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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

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 2 June—At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, a Chinese delegation led by Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao arrived by special flight at Yangon International Airport at 3.05 pm today to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The delegation was welcomed at the airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Electric Power (1) U Zaw Min, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Aung Ko, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and officials, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, embassy staff and families.

Accompanied by Minister U Zaw Min and Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo, the Chinese delegation visited No (1) Basic Education Middle School in Dagon Township, Yangon. There, the Chinese guests were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min and officials, the schoolmistress, teachers and students.

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Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint welcomes Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao observes paintings of students at Dagon Township Basic Education Middle School No. 1 in Yangon.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win being welcomed by Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Italy Dr Andreina Marsella at a reception to mark the Proclamation of the Republic in Yangon.

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More cancer-causing chemicals in US cigarettes

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Syifa (C) is crowned after winning Miss Indonesia 2010 in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 1 June, 2010.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Grow trees to green regions

Growing trees can fulfil basic needs of human beings. Tree growing ceremonies are organized in various parts of the nation in the rainy season.

Trees grown in the ceremonies comprise hardwood trees such as teak, ironwood and gum-kino, shade trees, trees for firewood, fruit trees and landscaping trees.

After being grown, saplings of trees need to be nurtured systematically for their fast growth and survival.

Many watershed forests and woodlands of various species of trees such as tamarind, neem, *hta-naung*, and toddy palm have been established in arid regions in central Myanmar.

Now, a plan is to be put into action that an adult has to grow a teak sapling, and a household, three teak saplings plus 20 hardwood trees and eucalyptuses under the supervision of the Forest Department in Chaungzon Township, Mon State, this monsoon. To be exact, more than 11,000 saplings will be grown and nurtured in Natmaw, Abit, Kamakay, Kunhlar, Mayan, Muiyikalay, Ywalut, Kunbel and Kalar in the township during the 2010 rainy season.

By growing trees, man can enjoy many forms of benefits including good health, tranquility, and lush and green environment.

Applications for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Of 32 parties that submitted applications for registration as political party, the Union Election Commission has found the “Wa” Democratic Party to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Laws and Rules, and thus the commission granted permission to the party to register as a political party today.

Up to date, there were 42 parties that submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties. Twenty-nine of 32 parties that submitted applications for registration as political parties have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

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

Myanmar Ambassador to Australia appointed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Paw Lwin Sein, Director-General of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Commonwealth of Australia.—MNA

Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium appointed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Thant Kyaw, Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium.—MNA

Opening of sports courses to nurture qualified youth athletes



Sports Minister Thura U Aye Myint addresses opening of Sports plus Education Course for 2010-11. —MNA

YANGON, 2 June—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint attended opening of Sports plus Education Course for 2010-2011 academic year and Sports Course at Sports and Physical Education Institute in Kyaikasan sports ground, here, this morning.

The minister said that in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, it is now 14 years since Sports plus Education Course has been opened on 1 August 1997 and it is the ninth course. He

continued to say that all responsible persons are to make efforts so as to recruit qualified youth athletes with a view to participate in XXVII SEA Games to be held in Nay Pyi Taw.

The minister then presented cash assistance and sports gear to officials.

He later accepted cash donated by Myanmar Sports and Physical Education Committee and well-wishers.

A total of 319 trainees will undergo 12 kinds of sports in the course.—MNA

Dy FM arrives back from S'pore

YANGON, 2 June — Myanmar delegation led by U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, arrived back here by air today after attending the 2 ASEAN-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Ministerial Meeting held in Singapore.

The Myanmar delegation participated in the ASEAN-GCC Preparatory Meeting on 31 May.

The delegation attended the Second ASEAN-GCC Mini-

sterial Meeting on 1 June. After the meeting, the ASEAN and GCC Ministers issued the Joint Statement of the Second ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting.

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) comprises Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The first ASEAN-GCC Full-Fledged Ministerial Meeting was held on 29 and 30 June, 2009, in Manama, Bahrain.

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Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint shakes hands with Singaporean Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. George Yoe at 2nd ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting held in Singapore.— FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Suicide bomber near Afghan conference



A rocket lands near the venue of the National Consultative Peace Jirga in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 2 June, 2010. The National Consultative Peace Jirga opened Wednesday morning to discuss the ways and means on how to ensure lasting peace in Afghanistan. —XINHUA

KABUL, 2 Jun— Police say that a suicide bomber detonated explosives a few hundred yards (metres) from a national peace conference in the Afghan capital. Police officer Kamaluddin said there were no immediate reports of any other casualties in the blast, other than the bomber.

Xinhua

Suspected ETA member detained in France

MADRID, 2 June—A suspected member of the Basque separatist group ETA has been arrested in France, Spain's public radio reported on Tuesday.

The arrest of Juan Carlos Iriate Perez by French and Spanish security forces was linked to the detention of four other suspected ETA members last month in southwestern France, including the group's suspected military leader, Mikel Karrera Sarobe.

Iriate Perez was thought to be the person who provided the four with the flat where they were staying at the time of their arrests.

He was also considered to have been a member of ETA since 2006 and suspected of having participated in operations to extort money from businesses in the Basque region in order to

fund the group.

ETA, an armed Basque nationalist and separatist organization, was founded in 1959 and claims to have involved in a series of terrorist attacks that have killed more than 825 people since the late 1960s. Spanish and French authorities have launched several joint operations in the past two years and arrested many ETA members. Data from the Spanish Interior Ministry said the joint operations by Spain and France have led to the arrests of 50 ETA members this year alone.

Many European countries as well as the United States, have defined the separatist group, which is seeking an independent Basque homeland in northern Spain and southwestern France, as a "terrorist" organization.

Xinhua

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 2 June— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 2 June reached 701632 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1268334, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	701632
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1268334

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 2 June—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32866 Afghan people were killed and 39367 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 2 June.

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2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	39367

Internet

Indian police arrest German for suspected spying

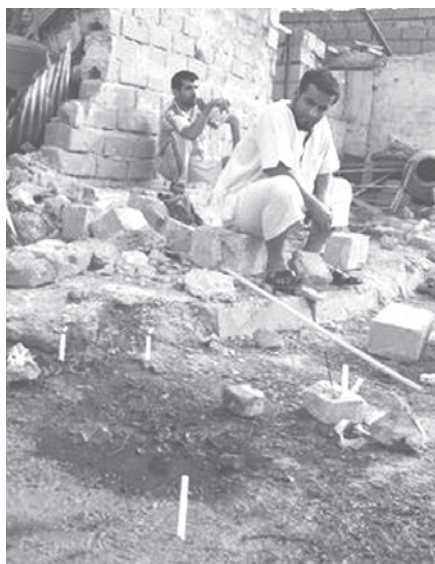
NEW DELHI, 2 June — Indian police in the northern state of Punjab arrested a German national for suspected "spying", reported the *Press Trut of India* on Wednesday.

Police in Rupnagar city of Punjab said that the 45-year-old German, Thomas Kuehn was arrested last week from near Bhakra dam and he had confessed that he was on a "spying mission" for Germany, according to the report.—Xinhua



A boy eats a cucumber as he (R) stands in front of a destroyed palace in Kabul on 1 June, 2010

INTERNET



Residents sit near a blood stained site of Monday's bomb attack in Basra, 420 km (261 miles) southeast of Baghdad recently. Bombers and gunmen with suspected links to a battered but still lethal al Qaeda killed more than 100 people on Monday in a wave of attacks on markets, a textile factory, checkpoints and other sites across Iraq.

INTERNET

10 militants killed in Orakzai of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 June— At least 10 militants were killed Wednesday morning by the Pakistani security forces.

According to local media, the security forces implemented the offensive in retaliation to an attack on their checkpoint in the troubled Orakzai Agency in the northwest tribal areas of Pakistan.

Xinhua



An injured Iraqi reacts after an explosion in Hillah Iraq in this image taken from TV recently.

INTERNET

Unique eclipsing binary star system discovered



In this artist conception of the unique binary star NLTT 11748, the larger but less massive helium white dwarf star is partially eclipsed by the smaller but more massive normal white dwarf, which is about the size of the earth. INTERNET

TUCSON, 2 June—Astronomers at UC Santa Barbara are the first scientists to identify two white dwarf stars in an eclipsing binary system, allowing for the first direct radius measurement of a rare white dwarf composed of pure helium. The results will be published in the *Astrophysical Journal Letters*. These observations are the first to confirm a theory about a certain type of white dwarf star.

The story began with observations by Justin Steinfadt, a UCSB physics graduate student who has been monitoring white dwarf stars as part of his Ph.D. thesis with Lars Bildsten, a professor and permanent member of UCSB's Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, and Steve Howell, an astronomer at the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO) in Tucson, Ariz.

Brief eclipses were discovered during observations of the star NLTT 11748 with the Faulkes Telescope North of the Las Cumbres Observatory Global Telescope (LCOGT), a UCSB-affiliated institution. NLTT 11748 is one of the few very low-mass, helium-core white dwarfs that are under careful study for their brightness variations. Rapid snapshots of the star — about one exposure every minute — found a few consecutive images where the star was slightly fainter. Steinfadt quickly realized the importance of this unexpected discovery. "We've been looking at a lot of stars, but I still think we got lucky!" he said.

INTERNET

NASA completes critical design review of landsat data continuity mission

HAMPTON, 2 June—The Landsat Data Continuity Mission (LDCM) reached a major milestone last week when it successfully completed its Mission Critical Design Review (CDR).

From May 25-27, an independent review board chaired by Steve Jurczyk, Deputy Director at NASA's Langley Research Centre, Hampton, Va., met at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. to conduct the review. The CDR certifies that the maturity of the LDCM design is appropriate to support proceeding with full-scale fabrication, assembly, integration, and test of the mission elements leading to observatory integration and test.

This review highlighted the collective efforts of a dedicated NASA, US Geological Survey, and industry team working diligently towards the development, launch, and operation of

the LDCM," said Bill Ochs, LDCM project manager.

LDCM NASA and industry personnel addressed a variety of topics, including the LDCM spacecraft and its instrument payload, system-level test plans for flight hardware and software, systems engineering, mission assurance, the ground system, and science.

NASA plans to launch LDCM in December 2012 as the follow-on to Landsat-5, launched in

1984, and Landsat-7, launched in 1999. Both satellites continue to supply images and data, but they are operating beyond their design lives. As with preceding Landsat missions, the U.S. Geological Survey will operate LDCM and maintain its data archive once it reaches orbit and begins operational observations. LDCM will extend Landsat's unparalleled record of Earth's changing landscapes.

INTERNET

Google's battle with Apple intensifies in TV-Web convergence field

LOS ANGELES, 2 June—While the seamless integration of the Web and TV is the holy grail of home entertainment and efforts to get there have been ongoing for some time among a range of media powerhouses, Google's recent announcement about its plans in this realm has got a lot of people's attention.

Beginning this fall, select home entertainment devices will bring Google into your living room. The Web Giant has some high level partners participating with them. Dubbed "Google TV", the internet-enabled TV platform working with Intel (and its new Atom Processor), run on the Android operating system



The logo of Microsoft's Windows operating system is projected at a consumer electronics fair in Las Vegas. Microsoft has publicly defended its system in the face of unconfirmed reports that Google was shunning it in favour of other systems due to security concerns.—INTERNET

Breakthrough in stem cell culturing: Swedish study

STOCKHOLM, 2 June—Human embryonic stem cells have been cultured under chemically controlled conditions without the use of animal substances, which is essential for future clinical

uses, according to a statement from Karolinska Institute in Stockholm on Monday.

"Now, for the first time, we can produce large quantities of human embryonic stem cells in an environment that is completely chemically defined," said professor Karl Tryggvason, who led the study.

"This opens up new opportunities for developing different types

of cell which can then be tested for the treatment of disease," Tryggvason said.

A research team at Karolinska Institute has now managed to produce human stem cells entirely without the use of other cells or substances from animals. Instead they are cultured on a matrix of a single human protein: laminin-511, the statement said.

INTERNET

Shooting to fame in cyber world

BEIJING, 2 June—With more than 384 million netizens desperate to discuss or deride the "next big thing", the demand for Web celebrities - people made famous overnight by a well-seen clip, blog or post - has become enormous.

In recent years, pictures circulated online have helped a homeless man shoot to fame for being "well dressed" and a pretty village girl in traditional ethnic Qiang clothing become a pin-up model.

Although this seems like luck, analysts say these people are often the clients - and sometimes victims - of so-called tui shou, Internet marketers who stand to earn big money by thrusting them into the limelight.

By paying thousands of netizens to leave positive or negative posts on China's popular websites, thereby generating attention, tui shou (literally pushing hands) potentially stand to make thousands of yuan on advertising tie-ins and promotions, even if the star of the show does not.

For the casual browser, forwarding hilarious or shocking stories or clips about crazy stunts may be just a bit of fun. To some, it is a serious business.

INTERNET

Science

Xinhua



More cancer-causing chemicals in US cigarettes

WASHINGTON, 2 June—American cigarettes could pack a more toxic punch than foreign brands, say researchers at the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

In one of the first studies of its kind, researchers compared the levels of tobacco-specific nitrosamines—a main carcinogenic component of tobacco—in cigarette butts and in smokers from several countries.



The result: "All cigarettes are not the same, and cigarettes across countries do not

deliver the same amount of carcinogens to people," said Dr. Jim Pirkle, deputy director for science at the CDC's National Centre for Environmental Health's Division of Laboratory Sciences.

In fact, the amount of tobacco-specific nitrosamines (TSNAs) in US brands is about triple that of brands from Australia, Canada or the United Kingdom, he said.

Internet

Being young and sedentary raises hypertension risk later

CHICAGO, 2 June—Low levels of physical activity and fitness significantly increase the risk of developing high blood pressure, a 20-year study of young adults shows.

The study, released online 1 June in advance of publication in the July print issue of the journal *Hypertension*, found that about one-third of all high blood pressure cases could be prevented with increased physical fitness.



"Those who were the least physically fit, as determined by the amount of time on a treadmill and self-report, were more

likely to develop hypertension," said study author Mercedes Carnethon, an assistant professor of preventive medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. As many as one in three Americans has high blood pressure, also called hypertension, according to the most recent estimates from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Internet

Exercise may help in Leukemia recovery

RALEIGH, 2 June—Exercise helps improve symptoms of fatigue and depression experienced by leukemia patients who are undergoing treatment, a new study shows.

It included 10 people who did individualized exercise sessions while in the hospital for the three to five weeks of the induction phase of leukemia treatment.

The sessions included aero-bic and resistance exercises, core exercises and light stretches that were tailored to each person's fitness level and leukemia symptoms.

When they were



discharged from the hospital, the participants were given an aerobic-based exercise programme to use during their two-week home recovery period.

They were assessed at the start of the study and after they'd

completed the exercise programme.

"We found that the patients experienced significant reduction in total fatigue and depression scores, as well as improved cardiorespiratory endurance and maintenance of muscular endurance," Claudio Battaglini, an assistant professor of exercise and sport science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a member of the university's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Centre, said in a university news release.

Internet

Shorter hospital stays may hinder heart failure patients

NEW HAVEN, 2 June—Americans hospitalized for heart failure are being discharged faster, but the incidence of out-of-hospital deaths and readmissions has increased, a new study finds.

While in-hospital death rates have decreased, "the results are very mixed, and overall you could say that they are worse off," said Dr. Harlan M. Krumholz, professor of medicine at Yale University and a member of a team reporting the finding in



the 2 June issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

In the study of nearly 7 million Medicare-financed hospitalizations for heart failure, the progressive loss of ability to pump blood, the researchers found that the average length of stay decreased by 2.5 days, from 8.8 days in 1993 to 6.3 days in 2006. The in-hospital death rate was nearly halved, dropping from 8.5 percent to 4.3 percent. But the overall death rate for the 30-day period starting with hospital admission increased, from 4.3 percent in 1993 to 6.4 percent in 2006, meaning that more deaths occurred after

discharge. The net reduction in deaths for the 30 days starting with hospital admission was smaller than for the in-hospital rate, from 12.8 percent in 1993 to 10.7 percent in 2006.

And 20.1 percent of those who left the hospital were readmitted in 2006, compared to 17.1 percent in 1993.

"Patients lost ground when they went home," Krumholz said. "There was no incentive to look at what was happening after discharge."

The hospitals kept the patients for the shortest period of time, sent them home and ended up hoping for the best."

Internet

Dieting for dollars? More US employees trying it

ATLANTA, 2 June—How much money would it take to get you to lose some serious weight? \$100? \$500?

Many employers are betting they can find your price. At least a third of US

companies offer financial incentives, or are planning to introduce them, to get their employees to lose weight or get healthier in other ways.

"There's been an explosion of interest in this," said Dr. Kevin Volpp, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Health Incentives.

Take OhioHealth, a hospital chain whose workforce is mostly overweight. The company last year embarked on a programme that paid employees to wear pedometers and get paid for walking. The more they

walk, the more they win—up to \$500 a year.

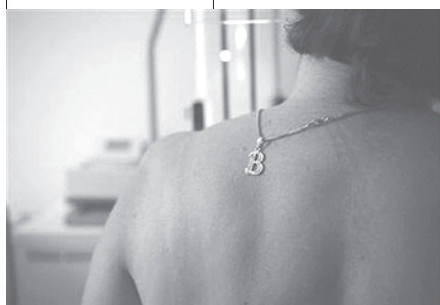
Anecdotal success stories are everywhere. Half of the 9,000 employees at the chain's five main hospitals signed up, more than \$377,000 in rewards have already been paid out, and many workers tell of weight loss and a sudden need for slimmer clothes.

But does will this kind of effort really put a permanent dent in American's seemingly intractable obesity problem? Not likely.

Internet

A breast cancer patient prepares for a radiological medical examination in an Athens hospital on 29 October, 2008.

INTERNET



Health

Shanghai tops as sourcing center

BEIJING, 2 June—Multinational firms are expected to increase procurement value by 30 percent in Shanghai this year, thanks to the recovering economy and their expansion plans in China, a United States-based business-to-business media firm said yesterday.

In 2010, multinationals, including Wal-Mart, Honeywell and Dell, will spend US\$50 billion on procurement in Shanghai, an annual increase of 30 percent, according to Global Sources.

"The booming demand of Chinese consumers hasn't changed despite the uncertainties in the global economy," Tommy Wong, general manager of Global Sources Exhibitions, said at a press conference for the China Sourcing Fair: Electronics.

"Shanghai has become China's most vibrant sourcing hub thanks to location and its economy," Wong added.

China's retail market value is set to grow 79 percent annually from 2009 to 20.8 trillion yuan (US\$3.06 trillion) in 2014. The value of the electronics market will jump 55.8 percent to 1.38 trillion yuan in the period, according to the China Retail Report.

Dell, the world's No. 2 PC maker, plans to increase procurement in China from US\$23 billion in 2008 to US\$25 billion this year.

Asian consumer electronics markets, led by China, will account for 36 percent of the global market next year from 34 percent now, according to the US Consumer Electronics Association. More than 3,000 Chinese retailers, including Bailian Group, Trust-Mart and Wangfujing Store, have set up procurement offices in Shanghai, Global Sources said.

Xinhua



Wang Gang (R), vice chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee and member of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Political Bureau, shakes hands with Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe during their meeting in Harare, capital of Zimbabwe, on 1 June, 2010.—XINHUA

China stock index futures open with mixed results Wednesday

BEIJING, 2 June—

China's stock index futures opened with mixed results on Wednesday, with the contract for settlement in June, which is most actively traded, fell 4 points to open at 2,758.

The contract expiring in July rose 0.2 point to open at 2,781.2.

The September contract opened flat at 2,817.2.

The December contract fell 3.4 points to open at 2,855.

The stock-index

contracts, agreements to buy or sell the Hushen 300 Index at a present value on an agreed date, are designed to allow investors to bet on and profit from both gains and declines in the market.

The index futures was launched at the China Financial Futures Exchange (CFFEX) and started trading from April 16, 2010. The CFFEX has set the base value for all the four contracts at 3,399 points.

Xinhua



Syifa (C) is crowned after winning Miss Indonesia 2010 in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 1 June, 2010. Syifa, champion of this year's pageant from Jakarta, will represent Indonesia to compete in Miss World 2010.—XINHUA

Italy's unemployment climbs to highest since 2001

ROME, 2 June — Italy's jobless rate in April touched a record of 8.9 percent, the highest since 2001, according to a report issued on Tuesday by National Statistics' Office Istat.

Italy's unemployment level thus continues to rise despite the country has entered

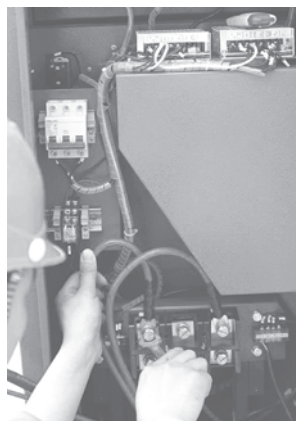
into recovery. Compared to April of last year, it increased 1.5 percent with 307,000 more people without a job in April.

The country's total

employment in April was 56.9 percent of the labor force, amounting to 22.831 million of which 29.5 percent is youth, Istat said.

Xinhua

China to subsidize electric, hybrid car purchases in five cities



A worker readjusts the mechanical apparatus, inside the first super electric vehicles recharging station, which becomes formally operational, in Wuhu City, east China's Anhui Province, on 1 June, 2010.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 2 June—China Tuesday released details of its green-car subsidy programme designed to boost the nation's auto industry and cut vehicle emissions. Through the program, subsidies of up to 60,000 yuan (8,784 US dollars) will be given to buyers of pure electric vehicles in the five cities chosen for the pilot program, the Ministry of Finance said in a statement on its website.

Buyers of plug-in hybrid cars will receive up to 50,000 yuan in subsidies.

The cities chosen for the pilot programme are Shanghai, Changchun, Shenzhen, Hangzhou and Hefei. China is the world's largest auto market.

Xinhua

Hong Kong stocks 0.45 pct lower by midday

HONG KONG, 2 June — Hong Kong stocks fell 87.07 points, or 0.45 percent to close Wednesday's morning session at 19,409.88.

Xinhua

Japanese stocks rise in morning trade as political uncertainty wanes

TOKYO, 2 June—Tokyo stocks rose Wednesday morning as political uncertainty waned after Japan's Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama decided to step down.

The benchmark Nikkei-225 index gained 35.71 points, or 0.37 percent, from Tuesday to 9,747.54.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was up 1.75 points, or 0.20 percent, to 881.79.

Xinhua

Philippine stocks end up 0.70% Wednesday

MANILA, 2 June—Philippine stocks finished 0.70 percent higher on Wednesday.

The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange index was up by 22.94 points to 3,289.56. The all-share index was up by 0.59 percent or 12.25 points to 2,074.80.

The trade volume reached 1.3 billion shares worth 3.71 billion pesos (79.8 million U.S. dollars).

There were 56 gainers and 40 losers while 62 stocks closed flat.

Xinhua

Brazil's industrial production up 18% in first four months of 2010

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 June—The industrial production in Brazil was up 18 percent in the first four months of 2010, compared with the same period a year earlier, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) said in a study on Tuesday.

In April, the industrial production fell 0.7 percent compared with the previous month, the first decrease in five months. However, the figure was up 17.4 percent compared with the same period in 2009.

From May 2009 to April 2010, the industrial production was up 2.3

percent from the previous 12-month period, the first positive figure registered since January 2009, according to the study.

The industrial production rose in all categories in the first four months of 2010, the study said.

The production of capital goods increased 28.7 percent compared with the same period last year, while the production of intermediate goods was up 19.2 percent, the durable goods' production up 26.4 percent, and the production of non-durable goods rose 8.7 percent.—Xinhua

Business



Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping(2nd L) talks with local residents in quake-hit Yushu County, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 1 June, 2010. Xi arrived at Yushu to inspect the reconstruction work and visit the survivors of the quake in the quake-hit area.— XINHUA

Cambodia, Indonesia sign agreement on visa exemption

PHENOM PEN, 2 June— Cambodia and Indonesia on Wednesday signed an agreement on visa exemption to boost tourism flow between the two countries.

After signing the agreement with the visiting Marty Natalegawa, Indonesian foreign minister, Hor Namhong, Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation said the visa exemption will pave the way for larger flow of tourists from Indonesia to Cambodia while Cambodian people will be able to make faster access to Indonesia.

Marty Natalegawa is making a three-day official visit to Cambodia, during which he will pay courtesy calls on Chea Sim, president of the Senate, Heng Samrin, president of the National Assembly and Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Marty Natalegawa will also be granted a royal audience by King Norodom Sihamoni. Hor Namhong said his country will look forward to signing more agreements on visa exemptions with all countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as well as in the Asian region and in Europe.

Xinhua

Tourist arrivals in Nepal increase 6% in May

KATHMANDU, 2 June— Tourist arrivals in Nepal by air in May have increased by 6 percent to 26,634 compared to the same month last year, local media reported on Wednesday.

According to the figures released by the Immigration Office, Tribhuvan International Airport, the only international airport in the country, arrivals from China and India, a major tourist market for the country, have achieved sustained growth.

Since June 2009, arrivals from India and China have registered double-digit growth, reported *The Kath-mandu Post daily*.

Visitor arrivals from India have increased by 4.3 percent, which showed sustained growth this year, except for a soft decline in April. A total 9,726 Indian tourists arrived in Nepal in May compared to 9,324 arrivals in the same period last year.

Xinhua

3,000 KFC stores in China

BEIJING, 2 June— Fast food chain giant Yum! Brands Inc yesterday said there are now 3,000 KFC stores in China. Since June last year, the United States company said it has opened 400 new KFC restaurants and entered 30 cities nationwide, beating earlier expectations.

Samuel Su, head of Yum! China said the company would focus on both organic growth and fast store-opening strategy in the following year in China.

Xinhua

Workers assemble Honda vehicles at its plant in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou. The Japanese auto giant has said it is ready to give a 366-yuan (\$53.80-dollar) monthly raise to the 1,900 workers at its southern Chinese plant, boosting monthly salaries and allowances.

INTERNET



A minimum price for a unit of alcohol should be imposed to help combat Britain's rising scourge of alcohol abuse, according to the health watchdog NICE.—INTERNET

Indian stocks open higher

MUMBAI, 2 June— Indian main stock index Sensex opened at 16,574.79 points on Wednesday, 2.76 points higher from previous close of 16,572.03 points.

The index rebounded 73.5 points or 0.44 percent after 11 minutes of trading in the early trading session from 2.2 percent of plunge in previous trading session.

Auto, consumer durables, realty and IT sectors picked up 1.23 percent, 1.03 percent, 0.85 percent and 0.64 percent, respectively.

Reliance Communication, automaker Mahindra & Mahindra, cement producer ACC and car producer Maruti Suzuki grew 4.85 percent, 1.7 percent, 1.76 percent and 1.64 percent, on encouraging sales in May.

Sensex is the common name for the Bombay Stock Exchange Sensitive Index. It consists of the 30 largest and most actively traded stocks, representative of various sectors, on the Bombay Stock Exchange.—Xinhua

Indian navy chopper crashes into river

NEW DELHI, 2 June— An Indian Navy chopper crashed into a river Wednesday in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, said defense ministry sources.

Xinhua

UAE mulls surveillance cameras installation to prevent school violence

ABU DHABI, 2 June— The government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has planned to install surveillance cameras in schools across the Gulf nation amid concerns of rising violence among young children, a *Dubai-based English daily* reported Wednesday.

Hamad Harith Al Midfa, a member of the UAE's legislative body, expressed concern about an increase in school violence and young kids committing serious crimes, *Gulf News* said. "As parents and educators, we must make

sure our children are aware that these problems exist and take the necessary steps to report any assaults," he was quoted as saying during a session of the Federal National Council.

According to Al Midfa, who suggested that CCTV camera security systems be installed in schools to help monitor and prevent violence, a pupil was stabbed to death in Dubai and some 200 students in the emirate of Ajman got involved in fights with knives.

Xinhua

"Agatha", volcanic ash affect Guatemala's agri products

GUATEMALA, 2 June — The tropical storm Agatha and the volcanic ash from Pacaya Volcano will cause damage of 5 to 10 per cent of the country's total agricultural production, the chamber of agriculture said on Tuesday.

The coffee sector reported 4 per cent of production damage and the milk sector has lost 45 per cent of production nationwide, said Carla Caballeros, executive director of the chamber.

Caballeros said some 1,000 ornamental plants were damaged,

and the green-house production was also affected.

The cultivation of tomato and chilli are expected to have a harvest delay. Mango is estimated to suffer a loss of 25,000 US dollars.

Caballeros said the country's infrastructure also suffered serious damage, calling for timely repair to prevent more extensive losses. According to the Guatemalan Government, 73 highways, 33 bridges and 11 infrastructure facilities were greatly destroyed.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao ...

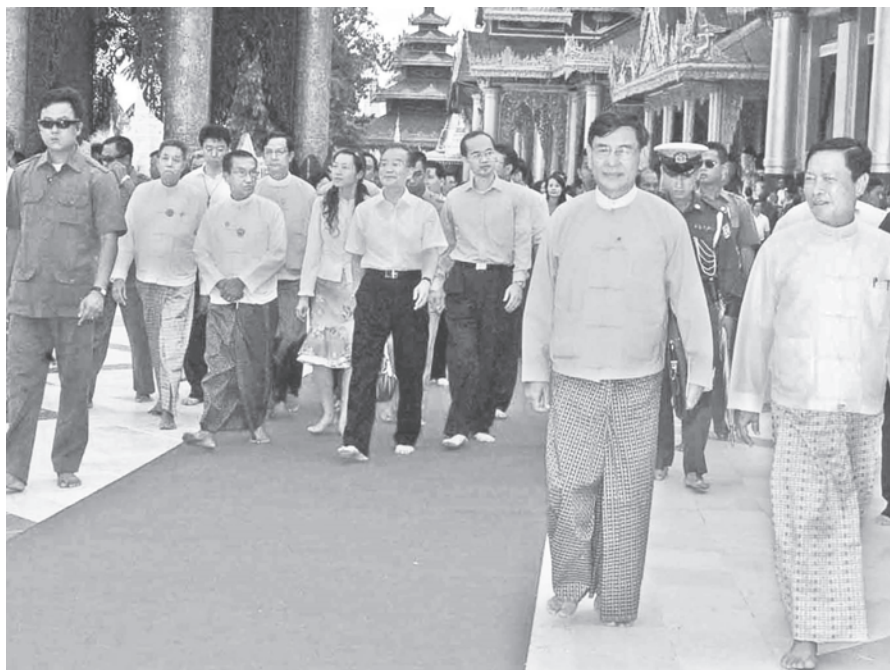
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They observed the paintings created by students. Students presented a painting to Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao.

At the parlor of the school, eighth standard student Ma Hnin Eindre Lin gave the Chinese delegation a brief account on facts about the school.



Premier of the State Council of the PRC Mr. Wen Jiabao offers flowers to Buddha Image at Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA



Premier of the State Council of the PRC Mr. Wen Jiabao visits Shwedagon Pagoda.— MNA

The Chinese Premier and entourage enjoyed traditional dances of schoolchildren, and they posed for a documentary photo together with students.

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao delivered a speech, and presented the documents of the list of computers donated to the school through Headmistress Daw Saw Yu Khin.

Deputy Minister U Aung Myo Min spoke words of thanks, and presented a jade mosaic painting to Mr Wen Jiabao.

In the afternoon, the Chinese delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda. The Chinese Premier signed the visitors' book and offered

flowers to the pagoda.

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao made cash donations to the pagoda through Deputy Minister Thura U Aung Ko, who then presented a portrait of the pagoda to him.

The delegation members took a stroll around the pagoda clockwise, and they posed for a group photo.

The Chinese delegation led by Premier Mr Wen Jiabao held a meeting with Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo and embassy staff, Chinese scholars, entrepreneurs and overseas Chinese at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yangon in the evening.

MNA

Myanmar club leaves motherland in pursuit of Asian dream

YANGON, 2 June—To chase the title of 2010 Asian Men's Club Volleyball Championship, Asia World Club left for Zhenjiang of China this morning.

They will have to confront the group challenge in Group (B) where their groupmates Uzbekistan, Iran, Bahrain, Qatar and Thai teams are also eager to clinch the victory. In Group (A), Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan and hosts China teams will fight for their semi-final chances.

The Myanmar club will play against Uzbekistan on 5 June, Thai on 6 June, Qatar on 7 June, Bahrain on 8 June and Iran on 9 June to advance to semi-final in the two-group game.

Manager U Thein Win and Coaches U Nyi Nyi Lwin, U Thein Swe and U Ye Myint from Myanmar Volleyball Federation led the team composed of Players Kyawswa Win, Kyaw Swe, Win Tun Oo, Sai Nyi Lay, Paing Tha, Domaeni Ko, Nyi Myat Tun, Kyaw Kyaw Htwe and Chit Po Po.

MNA



Premier of the State Council of the PRC Mr. Wen Jiabao poses for a documentary photo together with students at Dagon Township BEMS No (1) in Yangon.— MNA



UEC member meets Langkho district/township subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Member of the Union Election Commission Dr. Sai Kham Hlaing accompanied by members of Shan State election subcommission U Sai Tun Mya and secretary U Thein Htay Win met members of Langkho district/township subcommissions in Langkho of Shan State (South).

The UEC member attended the ceremony to demonstrate vote casting and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Myanmar sports delegation arrives back from China

YANGON, 2 June — Myanmar sports delegation arrived back here from the People's Republic of China on 30 May after attending the preliminary meeting for holding 2010 ASIAN Para Games in Guanzhou, China.

The meeting was held in Guanzhou on 28, 29 May.

The delegation led by President of Myanmar Disabled Sports Federation of Sports and Physical Education Department was comprised of Col Tin Maung Naing and Capt Thein Tun (Retd).

The 2010 ASIAN Para Games will be held from 21 to 29 December, 2010, in Guanzhou. Athletes from MDSF will participate in three categories : track and field, volleyball and swimming. To select the athletes, MDSF will organize competitions in third week of September at Aung San Stadium and other places. MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win being welcomed by Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Italy Dr Andreina Marsella at a reception to mark the Proclamation of the Republic in Yangon on 2 June.—MNA

Kayan Township Association helps needy school children

YANGON, 2 June — Kayan Township Association (Yangon) has assisted needy children in the township in school enrolment. The association donated school uniforms, books and stationery to needy children on 31 May at Kayan Township Basic Education High School.

The chairman and deputy chairman of the association handed over 800 sets of school uniforms worth K 1,777,000, 800 exercise books and stationery worth K 450,000 to the needy children during the ceremony. MNA

Chef Chicken Powder distributed

YANGON, 2 June—Goal Food Industrial Private Ltd is producing not only Chef Chicken Powder but also Goal Powder for chefs at hotels and restaurants and houses.

All users may not suffer side effects of the powders as they have been passed by Food and Drug Administration.

For further information, one may contact Pandaing Foodstuff Production (Goal Food Industrial Private Ltd), No 2924-2925 on Sethmu Ring Road in Ward-63 at Industrial Zone 2 in Dagon Myothit (South) Township here (Ph: 73009138 and 01 594497). MNA



Seasoning Chef Chicken Powder and Goal Powder.—MNA

Upgrading of Myingyan road section ...

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section (10 miles and four furlongs), circular road in Mahlaing Town-

was nearly complete that vehicles can be driven in convenience.

The upgrading

work was phased over a three-year period. The first phase which is placing of started in 2009-2010 financial year. The second phase is of extending shoulders and

motor way will be extended in the third phase. With continuous road-works, the company still managers for normal drive along the road.

In upgrading Meiktila-Myingyan road section, 18 small bridges on the section need to be extended. It is learnt that vehicles over 60 tons and

road constructed through Mahlaing Township and road to Kyaukpadaung Township, Meiktila-Myingyan road built through Mahlaing and



A scene on Meiktila-Mahlaing road section.

ship (16 miles and four furlongs), circular road in Taungtha Township (21 miles and one furlong), and circular road in Myingyan Township (seven miles).

When we visited there, asphalt was being placed on road section near Thabyae Village. Up-grading of Mahlaing-Meiktila road section



Gravels being piled at a site on Meiktila-Myingyan road section.



Upgrading of road with the use of machinery.

steel-wheeled carts and vehicles are disallowed to run on the road. We drove along to Meiktila from Mahlaing, observing the condition of the road and noted that vehicles can be driven in convenience.

Being linked with Yangon-Mandalay Highway, inter-district

Taungtha will contribute largely to progress and smooth transportation of the region. On the whole, better roads will lead to smooth transportation and result in development of the region.

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Mideast sovereign funds eye Agricultural Bank IPO

BEIJING, 2 June—Several Middle East sovereign wealth funds are holding talks with the Agricultural Bank of China about investing in its initial public offering (IPO) in Shanghai and Hong Kong this year, the *China Business News* reported yesterday.

The Kuwait Investment Authority intends to invest about US\$1 billion to become a cornerstone investor in the Chinese bank's US\$30 billion IPO, which would be the world's largest, the newspaper reported, quoting a source at one of the underwriters.

The newspaper also said an institutional investor from the United

Arab Emirates was holding talks, but it did not name the other sovereign wealth funds involved in the discussions.

Agricultural Bank, set to become the last of China's four largest banks to list its shares, has cleared a preliminary hearing with the country's securities regulator, local media reported last week.

The bank received a US\$19 billion capital injection from Central Huijin, an investment arm of China's sovereign fund, at the end of 2008. It also hived off 800 billion yuan (US\$117.1 billion) in bad loans to clean up its books in preparation for the listing.

China's National

Social Security Fund has invested 15 billion yuan, Ji Guoqiang, an official with the fund, said last month.

The fund hopes Agricultural Bank will list as soon as possible, Ji said, although big swings in stock markets locally and globally have cast some doubt over whether the bank might postpone its share issue to wait for market conditions to improve.

Xinhua

Over 47,000 displaced due to flash floods in S Philippines

MANILA, 2 June—More than 47,000 people in low-lying towns in southern Maguindanao province of the Philippines have been displaced due to flash floods, local media reported on Tuesday.

A total of 47,552 individuals or 9,388 families have been affected by the "on-and-off" floods that hit at least 10 villages of Sultan Kudarat and Sultan Mastura, both in Northern Maguindanao, *Inquirer* quoted the disaster coordinating council in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) as saying.

Secretary Pombaen Karon Kader of the Department of Social Welfare and Development in the ARMM said, "there's evacuation when water rises and the affected families will go back home when water is gone."

A resident of Barangay Bulalo, Sultan Kudarat, said, "many residents are now living on the second floor of their houses with all their valuables while their vehicles and "easy to move" properties stay at the roadside.

Internet



Rescuers help resident evacuating in Izabal City, capital of Izabal Province, Guatemala, on 30 May, 2010. The death toll caused by storm Agatha in Guatemala has risen to 73, the country's disaster relief authority spokesman David de Leon said on Sunday.—XINHUA

6.6 magnitude earthquake hit eastern Indian

MUMBAI, 2 June—An earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale shook the Indian eastern islands early Tuesday, no casualties were reported, local media reported.

The earthquake occurred at 01:21 am local time off Andaman-Nicobar Islands, and the location of the epicenter was 11.2 (N) latitude and 93.7 (E) longitude, *The Press Trust of India* quoted a meteorological official in New Delhi as saying. So far, there has been no report of the death or damage.

Xinhua

6.1 magnitude earthquake hits Costa Rica

WASHINGTON, 2 June—An earthquake measuring 6.1 magnitude on the Richter scale hit the Pacific coast of Costa Rica on Monday night, the USGS said.

No casualties or damage were reported so far.

The quake was centered some 46 miles (74 kms) southwest of the capital San Jose and 18.2 miles (29 kms) below the sea.—Xinhua

Apple says sold two million iPads



A woman poses for pictures as she celebrates buying an 'iPad' from an Apple store in central London. Apple, now the largest US technology company by value, said it had sold two million of its iPad tablet computers, outdoing even the iconic iPhone on its launch. XINHUA

Fans mobbed Apple's international stores on Friday when the iPad went on sale in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Apple delayed the international launch by a month as it had difficulty meeting demand for the device, which has received high marks for videos and games, reading electronic books and magazines, and general Web browsing.

Xinhua

NEW YORK, 1 June—Apple Inc said it sold 2 million iPads since launching the touch-screen tablet in the United States nearly two months ago and taking it to nine international markets this past weekend.

The company did not give a geographic

breakdown of sales in its statement, but had previously said it sold 1 million iPads in the first month after the US launch on 3 April—passing that milestone faster than the iPhone. An Apple representative was not immediately available for comment.

Three killed, two injured as train hit rickshaw in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 2 June—Three people were killed and two others injured as a train rammed into an auto-rickshaw at Barnamala level crossing in Bangladesh's Gazipur District, 37 km north of capital Dhaka, on Tuesday morning.

The deceased people were auto-rickshaw driver and two passengers, private news agency UNB reported.

Local sources said the Dhaka-bound train rammed into the rickshaw when it got on the unguarded level crossing, leaving three people dead on the spot and two critically injured at about 6 am.—Xinhua



A man walks past a poster during the second round of UN climate talks in 2010 in Bonn, Germany, on 31 May, 2010. The second round of UN climate talks in 2010 kick off on Monday. The talks will last to next on 11 June. XINHUA

Most New Zealanders want drinking age raised

WELLINGTON, 2 June— Most New Zealanders want the drinking age raised from 18 to 20, showed a poll released on Tuesday. TV One's Colmar Brunton survey of 1,000 voters found 74 percent wanted it changed while 24 percent said it should stay at 18.

Other recent polls have also shown a strong majority in favour of raising the age limit.

New Zealanders binge drinking came under the spotlight recently when 16-year-old student James Webster died after consuming a large amount of vodka at a party. The drinking age was lowered 11 years ago, but New Zealand Law Commission recently recommended the government put it back up to 20. It is among a raft of proposed changes including making bars close earlier and increasing the price of alcohol.

The last time New Zealand parliament voted to raise the legal purchasing age was in 2006. An overwhelming majority voted to keep the age at 18, but opinion polls at the time showed 70 percent of New Zealanders wanted it go back up.

However, increasing the age is not in line with the rest of the world. Most countries have a legal drinking age of 18, except for a handful of countries including the United States, Iceland and Japan.

Any law change is not expected until next year.—Xinhua



A wine expert tastes a wine during the 27th International Wine Challenge in London 21 April, 2010. —XINHUA

Thief steals trailer — with two owners inside

CANBERRA, 2 June— A thief who stole a car with a trailer attached got away with more than he bargained for — as the two owners were in the back. Australian police said the couple, aged in their 60s, were picking up a new trailer from a dealer in the Adelaide suburb of Blair Athol on Monday around noon.

While a sales manager was showing the couple some of the features of their new purchase, a thief jumped into their car as the keys had been left in the ignition and drove away.—Xinhua

China, Gulf cooperation council to launch first strategic dialogue Friday

BEIJING, 2 June— China and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will have their first round of strategic dialogue in Beijing this Friday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said on Tuesday.

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi will join the GCC's rotating president, its next president and its secretary general to launch the talks.

Kuwait Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah is the current GCC president. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates Anwar Mohammed Qarqash will be

the Council's next president.

The Council's Secretary General is Abdul-Rahman al-Attiyah.

"Establishing the strategic dialogue mechanism proceeds from the real needs and long-term interests of both sides and contributes to the consolidation of mutual trust and collective cooperation in various areas," said Ma.

China attaches great importance to its friendly relations and cooperation with GCC and its members, the spokesman said.

The GCC consists of Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Xinhua

Mentos, Coke Zero propel vehicle

The guys from Maine who became an online sensation by creating geysers from soda and Mentos candies have discovered it's not just entertainment. It can propel vehicles, as well.

A contraption created by Fritz Grobe and Stephen Voltz of Buckfield using a bike and a trailer is powered by piston mechanism using hundreds of pieces of Mentos candy and Coke Zero.

On a video posted online Tuesday, the machine travelled more than 220 feet. The video was directed by Rob Cohen of "The Fast and the Furious." Grobe joked that the crew is calling it "The Fizzy and the Furious."

The geyser experiment used Diet Coke. This time, the crew used Coke Zero. Afterward, they toasted their success by sipping Coke Zero from champagne glasses.



This on 5 May, 2010 photo released by EepyBird shows Fritz Grobe piloting the Coke Zero & Mentos Rocket Car in its launch in Tustin, Calif. The contraption, created by Grobe and Stephen Voltz, of Buckfield, Maine, features a utility trailer on the back, a modified girl's bike on the front, and is powered using the fizzy reaction created by dropping Mentos into bottles of Coke Zero.

Pair born in same hospital on same day to wed

An engaged eastern Pennsylvania couple were born on the same day in the same hospital — and their mothers even shared a room in the maternity ward. Amy Singley and Steven Smith were born at St. Luke's Hospital in Fountain Hill on 17 April, 1986.

After the mothers were hospital roommates, the two families continued to interact through their church in Easton. Smith asked Singley on a date to the movies when they were sophomores in high school.

Lottery winner escapes father's murder plot?

The winner of a \$16 million lottery jackpot in Brazil escaped his own father's plot to kill him after police caught two contract killers supposedly hired to carry out his murder, local media reported on Friday. Police informed Fabio de Barros of the plan by his father, Francisco, to have him killed in order to keep the winnings the two had fought over since Fabio won the prize in 2006, O Globo TV and the Agencia Estado reported. A legal battle began after Francisco, 60, refused to hand over the winnings Fabio had deposited in his account. They had not spoken for about three years, Fabio's lawyer said.

European Council President Herman van Rompuy (L) Russian President Dmitry Medvedev (C) and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso attend a news conference after the 25th summit between Russia and the European Union (EU) concluded in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, on 1 June, 2010.



Brussels' famous Manneken Pis statue pees milk with costumes of western African nomadic Fula people to mark the 10th World Milk Day in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 1 June, 2010.

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Album

Japan shares fall; trading firms among decliners

TOKYO, 2 June—Japanese shares headed lower on Wednesday morning in Tokyo, with trading firms among the bigger decliners.

The Nikkei Stock Average shed 1% to 9,610.74 and the broader Topix was at 870.82, down 1.1%. Weakness on Wall Street on Tuesday and political tension surrounding calls for Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama's resignation also added pressure.

Shares of Mitsui & Co (JP:8031 1,272, -22.00, -1.70%) /quotes/comstock/15*!mits.y/quotes/nls/mitsy (MITSY 275.00, -13.99, -4.84%) dropped 5.7%, trading lower for a third day in a row after the company this week said it may have to pay part of the costs from the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico because a unit of the trading firm has a stake in the offshore oil block.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV BANGMUNNAK VOY NO (137)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGMUNNAK VOY NO (137) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.6.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) 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 Claim Day.

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Japan PM Hatoyama resigns ahead of election

TOKYO, 2 June—Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama said on Wednesday he and his powerful party No 2 would resign after a slide in the polls threatened their party's chances in an election expected next month.

Calls have built up in Hatoyama's Democratic Party for him to step down to revive the party's fortunes ahead of an election for the upper house of parliament expected on 11 July that it must win to smooth policymaking.

With tears in his eyes, Hatoyama told a party gathering both he and



Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama.—INTERNET

party secretary-general Ichiro Ozawa would resign their posts.

Analysts have tipped outspoken Finance Minister Naoto Kan as the likely successor to Hatoyama, who quits after just eight months on the job.

Internet

Australian zoo uses Facebook to find monkeys

SYDNEY, 2 June—An Australian zoo has posted an urgent plea on its Facebook page for help in returning eight stolen endangered monkeys, so small they could fit in a handbag or the palm of your hand.

Symbio Wildlife Park, south of Sydney, said thieves broke into the park on Sunday night and stole a breeding pair of Cotton

top Tamarins, their two babies, and four Pygmy marmosets.

"These animals are part of international breeding programmes and are crucial to the survival of the species, there are only 300 Cotton top Tamarins left in the wild, so time is running out," said the zoo's Facebook message.

"These animals need

specialized housing and diet to survive, if they are not returned home safely, they may not survive, the whole team at Symbio are extremely worried," it said.

Internet



The Cottontop Tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*) is a small monkey weighing less than 1lb.

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

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A Spike TV miniseries explores the outrageous world of little-person wrestling with this new unscripted half-hour, six-episode series.—INTERNET

Global arms spending hits record despite downturn

STOCKHOLM, 2 June—Worldwide military spending surged to a record \$1.5 trillion last year, defying an economic downturn caused by the global financial crisis, a leading think tank said on Wednesday.

Military spending last year rose 5.9 percent in real terms compared to 2008 with the United States accounting for more than half of that increase, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute said in its annual report on arms spending.

"The far-reaching effects of the global financial crisis and economic recession appear to have had little impact on world military expenditure," the think tank said.

"Although the USA led the rise, it was not alone. Of those countries for which data was available, 65 percent increased their military spending in real terms in 2009."—Internet

German soldiers wave goodbye to the crews of two Blackhawk Medevac helicopters during a regular replacement of helicopters.

INTERNET



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Spike TV's dwarf wrestling show targets young, male demographic

LOS ANGELES, 2 June—If you're at all squeamish about seeing someone get cash staple-gunned to his privates or 4-foot-tall wrestlers mauling each other while beer-drinking bar patrons egg them on, you might not be the target for the Spike network's new late-night series, "Half Pint Brawlers." But if you're into "Jack-ass"-style stunts, choreographed grappling matches and pants-dropping spectacles, you may have just found your new appointment viewing. Spike, the testosterone-fueled home of "The Ultimate Fighter," "1,000 Ways to Die" and "Manswerv," launches the six-episode show at 11 pm on Wednesday. It will follow a group of little people, led by outspoken actor-comedian-entrepreneur Steve Richardson, who goes by the stage name Puppet the Psycho Dwarf.—Internet

Oil spill causes little damage to Malaysian shore

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 June— Inflow of some oil spill from the ships' collision in the Singapore Strait has so far caused minimal damage to Malaysia's seashore, said an environment official.

Malaysia's Natural Resources and Environment Minister Douglas Ugah Embas told media on Tuesday that Malaysia and Singapore had

adopted a standard operating procedure in dealing with the oil spill crisis.

He said that more than 200 people were busy in dealing with the oil leakage at the affected areas, including those hired by the vessels' owners.

Most of the spill has been brought into the Singapore waters by waves, he added.

A Malaysian-registered tanker, MT Bunga Kelana 3 and the St Vincents and The Grenadines-registered bulk carrier, MV Waily collided at about 6 am local time on 25 May with about 2,500 tons of crude oil spilling into the sea. The spill was later reported to have spread into southeastern Malaysian waters.

Xinhua



The Tungurahua volcano spews ash and steam during an eruption in Banos, some 130 km (81 miles) southwest of Quito on 1 June, 2010. Tungurahua has been classed as active since 1999 and had a strong eruption in 2008. It is one of eight active volcanoes in the country.

XINHUA



India's Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel display martial arts tactics during a passing out parade in Humhama, on the outskirts of Srinagar on 2 June, 2010. According to authorities from CRPF, India's oldest central police force, 383 new policemen were formally inducted into the force after completing a 44-week rigorous training course and will be deployed in many parts of India.

INTERNET

Crews probe Guatemala sinkhole as neighbours flee

GUATEMALA CITY, 2 June—A cavernous and almost perfectly round sinkhole swallowed an entire intersection in Guatemala City during a tropical storm, spooking people in the neighborhood but exciting geologists.

The hole is 66 feet (20 metres) across and plunges nearly 100 feet (30 metres) deep.

Geologists said Tuesday that the circular shape suggested a cave formation underneath, but what exactly can tell you what it's not: It's not a geological fault, and it's not the product of an earthquake," said David Monterroso, a geophysics engineer at the National Disaster Management Agency. "That's all we know. We're going to have to descend."

Xinhua

Man sets woman on fire in Australia

SYDNEY, 2 June—A woman died from horrific burns after a man set her alight at an Australian petrol station on Tuesday, in a gruesome scene that prompted police to urge witnesses to seek counselling.

The 42-year-old woman was stabbed before she and her car were engulfed in flames at a Melbourne gas station, with witnesses reporting that her alleged attacker told them to "let her burn" when they tried to intervene.

The woman was rushed to hospital with burns to nearly all of her body and died hours later, the Australian Associated Press reported.

A 41-year-old man, believed to be the woman's partner, was arrested at a nearby church after a two-hour stand-off with heavily armed police, AAP said.

He was taken to hospital with minor injuries, and police are waiting to interview him, it said.

"Victoria Police are concerned for the welfare of the many witnesses to this morning's incident," police said in a statement.

"Police encourage people to seek counselling."—Xinhua

Six die after consuming wild mushrooms in central Nepal

KATHMANDU, 2 June— The number of those dead after consuming wild mushrooms in a remote village in Chitwan district in central Nepal has gone up to six after three family members died on Tuesday.

According to Wednesday's *The Kathmandu Post* daily, locals had rushed the three, who were critically ill after consuming wild mushrooms, to a local hospital on Tuesday morning.

Earlier, the poisonous mushroom had killed three members of one family. Two other family members are undergoing treatment in the ICU of the hospital.—Xinhua



A sinkhole created by tropical storm Agatha covers a street intersection in downtown of Guatemala City on 30 May, 2010. Torrential rains brought by the first tropical storm of the 2010 season pounded Central America and southern Mexico, triggering deadly landslides.

INTERNET

Building collapse kills 9 in Bangladesh capital

DHAKA, 2 June— At least nine persons were killed, 20 others were wounded and unspecified persons remained stranded as a five-storey building collapsed on Tuesday night at Bangladesh's capital, fire service said.

Duty officer of fire service Ataur Raman told Xinhua that the building collapsed at around 11 pm local time and hit several tin-shed houses nearby killing people.

The rescue operation is still going on.

Raman could not confirm the cause of the collapse of the building, only said a road is being constructed near the building which ever dug the ground a lot, that may be the reason of the collapse.—Xinhua



Women of Miao ethnic group pick up litchi fruits at an orchard in Yuping Township of Miao Autonomous County of Pingbian in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 2 June, 2010. Farmers here started to harvest fruits of over 10,000 mu (about 667 hectares) of litchi trees recently.—XINHUA

Uruguay send World Cup warning to France

MONTEVIDEO, 2 June—Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez has warned group rivals France that his team

fully intend winning their World Cup opener on 11 June.

Uruguay trounced Switzerland and Israel 3-1 and 4-1 respectively in recent friendlies and Tabarez is looking for the same kind of result against Raymond Domenech's

Bleus on the opening day of the tournament.

"In my humble opinion I think we can make life difficult for France," Tabarez said on Monday.

"They won't dictate how we play our football. They'll have a lot of respect for our team and we'd love a repeat of the kind of performances we had against Israel and Switzerland."

Tabarez knows Domenech relatively well, the pair having become acquainted while earning their coaching credentials with FIFA, the sport's world ruling body.

Internet



Uruguay's national football team coach Oscar Tabarez (L), seen here during a training session.

INTERNET

Eto'o sending off eases Portugal win over Cameroon

PORTUGAL, 2 June—Portugal claimed a deserved 3-1 friendly win over Cameroon on Tuesday, a victory that was given a helping hand by the first half sending-off of Inter Milan striker Samuel Eto'o.

Portugal dominated the early stages and opened the scoring just after the half hour mark through FC Porto's Raul Meireles.

Eto'o protested the goal to the referee and, having already been booked for a foul on Portugal defender Duda, the Cameroon star was shown a second yellow and then a red card in the 33 minute.



Portugal's forward Cristiano Ronaldo controls the ball during their friendly football match against Cameroon at the Sports Complex in Covilha, central Portugal.—INTERNET

Portugal took advantage of their numerical superiority and the on-form Meireles grabbed his second of the game in the 46 minute.—Internet

Woods march in the majors taking a detour

DUBLIN, 2 June—Tiger Woods, dressed in a royal blue shirt, hopped over a short fence and onto the range at Muirfield Village. Jack Nicklaus, in gray blazer and tie, hosted a ceremony on the other end of the range. Two players so closely linked in golf history suddenly seem so very far apart.

A year ago, after Woods won the Memorial for a record fourth time, Nicklaus was more convinced than ever that Woods was going to take another step toward his record 18 majors.

"I suspect No. 15 will come for Tiger Woods in about two weeks," Nicklaus said, referring to the US Open. "If he drives the ball this way, and plays this way, I'm sure it will. And if not, it will surprise me greatly."

Internet



Tiger Woods, right, and Jack Nicklaus sharing a laugh on the 12th tee during the Memorial Skins Game in Dublin.—INTERNET

'Oranje' squash Ghana in World Cup friendly



Netherlands' striker Dirk Kuyt, pictured on 26 May. A storming attacking display late in the second half handed the Netherlands a convincing 4-1 win over an overwhelmed Ghana in a pre-World Cup friendly.—INTERNET

whelmed Ghana in a pre-World Cup friendly here on Tuesday.

The Dutch, who will play in Group E of the World Cup against Denmark, Japan and Cameroon, took a one-goal lead into the half-time interval after Liverpool striker Dirk Kuyt pounced on a loose ball on the half hour.

Despite missing Bayern Munich ace Arjen Robben, who is nursing a sore hip, the hosts went on to do more damage with three more goals in the final 20 minutes.

Internet

Cancellara rubbishes 'motorised bike' claims

PARIS, 2 June—Olympic time-trial champion Fabian Cancellara on Tuesday rubbished claims that he could have used a 'motorised' bike when winning this season's Tour of Flanders and Paris-Roubaix classics.

"It's so stupid I'm speechless," said Cancellara, who rides for the Saxo Bank team. "I've never had batteries on my bike."

A video featuring former professional cyclist Davide Cassani showed a bike operating with what he claimed was a motor concealed by the pedals, with a button to operate the device hidden within the gear levers on the handlebars.

In Cassani's video, seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Nd13ARuvVE>, there is footage of Cancellara and what it claims are suspicious slips of his right hand on the bike handlebars before he accelerates effortlessly away from his rivals.

"It's quite funny but it's become a bigger story and is no longer so funny," said Cancellara. "It's a sad and really outrageous story. Believe me, my feats are the result of hard work."—Internet



Swiss cyclist Fabian Cancellara celebrates winning the 94th edition of the Tour of Flanders (Ronde Van Vlaanderen) cycling race in Meerbeke, Belgium.—INTERNET

Walcott axed as Capello names final World Cup squad

LONDON, 2 June—Theo Walcott was the shock casualty as England coach Fabio Capello named his final 23-man squad for the World Cup on Tuesday.

Walcott was widely expected to be on the England team's flight to South Africa on Wednesday after playing a significant role in the qualifying campaign, but Capello has decided Manchester City's Shaun Wright-Phillips and Tottenham's Aaron Lennon represent better options on the flanks.—Internet

Theo Walcott, seen here in May 2010, was the shock casualty as England coach Fabio Capello named his final 23-man squad for the World Cup on Tuesday.—INTERNET



No inquests as beaten Federer eyes Wimbledon boost

PARIS, 2 June—Roger Federer insists there will be no inquests into his shattering French Open quarter-final defeat, claiming he is already dreaming of a seventh Wimbledon title instead.

The world number one was bludgeoned into submission by the Swedish sledge-hammer of Robin Soderling which also accounted for four-time champion Rafael Nadal's first Roland Garros career loss a year ago.

Internet

SPORTS

South Africa axe McCarthy for World Cup

JOHANNESBURG, 2 June—South Africa coach Carlos Alberto Parreira axed West Ham striker Benni McCarthy Tuesday when naming his 23-man World Cup squad.

High-profile McCarthy had been involved in a race against the clock to get fit and rediscover his form after an injury-interrupted English Premiership season with Blackburn Rovers and the Upton Park club.

Brazilian Parreira told a news conference here: "I am not going to talk about individuals who did not make the final squad. We applied five principles when making our choices."

"This is not the end of the road for the five footballers whose dreams I have cut short. There will be other opportunities to play for the national team," stressed the 1994 World Cup-winning coach.—Internet



Bafana Bafana (The Boys, nickname of the South African national football team) striker Benni McCarthy pictured during a training session in Johannesburg in May 2010.

INTERNET



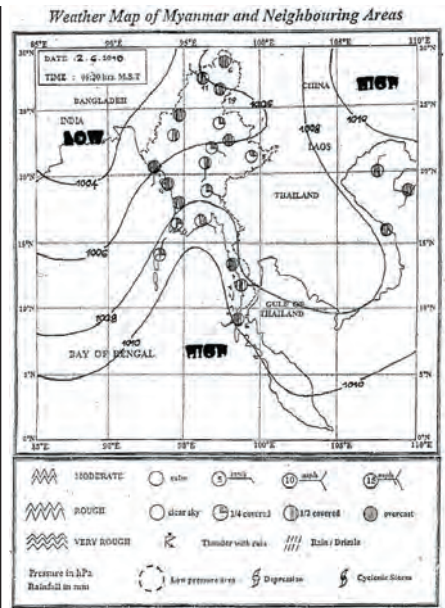
A solar car races across the Australian outback near Alice Springs during the 2007 World Solar Challenge in October 2007. An Australian pub has been drunk almost dry by thirsty customers travelling miles for a beer from one of the country's hottest towns after their local closed, the manager said.

INTERNET

World war II bomb explodes in germany, three dead

BERLIN 2 June—A World War II bomb found in central Germany exploded on Tuesday, killing three people, as disposal experts were about to defuse it, local authorities said.

Six people were injured, two seriously, when the bomb dropped by Allied aircraft on the university town of Goettingen went off unexpectedly, the town's fire department said. Authorities had evacuated thousands of residents beforehand so experts could defuse the 500 kilograms bomb, a fire department spokesman said. Bombs left over from World War II are regularly defused in Germany and rarely explode unexpectedly.—Internet



WEATHER

Wednesday, 2nd June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Kayah States, Lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Thanithayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Kayin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandaunggyi (4.88) inches, Mawlamyine (3.19) inches, Ye (2.56) inches and Mudon (2.52) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-6-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 2-6-2010 was 81°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-6-2010 was 82%. Total sun shine hours on 1-6-2010 was (5.4) hours.

Rainfall on 2-6-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (11.97) inches at Mingaladon, (12.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (12.91) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 1-6-2010.

Bay Inference: Moonsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Thanithayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Chin and Rakhine States and isolated 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 3-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-6-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (3-6-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (3-6-10 09:30 am ~ 4-6-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area
- * News
- * Unity Conquered The Disaster
- * Lenovo in Myanmar
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Straw Embossed Painting
- * News
- * Myanmar Young Lady Golf Champion

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Discovering Imaw Bum Area
- * News
- * Unity Conquered The Disaster
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
- * News
- * Bronze Casting of Kyar Ton Village
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)"
- * News
- * Straw Embossed Painting
- * Songs for You
- * News
- * Lenovo in Myanmar
- * News
- * Myanmar Young Lady Golf Champion
- * Myanmar Movies "Master of Flowers"

Myanmar

TV

Thursday, 3 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. အဂ္ဂိယမင်္ဂလာ (ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့်တေးရေး)

- ရီတစာဆိုချီးမွမ်းဆွေ)
- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Dance Of National Races
- 8:10 am
7. "လက်လှဲတံတား"
- 8:20 am
8. Dance Variety
- 8:40 am
9. International News
- 8:45 am
10. Musical Programme
- 3:30 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010)ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Delta United FC အသင်း နှင့် ဥသာယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း)

- 5:00 pm
2. Musical Programme
- 5:10 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွား၊ ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြုများ) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)
- 5:25 pm
4. Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 5:25 pm
5. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကကြိုးသွယ်
- 5:35 pm
6. "ရင်နှစ်စောင့်စား ကမ္ဘာလေး"(အုပ်စု(C))
- 5:45 pm
7. "သယ်လတ်တီဝံ့လင် မြန်မာ့ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်"
- 6:00 pm
8. Evening News

- 6:15 pm
9. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
10. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "အချစ်ကော်ဖီ"(အပိုင်း-၉) (ငြိမ်းချမ်းသူရလင်း၊ စုပုံချစ်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)
- 6:35 pm
11. ထူးဆန်းထွေလားများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း
- 7:00 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆွမ်းလှမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:00 pm
13. News
 14. International News
 15. Weather Report
 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်တံ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်တေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၈)



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

“Wa” Democratic Party granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 69/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

**The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 69/2010
6th Waning of Nayon, 1372 ME
2 June 2010**

“Wa” Democratic Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the “Wa” Democratic Party with its headquarters at No. (Ha-4/7) on Hsenwi Road in Ward-8 in Lashio Township, Shan State to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 2 June 2010.

The registration number of the “Wa” Democratic Party is (29).

By order

Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that a moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan, China) about 300 miles northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 22 hrs 32 min 34 sec M.S.T on 1st June, 2010.—MNA

Upgrading of Myingyan road section kicking into high gear

**Byline:Maung Maung Myint Swe,
Photos:Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)**

Smooth transportation plays a key role in development of a region. While we were in Mahlaing, Meiktila District to hunt news about progress in transportation sector of the region, we heard Tun Nyo Lu Construction Company was upgrading Meiktila-Myingyan road section. Being men with itchy feet, we visited site of roadwork on the road section.

We found the tarred road at the exit of Mahlaing to be fairly smooth one and Mahlaing-Meiktila road section providing convenient drive for travelers resulting from continuous improvement.

When interviewed about progress in roadworks, Engineer in-charge U Nyan Tun said that they were responsible for 55 miles and one furlong long Meiktila-Myingyan road section; that the road section was being upgraded section by section-Meiktila-Mahlaing

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An upgraded road near mile-post 22/3 in Mahlaing Township on Meiktila-Myingyan section.