

Iraq go into this last Group A tie knowing a decent win will see them sneak into the semi-finals on goal difference at the expense of South Africa if the hosts lose to Spain.

"I don't like to think of tomorrow as our last game," said the canny Serb who has guided five different teams to the World Cup finals in his long career.—*Internet*

Terry blasts Drogba and Bosingwa bans

LONDON, 20 June—Chelsea captain John Terry on Friday criticised the punishments meted out to his team-mates Didier Drogba and Jose Bosingwa for their reactions to the club's Champions League loss to Barcelona.

Ivorian striker Drogba was on Wednesday given a four-game European ban by UEFA, with two games suspended, while Portuguese full-back Bosingwa will have to miss three matches, with a further match suspended.

The pair were punished for their reactions to a 1-1 draw at home to Barcelona in the semi-finals of the Champions League, when Andres Iniesta's injury-time equaliser for the Catalans sent the London club out of the competition on the away goals rule.—*Internet*

The sun comes out for a bit at Bethpage Black

FARMINGDALE, 20 June—Darkness had fallen on Bethpage Black, and Phil Mickelson was still raring to play more golf.

A course that only Tiger Woods could tame when the US Open first visited in 2002 was giving up birdies with alarming regularity Friday, barely even resembling the nearly flooded track that hardly anyone found any success on the day before."It's not going to get any easier," Mickelson surmised, "than it is right now."

Internet

Phil Mickelson reacts after making a birdie putt on the 17th hole during the first round of the US Open Golf Championship at Bethpage State Park's Black Course in Farmingdale, NY, on 19 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Defending champ Nadal withdraws from Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, 20 June—Rafael Nadal figured he couldn't win Wimbledon this year because of his achy knees, so he decided it didn't make sense to try.

Nadal withdrew from the grass-court Grand Slam tournament on Friday, three days before it begins, becoming only the second men's champion in 35 years to decline to defend his Wimbledon title."When I start a tournament like Wimbledon, it is to try to win," the No 1-ranked Nadal said, "and my feeling right now is I'm not ready to play to win."

Internet

Spain's Rafael Nadal reacts after an exhibition match against Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka which Nadal lost at the Hurlingham Club in London, on 19 June , 2009.—INTERNET

English Premier League ends Setanta contract

LONDON, 20 June—The English Premier League said on Friday it had terminated its contract with troubled Irish broadcaster Setanta and would sell off the broadcaster's 46 live matches for the 2009-2010 season.

The pay-TV company failed to make a scheduled payment of 30 million pounds (35 million euros, 49 million dollars) to the Premier League by an evening deadline.—*Internet*

Egypt's Zidan pays tribute to namesake Zidane

Egypt's star striker Mohamed Zidan

JOHANNESBURG, 20 June—While not in the same class as French great Zinedine Zidane, Egypt's star striker Mohamed Zidan has revealed his admiration for his namesake.

By scoring twice against Brazil in Egypt's opening Confederations Cup match, Zidan matched the exploits of Zizou, who famously managed a brace against the South Americans at the 1998 World Cup.

"Zinedine Zidane was the best player in the whole world and I always try to learn a lot from him," said Zidan, who picked up a knock in Egypt's shock victory over Italy on Thursday but is expected to be fit for their last group game.—*Internet*

Pascal claims light heavyweight belt

MONTREAL, 20 June—Jean Pascal won a unanimous decision over Adrian Diaconu on Friday night, claiming the WBC light heavyweight title before 13,659 fans at the Bell Centre who seemed split in their support of the two Montreal fighters.

Diaconu (26-1), who was knocked down in the fifth, lost in his first title defense, while Pascal won in his first fight since moving up to the light heavyweight.Judge Maximo de Luca scored it 115-112, while John Keane had it 116-112 and Jack Woodburn had it 116-111.

Internet

Singapore Airlines to cut management staff salary

SINGAPORE, 20 June— Singapore Airlincs (SIA) announcced on Friday that all its management staff will take a cut in salary from July 2009.

The company said in statement that the chief executive officer will lead with a 20-per-cent cut, with progressively lower rates down the ranks, to a minimum of 10 percent, adding that SIA's board of directors has volunteered a cut of 20 per cent in fees for directors.

The company also said that all pilots in the airline will take one day of leave without pay each month and a cut of 65 percent of one day's pay from 1 July. Altogether, these measures will save an estimated 21 million Singapore dollars (about 14 million US dollars) in costs for the current financial year, the company said.

In the year ending March 2010, SIA will decommission 16 aircraft, fewer flights will be operated and capacity produced will be lower by 11 per cent from the preceding year. —*MNA/ Xinhua*

***Los Angeles – Scientists in California say they have cloned a dog that helped with search-and-rescue after the New York terrorist attacks on 11 September, 2001.*—INTERNET**

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Local Transmission

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* The Exotic Land of Myanmar
* Thameehla Island, Home to Fascinating Turtles
* Travelogue (Nay Pyi Taw) A Visit to the Gems Museum
* Towards Closer Cooperation between ASEAN & Republic of Korea
* Mandalay Cultural Museum
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* A Village on Pearl Island
* Green Turtle
* Decoration of Myanmar Lacquerware
* Sightseeing Around Taunggyi, Inlay (Part-I)
* Take an active part in the anti-drug Campaign
* Traditional Matrimony of Khamti Shans
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* Mandalay Cultural Museum
* Spirulina (or) Blue Green Algae
* Mandalay and its popular Snack
* Mythun Breeding in Chin State
* Myanma Toddy Palm: A Source of Rural Income
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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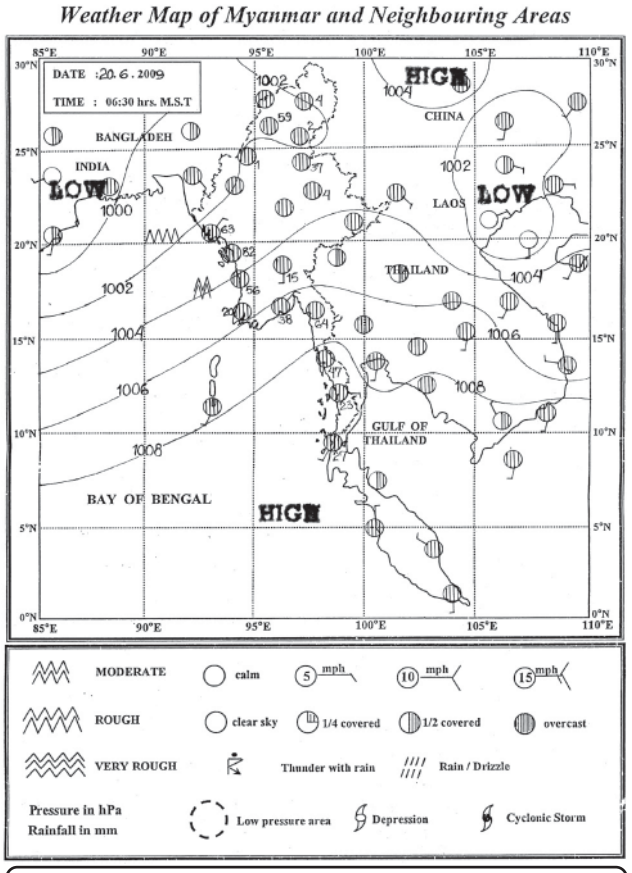
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 20 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State,Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan State , fairly widespread in Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfall in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were NayPyiTaw (0.12) inches, Myaukoo (4.57) inches, Machanbaw (4.53) inches, Dawei (3.54) inches, Kyaukpyu (3.23) inches, Hakha (2.99) inches and Mawlamyine (2.52) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-6-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 20-6-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-6-2009 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 19-6-2009 was (1.0) hour approx.

Rainfall on 20-6-2009 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.49) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (31.85) inches at Mingaladon, (37.36) inches at Kaba-Aye and (42.52) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South at (10:30) hours MST on 19-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States and isolated to scattered in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-6-2009: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Sunday, 21 June
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုမင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:05 am
6. သက်တံရောင်စဉ်

8:20 am
7. မြန်ပြည်တစ်လွှားလမ်းတံတားများ

8:30 am
8. Dance of National race

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းချမှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့ တေးများ

8:50 am
11. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 pm
3. Round up of the week's International News

11:35 pm
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၄)

12:20 pm
5. Golf Magazine(TV)

1:00 pm
6. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "သူငယ်ချင်းသုံးယောက်ရှိလေသည်" (စိုးသူ၊ ရဲအောင်၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာဝို၊ တင့်တင့်ထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်မောင်မောင်)

2:40 pm
7. International News

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL-Cup 2009
ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်
(ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်း နှင့် ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း)

5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:30 pm
4. Weather Report

6:35 pm
5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် Pocket Dragon Adventure

6:55 pm
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ"မိုးညတစ်ည" (အောင်မြင့်ဗိုလ်၊ ခင်သန်းနွယ်၊ခိုင်ပွင့်)(ဒါရိုက်တာကျော်နှင်းဆီ)

7:05 pm
7. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

7:15 pm
8. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm
9. News
10. International News
11. Weather Report
12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
14. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်

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The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

PRC Vice-President welcomes Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China held a Gala Ceremony to welcome Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San at the eastern hall of the Great Hall of People in Beijing at 5.15 pm on 16 June.

On arrival at the Great Hall of People, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San were cordially greeted by Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping of the PRC at the eastern gate.

The Chinese Vice-President presented his entourage to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented his entourage to the Chinese Vice-President .

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and PRC Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping on the dais took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Chinese Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA

At that time, the State Band played the National Anthems of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Chinese Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping inspected the Guard of Honour.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San arrive in People's Republic of China

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San left the Union of Myanmar by special aircraft at 10.45 am on 15 June to pay a good- will visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of PRC Vice-President Mr. Xi Jinping and arrived at Chengdu International Airport in Sichuan Province of the People's Republic of China at 2.50 pm local time.

Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Hu Zheng Yue welcomes Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Myanmar Consul-General U Zaw Phyo Win of Kunming and the Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Sichuan Province.

The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San stopped for a while at the VIP Lounge of Chengdu International Airport.

Accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin, the Myanmar delegation left Chengdu International Airport by special aircraft and arrived at Beijing International Airport at 6.30 pm local time.

Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Hu Zheng Yue and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo welcomed Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San aboard the special aircraft.

Two Chinese girls and Myanmar boy and girl presented bouquets to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife were welcomed by Daw Nwe Nwe Han, wife of the Myanmar Ambassador to China, Dr Daw Nwe Ni Win, wife of Myanmar Military Attaché Col Tint Wai, staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party went to Daoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing.

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