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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

Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San on tour of Hangzhou



Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visits Hangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone in Hangzhou.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June— The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San left Xi'an on 18 June afternoon by air and arrived at Hangzhou International Airport at 5 pm. They were welcomed

there by Director-General Mr Ruan Zhongxum of Foreign Affairs Department of Zhejiang Province and officials.

The Myanmar delegation left Hanxhoung International Airport in a motorcade for Zhejiang Xizi Hotel where they would stop for the night.

At 9.30 am on 18 June, the Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife left Zhejiang Xizi by car and observed Xihu Lake. They were briefed on the lake by Mr Ruan Zhongxum and Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo.

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Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San observing Xihu Lake.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Further strengthen friendly ties between Myanmar and PRC

Myanmar and the People's Republic of China have been good neighbourly nations for many years maintaining friendly ties. As the relationship between the two countries is based on Paukphaw relations, they have been able to forge mutual trust, understanding and respect.

The diplomatic relations between the two countries will turn 60 in the coming year, and during the past 60 years, mutual friendship and understanding have been further strengthened.

With the exchange of visits between leaders of the two countries, relationship and economic cooperation between the two countries are ever more apparent.

During his stay in the PRC, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao in Beijing on 16 June.

At the meeting, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that it was the third time he arrived in the PRC, and the aim of his visit was to scale up friendly ties and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Responding to the statements of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao said that in rendering assistance to the development of Myanmar's economy, the PRC will do so in accordance with the no-strings-attached policy, adding that emphasis will be placed on promotion of the friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Myanmar and the PRC have maintained friendly ties for years based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence. And we firmly believe that the visit of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye to the PRC will not only promote friendly ties but also foster economic cooperation between the two countries.



Chairman of Myanmar Karatedo Federation Dr Win Zaw donates cash to No. 3 BEHS in Mingala Taungnyunt Tsp.—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

Commander presents shield to Sepak Takraw winning teams

YANGON, 22 June— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife attended the final match and prize presentation ceremony of the Commander's shield Sepak Takraw

tournament 2009 at Hline Township gymnasium at 1 p.m. today.

Officials gave prizes to the winners.

Next, the commander presented the shields to the first prize winning teams. —MNA

Commander attends football match

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min attended the final match and prize presentation ceremony of the Minister for Sport's trophy U-19 novice football match at Oaktha sports ground in Bago on 12 June.

First, the commander and party viewed the final match.

Next, the commander and officials presented prizes to the winning teams. —MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents shield to winning team.
MNA



International Olympic Day 2009 commemorative Hockey demonstration held

YANGON, 22 June — The Hockey demonstration in commemoration of International Olympic Day 2009 was held at Theinbyu Hockey pitch of Myanmar

Hockey Federation (MHF) in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here on 20 June.

It was attended by President of MHF Principal of Tatmadaw

Martial Arts and Sports Science Institute Col Htin Zaw Win, Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing, Secretary U Khin Maung Latt, Treasurer U Aung Than, executives of federation, invited guests and Hockey fans.

New generation players took part in the youth demonstration match.

After the match, the president presented the prizes to participants. He then had photo taken with participants and inspected the stand.

NLM

ISD Karatedo Championship

YANGON, 22 June— The Sports and Physical Education Department and the Myanmar Karatedo Federation jointly organized the 14th Inter-State/Division Men's and Women's Karatedo Championship at Aung San Gymnasium, here, on 20 June.

Present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Sports, Honorary Patron of MKF Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Retd), President of the federation Dr Win Zaw and executives, patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and guests.

Yangon Division men's and women's Karatedo teams presented last year's championship shields to the director-general of the SPED.

On behalf of the

Minister for Sports, Director-General U Thaung Htaik made an opening address. President of the federation Dr Win Zaw presented DVD documentary albums on Karatedo techniques to all the teams and donated cash to the

funds of Mingala Taungnyunt Basic Education High School No. 3 and No. 4 through officials. In the opening match, the athletes competed in the Ind Kata and Kumite events. The championship continues tomorrow.—MNA



President of MHF Principal of Tatmadaw Martial Arts and Sports Science Institute Col Htin Zaw Win poses for photo with youth players.—NLM



Explosion kills two, wounds 20 in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 June—A powerful explosion rocked Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar Province on Monday morning, killing at least two civilian and wounding over a dozen others, officials said.

"The incident occurred at 05:30 am (0100 GMT) inside a warehouse of weapons, collected under disarmament programme from people in Farm-e-Ada area, outside provincial capital Jala-labad, wounding 20 persons," spokesman of provincial

administration Ahmad Zia Abdulzai said.

It took place close to residential areas and that was why caused catastrophe to civilians.

Meantime, Baz Mohammad, the deputy to health department in Jalalabad city told *Xinhua* that two persons including a child were killed in the bloody incident while two Afghan soldiers are among the injured men.

Ten of the injured have been discharged from the hospital after receiving

first aid while the remaining including three in critical condition are under medical treatment, Mohammad added.

However, the officials did not say if the blast was due to militants' involvement or merely an accident.

Taliban militants, whose regime was toppled in 2001, have vowed to intensify assaults targeting interest of government and international troops this year in the war-torn country. —Internet



Iraqis search through the wreckage of a truck bomb in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk. A truck bomb killed 64 people near the northern Iraqi oil city of Kirkuk on Saturday, the country's bloodiest attack in 15 months. —INTERNET



An Iraqi man weeps for his sister as she is treated at a hospital in Sulaimaniyah, 260 kilometers (160 miles) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 20 June, 2009. —INTERNET

Afghan firefight shows challenge for US troops

NOW ZAD, 22 June—Missiles, machine guns and strafing runs from fighter jets destroyed much of a Taliban compound, but the militants had a final surprise for a pair of US Marines who pushed into the smoldering building just before nightfall.

As the two men walked up an alley, the Taliban opened fire from less than 15 yards, sending bullets and tracer fire crackling inches past them. They fled under covering fire from their comrades, who hurled grenades at the enemy position before sprinting to their armored vehicles.

The assault capped a day of fighting Saturday, orchards and walled compounds of southern Afghanistan between newly arrived US Marines and well dug-in Taliban fighters. It was a foretaste of what will likely be a bloody summer as Washington tries to turn around a bogged-down, eight-year-old war with a surge of 21,000 troops.

Internet

Militants kill six Iraqi policemen in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 22 June—Militants shot dead six Iraqi policemen in separate attacks in a western Baghdad neighbourhood, a well-informed police source said on Sunday.

Two policemen were killed in clashes erupted between Iraqi security forces and gunmen in the Sunni Arab neighbourhood of Jamia, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Late on Saturday, gunmen carrying silencer pistols opened fire on policemen manning a checkpoint in the neighbourhood, killing four of them before fleeing the scene, the source said.

The attacks came as Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki had warned that militant groups will work hard to stage more attacks to reverse security gains.

A series of deadly attacks rampant in Iraq recently, casting doubt on the ability of Iraqi security forces to take over from US troops in controlling security and defeat insurgency of both Shiite and Sunni militant groups in the war-torn country. —Internet

Bomb attacks kill five Iraqis in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 22 June—Five people were killed and 28 others injured in separate bomb attacks in Baghdad both on Monday morning and late Sunday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Three people were killed and 12 others injured when a roadside bomb went off in the morning near a KIA minibus carrying passengers near al-Hamza Square in Baghdad's eastern neighbourhood of Sadr City, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Three nearby civilian cars were also damaged by the blast, the source said.

Earlier in the day, three civilians were wounded in another roadside bomb explosion on a main road in the neighbourhood of al-Habibiyah in the east of the capital, the source added. —Internet

Women grieve for a relative, killed in a massive truck bombing, during burial services in Najaf, 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 21 June, 2009. Police and rescue crews sifted through the rubble of a mosque and dozens of flattened mud-brick homes on Sunday looking for survivors of the worst attack in Iraq this year — a truck bombing blamed on al-Qaida in Taza, 10 miles (20 kilometers) south of Kirkuk in northern Iraq. —INTERNET



A wounded man receives medical treatment at a hospital after a bomb attack in a wholesale vegetable market in Baghdad. INTERNET





The bay near the Mongstad oil refinery in western Norway, the most polluting of the country. The refinery chimneys belch out 1,7 m tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the air per year, yet with the new pilot system of channeling the CO₂, set for 2011, it may greatly contribute to the fight against global warming.—INTERNET

Budget crisis forces deep cuts at California schools

RICHMOND, 22 June—California's historic budget crisis threatens to devastate a public education system that was once considered a national model but now ranks near the bottom in school funding and academic achievement.

Deep budget cuts are forcing California school districts to lay off thousands of teachers, expand class sizes, close schools, eliminate bus service, cancel summer school programmes, and possibly

shorten the academic year.

Without a strong economic recovery, which few experts predict, the reduced school funding could last for years, short-changing millions of students, driving away residents and businesses, and darkening California's economic future.

"California used to lead the nation in education," US Education Secretary Arne Duncan said during a recent visit to San Francisco. "Honestly, I think California has

lost its way, and I think the long-term consequences of that are very troubling."

The budget cuts will be especially painful for struggling schools such as Richmond High School, where more than half of its 1,700 students are English learners and three-quarters are considered poor.

The East Bay area school has failed to meet academic standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind Act for more than four years.

Internet

Iran lashes out at Western interference in election affairs

TEHERAN, 22 June—Iranian officials have lashed out at some Western countries, particularly Britain and the United States, over their "interference" in Iran's election affairs as the country has been hit by post-vote unrest.

In his speech to foreign diplomats in Teheran on Sunday, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki was "highly critical of some Western countries, specifically France, Germany, Britain and the US, for their inappropriate, illogical and interfering words."

Mottaki also pointed out "an inflooding of British intelligence officials ahead of the election" into Iran, the English-language satellite channel Press TV reported.

The Iranian Foreign Minister insisted that Iran's election process and the whole observing structure make the possibility of any irregularities or vote rigging "close to zero."

Mottaki also criticized some foreign media outlets and television channels for beating "the drums of war" in their reports of Iran's post-election disputes.

The correspondent for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in Iran, Jon Leyne, has been ordered to leave the country within 24 hours, Iran's Fars news agency reported Sunday.

Internet



A lithium-powered radio-controlled helicopter in Tokyo. Japan is set to complain to the WTO this week over a South Korean plan to tighten safety regulations on lithium-ion batteries, accusing Seoul of protectionism, a report has said.

INTERNET

Japan slams S Korea's planned battery certification system

TOKYO, 22 June—The Japanese government slammed South Korea's planned introduction of a compulsory certification system for lithium-ion batteries Monday, fearing it could hurt Japanese exports.

Japan's trade minister Toshihiro Nikai said the new regulation, if introduced, could set up "trade barriers" for foreign companies.

He said Japan will complain to the World Trade Organization this week in a bid to thwart the plan.

Seoul plans to require foreign companies obtain approval from South Korean authorities to make and sell products using the lithium-ion batteries, starting next month.—Internet

Tropical Storm Andres forms in Pacific off Mexico

MIAMI, 22 June—Forecasters say Tropical Storm Andres has formed off the southwestern coast of Mexico, becoming the first named storm of the season in the Eastern Pacific.

The government of Mexico on Sunday night issued a tropical storm watch from Zihuatanejo northward to Manzanillo.

The National Hurricane Center says the centre of the storm as of 11 pm EDT was about 200 miles (325 km) south of Zihuatanejo and 330 miles (530 km) south-southeast of Manzanillo. The system had been a tropical depression earlier in the day.—Internet

Brazil identifies 11 bodies from Air France jet

SAO PAULO, 22 June—Medical examiners have identified the first 11 of 50 bodies recovered from the Air France flight that plunged into the Atlantic three weeks ago, officials said Sunday.

Five bodies were identified as Brazilian men, five as Brazilian women and one as a "foreigner of the male sex," the Public Safety Department of the northeastern state of Pernambuco said in a statement. The department did not reveal the nationality of the non-Brazilian victim.

Dental records, fingerprints and DNA samples were used to identify the bodies, the statement said. Investigators are reviewing all remains, debris and baggage at a base set up in Recife, capital of Pernambuco.

The families of the Brazilian victims and the embassy in Brazil representing the foreigner's home country have been notified, but the identities will not be publicized in keeping with the families' wishes, the statement said.

Air France Flight 447 fell into the ocean off the northeast coast of Brazil on the night of 31 May, killing all 228 people aboard. Thus far, 50 bodies have been retrieved from the ocean.

Searchers from Brazil, France, the United States and other countries are methodically scanning the surface and depths of the Atlantic for signs of the Airbus A330, which crashed after running into thunderstorms en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris.

Internet

A view of one of the water catchment areas of the Upper Seletar reservoir in Singapore on 20 June, 2009. Thanks to technology, Singapore now has the capability to generate much of its own water and is gearing up to play a major role in recycling used water — an emerging industry worth around 100 billion US dollars globally.—INTERNET





People tighten mooring fishing boats to brace for the upcoming Linfa, the third tropical storm this year, at a port in Jinjiang, a city in southeast China's Fujian Province, on 21 June, 2009. Linfa has upgraded to strong tropical storm on 20 June, and an emergency alarm was issued by the provincial weather bureau. —XINHUA

Venezuelan President hails ALBA's expansion

CARACAS, 22 June—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez stressed on Sunday the importance of the expansion of the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA), with the formal accession of Ecuador, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Antigua and Barbuda to the regional bloc.

"The ALBA continues to grow in Latin America. Now we have nine nations to build a new project. It is the most dynamic

core," Chavez said during his TV-radio programme "Alo, President."

The three new members will formally join the ALBA on Wednesday.

The ALBA is a regional bloc created in 2004 by Cuba and Venezuela to counter the US-led Free Trade Area of the Americas (ALCA) supported by Canada, Mexico, Colombia and Peru.

Nicaragua, Bolivia, Dominica and Honduras

are also members of the ALBA.

Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa ratified on 25 May to join the bloc, after the country previously attending ALBA meetings as an observer.

The accession of the other two new members was approved during the last ALBA meeting held on 16 and 17 April before the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago.

Xinhua

Singaporeans urged to do their best to weather downturn

SINGAPORE, 22 June—Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on Sunday urged Singaporeans to make joint efforts to work through the economic downturn, as a society and country.

According to TV broadcaster Channel News Asia, Lee spoke at a community event that the economic crisis has caused bonuses dropping and unemployment going up in the country. He said that the government will help those looking for jobs and assistance, stressing that help must be given at different levels.

Singapore's total employment fell by 6,200 in the first quarter this year, the first quarterly contraction in nearly six years. The seasonally adjusted overall unemployment rate here rose to 3.3 percent in March 2009, while the resident unemployment rate increased to 4.8 percent in March 2009 from 3.6 percent in December 2008.

The country expects its gross domestic product for 2009 at minus 9.0 to minus 6.0 percent. —Xinhua

Russia sends Malaysian telecom satellite into orbit

MOSCOW, 22 June—Russia sent a Malaysian commercial telecom satellite into orbit from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan early on Monday, local media reported.

The Zenit 3SLB rocket, with the Malaysian telecom satellite Measat 1R atop, successfully blasted off from Baikonur at around 1:50 am Moscow time (2150 GMT on Sunday), said Russian federal space agency Roscosmos.

Hours later the satellite will completely separate from the DM SLB booster of the rocket, and enter the geostationary orbit slot at 91.5 degrees EL. The Measat 1R satellite was manufactured by a US company with a designed service life of 15 years.

It will provide high-quality communications in Asia, Australia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa, the *Itar-Tass* news agency reported.

Xinhua



A citizen admires pottery with a child in the National Art Museum of China in Beijing, China, on 20 June, 2009. An exhibition of Yixing ceramics was held in the National Art Museum of China in Beijing on Saturday, where over 200 pieces of ceramic artworks designed by Chinese ceramic masters were displayed.

Yixing is famous for its ceramics. —XINHUA

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Four-story residential building collapses in New York

NEW YORK, 22 June—A four-story residential and commercial building collapsed in the Clinton Hill section of Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday afternoon, with four people suffering minor injuries. Local TV channel NY1 cited fire officials as saying that several people were inside the building when it started to come down around 2 pm (0600 GMT). A little girl was among the injured in the collapse.

The reason for the collapse still remains unclear, said the report.

Fire officials were cited as saying that all of the injuries were minor and that only one person required hospital treatment. —Xinhua



People watch performances during a carnival held in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 21 June, 2009. Colourful performances attracted many citizens and tourists to attend the activity in Harbin on Sunday. XINHUA

S Korean FM heads to India for economic co-op talks

SEOUL, 22 June—South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan left for India on Monday for talks on ways to enhance economic ties between the two countries, officials said here.

"Minister Yu will meet with senior Indian officials in New Delhi, including Foreign Minister SM Krishna and Commerce Minister Anand Sharma, on Tuesday for talks on a range of bilateral and global issues," a South Korean foreign ministry official said.

The ministers will, in particular, be focusing on the issue of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), on which the two nations are in the final stage of negotiations, the officials added. Yu also plans to pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who retook the office late last month for a second consecutive five-year term.

Yu is scheduled to wrap up his visit and fly back home on Wednesday.

Xinhua

PetroChina completes purchase of 45.5% of Singapore Petroleum shares

BEIJING, 22 June—PetroChina Company Limited announced on Sunday that it had completed purchase of 45.51 percent shares of refiner Singapore Petroleum and would make a buyout offer for the rest of its shares.

PetroChina would offer 6.25 Singapore dollars per share in cash. The deal would cost 1.47 billion Singapore dollars (1.02 billion US dollars) in total, according to the statement.

PetroChina, the listed unit of the nation's biggest oil and gas producer, said earlier on 24 May that it entered into a conditional agreement through its Singapore subsidiary to acquire 45.51 percent of the total issued share capital of Singapore Petroleum.

The agreement was signed between PetroChina's indirectly wholly owned subsidiary, PetroChina International (Singapore) Pte Ltd, and Keppel Oil and Gas Services Pte Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Singapore-based Keppel Corporation Limited. —Xinhua

Gaza's two years under Hamas: order and absurdity

GAZA CITY, 22 June—Two years after Hamas seized power, the Gaza Strip is a jumble of absurdities: an economy sustained by smuggling through tunnels, a civil service that gets paid on condition it doesn't work, and a population no longer fearful of gangs but feeling muzzled under the thumb of Hamas.

Under a border closure enforced by Egypt and Is-

rael, the UN says, shampoo can come in but conditioner can't.

Nor can toys, candy or footballs.

The blockade was imposed on Gaza to drive the Islamic militants from power by cutting off all but basic humanitarian needs.

Instead it has entrenched their power while forcing hundreds of thousands deeper into poverty and making Gaza

more of an obstacle to any peace deal.

Voices calling for new thinking are growing louder, with the Obama administration arguing that squeezing ordinary Gazans is a recipe for instability.

But there's no clear path forward, since opening the borders would require engaging the militants whom much of the world has shunned.

Internet



In this photo taken on 20 June, 2009, Palestinian smugglers are seen inside a tunnel from Egypt to the Gaza Strip under the border in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.—INTERNET

Carnivorous dinosaur's teeth discovered

TAMBA, 22 June—Museum officials in Japan say fossilized teeth from an ancestor of the tyrannosaurus have been found in the Hyogo Prefecture.

Museum of Nature and Human Activities officials said the teeth found in Tamba were inside strata thought to be up to 140 million years old, *Kyodo* reported on Sunday.

Curator Haruo Saegusa

said the fossils indicate the carnivorous dinosaur they came from was likely nearly 16.5 feet long.

Saegusa added if the fossils' age was similar to that of the strata it was discovered in, the finding would represent an early ancestor of the tyrannosaurus, the Japanese news agency said.

"If the dinosaur belongs to the same era as

the strata, the tyrannosaurus could have started to grow larger much earlier than thought," Saegusa said.

Kyodo reported the tens of millions of years thought to separate the fossilized dinosaur from the later tyrannosaurus age may indicate the earlier dinosaur may have been evolving.

Internet

A-bomb illness list expanded

TOKYO, 22 June—Liver dysfunction and hypothyroidism will be added to a list of diseases resulting from the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japanese officials said.

The list is maintained by the government to certify those affected by radiation from the bombings to become eligible for the 137,000 yen or about \$1,390 a month in medical allowances.

The decision by a government panel of medical experts under the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare to add liver dys-

function and hypothyroidism stems from a recent court ruling favouring those seeking such a decision, *Kyodo*

reported. The ruling was the latest in a series of court defeats for the government.

Internet

China to recruit 120,000 graduates to join Army in 2009

BEIJING, 22 June—The People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China will recruit more than 120,000 college graduates this year, a military source said here Sunday.

According to a website run by the Ministry of Education to help college graduates find jobs, it is the first time the PLA has recruited college graduates on such a large scale, as the Army seeks to improve its overall quality by drawing more talent and advancing its science and technology.

Internet



A visitor shoots photos of the blooming Titan Arum (*Amorphophallus titanum*) or "Corpse Flower" at the Huntington Botanical Garden in San Marino of California, the United States. Native to the equatorial rain forests of Sumatra, the *Amorphophallus titanum* can reach more than 6 feet in height when it blooms, opening to a diameter of 3-4 feet. But the plant is perhaps most famous-or infamous-for its exceptionally foul odor. Hence the nickname, Corpse Flower.

Ancient man-made cave found in Israel

A giant man-made underground cavern from the era of the Roman Empire has been found in Israel's Jordan Valley, scientists say.

Researchers from Haifa University's Department of Archaeology say the cave was used as a quarry and perhaps later as an ancient monastery, The Jerusalem Post reported on Sunday.

The cave was found in March just north of Jericho and is the largest man-made cave ever found in Israel, the newspaper said.

Its main hall is reportedly held up by 22 pillars, on which are carved roman numerals, a Roman legion's pennant, crosses and zodiac-like symbols.

Professor Adam Zertal, who headed the dig, told the Post he dates the cavern to 1 AD. "Initially, the place was utilized as a quarry, which was active for 400 to 500 years," Zertal said.

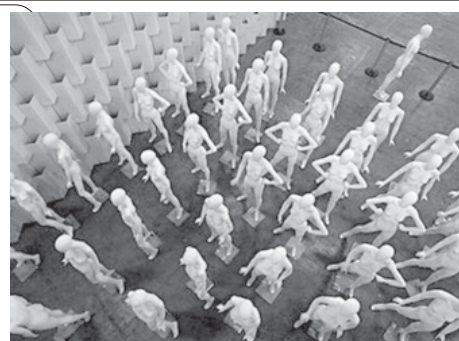
Mannequins are seen outside a fashion parade room at the Biennial building in Sao Paulo, Brazil, ahead of the Sao Paulo Fashion Week show. Latin America's biggest show runs between on 17 and 23 June.

Artists offer hints at mummy's former face

A curator at the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute says two artists came up with very similar renditions of a 2,800-year-old Egyptian mummy's face.

Curator Emily Teeter said while artists Joshua Harker and Mike Brassell used separate police forensic methods to determine what the mummified Egyptian court singer Meresamun once looked like, their final products were extremely similar, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Sunday.

"They are so close that we feel pleased that we're giving people a pretty good idea of what Meresamun looked like in life," Teeter said. The two artists each used CT-scan images of the mummy's skull as a basis for their forensic investigation and the only major differences between their creations lay in their renderings' noses and chins.



NEWS ALBUM



Hamimelon farmers attend a unique cutting and eating hamimelon contest in Yilanlik township of Toksun County, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, to cheer the coming of harvest season.

Two infants die in parked car in Japan

Two baby brothers apparently died of heatstroke after being left in their parents' parked car in Sanjo, Japan, police said.

Niigata Prefecture police said the boys, listed as 1 year and 11 months old, had been left sleeping in the car after the family arrived home from a trip about 5:30 am Sunday, *Kyodo* reported.

Police identified the children as Kanade and Hayata, sons of 33-year-old Hitoshi Takatsuki, the Japanese news agency said.



Information Minister inspects regional development tasks in Magway Div



**Minister
Brig-Gen
Kyaw Hsan
delivering
speech in meeting
with departmental
personnel,
members of
social organizations
and local people
in Saw
Township.**

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NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan coordinated regional development tasks in meeting with local people at Yawmingyi U Pho Hlaing hall in Saw Township, Gantgaw District in Magway Division on 18 June morning.

The meeting was attended by district/township departmental personnel and members of social organizations, totalling 5200 villagers from 11 village-tracts.

After hearing reports

on progress of regional development tasks and requirements submitted by locals, the minister attended to the needs and delivered a speech.

Next, the minister presented cash for renovation of dispensary in Thiri Ward, construction of libraries in Anyar Katin Village and Laeyin Village, connecting water pipe to ensure water supply in Minlae Village, exercise books for students and clothes for local people through responsible persons.

Chairperson of Myanmar Women's Affairs Organization of Saw Township Daw Mya Mya Aye donated publications to village libraries on behalf of Information Department of MWAF. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan then cordially greeted the local people.

The minister also met with locals at Kangyi Village, Saw Township where he urged them to carry out regional development tasks. It was attended by district/township departmental

personnel, members of social organizations and a total of over 5200 local people from 16 villages and wards from Kyaukhtu Township.

After hearing reports on progress of development tasks and requirements presented by local people at the meeting, the minister coordinated and fulfilled the requirements.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented cash for supplying water

to affiliated basic education high school in Kangyi Village and Kyauk Pyin Village, making desks and benches for Kyaukhtu BEHS, construction of BEPS in Yayshin Village and exercise books for students and clothes for local people through responsible persons.

Member of Myanmar Women's Affairs Organization of Kyaukhtu Township Daw Thin Thin donated

publications on behalf of Information Department of MWAF.

The minister cordially greeted those present after the meeting.

On 21 June, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan also visited the office of Information and Public Relations Department in Saw Township in which he inspected bulletins, posters and documentary photos and gave necessary instructions.

MNA



Director of Information and Public Relations Department U Than Tun, well-wisher U Thein Htwe (Nansein cafe and confectionary) and Chairman of library committee U Win Naung cut the ribbon to open "Ar-manthit" self-reliant library in Thayagon Village, Zabuthiri Township recently.—IPRD

Five special criminal appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Yangon) U Thein

Soe, Supreme Court judges of the Supreme Court (Yangon) U Khin Myint and U Tin Aye sitting at court room No.1 of the Supreme Court (Nay

Pyi Taw) heard five special criminal appeal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, on 22 June 2009.

MNA

Baron's "Commands Respect" Amateur Golf Challenge 2009 held in Bagan



YANGON, 21 June — With the sponsorship of Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Baron's "Commands Respect" Amateur Golf

Challenge 2009, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, took place at Bagan Golf Course, in Bagan on 21 June morning.

A total of qualified 12 players taking part in the event, Thiha Aung stood first with 74 strokes; Soe Moe Aung, second with 74 strokes; Aung Kyaw Thu, third with 75 strokes; Than Naing Oo, fourth with 76 strokes; Maung Maung Oo, fifth with 76 strokes;

Khin Maung Aye, sixth with 76 strokes; Naing Ye Lin, seventh with 77 strokes; Lin The, eighth with 77 strokes.

Qualified eight players who will win in that event will go on to take part in the tournament to be held in Thiri Khittaya Golf Course in Pyay, Bago Division and four players of that event will keep on at Panhlaing Golf Course in Yangon.

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Talk on "Tourism Related Insurance" by UMTA

YANGON, 21 June—Union of Myanmar Travel Association has conducted talks not only for the human resource development task but also for wide knowledge of tourism industry.

So, a talk organized by the UMTA will be held at the Asia Plaza Hotel at 2

p.m. on 27 June, 2009. Dr. Maung Maung Theim will gave a talk on "Tourism Related Insurance".

Those interested may contact office of Union of Myanmar Travel Association (559672, 559673, 545707).—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June
– Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor Mr Ma Biao at the meeting room of Liyuan Guesthouse in Nanning at 2.30 pm on 20 June.

Also present at the call were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, 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, 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 SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of the Political Department U Kyaw Tin, Director-General of the



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor Mr Ma Biao at the meeting room of Liyuan Guesthouse in Nanning.—MNA

Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe and officials.

Together with Governor Mr Ma Biao were Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, Vice-Governor Mr Chen Wu, Secretary General Mr Wang Ywe Fei, Deputy Secretary General Mr Wei Jitian, Director-General of Foreign Affairs Ms Fan Xiaoli and Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs Mr Gu Hang.

First, the governor

said he was delighted to see Vice-Senior General Maung Aye in Nanning. The visit of Myanmar goodwill delegation is successful as important project agreements have been signed. In addition, the visit has further cemented the friendship and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Again, the friendship and economic cooperation between Myanmar and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region will be further cemented. It is found that

the bilateral trade volume increased by over 90 percent in 2008.

The governor said he believes the visit will further strengthen economic cooperation. Discussions between the merchants from both sides also have met with success. He added that China welcomed and invited Myanmar to attend the Sixth China-ASEAN Trade Fair to be held this year.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye expressed thanks for warm welcome and hospitality to the

goodwill delegation. He said the two former Prime Ministers had been to Nanning and there were friendship and economic cooperation. The friendship between Myanmar and China is based on Paukphaw relations. Paukphaw relations could have been established by exchanging lots of visits of the leaders of the two countries. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye added his goodwill visit will further strengthen the existing relations and cooperation.

The former Chinese Premier Mr Zhou Enlai visited Myanmar nine times. Every time he visited, he would stay for long and that reflected the friendship between the two countries. Then, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye invited the governor to visit Myanmar at an opportune time.

After the meeting, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the governor exchanged gifts and posed for a documentary photo.

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Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye...

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After observing the lake, the Myanmar delegation arrived back at Zhejiang Xizi Hotel.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party left the hotel by car and arrived at Ling Yin Si Temple where they were welcomed by the Abbot of the Temple and the Director-General of Hangzhou Buddhist University.

After viewing round the temple, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party presented offertories to the Abbot and made cash donations.

After that, they left the temple and arrived back at Zhejiang Xizi Hotel.

In the evening, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party, accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, arrived at Hangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone where they were welcomed by Deputy Secretary Mr Jianguo Yu of the

Management Commission of Hangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone and officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were briefed by Deputy Secretary Mr Jianguo Yu on the opening of the development zone in 1999 and efforts being made for opening more industrial zones in Hangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone.

On arrival at Hangzhou Hollysys Automation Co Ltd, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed by officials concerned.

During their observing the automation control machines produced by the company, members of the Myanmar delegation were conducted round by officials of the company.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party had a documentary photo taken together with officials of the company.

Members of the Myanmar delegation

proceeded to Hangzhou Wahaha Group Co Ltd and they were welcomed there by the Chairman of the company and officials.

After looking into the production process of the company, members of the Myanmar delegation left the factory.

After that, members of the Myanmar delegation left Zhejiang Xizi Hotel at 5.10 pm and arrived at Hangzhou International Airport.

They left the airport and arrived at Nanning International Airport at 8.45 pm.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed at the airport by Director-General of Foreign Affairs Department Mr Fan Xiaoli of Guangxi Zhuang Province and officials.

Members of Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San left the airport by car and arrived at Liyuan Guest House and stayed for the night there.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye plants Province's valuable Sweet-Scented Osmanthus Tree to mark goodwill visit in Guangxi Zhuang Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and goodwill...

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and delegation members posed for documentary photo with Mr. Huang Jianqiu, Director-General of Guangxi Zhuang Province Agricultural Department, and officials of Guangxi Zhuang Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone.

Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San left Guesthouse in Nanning by a motorcade at 3 p.m on 20 June and arrived at the Nanning International Airport.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and delegation members were seen off by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and wife, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo and officials of Guangxi Zhuang Province at the Nanning International Airport.

Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Daw Mya Mya San left Nanning International Airport by special flight at 3 pm and arrived back at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport at 4.30 p.m.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at Guangxi Zhuang Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone.—MNA

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Director-General of Provincial Financial Department Mr. Su dao yan and senior officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Guo Sheng Kun said that he warmly welcomed Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and delegation members. He thanked Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and delegation members for goodwill visit to Guangxi Zhuang Province.

He said that China and Myanmar were geographically contiguous and the peoples of the two nations have had friendly relations from time immemorial, that the friendship between the two nations would be strengthened through constant cooperation, and that he believed Vice-Senior General Maung Aye's goodwill visit would be a shot in the arm for the bilateral relations.

He continued that he would like to tell something about Guangxi province, that it was an autonomous region, home to 38 national races and had a population of 55 million.

He said that the province had been cooperating with many foreign countries, that the Government of

the People's Republic of China wanted the province to become a region that has close contact with ASEAN member nations, China-ASEAN trade fair and summit had been held in the region five times and preparations were being made for the sixth, that they wanted Myanmar to attend it as there would also be a separate meeting on agriculture.

The secretary went on to say that agriculture was the main industry of Guangxi province, that agriculture constituted 20 per cent of GDP and that research was being done on agricultural technology and quality strains of crops.

Moreover, projects on a refinery, a paper factory, a steel plant and a power plant were being established and that China was the largest producer of aluminium in the world and that, as Myanmar was also rich in natural resources, they would like to cooperate in the mining sector, the secretary said.

Finally, the secretary said that PRC would like to promote friendly relations by exchange of visit by high-ranking officials and increase cooperation in various sectors, that Chinese entrepreneurs would accompany him during his visit to Myanmar in July and that he wanted Myanmar entrepreneurs to meet Chinese entrepreneurs at that time.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that he thanked the authorities concerned of Guangxi province for their hospitality and explanation about the province.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye also said that the purpose of his goodwill delegation was to strengthen the mutual friendship and raise the momentum of economic cooperations.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye continued that Myanmar and China shared a common border more than 1,300 miles long, that the peoples of the two

China would like to promote friendly relations by exchange of visit by high-ranking officials and increase cooperation in various sectors.

countries had had brotherly relations for a long time, that the purpose of his delegation was to make the friendly bilateral relations for lasting till generations to come, two Myanmar prime ministers visited Guangxi province, that he realized, through their reports, Guangxi province wanted to engaged in economic cooperation with Myanmar and that, for this purpose, his delegation planned to visit Guangxi province during the goodwill visit to PRC.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye went on to say that ministers and private entrepreneurs accompanied him to coordinate the ways and means of promoting the mutual interests of the two nations quickly and speedily and that he believed economic cooperation for mutual interests would be discussed and implemented during his current visit and during the coming visit by the Secretary of Communist Party of Guangxi province.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Secretary of Communist Party of Guangxi province Mr Guo Sheng Kun exchanged souvenirs and posed for documentary photos.

Afterwards, Secretary of Communist Party of Guangxi Autonomous Region Mr Guo Sheng Kun host a lunch at International Conference Hall in honour of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and members of the delegation.—MNA

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Ministers discuss respective sectors during goodwill visit to China

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The ministers, who accompanied Vice-Senior General Maung Aye during his goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China, held discussions in their respective sectors.

On 17 June morning, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and a group of merchants led by President U Win Myint of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met Chinese merchants led by Vice-Chairman of China Council for Promotion of International Trade Mr Zhang Wei, Chairman Ma Lu of International Cooperation for SMEs and Deputy Director General of Internal Trade Department Mr Han Meiajiuyi at the meeting hall of CCPIT in Beijing and discussed sale of beans and pulses, sesame, rice, fruits and cotton, purchase of machines and spare parts and investment in mineral sector.

On 18 June morning, Ministers U Soe Tha and Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and the merchant group met economic entrepreneurs led by Director General of Trade Department of Shannxi Province Professor Ms Li Xucmei at Sheraton Hotel and discussed sale of agricultural, mineral and marine products and purchase of machinery, construction materials and electronics.

Likewise, on 20 June morning Ministers U Soe Tha and Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and the merchant group met Chinese entrepreneurs led by Guangxi Zhuang Province Vice-Governor Mr Chun Wu at Li Yuan Resort Conference Hall and discussed bilateral cooperation in trade and investment. At 9.30 am, they visited the construction site of Myanmar representative's office in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Province. An official reported on progress in construction and the ministers gave instructions on timely completion of the project.

Minister U Soe Tha met Vice-Chairman Mr

Chen Gong of China Gexhurma Group International Engineering Co Ltd (CGEC) on 16 June and Chairman Mr Wang Xsheug of China National Technical Import and Export Corporation (CNTIC) on 17 June separately. Both sides discussed prospects of expanding investments in electric, mineral, energy and production sectors.

Similarly, Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min called on President Mr Luqizhou of China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) on 16 June and President Mr Bao Mingu of Yunnan Provincial Investment Holding Group Co Ltd (YIC) on 20 June separately and discussed electric power sector.

Likewise, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met CNOOC Vice President Mr Zhao Shou Wei at

Daoyutai State Guesthouse on 16 June and discussed matters related to the energy sector. He met Vice President of Exim Bank of China Mr Shu Xinqang and discussed monetary matters. He also met CNPC President Mr Jiang Jiemin at CNPC building and discussed crude oil and connection of gas pipelines. On 17 June, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi met Vice President of HQCEC Mrs Wang Xing Ge at Daoyutai State Guesthouse and discussed matters related to construction fertilizer factories in Myanmar. Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi met President Mr Bo Qiliang of CNODC and discussed matters related to off-shore oil blocks. He also discussed matters related to exploration of oil in inland block (D) with Vice Chairman Mr Zhang Yaocang of SINOPEC.—MNA



Ministers U Soe Tha, Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and President U Win Myint of UMFCFI and party meeting with Chinese merchants led by Director General of Trade Department of Shannxi Province Professor Ms Li Xucmei at Sheraton Hotel.—MNA

Myanmar delegation attends second disaster risk reduction workshop



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe attends Second Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction workshop in Geneva.—SWRR

YANGON, 22 June —Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe together with permanent representative ambassador U Wunna Maung Lwin of Myanmar Permanent Representatives office in Geneva and officials attended Second

Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction workshop in Geneva, Switzerland from 16 to 19 June.

On 16 June, the opening ceremony of the workshop started with recorded greetings of Secretary-General of United Nations. Chair-

man of Swiss Confederation extended greetings. The progress in disaster risk reduction had been discussed in the seminar. Representatives from Arab region, Pacific island region, American Nations, African Nations, European Council and ASEAN region pre-

sented tasks in disaster risk reduction and protection, progress in resettlement and reducing climate change of their respective countries.

Leader of Myanmar representative the minister attended a luncheon hosted by Chairman of the workshop to senior officials on 16 June. The minister presented tasks in rescue and resettlement striving carried out by Tatmadaw and civil services, achievement in cooperation of Myanmar government, ASEAN and UN, programme of disaster risk reduction in future and planning disaster reduction project of Myanmar.

A total of 1800 representatives from 146 UN member countries, UN associations and NGO attended the workshop.

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Premier coffee & Ginsetin singer selection contest held in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 22 June — Part (1) of Premier Coffee singer selection and Miss Ginsetin contest sponsored by Premier Coffee Company & Ginsetin Korean Ginseng was held in central Myanmar.

In this trip, the part (2) of the contest has been held in Patheingyi since 14 June.

The contest will also be held in other towns such as Myaungmya, Hinthada, Pyawon, Maubin and the company will award the handsome prizes to the winners and serve them drinks, give away presents and organize lucky draw programme together with entertainment programme.

The first prize winners in those towns are to participate in Yangon Capital Hyper Market contest and the company will award handsome prizes to the first, second and winners. Anyone can participate in the contest free of charge. The company will also organize contest parts 3, 4, 5 and 6 as a token of gratitude to the customers.

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Say No to Drug



Flu may cut Mexico Q2 GDP by 2.2%

SEOUL, 22 June—The fallout from the new H1N1 flu could cut 2.2 per cent from Mexico's gross domestic product for the second quarter, the World Bank said on Monday.

"Should recent levels of disruption in the commerce, restaurant, hotel and transportation businesses in the Mexico City region persist, they could reduce second-quarter GDP by as much as 2.2 per cent," it said in The Global Development Finance 2009 report released in Seoul on the sidelines of an international conference.

Slammed by the US recession, Mexico's economy shrank 8.2 per cent in the first quarter compared to the year-ago quarter, its biggest economic contraction since 1995.

But some experts say Mexico's economy may have already hit bottom and have predicted growth in the second half of 2009.

Last week, the central bank cut rates for the sixth straight month but warned its easing cycle is nearly over.—MNA/Reuters

Iran accuses VOA, BBC of stirring up post-election unrest

TEHERAN, 22 June—Iran has accused Voice of America (VOA) and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) of stirring up unrest in the country amid a dispute over the recent presidential election, the satellite channel Press TV reported on Sunday.

The two news outlets sought to stir up ethnic discord across Iran in the hope of fomenting the country's disintegration, Press TV quoted Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Hassan Qashqavi as saying on Saturday.

"The channels act as command posts engineering the ongoing post-election riots," he said. The Foreign Ministry spokesman also said that the two media served as the mouthpieces of the United States and Britain.

"VOA and BBC are state-funded channels and

not privately-run. Their budgets are ratified in the US Congress, as well as the British Parliament," Qashqavi said.

He warned that any sort of contact with the two channels either through e-mail or telephone "runs against Iranian national sovereignty and is considered as an act of

enmity towards the Iranian nation."

On June 13, Iran's Interior Minister Sadeq Mahsouli said incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad won 62.63 per cent of the total ballots on June 12, while his main rival Mir-Hossein Mousavi got 33.75 per cent.—MNA/Xinhua

Death toll from Iraq's Kirkuk blast rises to 73

KIRKUK (Iraq), 22 June —The death toll from Iraq's deadliest bombing in more than a year rose to 73, police said on Sunday, a day after a suicide bomber detonated a truck packed with explosives outside a mosque in the north of the country. More than half of the victims were pulled from the rubble and dust of around 70 clay brick homes that were flattened in the explosion near the northern city of Kirkuk, said Brigadier General Najeh Mohammed, the local head of civil defence.

"We expect that there are still some dead bodies under the rubble. But the chances are less than before," said Mohammed. A survivor of the powerful explosion, Askar Zaman, said 10 of his relatives were killed, including sons and grandsons. Another, Hussein Azab, said he lost eight members of his family.

MNA/Reuters



Bombings killed as many as 18 people in the Baghdad area on Monday as violence intensifies ahead of a planned withdrawal next week of U.S. troops from major cities and urban areas.—INTERNET

Ahmadinejad tells US, Britain to not interfere

TEHERAN, 22 June—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told the United States and Britain on Sunday to stop interfering in the Islamic Republic's internal affairs after its presidential election, the ISNA news agency said.

"Definitely by hasty remarks you will not be placed in the circle of friendship with the Iranian nation. Therefore I advise you to correct your interfering stances," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying in a meeting with clerics and scholars.

Ahmadinejad, who often rails against the West, was directing this remark at US President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, ISNA said. Many Western countries have criticized the election, which was won by Ahmadinejad according to official figures, and its aftermath. His main opponent, moderate Mirhossein Mousavi, says the vote was rigged. The government denies the charge.

"They (Western countries) want to portray as small the great and powerful position that has been created for the Iranian nation inside and outside after the recent election, by which of course they made a mistake and they showed they still do not know the Iranian nation," Ahmadinejad said.—MNA/Reuters



Grave markers are silhouetted by the a swirling cloud of a severe thunderstorm as it passes over a rural cemetery near Wellsville, Kan on Saturday, 20 June, 2009. The cell had earlier produced a small tornado but caused no damage.—INTERNET

Seven killed in French helicopter crash

PARIS, 22 June—Seven people, including six employees of an amusement park, were killed when a helicopter crashed in a rural area of eastern France on Saturday night, local authorities said.

The accident happened near the small town of Bregnier-Cordon, where people playing bowls alerted authorities after seeing the helicopter go down.

"For the moment, there is no explanation, no one can say whether it was a technical issue or to do with the pilot", Albert Dupuy, a regional official told France Info radio.—MNA/Reuters

Gazprom Neft reverses Sibir's leadership reshuffle

MOSCOW, 22 June—Mid-sized Russian oil firm Sibir Energy has re-appointed Stuard Detmer its chief executive at the request of its largest shareholder, Gazprom Neft, the company said on Monday.

The change reverses last week's management reshuffle, which saw Detmer replaced by Gazprom Neft's top legal expert Igor Tsibelman.

The annual shareholders' meeting of Gazprom Neft, the oil arm of gas export monopoly Gazprom, is scheduled for Monday, where the company's efforts to gain greater control of Sibir are likely to be discussed.

The appointment of Tsibelman last Thursday was seen as part of Gazprom Neft's drive to take operational control of London-listed Sibir after it spent more than one billion US dollars amassing a stake of 34 per cent.

Tsibelman will now become the first deputy chief executive to Detmer, "to ensure the seamless transition of the management of the company", Sibir said in a statement.—MNA/Reuters



In this photo taken on 22 June, 2009 in Le Mans, western France, Bib-endum, the symbol of Michelin tiremaker, is seen during a car parade for the 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race.—INTERNET

Two New Yorkers got hitched in zero gravity on Saturday in the first publicized weightless wedding.
INTERNET



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TENDER. IFB No. 31/ Local/2009

Supply of Tyre, Electrical and General Items (23 lots) are invited from Local Suppliers by FEC Currency.

CLOSING DATE will be on 7th July 2009 at 12:00 hr.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BANTEN VOY NO (052) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Auckland population may rise to 2 mln by 2031

WELLINGTON, 22 June—The population of New Zealand's largest city of Auckland may double to 2 million by 2031, Statistics New Zealand predicted on Monday.

The prediction came in a report on population trends in the Auckland region prepared by Statistics New Zealand.

And with New Zealand's aging population, the number of Aucklanders over the age of 65 is predicted to increase by 146 percent to 300,000.

Statistics New Zealand said Auckland's population is becoming increasingly mobile, with overseas migrants coming in and the number of people leaving for other parts of the country also rising. —Internet

Qantas flight hits turbulence, injuring seven

CANBERRA, 22 June—A Qantas flight from Hong Kong to Perth plunged about 100 feet (30 meters) after striking severe turbulence on Monday, injuring seven people. The Qantas A330-300 Airbus, with 206 passengers and 13 crews on board, was four hours out of Hong Kong when it hit an air pocket over Borneo, according to Qantas spokesman David Epstein.

Passenger Keith Huxtable described the brief but terrifying plunge as "like falling out of a 30-storey building".

Although several passengers without their seatbelts fastened were hurled around the cabin, most of the injuries are believed to have been minor.

Epstein said the Air Transport Safety Bureau was investigating the incident.

He said the pilot aboard QF68, Captain Brett Flack, had decided it was safe to fly onto Perth after the injuries had been reported back to medical authorities in Australia. Ambulance officers went on board the aircraft to treat the injured when it landed in Perth. —Xinhua

Virginia man wins spelling title after 51 years

BEIJING, 22 June—It took Michael Petrina Jr 51 years to finally win a national spelling bee.

The Arlington, Va, man bested 45 other spellers older than 50 to win the AARP's annual National Spelling Bee last Saturday in Cheyenne. The 64-year-old's winning word was "woad," a plant whose leaves yield a blue dye.

AARP spokeswoman Joanne Bowlby says Petrina won his state's national spelling bee when he was 13, but then lost at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

In second place Saturday was 55-year-old Scott Firebaugh of Knoxville, Tenn, and in third place was 66-year-old Gil Coutts of Bigfork, Mont. Petrina won 500 US dollars, a trophy and dictionary kit. The AARP bee started in 1996. —Internet

Study shows dinosaurs much lighter than previously thought

WASHINGTON, 22 June —Dinosaurs may not have been as monstrously heavy as previously thought, because of flaws in the statistical model to calculate their weight, researchers reported on Sunday.

Widely cited estimates for the mass of Apatosaurus louisae, one of the largest of the dinosaurs, may be double that of its actual mass, the researcher said in the Zoological Society of London's Journal of Zoology.

Apatosaurus was said to have weighted 38 tons but its actual mass may be only 18 tons, they claimed.

"Paleontologists have for 25 years used a published statistical model to estimate body weight of giant dinosaurs and other extraordinarily large animals in extinct lineages," lead researcher Gary Packard from Colorado State University said in a statement.

Internet



This artist's illustration shows a male of the medium-sized predatory dinosaur Troodon, which lived in North America in the late Cretaceous Period, brooding over a clutch of eggs.— XINHUA

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



Heart attacks more survivable in US

LOS ANGELES, 22 June — Heart attacks have become less fatal in the United States due to improved health care, a new study shows.

After reviewing more than 10,000 first heart attacks in four widely separated areas of the United States, researchers found only a marginal decrease in the heart attack death rate, from 5.3 percent in 1987 down to 3.8 percent in 2002.

But when researchers looked at 20 indicators of severity, they found that

heart attacks today are not as damaging and deadly as in years past, according to the study published by *Health Day News* on Sunday. "There are several possible reasons why heart attacks are not killing as many people," said lead researcher Dr Merle Myerson, director of the cardiovascular disease prevention programme at St Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.

"We need to look at those and determine how we should train the next generation of health-care

providers to continue this progress," said Myerson.

Part of the reason for that, Myerson said, lies in the quality of care people are receiving at the hospital. There are better medications available, including anti-platelet and anti-coagulant drugs to help clear blockages.

There also are better medical procedures available, with more doctors becoming skilled at performing angioplasty and bypass surgeries and implanting stents to open blocked arteries, she added.—*Internet*



A bunch of children toys. Canada's Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq on Friday proposed banning six commonly-used chemicals in soft vinyl toys and child-care articles, as well as new strict limits for lead in products.—INTERNET

Green tea may slow prostate cancer

SHREVEPORT, 22 June — Men who consumed compounds in green tea showed a reduction in serum markers predictive of prostate cancer progression, US researchers said.

James A Cardelli of the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, and colleagues conducted an open-label, single-arm, phase II clinical trial to determine the effects of short-term supplementation with green tea's active compounds on serum biomarkers in patients with prostate cancer.

The biomarkers include hepatocyte growth factor, vascular endothelial growth factor and prostate specific antigen. HGF and VEGF are good prognostic indicators of metastatic disease, Cardelli said. The study included 26 men, ages 41-72 years, diagnosed with prostate cancer and scheduled for radical prostatectomy — removal of the prostate.

Internet

China has raised taxes on tobacco by six to 11% in an effort to pad state coffers and curb smoking in the world's largest cigarette market, according to the government and state press.
INTERNET

Researchers claim breakthrough in AIDS treatment

WASHINGTON, 22 June — A group of Canadian and American researchers announced on Sunday they had discovered where the AIDS virus hides, a breakthrough that they claim could lead to a possible method for eradicating HIV infection. The researchers believe a combination of targeted chemotherapy and antiretroviral drugs could be one day used to attack so-called "HIV reservoirs" — immune system cells where the virus plays hide-and-seek.

"Current medications allow us to control HIV and limit its progression in most cases," said lead researcher Rafick-Pierre Sekaly of the University of Montreal, whose paper appeared in the journal *Nature Medicine*.

"However, the medications do not eradicate the disease. Instead, the disease persists within the body — much like water in a reservoir — and is never fully destroyed. We believe our latest research may help scientists and physicians overcome this hurdle," Sekaly

said.

The researchers found that the AIDS virus is able to survive within two subsets of memory T-cells. Memory T-cells are a portion of the body's immune system and have the ability to learn, detect and attack certain types of infectious diseases. Once the virus is hidden in these reservoir cells, it becomes dependent on them: if the cell lives, the virus lives, but if the cell dies, so does the virus. It persists in memory T-cells through cell division. As such, destroying these immune cells will lead to the elimination of the resilient or hidden parts of the virus, the researcher said.

Existing drug cocktails known as highly active antiretroviral therapy of HAART destroy the AIDS virus circulating in the body, yet cannot reach those hidden in reservoir cells, they said.

"Based on this research, we believe one possible method for eliminating HIV in the body is to use a combined approach," said Sekaly.—*Internet*

China raises tobacco tax to curb smoking

BEIJING, 22 June — China has raised taxes on tobacco by six to 11 percent in an effort to pad state coffers and curb smoking in the world's largest cigarette

market, according to the government and state press.

Tobacco wholesalers have also been hit with a five percent levy according to new tax rates that went into effect on 1 May but were announced over the weekend, the State Administration of Taxation said in a notice on its website.

"Efforts to increase the tobacco tax and lift tobacco prices have proven the most effective in reducing smoking among smokers of all income levels," the China Daily quoted the Chinese Association of Tobacco Control as saying Monday. "It will prevent young people from smoking and encourage more smokers to quit the harmful habit."

Tax on more expensive brands of cigarettes went up from 45 percent to 56 percent per carton, while the tax on cheaper tobacco saw an increase to 36 percent from 30 percent, the administration said.—*Internet*



A/H1N1 flu cases in Asia-Pacific region

HONG KONG, 22 June — The following is the latest confirmed cases of Influenza A/H1N1 in the Asia-Pacific region on Sunday:

Japan: 846; Australia: 2,330; South Korea: 105; China: 797 (414 in mainland, 320 in Hong Kong, 60 in Taiwan, 3 in Macao); New Zealand: 258; the Philippines: 428; Thailand: 589; Malaysia 50; India: 59; Singapore: 142; Vietnam: 37; French Polynesia: 1; Papua New Guinea: 1; Fiji: 1; Sri Lanka 4; Samoa: 1; Laos: 1. Bangladesh: 1.—*Internet*

Nicaragua reports 23 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

MANAGUA, 22 June — The Nicaraguan Health authorities reported Sunday 23 new cases of the A/H1N1 influenza, raising the country's total infections to 216. Nicaragua has not reported any deaths so far.

The Health Ministry said that among the 216 cases in the country, 143 have recovered after medical treatment, while the remaining is in stable condition. The ministry also said that 81 percent of the cases were from the Managua Province, while 6 percent from Masaya and 5 percent from Leon.

The Nicaraguan government said that next week a number of schools will be reopened, including those located in the Monezenor Lazcano district in west Managua, where the country's first case of the pandemic was reported.—*Internet*

Colombia confirms second case of A/H1N1 flu death

BOGOTA, 22 June — Colombia confirmed on Sunday that a 28-year-old man infected with A/H1N1 influenza had died on 19 June in the capital Bogota, becoming the country's second case of death from the new disease.

The Social Protection Ministry said the man developed symptoms of influenza on 17 June and consulted a medical institution on 18 June, when his condition had already become very serious.

The man died of multi-organ failure on 19 June after his systemic symptoms suddenly deteriorated.

"The man did not have contact with infected foreign people, nor did he travel to foreign countries," said the ministry. "It was a non-imported case."

Internet

SPORTS

Hoffenheim sign Argentine Zuculini



18-year-old midfielder Franco Zuculini from Argentina's Racing Club Avellaneda.—INTERNET

BERLIN, 22 June—German top flight side Hoffenheim said on Sunday they have signed 18-year-old midfielder Franco Zuculini from Argentina's Racing Club Avellaneda for 4.7 million euros.

"Franco is a player full of talent and he has a lot of heart," said Hoffenheim manager Jan Schindelmeiser.

"Franco should come to Germany in a few days for final medical tests. We have agreed his contractual conditions with his father though the deal has yet to be signed," added Schindelmeiser.

Werder Bremen had also been tracking the youngster. Zuculini could be followed to Germany by his brother Bruno. Senegalese striker Demba Ba meanwhile is still angling for a move from Hoffenheim to VfB Stuttgart, who want him to fill the hole left by Mario Gomez, who has joined Bayern Munich for 30 million euros.—INTERNET

Nakamura decides to move to Espanyol

TOKYO, 22 June—Japanese midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura has decided to move to Espanyol from Celtic after talks over a transfer to his former club Yokohama Marinos collapsed, according to *Jiji Press*. Officials of the J-League club confirmed the decision after holding



Japanese midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura

talks with Nakamura's agent on Monday, *Jiji Press* reported. Club officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

Nakamura, 31, had initially expressed his readiness to resign with the Marinos when his contract with the former Scottish champions expires at the end of this month. But the talks with Yokohama stalled, with Nakamura's side reportedly citing the club's "insincerity" over financial matters and requests for his appearances in club events before he signed a contract.

Internet

Barcelona want to keep Eto'o



Samuel Eto'o

MADRID, 22 June—Barcelona president Joan Laporta said Sunday he hoped Samuel Eto'o would see out the rest of his career at the club despite interest in the Cameroon striker from major European clubs.

Eto'o "is the best striker in the world, highly valued in the market. It would be nice if he could finish his career at Barca," said Laporta. But "Eto'o's contract ends next season and that requires us to sit and talk. The club wants him to continue for many more years, always in line with our wage structure," he was quoted as saying on the club's website.

Eto'o was Barcelona's top scorer in the league last season with 30 goals, and helped them win a unique treble of league, Spanish cup and European Champions League trophies. But the 28-year-old has reportedly sparked interest from big-spending English Premier League club Manchester City and Italy's Inter Milan.

Internet

Italy beaten by Brazil 3-0 in Confederations Cup

PRETORIA, 22 June—South American champions Brazil denied Italy's chance to march into the semi-final of the FIFA Confederations Cup on Sunday by thumping the World Cup winners 3-0 in their final group match.

In the Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria, Brazil repeated their habit of beating Italy just as before when Selecao Brasileira (Brazilian Selection) won their two FIFA World Cup final fuels in 1970 and 1994. Compared with the Azzurri whose defence seemed porous from the outset, Brazil produced a stunning display of their prowess by enjoying better possession of the ball in the first half.

Before the fuel with Brazil, Italy had three points, the same as Egypt who had a match against the United States on Sunday in Rustenburg. The Azzurri's hope to sail into the next stage became slimmer after their 1-0 defeat by African champions Egypt in the South African economic hub of Johannesburg on Thursday.

It was also a new record in African



Brazil's Maicon (R) vies with Italy's Mauro Camoranesi during a Group B match at the FIFA Confederations Cup in Pretoria, South Africa, on 21 June, 2009. Brazil won the match 3-0.—INTERNET

football history as Italy had never lost to an African team, despite more than a dozen of attempts from the football cradle continent. Brazil will face the challenge of hosts South Africa in Johannesburg on Thursday in the semi-final of the intercontinental tournament.

Internet

US books place in semi-final by beating Egypt 3-0 in Confederations Cup

RUSTENBURG, 22 June—The United States recovered on Sunday in its final group match of the Confederations Cup, thrashing African champions Egypt 3-0 to secure a slot in the semifinals.

Before the match, Egypt stunned the soccer world by beating world champions Italy 1-0 and losing to South American power Brazil 4-3, while the US suffered two consecutive defeats thus far. It was the first ever meeting of the two teams in the Royal Bafokeng Stadium in the South African northern mining city of Rustenburg.

The victory earned the US a slot of the semifinals after Group B leaders Brazil thrashed World Cup winners Italy 3-0 in Pretoria on the same day. The United States will meet Spain in the semifinals on Wednesday in the central South African city of Bloemfontein while Brazil will face hosts South Africa in Johannesburg on Thursday.

Internet



Egyptian defender Ahmed Farag (L) fights for the ball with US forward Jozy Altidore during their FIFA Confederations Cup football match at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium in Rustenburg.—INTERNET

Venus sets her sights on Wimbledon hat-trick

LONDON, 22 June—Venus Williams has history in her sights as the American aims to cement her place among the grasscourt greats by completing a hat-trick of Wimbledon triumphs this year.

Williams will become only the fourth woman since the 1960s to claim three successive titles at the All England Club if she retains the aptly Venus Rosewater Dish, joining Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova and Billie Jean King in the elite list of treble champions. Few would bet against the 29-year-old who has reached seven Wimbledon finals in the last decade.—INTERNET



Supporters of Brazil cheer before the Group B match between Brazil and Italy at the FIFA Confederations Cup in Pretoria, South Africa, on 21 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Barnes and Glover lead, but US Open not decided

FARMINGDALE, 22 June—At one point Sunday afternoon, Tiger Woods was 15 shots off the lead at the US Open, where Ricky Barnes was threatening to turn the tournament into a runaway. By nightfall, Woods was seven back, and a dozen players had the lead in realistic sight.

This US Open is far from over.



Final-round play resumes Monday morning at Bethpage Black, with Barnes—who made bogey on six of his final 13 holes—tied with playing partner Lucas Glover for the lead at 7 under, both with 17 holes remaining. They've got a sizable cushion over Phil Mickelson, David Duval, Hunter Mahan and Ross Fisher, all of whom sit 2 under early in their rounds.—INTERNET

Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the 14th hole during the third round of the US Open Golf Championship at Bethpage State Park's Black Course in Farmingdale, NY, on 21 June, 2009.—INTERNET



Japan and Germany on Monday agreed to cooperate in urging major emitters of greenhouse gases, such as the United States, China and India to take part in a new climate treaty, the foreign ministry said. INTERNET

Israel detects 52 more A/H1N1 flu cases

JERUSALEM, 22 June—52 new influenza A/H1N1 cases have been diagnosed in Israel over the weekend, local news service *Ynet* reported on Sunday, citing the country's Health Ministry.

The patients are in good condition, said the report, adding that the latest cases brought the total number of confirmed cases of the epidemic to 271 in the Jewish state since April. On Thursday, Israel confirmed 39 new cases of A/H1N1 influenza, bringing its total number of confirmed cases to 219.

Israel has recently witnessed a rapid increase of A/H1N1 cases. Previous reports indicated that while most cases were imported from overseas, the number of patients who contracted the virus within the nation was also on the rise.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has raised the A/H1N1 alert to phase six, its highest level, formally declaring that it had developed into a global pandemic.

According to the latest tally by the World Health Organization, 95 countries and regions have officially reported at least 44,287 cases of influenza A/H1N1 infection, including 180 deaths.—MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (23-6-2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

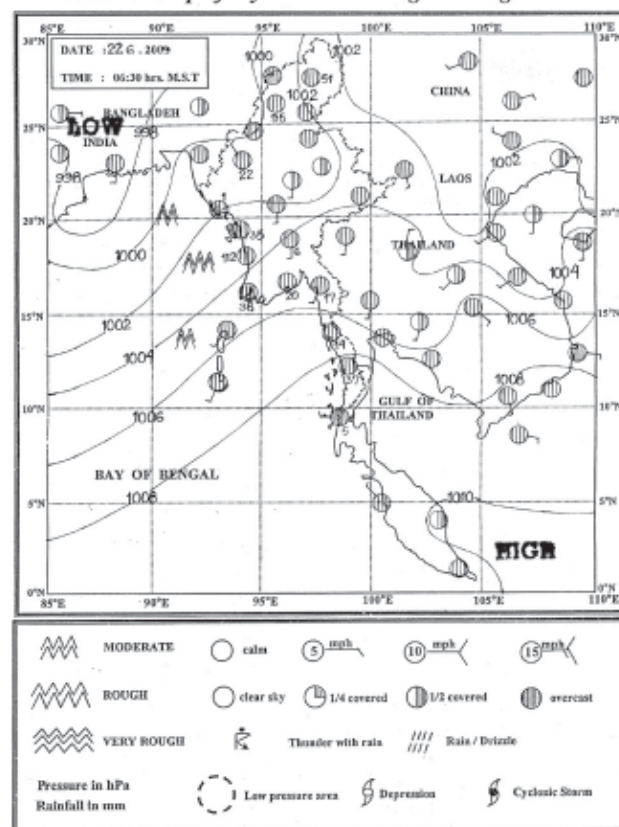
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The Splendour of Mt. Victoria (Natmataung)
- * Rope Painting
- * Healthy Babies, Sweet Smiles
- * The Origin of Htainmatheingyi
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Ecstasy of life
- * The Unique Pinday a Shan Paper
- * Travelogue (Nay Pyi Taw) Water Fountain Garden
- * A Visit to A laungdaw Kassapa in Modern Days
- * A Collection of Rakhine Cultural Heritages
- * Fresh-water Fish breeding industry
- * The Beauty of Tamonyel Region
- * Mandalay, The Golden City
- * Ancient Historic Mwaytaw Kakku Pagoda
- * The Splendour of Mt. Victoria (Natmataung)
- * Rope Painting
- * Shan Market Day
- * Healthy Babies, Sweet Smiles
- * The Origin of Htainmatheingyi
- * Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- * Myanmar Rattan Furniture for the connoisseurs
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Nyaung Shwe, Southern Shan State)
- * Engineered Floors Made with Unique Technology
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 22 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin, Kayah States and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (7.95) inches, Hkamti (3.78) inches, Gwa (3.07) inches, Putao (2.09) inches, Patheingyi (1.85) inches and Thabon (1.58) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-6-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 22-6-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-6-2009 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 21-6-2009 was (0.5) hour approx.

Rainfall on 22-6-2009 was (0.71) inch at Mingaladon, (0.78) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.46) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (32.87) inches at Mingaladon, (38.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (44.61) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 22-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Tanintharyi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. 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 23-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Tuesday, 23 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ဝိရိတရားတော်

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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

6. ရေစကြိုအားမာန်ခင်မွန်ရေလှောင်တံခံ

8:15 am

7. “လူကူးမျဉ်းကျားမှူးမယ်”

8:25 am

8. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးစားမှုနှင့်တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. Song of yester years

4:00 am

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Dance of National Races

4:30 pm

4. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:55 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာတတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:00 pm

6. Song for uphold national spirit

5:10 pm

7. ကြေးမုံရိပ်သွင်တေးနယဉ်

5:25 pm

8. “လာအာတူသွားကြစို့”

5:35 pm

9. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးစားမှုနှင့်တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

5:50 pm

10. Musical programme

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:55 pm

14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:15 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမက်အလိုရှိသည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေ့မေ့တာ”(အပိုင်း-၅)



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Mr. Guo Sheng Kun, Secretary of Communist Party Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Mr. Guo Sheng Kun, Secretary of Communist Party Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region at the International Conference Hall of Nanning at 11.30 a.m. on 20 June.

Also present at the call together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye were Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council 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-1 Col. Zaw Min, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of office of the State Peace and Development Council 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, Consul-

General of Kumming U Zaw Phyo Win. Together with Mr. Guo Sheng Kun, Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Provincial Party Committee were Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo, Vic-Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Province Mr. Chen Wu, General-Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Provincial Party Committee Mr. Yu Yuanhui, Secretary-General of Provincial Government Mr. Wei ren, Director-General of Provincial Government Foreign Affairs Office Mr. Fan Xiao Li, Director-General of Provincial Reform and Development Department Mr. Zhang Yuan Xin, (See page 9)



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Secretary of Communist Party Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr. Guo Sheng Kun at International Conference Hall in Nanning.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and goodwill delegation members visit Guangxi Zhuang Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and goodwill delegation members arrived at the Guangxi Zhuang Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone at 9.25 p.m. on 20 June.

Mr. Huang Jianqiu, Director-General of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Agricultural Department, and officials, welcomed Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and goodwill delegation members.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed the agricultural undertakings with the use of biogas at the Bagui Garden-Guangxi Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone.

Deputy general manager of Guangxi Zhuang Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone Mr. Liu Qi hui explained cultivation of various kinds of crops in the Agricultural Science Zone under the automation system with the use of bio-fertilizers.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and goodwill delegation members studied Flower Planting Glasshouse, Automatic Polish Seeding Workshop and cultivation of various kinds of crops with the use of a modern technique.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and goodwill

delegation members viewed the trees planted by former Myanmar Prime Ministers who visited Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye grew the region's

valuable Sweet-Scented Osmanthus Trees to commemorate the goodwill visit in the modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visits Guangxi Zhuang Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone.—MNA

