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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

Over 90 companies gather at First Myanmar Foodstuff Exhibition-2009

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence views booths staged at 1st Myanmar Foodstuff Exhibition-2009.

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YANGON, 26 June —The First Myanmar Foodstuff Exhibition-2009 organized by Myanmar Agro-based Food Processors and Exporters Association was opened at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall here today.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to open the exhibition and visited the booths staged there.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, the president of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the chairman of the Myanmar Agro-based Food Processors & Exporters Association formally opened the exhibition.

There are 132 booths and over 90 companies are exhibiting agro-based food at the exhibition which continues till 28 June.

The exhibition is organized with the aim of exhibiting the agro-based food meeting the international standard, introducing the home-made agro-based food to the people, strengthening the relations among the businessmen to be able to expand their markets and providing the opportunity to observe the effectiveness of modern equipment for food processing to be able to improve the quality of food.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition was also attended by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, senior military officers, diplomats and members of Myanmar Agro-based Food Processors & Exporters Association

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Nawnghkio Township enjoying cumulative development in all sectors

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

A new building of Basic Education High School in Nawnghkio Township, Shan State (North).

(Byline on page 11)

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 27 June, 2009

Harness natural resources expeditiously for greater economic growth

Chairman of the Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein on his inspection tour around Ayeyawady Division visited the office of Bogale Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association the other day.

At the office, the Prime Minister gave instructions on the growing of monsoon paddy, targeted per acre yield of summer paddy, distribution of tractors and progress in rebuilding basic education schools in Ayeyawady Division, distribution of paddy seeds to grow monsoon paddy in seven storm-hit townships, preventive measures against pests in the Nargis-ravaged areas, progress in carrying out groundwork for agricultural purpose, and building embankments to protect farmlands against saltwater floods.

In meeting with the rice millers of Bogale Township, the Prime Minister called for replacing traditional paddy strains with high-yield quality paddy strains; extensive use of machines in ploughing and harvesting as part of the drive for transition to mechanized farming; speedy transportation of collected paddy to warehouses; organizing local farmers for minimizing loss and wastage of paddy; and providing assistance to improve the economy of farmers, their economic partners.

The same day, the Prime Minister visited Kyeinchaunggyi Model Villagle and Sethsan Villagle and gave instructions on progress in building Sethsan-Htawpaing-Amar Road and constructing bridges on the road.

Local people of Ayeyawady Division are therefore to work hard hand in hand with the government with the effective exploitation of natural resources for greater economic growth of their region.

Rainy season tree planting ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—The rainy season tree planting ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Township in Nay Pyi Taw District took place in both sides of the road leading to Ngalite Dam near Kyweshin village, here, this morning. The Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw District Peace and Development Council, the Deputy Director of District Forest Department and officials distributed nursery plants to staff, members of social organizations and over 2000 local people and they together planted 500 teak plants and 1600 eucalyptus plants.—*MNA*

Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin of MPMEEA presents certificate to a trainee.

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People's Desire

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

H&T Minister inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—A member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing met with district/township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and in-charge of Construction companies at Golden Jubilee Yeiktha in Kyaiklat Township on 22 June. He instructed them to fulfill the requirements of agriculture, health, education and transportation sectors in time and attended to the needs.

At the meeting hall of Pyapon District Peace and Development Council, the minister also met with Chairmen of District/Township PDCs, District/ Township level departmental officials and members of social organizations and attended to the needs.

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CSSTB holds rainy season tree growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—The rainy season tree planting ceremony of Civil Service Selection and Training Board (CSSTB) was held in front of CSSTB's office here this morning.

At the ceremony, Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu presented nursery plants to Directors-General of Departments and planted a teak tree at designated place.

After that, members of CSSTB and the Directors-General planted teak trees at designated places. The chairman, members and the directors-general viewed growing of trees by staff and looked into plantation for staff welfare.

In the evening, staff of CSSTB also planted shade trees and nursery plants at staff quarters in Nay Pyi Taw Dhanatheikdi ward.

A total of 550 saplings have been planted during the rainy season tree planting ceremony.

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***Rainy season tree growing ceremony of CSSTB in progress in front of CSSTB's office in Nay Pyi Taw.*—MNA**

Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course concludes

YANGON, 26 June—A concluding ceremony of Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course, conducted by Myanmar Phar-maceuticals & Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association, was held at the office of MPMEEA on the level-5 at UMFCCI office tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township here yesterday.

Chairman of MPMEEA Dr Win Sithu and Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin made speeches on the occasion and presented certificates of honour to course instructors. After that, the chairman, CEC members and executives presented certificates to trainees and trainee Daw Myint Myint Khaing spoke words of thanks.

The chairman awarded prize of honour to outstanding trainee Daw Kyawt Thuzar Hlaing. Course coodinator Dr Mie Mie Ko explained the facts about the course. A total of 43-trainee attended the one-month course.

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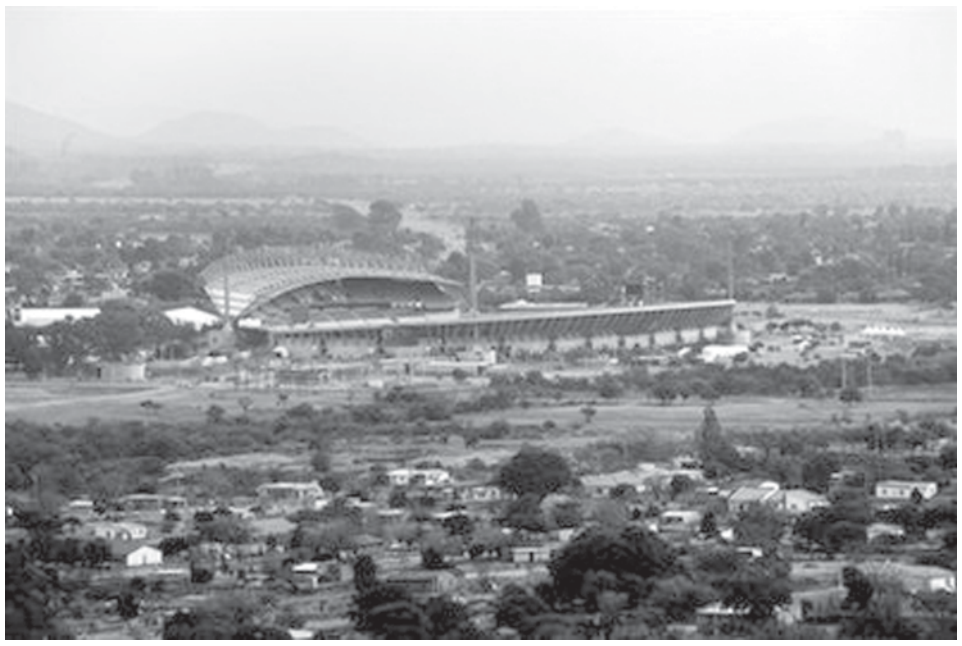

*The Confederations Cup has drawn near-record South African TV viewers and packed stadiums at the most popular games, but gaps in the stands has prompted organizers to give away thousands of tickets—*INTERNET

Ten killed in Czech flash floods

PRAGUE, 26 June — At least 10 people have died in floods that have wreaked havoc in the eastern Czech Republic.

Towns and villages were lashed by torrential rain in North Moravia, causing rivers to burst their banks.The victims included two brothers who drowned in a house as they tried to save their mother. Several elderly people apparently died from heart attacks as rescuers could not reach them in time. About 1,000 soldiers are helping the relief effort.

Hundreds of residents have been evacuated. The BBC's Rob Cameron in Prague says these are the worst floods in North Moravia for more than a decade. The town of Novy Jicin witnessed up to 80mm (three inches) of rain within two hours.

Floodwaters in the area are now receding, but forecasters say there is more heavy rain to come, and the major city of Ostrava is bracing itself for the worst. Neighbouring Austria has also been hit by floods in areas west of Vienna. Priceless artworks have been rescued from a basement storage facility that was leaking in the capital's Albertina Museum.

Internet

*The river Odra burst its banks in Jesenik nad Odrou.—*INTERNET

*Schoolchildren interact with elephants painted as pandas in a school in Ayutthaya Province, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok on 26 June, 2009.—*INTERNET

US says weapons sent to Somalia

WASHINGTON, 26 June — The US has confirmed that it has sent weapons to Somalia's UN-backed transitional government.

The state department said the move followed an urgent call for help from the government, which has been fighting Islamist militias.

The insurgents control swathes of Somalia and US officials have been alarmed at their gains, analysts say.

The US would also provide logistical support for training Somali troops, officials said.

"At the request of that government, the state department has helped to provide weapons and ammunition on an urgent basis," spokesman Ian Kelly said.

The arms would help the government "repel the onslaught of extremist forces which are intent on... spoiling efforts to bring peace and stability to Somalia", he added.

The US would also provide support for training Somali troops but would not conduct the training themselves, officials said. —*Internet*

Britain mulled using poison darts in WWII

LONDON, 26 June — British and Canadian scientists in World War II tested poison darts to be dropped on German soldiers, documents released by the National Archives indicate.

The darts were never used except on sheep and goats in Canada, *The Times of London* reported on Thursday. Mark Dunton, a historian at the archives, said British leaders may have feared the enemy would retaliate in kind.

Four years of memoranda and letters show the project was a serious one and got far enough along for a correspondence between an official at Porton Down near Salisbury, then a top-secret weapons development official, and managers at Singer Sewing Machine. The replies from Singer were somewhat confused because the scientist could not disclose the intended use of the needles he was seeking.

"We are afraid we do not quite understand your requirements," a letter from Singer dated 24 Dec, 1941, said. "From your remarks it would seem that the needles are required for some other purpose, other than sewing machines. In any case, we should like to help you if at all possible."

The darts would have been dropped in canisters like bombs, spreading them out over a wide area.

Internet

Israel gives Abbas forces freer hand in WBank cities

JERUSALEM, 26 June — Israel agreed on Thursday to give Palestinian security forces a freer hand to operate in four West Bank cities and to limit its own military activities there in a USbacked move to bolster President Mahmoud Abbas.

Palestinian officials said the changes were inadequate because the Israeli army still reserved the right to re-enter the cities of Qalqilya, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Jericho to counter what it called any "urgent" threats by militants.

The announcement coincided with efforts by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to ease tensions with US President Barack Obama over stalled peacemaking with the Palestinians.

Israel has rebuffed US calls for a halt to Jewish settlement building in the occupied West Bank. On Monday, Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak will meet Obama's Middle East envoy, George Mitchell, in Washington to try to narrow differences.—*Internet*

Sri Lankan reporter 'kidnapped'

COLOMBO, 26 June —A Sri Lankan journalist says she was kidnapped from outside her home in the capital Colombo and held for a day by people claiming to be the police.

Krishni Ifam, a Tamil reporter who works for media development NGO Internews, said the men had warned her to give up journalism altogether.

She said she was then released in the central city of Kandy late on Wednesday with a tiny amount of cash. Police in Sri Lanka could not be reached for comment. —*Internet*

*A Qantas A380 arrives at its gate at Kingsford Smith International airport in Sydney on 26 June , 2009. Boeing Co, the world's No 2 plane-maker, suffered another heavy blow to its Dreamliner project on Friday when a major customer, Australia's Qantas Airways, scrapped and deferred orders for 30 new planes.—*INTERNET

*File photo shows fishing boats in the harbour of Mui Ne in southern Vietnam's Binh Thuan Province. —*INTERNET

India to launch 'ID card' scheme

NEW DELHI, 26 June — The Indian government has begun moves to provide a Unique Identification (UID) number to its citizens, the central government has announced.

It has appointed Infosys Technologies co-chairman Nandan Nilekani as head of a new body to determine how the scheme will be implemented.

The project will mean that all Indian adults will have to carry what is in effect an identity card.

It was a key commitment in the election manifesto of the Congress party.

In its manifesto, Congress said it may be possible to provide every Indian adult with a card after the publication of the national population register in 2011.

Internet

***George Helwig, head chocolatier at "Fassbender & Rausch-Chocolatiers at Gendarmenmarkt" creates a model of Berlin's landmark TV Tower out of chocolate in the northern German city of Peine.—*INTERNET**

Crude prices end above $70 on supply concerns

NEW YORK, 26 June — Oil prices ended above 70 US dollars a barrel on Thursday as one of Royal Dutch Shell's pipeline junction points was attacked by militants in Nigeria, stirring concerns about supplies.

Light, sweet crude for August delivery rose to 70.93 dollars a barrel before retreating to settle at 70.23 dollars a barrel, trading up 1.56 dollars, or 2.3 percent, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Crude prices moved higher Thursday after the Shell company said one of its pipeline junction points had been shut down because of militants attack in Nigeria, the largest oil producer in Africa.

The Nigerian militants have escalated their activities recently, which have forced foreign oil companies, including US oil major Chevron and Italy's Agip, to shut at least 133,000 barrels per day of oil production in the last month.

Oil also gained support from robust performance of the stock market, which increased for a third day after the US Commerce Department said the economy may be better than previously thought.

In London, Brent crude for August delivery rose 1.87 dollars to70.20 dollars a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Internet

French youth unemployment rises

PARIS, 26 June — France saw its unemployment total grow by 36,400 in May, with young jobseekers suffering the biggest rises, official figures have shown.

The increase, which was smaller than rises seen in previous months, took the jobless count to 2.543 million.

It marked a 1.5% rise on a monthly basis and a 26.4% rise year-on-year, the Economy Ministry said.

Unemployment among jobseekers under the age of 25 in mainland France has risen by 41.1% in the last 12 months.

Workers have been striking in France in reaction to job cuts, as firms seek to reduce costs in the face of the wider slowdown.

Internet

Italy may raise women's retirement age

ROME, 26 June — Italian women may have the same retirement age as men within 10 years or so, an official said on Thursday.

Civil Service Minister Renato Brunetta said a European Union directive banning gender discrimination was the final incentive to make the change, the Italian news agency *ANSA* reported.

Women can now start collecting pensions at 60 while men must wait until 65.

Brunetta said the later retirement age would be phased in over a decade.

The European Commission recently said Italy could face penalties if it did not take action within six months on the pension disparity.

Internet

Capitalism, IMF and World Bank under fire at UN

UNITED NATIONS , 26 June — Ecuador's left-wing President Rafael Correa blamed capitalism on Thursday for the global financial crisis, suggesting at a UN conference that the International Monetary Fund and World Bank be abolished.

Criticism of the IMF and other so-called Bretton Woods institutions established during World War Two has become a running theme at a three-day meeting of the UN General Assembly on the crisis.

"Patching up the Bretton Woods system, which we do not control, makes no sense for (developing) countries," Correa said in a speech on the second day of the conference.

Reforming the IMF and World Bank "would be an insufficient stopgap solution," he said, adding that "we are faced with a crisis unlike those (previously) provoked by capitalism."

If the Bretton Woods institutions cannot be abolished, he said, then they should be changed and given less authority over the world's poor countries.

More financial decision-making power, Correa said, should go to the United Nations instead.

Cuban Trade Minister Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz had said on Wednesday that the IMF and World Bank had "impoverished" nations around the world and should be scrapped.

The UN meeting was originally set for 1-3 June but General Assembly President Miguel D'Escoto, a leftist former foreign minister of Nicaragua, delayed it to this week because of arguments over a set of draft proposals on reforming the world financial system.

Internet

***iPhone fans Mitsuru Ando, left, Ryota Musha, centre, and Yoshiki Ono share a light moment while waiting outside a Softbank office before the ceremonial event for the first day sales of iPhone 3G S in Tokyo, Japan, on 26 June, 2009.—*INTERNET**

Journalists take video and photos of a transformer ice sculpture displayed in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 24 June, 2009. — XINHUA

"Transformers" sequel scores best opening ever for Wednesday

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—Paramount's action sequel "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" scored the besting opening day ever for a Wednesday release in the United States and Canada, taking in about 60.6 million dollars, preliminary estimates showed on Thursday.

The first day in release of "Transformers 2," which was directed by Michael and Bay and produced by DreamWorks, also became the second best of all time after "The Dark Knight," which grossed 67.2 million dollars on its first day, a Friday, last summer. Previous record holder for a Wednesday release was "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," which grossed 44.2 million dollars when opening in July 2007.

"Transformers 2" also opened No 1 Wednesday in almost every overseas markets, where box office estimates indicated the sequel outperformed the original "Transformers" film, which was released three years ago. The first "Transformers" film grossed more than 708 million dollars worldwide.Like its predecessor, the "Transformers" sequel is based on a line of toy action figures from toy maker Hasbro.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China, Uzbekistan to improve ties, cooperation

ALMATY, 26 June — China and Uzbekistan are seeking further development of friendly and cooperative relations 17 years after the two countries established diplomatic ties. Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang is scheduled to visit Uzbekistan on Saturday, the third leg of his three-nation tour which includes Finland and Turkmenistan.

Relations between China and Uzbekistan improved in 1990s after the two countries established diplomatic ties in January 1992. In June 2001, Uzbekistan joined the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which comprises China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. In June 2004, the SCO launched a regional anti-terror structure in Uzbekistan's capital Tashkent.

Since then, China and Uzbekistan have maintained active and effective cooperation within the SCO framework and achieved further development of bilateral ties. In May 2005, Chinese President Hu Jintao and Uzbek President Islam Karimov signed a treaty on friendly and cooperative partnership in Beijing, signaling new determination on both sides to further consolidate their traditional friendship and cooperation.

Xinhua

Visitors look around at the old exhibition hall of China Science and Technology Museum in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 June, 2009. The Museum has been opened to the public free of charge for 8 days from 23 June to 1 July , as it will prepare for the opening of new site.—XINHUA

China nominates two sites for World Heritage

BEIJING, 26 June—The World Heritage Committee is reviewing the latest list of applicants. 30 new properties have been submitted. They include Mount Songshan and Mount Wutai in China.

One of the properties is Germany's Dresden Elbe Valley. The committee decides whether to remove it from the list because of the building of a bridge in the heart of the landscape.

The nine-day meeting will also review the state of conservation for the 178 current sites, as well as the state of conservation of the 30 properties on the Danger List. It may also decide to add to new properties whose preservation requires special attention.—*Xinhua*

Indonesia's Pertamina to build 2 methanol plants

JAKARTA, 26 June—Indonesia's state-owned oil and gas firm PT Pertamina said it would collaborate with PT Arrtu MegaEnergie (AME) to build two methanol factories worth U$ 1.9 billion to supply domestic needs, a paper said here on Friday.

"We expect that the plant will begin production in 2012 at the latest," Pertamina's trading and marketing director Achmad Faisal quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying here.

AME president Christoforus Richard said construction of the two factories in Indramayu in West Java Province and in Peranap of Riau Province would start in September.— *Xinhua*

A trainer wearing a traditional Vega costume performs with a Beluga at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium in Yokohama, Kanagawa prefecture, Japan, on 23 June, 2009 ahead of the Star Festival.—XINHUA

A booming market for domestic animation

BEIJING, 26 June—Staying on the small screen the domestic cartoon industry has made great progress in recent years. And, the industry has ambitions of breaking into the overseas market by learning from and collaborating with its foreign counterparts.

The Cartoon Network, an American channel, recently signed a contract with the Zhejiang Zhongnan Cartoon Corporation Limited. They agreed to buy the company produced cartoon series, "Fairy Land". The head of the Corporation says the deal was clinched, in part, due to the originality and creativity of the animation.

In recent years, the Zhejiang Zhongnan Cartoon Corporation Limited has spent effort recruiting talented designers from across the country. It has also established research centres for developing home-made cartoons. The Group also collaborates with Zhejiang University and China Academy of Fine Arts to cultivate young cartoon talent. Now the Group boasts a team of over 5 hundred professionals. Their new series of cartoons called "The Magical Town", is now in the final phase of post production.

Zhejiang Zhongnan Cartoon Corporation Limited was established five years ago. Over the years the firm has produced 14 animations covering a wide range of subjects. The results are remarkable, with some of the cartoon works winning trophies at major competitions both at home and abroad.—*Xinhua*

Solar plane to make public debut

LONDON, 26 June — Swiss adventurer Bertrand Picard is set to unveil a prototype of the solar-powered plane he hopes eventually to fly around the world.

The initial version, spanning 61m but weighing just 1,500kg, will undergo trials to prove it can fly at night.

Mr Picard, who made history by circling the globe non-stop in a balloon in 1999, says he wants to demonstrate the potential of renewable energies.

He expects to make a crossing of the Atlantic in 2012.

The flight would be a risky endeavour. Only now is solar and battery technology becoming mature enough to sustain flight through the night - and then only in unmanned planes.

But Picard's Solar Impulse team has invested tremendous energy—and no little money—in trying to find what they believe is a breakthrough design.

"I love this type of vision where you set the goal and then you try to find a way to reach it, because this is challenging," he told *BBC News*.

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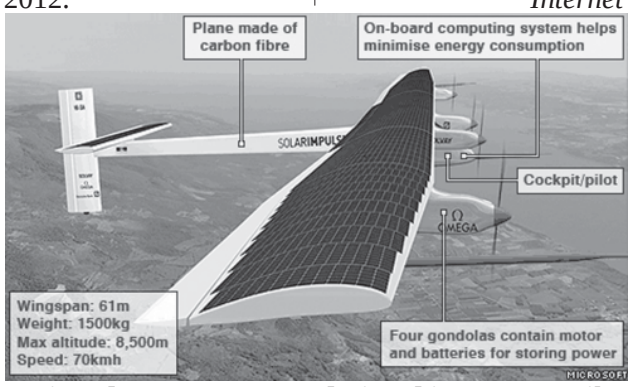


***Swiss adventurer Bertrand Picard is set to unveil a prototype of the solar-powered plane he hopes eventually to fly around the world.—*INTERNET**

Dogs break barking world records

BEIJING, 26 June— A British dog has set a new Guinness World Record for the loudest bark in history before joining over 50 canines to also beat the existing collective record.

Daz from London tipped the metre at 108 decibels at the event organized by Disney to mark the DVD and Bluray release of Bolt.

He then took part in the group effort which reached 115 decibels, four higher than the previous record set last year in the US state of Vermont.

Marco Frigatti of Guinness World Records said: "Dogs bark for a variety of reasons, to attract attention or express excitement. Today they barked to become Guinness World Record holders. Congratulations."

Internet

US probes altitude, speed data on two Airbus A330s

WASHINGTON, 26 Jume — US aviation safety investigators are looking into possible anomalies with air speed and altitude indicators on two *Airbus A330* jetliners, officials said on Thursday.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which is helping French authorities determine if speed sensors were a factor in the crash of an Air France *A330* this month, said it is also investigating incidents involving a TAM Airlines flight from Miami to Sao Paulo in May and a Northwest Airlines flight between Hong Kong and Tokyo on Tuesday.

Both flights experienced cockpit readings showing a loss of primary speed and altitude information, the safety board said in a statement. Both planes landed without incident.

Investigators are looking at flight data recorder information as well as crew statements and weather information.

Airbus spokesman Clay McConnell said the manufacturer would "provide all support to the NTSB" as it reviews the two incidents. Further, the company said procedures are in place that would allow pilots to maintain safe operations in the event of unreliable air-speed data.—*Internet*

People begin enjoying music 35,000 years ago

BEIJING, 26 June— People in fact began enjoying music some 35,000 years ago, according to the prehistoric bird-bone flutes unearthed in southwest Germany.

Researchers said on Wednesday they had found a five-hole flute made from the radius bone of a griffon vulture and two fragments of ivory flutes in a cave in the Swabian Jura mountains.

The flute has a 22-centimetre instrument with five holes and a notched end. Archaeologist Nicholas Conard, from Tuebingen University, said the flute was 35,000 years old. Other archaeologists agreed with Conard's assessment.

The flute is the oldest handcrafted musical instrument yet discovered, offering the latest evidence that early modern humans in Europe had established a complex and creative culture.

"These finds demonstrate the presence of a well-established musical tradition at the time when modern humans colonized Europe, more than 35,000 calendar years ago," Conard and colleagues reported in the journal Nature.

Another flute excavated in Austria is believed to be 19,000 years old, and a group of 22 flutes found in the French Pyrenees mountains has been dated at up to 30,000 years ago. —*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM

School kids compete in a race as part of the science competition "Achtung, fertig, forschen!" (Ready, set, research!) at Berlin's Technical Museum on Tuesday. Earlier in the day, the Robert Bosch Foundation awarded a 50,000 euro ($68,000) prize to the German Cancer Research Center's Life Science Lab, a project for middle and high school pupils who are especially keen on math, technology and science.

Teen, woman get in dispute over orange fingernails

A teenage girl who balked at paying for a set of inch-long, pumpkin-orange fake fingernails in a dispute at a Mount Vernon nail salon said a nail technician grabbed her and tried to pry the nails off. The 48-year-old technician told the Skagit Valley Herald that the dispute was strictly verbal.

The technician said she and the customer argued over the design on the girl's nails and the girl tried to leave without paying.

Once a police officer arrived, the 13-year-old girl and her mother agreed to pay $10. The technician said the nails and her labor were worth about $30.

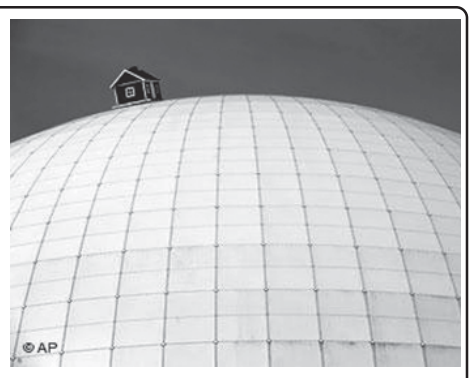
Police spokeswoman Jill Boudreau said police are referring the case to the city's prosecutor for a possible misdemeanor assault charge.

Cocaine haul found hidden in frozen sharks

Mexico's navy has seized more than a tonne of cocaine stuffed inside frozen sharks, as drug gangs under military pressure go to greater lengths to conceal narcotics bound for the United States.

Armed and masked navy officers cut open more than 20 shark carcasses filled with slabs of cocaine after checking a container ship in a container port in the southern Mexico state of Yucatan, the navy and Mexican media said Tuesday.

"We are talking about more than a tonne of cocaine that was inside the ship," Navy Commander Eduardo Villa told reporters after X-ray machines and sniffer dogs helped uncover the drugs. "Those in charge of the shipment said it was a conserving agent but after checks we confirmed it was cocaine," he said.



A traditional Swedish cottage now perches on top of the 85 metre high Ericsson Globe Arena in Stockholm, Sweden. Swedish artist Mikael Genberg has designed the red cottage that will stand on the top of the Globe during the summer months. But artist Genberg is aiming higher than that and his ultimate goal is to place a similar cottage on the moon.

Cat dropped in mailbox adopted — by postal worker

A New Hampshire postal worker is getting his own special delivery.

George Knapp and his wife, Dani-Jean Stuart, of Weare, NH, have adopted the two-pound, 8-week-old kitten that was dropped in a public mailbox in Boston.

The MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center says Stuart directed a television news segment about the kitten, which the organization dubbed "Postina." The couple has renamed their new pet PD, for "postage due."

A US Postal Service letter carrier found the kitty earlier this month amid dozens of envelopes and packages. She likely was stuffed through the mailbox's small opening and dropped several feet onto the mail below.

An albino baby turtle swims with green sea babies turtle in a pond at Khram island, about 30 km (19 miles) from Pattaya, east of Bangkok on 17 June, 2009. Special care is given to around 15,000 green and hawksbill baby turtles hatched and housed at the navy's conservation center each year. Once the baby turtles' shells are big and strong enough to protect them from various predators at about six-months-old the young turtles are released to the sea.

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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3rd July 2009

Ministry of Industry-2 holds tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—A ceremony to plant trees for greening of the Ministry of Industry-2 Office, took place around the office on 24 June, attended by Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Director-General and Managing Directors.

The minister viewed the collective work of officers and staff of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Industry-2. In the third rainy season tree planting ceremony, they planted 8375 saplings including mango, teak and other trees. Likewise, they also grew 1713 plants around the staff quarter.

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SAM donates K 4.5 million to MMCWA

MMCWA President Daw Khin Saw Hnin accepts K 4.5 million presented by Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong and SAM Chairman Mr. Teddy Choo. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong and Chairman Mr. Teddy Choo of Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) presented K 4.5 million donated by SAM to be used in carrying out public welfare tasks to President Daw Khin Saw Hnin of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA) at the headquarters of its association here on 24 June. The president presented certificate of honour and gifts.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-President Daw Aye Aye and CEC members.—*MNA*

MWAF holds paper-reading session

YANGON, 26 June—The paper reading session to mark Myanmar Women's Day was held at the hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township here today.

It was attended by CEC members of MWAF, members of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization, members of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, members of social organizations, guests and resource persons.

Professor (Retd) Daw Kyi Kyi Hla, General Secretary Daw Dr Myint Kyi and Rector (Retd) of Yangon Nursing University Dr Daw Khin May Ohn, Secretary of Myanmar Sports Federation Dr Pindora Aung Gyi, Deputy Director of Education Planning and Training Department Daw Tin Tin Shu and Assistant Lecture of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) Dr Khaing Khaing Thin submitted their papers.—*MNA*

Dr Daw Khin May Ohn, Rector (Retd) of YNU, reads out a paper at the paper reading session to honour Myanmar Women's Day.—MNA

14th ISD Karatedo Championship prize-presenting ceremony held

YANGON, 26 June—The final matches and prize-presenting ceremony of the 14th Inter-State/Division Karatedo Championship, organized by the Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Karatedo Federation, took place at Aung San gymnasium, here, on 22 June.

After the final matches, officials from Sports and Physical Education Department and responsible persons from Myanmar Karatedo Federation presented prizes to winners in individual and team events.

Deputy Director-General of SPED U Thein Aung, President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation Dr Win Zaw and Secretary of Central Working Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw L Khun Yi presented prizes to the winners. Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of SPED U Thaung Htaik, championship shield to Yangon Division team securing five gold medals and two bronze medals in Men's team event.—*MNA*

MKF President Dr Win Zaw presents a prize to a winner.—MKF

Extempore talks contest in honour of Myanmar Women's Day held

YANGON, 26 June — Orgainzed by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAF), an extempore talks contest to mark Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2009 was held at the hall of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) on 23 June morning.

Afterwards, officials concerned presented prizes to the winners.

The contest was attended by CEC members of MWAF, members of District/Township/Ward Myanmar Women's Affairs Orgainzations, members of social organizations, faculty members and students totalling 250.—*MNA*

Myanmar actively ...

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Therefore, for all the people not to abuse illicit narcotic drugs in any form and in any circumstances, it is vital that emphasis be placed on the implementation of educational tasks and agitation campaigns to arouse the public, especially that youths on the danger of narcotic drugs. In implementing these anti-drug campaigns and activities to penetrate deeply into the masses, the most successful way is to employ the cultural sector. Therefore, literature, music, painting, cartoon, poster and photography competitions are being held across the nation to raise awareness of the danger of narcotic drugs. Today, the first, second, third and special prize winners of the competitions will be awarded prizes at this ceremony, which is the 12th of its kind which has been held consecutively every year.

The CCDAC was tasked to draft the 15 Year Narcotic Drug Elimination Plan, which was successfully formulated and enacted. Starting from the 1999-2000 fiscal year the plan which is divided into (3) Five Year Phases is being implemented.

This year is the time when the last year of the Second Phase ends and the first year of the Third Phase starts. The CCDAC has drawn up and laid down plans based on the successes achieved during the implementation of the First and Second Phases and will strive all out to implement the tasks successfully in the Third 5-Year Phase.

Moreover, according to the ground survey which Myanmar has been jointly implementing in cooperation with the UNODC, the cultivation of opium poppy was 105,000 hectares in 2001, has declined yearly and in 2006 the cultivation decreased to 21,500 hectares, which is a 61% decrease. In 2008 the cultivation of opium poppy was 28, 500 hectares and if compared to 2007 the cultivation was 27,700 hectares, there was an increase of 3% in 2008. With regard to production of opium as 460 tons was produced in 2007 and in 2008 the production declined to 410 tons, there it is evidenced that production could be reduced by an appreciable 11% in 2008.

However, Amphetamine Type Stimulants-ATS, which are modern synthetic drugs such as Ketamine, ICE and Ecstasy etc produced by scientific methods, that has nothing to do with the cultivation and production of opium poppy but based on illicit precursor chemicals has supplemented and taken the place of the opiates. Therefore enforcement and suppression tasks are being implemented with added momentum. In implementing enforcement tasks, to ensure success, Myanmar has been stepping up cooperation with foreign agencies of neighbouring countries, in the exchange of information and intelligence and could expose, arrest and prosecute an increasing number of local and international narcotic drugs trafficking gangs.

Myanmar has been striving to eliminate the production of narcotic drugs and has at the same time stepped up its enforcement tasks, on reducing drug use and comprehending the fact that the elimination of drug abuse is also important, three Rehabilitation Centres under the supervision of the CCDAC has been opened and are implementing treatment and rehabilitation tasks, these centres are Shwe Pyi Tha, Shwe Pyi Aye and Shwe Pyi Thit Rehabilitation Centres, thus Myanmar has been implementing the necessary tasks to effectively eliminate the abuse of narcotic drugs.

Knowing that tasks on elimination of narcotic drugs cannot be implemented by acting alone but must be implemented in cooperation with the international community, Myanmar has accordingly entered into agreement by signing MoUs and treaties on cooperation to control and suppress narcotic drugs, with countries of the region, sub-region and neighbouring countries. Examples of the cooperation are the six-nation MoU of the Mekong Countries, which was signed in 1993 and starting from 1995 with financial and technical assistance of the UNODC Myanmar has been actively implementing anti-narcotic drugs projects in the designated narcotic drugs control areas. Moreover, beginning from 1997, after becoming a member of the ASEAN Myanmar has been enhancing its cooperation with the ASEAN member countries.

Myanmar has fully implemented and is continuing to implement tasks on the objectives on reduction of narcotic drug production, drug abuse and to step up cooperation on the prevention and suppression of narcotic drugs, contained in the Political Declaration issued by 1998 UN General Assembly, 20th Special Session on Narcotic Drugs. Furthermore, Myanmar and China have been jointly cooperating in the survey of opium poppy cultivation by Remote-sensing and satellite imagery and jointly conducting ground survey after signing the MoU on 27 May, 2006. the opium poppy fields discovered by the satellite imaging and ground surveys teams were destroyed by the enforcement teams.

Myanmar has been actively cooperating with the international community and at the same time has been implementing anti-drug campaigns with added momentum, based on its own strength and resources. I wish to urge all the people of the country and the world to harmoniously strive with all their might to rid their environment of the menace of narcotic drugs in accord with the 2009 motto of the UN "No individual, family or community is safe where illicit drugs take control".

I would like to inform you that the ceremonies to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking are also celebrating at the cities of states and divisions respectively. Particular information, I would like to focus is that destructions of narcotic drugs seized by Law Enforcement Agencies will be held at 10 a.m. in two cities and at noon in one city today. There are 23 items of illicit drugs worth 42405.71 million kyats in Taunggyi, 69 items of illicit drugs worth 20177.16 million kyats and 19 items of illicit drugs worth 41499.09 million kyats in Kengtung respectively and the total street price of illicit drugs seized is 104,081.98 million kyats.

Next, Chairman of Enforcement Working Committee of the CCDAC Vice-Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win accepted K 2.5 million donated by the UNODC for prize presentation ceremony presented by Assistant Resident Representative Daw Khin Hla Mon and the ceremony came to an end.

The ministers, the chief justice, the deputy ministers and guests viewed the prize winning works and documentary photos on drug abuse control and educative activities of enforcement task forces and the ministries displayed at Ahreidama Hall.

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New school building opened in Htantabin Tsp

YANGON, 26 June—With the assistance of the people of Singapore, a ceremony to open new basic education primary school and hand over to education department jointly built by Mercy Relief Singapore and Accel International Co Ltd (Canon) took place at Pet-inn-gyi Village, Htantabin Township here on 24 June morning.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Yangon West District, Counsellor/Deputy Chief Mission Ms Vanessa Chan of Singaporean Embassy in Myanmar, officials concerned of Ministry of Education, well-wishers and invited guests.

The officials cut the ribbon to open the new school building. Next, they looked around the school.

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***The inauguration ceremony of new building for Pet-inn-gyi BEPS in progress at Pet-inn-gyi Village in Htantabin Township.*—MNA**

Monsoon tree planting ceremony 2009 of Ministry of Culture held

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint grows a Gangaw plant at rainy season tree planting ceremony of Ministry of Culture. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—The rainy season tree planting ceremony 2009 of Ministry of Culture took place in front of the ministry here this evening, attended by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint who planted a Gangaw sapling.

Directors-general along with staff of each department planted mango saplings. Staff from Ministry of Culture, Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library National, Fine Arts Department and Historical Research Department under the Ministry of Culture collectively grew the saplings totalling 918.—*MNA*

Railway schedules…

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and local trains will stop at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station without stopping at Pyinmana Station starting from 5-7-2009 (Sunday), announced Myanma Railways.

For the convenience of railway passengers, Tawwin bus lines and other car lines will be launched.

The departure time of No 32 down (Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon) train, No 8 down (Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon), No 16 down/15 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine), No 109 Up (Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay), No 107 Up (Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan), and 101 Up (Nay Pyi Taw-Chauk) from Nay Pyi Taw has changed slightly and their new schedules have been announced at respective stations. There is no change in arrival and departure schedules of all trains except No 32 down.

Myanma Railways has announced that passengers traveling on all trains except mail and local ones are to get off only at Nay Pyi Taw Station as they will not stop at Pyinmana Station.

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(a) Railway schedules on departure and arrival at Nay Pyi Taw station

No	Train	Programme		Schedule	
		From	*To*	*Departure*	*Arrival*
1	7 up	Yangon	Nay Pyi Taw	11:00	20:50
2	8 down	Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	09:10	18:45
3	31 up	Yangon	Nay Pyi Taw	08:00	17:35
4	32 down	Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	06:00	15:35
5	25 up	Nay Pyi Taw	Mandalay	22:30	05:30
6	26 down	Mandalay	Nay Pyi Taw	08:15	14:55
7	27 up	Nay Pyi Taw	Myingyan	18:10	01:35
8	28 down	Myingyan	Nay Pyi Taw	05:00	12:25
9	15/16 down	Nay Pyi Taw	Mawlamyine	04:50	19:10
10	18/17 up	Mawlamyine	Nay Pyi Taw	05:00	19:30
11	107 up	Nay Pyi Taw	Bagan	08:10	20:00
12	108 down	Bagan	Nay Pyi Taw	08:45	21:50
13	109 up	Nay Pyi Taw	Pyay	07:10	12:00 (Hsatthwa)
14	110 down	Pyay	Nay Pyi Taw	13:10 (Hsatthwa)	18:20
15	101 up	Nay Pyi Taw	Chauk	05:25	19:30
16	102 down	Chauk	Nay Pyi Taw	06:00	20:25

(b) Schedule and Time Table of trains that will stop over at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station

No	Train	Schedule		Departure	Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station		Arrival
		from	*to*		*Arrival*	*Departure*	
1	3 Up	Yangon	Mandalay	05:30	15:01	15:04	21:30
2	4 Down	Mandalay	Yangon	05:30	11:32	11:35	21:30
3	5 Up	Yangon	Mandalay	05:00	14:13	14:16	20:10
4	6 Down	Mandalay	Yangon	05:00	10:41	10:44	20:10
5	11 Up	Yangon	Mandalay	06:00	15:50	15:53	22:00
6	12 Down	Mandalay	Yangon	06:00	12:04	12:07	22:00
7	29 Up	Yangon	Mandalay	12:15	21:12	21:15	04:00
8	30 Down	Mandalay	Yangon	21:45	03:10	03:15	13:00
9	1 Up	Yangon	Mandalay	04:00	19:54	19:57	06:40
10	2 Down	Mandalay	Yangon	20:15	06:45	06:48	21:00
11	141Up	Pyinmana	Shwe Nyaung	23:00	23:38	24:41	13:35
12	142Down	Shwe Nyaung	Pyinmana	11:30	02:20	02:23	03:00
13	147Up	Pyinmana	Loikaw	22:30	23:05	23:08	20:15
14	148Down	Loikaw	Pyinmana	05:45	02:51	02:54	03:30

éko Office Furniture Showroom opened

YANGON, 26 June—An opening ceremony of éko Office Furniture Showroom was held at the showroom in Shwegaba housing complex on Mindhamma road in Insein Township here this morning. Managing Director Daw Khin Marlar of NatRay Co, Chairman Mr. Gilbert Chua of Don-Ray Int'l Ltd (Singapore) and actor academy Lwin Moe opened the showroom.

A branch of NatRay Co Ltd, éko Office Furniture Showroom is opened in order to provide customers with quality modern design office furniture needed in international-level offices.

Customers that use office furniture may order desired designs, colour of furniture that match with the colour of company logo, quality furniture at reasonable prize, desired quantity and quality furniture in advance and latest designer choice furniture for restaurants, coffee shops and schools are available at wholesale and retail prices.

For more information, contact éko Office Furniture Showroom, room No. (A-2), ground floor, Shwegaba housing complex, on Mindhamma road in Insein Township, here (ph-652391).—*MNA*

***MD Daw Khin Marlar, Chairman Mr. Gilbert Chua and Actor Lwin Moe open éko Office Furniture Showroom.*—MNA**

Energy Ministry grows trees

***Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi grows a Mahogani plant at rainy season tree planting ceremony of Ministry of Energy.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—The Ministry of Energy carried out mass activities to grow trees at its offices here yesterday morning.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi planted a mahogany sapling and viewed the growing of saplings, and nurturing of the already planted trees.

In the designated area, the ministry grew landscaping plants, shade trees and perennial trees totalling over 41,000 in previous years. In 2009 alone, it has grown more than 5000 trees of various species.—*MNA*

Winners in competitions to mark Myanmar Women's Day announced

YANGON, 26 June—Winners of the article and photo competitions to mark Myanmar Women's Day were announced yesterday by the committee for organizing the competitions.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the competitions to hail Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July.

The winners will be awarded at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day on 3 July.

The winners are urged to contact MWAF, No 132, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, Ph 01-501773 and the committee for organizing the competitions, No 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Ph 01-371342.—*MNA*

Winners in competitions to mark Int'l Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking honoured

Chairman of Insein Township PDC U Aung Swe reads out the message sent by CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.— MNA

YANGON, 26 June — Winners of the essay, painting and poster competitions to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking were awarded by the Myanmar Anti-narcotic Association at Insein Township Peace and Development Council Office today.

Chairman of Insein Township PDC U Aung Swe read out the message sent by Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

Chairman of Yangon Division Anti-narcotics Association Police Lt-Col Sai Aung Min (Retd) and officials concerned presented certificates and prizes to winners of the competitions.

At the ceremony to present prizes to the winners, outstanding students of the association who passed the matriculation examination for the 2008-2009 academic year were also honoured. An educative talk on narcotic drugs was held at Insein Township No. 1 Basic Education Middle School.—*MNA*

ALPHA Health Cup golf tournament organized

YANGON, 26 June—The 77th ALPHA Health Cup golf tournament organized by the Myanmar Medical Association (Central) with the sponsorship of ALPHA Health & Care Co Ltd took place in conjunction with prize-presenting ceremony at Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club on 21 June.

Present on the occasion were MMA (Central) Chairman Professor U Kyaw Myint Naing, Chairman of Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club Dr Khin Shwe, Professor Gao Yi Huai of ALPHA Health & Care Co Ltd, CEO Gao Wei and golfers.

The prize-presenting ceremony commenced at 7 pm. Professor U Kyaw Myint Naing delivered an introductory speech. Professor Gao Yi Huai extended greetings. Professor U Kyaw Myint Naing, Dr Khin Shwe and Professor Gao Yi Huai presented prizes to the winners. That was followed by a lucky draw programme.—*NLM*

Professor Gao Yi Huai of ALPHA Health & Care Co Ltd awards a winner.—NLM

Defence witness Daw Khin Moe Moe summoned in connection with cases against US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma

YANGON, 26 June—Judges sat for Criminal Cases Nos 47/2009, 48/2009, and 49/2009 filed against US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma at Yangon North District Court this morning.

In the process, Supreme Court (Yangon), in relation to its Criminal Revision Case No 333 (B)/2009, summoned Criminal Case No 47/2009 of Yangon North District Court. So, Yangon North District Court was in no position to continue Criminal Case No 47/2009.

Therefore, Yangon North District Court, in order to question defence witness Daw Khin Moe Moe, put off Criminal Case No 47/2009 to 3 July together with Criminal Cases Nos 48/2009 and 49/2009.

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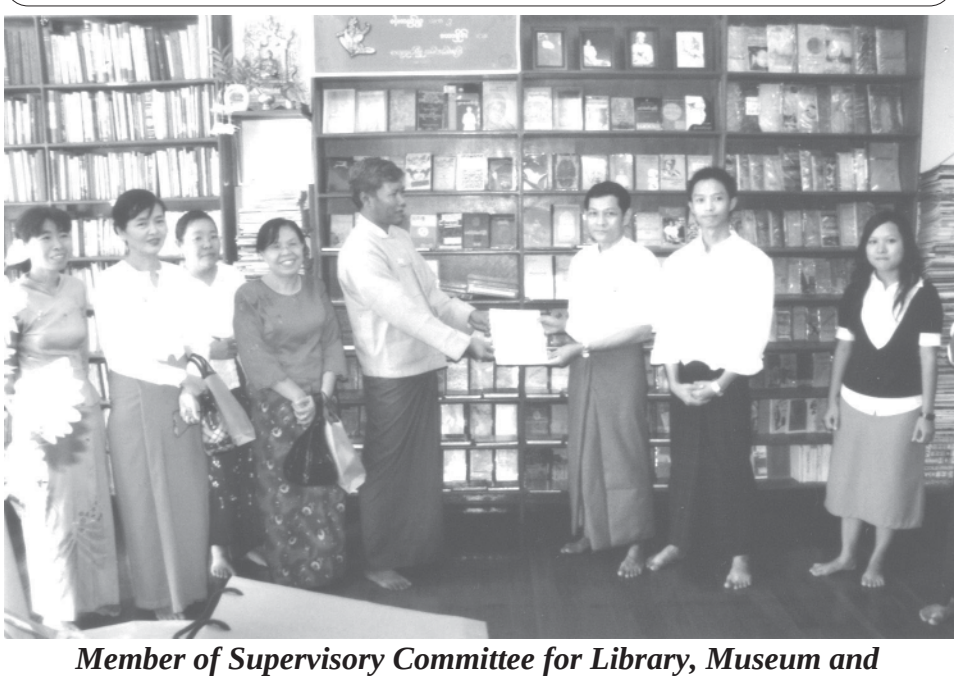
Rare book exhibition, book fair open



Member of Supervisory Committee for Library, Museum and Exhibition U Win Khin presents permit to U Kyaw Min of Zizawah Book House.

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YANGON, 26 June — Organized by Zizawah Book House and Wah Leywa Sarpay, the fourth rare book exhibition and book fair was opened at Zizawah Book House of No 25, Nantha Street, Ahlon Township, here yesterday morning.

On display at the book fair are about 30 books written by Sayagyi Thakhin Kodaw Hmaing, over 60 books published by Nagani Publishing House during the period from 1937 to 1941 and books on Myanmar's independence struggles. Moreover, books on various subjects in English and Myanmar are available for the public at a 10 per cent discount and for libraries at a 15 per cent discount.

The rare book exhibition and book fair continue till 12 July and anyone interested may dial 01-216279.

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Shwe Naing Ngan News Journal Volume 8, No 4 comes out

YANGON, 26 June— Shwe Naing Ngan News Journal Volume 8, No 4 came out today.

The issue covered the special articles on flourishing of political knowledge among the society, strengthening Thai-Myanmar friendship and opposing those who want to drive wedge among the people, and local and foreign news.

The journal is available at Sarpay Beikman on Marchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Panshwepyi Book Shop on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township and book shop of News and Periodical Enterprice.

Manuscrips are invited to No 8 Panchan Tower second floor at the corner of Dhammazedi Street and Bagayar Road at Myenigon in Sangyong, Yangon, Ph 538302.

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Nawnghkio Township enjoying cumulative development in all sectors

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

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With smooth transport, Nawnghkio in Shan State (North) earns a good reputation as a land of crops. It shares border with Kyaukme in the north, Yaksawk in the south, and PyinOoLwin Township in the west. It stands at an altitude of 2750 feet and has a cool climate.

In our recent trip to Nawnghkio, we interviewed Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw. When asked about regional development, he told the Myanmar Alin, "In our township, oil radish farming has represented a watershed in the whole northern Shan State. Coffee, sugarcane, paddy and other cold season crops grow well in our township."

U Aung Kyaw, Chairman of Nawnghkio Township Peace and Development Council.

He added, "Regarding the health sector, in the past, our township has only two hospitals. Now, we have got four hospitals. So, we can provide better health care to local people."

"In the education sector, till 1988, our township got one basic education high school, eight middle schools and 154 primary schools. Now, we have three high schools, seven middle schools and 156 primary schools. Due to the new schools, the youth of the region have easy access to education", he said.

When it comes to the communication sector of Nawnghkio, previously, manual exchange phone was the only means of communication in the township. Since last March, local people have had access to digital exchange phones. So far, the township has got 480 auto telephones. So, its communication sector has made a great deal of progress.

In order to help improve the transport sector of the township, Public Works is building and maintaining tarred roads, gravel roads, laterite roads and earth roads. Not only urban roads but also rural roads have been upgraded in the township.

Nawnghkio was equipped with a TV retransmitting station in July 1997. Since December 2008, the station has also retransmitted the broadcasts of Myawady TV Station.

So, Nawnghkio Township is enjoying regional development at the unprecedented level. And local people will soon be able to enjoy higher living standard thanks to the progress in the education, health care, transport and agricultural farming.

Translation: MS

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Samples of oil radish that thrive in Nawnghkio.

Nawnghkio Township People's Hospital.

Nawnghkio Digital Auto Exchange.

agricultural sector. Last year, we put 337 acres under oil radish. We have a plan to increase the sown acreage of oil radish to 1100 acres coming cold season. On average, we get 15 to 20 baskets of oil radish an acre. We can extract edible oil from oil radish at the rate of six viss a basket. Coming cold season, our township will distribute oil radish seeds to the

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (257)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (257) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.6.2009 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 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA JOY VOY NO (111)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA JOY VOY NO (111) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 1 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SIAM PHULSAWAT MARITIME CO., LTD

Phone No: 256919/256916/256912

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9024)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9024) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.6.2009 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.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BILLION VOY NO (111)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (111) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.7 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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INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Government of the Union of Myanmar from reputed manufacturers or the bonafide agents for the supply and delivery of the following foundation equipment.

TENDER NO. E-1 (T) PW/2009-2010 CLOSING DATE (15.7.2009 4:00 PM)

Schedule Number	Nomenclature	Qty
1	Bentonite Bored Piling Equipment (suitable for Maximum Bore Hole Diameter 2500 mm and Maximum Depth of 75 meters) Associated with, -Hydraulic Crawler Crane (Casagrande C 600) - Mechanical Rotary Drilling Rig (Casagrande RM 21) - Friction Type Kelly Bar (4x 15m) -Hydraulic Vibro Hammer (Soilmec VS 8) -Drilling Tools -Concrete Tremie Pipes and Accessories	1 Set

Tender application form (including tender documents and detailed technical specifications) for "Bentonite Bored Piling Equipment" will be purchased in US $ 650.00 (or) equivalent Euro per set. The Payment for tender application must be paid to Account No. SEE 01015, Myanma Economic bank (2), Yangon, through Myanma Foreign Trade Bank.

The tender documents can be obtained from Mechanical Division, Building No.40, Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, only with the Payment receipt from Account Division, Public Works.

Tender should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:00 hours on 15th July, 2009.

The Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without furnishing reasons.

For further detail information, please contact to Telephone No. 067-407076, 407176, 407173.

MANAGING DIRECTOR
PUBLIC WORKS

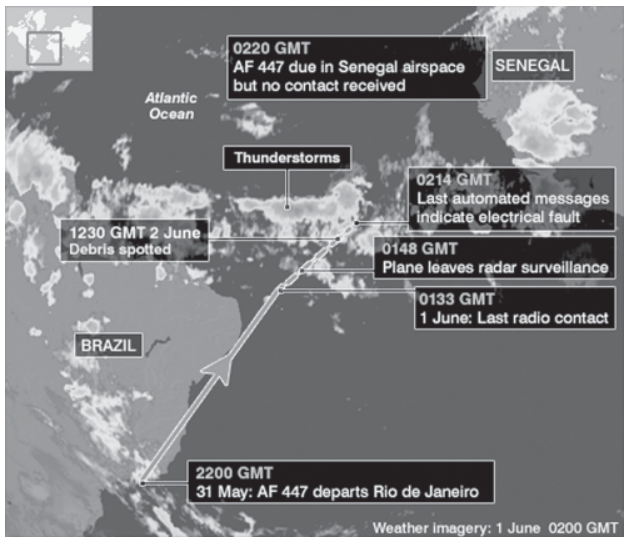
Cyclone victims 'still homeless'

DHAKA , 26 June — One month after the devastating Cyclone Aila hit Bangladesh, many people have not still been able to return home.

Nearly 300 people were killed by the cyclone and there was a massive amount of damage caused to embankments, roads and houses. The government has launched a big relief effort for the four million people affected by the cyclone.

But some 125,000 affected people are still living in the open, as large areas remain flooded with sea water.

The head of aid agency Oxfam in Bangladesh, Heather Blackwell, told the *AFP* news agency that the homes of 75,000 families were damaged or under water. She said many of the families were living in "camp-like settlements", and others living in schools and cyclone shelters. —*Internet*



***The route of flight AF447.*—INTERNET**

Air France pilot body identified

PARIS, 26 June—The body of the chief pilot of the Air France plane that crashed into the Atlantic on 1 June has been identified, the company has said.

It said the remains of the pilot and also a flight attendant were among some 50 bodies recovered by search teams.

All 228 people on board the *Airbus 330* flying from Rio de Janeiro to Paris are believed to have been killed.

There has been speculation that faulty data on the old-style speed sensors may have caused the crash.

"Among the victims who have been recovered from the ocean, two members of the crew of flight *AF447* have been identified to date: the captain and a steward," Air France said in a statement.

It did not provide any further details. —*Internet*

Singer Michael Jackson dies at 50

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—Pop star Michael Jackson has died in Los Angeles, aged 50.

Paramedics were called to the singer's Beverly Hills home at about midday on Thursday after he stopped breathing.

He was pronounced dead two hours later at the UCLA medical centre. Jackson's brother, Jermaine, said he was believed to have suffered a cardiac arrest.

Jackson, who had a history of health problems, had been due to stage a series of comeback concerts in the UK on 13 July.

Speaking on behalf of the Jackson family, Jermaine said doctors had tried to resuscitate the star for more than an hour without success.—*Internet*

A wax figure of Michael Jackson is displayed at Madame Tussauds Wax Museum on 26 June, 2009 in Shanghai, China.
INTERNET

Twin sisters get the same exam scores: telepathy or not?

BEIJING, 26 June — Do twins have telepathy? When twin sisters got the same scores on this year's national college entrance examination, villagers in Shaoxing, east China's Zhejiang Province started to wonder if the girls read one another's minds, according to a story on Zjol.com.

The twin sisters, Zang Jiahuan and Zang Jiale, took the annual college entrance exams at the beginning of this June. When they received the results showing they both scored 644 points, they were shocked.

"We never expected it," the girls said in unison, telling a reporter who asked if anything like this had ever happened before, "this is the only case."

The reporter became even more curious when he found the pair repeatedly finished one another's sent—ences. Wondering if the twins could have telepathy, the reporter conducted an experiment on them.

When asked questions about their lives, the sisters always answered in one voice, which stunned the onlookers and made the reporter conclude that telepathy did exist between the sisters.

However, Xu Yi, a doctor in Zhejiang No 1 Hospital denied the conjecture.

He said it was not unusual for twins to get the same or similar scores on tests because identical twins are born with the same genes, which decide their personality, intelligence and ways of thinking.

Xu added that the twins also have the same family and education background; therefore, they would find the same solutions to solve problems in the exams.

Internet

Germany's Dresden deleted from UNESCO's World Heritage List

SEVILLE, 26 June — With four year's warning unheeded, Germany's heritage site in Dresden was deleted on Thursday from UNESCO's (Unite Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's) World Heritage List.

The ongoing 33rd Session of the World Heritage Committee voted to delete Germany's Dresden Elbe Valley from the List due to the building of a four-lane bridge in the heart of the cultural landscape which meant that the property failed to keep its "outstanding universal value as inscribed."

"Every time we fail to preserve a site, we share the pain of the State Party," declared Mara Jess San Segundo, the Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Spain to UNESCO who is chairing the session in Seville.

"We feel the sense of responsibility and sadness" in making the decision, she added at a Press conference on Thursday afternoon.

Francesco Bandarin, director of UNESCO's World Heritage Centre, blamed Dresden's removal on the "unsuccessful interchange" between UNESCO experts and Germany, in particular the unwillingness on the part of the German authorities to listen to UNESCO's warnings in the past four years.

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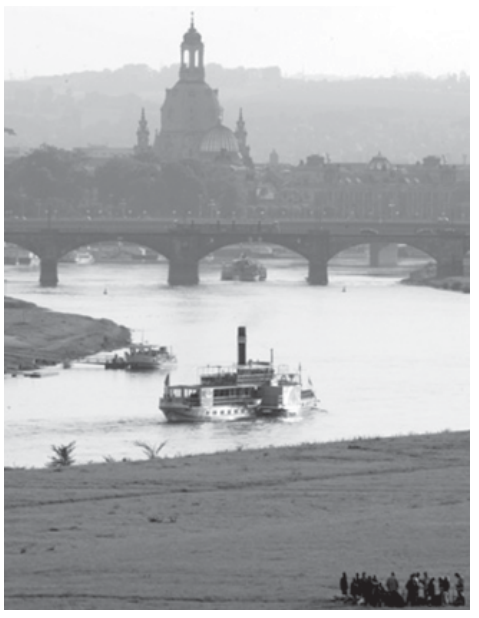


A general view shows a vintage steamboat sailing down the Elbe river, where the planned 'Waldschloesschenbruecke' bridge should cross the river, in front of the historic city centre of the eastern German city of Dresden on 27 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Many sharks 'facing extinction'

LONDON, 26 June — Many species of open ocean shark are under serious threat, according to an assessment by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The Red list gives the status of 64 types of shark and ray, over 30% of which are threatened with extinction.

The authors, IUCN's Shark Specialist Group, say a main cause is overfishing. Listed as endangered are two species of hammerhead shark, often subject to "finning" — a practice of removing the fins and throwing away the body. This is the first time that IUCN Red List criteria, considered the world's most comprehensive inventory of the conservation status of plants and animals, have been used to classify open ocean, or pelagic, sharks and rays.

The list is part of an ongoing international scientific project to monitor the animals.

The authors classified a further 24% of the examined species as Near Threatened. Sharks are "profoundly vulnerable" to overfishing, they say. This is principally because many species take several years to mature and have relatively few young.—*Internet*

Endangered hammerhead sharks are often caught for their valuable fins.—INTERNET

WHO says H1N1 virus is stable

MOSCOW, 26 June — The World Health Organization said on Thursday that the H1N1 virus was stable and there was no sign yet of it mixing with other influenza viruses.

Some health officials have raised concerns that if H1N1, known by many as swine flu, combined with the much deadlier H5N1 bird flu virus then the pandemic could claim many more lives.

"The virus is still very stable," WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan told reporters at a news briefing in Moscow when asked if there were any signs of the virus mixing with other strains such as avian flu.

"But as we all know the influenza virus is highly unpredictable and has great potential for mutation," Chan said after meeting Russian Health Minister Tatyana Golikova.

Chan's remarks are some of the first comments by the WHO leadership since the United Nations agency declared an influenza pandemic on 11 June.

Chan said the viruses needed to be closely monitored to make sure there was no mutation.—*Internet*

A teacher hands out disinfectant as schoolchildren wearing surgical masks attend class at an elementary school in Mexico City on 11 May, 2009—INTERNET

Mexico reports three more deaths of A/H1N1 flu

MEXICO CITY, 26 June — Mexico's Health Ministry on Thursday reported three new deaths from the new strain of A/H1N1 flu in a statement that also raised the total of those infected to 9,028, up 749 cases since the last report. Documents released with the statement showed that the disease was spreading fast in the south eastern state of Yucatan, which now has 913 confirmed cases, up 230 from the last published report.

Earlier this week, the ministry said the Yucatan state government had closed schools where the disease had been confirmed in a bit to halt contagion. Although Mexico City has the largest number of cases, or a total of 2,085, the number only increased by 25 since the last report.

The ministry urged residents to visit their doctors as soon as possible if they present any flu-like symptoms, including muscular pain, headaches, a sudden increase in temperature and excess nasal mucus. The virus can be treated with standard antiviral medicines and is unlikely to be fatal if it is caught within the first five days of infection.

The United States, with 21,449 cases, remains the world's most infected nation. The disease, first identified in Mexico on 23 April, has now spread to 108 countries or regions and infected 57,047 people. — *Internet*

SPORTS

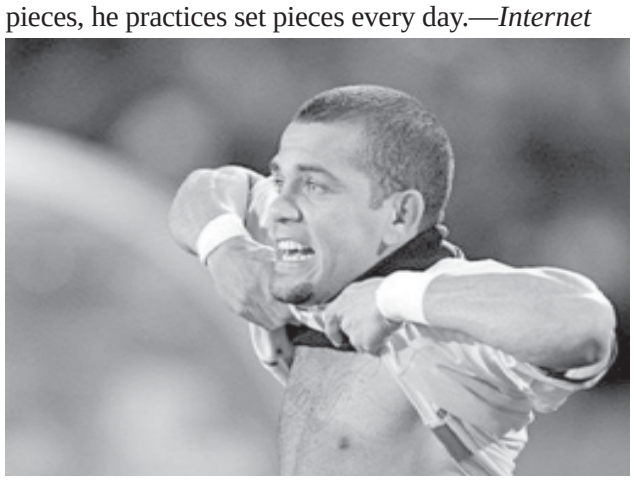
Alves saves Brazil against South Africa in Confedration Cup

JOHANNESBURG, 26 June — Barcelona defender Daniel Alves spared Brazil's blushes as his late goal earned the five time world champions a 1-0 win over spirited South Africa here Thursday to book their place in the Confederations Cup final.

This semi-final against the hosts was heading for extra time until Alves, in an inspired move by coach Dunga, replaced Andre Santos and broke the stalemate with a curling free kick in the 88th minute.

Explaining his master move Dunga said: "We knew it was going to be difficult, we knew South Africa were going to attack, to defend and counter attack.

"The game was very tight so I sent on an aggressive player (Alves) who is very quick and a specialist in set pieces, he practices set pieces every day.—*Internet*



Brazilian defender Daniel Alves celebrates after scoring the first goal during the FIFA Confederations Cup semi-final football match Brazil against South Africa at the Ellis Park stadium in Johannesburg. —INTERNET

Friends reunited with Roddick at Wimbledon

LONDON, 26 June—Andy Roddick hopes his high school reunion at Wimbledon is a good omen as he attempts to roll back the years at the All England Club.

It's four years since Roddick reached the second of his two Wimbledon finals and the American remains on course for a third appearance after defeating Igor Kunitsyn 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 on Thursday to set up a third round clash against Austria's Jurgen Melzer.Roddick, the sixth seed, lost both his previous Wimbledon finals to Roger Federer and would love the chance to make amends against the Swiss this year.

But for the moment the former US Open champion has been enjoying the success of his old friends from high school in Boca Raton, Florida.Roddick and compatriots Mardy Fish and Jesse Levine all emerged from Boca's high school and tennis academy to make their mark on the ATP Tour.—*Internet*

US Andy Roddick dives for a shot during play against Russia's Igor Kunitsyn, during their second round match in the 2009 Wimbledon tennis championships at the All England Club, on 25 June.—INTERNET

Sandra Gal leads by one at LPGA in Rochester

ROCHESTER,26 June — Germany's Sandra Gal kept loose over a game of chess during a rain delay and shot an 8-under 64 Thursday to lead Jiyai Shin by one stroke before darkness suspended first-round play at the Wegmans LPGA.

An afternoon storm packing hail, lightening and torrential rain interrupted the tournament for three hours at the tree-lined Locust Hill course in suburban Rochester. Poor light then ended play at 8:37 pm with 30 players unable to finish their round.

Becky Lucidi was in third place at 6 under through 15 holes. Kristy McPherson and Michele Redman were tied for fourth place with 5-under 67s. Tiger Woods' 18-year-old niece, Cheyenne, carded a 75 in her pro-tour debut, which came courtesy of a sponsor exemption.

The 24-year-old Gal, in her second year on tour, finished with a 15-foot birdie putt for a career-best round. Her best finish was a tie for fifth at last month's LPGA Corning Classic.—*Internet*

Eto'o could stay at Barca 'amid dearth of offers'

BARCELONA, 26 June— Barcelona's Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o is set to stay with the Catalan club amid a dearth of offers for the star, sports daily *AS* reported on Thursday.

"They have received no offers," reported the paper, a comment which would be music to the ears of Barca Chairman Joan Laporta, who wants the 28-year-old to stay for the rest of his career.AS added that wage demands of some ten million euros a year were frightening top clubs off Eto'o.

Last week Laporta said that "we're trying to find a way in which he can stay" after talks between the player's agent, Josep Maria Mesalles, and Barca?s director of football Txiki Begiristain.

Internet

Barcelona's Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o is set to stay with Barcelona amid a dearth of offers for the star, sports daily AS reported on Thursday.—INTERNET

Golf great Ballesteros launches cancer foundation

MADRID, 26 June — Spanish golf great Severiano Ballesteros launched his cancer foundation in Madrid this Thursday.

The 52-year-old, who won the British Open on three occasions and the US Masters twice, is currently recovering from a brain tumor, which was diagnosed in October 2008.

He needed four operations and just last week finished his sixth session of chemotherapy in Madrid as he continues to recover from the illness.

"I want to do my bit to battle this disease," said Ballesteros at the official launch of the foundation, which is aimed at helping cancer sufferers as well as aspiring golfers from poor backgrounds."

I am a lucky man and my desire is to help others. My message is that there is no secret to life at all.

What you have to do is fight and fight t and not give up and in the end you will be a winner," he added.—*Internet*

Argentina hand Maradona sky-high pay deal

BUENOS AIRES, 26 June —Argentina legend Diego Maradona has signed a bumper contract to continue as coach of the national football team.

Argentinian national soccer team coach Diego Armando Maradona.—INTERNET

Press reports here Thursday said Maradona will earn 1.2 million dollars (860,000 euros) for his one-year stint as coach, which comes in at 100,000 dollars (139,000 euros) a month and covers the period November 2008 to October 2009.

The deal means Maradona, who has worked as coach of Argentina since November 2008 but without signing a contract, will remain in the post at least until the end of the World Cup qualifiers in October.—*Internet*

Venus warns that top tennis stars risk burnout

LONDON, 26 June— Wimbledon champion Venus Williams fears top stars are in danger of burning-out unless they are given better protection from the sport's gruelling schedule.

Former world number ones Justine Henin, Martina Hingis and Kim Clijsters all retired by the age of 25 after tiring of life on the WTA Tour although Clijsters plans a comeback later this year.

Venus Williams .

Most players join the circuit by the time they are 16 or 17 and, if they reach the top 10, are guaranteed to endure a steady diet of high-pressure matches for the rest of their careers.

Internet

Glamour girl Ivanovic turns on style

LONDON, 26 June—Ana Ivanovic admits she has finally rediscovered her love of tennis after restoring the reputation of Wimbledon's glamour girls with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Italy's Sara Errani in the second round on Thursday.

After Russian beauty Maria Sharapova crashed out of the tournament against Argentine Gisela Dulko on Wednesday, Ivanovic, the 13th seed, appears to be relishing her status as the new queen of Wimbledon.

The 21-year-old, who regularly tops polls of the sport's most attractive players, has endured a miserable time since her world number one and French Open title breakthrough last year and is now ranked outside the top 10 for the first time in two years.—*Internet*

Serbia's Ana Ivanovic,admits she has finally rediscovered her love of tennis after restoring the reputation of Wimbledon's glamour girls with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Italy's Sara Errani in the second round on Thursday.—INTERNET

US second seed Serena Williams returns a ball to Italy's Roberta Vinci during their third round match in the 2009 Wimbledon tennis championships at the All England Club in south-west London. Williams powered intothe fourth round at Wimbledon with a 6-3, 6-4 victory.—INTERNET

Serena powers into Wimbledon fourth round

LONDON, 26 June—Second seed Serena Williams powered into the fourth round at Wimbledon with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Italy's Roberta Vinci on Friday.

Williams, a two-time Wimbledon champion, gave a masterclass in baseline play to bury Vinci under a barrage of brutal ground-strokes and set up a last 16 match against Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova.

World number 32 Hantuchova beat her doubles partner Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-4, 6-3 to set up the fourth round clash.

Serena has yet to drop a set at Wimbledon this year and never looked likely to lose that impressive record in her 200th Grand Slam match.

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(27-6-2009) (Saturday)

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Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* A Souvenir of Pathein
* The Art of Playing Cane Ball
* Myanma Melody on Screen: Striking Sound of Weaving (Ma Lay Lat Khat Than)
* Silk-ware from Amarapura
* Beautiful Sculptures for Sale
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
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* Raise Momentum of Anti-drug Campaign
* Ancient City, Pakhangyi
* National Landmarks Garden
* Let's Decorate with Myanma Silversmith
* Myanmar Musicial Orchestra (Bwe Song)
* Let's go to the zoo (Part III)
* Scenic Beauties and Sentiment (Saging)
* Pantaya, School of Fine Arts!
* A Souvenir of Pathein
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* Myanma Melody on Screen: Striking Sound of Weaving (Ma Lay Lat Khat Than)
* Silk-ware from Amarapura
* Beautiful Sculptures for Sale
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* Products made from Myanma Water Hyacinth
* Nan Pan Market Day
* Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

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TV Myanmar

Saturday, 27 June
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:05 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am
7. Musical programme

8:30 am
8. စွမ်းအားပြည့်ထုတ်လုပ်ထားပလတ်စတစ်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. ပြည်ထောင်စုတိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာအက

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Cute little dancers

11:35 am
3. Round up of the week's TV local news

1:10 pm
4. Yan can cook

1:35 pm
5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၅)

2:30 pm
6. ထူးချွန်ထင်ရှားမြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်-၁)

2:40 pm
7. Internation News

3:45 pm
1. **Myanmar National League MNL-Cup 2009**
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5:45 pm
2. Musical programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:30 pm
4. Weather Report

6:35 pm
5. အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

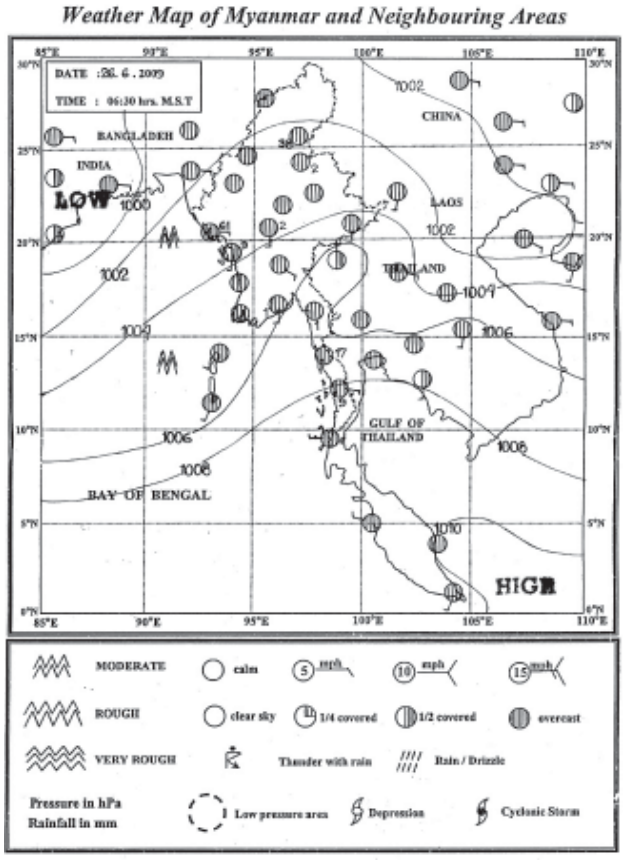
6:50 pm
6. ပဥ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်

7:05 pm
7. Musical programme

7:15 pm
8. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm
9. News
10. International News
11. Weather Report
12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 26 June, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti and Sittway (2.40) inches each, Putao (1.58) inches each, Myitkyina (1.50) inches and Ye (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-6-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 26-6-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-6-2009 was 81%. Total sun shine hours on 25-6-2009 was (1.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-6-2009 was (0.28) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (33.90) inches at Mingaladon, (39.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (44.84) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 25-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27th June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-6-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for last weekend of June 2009: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division. One or two rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division.

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Myanmar actively cooperating with international community and implementing anti-drug campaigns with added momentum based on own strength, resources

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June— The ceremony to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at Ahreindama Hall of Myanmar Police Force (Headquarters) here this morning with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

It was also attended by the ministers, the chief justice, the deputy ministers, departmental heads and police officers of MPF, the ambassadors to the Union of Myanmar, the military attachés and charge d' affaires ai of foreign embassies, the resident representatives of UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, officials of Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Drug Enforcement Administration of the US, member correspondents of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and guests.

In his address, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said that narcotic drugs are threatening not only a single country or a single national race but also the entire mankind and as such all have to face and solve the problem of narcotic drugs. The danger of narcotic drugs is menacing all developed, developing and less developed countries. The problem of narcotic drugs is indeed the problem of all the people of the world and concerns all human beings. That is why we have been holding these activities in the whole country to raise the awareness of the people so that they can avoid the danger of narcotic drugs. This year is 22nd anniversary of holding the mass activities.

The theme for this year's International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is "No individual, family or community is safe where illicit drugs take control." The main objective and meaning of this year's theme is that the menace of narcotic drugs infiltrates into the social life of the youths, and because of narcotic drugs the future prospects of the State, the youth, perish before they reach their life's goals. Therefore, in order that the environment of the youths and also of all the people to be free from the dreadful danger of narcotic drugs, all of the people are urged to actively cooperate in the combat to eliminate narcotic drugs from our society:

For the people to be fully aware of the danger of narcotic drugs, it is especially important that educational activities and talks are easily comprehensible to the general public. The distinguished guests are all aware that abuse of narcotic drugs especially injection drug use, which entails the addicts to be infected with dreaded diseases especially HIV/AIDS. You will notice also that the abuse of Amphetamine Type Stimulants – ATS make the addicts to become restless and suffer from anxiety, that person can no longer do productive work and thus becomes a worthless person.

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***Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivers address at ceremony to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.*—MNA**

Railway schedules of Pyinmana Station to be shifted to Nay Pyi Taw Station

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June— Myanma Railways has extended railway schedules based on Nay Pyi Taw by building Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station. They are four Yangon up/down trains, two up/down Mandalay trains, two up/down Myingyan trains, two up/down Mawlamyine trains, two up/down Mandalay trains, two up/down Bagan trains, two Pyay up/down trains, two up/down Shwenyaung trains, two up/down Lowikaw trains and two Chauk up/down trains totaling 20 railway routes. As there are difficulties and limitations in the yard of Pyinmana Station where regular railway schedules – eight Yangon-Mandalay up/down expresses, two up/down mail trains and two local up/down trains – are running, all trains except mail trains

(See page 9)

Photo shows newly-built Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station. —MNA