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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

Senior General Than Shwe receives Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received the visiting Chinese delegation led by Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 10.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Ambassador of Myanmar to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin and departmental officials, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and officials concerned.

During the meeting, they exchanged views and discussed matters related to promoting the friendship and economic cooperation between the two countries, cooperation in the region and in international arena, cooperation in promoting stability and development in border areas between the two countries and bilateral issues.

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Chairman of the SPDC Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



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PERSPECTIVES

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Prioritize high-yield medium-lifespan paddy strains

Monsoon has already set in Myanmar. Now, it rains a lot in various regions. Torrential rains have been scattered in some regions in the states and divisions. Farmers will soon begin ploughing fields to grow paddy.

Monsoon entered the country a little late. So, farmers have to honour the directives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in growing paddy. They should start ploughing fields as soon as possible in order to make paddy farming successful.

Simultaneously, farmers should make necessary arrangements for saving rainwater as much as they can in roadside drains and lakes, and ensuring that the dykes of paddy fields are water-resistant.

Paddy seeds are to be sowed in advance in the places where supply of sufficient water is available for agricultural purpose. And suitable methods are to be applied to sow paddy seeds in the places where there cannot be sufficient water supply. Direct seeding method is to be prioritized as it can make the lifespan of paddy shorter. Paddy seedlings are to be planted while they are young.

In particular, to boost paddy production, farmers should choose medium- and short-lifespan paddy strains and use organic and inorganic fertilizers in proportion to obtain fast growth of paddy plants and minimize unnecessary loss and wastage.

Agricultural farming is the major business of rural folks, who make up the great majority of the nation's population. The more farmers boost production of crops the higher socio-economic status they can enjoy, and the greater economic growth the nation can gain. Therefore, in line with the directives for successful growing of monsoon paddy, farmers should try their best for boosting paddy production.

Yangon Mayor inspects tasks for public convenience

YANGON, 3 June—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected the site chosen for construction of new Thiri Mingala market on Bayintnaung Road, Hline Township, here, yesterday.

He proceeded to People's Square and People's Park to inspect beautifying tasks there and works for opening of tax-free market in Gandama sports ground in Mayangon Township.

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

The second best time is now.

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

Industry-1 Minister receives S Korean Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr Cho Byungjae at the ministry here this

morning. They discussed cooperation in industry and human resources development between the two countries.

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Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung receives Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr. Cho Byungjae.—MNA

Applications for formation, registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing applications for formation of political party. The commission has found the Kaman National Progressive Party to be in accord with the Political Party Registration Law and Rules, and thus the commission granted permission to the party to set up as a political party today.

Up to date, there are 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 them to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

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Fire engulfs 406 shops of Chindwin Yadana Market (New Market) in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — A fire broke out at a two-storey building of Chindwin Yadana Market (New Market) at Aung Mingala Ward in Monywa of Sagaing Division at 3.55 a.m. today and the blaze died down at 7 a.m.

The commander of North-West Command, the deputy commander and departmental officials, Tatmadawmen, polices, firefighters, social organization members and local people put the fire out with the use of

35 fire engines and 12 water tankers. The fire engulfed 253 shops on the upper floor and 153 shops on the ground floor of the eastern two-storey building, one of two-storey buildings of the market, totaling 406 shops. Some goods of fire-stricken shops were moved to the safe places and firefighters controlled the fire not to spread the western two-storey building.

The fire started at shop Nos (16) and (17) and cause of fire is under investigation. As the fire caused loss

and damage of state-owned and private-owned property, actions will be taken

to those who were responsible for the fire.

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Electoral Process Course opens in Kayah State

YANGON, 3 June—Member of the Union Election Commission U Khin Maung Nu met members of district and township sub-commissions of Kayah State on 18 May. He clarified laws, rules and guidance of the UEC.

On 19 May, he attended opening of Electoral Process Course for district and township members held in Loikaw. A total of 97 trainees attended the three-day course.

On 24 May, he attended a ceremony for erecting the signboard at General Administration Department office in Loikaw.—MNA



Bystanders and police search the burning wreckage of a Cessna 206 plane for survivors shortly after it crashed in a busy business district near downtown Anchorage during rush-hour on 1 June, 2010. A small child was killed and four other people on board were injured.—INTERNET

One dead, four hurt after small plane crashes in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, 3 June—Anchorage police have identified the 4-year-old who died when a small airplane crashed near downtown as Miles Cavnar.

The Cessna 206 clipped the roof of a motel in a busy business district and crashed in front of an unoccupied former car lot office, sparking a fire shortly after 5 pm on Tuesday.

Police say four other people onboard were injured, including the

child's father, 34-year-old Preston Cavnar, who was piloting the aircraft.

His wife, 32-year-old Stacie Cavnar and another son belonging to the couple, 2-year-old Hudson, were also in the plane, as was 16-year-

old Rachel Zientak of Texas.

Police say Zientak was to be transferred to a Seattle hospital, while the other three were to be flown to a hospital in Portland, Ore.

Internet

NATO soldier killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 June—Continued Taliban-led militancy has claimed the life of another soldier of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in south Afghanistan, a Press release of the alliance said Thursday.

"An ISAF service member died as a result of small-arms fire in southern Afghanistan Tuesday," the Press release said.

It also did not identify the nationality of the victim, saying, "It is ISAF policy to defer identification procedures for casualties to the relevant national authorities."

More than 220 soldiers of NATO-led forces with majority of them Americans have been killed so far this year in Afghanistan.

Xinhua



Local resident crowd outside a building under construction where alleged Taliban militants were hiding in Kabul, Afghanistan, 2 June, 2010. Taliban suicide attackers launched an assault on a national peace conference as it opened Wednesday in the Afghan capital, sparking gunbattles outside the venue.

INTERNET

Somali troops storm cargo ship but pirates kill captain

BOSSASO, 3 June—Soldiers from Somalia's Puntland region stormed a Panama-flagged cargo vessel held by pirates, but gang members killed the captain in the operation, a minister said on Thursday.

"Our troops stormed the Panama-flagged vessel and engaged the pirates. There was brief fighting before they defeated them," Said Mohamed Raage, Minister of Ports and Marine Transport, told Reuters. "We arrested seven pirates after they killed the captain of the ship."

Semi-autonomous Puntland is a base for sea gangs targeting the Gulf of Aden, but is more

peaceful than the rest of the failed Horn of Africa state.

Pirates seized the MV QSM Dubai cargo ship and its 24 crew members from Egypt, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Ghana on

Wednesday.

The 15,220 deadweight tonne vessel was taken inside the internationally recommended transit corridor and had come from Brazil.

Internet

An armed pirate walking past skiffs, used to raid ships on the high-seas, at the coastal town of Hobyo, northeastern Somalia, in January 2010.

INTERNET



A policeman uses a bomb-sniffing dog to search a car at a security checkpoint in Iraq, on 31 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Three people killed, 5 wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 3 June—Three Iraqis were killed and five others injured in attacks in Baghdad and northern Nineveh Province on Wednesday, the police said.

A civilian was killed and three others were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near a police patrol in Abu Ghraib area, 20 km west of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.—Xinhua

Eight Afghan civilians killed in fighting, bombing

KABUL, 3 June—A clash between Afghan forces and Taliban militants left four civilians dead in a southern district where a major NATO operation early this year was meant to reassert government control, a provincial official said on Thursday. Also, a roadside bombing in the same province killed four other civilians. The clash happened early Wednesday after militants fired on an Afghan forces patrol in Marjah District, sparking a gunbattle, Helmand provincial government spokesman Dawood Ahmadi said. The civilians were caught in the crossfire, he said.

Internet

Vietnam holds Int'l transport, motor technology show

HANOI, 3 June — The sixth Vietnam International Transport and Motor Technology Show opened in the country's southern Ho Chi Minh City on Wednesday, according to a report on the organizer's website.

The show, named Saigon Autotech 2010, was jointly organized by Vietnam Chamber of

Commerce and Industry, and the Asia Trade Fair and Business Promotion Company.

Saigon Autotech is one of the leading trade fairs for automotive industry in Vietnam, said the report. The show attracted a huge number of manufacturers, exporters and importers in the automobile and motorcycle sector of

Vietnam and foreign countries including China, Thailand and Malaysia.

According to the report, the show displayed the latest technological products, accessories, spare parts, service of Vietnam's automobile-motorbike industry and supporting industry.

Saigon Autotech 2010 is scheduled to end on 6 June.

Xinhua



Visitors view the works during the 2010 Graduation Exhibition of China Academy of Art in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 2 June, 2010. More than 4,000 works of over 1,400 graduates were displayed on the exhibition that kicked off here on Wednesday. —XINHUA

Russian spaceship brings 3 astronauts back to earth after ISS mission

MOSCOW, 3 June — A Russian spaceship carrying three astronauts landed safely in Kazakhstan after a nearly six-month mission at the International Space Station (ISS), Russian mission control said on Wednesday.

The spacecraft, the Soyuz TMA-17, made a "soft landing" on the barren steppes of Kazakhstan on Wednesday morning, officials said.

The three crew members, Oleg Kotov of Russia, Timothy Creamer of the United States and Soichi Noguchi of Japan, began

their space journey last December.

Reports said they were in good condition and high spirits despite a demanding three-and-a-half-hour journey from the ISS.

Meanwhile, astronauts Mikhail Kornienko and Alexander Skvortsov of Russia, and Tracy Caldwell Dyson of the US, who docked with the ISS in April, will continue their 167-day work at the space station. They are expected to be joined by three new crew members later in mid-June.

Xinhua

Science

Google to unveil Chrome operating system in fall



Sundar Pichai, Google's vice president of product management, listens to a question during a news conference at the Computex 2010 computer fair in Taipei on 2 June, 2010. —XINHUA

BEIJING, 3 June — Internet giant Google said it is planning to release its own operating system,

Chrome OS, for free this fall, media reported Thursday.

The Chrome OS, seen as a rival to Microsoft's Windows, will be designed initially to work on laptop PCs, said Sundar Pichai, Google's vice president of product management at the Computex PC show in Taipei.

"We are working on bringing the device later this fall," Pichai said at the biggest IT trade show in Asia.

"We expect it to reach millions of users on day one," he added.

Google said the open source operating system is centered around by the Google Chrome browser, which is now used by more than 70 million people worldwide. Previous reports said that Google began the process of removing the Windows system from its offices earlier this year because of security concerns. Some analysts say this move may be linked to the launch of the new system.

Xinhua

Study: Coral atolls hold on despite sea-level rise

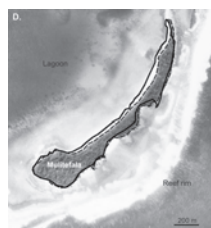
WELLINGTON, 3 June — Some South Pacific coral atolls have held their own or even grown in size over the past 60 years despite rising sea levels,

research showed on Thursday.

Some scientists worry that many of the tiny, low-lying islands throughout the South Pacific will eventually disappear under rising sea levels. But two researchers who measured 27 islands where local sea levels have risen 4.8 inches (120 millimeters) — an average of 0.08 inch (2 millimeters) a year — over the past 60 years, found just four had diminished in size.

The reason: Coral islands respond to changes in weather patterns and climate, with coral debris eroded from encircling reefs pushed up onto the islands' coasts by winds and waves.

Internet



This artist's drawing, based on an undated satellite photo provided by Auckland University, shows an island of the Funafuti Atoll of Tuvalu in the South Pacific.

INTERNET

A student of the Biological and Food Engineering School of the Changshu Institute of Science and Technology learns the way of hand-making Zongzi, as some 150 students and teachers take part in a commonwealth activity of wrapping up the Love Hearts Zongzi, a traditional Chinese snack of pyramid-shaped dumplings made of glutinous rice wrapped in bamboo and or reed leaves, in Changshu City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 2 June, 2010.

XINHUA



Secret Garden's Irish violinist Fionnuala Sherry, performing in Beijing, on Saturday.

INTERNET

China successfully launches 4th satellite to boost its global navigation network

XICHANG, 3 June — China successfully launched its fourth orbiter into space at 23:53 Wednesday, as a part of its indigenous satellite navigation and positioning network known as Beidou, or Compass system.

The launch was disclosed by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology via a statement posted on its official website Thursday.

The satellite was launched from the Long March 3III carrier rocket. —Xinhua



Surgery increases survival rate for prostate cancer patients

LOS ANGELES, 3 June — Prostate cancer patients who choose surgery have longer survival rate than those who refuse the treatment, a study shows.

"Surgery has been shown to offer a survival advantage to patients with prostate cancer when compared with other treatment options," said study lead author Naveen Pokala, M.D., an urologist at Henry Ford Hospital.

The study findings were presented on Tuesday at the ongoing annual meeting of the American Urology Association in San Francisco.

The findings show that men who refuse surgery for prostate cancer and instead opt for "watchful waiting"—monitoring cancer progression without undergoing treatment—have a significantly worse long-term survival

rate than those patients that choose radiotherapy.

A 10-year overall survival rate is 51 percent for patients who refused any treatment for their prostate cancer, compared to 68 percent for those who chose radiation treatment, according to the study. The research, a population-based analysis of 9,704 patients chosen from the National SEER database, looked at survival rates among men with a mean age of 64.4 years, of whom 77 percent were white and 16.4 percent black.

Of that group, nearly 30 percent refused any treatment for their prostate cancers, and about 70 percent chose radiation therapy.

Within the group, six percent had well-differentiated cancers, 75 percent moderately differentiated cancers, and 18 percent had poorly differentiated cancer.

More than 70 percent of the patients were unmarried. In all, African American men older than 65 had the worst prognosis.

An earlier study published in 2009 showed that surgery improves 5-, 10- and 15-year survival rates for men younger than 50 with moderately and especially in poorly differentiated prostate cancers, when compared with other standard treatments such as radiation therapy or watchful waiting. Prostate cancer is second only to skin cancer as the most common cancer in American men, affecting one in six during his lifetime. The majority of the cases are in men older than 65, but it is becoming more prevalent in men under 40. It affects black men twice as often as whites, and their mortality rate is also twice as high.—Xinhua



A doctor is pictured preparing a vaccine dose against the H1N1 flu. Scientists advising the World Health Organisation have held a meeting to give their latest assessment of swine flu, in a move that could end the pandemic alert, a WHO spokesman has said.

INTERNET

Cancer will kill 13.2 million a year by 2030

LONDON, 3 June— Cancer will kill more than 13.2 million people a year by 2030, almost double the number who died from the disease in 2008, the United Nations cancer research agency said on Tuesday.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) also said that almost 21.4 million new cases of the disease will be diagnosed annually in 2030.

Launching a new database on global incidence of cancer in 2008, the latest year for which figures are



A cancer patient shows off her breast cancer survivor bracelet in Washington on 23 May, 2007.—INTERNET

available, the IARC said the burden of cancer was shifting from wealthier to poorer nations.

"Cancer is neither rare anywhere in the world, nor confined to high-resource countries," it said in a statement.

In total, 7.6 million people died of cancer in 2008 and there were an estimated 12.7 new cases diagnosed.

Internet

Scientists find treatment to block malaria mosquito infection

CANBERRA, 3 June— Australian scientists on Thursday said they have found a unique way to block a malaria infection, opening up a new front in the war on the mosquito-borne parasite which infects 400 million people every year, *Australian Associated Press* reported on Thursday.

Researchers at the Melbourne-based Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research have identified an alternative method to that used by conventional treatments, which kills off the parasite once it

has gained access to a person's red blood cells.

The institute's Dr James Beeson said the new method had proven capable of stopping the parasite from entering the cells altogether, robbing it of the safe haven it needed to multiply while hiding from the body's defences.

"All of the currently licensed anti-malarial drugs that are used in humans act by inhibiting or slowing down the development of the parasite once it is inside the red blood cell," Beeson said.

Xinhua

Childhood brain tumours may respond to measles virus

OHIO, 3 June— A modified form of the measles virus could become a treatment for a kind of brain tumour in children, researchers report.

The tumour, known as medulloblastoma, occurs in about 20 percent of childhood brain cancer cases. Treatment, which can include surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, has increased the survival rate at five years to 70 percent, but the tumors remain deadly in many cases.

"There is still an urgent need to investigate alternative therapeutic approaches that are more effective and have less toxic side effects," said study lead author Dr Corey Raffel, chief of neurosurgery at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Researchers have previously used strains of measles virus to kill different types of tumor cells.

In this study, researchers found that a modified form of the measles virus killed brain tumour cells in the laboratory. The approach seemed to also work in mice with tumours similar to medulloblastomas in humans.

Internet

Study links obesity to more aggressive prostate cancer

WASHINGTON, 3 June—The size of a cancerous prostate tumour is directly proportional to the weight of the patient and the bigger the tumor the more aggressive the cancer, a study published Wednesday has found. "As the patients' body mass index increased, the tumor volume increased synchronously," said Dr. Niles Patil, who led the six-year study at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

"Based on our results, we believe

having a larger percentage of tumor volume may be contributing to the aggressive nature of the disease in men with a higher BMI," he said.

The body mass index, or BMI, is calculated by dividing a person's weight by the square of his or her height.

The doctors established the relationship after analyzing the cases of 3,327 patients who had cancerous prostate tumours surgically removed through a robotic procedure.—Internet



Two Ugandan HIV/AIDS patients listen as a doctor at the Mbuya Community Outreach project, 4 km east of the capital Kampala, explains to them on how to start on Anti-Retroviral.

INTERNET

Health

A pink ribbon is seen as a symbol of breast cancer awareness. Hormone replacement therapy and lifestyle choices do not boost the risk of breast cancer associated with a dozen common genetic mutations, according to a study published on Wednesday.—INTERNET





Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao take salute of Guard of Honour.
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Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 3 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 in Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon

at 7.50 a.m. today.

The delegation was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein hosts luncheon to Chinese Premier and party

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — Prime Minister U Thein Sein hosted a luncheon in honour of the Chinese delegation led by Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao at the hall of Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 12 noon today.

It was also attended by the ministers, the deputy ministers, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin and departmental heads, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and officials.



Prime Minister U Thein Sein hosts luncheon in honour of Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao and goodwill delegation members at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Before the luncheon, national anthems of the two nations were played.

During the luncheon, vocalists sang songs

accompanied by Myanma Athan Modern Music Band and artists of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of

Culture performed Myanmar traditional cultural dances and dance-to-song programme portraying

China - Myanmar friendly relations.

After the luncheon, Prime Minister U Thein Sein presented a

documentary photo album on the goodwill visit to Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao.

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Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao and party conclude visit



Premier Mr Wen Jiabao being seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint.—MNA

YANGON, 3 June — A Chinese delegation led by Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao, who was in Nay Pyi Taw to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Electric Power No-1 U Zaw Min, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Chinese

Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and officials arrived by special flight in Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw at 4.30 p.m. today.

The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Deputy

Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Aung Ko and officials and Chinese embassy staff in Yangon.

Premier Mr Wen Jiabao and party left here for China by special flight at 5 p.m. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Electric Power No-1 U Zaw Min, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, 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 and embassy staff.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao attend handing over ceremony of MICC

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—In commemoration of cementing the friendly ties between the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China, a ceremony to hand over the Myanmar International Convention Centre-MICC built by the People's Republic of China took place at the MICC building in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township at 3 pm today.

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People's Republic of China unveiled the bronze plaque of the building.

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor, the deputy ministers, the goodwill delegation members who accompanied the Chinese Premier, Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin, Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo, departmental heads and officials, the chairman of Anhui Foreign Economic Construction (Group) Co Ltd of China and officials, students and guests.

At 3 pm, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao arrived at the MICC where they were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt and Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Deming of China signed the documents of handing over the building of



Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao attend signing ceremony to hand over Myanmar International Convention Centre.—MNA

Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt and Minister of Commerce Mr Chen Deming of China signed the documents of handing over the building of

MICC and exchanged the notes.

The Prime Minister and the Chinese Premier unveiled the bronze plaque of the MICC and sprinkled scented water on it.

They visited the Plenary Hall of the building and cordially greeted those present.

The MICC building was designed by Beijing Institute of Architectural Design (BIAD) and built by Anhui Foreign Economic Construction (Group) Co Ltd.

The construction of the building started on 15 February 2008 and it was completed on 15 March 2010. It was located on 16 acres of land with 312,000 square feet. The MICC has a Plenary Hall that can accommodate 1900 persons. The left ground floor of the building is formed with SOM Listening Room, SOM Holding Room, Delegates Listening Room and other meeting rooms. The first floor has VIP Summit Room and the Minister Listening Room.

The right ground floor is constituted with a News Briefing Room that can accommodate 306 persons and a Media Centre. The first floor has one Signing Room that can accommodate 248 persons and the 720-person-capacity Banquet Hall.

The Chinese Premier and party left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon at 3.30 pm.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao greeting attendees in Plenary Hall in MICC.—MNA



Myanmar International Convention Centre contributed by the PRC as a token of strengthening bilateral friendships seen in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

Myanmar believes friendship between two countries be further strengthened as PRC is good neighbouring country

Prime Minister U Thein Sein

Chinese people will be good neighbours, friends, partners of Myanmar forever

Premier Mr Wen Jiabao

Ceremony to mark 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and China held



Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivers address at the ceremony to mark 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and China.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—A ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China and the cultural concert took place at Thabin Hall of Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 12.45 pm today.

Present on the occasion were Prime Minister U Thein Sein, ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and departmental heads.

Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People's Republic of China and goodwill delegation were accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo.

First, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao took the positions on the dais.

The State Band played the national anthems of the two countries.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivered an address. He said:

Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, members of the Chinese delegation and distinguished guests,

Sharing border along the long regions of forests and lands, Myanmar and China has been cementing friendly ties since yore. New generation leaders are making concerted efforts for maintaining the friendly relations established by the former leaders of the States with farsightedness. Today's ceremony was the occasion to mark the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China.

Looking back the history of relationships between the two countries, Myanmar was one of the countries that early recognized the founding of the People's Republic of China on 1 October 1949. This year is the 60th anniversary of founding the diplomatic relations officially established on 8 June

1950 between the two countries. Chinese Premier Mr Zhou Enlai paid an official goodwill visit to Myanmar in June 1954. During the visit, the two countries announced a joint statement on five principles of peaceful coexistence can be used as basic principles in the international relations.

Thanks to adopting the five principles of peaceful coexistence, the two countries built the constant friendly ties. Based on these five principles, the two countries have been joining hands in implementing the mutual respect for each other, understanding and reciprocal relationship in the international community and regional one. In addition, the cementing friendly relations could be set up between the peoples of both countries. Despite changing conditions in successive eras, the five principles are the foundation for today's international relations.

Looking back the history of relationships between the two countries, Myanmar was one of the countries that early recognized the founding of the People's Republic of China on 1 October 1949.

Myanmar and China set up the fine tradition of "Paukphaw". This word "Paukphaw" friendly ties was forged between Myanmar and China.

Thanks to the negotiation, understanding and flexibility, the two countries signed the bilateral agreement on demarcation in Beijing, China, on 1 October, 1960, and that became an example for taking measures for border issues.

Since the Tatmadaw took responsibility of the State in 1988, the People's Republic of China has also maintained the bilateral friendship while Myanmar has been making efforts for development of the country. Meanwhile, the government of the PRC has promoted the cooperation in economic and technology sectors,

and the bilateral cooperation in other sectors has also gained momentum. The bilateral cooperation in oil and natural gas, energy, hydro power, infrastructures, industry and agriculture sectors have been developed in the past two decades and lead to strategic relations between the two countries.

The exchange of visits between the leaders of the two countries shows the good relations, and since many years ago, leaders of the two countries have maintained the practice of strengthening the friendship between the two countries.

As you pay a goodwill visit at a time to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations which falls on 8 June, your visit has become a historic visit. Meanwhile, the two

countries have arranged to send felicitations of the leaders of the two countries, to issue commemorative stamps, to hold receptions at embassies and to exchange cultural troupes to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations. Besides, a traditional cultural troupe will entertain the Chinese delegation after this occasion.

The People's Republic of China has seen political stability and its economy is booming. Besides, the country plays an important role in the United Nations and in international affairs.

Myanmar government and people thank the People's Republic of China and its people for economic cooperation with Myanmar. Therefore, we believe that the two
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countries would continue to cooperate for strengthening the friendship as the People's Republic of China is a good neighboring country of Myanmar.

In conclusion, Prime Minister U Thein Sein expressed his wish for strengthening the friendship and good relationship between the two countries and wished Chinese Premier and the people of the RRC health and happiness.

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao in his speech said that he is very glad to visit Myanmar at the invitation of Myanmar

and hospitality.

He said that China and Myanmar share the same border, and the relations between the two peoples have been over 1000 years. Myanmar people call Chinese people *paukphaw* in adoration. Similarly, once, Chinese Marshal Qin Yi composed a poem which says that I (China) am upstream and you (Myanmar) are downstream the river. We share water from the same river with friendship. Those points reflect deep friendship between the two peoples.

In modern times, the two peoples sympathize

Myanmar is the first country that signed treaties with China for bilateral friendship and non-aggression. In addition, Myanmar is the first country that can solve the historic border issue in a friendly manner with China. The five principles of peaceful coexistence China and Myanmar proposed together win the recognition from the global family as the standard relations between union countries. The neighbourly relations and cooperation between China and Myanmar over the past 60 years have flourished

with each other in the international and regional affairs. The two countries show strong support for each other in times of critical issues concerning the interest of either side.

Looking back to past events, the two countries made efforts throughout successive periods to achieve China-Myanmar friendly relations. So, it is required to value the friendly relations more than ever. To improve the process is in conformity with the common desire of the two peoples. Winning the strong support of the two peoples, the process always stands as the driving force behind the drive for enhancing the bilateral relations.

To improve China-Myanmar neighbourly and friendly relations is the policy the Chinese government has exercised intensively. In holding discussions this time, he said that he gained many benefits and exchanged broad views with Myanmar leaders. And the two sides signed important treaties. Surely, China-Myanmar relations have opened a new chapter with a prosperous future.

He said that Myanmar is a country with a long history. In the course of the nation history, industrious and farsighted Myanmar people managed to build brilliant natural culture. The Shwedagon Pagoda and



Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao delivers address at the ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and China.— MNA

Since the Tatmadaw took responsibility of the State in 1988, the People's Republic of China has also maintained the bilateral friendship while Myanmar has been making efforts for development of the country.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two countries. He added that at first, on behalf of the Chinese government and Chinese people, he extends warm greetings to the Myanmar government and people, and says prayers. He thanked the Myanmar government and people for friendship

and support each other in repulsing alien attacks, and national independence and liberation. Myanmar is one of the countries that recognized China first. Despite trade embargo imposed against China by colonialists, Myanmar became the first country that exported rubber to China first. Among Asian countries,

after being tested by international waves and changes. In the 21st century, mutual cooperation in various fields has improved in leaps and bounds. The trade volume between the two countries had surged from 620 million dollar in 2000 to 2960 million dollar in 2009, accounting for fivefold. The two neighbours harmoniously cooperate

ancient pagodas and temples in Bagan are well-known all over the world. In recent years, Myanmar has achieved success in nation-building tasks and international relations, he said, adding that he was pleased for that. He said he wished Myanmar people continuous success in building a new nation. Chinese people will be good neighbours, true friends and good partners of Myanmar forever. In conclusion, he said that he firmly believed that China-Myanmar relations will continuously improve based on the five principles of peaceful coexistence, and *paukphaw* friendship deep from the hearts of the two peoples will

remain flourishing in successive periods.

At the programmes to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and China, Myanmar artistes presented dance variety; and Myanmar youths, who had learnt acrobatics in China, acrobatic skills. Chinese artistes also presented dances, acrobatic dances, and Shweman Malar (Myanmar song). Next, the artistes of both sides sang a Chinese song.

Myanmar Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao cordially greeted the performers of the two countries and posed for documentary photos together with them.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao enjoys cultural concert to mark the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and China.— MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao discuss matters on constantly cementing bilateral relationships

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with the goodwill delegation led by Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 9.15 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Electric



Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao open Myanmar-China petroleum and natural gas pipeline project.—MNA



Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister U Thein Sein meets with Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao at Zeyathiri Beikman.

MNA



Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and departmental heads.

The Chinese Premier and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and embassy officials. They discussed and exchanged views on constantly cementing relationships between the two countries, extended cooperation in mining, rail

transportation, energy, electric power, communication and tourism and cooperation in regional and international spheres.

After the meeting, the signing of contract followed. It was attended by Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Premier Mr Wen Jiabao and officials.

The ministers and officials of the two countries signed the agreements and MoU on cooperation in economic and technology sectors, rail transportation, trade, hydropower, energy and mining.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao launched the opening of Myanmar-China oil and natural gas pipeline project.

MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao attend MoUs signing ceremony for cooperation in technology, rail transportation, trade, hydropower, energy and mining between the two countries.—MNA





China expands pioneer special economic zone Shenzhen

SHENZHEN, 3 June—The State Council of China has approved the expansion of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in an effort to accelerate its development, the legislature of the booming town in south China announced Wednesday.

Starting on 1 July, Baoan and Longgang districts will be officially incorporated into the SEZ, increasing its total area to 1,953 square kilometres from 396 at present, the legislature said

at a press conference.

The move is expected to offer more space to enhance Shenzhen's scientific innovative capacity and seek balanced development in the city, one of China's first group of SEZs set up in 1980, according to the approval.

SEZs were considered as showcases of China's reform and opening-up when it initiated the drive more than 30 years ago.

Xinhua



Four pairs of newlyweds of the Kirgiz ethnic group dance up trippingly during their collective wedding ceremony, at Haining, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 2 June, 2010. The four pairs from Akqi County of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region who work and initiate their own businesses in Haining are warmly congratulated by leaders of both places.—XINHUA

Southern Spain on alert because of high temperatures

MADRID, 3 June—The Spanish State Weather agency (AEMET) has placed six Spanish provinces on alert because of the high temperatures currently being experienced in part of the country. The start of summer may still be almost three weeks away, but the southern regions of Jaen, Cordoba, Malaga and Sevilla have been placed on alert after temperatures of 38 degrees Celsius were registered in the shade. Meanwhile, temperatures climbed to 34 degrees Celsius in the Canary Islands in southwestern Spain.

The islands of El Hierro, Gran Canaria, La Palma and Tenerife were all placed on alert as a result of the high temperatures.

Xinhua

South Africa seeks safety first for nuclear licenses

JOHANNESBURG, 3 June— Safety, health and the environment would be the major considerations when deciding on whether to grant licenses for nuclear power stations, South Africa's National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) said on Tuesday.

Earlier this year, the South African government said it was committed to building a "fleet" of nuclear power plants to meet the country's growing energy needs.

South Africa, the continent's industrial economic powerhouse, relies on coal for 80 percent of its electricity supply, making it also Africa's biggest polluter. Hence it intends to make more use of cleaner nuclear power.

In the South African parliament on Tuesday, NNR strategy executive Joe Mwase said public objections to building a nuclear power plant in an area must be based on proven threats to either health or the environment if they are to be heeded.

According to the South African Press Association (SAPA), he said: "If a community objects to a [nuclear] power plant being put in its neighborhood because of its effect on the ecosystem, obviously that's a criterion that the NNR takes quite seriously."

He said the job of the South African NNR is to protect the environment.

Xinhua

Mystery as 'drunk' parrots litter Australian town

Hundreds of seemingly drunk parrots are falling out of trees and the sky in a northern Australian town, mystifying veterinary surgeons who are struggling to care for them.

The brightly coloured lorikeets are showing classic signs of drunkenness by losing all coordination and passing out, and then cowering in cages as they recover from their "hangovers".

"They definitely seem like they're drunk," said Lisa Hansen, a veterinary surgeon at the Ark Animal Hospital in Palmerston, near Darwin.

"They fall out of trees... and they're not so coordinated as they would normally be. They go to jump and they miss the next perch."

Hansen said nobody was sure what was causing the symptoms, although it may be a plant they are eating. Other theories include an outbreak of a mystery virus.



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Yemeni performers dance along the drumbeat in Yemeni Pavilion during the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, east China, on 2 June, 2010.

News Album

Wildlife officials find baby elk left on doorstep

Congratulations, wildlife officials! It's a baby elk.

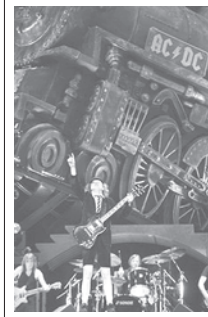
Officials at a US Forest Service office in La Grande, Ore, last week found a baby elk left on their doorstep along Highway 30. It was dropped off Wednesday night and is estimated to be less than two weeks old.

Officials are seeking the person who brought in the baby elk to find out where they originally found it, so that it can be returned to its mother.

They say the baby elk probably was not abandoned, because mother elk regularly leave their babies hiding in tall grass or brush while they divert a threat, such as a coyote, and then return to their young. Officials believe the person who found the

baby likely thought the animal was lost and needed to be saved.

Member of Australian legendary hard rock band AC/DC, Angus Young performing in 2009. AC/DC's caravan of 50 vehicles was stopped at the border with Hungary by employees of Romania's national roads company who asked them to pay 50 euros for each vehicle, or a total of 2,500 euros.



SHIFTING OF OFFICE PREMISES

Please note that the head office of
International Beverages Trading Co., Ltd. which was located at
 No-18, Pyay Road, 7 mile and the Sales and Marketing office
 which was at No-1A, May Aye Myaing compound, Pyay Road, 5 mile has shifted to
 the address given below effective from 1st of May 2010.

New Address



International Beverages Trading Co., Ltd.
 No- R/S, 18/19, Sittaung Street, Pyinnyawaddy Avenue, Yankin Township
 (Behind Sedona Hotel), Yangon.
 Tel: 557 441, 559 872, 551 616, 559 658 Fax: 559 833

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV DONG MAI VOY NO (005)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DONG MAI VOY NO (005) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.6.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
 MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
 AGENT FOR: M/S TONG JOO SHIPPING**
 Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Greece public sector sell-off planned



**Greek Finance Minister
 George
 Papaconstantinou**

LONDON, 3 June—Greece has outlined plans to part-privatise a number of publicly-owned companies in an effort to raise funds to boost government finances. The government plans to sell minority stakes in its state-owned rail company, the postal service and in two water companies.

The plans form part of the Greece's austerity

measures, designed to cut borrowing and reduce its debts.

The plan is expected to raise at least 1bn euros (£837m; \$1.2bn) a year.

Privatisation plans include selling 49% of its rail company OSE, which is currently making a loss, while 39% of the state postal service will also be sold.

The government will also sell stakes in regional water companies EYATH and EYDAP of 23% and 10% respectively.

Further revenue will be raised through extending the monopoly of the state's gambling firm, and extending its regulation of online betting. —Internet

Singapore Airlines increases its fares for second time in 2 months

SINGAPORE, 3 June—Singapore Airlines (SIA) has increased its ticket prices for the second time in as many months, a reflection of improved demand after a long slump.

Starting on Tuesday, economy fares are up by between SG\$30 (US\$21) and SG\$100 for a round-trip while premium passengers can expect to pay up to SG\$800 more, *The Straits Times* has learnt. The last time SIA increased its fares was in April.

Internet



The interior of a nearly empty cabin on a Singapore Airlines flight to Singapore is pictured just before take off from Bangkok.—INTERNET

China says 'no thanks' to US Defence chief

WASHINGTON, 3 June—China has ruled out a stopover by US Defence Secretary Robert M Gates, who hoped to make improved military ties with Beijing the centre-piece of his trip to Asia this week.

Mr Gates leaves on Wednesday for an around-the-world trip that will take him to countries in Asia and Europe, but aides said China has explained that this is not a convenient time.



**Defence Secretary
 Robert M Gates**

Beijing didn't elaborate, but China leaders were angered by the Obama administration's recent decision to go ahead with arms sales to Taipei worth more than \$6 billion.—Internet



UN investigator calls for halt to CIA drone killings

GENEVA, 3 June—A United Nations investigator called on Wednesday for a halt to CIA-directed drone strikes on suspected militants, warning that killings ordered far from the battlefield could lead to a "Playstation" mentality.

Philip Alston, UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial executions, said missile strikes could be justified only when it was impossible to capture insurgents alive instead and only if they were carried out by regular US armed forces operating with proper oversight and respect for the rules of war.

The Central Intelligence Agency's use of unmanned Predator or Reaper drones in Afghanistan and Pakistan against al-Qaeda and Taliban suspects had led to the death of "many hundreds," including innocent civilians, he said in a 29-page report.

"Intelligence agencies, which by definition are determined to remain unaccountable except to their own paymasters, have no place in running programmes that kill people in other countries," Alston said.—Internet

A US Air Force RQ-4 Global Hawk drone aircraft assigned to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing is being refueled during operations on the flight line of an undisclosed base in Southwest Asia.—INTERNET



Vietnam launches campaign to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission

HANOI, 3 June—Vietnam launched a campaign to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission in the country's southern Ho Chi Minh City on Wednesday, the government website reported. The one-month campaign, themed in "HIV test for mother Health for child", aims to encourage pregnant women to take HIV test to prevent the transmission of the virus from them to their

children.

Expecting mothers are advised to go to 225 prevention centres across the country for HIV test and being provided with medicine to prevent HIV transmission in case test shows they are positive with the virus.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Truong Vinh Trong said the HIV epidemic is gradually contained in Vietnam.

However, the number of women, especially pregnant women, found infected with HIV is increasing.

Therefore, the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission is of significance, said Trong. About 6,000 pregnant women are tested positive to HIV in Vietnam every year. If no preventive measures are adopted, 35 percent of them will transmit the virus to their babies.

Xinhua



Three people were killed and several wounded by an explosion as experts prepared to defuse a World War II bomb on Tuesday evening in the German city of Goettingen. —XINHUA



Too many burgers slathered with rich sauces and toppings not only clog arteries but may boost the risk of asthma and wheezing too, especially in kids, according to a study released on Thursday.—

INTERNET

8,000 evacuated in western India as Cyclone Phet intensifies

NEW DELHI, 3 June—More than 8,000 people have been evacuated from the coastal and low-lying areas of Gujarat as Cyclone Phet intensified to a very severe cyclonic storm causing strong winds, thunderstorm and rainfall across the western Indian state, a senior government official said on Thursday.

"The people have been evacuated after Cyclone Phet is building up in the Arabian Sea and has intensified into a super cyclone. Already heavy rainfall has started in many coastal districts, including Jamnagar, Junagadh, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Bharuch, Surat, Rajkot, Ahmedabad and Vadodara. The state has been put on high alert," the official said.

Xinhua

Singapore's cases of hand-foot-mouth disease hit epidemic level

SINGAPORE, 3 June—Singapore's cases of hand-foot-mouth disease (HFMD) crossed the epidemic level of 679 to hit 706 last week, local media reported on Wednesday. The spike in cases could be due to increased awareness and checks in schools, local TV broadcaster Channel NewsAsia said. The country's health ministry said the two seasonal peaks are usually between March and May, as well as between October and November. It

believed that the current situation is part of the seasonal trend. No severe case of HFMD has been reported so far this year.

HFMD usually infects children and infants. Symptoms include fever, ulcers in the throat and rashes on the hands and feet. HFMD is spread from person to person by direct contact through the nasal discharge, saliva, faeces and fluid from the rash of an infected person.

Xinhua

US remains Cuba's fifth trading partner despite embargo

HAVANA, 3 June—The United States was Cuba's fifth largest trading partner in 2009, despite its 48-year embargo against the island, according to official figures published here on Wednesday.

A report from the National Statistics Office (NSO) said the sales of food between the two nations was 675 million US dollars in 2009, a drop of 30 percent over the previous year.

Food and agriculture products have been exempted from the 48-year embargo since 2000. But this commercial activity is carried out in single direction: from the United States to the island, as Washington has forbidden the entry of Cuban products to its territory.

Havana must also pay in cash and use third-

country ships to transport the goods.

NSO also said foreign trade was down 34 percent to 11.788 billion dollars in 2009, compared with 17.898 billion dollars in 2008.

Xinhua

An oil-stained brown pelican (right), close to a clean bird on an island in Barataria Bay, Louisiana. US officials have ordered oil giant BP to pay for five more sand barriers in the Mississippi Delta to keep oil from the gushing Deepwater Horizon spill from reaching Louisiana's fragile wetlands.

INTERNET



Tornado causes "widespread devastation" in Australian state

SYDNEY, 3 June—A tornado smashed into the New South Wales (NSW) north coast town of Lennox Head on Thursday morning, causing "widespread devastation", police said. Twelve houses were destroyed and debris was sent flying when the storm, which one witness said hit "like a bomb", careered in off the sea.

NSW Premier Kristina Kenneally said the tornado caused "widespread devastation" and police said more than 30 houses were damaged. However, Inspector Gary Cowan from Richmond Command said only two people had been taken to hospital.

"When we look at the damage it's just a miracle that no-one was seriously injured or killed," he said.

Bureau of Meteorology severe weather meteorologist Andrew Haigh said the tornado moved north from Lennox Head to Byron Bay before heading offshore again. "It's heading further offshore now and that's where it will stay," he said.

The low pressure system is moving south, dumping large amounts of rain but the bureau indicated Lennox Head has now seen the worst of it.

But it warns that anywhere south of Yamba and Byron Bay has the potential to see flash flooding.

Xinhua

SPORTS



People walk past a poster of the FIFA World Cup trophy in central Kuala Lumpur.—INTERNET

World Cup betting big business in Asia

SINGAPORE, 3 June—People like a flutter and betting on football matches is big business, but in parts of Asia it is illegal and police across the region are cracking down ahead of the World Cup.

Tens of millions of dollars is expected to be wagered over the month-long football festival in South Africa on everything from who will win, to who scores the first goal or gets booked.

A large slice of this will change hands at market stalls or in underground gambling dens, often run by organized crime syndicates, and more still on online gambling websites, with thousands now available.

In Muslim Malaysia, where European football is hugely popular, sports betting was made legal this month to the ire of conservative Islamists, but the licences will not be ready in time for the World Cup.—INTERNET

S Africans learn tongue twister national anthem

JOHANNESBURG, 3 June —Before every South African football match, fans and players put their hands on their chest and with serious faces belt out the national anthem. But mid-song some keep quiet or fumble the words.

The South African national anthem includes verses in five of the country's 11 official languages, a tongue twister which has prompted the culture ministry to devise ways of encouraging everyone to sing the whole song. Lerato Matshikiza, 25, from Johannesburg said that she only sings the Xhosa, Zulu and English parts of the anthem, humming through the Sotho and Afrikans lines.

But she decided to learn all the lyrics after she attended a church function with American priests in December.—INTERNET



Before every South African football match, fans and players put their hands on their chest and with serious faces belt out the national anthem.—INTERNET

World Cup take note of All Whites, says captain

WELLINGTON, 3 June—Teams are starting to sit up and take notice of minnows New Zealand after two credible World Cup warm-up matches, says captain and Blackburn Rovers star Ryan Nelson.

The All Whites, considered rank outsiders in South Africa, were unfortunate to lose 2-1 to Australia in Melbourne last week before stunning Serbia 1-0 on Saturday.

Nelson, the long-serving Blackburn centre-half and his country's most high-profile player, said it had been perfect preparation for New Zealand's second World Cup appearance.

"It was only this group of players who knew we were a decent team. Unfortunately now, with the results against Australia and Serbia, other teams are starting to realize that," he told.

INTERNET



German forwards Lukas Podolski (L), Thomas Mueller (centre), and midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger (R) arrive at a training session in Appiano, Italy.—INTERNET



New Zealand's Ryan Nelson (L) and Rory Fallon (C) fight for the ball with Serbia's Nemanja Vidic (L) during their World Cup warm-up match in Klagenfurt, Austria.—INTERNET

Germany's rising stars eye World Cup glory

BERLIN, 3 June — Germany's rising stars Thomas Mueller and Holger Badstuber both admit they sometimes have to pinch themselves to make sure their path to the World Cup is not just a dream. In the space of a year, the pair have gone from Bayern Munich's reserves to the brink of World Cup glory with the national side.

Both played a significant role in German league and cup double winners Bayern reaching the Champions League final this season and refer to the last 12 months by using words like "mad", "crazy" and "amazing".

"If I was to rub my eyes in disbelief, I'd get an infection," said Mueller.

"I try not to think about everything that's happened. I never thought it would happen like this. It's every boy's dream. I'm not sure I'll make sense of it all for another two or three years."—INTERNET

Brazil fever sweeps Harare ahead of warm-up game

HARARE, 3 June—Five-time World Cup winners Brazil arrived here late Tuesday to a tumultuous welcome ahead of a friendly clash with Zimbabwe.

The South Americans boast stars like Dani Alves, Julio Cesar, Robinho, Lucio, Maicon, Kaka and Luis Fabiano and were met at the airport by cabinet ministers, government officials and supporters wearing the famous yellow and blue strip.—INTERNET



Brazil national team football player Kaka tries to control the ball during a training session in Johannesburg ahead of the FIFA 2010 World Cup 2010 in South Africa.

INTERNET

England arrives in South Africa for World Cup

JOHANNESBURG, 3 June — The England 23-men squad for 2010 World Cup landed in South Africa on Thursday, beginning its campaign to



Members of the England football team pose for the media before they board a plane for South Africa at Heathrow Airport, London.—INTERNET

fight for the world title after 44 years.

Italian coach Fabio Capello has signed an amended contract which will keep him as coach of England till the end of Euro 2012, ending recent speculation linked with Inter Milan.

England, ranked eighth in the world by FIFA, is going to be based in the north-western city of Rustenburg, about 160 kilometres from Johannesburg. Seeded in Group C, England will meet the United States in its opening match on June 12 in Rustenburg's Royal Bafokeng Stadium. England's group C also includes Algeria and Slovenia.—INTERNET

Donovan enjoys World Cup boost after 2006 struggle

WASHINGTON, 3 June—Landon Donovan has set aside memories of a tension-filled 2006 flop, taken confidence from a long-sought European success and finds himself ready to spark the United States at the World Cup.

The 28-year-old midfielder is the all-time American leader with 42 goals and an even more dangerous set-up man, able to roam the right or left side and push the attack with crisp passing and quick runs.—INTERNET



US midfielder Landon Donovan trains at Pilditch Stadium in preparation for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.—INTERNET

Stosur stands in way of Serena tennis steamroller



Australia's Samantha Stosur returns the ball to Belgium's Justine Henin during their women's fourth round match in the French Open tennis championship.—INTERNET

PARIS, 3 June—Suddenly Australia's Samantha Stosur finds herself in the way of what would be the crowning achievement in the career of Serena Williams.

The laid-back Gold Coast resident will take on the top seed and world number one on Wednesday in the French Open quarter-finals with the American honing in on clinching the second leg of the fabled calendar year grand slam.

With the Australian Open in the bag and her favourite tournaments of Wimbledon and the US Open to follow, Williams can rightfully feel she can target matching Steffi Graf, the last player to achieve the four-in-a-row full house in 1988.

INTERNET



Chinese classical pianist Lang Lang.
INTERNET

Lang Lang composes music for film "Shanghai"

BEIJING 3 June—Chinese classical pianist Lang Lang contributed his musical talents to the upcoming film Shanghai "the Beijing News learned from the film's producer at Huayi Brothers Media Group on 2 June.

The film features a piano solo which runs for almost 10 minutes during part of the story. Lang Lang said the sophisticated production and profound story were the factors that attracted him to join the project.

"The film is a good adventure story filled with romance and suspense," and they made it look like an old-style movie.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (4-6-2010)(Friday)

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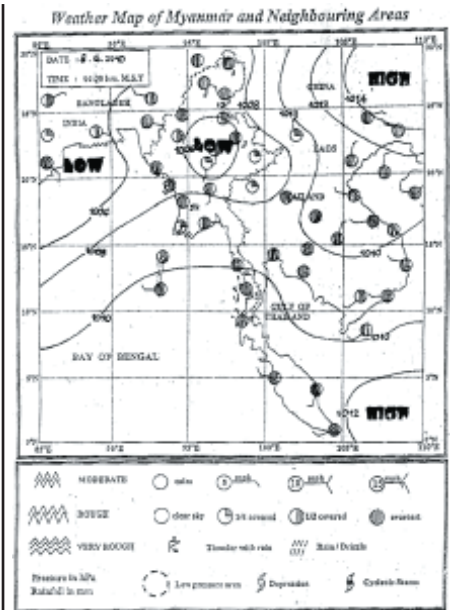
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WEATHER

Thursday, 3rd June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe and Hpa-an (2.05) inches each, Chaungzon (2.01) inches, Thaton (1.89) inches, Mudon (1.46) inches and Kyaikmayaw (1.29) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-6-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 3-6-2010 was 82°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-6-2010 was 78%. Total sun shine hours on 2-6-2010 was (6.6) hours.

Rainfall on 3-6-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, at 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 (6) mph from West at (09:30) hours MST on 3-6-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 4th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin and Rakhine States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thundery conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-6-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Friday, 4 June View on today

7:00 am

1. တောတန်းသားသားနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-

ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:25 am

8. "မိမိစိုလန်းဆန်းစိုမခန်း ရတနာတန်းဝင် ကျွန်းသစ်ပင်"

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. အကမြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား အထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

4:45 pm

5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. Song Of National Races

4:55 pm

7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

5:05 pm

8. Songs Of Yester Years

5:15 pm

9. ရင်ခွန်စောင့်စား ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလား(အုပ်စု(B))

5:35 pm

10. နိုးသားမြူစင်ကလေးတို့အသွင်

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ရသစုံလင် အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆွေးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၇)

8:00 pm

15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
19. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ကော်နီ)
20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ် ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်

- ★ 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

Prime Minister U Thein Sein welcomes Premier of the State Council of the PRC Mr. Wen Jiabao

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—A ceremony to welcome Chinese delegation led by Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr. Wen

Jiabao who was on a goodwill visit in Myanmar at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein took place in front of Zeyathiri Beikman,

here, at 9 am today.

While Chinese Premier Mr. Wen Jiabao arrived at Zeyathiri Beikman from Nay Pyi Taw Airport, Prime Minister U Thein

Sein cordially welcomed the Chinese Premier in front of the Zeyathiri Beikman.

Next, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr. Wen

Jiabao took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Meanwhile, the State Band played the national anthems of the People's Republic of China and

the Union of Myanmar.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr. Wen Jiabao inspected the Guard of Honour.

After that, Chinese Premier Mr. Wen Jiabao introduced Prime Minister U Thein Sein to the Chinese delegation members.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein also introduced the Chinese Premier to Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint, Minister for Electric Power No-1 U Zaw Min and Myanmar Ambassador to PRC U Thein Lwin.

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Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Chinese Premier Mr. Wen Jiabao inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA