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8th Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee concludes

YANGON, 28 June – The Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continued for the second day today at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township here.

At the meeting, Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Bhaddanta Veponla discussed Vinicchaya affairs, Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sirinda religious affairs and Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha

Saddhama Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Veponla Bhivamsa academic affairs.

At the afternoon session, members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee discussed and decided Vinicchaya, religious and academic affairs.

In response to the discussions and decision about the report on the activities the second period's work progress of the Sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (First Branch), Joint-Secretary Sayadaw

Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tilawka Bhivamsa gave his explanation and sought the approval.

Afterwards, member Sayadaws discussed tasks to be carried out in accord with the Vinaya Dhamma procedures Chapter (7), Para 56 (c) and selection of State Vinaya Sayadaws. Then the meeting concluded successfully. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe offered a day meal to the Sayadaws.—MNA

Myitkyina in Kachin State getting prosperous

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



Union Highway is kept clean in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

The development of Myitkyina, the capital city of Kachin State, is now gaining momentum due to smooth transport.

As a result of the projects implemented the government has been implementing for equitable development of all parts of the Union, Myitkyina has seen a lot of positive changes.

Myitkyina is accessible directly by train from Mandalay, and by plane from Mandalay, Yangon and Putao.

Smooth transport is the engine of remarkable development of Myitkyina and its better relations with other townships.

During our trip, we witnessed significant progress of Myitkyina. We took an up-train to Myitkyina from Mandalay. On arrival at the station, we witnessed clean roads, fine buildings and houses, and huge traffic on roads, which represented rapid regional development.

When asked about the region, Secretary of Myitkyina Township Peace and Development

Council U Tin Maung Oo told the Myanmar Alin, “Our township shares the border with Sumprabum in the north, Inganyan and Waingmaw in the east, Moemauk, Bhamo and Shwegu in the south, and Mohnyin, Mogaung, Karmaing, Hpa-kant and Tanai townships in the west. It has an area of 2510.45 square miles, and is 18.61 miles wide between east and west, and 124.8 miles between south and north. Our township is constituted with 25 wards and 60 villages.”

Assistant Engineer U Myo Aye Lwin of the Township Development Affairs Committee said, “To keep our township clean and pleasant, we have decorated the 163 traffic islands with flower beds along the main roads, Myitkyina-Sumprabum Road and the Union Highway. And workers of the Township Development Affairs Committee maintain them.”

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Traffic islands in Myitkyina are decorated with flower beds.



PERSPECTIVES

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Beware of infectious diseases in rainy season

Now is the time when the climate is wet with heavy rains. So we should be well aware of and prevent infectious diseases such as coughs and sneezes, the common cold, flu, hepatitis, typhoid, dengue fever and diarrhea.

Sometimes, we catch a cold and have got a flu affecting our immunity. One may suffer from other diseases because of one's low immune system. As most germs causing people to catch a cold can survive for hours on materials, we can get infectious diseases if we touch those materials or if our hands touch each other's.

In order to avoid infectious diseases, we must wash and clean our hands very often, use insecticidal soap and cover our mouth with a handkerchief or a piece of soft paper when we cough or sneeze. It is necessary to pay attention to the health of young children as they are more vulnerable to infectious diseases such as the common cold and sneezes than adults.

We may have got sore eyes by touching our eyes with our dirty hands in this rainy season. Therefore, all the people especially children are to wash and clean their hands carefully.

Eating overripe fruits, food that has been unattended in flies-infested areas and unhygienic food can cause dysentery- and diarrhea-related diseases. So we should eat wholesome food only.

All the people will be able to prevent infectious diseases that occur in the rainy season by taking care of their personal hygiene, keeping their surroundings clean and tidy and eating wholesome food in accord with the public health education notices.



A vocalist participates in Vocalists contests of Premier Coffee Co Ltd and Ginsetin.

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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

Sanitation tasks in Mandalay Division



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe looks into sanitation tasks in Patheingyi Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Under the programme of carrying out sanitation weekly in Township, departmental personnel and members of social organizations took part in the activities at Basic Education High School in Kyaukmi village in

Patheingyi Township on 15 June. Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe observed the activities and attended to the needs.

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Vocalist, beauty queen contests held in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 28 June—Vocalist and beauty queen contests, jointly organized by Premier Coffee Co Ltd and Ginsetin, starting from 14 June, successfully concluded at Patheingyi, Myaungmya, Hinthada, Pyapon and Maubin Townships in Ayeyawady Division.

Premier Coffee Co Ltd and Ginsetin thanked those participated in the contests from those townships.

In gratitude for the service of agents from the township concerned, those who had won the first prizes in the township level contests are to compete again in the country level. Premier Coffee and Ginsetin will hold the country level contest at Capital Hyper Market in Yangon soon.

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Myanmar delegation leaves for Dubai of UAE



Myanmar delegation members pose for documentary photo before their departure for Dubai.

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YANGON, 28 June—A 18-member Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of Myanmar Rice Merchants Association CEC member of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Than Oo

left by air for Dubai of Union of Arab Emirates to attend Middle East Africa and Asia Rice Summit 2009 to be held at Dubai of UAE on 28 and 29 June.

President of UMFCU U Win Myint and personnel concerned saw off the Myanmar delegation at Yangon International Airport.

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DRIVE SAFELY



Russian President concludes tour of Africa

MOSCOW, 28 June — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Friday ended a four-day trip to Africa that took him to Egypt, Nigeria, Namibia and Angola.

The tour was highlighted by the signing of a series of documents ranging from a strategic cooperation pact to energy deals.

Medvedev's visit, the second by a Russian president to sub-Saharan Africa, sent a signal to the world that Russia is striving to regain the influence it had on the resource-rich continent before the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Medvedev, with a delegation of officials and businessmen in tow, seems to have focused his trip on helping Russian firms that have lagged behind their western peers in the pursuit of a bigger business presence on the natural resource laden continent.

Egypt, the first stop on

Medvedev's trip, is Russia's largest trade partner among the four countries he visited. Trade volume between the two countries was 1.7 billion U.S. dollars last year, and the number of Egypt-bound Russian tourists reached 1.8 million in 2008, the Kremlin said.

During his visit to Cairo, Medvedev and his Egyptian counterpart Hosni Mubarak signed a strategic partnership treaty that specifies the main areas of bilateral cooperation,

including a planned free trade zone between the two countries.

The Russian president also called for expanded commercial ties, saying projects in the energy field, high-tech industries and outer space are promising.

Energy cooperation topped Medvedev's agenda in Nigeria as Gazprom, Russia's state gas monopoly, had been picked as a core investor in the exploration of the African country's gas reserves. —Internet



Citizens take part in the final of a Chinese chess contest at the Cultural Square of the Bell and Drum Tower in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 June, 2009. —INTERNET

Chavez to US general: You're the threat, not us

CARACAS, 28 June — President Hugo Chavez says a US general shouldn't be raising concerns that Venezuela is buying arms, and the American commander is wrong to argue there isn't a "conventional military threat in the region."

Chavez says the US is a threat to Venezuela, and that's why his government is strengthening its military.

The comment is aimed at Geneneral Douglas Fraser, who took over as commander of US military operations in Latin America and the Caribbean this week. Fraser has questioned an apparent Venezuelan military buildup.

Chavez said Saturday that Fraser should look in a mirror, adding: "General, you're the threat!"

Venezuela has signed deals with Russia to buy more than \$4.4 billion worth of arms since 2005.

Internet

Park rangers enter the thick forest in the Virunga National Park in 2008. Dozens of animals have been killed by armed groups at Africa's oldest national park in the Democratic Republic of Congo since the start of the year, park officials said on Tuesday.

INTERNET



WHO reports nearly 60,000 swine flu cases



A pedestrian walks past a sign at the entrance to a hospital which has been changed to read emergency in Hong Kong, May 2009.

INTERNET

GENEVA, 28 June — Swine flu has infected 59,814 people in 113 countries worldwide and killed 263 people, according to new figures released by the World Health Organisation on Friday.

The data showed 3,949 new infections since the last bullet in only two days ago, and 25 additional deaths, the WHO said.

Chile showed the greatest increase, of 871

infections and three deaths, taking its total to 5,186, including seven dead, followed by Britain, where cases rose by 692 to 3,597, including one dead.

The number of deaths in Argentina tripled from seven to 21, while WHO recorded the first death from the A/H1N1 virus in Honduras. One additional death was registered in Mexico, where the pandemic first broke out in March, taking the toll to 116, as well as in Guatemala and Australia, while Canada suffered four more deaths.—Internet

Mexican Army catches drug suspect with police list

MONTERREY, 28 June — Mexican soldiers have captured a suspected drug cartel operator with a list of the names of local police officers who apparently received payoffs, the army said on Saturday.

A statement said Omar Ibarra was caught Friday on a street in the northern city of Monterrey. It said he possessed the names of 33 policemen in the wealthy suburb of San Pedro Garza Garcia "who presumably received money from this individual."

San Pedro officials were not immediately available for comment.

Ibarra also had two hand grenades, two packages of marijuana and a 9-mm submachine gun with a silencer, the army said. One of his alleged accomplices was also captured with marijuana,

cocaine and a gun, the statement said.

In the western state of Michoacan, gunmen opened fire on a car carrying two forensic investigators, killing one — a chemist — and wounding the other, a doctor.

The attack occurred on Saturday in the city of Zamora, state prosecutors said in a statement.

Also on Saturday, nine men and two women were ordered to stand trial on organized crime and money laundering charges. They were arrested in the border city of Reynosa in March on suspicion of stealing oil from state-owned pipelines and smuggling it across the border to sell it to US refineries.

Four of the suspects, including, a former local leader of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, were also charged with selling stolen goods.—Internet

An oil exploration tower in the Ugandan town of Tonya on the shores of Lake Albert. Uganda has urged the Democratic Republic of Congo to halt the construction of a border post on a disputed territory off Lake Albert.

INTERNET



California plans more furloughs due to budget

SAN FRANCISCO, 28 June — California will force state employees to take a third unpaid day off work per month starting in July if the legislature cannot close a mounting budget gap, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said on Friday.

State Controller John Chiang has said he will start paying state bills with IOUs on 2 July, a day after the fiscal year starts, if the \$24.3 billion budget gap is not closed with a new spending plan, since the state is running out of cash.

State employees who already are required to take two unpaid days off per month will get a third furlough day, Schwarzenegger said in a statement, repeating that he opposed any partial effort to fix the finances of the largest US state.

Internet

Evidence of memory seen in songbird brain

CHICAGO, June — When a zebra finch hears a new song from a member of its own species, the experience changes gene expression in its brain in unexpected ways, researchers report. The sequential switching on and off of thousands of genes after a bird hears a new tune offers a new picture of memory in the songbird brain.

The finding, detailed this month in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, was a surprise, said principal investigator David Clayton, a professor of cell and developmental biology at the University of Illinois. He and his colleagues had not expected to see so many genes involved, and thought that any changes

in gene activity after a bird heard a new song would quickly dissipate.

The new experiments uncovered three distinct profiles of gene expression in the brain. One is typical of a bird sitting alone in silence.

A second profile appears quickly just after a bird hears a recorded song — but only if the song is new to the bird. A third profile then emerges 24 hours later, after the song has become familiar.

"I can tell you whether the bird has heard a particular song before or not just by looking at the molecular assay," Clayton said.

In the study, each bird was kept in quiet isolation overnight before it heard a recording of a new song. The recording was then repeated every 10 seconds for up to three hours.

Internet



University of Illinois cell and developmental biology professor David Clayton and his colleagues saw an unusual pattern of gene activity in the brains of zebra finches after the birds heard an unfamiliar song.

Angola-Russia cooperation reaches a new high historical level

LUANDA, 28 June — The Angolan and Russian governments have signed six cooperation accords during Russian President Dmitri Medvedev one-day official visit to Angola at the weekend, signaling a new high historical level of bilateral cooperation in various sectors between Angola and Russia.

After meeting with his Russian counterpart Dmitri Medvedev on

Friday, Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos described the Russian president's visit as "positive" and "very profitable" to both sides.

"It was very impressive the way the Russian leader talked about African matters, revealing not only the knowledge but also his vision and personal engagement in seeking solutions and contributions to improve the

security situation in our continent," Dos Santos said. "It was decided to be held periodic meetings so that we may take meaningful contribution to improve the international situation," he added.

According to the Angolan head of state, more meetings will be held not only at the presidential level, but also at various levels of governments.—Internet

Queues build for India's popular Nano car

MUMBAI, 28 June — When Ratan Tata, the head of India's Tata Motors, said the company was planning to build the world's cheapest car, he could have had in mind Maruti Jaywant Bhandare as his ideal client.

The 42-year-old said he had been saving hard for

seven years, squirreling away 50 rupees (one dollar) a day from his business mending shoes in a battered money box for a 60,000-rupee motorcycle.

But when Tata said the Nano would cost just 100,000 rupees, the roadside cobbler in northeast Mumbai decided to wait and spent

the next two years saving the extra cash to upgrade to four wheels instead.

Now Bhandare has just found out that he has been selected to be one of the first 100,000 people in India to get the keys to a Nano. He takes delivery of a standard version of the car next month — and sets about learning to drive.—Internet



The Nano car at a showroom in Mumbai. India's Tata Motors launched the Nano in March, claiming the no-frills vehicle would revolutionise travel for millions of Indians.—INTERNET

Obama urges Americans get tested for HIV

WASHINGTON, 28 June — President Barack Obama on Saturday urged his fellow Americans to get tested for HIV in an effort to reduce transmission of the virus that causes AIDS.

"On this 14th commemoration of National HIV Testing Day, I urge Americans to take control of their own health — and protect those they love — by getting tested for HIV and working to reduce HIV transmission," Obama said in a statement.

"While its impacts are not evenly spread — infection rates are particularly high among gay and bisexual men, African Americans and Latinos — when one of our fellow citizens becomes infected with HIV every nine-and-a-half minutes, the epidemic affects all Americans," he said.

Internet

Daimler launches first German hybrid car

FRANKFURT, 28 June — German luxury car maker Daimler launched its first hybrid model last week, almost 10 years after the market leader, Toyota.

The world's best-selling limousine, a favourite of world leaders, the Mercedes Benz S Class, is now available in

Europe with two motors, one electric and the other petrol (gasoline), to save fuel and cut pollution.

The "CO2 champion of luxury cars," as Mercedes bills it, nonetheless cranks out 186-189 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre, remaining one of the biggest polluters on

the road, well above the European average of around 160 grams.

A comparable S model with a normal engine can spew out as much as 234 grams, Daimler counters.

A spokesman added that "we want to launch at least one hybrid model per year." It is by all accounts a mini revolution in the German auto sector, which generally produces big, powerful cars by brands including Mercedes, Porsche, BMW and Audi.

Internet

Mercedes Benz S Class cars move on an assembly line at the Mercedes plant in Sindelfingen, southern Germany. The world's best-selling limousine, a favourite of world leaders, the Mercedes Benz S Class, is now available in Europe with two motors, one electric and the other petrol (gasoline), to save fuel and cut pollution.—INTERNET



German banks under fire for credit policies

FRANKFURT, 28 June — German banks are facing a firestorm of criticism from the government and industry federations that accuse them of threatening small businesses with their tight-fisted credit policies.

More than 16,600 small and medium-sized companies in Germany failed in the first half of the year, 14 percent more than in the same period of 2008, the association Creditreform has estimated.

The bankruptcies affected 250,000 jobs and Creditreform has warned that a total of 540,000 jobs could be eliminated by the end of the year.

Tight credit policies have been a major factor in the failures, according to most official business administrators polled by ZIS, a research group specialising in troubled enterprises.

"Getting credit has become very difficult," administrator Markus Ernestus told AFP. "Even companies that have a temporary need for cash to fill their orders are getting turned down."—Internet



Spain's Hercules Tower enters Heritage List

SEVILLE (Spain), 28 June — Spain's Tower of Hercules was inscribed on the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's) World Heritage List on Saturday along with two Swiss watch-making towns.

The Tower of Hercules has served as a lighthouse and landmark at the entrance of La Coruna harbor in

northwestern Spain since the late 1st century A.D., when the Romans built the Farum Brigantium.

The Tower, built on a 57-metre-high rock, rises a further 55 metres. Immediately adjacent to the base of the Tower is a small rectangular Roman building. The site also features a sculpture park, the Monte dos Bicos rock carvings from the Iron Age and a Muslim

cemetery.

The Swiss site of La Chaux-de-Fonds / Le Locle watch-making town-planning consists of two towns situated close to one another in a remote environment in the Jura mountains, on land ill-suited to farming. Their planning and buildings reflect watch-makers' need of rational organization.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Hamas proposes shared mechanism to operate Rafah crossing

RAFAH, 28 June—The deposed premier of Hamas administration in Gaza Ismail Haneya proposed on Saturday a joint mechanism to keep Rafah border crossing working permanently.

Haneya visited and toured earlier on Saturday the key border crossing between Gaza Strip and Egypt, which was temporarily reopened by Egypt for three days for students, patients and Palestinians holding other nationalities.

He called for the approval of a joint Palestinian, Egyptian and Eu-

ropean mechanism to keep the crossing permanently working between the impoverished enclave and Egypt.

"We still cling to the offer and we are ready to operate the crossing of Rafah depending on the political partnership as well as the Palestinian-Egyptian partnership with a European presence at the crossing," Haneya told reporters.

Thousands of Palestinians, including students, patients who need medical treatment and residents who hold other nationalities will cross through Rafah border

crossing to Egypt on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. —Xinhua



A Palestinian man waits to cross into Egypt through the Rafah border crossing in the southern Gaza Strip, on 27 June, 2009. —XINHUA

NATO, Russia agree to resume military-to-military contacts

CORFU, 28 June — NATO and Russia have agreed to resume their military-to-military contacts, which have been frozen since the Russia-Georgia military conflict in August 2008, NATO Secre-

tary-general Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov announced on Saturday.

"We restarted our relations at political level. We also agreed to restart mili-

tary-to-military contacts, which have been frozen since last August," de Hoop Scheffer told reporters at the end of a NATO-Russia foreign ministers' meeting.

Lavrov also said the two sides have agreed to relaunch military-to-military contacts.

De Hoop Scheffer said he did not exclude the possibility that Russia would allow NATO to transit lethal weapons to Afghanistan via Russian soil. But he stressed that the two sides have yet to go into specifics of military-to-military cooperation. Russia is now allowing NATO to transit through its territory non-lethal goods only.

Xinhua



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (R) attends the informal foreign ministers meeting of the NATO-Russia Council (NRC) on Greece's Ionian island of Corfu, on 27 June, 2009. —XINHUA

Financial crisis costs Australians one-third of wealth

SYDNEY, 28 June—The Australian Bureau of Statistics has shown that Australian households have lost 36 percent of their financial wealth since the economic crisis began.

Combined household wealth was at just about 787 billion AU dollars (786 billion US dollars) at the end of March, down from a peak of 1,246 billion dollars in September 2007, local newspapers quoted the Australian Bureau of Statistics as saying on Saturday.

The total includes household wealth held in cash, bank deposits, bonds and shares. Significantly it excludes wealth held in the form of superannuating and real estate, and both of these have also dived since the crisis began.—Xinhua

Sri Lanka to pardon lower level rebels

COLOMBO, 28 June—Guidelines for a structured amnesty to former Tamil Tiger rebels and their sympathizers are being drawn up by the government's legal departments, but only lower level rebels will be included in the scheme, a local English newspaper reported on Sunday.

The reprieve would apply to only lower level Tamil Tigers because the leadership and middle rung cadres have died in the war, the Sunday Times quoted government officials close to the process as saying. "If any senior Tiger was to be arrested, he would be tried in the coun-

try's criminal courts," the newspaper said.

An government official close to the process said the "mood in Sri Lanka is that of reconciliation. There is no point in trying people with little evidence of wrong doing."

Human rights watchers estimate that close to 10,000 post-war detainees with suspected links to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are being held at government safe houses even as screening of war-displaced persons continues in camps in the northern Vavuniya District. The newspaper said a section of the government

is advocating the post-apartheid South African model of integration for Sri Lanka's deeply-polarized society. Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse announced last month that the LTTE had been totally defeated with all the 15,000-sq-km territory formerly held by the rebels being recaptured by the government troops.

About 300,000 Tamil civilians displaced by the final battles between the government troops and Tamil Tiger rebels are now being hosted in scores of camps in the northern Vavuniya and Jaffna Districts.—Xinhua



People past a resumed ancient street in Shanhaiguan Pass, north China's Hebei Province, on 26 June, 2009. The ancient commercial street in Shanhaiguan, which dates back to China's Qing (1644-1911) and Ming (1368-1644) dynasties, will reopen to the public soon. Shanhaiguan, or literally the "Mountain and Sea Pass", was once the most important stronghold of China and the first pass of the Great Wall built during the Ming Dynasty. —XINHUA

White supremacist twins charged in bombing

PHOENIX, 28 June — Twin white supremacists have been charged with mailing a parcel bomb to a city diversity office in Scottsdale, Ariz in 2004.

Dennis and Daniel Mahon, both 58, were arrested on Thursday in Illinois. The Kansas City (Mo) Star reported on Saturday. The US Attorney's Office in Phoenix announced their indictment on Friday.

"There are few criminal acts as cowardly as a parcel bomb," said Christopher White of the US Postal Inspection Service.

Dennis Mahon is a former resident of the Kansas City area, where he was imperial dragon of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He ran for alderman in Northmoor, Mo, on a platform that included keeping the town white. Robert Fagan, Dennis Mahon's lawyer, described his client as a "(military) veteran and a contributing member of society."—*Internet*



A man sells tee-shirts next to the star of US music legend Michael Jackson on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Jackson is topping the charts in death as in life. The "King of Pop" is rivaling Elvis in posthumous sales of memorabilia.

INTERNET

Teen critical after Arkansas plane crash

SPRINGFIELD, 28 June — One of two survivors of a deadly crash of a small plane in rural Arkansas was in critical-but-stable condition on Saturday, hospital officials in Missouri said.

Joshua Beckerle, 15, Eureka, Mo., was at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Mo., after being pulled from the wreckage of a single-engine plane that went down the previous day after taking off from a resort in Baxter County, Ark. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Beckerle's father, Eureka Alderman Donald Beckerle, 43, was treated and released.

Two of the three victims killed in the crash were classmates of Beckerle at St. Louis University High School. The other fatality was the pilot, who was the father of one of the teens who was killed. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

Internet

Tampa runway closed after rocky US Airways landing

TAMPA, 28 June — A Tampa International Airport spokeswoman says a runway was closed after a USAirways jet apparently blew its front tires while landing.

Airport spokeswoman Brenda Geoghagan says no passengers or crew on flight 1241 from Philadelphia were hurt when the jet landed on Saturday afternoon. The passengers were taken to a secure area and then released to claim their baggage.

The incident left debris on the runway.

Internet

Somali pirates release ship's crew

BRUSSELS, 28 June — Somali pirates have released the entire crew of a Belgian ship kidnapped two months ago, Belgium's government said on Sunday.

The 10-member crew of the Pompei dredger were in good health, the government said. It did not say whether a ransom had been paid. The government will provide more details at a news conference to be held shortly.

The ship and its crew of two Belgians, a Dutch, three Filipinos and four

Croatians were seized 18 April a few hundred miles north of the Seychelles islands as they were sailing to South Africa.

Despite international navy patrols, piracy has exploded in the Gulf of Aden and around Somalia's 1,900-mile (3,060-kilometre) coastline. Pirates are able to operate freely because Somalia has had no effective central government in nearly 20 years.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



A gym-wheel gymnast practiced her routine on 31 May, during the International German Gymnastics Festival. Organizers have described the Frankfurt event as "the world's biggest leisure sports and competition festival in 2009" with some 60,000 athletes competing in various disciplines.

Woman calls 911, then allegedly keys police car

Police in Syracuse said a woman who was annoyed that a police car was blocking her own car first called 911 and then vandalized the squad car. Police said the woman called 911 to report the "emergency" — that a patrol car was blocking her car. They said she then keyed the patrol car because they didn't move it quickly enough.

Officers were in the area to investigate a harassment complaint. They said the woman approached them and insisted they move their cruiser. They told her to wait. Police said the woman approached them again and demanded they move the car, using profanity. Witnesses said she then used her keys to vandalize the car. Police found gouges on the car and the woman was charged with criminal mischief.

Pilot, 83: Highway landing 'perfect'

An 83-year-old pilot who landed his damaged single-engine Hummelbird plane on a busy South Florida expressway said it was a "perfect landing."

Ralph Squeglia, 83, said he aimed for the Sawgrass Expressway near Miami after clipping the homemade plane's left wing on a light pole and guided the aircraft to the ground while carefully dodging cars, WTVJ-TV, Miami, reported.

"It was a perfect landing," said Squeglia, who has been flying planes since 1944. However, he said there were some complications on the ground.

"I was rolling straight and my tail wing broke, causing me to veer right," he said. "Then the wing hit a light pole and I ended up here."



Traditional ships sail between Brest and Douarnenez, western France. Pirates have been long maligned and cursed as thieves and sea dogs who preyed on the sailing ships of old, but according to one economist they formed vanguard capitalist democracies, with constitutions, elections and healthcare plans.

NY restaurant uses Italian grandmas as chefs

Now that's Italian! A Staten Island restaurant is relying on a group of Italian-born grandmothers for its menus. The women take turns cooking at 35-seat Enoteca Maria, using recipes from the different parts of Italy they come from.

They decide what to cook based on whatever ingredients owner Joe Scaravella brings in. A crew of cooks and staff help them feed the daily crowds.



Emperor penguins congregate on an ice field near Wilkes Land in the Australian Antarctic Territory. Scientists have tracked down previously undiscovered colonies of Antarctic emperor penguins after spotting trails of their droppings on satellite pictures, a study has revealed.

French village on alert after crocodile sightings

A French village is on the alert after several sightings of a crocodile were reported in a local pond and police and local anglers have joined the hunt for the elusive creature dubbed the "Loch Ness monster of the Vosges."

Xertigny, a village of some 3,000 inhabitants in the Vosges region in eastern France, has been transfixed by the unexplained sightings and sightseers have regularly gathered by the water's edge to follow the hunt.

A chicken has been left by the waterside to attract the animal but so far, it has escaped capture and local authorities are considering draining the pool.



Myitkyina in Kachin State getting prosperous

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



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U Myo Aye Lwin,
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The township has got a 100-bed hospital equipped with specialists. Till 1988, it got seven basic education high schools, 10 basic education middle schools

and 143 primary schools. Now, it has 10 BEHSs and 13 BEMSs. It had only one college previously. Now, it has been upgraded to a university. So, the youth of the region have opportunity to pursue higher education in their home place.

Moreover, Myitkyina

has got a technological university and a university for computer studies, where the youth can learn engineering and IT subjects. That depicts the government's goodwill to promote the education standard of the township.

In the agricultural sector, the township was

in no position to grow summer paddy. In contrast, it has been able to grow both summer and monsoon paddy on a wider scale, thus boosting production of rice. It is heartening to note that local farmers are growing edible oil crops extensively.

And thanks to new auto telephone exchange and GSM phone station, local people can communicate easily to any other part in the township. The unprecedented development of the township is very satisfying, which is largely due to the efforts

the government has made to improve the living standard of local people of Kachin State.

It is, therefore, fair to say that Kachin State has changed greatly if compared with its conditions in the past.

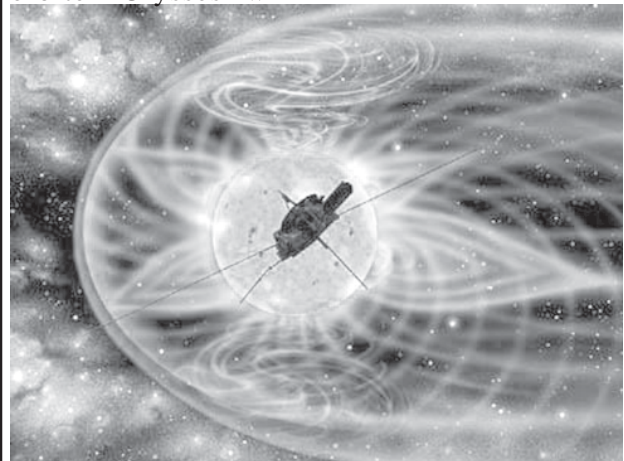
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A view of the front side of Myitkyina Station.

Ulysses hears siren's song

BERLIN, 28 June — After 18.6 years in space and defying several earlier expectations of its demise, the joint ESA/NASA solar orbiter Ulysses will



Since its launch in 1990, Ulysses has constantly monitored how much stardust enters the Solar System from the interstellar space around it.

achieve 'end of mission' on 30 June 2009. The final communication pass with a ground station will start at 17:35 CEST and run until 22:20 CEST (15:35-20:20

UTC) or until the final command is issued to switch the satellite's radio communications into 'monitor only' mode. No further contact with Ulysses is planned.

Ulysses is the first spacecraft to survey the environment in space above and below the poles of the Sun in the four dimensions of space and time. Among many other ground-breaking results, the hugely successful mission showed that the Sun's magnetic field is carried into the Solar System in a more complicated manner than previously believed.

Internet

Fecal DNA sampling provides extremely accurate estimates of tiger populations

NEW DELHI, 28 June — The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) has announced a major breakthrough in the science of saving tigers: high-tech DNA fecal sampling.

According to the study, researchers will be able to accurately count and assess tiger populations by identifying individual animals from the unique DNA signature found in their dung. In the past, DNA was collected from blood or tissue samples from tigers that were darted and sedated.

The authors say this new non-invasive technique represents a powerful new tool for measuring the success of future

conservation efforts.

The study appears in the June 16th edition of the journal *Biological Conservation*. —Internet



A team of researchers collecting tiger scat in India for DNA analysis — a powerful new tool in estimating tiger populations.



The human influenza pandemic is rapidly infectious from human to human. Due to lack of resistance to such new influenza virus, humans can face the following problems:—

- (a) people may be infected with the influenza regardless of age;
- (b) the death toll may increase in children, older persons, pregnant women and chronic patients with heart, lungs and diabetes diseases and AIDS patients;
- (c) requirement of medicines, medical equipment and health care services can increase due to a growing number of human influenza patients;
- (d) the pandemic has adverse effect on economic and trade sectors;
- (e) it may call for prohibition against mass activities, schools, religious rites and festivals for control of the spread of disease; and
- (f) it may pose hindrances to major regular services in the country.



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

NAY PYI TAW, 28 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 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.—MNA

(a) Train 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
14	110 down	Pyay	Nay Pyi Taw	13:10	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	141 Up	Pyinmana	Shwe Nyaung	23:00	23:38	24:41	13:35
12	142 Down	Shwe Nyaung	Pyinmana	11:30	02:20	02:23	03:00
13	147 Up	Pyinmana	Loikaw	22:30	23:05	23:08	20:15
14	148 Down	Loikaw	Pyinmana	05:45	02:51	02:54	03:30



F & R Ministry organizes tree planting activity for monsoon season

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun participated in the tree planting ceremony for

monsoon season of the ministry here yesterday.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, officials and staff of the Central Bank of the Union of Myanmar, Myanma Economic Bank and departments under the ministry planted shady trees and perennial trees in the compound of the staff

quarters of the ministry in Danatheikdi Ward, plantations of the ministry.

Afterwards, the minister, the deputy minister and officials went to Aungmyingala Dam and released fingerlings into the dam. A total of 5,230 trees have been planted and 15,000 fish fry have been released into the dam.—MNA

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun grows a Gangaw sapling in monsoon tree planting ceremony.—MNA



The Eighth Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township. (News on page 1)—MNA

Rakhine State focuses on school health care

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye looked into school health care tasks at No. 15 Basic Education Primary School in Pyidawtha Ward in Sittway on 10 June. Head of Rakhine State Health

Department and Rakhine State Education Officer reported on the progress of the tasks.

On 11 June, the commander met with departmental officials, senior military officers and others ranks and their families of the station.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe visits students participating in World Population Day commemorative poster and essay contest. —MNA

Ayeyawady Div marks World Population Day

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Ayeyawady Division World Population Day commemorative poster and essay contests were held at No. 3 Basic Education High School in Patheingyi on 13 June.

Chairman of

Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe together with officers of the command, District level departmental officials and parents

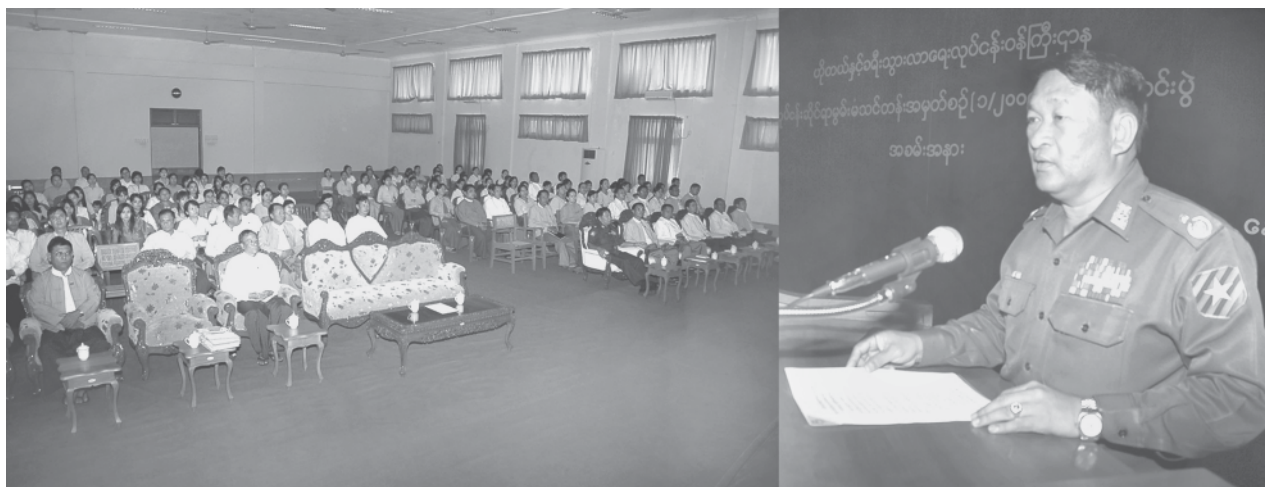
enjoyed the works of students participating in poster and essay contests.—MNA

Refresher Course for Office Work (1/2009) concluded

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing attended closing ceremony of Refresher Course for Office Work (1/2009) at the ministry here on 26 June.

Deputy Minister for

H&T Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General and Managing Director presented completion certificates to the trainees. A total of 20 trainees including 4 men and 16 women attended the six-week course. —MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing speaks at the conclusion of Refresher Course for Office Work (1/2009).

MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein plants a tree at monsoon tree planting ceremony. —MNA

Monsoon tree planting ceremony held

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Monsoon tree planting ceremony conducted by the Ministry of Population and Immigration was held at the ministry here yesterday morning. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein and officials attended the ceremony.

They planted 90 mango trees at the plot-1,

Gangaw trees, star flower trees, padauk trees, eguginna trees and mango trees at the plot-2.

Next, the deputy minister and officials viewed the trees plantation.

Afterwards, the deputy minister and officials planted the mango trees at staff quarters in Thukhatheikdi

Ward and they viewed planting of saplings by staff families.

At the ceremony, 200 Seintalone mango trees, 60 lime plants, 40 egg plants, 40 large timber trees, 30 paduk trees, 200 soap acacia plants, totalling 570 trees were planted. A total of 4395 saplings have been planted.—MNA

Want to be a millionaire? Run noni farm, then

Interviewed by *Maung Maung Myint Swe*; Photos by *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

(from page 16)

He said that they put bio-supreme fertilizer and neem pesticide in the nurseries. If bio-supreme fertilizer made up three-fourths and neem pesticide, one-fourth, the mixture protected noni plants from pests and helped them grow fast, he added.

"On average, we get about 30,000 seedlings from a nursery. When

they get a little bigger, we put them in plastic bags. Normally, a sapling gets about three feet high at the age of eight months and it begins to yield fruits. If they are moved to farms, we have to dig a hole about one and a half feet deep and about one and a half feet wide in the ground. A noni plant is in fruit at the age of eight months, and we can start to harvest when they are at the age

of 13 months."

He said that in the first year, he gathered all the fruits from a farm, and in later years, he picked fruits and extracted juice from them, made tea leaves from noni leaves, and he sold some saplings.

"An acre of farmland holds 290 saplings. On average, we get about 69,600 pounds of noni fruits from an acre. Half the weight of a noni fruit is



A thriving noni nursery.



Entrepreneurs collect noni saplings right in the farms.

juice. Nine pounds of juice is equal to a gallon. One litre of noni juice is priced at six US dollars in the international market. That's why I say noni farmers can become rich."

He had a plan to grow noni on a commercial scale and export dried noni leaves and juice, which are in demand in the global market. Now,

about 300 million of world people consume noni juice daily for their good health. Moreover, a farmer begins to get income from the farms when noni plants are one year old. Noni farming is a lucrative business and fruits and leaves can be gathered till the noni plants are at the age of 40 years.

An acre of noni farm can realize from 3 million to 5 million kyats from three to five years, and about 10 million kyats. So, noni farming is called green diamond mine. Myanmar should farm noni on a commercial scale.

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Dolphins get lift from delta wing technology

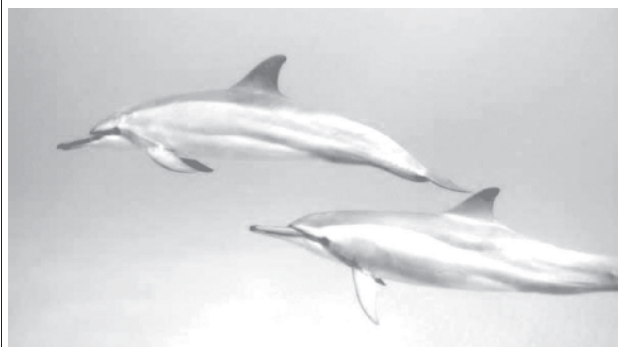
SCIENCE DAILY, 28 June — We can only marvel at the way that dolphins, whales and porpoises scythe through water. Their finlike flippers seem perfectly adapted for maximum aquatic agility. However, no one had ever analysed how the animals' flippers interact with water; the hydrodynamic lift that they generate, the drag that they experience or their hydrodynamic efficiency. Laurens Howle and Paul Weber from Duke University

teamed up with Mark Murray from the United States Naval Academy and Frank Fish from West Chester University, to find out more about the hydrodynamics of whale and dolphin flippers.

They publish their finding that some dolphins' fins generate lift in the same way as delta wing aircraft in *The Journal of Experimental Biology*. Using Computer tomography scanning of the fins of seven different species ranging from the slow swimming Amazon

River dolphin and pygmy sperm whale to the super-fast striped dolphin, the team made scaled models of the flippers of each species. Then they measured the lift and drag experienced by the flipper at inclinations ranging from -45deg. to +45deg. in a flow tunnel running at a speed that would have been the equivalent of 2m/s for the full scale fin. Comparing the lift and drag coefficients that the team calculated for each flipper at different inclination angles, they found that the flippers behave like modern engineered aerofoils. Defining the flippers' shapes as triangular, swept pointed or swept rounded, the team used computer simulations of the fluid flows around the flippers and found that sweptback flippers generate lift like modern delta wing aircraft.

Internet



Two Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins swimming off the coast of Oahu.

'Neurologger' reads bird brains in flight

ZURICH, 27 June — Using a "neurologger" specially designed to record the brain activity of pigeons in flight, researchers reporting online on 25th June in *Current Biology*, a Cell Press publication, have gained new insight into what goes through the birds' minds as they fly over familiar terrain.

The study is the first to simultaneously record electrical brain activity integrated with large-scale navigational movements of free-flying birds, according to the researchers.

"We've successfully applied electrophysiological methods, previously used for the investigation of brain functions in the lab, to a freely flying bird in nature," said Alexei Vyssotski of the University of Zurich. "The



A flock of homing pigeon flying.

approach revealed places of interest for the pigeons and the pattern of their brain activation at such locations."

Homing pigeons are so named for their uncanny ability to find their way back home. Evidence suggests that the birds rely on the position of the sun, the Earth's magnetic field, and a keen sense of smell to guide their way, but the underlying sources for their remarkable

navigational skill are still much debated.

Over familiar landscapes, pigeons also depend on visual cues to get around, earlier studies have shown. To learn more about how the birds respond to what they see in the current study, Vyssotski's team devised a miniature neurologger device, designed to record and store EEG signals.

Internet



A Harley-Davidson rider attends the start of the 'Harley Days 2009' parade, in downtown Hamburg, Germany, Sunday, 28 June, 2009. Around 60,000 drivers took part in the event over the weekend.

INTERNET

Heavy sandstorm blankets Iraq, delays oil bidding

BAGHDAD, 28 June—A heavy sandstorm has blanketed Iraq's capital, closing the Baghdad airport and delaying the country's first oil bidding process in 30 years.

Visibility is only a few yards and most of the few people on the streets are wearing surgical masks.

Doctors at the city's hospitals said Sunday that people were coming in complaining about shortness of breath and other problems.

Iraq had planned to award eight oil and gas fields to international oil companies for long-term development on Monday

and Tuesday. But the airport closure prevented company representatives from landing in Baghdad.

Sandstorms are a regular occurrence in Baghdad although it is shielded from the desert by a thin strip of arable land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.—*Internet*

Japanese tourist hit dead when diving in Philippines

MANILA, 28 June—A female Japanese national was killed after being hit by the propeller of a motor boat while scuba-diving in the waters in Cebu, the Philippines, the police said on Saturday.

Etsuko Kosaka, 52, from Ishikawa, Japan, was brought to a nearby Mactan Doctors Hospital for head injuries but died while undergoing treatment, according to a report released by the Philippine National Police. The incident occurred Thursday noon in Cebu, about 587 kilometres south of Manila.

Kosaka came up from an underwater diving activity with some other Japanese companions when she was "extremely hit" on the head by the propeller of a passing motor boat, the report said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

56 villagers in N-E China infected with hepatitis C

HARBIN, 28 June—At least 56 people in two adjacent villages in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province were diagnosed with the infection of hepatitis C virus, Health authorities said. Fifty-six out of 408 people who voluntarily had blood tests in Ninggu and Gucheng villages in Hailin City, were confirmed to be infected with hepatitis C, according to the Mudanjiang City Disease Control and Prevention Centre.

Ninggu and adjacent Gucheng, have a population of 579. The Hepatitis C infection cases began to be found as early as 2003 in the two villages. The centre said the village's clinic had

poor sanitation and its doctor used medical equipment which either failed to have strict disinfection or exceeded their expiration dates. Villagers said the exact number of the infected cases should be bigger as some refused to take the tests for fear of discrimination. Some put the total number at 98.

MNA/Xinhua

Michael Jackson fans gather near the Eiffel Tower in Paris, 28 June, 2009.—INTERNET



People try to walk along a raised ledge along a flooded street after a heavy rainfall in Belgrade June 28, 2009. Rain is expected to dominate weather forecasts for the next few days, according to the local meteorologist.—INTERNET

Eight wounded in bomb blast in passenger train in B'desh

DHAKA, 28 June—A bomb exploded Saturday in a passenger train in Bangladesh's Chuadanga

town in Jhenaidah District, 178 kilometres southwest of capital Dhaka, leaving at least eight passengers wounded, police said.

Railway authorities said the bomb exploded in a compartment of the train at Mobarrakganj station about 6 p.m. local time (1100 GMT).

Of the injured, five passengers were admitted to different hospitals.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil Navy to honour crashed Air France jet victims

BRASILIA, 28 June—Brazil's Navy will honour the victims of Air France flight by holding a ceremony on a frigate next Monday, a local report said Saturday.

The ceremony will be held aboard the frigate *Bosisio*, which participated in the month-long search operation. Relatives of victims are invited to the ceremony and flowers will be thrown into the sea, the report said.

After 26 days of operations in the Atlantic Ocean, the Brazilian Army announced on Friday that they have

ended their search for passenger bodies and wreckage of Air France flight 447.

In total, the Brazilian Army found 51 passenger bodies, of whom 14 have been identified. Besides, large amount of debris—from structural components of the aircraft to baggages—were collected during the searches.

An Air France Airbus A330 plane plunged into the Atlantic some 1,200 kilometres off the Brazilian coastline on a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris on June 1. All 228 people of 32 nationalities on board died.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Three Russian figure skaters found infected with A/H1N1 in Japan

TOKYO, 28 June—Three Russian nationals visiting Japan's Kanazawa, in Ishikawa

Prefecture, to take part in a figure skating show have been confirmed infected with the new strain of influenza, *Kyodo News* reported Sunday.

The three—a woman in her 20s, and a man and woman in their 30s who are performers and show staff—are in stable condition and resting at their hotel, the report said, adding that they require no hospitalization.

The city has asked eight other people taking part in the show who were

in close contact with the three to refrain from going out or participating in the show, the local government said.

Popular Japanese skaters such as Shizuka Arakawa, a 2006 Turin Olympic gold medalist, Nobunari Oda and the 2007 world champion Miki Ando, are taking part in the show. But they are not among those who had been in close contact with the three, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

Peru appoints chief of staff of armed forces

LIMA, 28 June—The Peruvian Defence Ministry on Friday named the new chief of staff of the armed forces, according to a decree signed by President Alan Garcia and Defence Minister Antero Flores-Araoz.

Vice Admiral Reynaldo Pizarro, who served as general commander of Amazon's Operations of the Peruvian Navy (MGP) until January, was appointed Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces. Meanwhile, Vice Admiral Jorge de la Puente was appointed the MGP's Chief of Staff, replacing Vice-Admiral Alberto Lozada, who was given a new post in the Defence Ministry.

Rear Admiral Edurardo Camino was appointed general commander of Amazon's Operations and commander of the 5th Naval Zone.—*MNA/Xinhua*



An Afghan fire fighter sprays water on a destroyed police vehicle following a suicide attack in Behsud district of Nangarhar province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on Sunday, June 28, 2009. One child was killed and nine people were wounded, Afghan police officials said.—INTERNET



A group of men contestants show their muscles collectively during the 2009 National Bodybuilding & Fitness Championship, concurrently the Preliminary Contest of Fitness to the 4th National Sports Assembly, in Hefei, east China's Anhui Province, 27 June, 2009. Some 200 contestants from 26 delegations across the country take part in the competition in a total of 6 categories.—INTERNET

TOI wins India its first Gold Film Lions at Cannes

CANNES, 28 June — It's an ad with a foot-tapping score that slowly envelopes you and swiftly gets you into the groove. And now, it has taken Cannes by storm — *The Times of India* 'A Day in the Life of Chennai' ad has won India its first Gold Lions in the film category.

On Saturday, when the jury gave a unanimous verdict, the 'Naaka Mukka' campaign made history winning two Gold Lions. And with that,

JWT India has wrapped up its total of three Gold Lions. This win has taken India's tally to 25 medals compared with 23 in 2008.

David Lubars, president of films jury and chief said the TOI win was a combination of all elements coming together. But he singled out the song as a special mention. "Any other song wouldn't have done," he said. Andrea Stillaci, a jury member, said he was blown away when he

heard 'Naaka Mukka'. "Mixing social life, politics and amazing music in just one minute... It's fabulous," he said.

Agnello Dias, chief creative officer, TapRoot India, who was chief creative officer (CCO) at JWT India when the ad was made, said: "This is very satisfying because it was one of my last projects in JWT and it is just great to end on a high note for a truly outstanding client and agency."

Internet

Doctors vary in prescribing antibiotics

CRDIFF, 28 June — Doctors vary greatly by country in prescribing antibiotics for cough, European researchers say. The study of 14 primary care networks involved 3,402 adults with a new or worsening cough in 13 European countries.

Study leader Chris Butler of Cardiff University in Wales says the researchers found antibiotics prescribed for 53 percent of patients. However, pre-

scribing ranged from 20 percent to nearly 90 percent across the networks.

For example, patients in Slovakia, Italy, Hungary, Poland and Wales were at least twice as likely to be prescribed antibiotics as the overall average. Patients in Norway, Belgium and Sweden were at least four times less likely to be prescribed antibiotics than the overall average.

The findings, published in the *British Medical Journal*, also included network differences in antibiotics chosen. Amoxicillin was used most — including 83 percent of prescriptions in England but only 3 percent in Norway.—Internet

Fibromuscular dysplasia under-diagnosed

NEWYORK, 28 June — Up to 5 percent of Americans may have fibromuscular dysplasia, a disease that causes artery walls to expand into arteries, vascular surgeons say. An estimated 85 percent of known cases of fibromuscular dysplasia affect females under 50, though men and boys also can have the disease, Thom Rooke, a vascular medicine professor at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., told *The Wall Street Journal* in a story reported on Saturday.

Fibromuscular dysplasia is largely unknown to the public and even to a majority of doctors, though it can be diagnosed by scanning the renal arteries and carotid arteries in the neck, Rooke said.—Internet

Mozambique rain forest to be protected

MAPUTO, 28 June — Mozambique has agreed to keep commercial interests out of a newly discovered pristine rain forest, environmentalists say.

Representatives from the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, the Mulanje Mountain Conservation Trust and other groups hoping to protect the rain forest of Mount Mabu say government ministers will preserve the area after new snake, butterfly and chameleon species were found there, *The Guardian* reported on Saturday.

"The three messages we conveyed were that there is rich biodiversity in Mozambique, that butterflies and botany can be as important as mammals,

and that conservation policy should take into consideration areas such as these mountains or the coastal forests, that do not easily fit into the usual category of national park," Kew's Jonathan Timberlake told the British newspaper.

Mount Mabu rain forest has remained untouched by man even as surrounding areas was devastated by civil war thanks to its poor access, which kept people ignorant of its existence.

The Guardian said it was only discovered last year by scientists scanning satellite imagery produced by Google Earth.

Internet

Summit addresses Nazi-looted art

PRAGUE, 28 June — Jewish groups and representatives of 49 countries are gathering in Prague for talks on returning art and possessions stolen by the Nazis. The five-day conference in the Czech capital will also aim to increase Holocaust awareness and education.

The Nazis stole an estimated 650,000 religious items and works of art from European Jews during World War II. While much of the art been returned, a great deal remains in museums and private collections.

Steps have been taken in countries such as Austria to make it easier for owners to claim back looted art. But the US



Much of the art stolen by Nazis has already been returned to its owners.—INTERNET

Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Christian Kennedy, attending the conference, said many central and eastern European countries had not yet found a way to implement a restitution process.

Internet

Owls seen as solution to Laos rat problem

VIENTIANE, 28 June — Families across northern Laos need to safeguard barn owl habitat to combat the worst infestation of rats in 20 years, agriculture experts advise.

The barn owl *Tyto alba* is native to the region and feeds almost entirely on rats, which have damaged crops so seriously this year that thousands of families face food shortages, said Serge Verneau, a spokesman for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. "We need to en-

courage communities not to kill the birds, not to eat them, to leave them in peace, and not to practice slash and burn so frequently that it destroys the birds' natural habitat," Verneau said. While traps provide a partial short-term solution to the rat problem, safeguarding owl habitat could be a good long-term solution, said Bounneang Douangbouapha, a rodent expert with Laos' Hadokeo Horticultural Research Center.

Internet



Elena Bianca Constantin, 20, waves as she won the title of Miss Universe Romania in Bucharest on 27 June, 2009. Constantin will represent Romania at the Miss Universe beauty pageant due to be held in Paradise Island, Bahamas, on 23 August.—INTERNET



Instructor Gretchen Gentry (R), leads Paul Mullen (C), and Starleata Gray in a series of stretching exercises during a diabetes prevention class at a YMCA in Indianapolis, on 23 June, 2009. Mullen, 66, of Indianapolis, has lost 18 pounds and brought his blood sugar down because of lifestyle changes he learned in the program. He pays \$115 for the yearlong programme, on top of his Y membership fee.—INTERNET

Disease prevention often costs more than it saves

CHICAGO, 28 June—When it comes to health care spending, an ounce of prevention is seldom worth a pound of cure. Take Mrs Jones, a hypothetical 55-year-old obese woman at risk for diabetes. It costs \$900 a year to hire a personal lifestyle coach to help her lose weight and prevent diabetes. Suppose that the coaching works for Mrs Jones, and she is spared diabetes and all the resulting health bills.

But research shows

that for every person like Mrs Jones, six other people just like her get nothing out of such a programme. They either don't lose weight or get diabetes anyway or wouldn't have developed it in the first place. The yearly cost of the prevention programme for those six people is \$5,400.

That's probably more than Mrs Jones' health bills from diabetes would have amounted to.

There goes your pound of cure.

The truth is, shockingly few prevention efforts actually save the health care system money overall, despite claims by the president and some in Congress.

Discussing daily aspirin use with people at risk of heart disease does save money. So do vaccinations for children. When doctors talk to smokers and offer medication to help them quit, that, too, saves money.

But those are the exceptions.—*Internet*

Selenium may worsen prostate cancer

BOSTON, 28 June — Higher selenium levels in the blood may worsen prostate cancer in some men who have the disease, US researchers said.

Researchers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and the University of California, San Francisco, said a higher risk of more-aggressive prostate cancer was seen in men with a certain genetic variant found in about 75 percent of the prostate

cancer patients in the study.

In those subjects, having a high level of selenium in the blood was associated with a two-fold greater risk of poorer outcomes than among men with the lowest amounts of selenium.

In contrast, the 25 percent of men with a different variant of the same gene and who had high selenium levels were at 40 percent lower risk of ag-

gressive disease.

The variants are slightly different forms of a gene that instructs cells to make manganese superoxide dismutase, an enzyme that protects the body against harmful oxygen compounds, the researchers said.—*Internet*

Sophisticated weather satellite rockets into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, 28 June—A sophisticated new weather satellite rocketed into orbit on Saturday, giving forecasters another powerful tool for tracking hurricanes and tornadoes.

An unmanned rocket carrying the nation's latest Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite blasted off early Saturday evening, a day late because of thunderstorms. The satellite

headed toward a 22,000-mile-high orbit, where it will undergo six months of testing. It will circle Earth as a spare and be called into service when needed.

Internet

Moon-lovers remember Apollo with radio chit-chat

SYDNEY, 28 June—Radio hams and amateur astronomers around the world spent the weekend bouncing radio conversations off the Moon to one another in commemoration of the Apollo 11 landings 40 years ago, organizers in Australia said on Sunday.

Although they had some clear and extensive conversations, they had to be patient. It takes around

2.5 seconds for a radio signal to reach the Moon and bounce back to another part of the Earth, so it took around five seconds to get a reply.

Initiated a few months ago by science buffs in Australia and the United States, 'Moonbounce' was just winding up on Sunday Australian time after a 24-hour special event that organizers hope will become annual.—*Internet*

Singapore confirms 89 more cases of Influenza A/H1N1

SINGAPORE, 28 June—Singapore on Saturday confirmed 89 new cases of Influenza A/H1N1, bringing the total number of such cases to 454 in the city state.

According to a statement issued by Singapore's Ministry of Health on Saturday night, in addition to these 89 new cases, 53 other cases were pending investigation on Friday. Of these 142 cases, 65 have been investigated. Of the 65 cases, 34 are local cases and 31 others are imported cases. The remaining 77 cases are still being investigated. Singapore reported its first confirmed case of Influenza A/H1N1 on 27 May.

Internet

Bertrand Piccard (L), pilot and president of Solar Impulse and Andre Borschberg, CEO and pilot of the company, congratulate each others during the unveiling ceremony of the the solar-powered 61 metres (200 feet) wingspan HB-SIA prototype airplane at the airport in Duebendorf near Zurich on 26 June, 2009.—INTERNET



Chinese mainland confirms 60 new A/H1N1 cases, with no fatalities

BEIJING, 28 June—The Chinese mainland confirmed 60 new cases of A/H1N1 flu from 6 pm on Friday to 6 pm on Saturday, bringing the total to 678, with no reports of deaths.

Thirty new cases were confirmed in Guangdong Province, among which 22 were reported in schools in Foshan, Guangzhou and Dongguan Cities. The students were in stable condition.

Ten new cases were reported in Sichuan Province, seven in Shanghai, six in Beijing, three in Zhejiang Province, two in Fujian Province. Tianjin City and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region each reported one new case. According to local health authorities, Guangdong has reported 214 confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases, the most in the mainland.

Beijing has reported 112 cases. The city saw its on first patient infected through local transmission Thursday.—*Internet*

India reports nine more flu A/H1N1 cases, total 89

NEW DELHI, 28 June — Nine new flu A/H1N1 cases have been reported in India, four each from Bangalore and Delhi and one from Punjab, bringing the country's tally to 89, local media reported on Sunday.

At least 645 people have been tested so far, and 89 of them were positive for influenza A/H1N1. Of the 89 patients, 59 have been discharged while the rest of them are still receiving treatment in hospital, according to the report

quoting Health Ministry official.

A family of four, traveled from the United States, via Germany, reached Bangalore on Friday by a Lufthansa flight and were quarantined at the airport.

They were transferred to hospital and all of them have tested positive, according to the report.

The case from Gurdaspur in Punjab is an indigenous case, which is a contact of a previous positive case on Monday.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Brazil plan early goal against dangerous USA



Brazilian national football team coach Dunga gives a Press conference at Ellis Park stadium in Johannesburg on the eve of their FIFA 2009 Confederations Cup final match against the USA.

JOHANNESBURG, 28 June—Brazil coach Dunga says his team will press for an early goal against the United States in the Confederations Cup final on Sunday, but they remain wary of Bob Bradley's dangerous side. The South American champions, who Dunga called the best team in the world, are looking to defend the title they won in Germany four years ago and the players are highly motivated.

"It will be a game requiring patience, but we will be looking to score

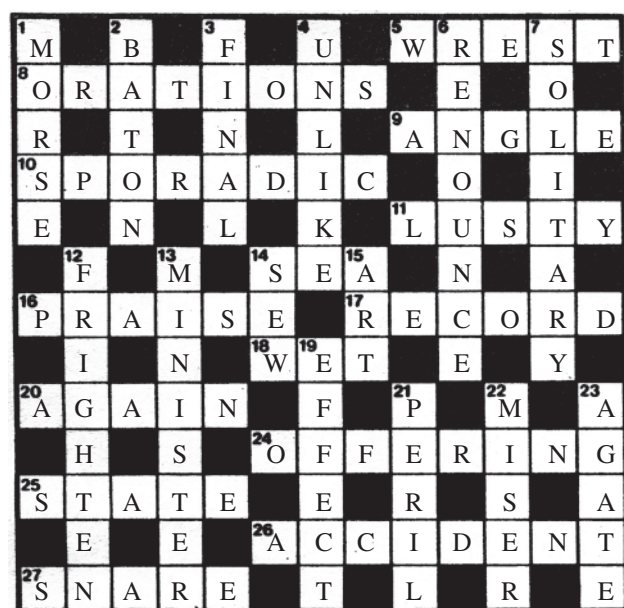
early," he said, adding that Brazil's 3-0 defeat of the United States in the group stages was history." The game against the US in the group stages was one thing, Sunday will be different. We'll try to apply our normal rhythm, keep possession as long as possible and make the best use of our territorial play.—Internet

Murray on course with Hewitt, Haas, Roddick at Wimbledon

LONDON, 28 June—Andy Murray cruised into the Wimbledon last 16 on Saturday while veterans Andy Roddick, Lleyton Hewitt and Tommy Haas led the charge of the old boys club. Murray, bidding to end Britain's agonising 73-year wait for a home men's champion brushed past Serbia's Viktor Troicki 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 and will now face Switzerland's Stanilas Wawrinka for a place in the quarter-finals. The 22-year-old third seed served up 17 aces against the outclassed Serb who has now lost all three meetings against the Scotsman.

With rain threatening at the end of a day when temperatures had smashed through 30 degrees, Murray hurried through his match, wrapping up victory after just 96 minutes."It was a very good performance," said Murray. "I felt a little uncomfortable at the start and the conditions were difficult with the rain and clouds.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Matthaus turns down Hungarian job



German football great Lothar Matthaus

BUDAPEST, 28 June—German football great Lothar Matthaus will not become the head coach of Hungarian side FC Fehervar after talks between the parties broke down, the club announced on Saturday. "The negotiations did not bear fruit," the club said in a statement, declining to give further details." The parties consider the details of the failure of the negotiations to be confidential, therefore will not disclose more information."

The 48-year-old former head coach of the Hungarian national team came to Hungary last Friday to discuss the terms of his employment at Fehervar after a prior agreement was reached on 10 June. Matthaus, who represented Bayern Munich and Inter Milan with distinction in his playing career as a sweeper and midfielder, was the captain of the West Germany team that won the 1990 World Cup.

Internet

Oudin lives American dream at Wimbledon

LONDON, 28 June—When Melanie Oudin's mother Leslie sat down with her daughter to watch Wimbledon on television, she could never have dreamed she was setting in motion a journey that would lead to glory at the All England Club.

Oudin, who faces 11th seed Agnieszka Radwanska in the fourth round of Wimbledon, was only seven when she first fell in love with tennis after being captivated by the images of Venus and Serena Williams dominating the grass court Grand Slam.

Internet



Melanie Oudin of US returns a shot to Jelena Jankovic of Serbia during their third round singles match at Wimbledon, on 27 June, 2009.—INTERNET

Giant-killers USA look for Brazil revenge at Confed Cup



USA national football team's goalkeeper Tim Howard

Bob Bradley's men stunned European champions Spain in their semi-final for a famous 2-0 victory by effectively closing down dangerman Xavi and will be keen to keep Kaka under wraps in the same way.

In contrast, Brazil struggled to get past a determined South Africa, needing a Daniel Alves free-kick two minutes from time to break the deadlock and stay alive to defend their title.—Internet

JOHANNESBURG, 28 June—The United States have pulled off one massive upset and are plotting another on Sunday when they look for payback against defending champions Brazil in the Confederations Cup final.



Ulrich M'Boume Dioba (R), a Gabonese player played in his nation's Premier League, but his star has waned since arriving three years ago in South Africa, where he's struggling to find a club.—INTERNET

South Africa's World Cup puts dreams in sight for African footballer

BLOEMFONTEIN, 28 June—The modest apartment of Ulrich M'Boume Dioba has a clear view of one of South Africa's World Cup stadiums, an image of hope for the young Gabonese footballer but also a stinging reminder of his struggles.

The 22-year-old from the central African country of Gabon played his nation's Premier League, his star has waned since arriving three years ago in South Africa, where he's struggling to find a club — making the world stage represented by the Free State Stadium a distant dream.—Internet

Shin leads Wegmans LPGA; Woods' niece misses cut

ROCHESTER, 28 June—Jiyai Shin shot a 5-under 67 on Saturday to extend her lead to four strokes at the Wegmans LPGA. The



Cheyenne Woods

South Korean star, seeking her fifth tour win in 11 months, moved to 16-under 200 after three rounds at Locust Hill, a traditional, tree-lined course with compact, undulating greens.

"On the front nine, I lost my confidence," Shin, 21, said of a slow start. "I tried eating. Eat some bread on No. 10 and then I made birdie." Morgan Pressel, a two-time winner whose season-best finish was a tie for seventh in April, shot a 70 and was in second place at 12 under. That was one better than rookie Stacy Lewis, who also shot 70.—Internet

Fortune favours Hull

LONDON, 28 June—Premier League side Hull City look set to sign striker Marc-Antoine Fortune from French side Nancy.

New Celtic boss Tony Mowbray was reportedly

keen to make the 27-year-old his first signing at Parkhead but the player is likely to opt for the Premier League outfit instead. Nancy sporting director Nicolas Holveck said: "He has had permission to speak to clubs but the most advanced discussions, and the team that is very close to signing him, is Hull City.

"It's highly possible a deal will be agreed over the weekend and, while these things can change at the last minute, Hull are the clear favourites."



Marc-Antoine Fortune

Internet

**U Khin Maung Than****(87-years)****(7th Course (retd) Capt BC-6411)**

Son of U Phyat + Daw Ngwe Hlaing, Son in law of U Kun Lone + Daw Ahmar, beloved husband of Daw Khin May Ohn of 25 (D), Thiriminglar Yeiktha, Yankin Township, Yangon, Father of Daw Wai Wai Than, Mr. Ignatius Shannon and U Kyaw Kyaw Than, brother of Capt Thein Win+Daw Khin Khin Htar, uncle of Capt Tine Htut, Daw Myint Myint Sein, grandfather of Zachary and Blaine, expired on 24-6-2009 (Wednesday), Cremation at Yeway Cemetery on 30-6-2009 (Tuesday) at (3:00) pm. (Cars will leave at (1:30) pm from the above residence.)

Malaysian Customs seize 27 kilos of drugs

KUALALUMPUR, 28 June—The Malaysian Customs have crippled two separate drug smuggling attempts and seized a total of 27 kilos drugs, according to Malaysia's national news agency *Bernama* on Saturday.

The Malaysian Customs Narcotics Division detained one Iranian who arrived at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport from Dubai Friday afternoon with two bags, one of the bags containing five cans of "Pickled Cucumber" which contained liquid "methamphetamine" or commonly known as syabu or ice drug.

The cans of syabu weighed about 23 kilos had an estimated market value of 5.75 million ringgit (1.64 million US dollars). The Customs' Deputy Director-General Md Hassim Pardi said it was the first time that the Malaysian Customs seized liquid syabu. The Iranian man has been detained for seven days for investigations, he said.

Earlier Friday afternoon, the Malaysian Customs arrested an Indian national who arrived at the airport from Colombo, Sri Lanka when he was trying to smuggle in about four kilos of ketamine.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3**Programme Schedule
(29-6-2009) (Monday)****Transmissions**

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

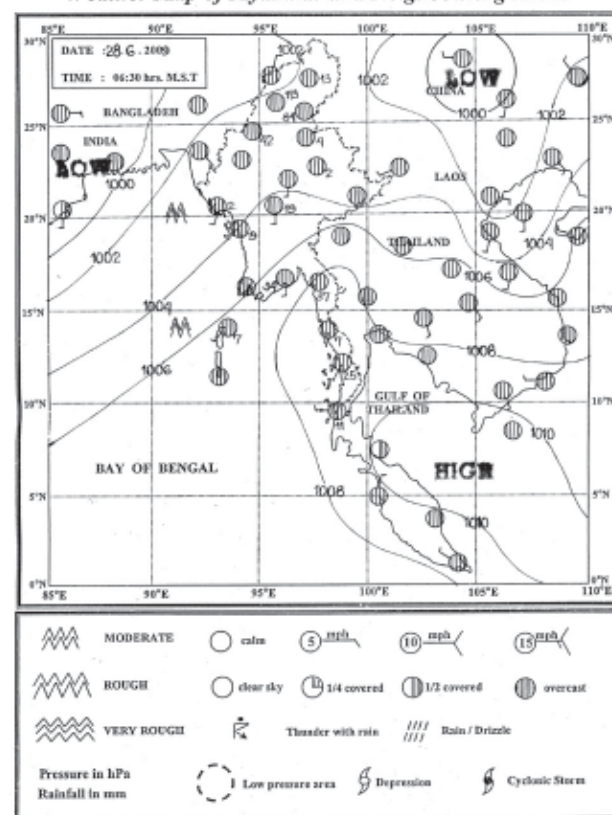
Times**Local Transmission**

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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- * Teak-Tissue Culture
- * A Brief Account of Bagan
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
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- * The Memorable Fish Releasing Festival
- * Mandalay's Grand Walls and Moat...
- * Scenic Beauties and Sentiment (Innlay)
- * Music Icon "Academy Pianist Hla Htut"
- * A Gift to Mark a visit to Myitkyina (kachin-Snack)
- * Towards Lasting Paukphaw Friendship
- * Conserve and Improve Natural Scenic Beauties
- * Myanma Traditional Snacks
- * Plaeasant Taunggyi (Part-I)
- * Travelogue JJMawlamyine}}
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- * Work together with the government for emerge of a modern and developed nation
- * Myanmar As Told By History
- * National Progress through All-round Development
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**WEATHER****Sunday, 28 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 isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Kachin, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.37) inches, Myitkyina (3.78) inches, Myauk Oo (3.74) inches, Kawkaik (2.64) inches, Paung (2.56) inches, Kyaikkhame and Gwa (2.48) inches each and Maungdaw (2.40) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-6-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 28-6-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-6-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hour on 27-6-2009 was (1.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 28-6-2009 was (1.07) inches at Mingaladon, (1.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.59) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (35.79) inches at Mingaladon, (41.26) inches at Kaba-Aye and (45.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (17:35) hours MST on 27-6-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28th June 2009: Rain will be fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Bago nd Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions and widespread 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: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-6-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-6-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-6-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Monday, 29 June
View on today****7:00 am**

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

5. Cute Little Dancers

8:10 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. Dance Of National Races

8:30 am

8. "မနိုင်းသောအနွဲ့"

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 am

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Dance Variety

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:40 pm

5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:50 pm

6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:00 pm

7. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

8. Soung for uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

9. စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်မြှင့်မား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်း-၁)

5:40 pm

10. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမက်အလိုရှိသည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

8:00 pm

15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေ့မေ့" (အပိုင်း-၆)
19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်

**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

Want to be a millionaire? Run noni farm, then

Interviewed by Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos by Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

As a child, I tried a mixture of ripe noni (yeyo) and jaggery in compliance with my grandma's demand. I felt spicy a lot in my mouth

and throat after swallowing about two spoonfuls of the mixture with great patience. To make matters worse, the flavour of noni is very

strong. So, it was not tasteful at all for me. However, noni, the fruit I don't like, has attracted the global attention.

Noni earns a good

reputation for the high potency of its fruits and leaves that is greatly beneficial to the health of humans. The World Health Organization has



A noni plant is in fruit.



U Tin Win, Shwe Myanmar Noni Farm and Nursery.

recognized that the agents contained in noni can stop viruses that can cause cancer. The information that many persons running noni farms on a large scale have become millionaires has spread around the world. That inspired me to visit Shwe Myanmar Noni Farm.

In an interview, U Tin Win of the farm told the Myanma Alin, "I found the news about noni plant and fruit by chance on the Internet, then I launched a trial plot of noni. To be

exact, I started to grow noni in the last week of April 2008. Now, I produce and sell noni seedlings. On average, an acre of noni farm fetches three million to five million kyats a year when noni plants are three to five years old."

Only then would it come to my knowledge that farming noni was a lucrative business. More than that, my eyes popped out of my head when he said that a person could make a substantial profit of millions of dollars. So, I asked him about noni farming.

He said, "We sow seeds of ripe noni fruits in the nursery. I sow noni seeds on 20' 6" x 2' rows. When they are three weeks old, the seeds begin to sprout. When the seedlings are one and a half months old, we transplant them in the farms. If they are for sale, we put seedlings in plastic bags."

(See page 10)

Ticketing system in new Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—At former Pyinmana Station, the ticket selling systems are as follows: the tickets for No 8 down (Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon) train, No 32 down (Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon) train are sold three days ahead for upper class and one day ahead for ordinary class, the tickets for No 25 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay), No 16 down (Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine), No 107 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan) trains are also sold one day ahead for upper class and ordinary class, No. 27 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Myingyan) and No 109 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay) trains are sold the same day for upper class and ordinary class, No 101 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Chauk) train one day ahead for upper class and the same day for ordinary class, No 141 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Shwenyaung) and No 147 up (Nay Pyi Taw-Loikaw) trains the same day for upper class and ordinary class, No 1 up, No 2 down, No 3 up, No 4 down, No 5 up, No 6 up, No 11 up, No 12 down, No 29 up and No 30 down (passing through Yangon and Mandalay Stations) trains the same day for upper class and ordinary class.

The arrival and departure of all trains at new Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station will start on 5 July. The booking tickets will be sold up to 4 July and the former tickets selling system will start on 5 July at new Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station.

MNA

Platypus helps illuminate ovarian cancer

ADELAIDE, 28 June — Researchers from the Royal Adelaide Hospital and University of Adelaide believe our oldest mammalian relative may help us to better understand ovarian cancer.

University of Adelaide geneticist, Dr Frank Grutzner says DNA mapping of the platypus has uncovered an interesting relationship between their sex chromosomes and DNA sequences found in human ovarian cancer.

"We've identified DNA on the sex chromosomes of the

platypus that is similar to the DNA that is affected in ovarian cancer and other diseases of reproduction like male infertility," Dr Grutzner says.

"Cancers often show

a large number of DNA changes and it is difficult to decide which ones are important for the development of the disease.

Internet



The platypus is helping Australian researchers to better understand ovarian cancer.