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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Portuguese President

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Anibal Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2010.—MNA

Prime Minister felicitates Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Jose Socrates Carvalho Pinto De Sousa, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2010.—MNA

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

Kyaukse Township facilitated with 25-bed hospital, basic education high school



SPDC member
Lt-Gen Tin Aye
attends opening
ceremony of new
building of No. (4)
Basic Education
High School in
Phyaukseikpin
Village, Kyaukse
Township.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye attended the opening ceremonies of the 25-bed Peoples's hospital and No. (4) Basic Education High School (Phyaukseikpin Factories Group Region) in Phyaukseikpin Village, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, this morning.

Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, and the superintending manager of Hsin Min Cement Plant of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd formally opened the hospital.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of the health facility, and inspected it.

The 160' x 60' hospital is situated in Phyaukseikpin (Chaungzon region) in Kyaukse Township, Kyaukse District.

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Photo shows 25-bed People's Hospital in Phyaukseikpin Village, Kyaukse Township.

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PERSPECTIVES

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GMS countries to conserve natural resources

Prime Minister U Thein Sein attended the working luncheon hosted by Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum and the Seminar on 'Making the Mekong: Regional Growth and Leadership' at the Plenary Hall of Inter Continental Asiana Saigon Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City on 6 June.

Mekong Region is rich in natural resources along with its huge land area, water resources and mountain ranges. The natural resources are exploited and used in implementing programmes for national development. Some types of natural resources can be replenished, whereas some are non-renewable.

The Prime Minister in his discussions said that to maintain the sustainability of the environment, development objectives of the GMS countries and conservation of the environment should be harmonized, pointing out that economic development endeavours should not be deteriorating the environment.

Myanmar's economy is still agro-based and it is maintaining the sustainability of the agriculture sector that comprises agriculture, livestock and fisheries and forest areas. Her net sown acreage makes up 67.3 per cent of the total arable land, which shows that she has vast arable land to expand.

In the livestock and fishery sector, studies, have been undertaken to fix the annual allowable catch for the sustainability of livestock and fishery resources. In the forestry sector, the nation has calculated the annual allowable cuts so as to maintain the sustainability of forests. The nation has greening projects at the national level and forestation, afforestation and re-generation programmes are also being formulated and implemented.

Once depleted, some of the natural resources vanish forever. Environment impact of development or amount of resources needed for implementation of development projects and usable amount should be judged wisely. Therefore, natural resources-rich Mekong countries have to continue to conserve the natural resources for their sustainable development.

Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint attends signing ceremony for purchase of steel truss for Ayeyawady Bridges (Pakokku) and (Nyaungdon).—CONSTRUCTION



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

A&I Minister inspects completion of Ngawun River across canal in Laymyethna Township

YANGON, 10 June — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo inspected maintenance of Ayeyawady-Hinthada embankment, Hinthada bank embankment and measures for prevention against flood in a motorcade on 6 June.

After hearing reports on work progress and follow-up task for prevention against bank erosion of Ngawun River being implemented by Irrigation Department in Laymyethna Township of Hinthada district, the minister looked into dredging of canal across the river in order to change water course and repairing of bank by Water Resources Utilization



Agriculture & Irrigation Minister U Htay Oo views earthwork of Ayeyawady-Hinthada embankment for flood prevention.—MNA

FM felicitates Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Luis Amado, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June 2010.—MNA

Department near Htupayon Pagoda on the west bank of the river.

The canal, which has 2200 feet in length, 12 feet in depth and 72 feet in width, can relieve the erosion of west bank of Ngawun River.—MNA

Contracts inked for purchase of steel truss for Ayeyawady Bridges (Pakokku), (Nyaungdon)

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 8 June evening attended the contract signing ceremony between Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and three companies led by China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd and two companies by Tsinlien Group Co., Ltd for purchase of steel trusses and construction materials for construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), at the hall of the Ministry of Construction, here.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint spoke on the occasion.

Managing Director of Public Works U Kyaw Lin, Deputy Managing Director (Works) U Win Tint and Vice-President Mr Zhao Lizhi and Mr Wang Li Guang of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd, Vice-President Mr Yu Xian Feng and Director U Soe

Hla Min of Northern International (Holding) Co Ltd, Vice-President Mr Yu Ya Ping and Resident Representative Daw Yin Yin May of Hubei Huazhou Industrial Co Ltd and signed the contracts to buy trusses for Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and exchanged notes.

Likewise, Managing Director U Kyaw Lin, Deputy Managing Director (Works) U Win Tint and Vice-President Ms Ma Jie and Director Daw Kyu Kyu Myint of Tsinlien Group Co., Ltd, President Mr Li Zongmin and Chief Manager Mr Wen Jinpeng of China Railway Baoji Bridge Group Co Ltd inked the contracts to purchase frames for Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).

Vice-President Mr Zhao Lizhi, on behalf of three companies led by China CAMC Engineering Co., Ltd, and President Mr Dong Guo Qiang, on behalf of two companies by Tsinlien Group Co., Ltd, spoke words of thanks.

According to the contracts, a total of 30 spans of steel trusses for Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) will be bought 15 from China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd, 9 from Northern International (Holding) Co., Ltd and six from Hubei Huazhou International Co., Ltd, and a total of 20 spans of steel trusses for Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), 10 each from Tsinlien Group Co Ltd and China Railway Baoji Bridge Group Co., Ltd.

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A smoldering vehicle is left at the site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 June, 2010. The car bomb exploded outside a Baghdad police station on Sunday in the deadliest of a pair of attacks that killed several people in the Iraqi capital, security and hospital officials said.

INTERNET

Seven dead as gunmen torch NATO trucks in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 June—Gunmen attacked military vehicles and goods destined for NATO in Afghanistan, torching up to 60 trailers and killing seven people in an unprecedented assault near Islamabad, police said on Wednesday. The overnight attack was the first on NATO supplies so close to the Pakistani capital and entailed one of the biggest losses on the convoys, whose presence is bitterly opposed by Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked extremists.

A dozen gunmen stormed the depot on the outskirts of Islamabad en route to the northwestern city of Peshawar and towards the NATO supply route into Afghanistan, where 130,000 US-led foreign troops are fighting the Taliban.

Although militants have routinely attacked supplies for US and NATO-led foreign forces travelling through Pakistan, the audacious assault will raise questions about insecurity on the doorstep of the heavily-guarded capital.—Xinhua



People walk in front of a burnt truck torched by suspect militants in an attack on early on 9 June, 2010 in Sangjani, near Islamabad, Pakistan. Suspected militants attacked trucks carrying military vehicles for foreign forces in Afghanistan early Wednesday close to the Pakistani capital, killing six people and wounding seven others, police and witnesses said.—INTERNET

Explosion rocks S Afghanistan killing 40, injuring 77



An Afghan boy lies on a bed in a local hospital after a suicide attack last night in Kandahar on 10 June, 2010. —INTERNET

KANDAHAR, 10 June—An explosion rattled a wedding party late on Wednesday in southern Afghanistan's restive province of Kandahar, killing at least 40 people and injuring 77 others, a local government official said. Hajj Anas, a senior official with Kandahar's provincial government, told Xinhua that the bombing happened around 10 pm local time

in Arghandab District outside Kandahar City, the provincial capital.

The groom and 10 children were among those injured, said the official, adding that the casualties could be higher.

No one has so far claimed responsibility for the incident.

Kandahar Province, branded as the hotbed of the Taliban, has been seeing the increase of violence recently. The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) earlier announced that it launch a major offensive on the Taliban in the province this month.

Xinhua

Pentagon admits "tough week" as casualty mounts in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 10 June—As foreign troops in Afghanistan suffer heavy losses this week, a US Defence Department spokesman admitted on Wednesday NATO forces are facing "tough week" in that country.

"The fact of the matter is that we have taken casualties and we've taken quite a few this week. It's been a tough week," said Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman. A total of 23

foreign troops were killed in Afghanistan in escalating violence since Monday, including four US soldiers who died as their helicopter was shot down by militants in Helmand Province earlier Wednesday.

Ten NATO service members were killed in attacks on Monday, the bloodiest day for US and NATO forces in two years. The toll include seven Americans, two Australians and a French soldier. Eight were killed on Tuesday, and one British soldier was killed on Wednesday apart from the four US soldiers.

Independent count said up to Wednesday, 249 foreign troops have

been killed in Afghanistan this year. The Pentagon attributed the reason of high casualty to increased troops level. Whitman said now there are more foreign forces in Afghanistan than at any other time, "so the level of activity is high," and "obviously the opportunities for hostile contact have gone up."

There now are about 94,000 US service members in Afghanistan with 48,000 allies. The number of US troops in Afghanistan will grow to about 98,000 by September. The number of NATO and other allied troops also will increase.—Internet

NATO helicopter goes down in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 June—NATO says a helicopter has gone down in southern Afghanistan and there is no immediate word on casualties.

Spokesman Sgt Kevin Bell said the aircraft went down on Wednesday in Helmand Province but that few other details were available.

A spokesman for the provincial government, Dawood Ahmadi, said the aircraft went down in Sangin District after taking ground fire.—Internet

Pentagon says convoy attack not to impact operation in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 10 June—US Defence Department said on Wednesday an attack on US convoy in Pakistan

that destroyed about 60 trucks won't impact the overall operation in Afghanistan. Pentagon spokesman Bryan

Whitman said the attack destroyed only a small fraction of supplies transported into Afghanistan for US and its allies' forces.

"Fifty or 60 containers is not a small attack by any means, but you look at that in terms of its impact on our overall operations, it's not going to have an effect," he said.

A NATO supply convoy was attacked near Pakistan's capital city of Islamabad late Tuesday night.

The attack killed eight Pakistani nationals and wounded another 6. Some 60 trucks were destroyed.

Xinhua



A doctor stands by the beds of people wounded after a huge explosion at wedding ceremony in Kandahar.

INTERNET

Individual brain cells can ID objects as dissimilar as cars and dogs



New research in monkeys shows that single brain cells can identify objects as dissimilar as a car and a dog. —INTERNET

SAITAMA, 10 June— Researchers at MIT's Picower Institute for Learning and Memory found that single brain cells, if confronted with a difficult task, can identify objects as dissimilar as sports cars and dogs.

Researchers have never been sure exactly how specialized cells in the brain can be. Do different neurons each contribute to unique thoughts or can some neurons be cognitive

"generalists" and participate in multiple thoughts? To answer this, MIT researchers examined the prefrontal cortex, the brain's executive in charge of decision-making and planning.

In previous studies, Earl K. Miller, Picower Professor of Neuroscience, found that individual neurons in monkeys' brains can become tuned to the concept of "cat" and others to the concept of "dog."

This time, Miller and colleagues Jason Cromer and Jefferson Roy recorded activity in the monkeys' brains as the animals switched back and forth between distinguishing cats vs. dogs and sports cars vs. sedans. Although they found individual neurons that were more attuned to car images and others to animal images, to their surprise, there were many neurons active in both categories. In fact, these "multitasking" neurons were best at making correct identifications in both categories.

Internet

Dolphins use diplomacy in their communication, biologists find

MADRID, 10 June — A Spanish researcher and a Paraguayan scientist have presented the most complete y (9 June, 2010) and detailed European study into the repertoire of sounds used by bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) to communicate. The study reveals the complexity and our lack of understanding about the communication of these marine mammals.

Until now, the scientific community had thought that whistles were the main sounds made by these mammals, and were unaware of the importance and use of burst-pulsed sounds. Researchers from the Bottlenose



New research presents the most complete repertoire ever of burst-pulsed sounds and whistles made by dolphins, gathered using bioacoustics. —INTERNET

Dolphin Research Institute (BDRI), based in Sardinia (Italy) have now shown that these sounds are vital to the animals' social life and mirror their behaviour.

"Burst-pulsed sounds are used in the life of bottlenose dolphins to socialise and maintain

their position in the social hierarchy in order to prevent physical conflict, and this also represents a significant energy saving," Bruno Díaz, lead author of the study and a researcher at the BDRI, which he also manages, said.

Internet

Over 1,000 new products to debut at Asia's No.1 consumer electronics fair

BEIJING, 10 June—More than 1,000 new electronics products will be on display at the China International Consumer Electronics Show (SINOCES) between July 8 and 11 in the east China coastal city of Qingdao, organizers said on Wednesday.

Up to 500 consumer electronics manufacturers, including international IT giants Microsoft, Intel, and Canon, will participate in the largest technology trade event in Asia. The increased participation by vendors represents a 10 percent increase over last year.

With the theme of "Convergence and Innovation", participants will have the opportunity to sit in on 30 forums focusing on topics such as the sustainability of consumer electronics and 3G telecommunications developments.

The fair will also draw 700 buyers from around the world, an increase of 20 percent over past years, and include e-commerce websites such as eBay.com and Alibaba.com.

Accounting for 13 percent of the entire global consumer electronics industry, China has grown into the world's largest electronics manufacturing base and the second largest consumer market for electronics products.—Xinhua

Visitors watch 3D images inside a black box through special glasses at the Sony showroom in Tokyo in January 2010. The upcoming FIFA World Cup games will for the first time be filmed in 3D and broadcast in selected public viewing areas across the world, technology company Sony said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Science

Over 100,000 iPad owners' e-mail addresses exposed

BEIJING, 10 June—A security bug in AT&T's Web site had exposed more than 100,000 iPad users' e-mail addresses, US media reported on Wednesday.

A group of hackers, known as Goatse Security, who had uncovered flaws in browsers Firefox and Safari, had successfully downloaded the information from AT&T's Web site.

A report published by Gawker on Wednesday said that it



Typing is demonstrated on the new Apple "iPad" during the launch of the tablet computing device in San Francisco, California, on 27 Jan, 2010.

was "the most exclusive e-mail list on the planet." E-mail addresses of New York Mayor Michael

Bloomberg, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and other powerful figures in finance, media and politics are also included in the list.

AT&T, the sole US provider of wireless service for the popular Apple Inc. tablets, said it had fixed the security problem by Tuesday.

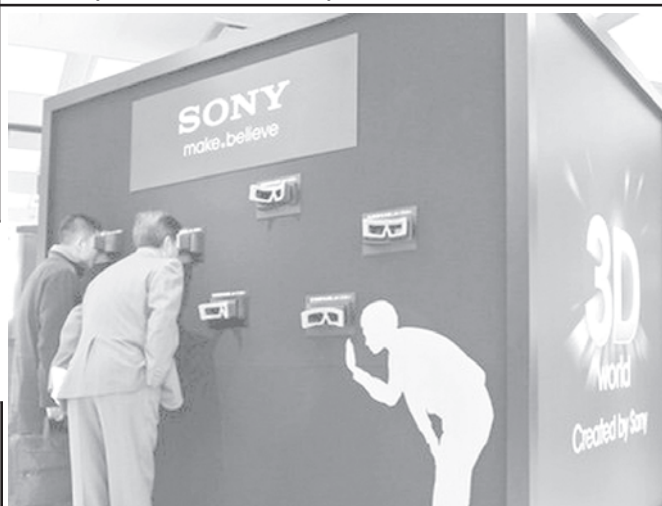
The company also said it would inform all the customers whose email addresses and iPad IDs may have been obtained.—Xinhua

China calls for persistent efforts in tackling environment challenges

GENEVA, 10 June—The Chinese ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva on Wednesday called for persistent international efforts in dealing with environment challenges such as climate change and the shortage of energy and natural resources.

"Finding appropriate solutions to address these challenges is our shared long-term goal ... we must work together to find common solutions to these common problems," said He Yafei at a briefing to Geneva-based diplomats and journalists on the next Group on Earth Observations (GEO) ministerial meeting to be held in Beijing in November.

Xinhua





Drinking coffee may reduce risk of diabetes



A Starbucks drink is seen on a table in New York's Times Square.

XINHUA

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—The American Chemical Society (ACS) presented new findings on Wednesday to prove that drinking coffee may

reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes.

The ACS said the study, conducted by researchers at Nagoya University in Japan, was

based on animal tests.

The scientists fed either water or coffee to a group of laboratory mice commonly used to study diabetes. Coffee consumption prevented the development of high-blood sugar and also improved insulin sensitivity in the mice, thereby reducing the risk of diabetes.

Coffee also caused a cascade of other beneficial changes in the fatty liver and inflammatory adipocytokines related to a reduced diabetes risk.

Xinhua



Workers pick up oil patches and tar that washed up on the beach at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on June 8, in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Seventy-one people in Louisiana have suffered health problems that officials believe are linked to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the state's department of health and hospitals said on Wednesday.

INTERNET



A garment worker looks on from her workstation in a factory in Pinghu, close to Shanghai. China's trade surplus soared in May from the previous month on strong demand for Chinese-made clothes and electronics, which analysts say could increase pressure on Beijing to let its currency strengthen.—Internet

Cancer wins may be bigger than they seem

CHICAGO, 10 June—Doctors reported gains against nearly every form of cancer at a conference that ended this week. Yet when Will Thomas heard about an advance against prostate cancer, he wanted to know just one thing: "Is it a cure?"

"I see billions and billions done on research, and it's all for treatment," said the Alabama man who has several friends with the disease. "When will they cure it?"

Many people share his frustration. The top achievements reported at the American Society of Clinical Oncology added an average of just two to six months of life. One pricey drug made headlines merely for delaying the time until ovarian cancer got worse.

Progress has always been slow for cancer treatment. New therapies are tested on people who are so sick and out of options that any extension of life is considered a success. A cure is not usually possible. But some of the victories reported this week against breast and prostate cancer, leukemia and the deadly skin cancer called melanoma may be larger than they appear. These trends offer reason for optimism:

Newer drugs seem to be making a bigger difference for small, specific groups of patients, as companies develop treatments that more precisely target genes behind subtypes of cancer.

Internet

Secondhand smoke may cause mental problems

BEIJING, 10 June—A new research showed that non-smokers who have passive smoking were 50 percent more likely to get mental problems than those absolute non-smokers, according to news reports on Wednesday.

The research led by Dr Mark Hamer of University College London pointed out that non-smokers being exposed to smoking are seen everywhere. Dr Hamer and his colleagues studied more than 5,000 non-smokers and more than 2,500 smokers with none of them having mental illness prior to the study. But by the end of the study, an amount of 14.5 percent of them showed evidence of psychological distress.

The results indicated non-smokers were 62 percent more likely to report mental problems than those unexposed to secondhand smoke, and the risk for smokers was more than two times higher than non-smokers.—Xinhua

Early school start times raise risk of teen car crashes

WASHINGTON 10 June—Starting the school day earlier may lead to more car accidents involving teenagers, new research suggests.

The study, which looked at schools in two cities in Virginia with different start times, found an association between earlier classes and more crashes among sleep-deprived students.

"Teenagers need over nine hours sleep a night, and it looks like a large number of teens don't get sufficient sleep... part of that relates to the time that high schools begin," said study author Dr Robert

Vorona, an associate professor of internal medicine in the Division of Sleep Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va.

The findings were to be presented on Wednesday at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Sleep Societies, in San Antonio. "There are data that demonstrate that lack of sleep has negative consequences for teens," he said. "And some data show that younger drivers are more likely to have crashes when they have inadequate sleep."

Internet

Children of older dads face higher risk of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Children born to older fathers face greater risk of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a new study suggests. The study, based on data of 110,999 California women, found that those born to fathers older than 40 had a 59 percent greater risk of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma than those born to fathers younger than 25.

The study, released Wednesday on the Web site of *American Journal of Epidemiology*, is one of the first researches to examine the link between parents' age and their adult children's risk of non-Hodgkin's

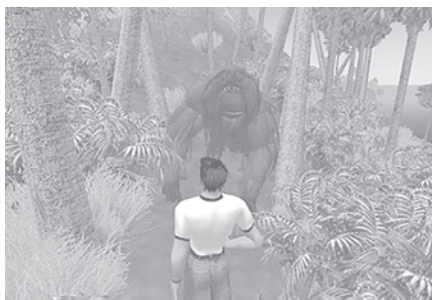
lymphoma, a cancer of the blood and immune system.

As men get old, they may accumulate mutations in their reproductive cells, which increases the risk of abnormalities being passed on to children, according to study conducted by researchers at the City of Hope research and treatment center in Duarte, Los Angeles.

The findings add to the growing evidence that a father's age may have a significant effect on a child's health, said study author Yani Lu, a researcher with the centre.—Xinhua

Health

A Second Life avatar interacts with an orangutan on WWF's Conservation Island. Linden Lab, creator of the online virtual world Second Life, said on Wednesday it was laying off 30 percent of its staff.—INTERNET





A South Korean man passes in front of a Samsung showroom in Seoul. The world's top memory chip maker, has said it will spend 3.6 billion dollars to expand its US plant to meet growing demand.—INTERNET

Mexico reports falling prices in May, slowing yearly inflation

MEXICO CITY, 10 June— Mexico's retail prices fell by 0.63 percent in May from April, the steepest monthly drop on record, according to data published by the Bank of Mexico on Wednesday.

The drop was due in part to cuts in state-controlled electricity prices, which are always

slashed ahead of northern Mexico's summer, the peak periods for residents' energy consumption to cool homes and workplaces.

The hottest Mexican cities, all in the north, are experiencing temperatures of around 45 degrees Celsius, more than 15 degrees higher than Mexico City, said the National Meteorology Service on Wednesday. The inflation rate dropped slightly due to falling fruit and vegetable prices. Onion prices fell by close to 45 percent, while tomato prices fell by more than 18 percent and potato prices by close to 9 percent, according to the Bank of Mexico.—Xinhua



Workers assemble refrigerators in the town of Ohira, close to Tokyo. The country's annualised economic growth in the January-March period was revised higher to 5.0 percent from an initial estimate of 4.9 percent, beating expectations, official data has shown.—INTERNET

China's May exports up 48.5%

BEIJING, 10 June— China's exports surged by 48.5 percent year on year in May, while the imports climbed 48.3 percent, the General Administration of Customs (GAC) announced on Thursday.

The growth rate for exports was 18.1 percentage points up

from the figure for April, and the import growth rate dipped slightly from 49.7 percent reported in April.

Exports totalled 131.76 billion US dollars in May, said a statement on the GAS website, adding imports topped 112.23 billion US dollars.

Total foreign trade value rose 48.4 percent from a year earlier to 243.99 billion US dollars in May. The figure was even 10.2 percent higher than May 2008 before the global financial crisis began, the statement said.

Exports were up 9.2 percent from May in 2008 and imports grew 11.4 percent.

From January to May, the total value of foreign trade rose 44 percent year on year to 1.1 trillion US dollars.

Exports were up 33.2 percent to 567.74 billion US dollars and imports rose 57.5 percent to 532.35 billion US dollars, said the statement. The trade surplus fell 59.9 percent to 35.39 billion US dollars in the first five months.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 8 June, 2010 shows the colossal chemicals-transport ship of Attilio Levoli, which is manufactured by the Rushan Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. for export to Italy, taking water at its launching ceremony, at Rushan, east China's Shandong Province.

XINHUA

Nepali gov't working on price policy to control market prices

KATHMANDU, 10 June— The Nepali government is working on a price policy to control market prices and ensure easy availability of daily essentials at reasonable prices, local media reported on Thursday.

According to The Rising Nepal daily, even though the Consumer Rights Protection Act 1998 has mentioned the possibility of formulating policies related to quality, price and supply of consumer goods and services, it has not been done despite the occurrence of irregularities like hoarding and unnatural price hikes.

"As this crucial policy has always remained out of focus, we are working to get it endorsed before the end of the next fiscal year," said Anik Thakur, director general of the Department of Commerce. "Besides, for controlling the market, it will also clearly indicate the duty of the central government and district level government bodies working for consumer rights protection."—Xinhua

Film, TV industry pushing NJ to keep tax credit

SECAUCUS, 10 June— With a television series' dismantled set as a backdrop, a procession of actors, producers and directors made their case Wednesday for New Jersey to extend its tax credit for production companies, an incentive that could be cut from the state budget by the end of the month.

Representatives from "Mercy" and "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit" urged Republican Gov. Chris Christie to reconsider ending the 20 percent tax

credit the state has offered since 2006 to lure movie and TV production companies to the state. Both TV series are filmed largely in New Jersey.

Other productions to film in New Jersey in recent years include TV drama "The Sopranos" and feature films such as "The Wrestler" starring Mickey Rourke as a professional wrestler past his prime and "Julie and Julia" starring Meryl Streep as cooking legend Julia Childs.

Intenret

Treasurer Wayne Swan said on Thursday.

The unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent in May, returning to a level seen last in January, as 36,400 workers gained full-time employment, new data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed on Thursday. The seasonally adjusted fall in unemployment compared to a rate of 5.4 percent in both March and April.

The number of people employed in May rose by a seasonally adjusted 26,900,

reflecting a jump in full-time employment that was partly offset by a fall in part-time workers.

"These are great figures for Australia," Swan told Fairfax Radio Network in Perth, adding he had told a recent G20 meeting in South Korea that Australia's unemployment rate was further evidence of a strong economy and the success last year of avoiding the global recession.—Xinhua

Vehicles manufactured by Japanese auto giant Honda are prepared for loading at Narashino port in Chiba prefecture in suburban Tokyo. The country's annualised economic growth in the January-March period was revised higher to 5.0 percent from an initial estimate of 4.9 percent, official data has shown.—INTERNET



Singapore top students prefer local scholarships

SINGAPORE, 10 June—Singapore top students prefer scholarships by local universities, an annual survey by JobsFactory found.

According to the survey of close to 3,000 students, the National University of Singapore (NUS) undergraduate scholarship is the most popular scholarship, local TV broadcaster Channel NewsAsia reported on Thursday.

Other than the NUS undergraduate scholarship, two other

NUS scholarships - the merit scholarship and the faculty scholarship - take up three places among the top five scholarships of choice for top students.

The Nanyang Scholarship offered by Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is in 5th place.

The only scholarship within the top five that is not offered by a local university is the FIREfly scholarship in 3rd place, which is offered by government agencies

under the Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry.

The broadcaster said local scholarships are popular for two reasons. Firstly, these scholarships usually do not come with a bond, allowing scholars to have the freedom to decide their own career paths and employers upon graduation. Secondly, they are tenable for most courses of study and students appreciate this flexibility.—Xinhua



Visitors view a brake parachute during an exhibition at China Umbrella Museum in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 9 June, 2010. Paraglider, dynamic parachute, ejection parachute, brake parachute and some other umbrella-shaped equipments were displayed through entities, pictures and videos at the exhibition.—XINHUA



Actors of a Russian folk music group take part in a cultural event sponsored by UC RUSAL in Hong Kong, south China, on 9 June, 2010.

XINHUA

French gov't to sell state properties

BEIJING, 10 June—The French government has announced a sell-off of 1,700 state-owned properties. It's in a bid to make some money and help cut the country's massive debt.

This is the first time the government has laid out such ambitious sell-off plans.

Francois Baroin, French Budget Minister, said, "Our ambition is to have less real estate, that is more adapted to the mission of the state, more economical in terms of public funds, with buildings that are of better quality and that are properly taken care of, and more appropriate in terms of ecological needs."

The properties for sale include chateauxs, barracks and Parisian mansions. The French government is trying to reduce some of the country's 1.49 trillion Euro debt.

The Minister says all sales will be transparent with 20 percent of proceeds going directly to debt payments. The rest will go to new government investments. State property sales in the past four years have brought in 3 billion Euros for France.—Internet

Nikkei closes 1.1 pct higher

TOKYO, 10 June—Tokyo stocks closed higher Thursday with the key Nikkei index up 1.10 percent.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 Average gained 103.52 points to 9,542.65. The broader Topix index was up 6.42 points, or 0.75 percent, to 856.79.

Trading volume on the main section shrank to 1,685.25 million shares from 2,040.05 million on Wednesday.

On the first section advancing shares beat declining ones 967 to 542.—Xinhua

Indian trader robbed, killed in S Philippines

DAVA CITY, 10 June—Unidentified robbers shot and killed an Indian trader in a southern Philippine city on Wednesday, police said on Thursday.

The attack on Satinder Singh in a busy street in the Mindanao city of Panabo underscored the risk faced by foreign nationals doing business in the country's south, where Muslim and leftist rebels and armed thugs roam freely in a region awash with more than a million unlicensed guns, police said.

Singh, a resident of Koronadal City, also in Mindanao, and owner of a lending company that catered to small entrepreneurs, was collecting money from vendors in the city's market when attacked by armed men at around 12

pm, Superintendent Alexander Serrano, city police chief, told Xinhua.

Serrano said the suspects took the victim's collection amounting to 26,000 pesos (565 US dollars) and his motorcycle before speeding off to an unknown direction. Police said they are

looking into robbery as the motive of the killing.

The attack in Panabo came less than a month after armed thieves also shot and killed two Indian moneylenders in Trento town, Agusan del Sur Province, some 130 kilometers north of Panabo.

Xinhua

S Korea launches space rocket, contact lost

SEOUL, 10 June—South Korea launched a locally assembled space rocket, but contact with the rocket was lost only a few minutes into the takeoff.

The two-stage satellite-carrier Naro-1, or the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), lifted off from the Naro Space Center in South Jeolla Province, about 485 kilometers south of Seoul, at 5:01 pm local time.

Despite the loss of contact with the ground controllers, whether the launch is successful or not has yet to be determined.

The launch of the rocket, developed with the help of Russian

experts, came a day after a technical problem delayed the initially planned blast-off.

Xinhua

10 killed, 13 injured in road mishap in southern India

NEW DELHI, 10 June—Ten people were killed while 13 others sustained injuries in a road mishap Wednesday night in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, a senior police official said on Thursday.

"The mishap happened when the tractor in which the victims were travelling was hit by a speeding truck after its driver lost control of the vehicle in the state's East Godavari district. Some 40 people, all of a marriage party, were travelling in the tractor when the mishap took place, killing 10 people on the spot. The injured have been admitted to a local hospital," the official said.

Road accident rate in India is among the highest in the world with some 100,000 people killed each year on the road at least, according to official estimates.

Xinhua



People stand around the sculpture "EMU Display" from 2010 by US artist Tom Sachs during a media preview of the exhibition "Robot Dreams" at the Museum Tinguely in Basel on 8 June, 2010. The exhibition is opened to the public from 9 June to 9 September, 2010.

XINHUA

Kyaukse Township facilitated with 25-bed hospital,...

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Next, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party attended the opening of the school.

The commander, the director-general of No (2) Basic Education Department, and the superintending manager of Hsin Min Cement Plant formally opened the school.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of the school.

At the ceremony to hand over the facilities held at the school, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye delivered a speech, saying that in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the two facilities were built for the convenience of local people. He called for bringing about highly-educated and healthy

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye visits Tawwin plastic bag factory in the compound of Hsin Min Cement Plant.

MNA



youths.

The commander also gave an address.

The documents related to the hospital were handed over to the Ministry of Health, and that to the school, to the Ministry of Education.

Sun Brand lanterns produced by the

Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd were donated to the school.

SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye inspected the production line at the cement plant, and called for systematic packaging of cement bags meeting set standard.—MNA

Basic Education High School No (4) at Phyauckseikpin village in Kyaukse Township.

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Workshop on Gender Equality and CEDAW held

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Workshop on Gender Equality and Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), jointly organized by Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) took place at Kumudra Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone here today.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Kyaw Myint made an opening speech.

UNFPA resident representative Mr Mohamed Abdel-Ahad made a speech. Officials from departments, INGOs, NGOs and social organizations are attending the workshop, and will make suggestions for development of women. It will last till 11 June.

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SWRR Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myint addresses Workshop on Gender Equality and Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).—MNA

Motorcycle license registration extended to 30 June

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — The State has issued licenses for illegally imported motorcycles with some taxes from 1 December 2009 to 31 January 2010, in order to ensure road safety.

The license reg-

istration period has been extended to 30 June 2010 for the convenience of the public.

Starting from 1 July 2010, unlicensed motorcycles will be impounded in accord with the law. If an

owner of impounded mo-

torcycle submits application to retrieve his or her motorbike and pays the price and taxes, the State will issue license, according to the Road Transport Administration Department of the Ministry of Rail Transportation.—MNA

ICT Foundation course to be opened

YANGON, 10 June—ICT Foundation course will be opened soon at Gusto Computer Training School at No. 26 on 14th Street (Lower) in Lanmadaw Township.

The course com-

prises Microsoft Office Module, Basic Programming Module, Database Module, Graphic Design Module and Networking Module.

The three-month course runs on Tuesdays

and Wednesdays. The number of trainees is limited to 15. Interested persons may register by 21 June the latest.

Dial 224496 or 09-86 28806 for further details.—MNA

Measures to beautify Yangon City discussed



Lt-Gen Myint Swe addresses meeting of Leading Committee for Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon City.

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YANGON, 10 June—The Leading Committee for Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon City held a meeting at the City Hall here this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence

in his introductory speech stressed the importance of stepping up the tasks for keeping Yangon clean and pleasant, and prevention and control of dengue hemorrhagic fever and diarrhoea.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee

Mayor U Aung Thein Lin gave supplementary reports on ongoing and future tasks.

The chairmen and officials of the Leading Committee and work progress. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave concluding remarks.

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Sony Expo 2010 18-20 June

YANGON, 10 June—TMW Enterprise Ltd, sole agent of Sony electronics, will hold the Sony Expo at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, from 18 to 20 June. With regard to the expo, TMW Enterprise Ltd held a press conference at Parkroyal Hotel, here, this afternoon.

TMW will put on display the latest models and applications of TV, DVD, cameras, household goods and business use electronic products manufactured by Sony at the expo.

The sale centre will be kept open at the expo for customers holding official guarantee cards.

New and old customers may purchase electronic goods at the sale centers at No. 90 (A/B) on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Tel: 01-546002~8; No. 173/175, Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Tel: 01-250596/7; No. 20B, Yawmingyi Street, Dagon Township, Tel: 01-245311; No. 352 at the corner of 82nd and 30th Streets in Chanayethazan Township, Tel: 02-72581 to 72584; No. La/93, Bogoyoke Aung San Street, Lanmadaw Ward, Taunggyi, Tel: 081-22857; and No. 151/153, Thiri Yadana Modern Market, Nay Pyi Taw, Tel: 067-420966 and 420791.—MNA



Marketing Manager U Zaw Moe Oo of TMW Enterprise Ltd makes clarification.—MNA

Yenwe Diversion...

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Kyaukdaga Township, Bago Division. Yenwe Diversion Weir is situated seven miles downstream Yenwe Dam near Hsihsongon Village. The Dam was inaugurated on 22 March 2006, and its Hydropower Plant started operation on 10 February 2007. Yenwe Diversion Weir was commissioned on 25 March 2010.

We, the news crew, planned to observe Yenwe Dam. We left Bago along Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway via Phayagyi by car. At mile post No. 80, we arrived in Kyaukdaga Township. We then arrived at Yenwe Diversion Weir. During the visit, we met Staff Officer U Win Myint at the diversion weir.

We learned that Yenwe Diversion Weir was the 42nd facility of its

kind in Bago Division. An earthen embankment, 1050 feet long and 251 feet high, was built on Yenwe Creek to store 931,800 acre-feet to irrigate 118,500 acres of farmlands and 237,000 acres of croplands and to generate 25 megawatts.

A plan is under way to irrigate 118,500 acres of farmlands—105,500 acres of arable lands through the left canal and 13,000 acres of cultivable lands through the right canal. The main canal is 7.11 miles long in total, the left canal 2.50 miles long and the right canal 4.66 miles long.

A total of 100 feeder canals are 309 miles in length. The canals are formed with 2370 canal structures. All the canal tasks commenced in 2007-2008 financial year. The construction of diversion weir that started in Decem-

ber 2005 has completed cent per cent now. On 3 January 2009, the construction of afflux bund was completed by temporarily damming the creek.

In his clarification, Staff Officer U Win Myint said that Kyaukdaga and Nyaunglebin townships are included in the irrigated area of Yenwe Dam. Of 150,000 irrigated acres, Nyaunglebin gets larger share. The opportunity will contribute to cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in the township.

After that, the Staff Officer conducted us round the sluice gates and supply of water along the main canal. Construction of the dam is aimed at growing summer paddy. Thanks to construction of Yenwe Dam, the irrigated areas of Yenwe, Baingda and Kawliya dams will be contiguous to be able to create a larger arable land.

As the region has 110 inches of rainfall on

average yearly, the local farmers focus on cultivation of paddy. A total of 861,000 acre-feet of water flows into the dam annually. The dam can store 931,800 acre-feet of water at full brim. As such, a plan was adopted to generate 123 million kilowatt hours. By exceeding the target, 151.68 million kilowatt hours in 2008 and

142.30 million kwh in 2009 were generated.

The government built Yenwe Dam and Power Plant to generate hydropower. While building Yenwe Diversion Weir, the government was creating the irrigation system so as to supply water to the farmlands phase by phase. Thanks to construction of Yenwe

Multi-purpose Dam Project including Yenwe Dam and Yenwe Diversion Weir, remarkable progress can be achieved by leaps and bounds in the social, education, economic, transport and agricultural sectors for the State and the local people.

Translation: TTA Kyemon: 7-6-2010



Main canal of Yenwe Diversion Weir supplying water to arable lands.

Temperature expected to rise in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 June—The scorching heat has been affecting normal life across the country, especially in southern Nepal's Terai region, for the last few days. Even the capital Kathmandu Valley has been experiencing hotter days over a week.

The Kathmanduities were affected when the temperature soared up to 33.6-degree Celsius

on Wednesday.

Shree Kanta Maharjan, Observer of Hydrology and Metrology Division at Tribhuvan International Airport, said that the minimum temperature was recorded 20-degree Celsius on Wednesday.

The division expected further rise in the mercury on Thursday.

The temperature of

Thursday is expected to rise up to 34-35 degree Celsius, said Maharjan.

He said that the maximum temperature of Tuesday was 33-degree Celsius and the minimum temperature was 18.2-degree Celsius.

Maharjan said, There is no sign of the arrival of monsoon for a few days as no rainfall will occur on Thursday.

Xinhua



A woman paints her daughter's outline on the ground at Fifth Avenue during the Museum Mile Festival in New York, the United States, on 8 June, 2010.

XINHUA

First batch of stranded Filipinos in Kuwait repatriated this week

MANILA, 10 June—The first batch of stranded Filipino domestic helpers were repatriated to the Philippines this week after spending several months in cramped government shelters in Kuwait, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) announced on Wednesday.

Most of these Filipinos, who have ran away from their abusive employers, were stranded for more than a year and can not go back to the Philippines due to lack of exit visas from the Kuwaiti government. The repatriation cost will be shouldered by Kuwaiti authorities.

The DFA said 200 more are expected to arrive in the coming weeks.

The DFA's Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs (OUMWA) said the first batch of household service workers, totaling 67, arrived on 6 and 7 June.

A team from OUMWA, led by Officer in Charge Enrico Fos and representatives from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) welcomed and assisted the Filipino workers upon their arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Fos said the repatriation for the remaining two batches, consisting of 78 and 129 household service workers, is being finalized.

Xinhua

Rail workers proceed with the construction of the 3-km railway bridge in Nanhu town, the starting point of a railway over the Lop Nur, a former lake that is known as "the sea of death", in Hami, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 9 June, 2010.—XINHUA



Cyprus President Demetris Christofias (2nd L) meets with Wang Gang (1st R), member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and vice chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee, in Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, on 9 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Four dead after truck hits toilet block in NW China

LANZHOU, 10 June—Four people died and two were injured on Wednesday when a truck ran into a public toilet block in northwest China's Gansu Province, local authorities said on Thursday.

The driver lost control of the truck due to a brake failure and hit the block on a corner of an intersection in Chengguan District, in the provincial capital of Lanzhou, killing four people instantly, said Luo Junmin, spokesman for the municipal traffic police.—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits Philippines

HONG KONG, 10 June—A magnitude-5.0 earthquake hit Mindanao, the Philippines, around 02:13 GMT on Thursday, said the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The epicenter was monitored at 7.256 degrees north latitude and 126.840 degrees east longitude with a depth of 60.8 km.—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits Japan

HONG KONG, 10 June—A magnitude-5.1 earthquake hit off the East Coast of Honshu, Japan, around 03:10 GMT on Thursday, said the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The epicentre was monitored at 33.0 degrees north latitude and 142.586 degrees east longitude with the depth of 10 km.—Xinhua

Moderate quake rocks eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 June—An earthquake with magnitude of 5.8 struck eastern parts of Indonesia on Wednesday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake jolted at 15:27 pm Jakarta time (0827 GMT) with epicenter at 138 km northwest of Ternate of North Maluku and with the depth at 78 km, the agency said on its website.—Xinhua

Magnitude-6.2 earthquake hits Vanuatu

NEW YORK, 10 June—A Magnitude-6.2 earthquake hit Vanuatu on Thursday without immediate report of any casualties and property damages, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS) on Wednesday.

The quake struck at 10:23 am local time (2323 GMT) on Thursday, 152 km southeast from Port Vila, Vanuatu at a depth of 33 km. According to Maharjan, Kathmandu experienced a record high temperature in May this year as it grew to 34.6-degree Celsius.—Xinhua

Passenger train recalled in eastern India due to Naxal threat

NEW DELHI, 10 June—Indian railway authorities recalled early Thursday a passenger train from Howrah near Kolkata, West Bengal in eastern India, to Mumbai after receiving reports that extreme left-wing Naxal rebels had planned to sabotage railway tracks, said police.

The 2261 Mumbai-Howrah Duronto Express was recalled to Tatanagar from Ghatshila in West Bengal, said police.

Suspected Naxal rebels sabotaged a railway track on 28 May in West Bengal's Jhargram by causing a passenger to derail and be hit by a goods train, in which 150 people were killed.

Xinhua



Tom Cruise covers
"Esquire" June 2010.
INTERNET

Tom Cruise to act "Tropic Thunder" Grossman in new movie

BEIJING, 10 June—Paramount Pictures and MTV Films said Wednesday that they were developing a movie based on Tom Cruise's role from the 2008 film "Tropic Thunder", according to US media reports. Cruise would star

in and produce the movie along with "Tropic" co-star and director Ben Stiller Red Hour Films. Cruise would portray Les Grossman, a supporting character in the film "Tropic Thunder". Perhaps as a publicity strategy to lift

market expectation for the movie, Stiller noted in a statement, "Les Grossman's life story is an inspiring tale of the classic human struggle to achieve greatness against all odds — I am honored to be working with him."

Internet

Ecuadore, Peru to set up "binational" embassies

LIMA, 10 June—Ecuadorian and Peruvian leaders agreed here on Wednesday to create "binational embassies" for the first time in the history of the two countries.

Under one of the five agreements inked by visiting Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa and his Peruvian counterpart Alan Garcia, Ecuador will represent Peru in Sweden and Peru will represent Ecuador in Algeria.

Both sides also agreed to take steps to boost cross-border trade.

"Today we receive Mr. Correa with brotherhood and deep affection and with him the immortal spirit of the Ecuadorian people, because we understand how important the integration and the recovery of the lost time," Garcia said at a welcome ceremony for Correa, who arrived here earlier in the day for a two-day visit.

"Ecuador and Peru mark a milestone in the world history to contribute to the deep integration, after years of clashes that never will happen again ... Ecuador and Peru are at the best moment of their bilateral ties," said Correa.

For decades, relations between the two countries had been plagued by border problems, which were solved by a peace agreement in 1998.

Xinhua



Two students present their environment-friendly creations made of castoffs at a fashion show in Shanghai University, Shanghai, on 9 June, 2010. —XINHUA

Bus low-emission zones planned in HK

HONG KONG, 10 June—Hong Kong's Acting Secretary for the Environment Kitty Poon Wednesday said the government is studying the feasibility of forming pilot low-emission zones targeting franchised buses.

Poon told legislators on Wednesday franchised buses account for a high proportion of vehicular flow on busy corridors in Causeway Bay, Central and Mong Kok. "For instance, franchised buses could account for up to 40 percent of the vehicular flow along Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay. As such, pilot studies on franchised buses can effectively test whether low-emission zones can significantly improve roadside air quality," she said.

"The implementation of the pilot low emission zones may be delayed if the pilot scheme covers all vehicles at the same time, as we will need to resolve complicated legal and traffic management issues, and consult the transport trades."—Xinhua



A visitor points at Galileo Galilei's fingers. Two of Galileo's fingers, removed from his corpse by admirers in the 18th century, are displayed in the Galileo Museum, which used to be the Museum of the History of Science. Also on display is his tooth. A third finger was already in the museum.

Oregon man runs 102 miles barefoot

Todd Ragsdale enjoyed a peppermint mineral foot soak while relaxing at home Monday. It was well deserved after running a world-record distance without shoes over the weekend. Between 8 am on Saturday and 8 am on Sunday, the 41-year-old logged 102 miles barefoot — 413 laps on the South Medford High School track.

Ragsdale made his run in the Relay For Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

The run left Ragsdale's feet bruised, blistered and swollen, but he said it was well worth it.

Princess Diana dress fetches £192,000

The black taffeta dress worn by Princess Diana at her first official appearance as Prince Charles' fiancée in 1981 has been sold for 192,000 pounds.

The dress, which had been estimated to fetch between 30-50,000 pounds, was designed for the then 19-year-old by former couple Elizabeth and David Emanuel, who later created Diana's wedding dress.

Offered for sale by Kerry Taylor Auctions in London in a "Passion for Fashion" auction, it was bought by a fashion museum in Chile on Tuesday.

Diana and Charles married in July 1981, but separated in 1992 and divorced in 1996. She died in a Paris car crash in 1997. Charles went on to marry former girlfriend and mistress Camilla Parker-Bowles.



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Califs man gets prison for smuggling songbirds



This undated photo provided by the Department of Justice shows detained suspect Sony Dong, with songbirds strapped to his legs at Los Angeles International Airport. Dong has been sentenced to four months in prison. Dong of Garden Grove was also ordered Monday to pay \$4,000 in restitution to federal authorities caring for the birds.

A man who smuggled Asian songbirds into the country by hiding them under his pants during a flight from Vietnam to Los Angeles was

sentenced on Monday to four months in prison.

Sony Dong, 46, of Garden Grove, was also ordered to pay \$4,000 in restitution to federal authorities who are caring for the birds.

Dong came under investigation in December 2008 when customs inspectors at Los Angeles International Airport found an abandoned piece of luggage that contained 18 birds, five of which were dead, and determined that he had checked it while boarding a flight in Vietnam.

In April 2009, customs officials determined that Dong was scheduled to fly from Vietnam and arrive at LAX. They conducted an inspection and saw bird droppings on his socks and feathers peeking out from under his pants.

News Album

Short people at higher risk of heart problems

LONDON, 10 June—Short people have a 50 per cent higher risk of having a heart problem or dying from one than tall people, a new study says, though weight, blood pressure and smoking habits remain more important factors.

Previous studies have suggested a link between height and heart problems like angina, heart attacks and angioplasties. This is the first major review of such studies, including research from around the world, confirming the relationship.

Researchers in Finland looked at 52 previous papers with data on height and heart problems in more than 3 million men and women. Experts did not consider patients' heights objectively, but within the context of a particular country's population. They found the shortest people in the population were one and a half times more likely to have heart problems or die from them than the tallest people.

Internet

Wild ponies tamed by The Archers

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, 10 June —Four wild ponies used to roaming free on moorland are being trained to work with humans thanks to The Archers, a rescue centre has said. The Dartmoor Hill ponies arrived at the Brinsley Animal Rescue centre in Nottinghamshire last week having lived a solitary existence on the Devon moors. George, Merry, Monty and a fourth yet-to-be-named pony had matted hair, swollen stomachs and were frightened of any contact with humans when they were found.

Now thanks to the Radio 4 soap opera set in Ambridge, they have cottoned on to the idea that behaving well will earn a treat of fresh grass. As well as listening to the exploits of Brian and Jennifer Aldridge, and hearing the gossip from The Bull, the ponies are also fans of the Afternoon Play on Radio 4. In the mornings they listen to Fearnie Cotton on Radio 1, while Jeremy Vine on Radio 2 is the preferred choice at lunchtime.

Beth Lewis, 32, founder of the rescue centre, said: "They were really frightened of humans as their only experience of us was of being rounded up, put in a small metal cage and microchipped." —Internet



Four wild ponies are being trained to work with humans by listening to The Archers.—INTERNET

Egypt introduces Alexandria smoking ban

CAIRO, 10 June—Egypt, the biggest Arab consumer of cigarettes, is beginning an attempt to ban smoking in public places. Alexandria is to be Egypt's first no smoking city, beginning with a ban on lighting up in government buildings. Egyptians smoke some 19 billion cigarettes each year, prompting concerns for public health.

And Egypt is a nation of smokers with traditional shisha water pipes found in many coffee shops, and persuading Egyptians to quit will be a challenge. It is common to find people puffing at cigarettes on the train, in office, even in hospitals. Now in Alexandria that is set to change. The local authorities first plan to enforce an existing law —one that is usually flouted - prohibiting smoking in government buildings.—Internet



For many Egyptians, smoking is a way of life and a pleasure.

INTERNET

Stowaway survives Austria-UK flight

LONDON, 10 June—A stowaway hid himself in the landing gear of a jet and survived a one-and-a-half hour flight to Heathrow Airport from Austria, it has emerged. The unnamed 20-year-old Romanian would have withstood freezing temperatures and a lack of oxygen to reach London from Vienna Airport, experts said.

Austrian police said he told British

South African children pose with Zakumi, the mascot of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, in Pretoria, on 9 June, ahead of the start of the tournament.—INTERNET



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A passenger takes a picture of fellow riders alongside the new Gautrain, sub-Saharan Africa's first high-speed rail line, shortly after its launch in Johannesburg.
INTERNET

Obsession cologne proves fair game for jungle cats

EDINBURGH, 10 June—Biologists tracking jaguars in the Guatemalan jungle might smell nice, but it's all in the name of science, with researchers finding the Calvin Klein cologne Obsession for Men attracts the big cats. Biologists Rony Garcia and Jose Moreira from the Wildlife Conservation Society's (WCS) Jaguar Conservation Programme say they use hidden cameras as a primary source for observing and tracking jaguars in the Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve.

But they also rely on Obsession for Men, a cologne known for its complex scent, to help lure then research and hopefully ultimately preserve jaguars in the Central American country. "The method we are using to study the jaguars here in Guatemala is an invasive method which is based on photographing the individuals by using camera traps," Mr Moreira said.

Internet



A Romanian arrived at Heathrow after stowing away in a plane's landing gear in Austria.—INTERNET



Travelling merchants select sweet potato samples during a sweet potato festival held at Hezhou Village in Dongxing, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 8 June, 2010. Sweet potato show and tasting activities were organized during the festival at Hezhou Village on Tuesday, attracting many travelling merchants and tourists.
XINHUA

Contemporary porcelain on display at Shanghai Expo

BEIJING, 10 June—At the Shanghai Expo Cultural Centre, a collection of some of the finest contemporary Chinese porcelain pieces will be on show. They are created by artists from the China's porcelain capital

“Jingdezhen.” The exhibition will feature more than 200 pieces of porcelain created by seventy one master class artists. They include all kinds of porcelain artifacts from paintings on porcelain to porcelain vases.

And they come in various themes, ranging from landscape and portraits, to wildlife and still life. The exhibition will run until the end of June. Then the pieces will go up for an auction at a Shanghai auction house.—Xinhua

Autism linked to genetic errors



Teens with autism are seen at a school in Paris in 2003. A consortium of hundreds of scientists said on Wednesday they had uncovered dozens of previously unknown genetic mutations that contribute to autism in children.
INTERNET

BEIJING, 10 June—A research published in Nature reveals on Wednesday that autism is linked to genetic errors.

An international team of researchers, led by Dr Joachim Hallmayer of the Stanford Autism Centre at Packard Children's Hospital, studied the genetic data of 1,000 autistics from 11 different nations.

The group discovered that there was an array of inherited and genetic differences which were more common among people with autism than among the general population.

The study also found that dozens of genetic

errors were linked to five to ten percent of autism cases.

Those errors — caused by missing or duplicated pieces of DNA—are believed to interfere with the brain's messaging system.

Autism is one of most severe health problems of the 21st century. In California, from 1987 to 1998, the number of children getting services for autism tripled. Then between 1998 and 2002 the number doubled, Mercurynews said on Wednesday.

Several researchers are quoted as saying that this study may lead to development of new tests

or treatments for autism.

However, the promise of a quick-and-easy test treatment or cure in the near future seems impossible given the unique set of genetic differences of each autistics.

Xinhua

A fire damages a bus in Lishui, eastern China's Zhejiang Province, on Wednesday, 9 June, 2010.
INTERNET

Education fair to be held in Nepali capital

KATHMANDU, 10 June—The Educational Consultancy Association of Nepal (ECAN) is set to organize ECAN Higher Education and Career Fair-2010 in coordination of Direction Nepal on 10-13 June in the capital Kathmandu.

At the fair, students will be provided tips and advices for the national and international level

education according to their interests.

The fair will also raise the level confidence among the aspiring students and show them the way of higher education, said Rajendra Baral, General Secretary of ECAN at the press conference.

Around 174 colleges and educational institutes will set up their stalls in the fair.

At the fair, national, international educational institutions, education councilors and German Embassy, British Council, Alliance of France will set up their stalls and provide counseling to the students.

Around 100 of universities and colleges of India will take part at the fair.

Xinhua

Mexican troops kill eight gunmen in clash

MEXICO CITY, 10 June—Mexican troops fought gunmen suspected of working for a drug cartel on Wednesday and killed at least eight of them, the military said. Five troops were also injured in the clash, which took place in the southwestern city of Colima, 737 km from the capital, the Mexican navy said in a statement. Six Mexican citizens and two Colombian citizens were among those killed.

The troops were on a patrol at the time and were attacked by the gunmen first, it said.

Weapons were also seized in the clash, the navy said, including a grenade launcher, eight grenades, nine long guns and five short guns, 26 chargers, four vehicles and certain communication equipments.

Xinhua

20 evacuated after bus catches fire in rain

BEIJING, 10 June—Twenty passengers were evacuated Wednesday from a bus that suddenly caught on fire amid heavy rain in Lishui, eastern China's Zhejiang Province, China News Service reports.

When the fire was first detected on the bus traveling between downtown and one of

the city's suburban areas, the driver immediately pulled over on the roadside and successfully evacuated the passengers, the report said. City firefighters extinguished the fire within 20 minutes.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Xinhua



World Cup 2010

England can win it, says Joe Cole

LONDON, 10 June—Joe Cole has become the first England player to break ranks and explicitly state Fabio Capello's side are good enough to win a first World Cup in 44 years. The midfielder was one of the few players to excel at the finals four years ago. Yet, while 11 of the squad who underachieved in Germany have been retained by Fabio Capello, Cole pointed to genuine reasons for optimism this time around,



Joe Cole gets his point across – that he is confident England can win the World Cup – with a smile.—INTERNET

claiming:

- Capello is tactically the strongest of the three England managers under whom he has played;
- The side go into the

tournament with their talismans, Wayne Rooney and Steven Gerrard, both fully fit;

- The chilly South African evenings will suit England where baking heat has cost them at previous World Cups;

- The team's meticulous preparations, both in Austria and now in South Africa, have given them the ideal platform upon which to build;

- The squad boasts vital experience having learned from previous mistakes.—Internet

Italy not too old to win, says Marcello Lippi

ROME, 10 June—Marcello Lippi has hit out at critics who have claimed his Italy team are too old to win the World Cup. The head coach is unhappy with the scepticism over his squad – even in Italy – and has asked for the team to be given a chance to prove themselves. “Yes, we have old players but with age comes charisma and the experience of playing in big games. I think we have the right mix of young and old players,” Lippi said. “We have nine players from 2006 – that’s less than 50%. I’ve never seen any team that

wins the World Cup show up four years later with 23 new players.”

While Lippi has kept the 36-year-old Fabio Cannavaro and 33-year-olds Gianluca Zambrotta and Mauro Camoranesi, he has also brought along three 23-year-old defenders – Salvatore Bocchetti, Leonardo Bonucci and Domenico Criscito. The average age of the squad is 28 years and nine months. “Whenever a World Cup comes around everyone wants to get in their say,” said Lippi. “Last time everyone joined in as we moved along but this time we’re not going to



Italy's coach, Marcello Lippi, says his team can go all the way and retain the World Cup despite their ageing squad.

INTERNET allow anyone to jump on the bandwagon.” “Single players don’t win World Cups. Let’s be clear. There are no longer any superstars in Italy and it’s not like anyone I left home would alter the skill aspect,” said Lippi.—Internet

Joe Cole and Michael Ballack to leave Chelsea

LONDON, 10 June—Chelsea have confirmed that Joe Cole and Michael Ballack are to leave the club on free transfers this summer.

Cole, 28, will depart at the start of July after the Premier League champions reportedly said they would not offer the England midfielder a fresh deal. Germany midfielder Ballack, 33, who has been with Chelsea since 2006, will also not have his contract renewed.

Chelsea also said right-back Juliano Belletti will be leaving when his deal expires at the end of this month.

Internet

Everton sign Portuguese striker Joao Silva

LONDON, 10 June—Everton have signed striker Joao Silva on a three-year deal from Portuguese second division side Desportivo Das Aves for an undisclosed fee. A statement on Everton's website said officials had flown to Portugal to conclude the transfer. Last season Silva, 20, was the second top scorer in the Liga Vitalis.

The 6ft 2in forward scored 14 goals in 32 appearances for Aves last season, his first campaign since graduating to the professional ranks at the club. Silva has played for his country's under-20 side and is highly rated in his homeland. He will now

move to Merseyside before linking up with the Everton squad when they reconvene at the start of July for the pre-season tour to Australia.—Internet

Preview matches on host South Africa and Mexico; France and Uruguay

YANGON, 10 June—World ranking 83 South Africa and world ranking 17 Mexico will play in their debut of the 2010 World Cup in Soccer City Stadium in South Africa on 11 June.

Both teams faced in their three friendly matches in 1993, 2000 and 2005. Mexico won two matches and one failure but South Africa had one win and two defeats. South Africa has embraced excellent results in recent three friendly matches ahead of the World Cup with the victory over Columbia 2-1, Guatemala 5-0 and Denmark 2-1. Mexico had two win over Gambia 5-1, Italy 2-1 and one loss to Holland 1-2 and its results are also amazed. Due to the home advantage, it is supposed that South Africa can win or draw but failure against the opponent Mexico. Their head-to-head position is as follow:

Head-to-Head Position

6-10-1993	Mexico	4-0	South Africa	Friendly Match
7-6-2000	Mexico	4-2	South Africa	Friendly Match
8-7-2005	South Africa	2-1	Mexico	Friendly Match

France and Uruguay

World ranking 10 France and world ranking 16 Uruguay will face in their debut of World Cup group-A in Cape Town in South Africa on the same day.

Both teams encountered in their two world cup matches and one friendly in 1966, 1985, 2002 and 2008. France had one win, one loss and two draws whereas Uruguay gained one win, one loss and two draws. Uruguay is considered that they are in favour of attacking form but weak in defence. France is supposed that they are in good form of counter attacking. This match is forecast that both teams will finish in a draw.

Head-to-Head Position

15-7-1966	Uruguay	2-1	France	World Cup
21-8-1985	France	2-0	Uruguay	Friendly Match
6-6-2002	France	0-0	Uruguay	World Cup
19-11-2008	France	0-0	Uruguay	Friendly Match

NLM

Nadal speeds to Queen's win

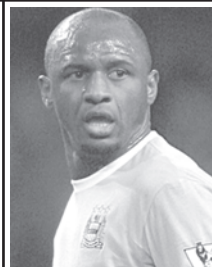
LONDON, 10 June—Rafael Nadal began his preparations for Wimbledon with a routine victory over Marcos Daniel in the second round of the AEGON Championship. The Spaniard showed no signs of a French Open

hangover as he sped to a 6-2, 6-2 success at the Queen's Club.

Nadal, Wimbledon champion back in 2008, brightened up another gloomy day in West London with his 23rd tour win on the bounce in just 53 minutes. Brazilian Daniel, ranked 112th and making his first appearance at Queen's, was simply no match for the Spaniard, but can hold his head up high after winning four games. “It is difficult to adapt but I am happy to be back on grass, it is one of the surfaces I enjoy playing on,” said Nadal.—Internet



Rafael Nadal



Manchester City midfielder Patrick Vieira

Vieira to stay with City

MANCHESTER, 10 June—Manchester City midfielder Patrick Vieira has signed a new deal to keep him at the club for a further year. Vieira moved to Eastlands from Inter Milan during the January transfer window, having previously played under Roberto Mancini in Italy. He initially put pen to paper on a short-term deal until the end of the season but an option was included for City to retain him for another 12 months.

The Frenchman's vast experience proved important as City pushed for European qualification but he struggled at times with his form and fitness.

Internet

Inter to appoint Benitez as manager

MILAN, 10 June — European champions Inter Milan have announced that former Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez has agreed to become their new manager.

The Spaniard will replace Jose Mourinho, who quit to join Real Madrid after leading them to the treble of Italian league, cup and European Champions League.

“We have reached an agreement and we have sorted out the final details, which weren't important things,” Inter president Massimo Moratti told the club's official

Web site on Tuesday. “All that is needed now is a countersignature.”

Internet



Rafael Benitez won the Champions League with Liverpool in 2005 but the team struggled last season.

INTERNET

SPORTS



A pupil displays facial makeup of Peking Opera made by herself at Pancun Primary School in Jiyuan City, central China's Henan Province, 9 June, 2010, to greet the 5th National Cultural Heritage Day which falls on 12 June.—Xinhua

Iranian helicopter crashes, killing four people

TEHRAN, 9 June—An Iranian training helicopter crashed on Wednesday morning near capital Tehran, killing four people, local satellite Press TV reported.

A training helicopter belonging to the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) crashed in north-central Iran, in Semnan Province, while on a training mission, killing four people on board, the report said.

The helicopter belonged to IRGC's Aerospace Unit, Press TV said. IRGC website said that the helicopter crashed due to technical problems without elaborating.—Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (11-6-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions

Times

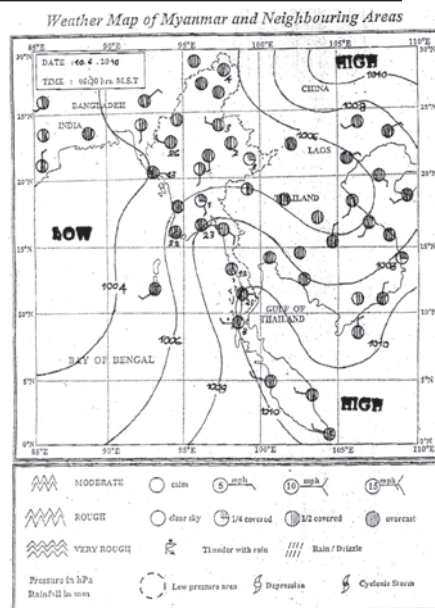
Local - (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (11-6-10 09:30 am ~ 12-6-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Daily Code and Conduct
- * News
- * Shopping Guide (Mr.Kyi & K Decorative Art)
- * Travelling on the Chin Mountain Range
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade and Gem)
- * News
- * Music Gallery

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Daily Code and Conduct
- * News
- * Shopping Guide (Mr.Kyi & K Decorative Art)
- * National Dance
- * Travelling on the Chin Mountain Range
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade and Gem)"
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Exciting Adventurous Journey
- * News
- * Be Fashionable with Myanmar Cotton ware
- * News
- * Documentary "The World's Largest Book"
- * Topic on Journal "One Stop Visit in Myanmar"
- * News
- * Hainggyi Island Battle
- * Milestones of Contemporary Music
- * Myanmar Movies "Great Expectation"



WEATHER

Thursday, 10th June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing Division, widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway and Loilein (2.16) inches each, Zalun (2.13) inches, Shwegyin (1.69) inches and Nyaunglebin (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-6-2010 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 10-6-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-6-2010 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 9-6-2010 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 10-6-2010 was (1.19) inches at Mingaladon, (1.14) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.11) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (19.02) inches at Mingaladon, (19.17) inches at Kaba-Aye and (18.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 9-6-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 11th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Myanmar



Friday, 11 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:15 am

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:30 am

8. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:50 am

11. "အရေးကြီးလို့ပါ"

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Songs Of National Races

4:20 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

4. Songs Of Yester Years

4:35 pm

5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာ၊ အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွား၊ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာအထူးပြုများ) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

4:50 pm

6. Songs to Uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:05 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:20 pm

9. "လယ်ယာစီးပွားဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက် နေမန့်၊ တီးရိုးမြို့နံနံခမ်းမြို့နယ်မြေ"

5:30 pm

10. နိုးသားဖြူစင် ကလေးတို့အသွင်

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ရသစုံလင် အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၉)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)

19. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ချောစုခင်)

20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်

- ဘယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ

- 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

World's oldest leather shoe found in Armenia



The world's oldest leather shoe found in a cave in Armenia.

SCIENCE DAILY, 10 June—A perfectly preserved shoe, 1,000 years older than the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt and 400 years older than Stonehenge in the UK, has been found in a cave in Armenia.

The 5,500 year old shoe, the oldest leather shoe in the world, was discovered by a team of international archaeologists and their findings will publish on 9 June in the online scientific journal PLoS ONE.

The cow-hide shoe dates back to ~3,500 BC (the Chalcolithic period) and is in perfect condition. It was made of a single piece of leather and was shaped to fit the wearer's foot.—Internet

Yenwe Diversion Weir: a facility to develop Sittoung Basin

Article & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*

Nowadays, the government is building dams, diversion weirs and sluice gates one after another with a view to producing paddy and other crops and greening the regions. Yenwe Multi-purpose Dam Project was undertaken as part of the drive for implementing the Sittoung Basin

Development Plan.

Yenwe Dam Project covered the embankment of the dam, the diversion weir, the power station and the irrigated area. Yenwe Multi-purpose Dam Project is located 2.5 miles west of Myochaung Village in (See page 9)



Photo shows the front view of Yenwe Diversion Weir.