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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Russian President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 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 Dimitry A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June 2010.

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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Philippine President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 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 Her Excellency Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on the occasion of the 112th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 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

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attend reception to mark National Day of Russian Federation

YANGON, 11 June—A reception to mark the National Day of the Russian Federation took place at the Embassy of the Russian Federation on Sagawa Road in Dagon Township, here, this evening, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin.

Also present at the reception were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein and wife, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, Ambassadors, Charges d' Affaires ai and Military Attachés of foreign embassies in Yangon, and guests.

On arrival at the reception to mark the National Day of the Russian Federation at 6.50 pm, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife were welcomed by Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Mikhail Mgeladze. Next, they posed for a documentary photo.

The Secretary-1 and those present saluted the flags of both countries.

Later, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation hosted a dinner to those present on the occasion.—*MNA*

***Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail Mgeladze welcomes SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin at the reception to mark National Day of the Russian Federation.*—MNA**

Press Statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on unfounded allegations against Myanmar regarding nuclear programme

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— *Following is a Press Statement issued today by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on unfounded allegations against Myanmar regarding the nuclear programme. The full text of the statement is as follows:-*

In recent days, the international media reported allegations that Myanmar has been attempting to develop a nuclear programme in collaboration with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with an aim to acquire nuclear weapons.

Those reports are merely groundless allegations with political motives to exert pressure on Myanmar.

Moreover, as **these accusations are fallacious information originated from media sources and individuals who are seeking to undermine the national interest of Myanmar, and are also based on a single source of some deserters, fugitives and exiles, the news reports lack reliability, objectivity and impartiality.** Myanmar did not see the need to respond to these groundless accusations as they are totally far from the realities in Myanmar.

Following the adoption of US government's engagement policy towards Myanmar, the US Senator Jim Webb and Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell visited Myanmar and started the engagement process between the two countries.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Rural areas developing in parallel with urban regions

The State is implementing rural development tasks — betterment of road transport, supply of irrigation water and pure drinking water, education promotion, health care promotion and rural economic development.

Better road transport contributes a great deal to regional development, and it also helps increase regional trade. For development of road transport important for the socio-economic growth of rural people, inter-village roads, roads linking urban and rural regions and bridges are being built.

Development affairs groups built more than 30,000 miles of rural roads and over 7,000 rural bridges from 1988 to 2009-2010 financial year. Similarly, they have constructed over 5,000 miles of urban roads and over 3,000 urban bridges.

The 10-year pure drinking water supply project started in 2000-2001 and water supply tasks have been carried out in full swing in more than 8,000 villages of three arid divisions. Moreover, over 15,000 villages of other states and divisions have had access to pure drinking water.

New high school buildings and affiliated high schools are being built in many rural regions. In addition, more station hospitals, wards and rural health centres are being built. In the latest development, a 25-bed people's hospital and No.4 Basic Education High School were opened in Phyaukseikpin village in Kyaukse Township on 10 June.

Nowadays, side by side with the government, local people, wellwishers and donors are actively participating in rural development tasks. So, with smooth and secure transport, rural as well as urban regions have developed significantly.

MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon) to conduct courses

YANGON, 11 June —Computer Science Courses, Engineering Courses and Economics Courses will be conducted by School of ICT, School of Engineering and School of Business Management at MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon).

BSC (Business IT) of University of Greenwich will be available at School of ICT MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon). This course will be opened at 24 June 2010. Students in Yangon may attend Yangon Campus which will be opened at 28 June as day students. Application forms are available.

For further information, contact MCC (Head Office), Building (3-4), Building (c) of Theingyizay on the third floor, Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon (Ph: 245758, 245762, 249152 and 246634) and MCC (Yatanarpon) International Center (3), Yatanarpon Technological Myothit, PyinOoLwin (Ph: 02 78112, 02 78114 and 09 5067165).—*MNA*

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**

Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of felicitations to Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergey V. Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June 2010.

MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Philippine counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—On the occasion of the 112th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Alberto G. Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.—*MNA*

A&I Minister visits frontier education camp in Ayeyawady Div

A&I Minister U Htay Oo meets local farmers at frontion education camp near Marry Lan Village in Ayeyawady Division.

AGRI

YANGON, 11 June—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo on 7 June visited frontier education camp for farmers in Marry Lan Village, Zalun Township, Hinthada District of Ayeyawady Division where he observed activities of Agricultural Extension Human Resources Development Project, which was jointly organized by JICA and Myanma Agriculture Service, and called for boosting agricultural produce.

The minister having heard the reports by an official left necessary instructions.

MNA

Orchid Hotel goes into commercial operation

***Managing Director U Htay Aung of Orchid Hotel unveils signboard of Orchid Hotel.*—MNA**

YANGON, 11 June—At the opening ceremony of Orchid Hotel located at the corner of Anawrahta Street and Botahtaung Pagoda Road in Pazundaung Township yesterday morning, Managing Director U Htay Aung of Orchid Hotel unveiled the signboard.

Member of BOD of CE H National Holding Ltd of Singapore Mr Ee Yong Peng spoke words of thanks.

The hotel has 102 rooms including superior double, twin room, single room, suite, junior suite and executive suite, international cuisine, IDD telephone system, mini-bar and laundry and valet services. Security measures and services have been taken for convenience of visitors.

For further information, dial 399930, 704740 and 293261 of Orchid Hotel.

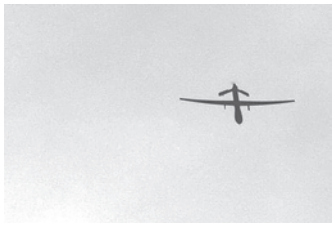
MNA

Death toll in drone strike in N-W Pakistan rises to 15

ISLAMABAD, 11 June—The death toll of the US drone strike in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area reached to 15, whereas 10 others were wounded in the incident on Friday, local TV channels reported.

Local sources said the drone fired four missiles at a house in Datta Khel area, killing four people at the scene and leading to two houses completely destroyed, according to the private *GEO TV* News.

The injured were rushed to a nearby hospital as 11 persons died of wounds later. Several others were in critical condition. The identities of the died have not been known.



A US 'Predator' drone passes overhead at a forward operating base near Kandahar.
XINHUA

Meanwhile, drone flights are still hovering over the areas creating panic among the locals. *—MNA/Xinhua*

Suicide attack hits US convoy, 3 policemen wounded in Iraq's Anbar Province

RAMADI, 11 June— A suicide car bomber struck a US military convoy and three policemen were wounded in a separate bomb attack in Iraq's western province of Anbar on Thursday, a provincial police source said.

The suicide attack took place in the afternoon on the highway near the town of al-Saqlawiyah near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. The attack damaged one of the convoy's vehicles, the source said without giving further details about whether the American soldiers sustained any casualty as the troops cordoned off the scene.

Separately, three policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb struck their patrol in the city of Qaim, near the Iraqi-Syrian border, the source added.*—Xinhua*

NATO supply convoy attacked in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 June—At least one NATO container was set on fire Thursday when unknown militants attacked NATO supply convoy in Balochistan, the Southwestern Province of Pakistan, local media reported.

According to reports some unknown militants attacked a NATO convoy and set a container on fire in Khuzdar, a city of Balochistan Province. No casualty is reported yet. Police has reached the site and started investigation.

This is the second attack on the NATO convoys in Pakistan in this week. Earlier this week at least nine persons were killed and many injured when some unknown militants attacked a NATO supply centre near the federal capital of Islamabad.*—Xinhua*

An Afghan walks in front of a house damaged in a blast during a wedding in Kandahar's Argandab district on 10 June, 2010. Scores were killed when a blast ripped through a wedding party in Kandahar province's Argandab district late Wednesday, killing 40 people and wounding dozens more, officials said. Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman said the explosion was a suicide attack.
INTERNET

Eight killed, 13 wounded in Iraq's two car bomb explosions

BAGHDAD, 11 June— Two cars loaded with explosives on Thursday hit a military checkpoint in Baghdad and a market in northern Salahuddin Province, killing at least 8 people and wounding 13 others in, an Iraqi interior ministry source said.

A suicide bomber drove the bomb-rigged car into the checkpoint of al-Amria District in Baghdad and detonated, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

One leader of local Sahwa, a Sunni paramilitary group that fight against al-Qaida together with the Iraqi government, was among those dead, the source added.

In another attack, also a suicide bomber detonated his booby-trapped car in a market of Tikrit, the capital city of Salahuddin Province, leaving 4 killed and 3 injured.

A witness told *Xinhua* that some shops and buildings near the blast site were badly damaged, local police later imposed a curfew around the market.

Xinhua

Firefighters and security personnel gather near a vehicle damaged in a bomb attack outside a police station in Baghdad's Amil District recently. A suicide bomber drove a car packed with explosives into a crowd of police officers at shift change outside the police station on Sunday, killing four and wounding 12, a source in Iraq's Interior Ministry said.
INTERNET

Policeman killed, 9 wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 11 June— A policeman was killed and nine people wounded in bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq's eastern province of Diyala on Thursday, the police said.

A policeman was killed and three others were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near a police patrol in the town of Qara- Tabba, some 100 km north of Diyala's provincial capital of Baquba, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In separate incident, two Iraqi soldiers were wounded when their vehicle was damaged by a roadside bomb explosion near their convoy while patrolling the village of Maiyah in north of Baquba, which located some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said.

Xinhua

An Afghan policeman stands next to a burning oil tanker hit by a roadside bomb on the Jalalabad-Kabul highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 11 June, 2010. The tanker was part of a NATO supply convoy.
INTERNET

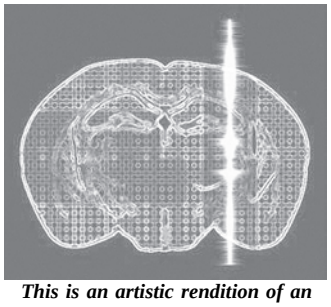
Roadside bombing kills 9, injures 8 in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 11 June— A roadside bomb hit a minibus in southern Afghanistan's restive province of Kandahar on Friday, killing nine civilians and wounding eight others. Zalmay Ayubi, spokesman for the Kandahar provincial government, told *Xinhua* that the incident took place on the highway linking Kandahar and the neighbouring province of Helmand.

Among those killed were four women and three children, said the official, adding that servicemembers of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) rushed to the scene and sent the injured to hospital.

Xinhua

Brain stimulation with ultrasound may enhance cognitive function



This is an artistic rendition of an ultrasound pulse being transmitted into intact brain circuits.

INTERNET

PHOENIX , 11 June— The ability to diagnose and treat brain dysfunction without surgery, may rely on a new method of noninvasive brain stimulation using pulsed ultrasound developed by a team of scientists led by William "Jamie" Tyler, a neuroscientist at Arizona State University.

The approach, published in the journal *Neuron* on 9 June, shows that pulsed ultrasound not only stimulates action potentials in intact motor cortex in mice but it also "elicits motor responses comparable to those only previously achieved with implanted electrodes and related techniques," says Yusuf Tufail, the lead author from ASU's School of Life Sciences.

Other techniques such as transcranial magnetic and deep brain stimulation, electroconvulsive shock therapy and transcranial direct current stimulation are used to treat a range of brain dysfunctions, including epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, chronic pain, coma, dystonia, psychoses and depression. However, most of these approaches suffer from "critical weaknesses," Tyler says, including requirements for surgery, low spatial resolution or genetic manipulations. Optogenetics, for example, is one state-of-the-art technology that merges genes from plants and other organisms with the intact brains of animals to offer control of neural circuitry.—*Internet*

Sharks can really sniff out their prey, and this is how they do it

***New research shows that sharks can detect small delays, no more than half a second long, in the time that odors reach one nostril versus the other.*—INTERNET**

FLORIDA, 11 June — It's no secret that sharks have a keen sense of smell and a remarkable ability to follow their noses through the ocean, right to their next meal. Now, researchers reporting online on 10th June in *Current Biology*, have figured out how the sharks manage to keep themselves on course.

It turns out that sharks can detect small delays, no more than half a second long, in the time that odors reach one nostril versus the other, the researchers report. When the animals experience such a lag, they will turn toward whichever side picked up the scent first.

"The narrow sub-second time window in which this bilateral detection causes the turn response corresponds well with the swimming speed and odor patch dispersal physics of our shark species," known as *Mustelus canis* or the smooth dogfish, said Jayne Gardiner of the University of South Florida. All in all, it means that sharks pick up on a combination of directional cues, based on both odor and flow, to keep themselves oriented and ultimately find what they are looking for.

Internet

Exoplanet caught on the move

ScienceDaily, 11 June—For the first time, astronomers have been able to directly follow the motion of an exoplanet as it moves from one side of its host star to the other. The planet has the smallest orbit so far of all directly imaged exoplanets, lying almost as close to its parent star as Saturn is to the Sun. Scientists believe that it may have formed in a similar way to the giant planets in the Solar System.

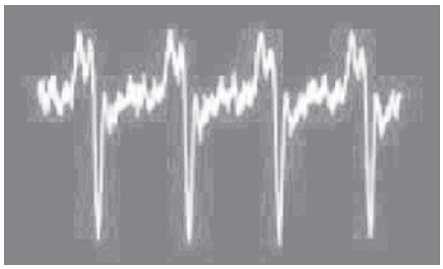
Only 12 million years old, or less than three-thousandths of the age of the Sun, Beta Pictoris is 75% more massive than our parent star. It is located about 60 light-years away towards the constellation of Pictor (the Painter) and is one of the best-known examples of a star surrounded by a dusty debris disc [1]. Earlier observations showed a warp of the disc, a secondary inclined disc and comets falling onto the star.

Internet

'Dark Pulse Laser' Produces Bursts of ... Almost Nothing

COLORADO, 11 June — In an advance that sounds almost Zen, researchers at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and JILA, a joint institute of NIST and the University of Colorado at Boulder, have demonstrated a new type of pulsed laser that excels at not producing light. The new device generates sustained streams of "dark pulses" — repeated dips in light intensity — which is the opposite of the bright bursts in a typical pulsed laser.

Despite its ominous name, the dark pulse laser is envisioned as a tool for benign communications and measurements based on infrared light frequencies. The laser's ultrashort pulses span just 90 picoseconds (trillionths of a second), making the device suitable for measurements on short timescales. Dark pulses might be useful in signal processing because, unlike bright pulses, they generally propagate without distortion. Dark pulses might be used like a camera shutter for a continuous light beam in optical networks.



Colorized trace of pulses from the NIST/JILA "dark pulse" laser, indicating the light output nearly shuts down about every 2.5 nanoseconds.

INTERNET

Described in *Optics Express*, the new NIST/JILA technology is the first to generate dark pulses directly from a semiconductor laser cavity, without electrical or optical shaping of pulses after they are produced. The chip-sized infrared laser generates light from millions of quantum dots (qdots), nanostructured semiconductor materials grown at NIST. Quantum dot lasers are known for unusual behaviour.—*Internet*

Twenty five-day-old lynx kittens, not named yet, are displayed for media at the zoo in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, southern Russia, on 9 June, 2010.

INTERNET

NASA, DLR sign agreement to continue Grace Mission

LOS ANGELES, 11 June—*NASA* and German Aerospace Centre (DLR) signed an agreement on Thursday to extend the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (Grace) mission, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said.

Under the agreement, the mission will continue through the end of its on-orbit life, which is expected in 2015, according to the JPL.

Launched in March 2002, Grace tracks changes in Earth's gravity field by noting minute changes in gravitational pull from local changes in Earth's mass. It does this by measuring changes in the distance between its two identical spacecraft to one-hundredth the width of a human hair.

These spacecraft, developed by NASA's JPL in Pasadena, Calif., are in the same orbit approximately 220 kilometres (137 miles) apart.

"The extension of this successful cooperative mission demonstrates the strength of the NASA-DLR partnership and our commitment to continue working together in this very important area of Earth science," said *NASA* Deputy Administrator Lori Garver.

NASA and DLR signed the original agreement in 1998. The two agencies jointly developed the Grace mission and have cooperated on its operational phase since its launch. For the twin satellite mission, *NASA* provided the instruments and selected satellite components, plus data validation and archiving. DLR provided the primary satellite components, launch services and operations.—*Xinhua*

Science

The skyline of the Egyptian port city of Alexandria overlooking the Saad Zaghlul Plaza in 2007. Egypt wants to make Alexandria its first smoke-free city, hoping it will set an example and persuade the rest of the country whose anti-smoking law is widely ignored to kick the habit.—INTERNET

Men suffers more from failed romance

BEIJING, 11 Jun — Men were most likely to suffer more pains than women when they failed in an unhappy romance, a study in the June issue of the *Journal of Health* and Social Behaviour showed, according to news reports on Friday.

Professor Robin Simon of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, conducted the research of more than 1,000 unmarried men and women in the age range of 18 to 23, *FOX News* reported.

The result showed that contrast to popular belief, it was men who suffered more when a partnership ended.

It showed men had greater emotional benefits when they were happy in their romance and greater mental problems when they were unhappy. Simon suggested that a youth would feel lack of self-confidence when hurt in his poor relationship.

Simon said a possible explanation for the surprising result of the study would be a young man's romantic partner is often his primary source of friendship, while women have closer relations with their family and friends.—*Xinhua*

A Nigerian girl walks past a dismantled makeshift structure where gold was processed by miners, leading to lead poisoning in the village of Yargalm village, Nigeria. Nigeria said on 7 June it had contained an outbreak of lead poisoning linked to illegal gold mining that has left 163 dead, including more than 100 children.—INTERNET

Cuba's prevention against acute hepatitis B achieves success

HAVANA, 11 June— Cuba reported only four cases of acute hepatitis B in 2009, due to the massive and systematic immunization campaigns with the Cuban vaccine Heberbiovac HB, promoted by the national health system, said on Thursday the official daily Granma.

According to the newspaper, the drug produced since the early 90s of the last century by the local Center for Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering allows Cuba to work on the elimination of acute hepatitis B, considered as a serious medical-social problem in the world.

Granma said in 1992, 2,194 people were diagnosed with hepatitis B in the country, 1,344 in 1997, 34 in 2006, 17 in 2007 and 18 in 2008, while last year only four cases were reported, three of which aged between 25 and 59 years old and another one over 65.

The monitoring is done from samples of positive cases of hepatitis, taken for their study to the National Reference Laboratory for Tropical Medicine Institute Pedro Kouri, where the diagnosis is confirmed.

The strategy followed by the Ministry of Public Health, is based on the technical premise of "preventing before getting exposed to the virus." Therefore all children are immunized together with other risk groups.

Nowadays all Cubans under 28 are protected against the disease, the report said.—*Xinhua*

Is it safe to go in the Gulf coast's Water?

WASHINGTON, 11 June — Now that oil and tar balls from the massive Gulf oil spill have begun washing up on the beaches of four states, many are wondering: What, if any, are the health risks to beachgoers and residents of the region?

While the danger to humans may be not nearly as bad as pictures of oil-soaked pelicans would suggest, experts are divided on just how concerned people should be.

Miriam Rotkin-Ellman, a staff scientist with the Natural Resources Defence Council, said beachgoers shouldn't be complacent. Clean-up workers and even some coastal residents, she said, are complaining of symptoms consistent with exposure to the volatile compounds found in oil, including dizziness, nausea, headaches and cough.

Those reports should be taken seriously, Rotkin-Ellman said, who noted that crude oil contains toxic and cancer-causing chemicals.

Internet

Actor Rico Rodgriguez, right, gets a kiss from Minnie Mouse at the premiere of World of Colour water show at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif, on 10 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Short people at higher risk of heart problems

LONDON, 11 June— Short people have a 50 percent 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.

On average, short people were under 161 centimetres (5 feet 3 inches) and tall people were at least 174 centimeters (5 feet 9 inches).—*Internet*

Swimmers should avoid some 500 European beaches, lakes and rivers for health reasons, the European Commission said on Thursday after a survey by the European Environmental Agency(EEA) of nearly 20,000 sites.
INTERNET

Eye exam may someday spot multiple sclerosis

BIRMINGHAM, 11 June— A simple eye test may one day help diagnose multiple sclerosis in its earliest stages and enable researchers to assess the effectiveness of treatments, according to a new study.

The test — optical coherence tomography (OCT) — measures thinning of the retina in people with MS, said researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas. "This technique has the potential to provide a powerful and reliable assessment strategy to measure structural changes in the central nervous system," study co-senior author Dr. Elliot Frohman, professor of neurology and ophthalmology and director of the Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Centre at UT Southwestern, said in a medical center news release. The test may not only be used for diagnostic purposes, but in clinical trials "to monitor whether pote-ntial treatments can prevent deterioration or restore nerve function,"

Internet

Health

China's CPI rises 3.1 pct in May

A woman walks by a sale advertising poster in Beijing, capital of China, on 11 May, 2010.
INTERNET

BEIJING, 11 June— China's consumer price index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, rose 3.1 percent year on year in May, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) announced on Friday.

The May figure was up 0.3 percentage points from April's rise of 2.8 percent. It also surpassed the central government's targeted 3 percent annual inflation limit.

In the first five months, China's CPI rose 2.5 percent year on year.

The producer price index (PPI), a major measure of inflation at the wholesale level, rose 7.1 percent year on year in May, up 0.3 percentage points from April's 6.8 percent.

In May, consumer prices in China's urban areas increased 2.9 percent and in rural regions by 3.3 percent. Food prices, which accounted for about a third of the weighting in calculating the CPI, rose 6.1 percent.

Xinhua

Japan's Mount Fuji rises up behind the skyscraper skyline of Tokyo's Shinjuku area. The country's new government plans to cut corporate tax closer to international norms as it tries to haul Asia's biggest economy out of a long slump, the economy minister said in a report Friday.
INTERNET

Seoul shares close higher on hopes for recovery

SEOUL, 11 June— South Korean stocks closed higher on Friday on hopes for recovery of the global economy.The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) advanced 23.64 points to end at 1,675.34, the highest in nearly one month. Trading volume was moderate at 362.78 million shares, worth 5.3 trillion won (4.2 billion US dollars) with gainers far outnumbering losers 502 to 299.The South Korean won finished at 1,246.1 won to the greenback, up 4.9 won from Thursday's close.

Internet

Vietnam Airlines joins SkyTeam

HANOI, 11 June,— Vietnam's national flag carrier, the Vietnam Airlines, signed an agreement here on Thursday to officially join the SkyTeam global airline alliance, one of the world's three largest alliance.The move demonstrates Vietnam Airlines' active participation in the international aviation industry, said Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, adding that it will help Vietnam Airlines expand business scope and improve customer service.Chairman of Vietnam Airlines Nguyen Si Hung said the move is in line with the globalization of the world economy and meet the diversity of customers' needs of Vietnamese Airlines.Hung expressed his belief that the close cooperation among SkyTeam member airlines will facilitate the expansion of flight network, experience sharing, and application of advanced technologies, thus helping members save costs, improve service quality and enhance their brand recognition and competitiveness.

Xinhua

After decades of stimulus spending and feeble tax receipts, Japan's public debt is now nearly double its gross domestic product, forcing governments to issue ever more bonds to pay for their hefty outlays.—INTERNET

Japan PM warns of Greece-like debt crisis

TOKYO, 11 June—Japan's new prime minister warned on Friday that his country could face a financial mess like that of Greece if it did not deal urgently with its swelling national debt.Naoto Kan, speaking in his first address to Parliament after taking office on Tuesday, said Japan, the world's second-largest economy, cannot continue to let government debt swell while state finances are under pressure from an aging and declining population."It is difficult to sustain a policy that relies too heavily on issuing debt. As we have seen with the financial confusion in the European community stemming from Greece, our finances could collapse if trust in national bonds is lost and growing national debt is left alone," he said.Japan has the largest public debt among industrialized nations at 218.6 percent of its gross domestic product in 2009.

Business

A man buys fruit from a roadside vendor in Beijing. The consumer price index, the main gauge of inflation, rose a surprising 3.1 percent in May compared with the same month last year, the National Bureau of Statistics said.
INTERNET

Indian stocks open higher

MUMBAI, 11 June— Indian main stock index Sensex opened at 16,994.07 points on Friday, 71.99 points higher from previous close of 16,922.08 points.The index gained 146.91 points or 0.87 percent in the early trading session on Friday from on upbeat performance of its peers in surrounding countries.Realty, consumer durables, IT and metal sectors head the growth up 1.52 percent, 1 percent, 0.94 percent and 0.94 percent, respectively.Automaker Mahindra & Mahindra, housing developer DLF, HDFC Bank and copper producer Sterlite Industries picked up 2.33 percent, 2. 3 percent, 1.76 percent and 1.6 percent.On the contrary, Indian top telecom operator Bharti Airtel, Reliance Communications and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation of India dipped 0.96 percent, 0.43 percent and 0.18 percent.Sensex is the common name for the Bombay Stock Exchange Sensitive Index.

Internet

A tough way to economic recovery for Spain

MADRID, 11 June— The Spanish government has taken drastic measures to reduce public spending, aimed at reducing the country's fiscal deficit and public debt. This however has affected the country's economic recovery which was shown in the first four months of this year.May was a dramatic month for the Spanish economy and that forced the government to take drastic decisions.The first week of May saw 61,240 million euros of Spanish equity evaporate, which is more than half of the amount of the rescue package agreed for Greece.Meanwhile, the debt problems in the weaker economies of the Euro Zone reached crisis point on 7 May.

Under pressure from the political institutions, the Central European Bank (CEB) began to buy the sovereign debt of these countries.—*Xinhua*

Countries in process of rebuilding trust, new UN climate chief says

BONN, 11 June—The ongoing session of the UN climate talks here has witnessed progress in rebuilding trust as countries are considering each other's interests, the incoming UN climate chief said Wednesday.

"Yes, there is a deficit of trust (in climate talks), but we are already in the progress of rebuilding trust here as parties are talking to each other in a very respectful tone," Christiana Figueres told *Xinhua* in an interview after an informal talk with other reporters.

The ongoing climate session that runs from on 31 May through on 11 June in the Germany city of Bonn, is "such a trust-building session that it will become a platform from which countries can built into concrete solutions," Figueres said.

The 53-year-old veteran diplomat from Costa Rica is to succeed Yvo de Boer, a Dutchman, as executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) next month. As a negotiator, she has experienced all the ups and downs of UN climate talks over the past 15 years.

The marathon negotiating process involves "so many different interests represented by all countries and usually the way out you could find is a balanced package, which would not meet all needs of everyone but at least meet the basic needs of everyone," she said.

As for China, the largest developing economy in the world, Figueres said she believes that the country "has been definitely a leader, not just recently but 'has been'."

"China has been taking impressive pledges of reducing energy intensity and developing renewable energy. And more importantly, the country is incorporating energy and climate concerns into its growth strategy," she said.—*Xinhua*

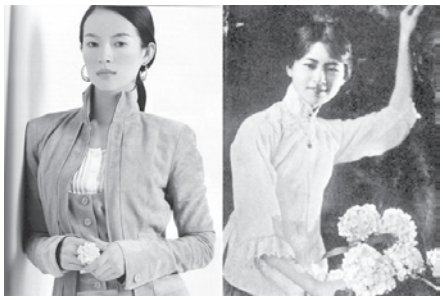
Students with the Art Faculty of Mudanjiang Teachers College work on a piece of Book Engraving Sculpt Artwork, in Mudanjiang City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 10 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Zhang Ziyi to play architect-writer Lin Huiyin

BEIJING, 11 June—Zhang Ziyi's next character will be Lin Huiyin, the first female architect in modern China, the *Qilu Evening News* reports.

The newspaper quoted Dong Zhaohui, whose company, Joy Media, is investing in the film "Lin Huiyin", as saying that Zhang has been cast as Lin and filming is scheduled to begin later this year.

Lin Huiyin (1904-1955), has been widely adored in China for her beauty and achievements in architecture and literature. She ranked first in a survey last year on modern China's most beautiful women. (Zhang Ziyi is the 12th.) Lin and her husband Liang Sicheng were involved in the design of China's national emblem, as well as the Monument to the People's Heroes that now stands in the heart of Beijing's Tian'anmen Square. Award-winning Chinese-American architect Maya Lin is Huiyin's niece.



Actress Zhang Ziyi (left) and architect-writer Lin Huiyin. —XINHUA

Outside of her professional achievements, Lin Huiyin was also known for her friendship with poet Xu Zhimo, who was romantically attracted to Lin.

In the film, Ethan Ruan ("Monga") will play Xu, and Chang Chen ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon") will play Lin's husband, Liang.

Zhang Ziyi is currently working on Gu Changwei's drama "A Tale of Magic", in which she plays an AIDS patient.—*Xinhua*

Jackie Chan admits he used to be bully

BEIJING, 11 June—Chinese superstar Jackie Chan has admitted he used to be a bully in school, and he only quit tormenting other kids after learning martial arts.

While promoting his new movie "The Karate Kid", Chan tells reporters that he picked on his classmates until his dad found out about his bad behaviour and enrolled him in kung fu classes.

Chan says martial arts taught him to help and respect others, and he wants the message to come across in "The Karate Kid".

Still of film "The Karate Kid".
XINHUA

Judging by what his co-star Jaden Smith has to say, Chan has certainly succeeded.

"I think that he is a good mentor for me. He and my dad have a lot of great qualities you know. They are nice, they treat people well. They make great movies. There are things that you need." "The Karate Kid" will be available in Chinese theaters on 22 June.—*Xinhua*

Actress Gong Li (R) and actor John Cusack attend a premiere press conference in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 June, 2010.
XINHUA

Chinese stocks rise slightly on economic data release

BEIJING, 11 June—Chinese equities rose slightly on Friday on strong May economic data, but a slowing economic growth and future uncertainties has left the market cautious on the country's economic development.

The Shanghai Composite Index was up 0.29 percent, or 7.36 points, to close at 2,569.94 points. The Shenzhen Component Index rose 17.11 points, or 0.17 percent, to end at 10,239.33.

Total turnover shrank to 152.66 billion yuan (22.35 billion U.S. dollars) from 167.53 billion yuan on the previous trading day.

Losers outnumbered gainers by 488 to 359 in Shanghai and 572 to 368 in Shenzhen.

Xinhua

A journalist from Brazil watches the paintings on display at the China Farmers' Painting Village, in Jinshan District of Shanghai, east China, on 10 June, 2010. A media inspection group consisting of staff members from mainstream media from Brazil, Mexico, Jamaica and other countries in Latin America set out its trip of inspection of the rural medical and health care situation, and the countryside cultural tours situation at Jinshan District, in the interval of their reporting tour to the 2010 Shanghai World Expo.—XINHUA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June 2010.—*MNA*

Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Philippine President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on the occasion of the 112th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2010.—*MNA*

Terrameter and pipes donated to DWRU

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo views Terrameter and pipes donated by Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Level Fund of Japan.—A&I

YANGON, 11 June—Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Level Fund of Japan in cooperation with ADRA Myanmar donated one set of Terrameter and 1000 pieces of 5.8 metres long and four inches diameter Tokyo PVC Pipes to the Department of Water Resources Utilization under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at the hall of Irrigation Department, here, on 7 June evening.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo delivered an address on the occasion.

Charge d' Affaires ai of the Japanese Embassy Mr Kazuyuki Takeuchi made a speech. The Country Director of ADRA Myanmar explained the purpose of donation and handed over the documents related to the donation to the minister.

Next, the minister and party viewed the Terrameter and the Pipes to be used in underground water tapping projects in Meiktila-Thazi Zone, Pyawbwe Zone and Natogyi Zone. — *MNA*

UEC Chairman meets division/district election subcommissions in Yangon Division

YANGON, 11 June — Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe met members of Yangon Division/ District Election Subcommissions at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council here, this morning.

First, UEC Chairman U Thein Soe made an opening address.

Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Election Subcommission U Ko Ko explained tasks carried out for electoral process.

Then Chairman of Yangon East District Election Subcommission U Khin Maung Kyaw, Chairman of Yangon West District Election Subcommission U Aung Myo Myint, Chairman of Yangon South District Election Subcommission U Myat Soe and Chairman of Yangon North District Election Subcommission U Aung Khaing reported on their respective works carried out for electoral process.

The meeting came to end with concluding remarks by the UEC Chairman.

Next, the UEC Chairman and party inspected demonstration on polling station at the subcommission office in Bawga Ward of Kyimyindine Township and keeping the eligible voter list and ballot list in the computer at No. (3) Basic Education Department.—*MNA*

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe meets members of Yangon Division/District Election Subcommissions.—MNA

Press Statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on unfounded allegations against Myanmar regarding nuclear programme

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At a time of resumption of engagement between Myanmar and the US, those unfounded allegations were made up by the anti-government elements in collaboration with news media with political purpose in a timely manner. Besides it was also an attempt to tarnish the image of the Myanmar government and to disrupt its on-going political process at a time when the government is exerting all out efforts to holding general elections for democratic transformation. As a result of surfacing of those allegations, Senator Jim Webb who was scheduled to visit Myanmar in early June has postponed his planned visit.

Being a member of the United Nations, Myanmar always respects and abides by resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations. Moreover, it has been actively participating in the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva as a founding member of the Conference.

Myanmar is also a party to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) and has signed the Safeguard Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 1995. At the regional level, Myanmar as a member of ASEAN, acceded to the Treaty on Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone.

In its drive for the advancement of science and technology and the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purpose in health and education sectors, Myanmar had had an agreement with Russia for the construction of a 10-Megawatt Nuclear Research Reactor, in addition to sending trainees to other countries including Russia. However, the plan was suspended without implementation due to inadequacy of resources and the government's concern for misunderstanding it my cause among international community. In fact, that project was arranged to be implemented under the Safeguard Agreement of IAEA.

It is necessary to view separately with a clear differentiation between peaceful use of nuclear energy and production of nuclear weapons.

Myanmar has all along supported the legitimate rights of every state to the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. While supporting non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, Myanmar supports the principles of non-politicizing the NPT and non-discrimination against developing countries in the NPT implementation.

Myanmar has constantly contributed to regional peace and stability in collaboration with ASEAN member countries. Myanmar will never engage in activities that would affect regional peace and stability.

Exerting pressure on Myanmar based on groundless nuclear accusations and making allegations with political intent to intervene in the internal affairs or with geopolitical strategic purpose will in no way contribute to the regional and international peace and stability.

Myanmar is just a developing country which lacks sufficient infrastructures, technology and financial resources to make nuclear weapons. Some experts concluded that Myanmar is not in a position to make nuclear weapons.

Based on these facts, it is reiterated that the allegations of Myanmar trying to develop nuclear weapons are unfounded and no efforts have been made to do so.

Myanmar only wants peace and has no ambition to become a nuclear power state.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw

Press Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Myanmar's relations with Democratic People's Republic of Korea

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When North Korean cargo ship started sailing from the port of DPRK, no inspection was made by any party along the way although there were ample opportunities for inspections of the vessel. One should not prejudge and make irresponsible accusations that the ship was loaded with weapons and heading towards Myanmar before no one could know for sure of its destination.

Myanmar has been maintaining relations with DPRK in the same way as it has been trying to maintain friendly relations with every nation.

Some countries raised accusations on Myanmar's trade activities with DPRK as violating the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolution 1874. However they are groundless. Myanmar Port Authorities had conducted necessary inspection on North Korean ships and gave permission to berth in accordance the rules and regulations.

Being a member of the United Nations, Myanmar will continue to observe the UNSC resolutions.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw

Al Jazeera airs incorrect news report saying Myanmar trying to possess…

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provided by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) which was formed by the US in 1983. **The US Congress is providing funds annually to NED. In reality, DVB is operating with NED aids. US Senator Jim Webb in his letter submitted to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated that the said accusation was broadcast by US-funded DVB. DVB is a news agency manufacturing slanderous news reports against Myanmar. It is a killer broadcasting station that is hateching evil plots and sowing hatred between Myanmar and the international community and among the Myanmar national people.**

Deserter Sai Thein Win

Fugitive Aung Lin Htut

According to the exposition of the deserter and fugitive stated in the press statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the unfounded allegations against Myanmar regarding the nuclear programme, they are deserter Captain Sai Thein Win and fugitive retired Major Aung Lin Htut.

Deserter Sai Thein Win was born of U Sai Than Myint and Daw Nan Mon Hsa of Kyaukme. He was appointed as a military gazetted officer on 11 April 1999. He was promoted to the rank of captain on 11 April 2002. He obtained an MSc (Power Engineering) from Bouman Moscow State Technical University of Russia in 2004 and failed a PhD entrance examination. He is just a captain. He has been a deserter since he was absent without leave starting 28 February 2010. **It is found that although he was a captain in service, he said himself he was Major Sai Thein Win in broadcasts by pretending to be a major wearing insignia of the rank of major when he joined anti-government organizations. As he is not only a deserter but also an offender having committed other crimes, plans are under way to take action against him.**

Fugitive Aung Lin Htut was born to U Aye Kyaw and Daw Khin Kyi of No.26, 114th Street, Ayogon, Tamway Township, Yangon. He was appointed as a military gazetted officer on 26 January 1978. He was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 29 September 1999 and he retired from the military service on 20 June 2000. He was declared fugitive on 20 May 2005 after a lawsuit had been filed against him at Yangon Division Court under section-3 of 1963 public property protection law/ code of criminal procedure section-512 for mis- appropriating a State budget worth US$ 4525 while serving as Minister Counselor at Myanmar Embassy in Washington, the United States, section-124(A) of state discrediting law/code of criminal procedure section-512 and section-5(J) of 1950 emergency act/code of criminal procedure section-512 for affecting State security and law and order. Moreover, he was declared fugitive after he had been filed by Special Intelligence Department at Yangon East District Court under section-122(2) of criminal law/code of criminal procedure section-512 for high treason.

Although the above-mentioned deserter and fugitive made slanderous accusations in order to harm the interests of Myanmar, no authorities concerned detained or arrested their family members. There have been remarks among the people who have viewed the broadcasts of *Al Jazeera* that the said deserter and fugitive are being used by destructionists for money and that they should not have made such slanderous accusations in their own interests.— *MNA*

Myanmar-Vietnam Tourism Promotion Seminar held

YANGON, 11 June— Myanmar-Vietnam Tourism Promotion Seminar took place at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, today.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and officials, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung, Chairman of Vietnam Tourism Industry Mr Nguyen Van Tuan and Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe attended the seminar, discussing cooperation on promotion of bilateral tourism industry.

The minister made an opening speech and the chairman of Vietnam Tourism Industry extended greetings.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam signed the agreements on tourism cooperation.

Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism clarified on investment opportunities in Myanmar tourism industry, and Deputy Director-General Mr Dinh Ngoc Duc of Vietnam Tourism Administration, General Manager Mr Gao Xuan Phu of Vietnamese airline and Senior Vice President Mr Dao Le Nguyen of Investment and Development Bank on facts about Vietnamese tourism sector.

MNA

***Hotels and Tourism Minister U Soe Naing attends contracts signing ceremony for tourism cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam.*—MNA**

Mexican president demands justice for Mexicans killed by US border patrol

MEXICO, 11 June—Mexico's President Felipe Calderon on Thursday called for justice for two Mexicans killed by US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP).

"The Mexican government is worried and deeply indignant as a result of the death of two compatriots at the hands of the US Customs and Border Patrol," Calderon said in a statement.

Mexican media have given detailed coverage to the deaths of Anastasio Hernandez Rojas, who died of multiple electric shocks delivered via a Taser-brand stun gun, when US CBP officers were trying to deport him.

"The second case is something we find particularly grievous, because it is that of a minor," the president said. "Sergio Adrian Hernandez was killed by gunfire when he was still in our own territory in Cuidad Juarez," he added. Calderon said that Mexico is demanding a deep, impartial and objective investigation that ends with a clarification of the events and punishment of the guilty.

"We are worried by this increase of violence against Mexicans, which coincides with other anti-migrant and anti-Mexican statements in the United States," Calderon said.

"We also want to establish objective and trustworthy protocols in the application of laws to avoid these unacceptable deaths which are due, among other things, to abuse of force against Mexican migrants," Calderon concluded.

Xinhua

The opening ceremony of the 4th China International Private Equity Forum is held in north China's Tianjin Municipality on 10 June, 2010. The forum provides introduction services between around 500 investment institutions and 1,500 companies from home and abroad.—XINHUA

A boy plays the role of a bullfighter during a performance at the Madrid Case Pavilion of Urban Best Practices Area (UBPA) at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 10 June, 2010.— XINHUA

HK Customs seizes computer hard disks

HONG KONG, 11 June—Hong Kong Customs officers Thursday conducted an anti-smuggling operation codenamed " Chainrunner" against speedboat smuggling activities in Sai Kung, the New Territories and seized a batch of computer hard disks worth about 770,000 HK dollars and a light goods vehicle.

Based on intelligence analysis, officers of the Customs' Marine Enforcement Group kept surveillance on smuggling activities in Sai Kung and conducted a raid in the waters off Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung, in the early morning on Thursday.

It was found that a smuggling syndicate was conveying goods to Sai Kung seashore in a light goods vehicle and unloading the goods onto speedboats for smuggling into the Chinese Mainland. The officers seized some 1,470 hard disks on the vehicle. No arrest was made in the operation.

Under the Hong Kong Import and Export Ordinance, smuggling is a serious offense. The maximum penalty is a fine of 2 million HK dollars and imprisonment for seven years. (7.794 HK dollars = 1 US dollar)—*Xinhua*

Two Britons killed in S Africa bus crash

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—Two British tourists were killed and 21 injured in a bus crash in a mountainous part of northeast South Africa on Thursday, the eve of the continent's first World Cup.

Xinhua

HK police seizes cocaine worth 61 mln HKD

HONG KONG, 11 June—Hong Kong police seized about 70 kilograms of cocaine worth about 61 million Hong Kong dollars (7.8 million US dollars) and arrested three suspects on Wednesday.

The police found the cocaine in the boxes on an iron trolley in the district of Wong Tai Sin and arrested two young men, aged 20 and 17, who were with the trolley.

Another 24-year-old man, suspected of connecting to the case, was arrested later.

The three suspects will be charged with trafficking in dangerous drugs, said the police.

Hong Kong police performed a strong hit of drug trafficking in April, seizing the cocaine with a worth of about 300 million Hong Kong dollars. (1 US dollar is equivalent to 7.789 Hong Kong dollars)

Xinhua

A model presents a creation from Iodice's Summer 2010/11 collection during the Sao Paulo Fashion Week on 10 June, 2010.
XINHUA

Light plane with 8 people aboard disappears in Peru

LIMA, 11 June—A light plane with two crew members and six passengers disappeared on Thursday, the Peruvian Corporation of Airports and Commercial Aviation (Corpac) reported. The plane, of a tourist company, took off at 7:15 am local time (1215 GMT) to fly over the famous and enigmatic Nazca Lines, and it should have returned to the Marie Reiche Airport one hour later.

According to the Corpac, the alert has been issued and other planes have gone to look for the missing plane.

Meanwhile, sources of Nazca airport said the pilot did not make contact with the control tower to report a problem. The zone where the plane was lost, is one of the main tourist attrac-tions of the country, together with the Inca city of Machu Picchu.

On Feb. 25, a plane with seven people aboard crashed when it was flying over the Nazca Lines, there were no survivors. Due to this accident, the Civil Aviation authorities prohibited the flights of light planes of more than 30 years old in Nazca airport and demanded each flight to have a pilot and copilot.—*Xinhua*

Somali pirates release British-flagged ship

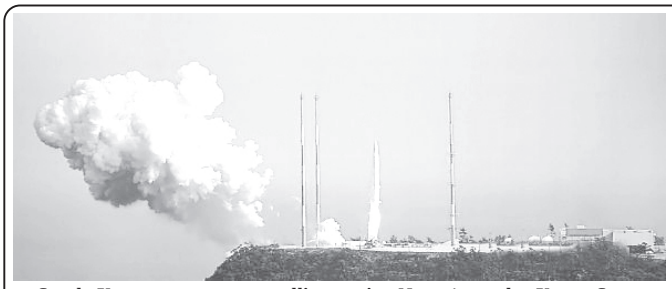
NAIROBI, 11 June—Somali pirates have released the British-flagged Asian Glory ship with 25 crew members onboard, both EU anti-piracy mission and a regional maritime official confirmed on Friday.

EU Naval Force spokesman John Harbour said the MV Asian Glory, with deadweight of 13.36 metric tonnes, was hijacked late in the afternoon on 1 Jan approximately 900 nautical miles north of the Seychelles and 600 miles east of the Somali coast.

"On 11 June, a ransom drop was made to the pirate group holding the merchant vessel MV Asian Glory at anchor in the vicinity of Garacad on the eastern coast of Somalia," Harbour said late Friday. The ship which has a crew of 25, including eight Bulgarian, 10 Ukrainians, five Indians, and two Romanian, was transiting North West towards the International Recommended Transiting Corridor when it was hijacked.

"The ship is free and all 25 crew members are safe. The MV Glory Asian was the first vessel to be hijacked this year," Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP) told *Xinhua* by telephone from Mombasa.

The pirates reportedly demanded 15 million US dollars in ransom. The figure was the insurance of the ship and the value of the cargo, all vehicles included.—*Xinhua*



South Korean two-stage satellite-carrier Naro-1, or the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), lifts off from the Naro Space Centre in South Jeolla Province, about 485 kilometres south of Seoul, South Korea, on 10 June, 2010. South Korea launched Naro-1, a locally assembled space rocket Thursday, but contact with the rocket was lost only 137 seconds after the takeoff. —XINHUA

S Korean space rocket might have exploded

SEOUL, 11 June— South Korea's locally assembled space rocket, which crashed after reaching the altitude of 70 km, might have exploded, Seoul's science minister Ahn Byung-man told reporters. The two-stage satellite-carrier Naro-1, or the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), lifted off from the Naro Space Centre in South Jeolla Province, about 485 kilometres south of Seoul, at 5:01 pm local time (0801 GMT), but contact with it was lost 137 seconds after the takeoff.

The minister offered an apology to the public over botching up the ambitious project, but said the country will continue its efforts to better the technology. The launch of the 140-ton rocket, made with the help of Russian experts, came a day after a technical problem with firefighting equipment delayed the initially planned blastoff. South Korea has put 502.5 billion won (404.5 million US dollars) into developing the Naro1.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Teenage girl sailor missing on solo voyage around world

BEIJING, 11 June—Californian Abby Sunderland, 16, who is sailing around the world solo for about six months, went missing in the Indian Ocean, US media reported on Thursday.

Her family said on Thursday that Abby was repeatedly knocked down in 60 knot-winds at about 3:45 in the morning, 3,218 km east of Madagascar. An hour later, the US coast guard notified them that two emergency satellite beacons on her yacht, Wild Eyes, had been activated.

Rescue boats had been despatched towards the region of the southern Indian Ocean where a signal was activated on board her yacht, but the estimated journey time would be almost two days.

Xinhua

The undated photo shows Abby Sunderland and her yacht, Wild Eyes, in Mexico.

XINHUA

Chinese, Russian Presidents discuss deeper cooperation

BEIJING, 11 June— Chinese President Hu Jintao has met with his Russian counterpart Dmitri Medvedev, and his Tajik counterpart, Emomali Rakhmon, in Uzbekistan's capital city of Tashkent. The meetings were held on the sidelines of the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

This is the third meeting so far this year for Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Russian counterpart Dmitri Medvedev.

President Hu noted there had been all-round progress in China-Russia relations in the first half of this year. He said the two countries should make good on arrangements for high-level contacts, including Medvedev's visit to China and the regular meeting of prime ministers of the two countries.

Xinhua

Rare tiger eats three of four cubs

A Siberian tiger in a central China zoo has eaten three of her own cubs days after they were born.

The tiger named Xiuxiu gave birth to four cubs on 28 May, and keepers moved the new mom and her babies to a private cage screened with curtains in Wuhan City Zoo, China National Radio reported today.

But on 2 June, keepers found the first tiger cub missing. Though security was immediately enhanced, two more cubs went missing without anyone seeing or hearing anything strange in the cage.

Zoo engineer Du Youshun said he found bloodstains in the cage. He said it was normal for tigers to eat their babies when they felt they couldn't feed so many cubs.

Du said it was also possible that the cubs smelled like humans and the mother just followed her predatory instinct to eat anything that smelled foreign. Tigers will kill any cubs that are not their own if they can, and usually eat them to reduce competition, he added.

The remaining cub was moved from the cage to avoid more tragedy. A dog has now adopted it as its foster mother.

A Siberian tiger is shown in this file photo taken in Nanshan Park in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province.

News Album

Cave-ins found in many areas of China

Man arrested in Ga in car he'd reported stolen

Police arrested a 24-year-old man they said was found driving his car after he'd reported it stolen. Officers at the Floyd County Jail said on Wednesday that Ryan Lance Roland, who was arrested Saturday, was still in jail after being granted bond of $2,700 on charges of false report of a crime and driving under the influence.

Police said Roland, who was staying at a motel, had told officers someone had entered his room when he was out and his car had been stolen.

Officers watched for the 2001 Acura Integra on the road and spotted it — with Roland behind the wheel.

Roland was jailed after an alcohol test. Police said he told them a friend had borrowed the car but failed to return it when promised.

Cave-ins found in many areas of China

The sink-hole in Guangxi is just one of many such cases in China since late April.

In Changning County of Sichuan Province, 26 pits formed within a week beginning on 27th April. The largest is 40 metres in diameter and 40 metres deep. Five nearby homes were evacuated. People say they heard the sound of flowing water in some sink-holes.

Several were also found in Sichuan's Yibin. A ground subsidence formed a pit of more than 400 square metres in Guangdong Province's Meizhou city. Similar incidents have been reported in Zhejiang and Gansu Provinces.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (031)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (031) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 12.6.2010 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 ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SEA DRAGON VOY NO (06)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA DRAGON VOY NO (06) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 13.6.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO. LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV TAN BINH VOY NO (36)

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S TAN BIN CO. LTD

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

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Four severed heads found in Guatemala City

LONDON, 11 June — Four severed heads and two beheaded bodies have been found in the capital of Guatemala. The bodies were left in the open around Guatemala City, including in front of Congress and at a shopping centre. Messages to the interior minister and the director of prisons were pinned to them, leading police to blame drug gangs for the killings.

So far only two bodies have been found and none of the victims have been identified. Interior Minister Carlos Menocal said the first head was found in front of Congress, the second at a shopping centre, another in front of a fire station and the fourth in a residential neighbourhood. Police spokesman Donald Gonzalez said the killings were linked to drugs, and came after a string of arrests of alleged high-profile drug traffickers. — *Internet*

***One of the heads was found in front of the Guatemalan Congress .*— INTERNET**

***Aerial view of Siachen Glacier, of Jammu, India.*— INTERNET**

Trapped man almost cut arm off

HARTFORD, 11 June — A man trapped for at least three days with his arm stuck in his furnace has cut his own arm nearly off because of a spreading infection. Dr Scott Ellner of St Francis Hospital and Medical Centre in Hartford, Connecticut said today that Jonathan Metz used his own tools to cut through his arm near the shoulder after smelling dead tissue.

He said Mr Metz likely saved his own life, but must have been in indescribable pain. Mr Metz's arm became trapped as he worked on the furnace on Monday. He drifted in and out of consciousness and managed to drink some water that leaked out of the boiler onto the floor, but his arm became infected by the second day.

He attempted the amputation Wednesday, but still couldn't free himself. He was rescued Thursday after friends noticed he was missing. Firefighters ripped apart the furnace with heavy tools to get him out. Dr Ellner says Mr Metz fashioned his own tourniquet and drank water from the furnace.— *Internet*

Changi Airport offers mail service for prohibited items

SINGAPORE, 11 June—Singapore's Changi Airport said on Thursday that it has launched a trial service to provide departing passengers with an option to post their hand-carried items such as liquids, aerosols and gels, which are disallowed on board aircraft.

The service gives passengers a solution to "save" disallowed hand-carried items which they did not check in, the airport said in a statement.

These are typical items with sentimental or high commercial value such as perfumes, liquid cosmetics (of more than 100 millilitre), Swiss knives, grooming kits with scissors/clippers, etc. which would otherwise be confiscated at pre-flight screening checks.

The two-month trial will offer post service to passengers who wish to post prohibited hand-carried items to an address in Singapore or overseas.

Items to be posted have to fit in either of two standard speedpost envelope sizes and there is a 200 millilitre limit on liquids. Deliveries within Singapore are charged a flat fee of 10 Singapore dollars (about 7.1 US dollars) per package, regardless of size. For overseas addresses, charges vary according to the region of the mailing address and the envelope size.

MNA/Xinhua

Shrinking glaciers to spark food shortages

DUBAI, 11 June — Nearly 60 million people living around the Himalayas will suffer food shortages in the coming decades as glaciers shrink and the water sources for crops dry up, a study said on Thursday.

But Dutch scientists writing in the journal *Science* concluded the impact would be much less than previously estimated a few years ago by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The UN report in 2007 warned that hundred of millions of people were at risk from disappearing glaciers. The reason for the discrepancy, scientists said, is that some basins surrounding the Himalayas depend more on rainfall than melting glaciers for their water sources.— *Internet*

Drug cartel leader captured in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 11 June — The alleged leader of a regional branch of the Los Zetas drug cartel was arrested by the Mexican Army on Wednesday, Mexico's state news agency *Notimex* reported. Hector Raul Luna Luna, known by the alias "El Tori" was arrested during a "precision operation" by the personnel of the Seventh Military Zone in Monterrey, in northern Mexico, the agency said.

The military command said that Luna confessed to participating in a grenade attack on the US Consulate in Monterrey on 12 October, 2008, under the orders of Sigifredo Najera Talamantes, alias "El Canicon" who was arrested on 20 March of last year, Notimex reported.

There is also evidence that Luna was responsible for killing six members of the Mexican Army and was the perpetrator of an attack against the secretariat of public security in the municipality of Escobedo, in Coahuila state, near the Texas border, and the subsequent attack on the then-secretary of public safety, retired general Hermelindo Lara Cruz.— *Internet*

Rain brings freshness to ancient town

BEIJING, 11 June—Heavy rain has brought floods to the ancient town of Fenghuang in Hunan Province. But the rain also left a fresh scent in the air, giving visitors a fresh view of this ancient town.

The raging Tuojiang River crested its banks and flowed through ancient Fenghuang town, forcing many hotels and bars to close. In the hardest hit area, people wadded through water up to their knees.

However, the heavy rain did not keep visitors away. Along the alleys and streets, people enjoyed the rain-dampened scenery and savored the fresh flavour brought by the rain.

A visitor said, "I was worried the rain would affect our schedule. But I'm surprised. All the scenic sites are open as usual and we had a lot of fun. The rain didn't affect us at all."

Work crews were immediately organized to clear away the mud and the tourist sites looked as if the rain had never come.

Water near the northern port is one meter higher but the roaring river leaves visitors undaunted.

A visitor said, "I've been to Tuojiang river several times. But at this time, the river is broader and the views are clearer. The whole feeling is quite different."

Xinhua

Torrential water flow of the Tuojiang River surges up and inundates part of the street, at Fenghuang County, central China's Hunan Province, on 8 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Ecuador launches higher alert for Volcano eruption

QUITO, 11 June—The mayor of Penipe locality, Fausto Chunata, said on Thursday that the city has issued an orange alert at the high risk zones due to the eruptive activities of Tungurahua Volcano, in Central Ecuador.

"The alert went higher from yellow to orange for taking more precise actions due to a possible eruption," Chunata said. The danger level increased in the small villages under the jurisdiction of Bilbao, Puela, El Altar and Guano, in Chimborazo Province, affecting some 500 families.

"In the areas with orange alert live some 500 families, each one with three members average, which will be evacuated during the night," the Emergencies Operation Centre (COE) said. The people have begun to be evacuated on Wednesday with the help of the rescue teams, policemen and soldiers, Chunata said.

"The children, elders and disable people cannot return to their houses as long as the current situation continues. The public forces keep control of all the accesses to allow the entrance of authorized people, who have to leave the place before 5:00 pm local time," Chunata added.

The Tungurahua Volcano began its eruptive process in 1999 and reached its peak in 2006, when it killed six people in a village of Chimborazo.

This volcano is of 5,029 metres high over the sea level and has a high activity according to the Geophysics Institute (IG) in its last report. —*Xinhua*

Moderate earthquake hits N Philippines

MANILA, 11 June—An earthquake meas-uring 5.2 on the Richter scale rocked parts of Luzon province in northern Philippines on Friday, but no casualty or damage was initially reported.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) said the quake was recorded at 10:25 am, with the epicenter traced to 130 km southwest of Laoag City in Ilocos Norte Procvince.—*Xinhua*

Endangered crocodiles hatched in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 11 June—Conservationists in Cambodia are celebrating the hatching of a clutch of eggs from one of the world's most critically endangered animals, the Siamese crocodile.

Thirteen infants crawled out of their shells over the weekend in a remote part of the Cardamom Mountains in southwestern Cambodia, following a weekslong vigil by researchers who found them in the jungle.

Experts believe as few as 250 Siamese crocodiles are left in the wild, almost all of them in Cambodia but with a few spread between Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam and possibly Thailand.

The operation to protect and hatch the eggs was mounted by United Kingdom-based Fauna and Flora International, for whom conservation of this once-abundant species is a key programme.

Xinhua

This 20 May, 2010 photo released by Fauna and Flora International shows baby Siamese crocodiles after hatching in a remote part of the Caradamon Mountains in Cambodia. Thirteen baby Siamese crocodiles crawled out of their shells over the weekend following a weeks long vigil by researchers who found them in the jungle. Experts believe as few as 250 Siamese crocodiles are left in the wild, almost all of them in Cambodia but with a few spread between Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam and possibly Thailand.—INTERNET

Tungurahua volcano erupts in Cotalo, some 170km south west from Ecuador's capital Quito, on 29 May, 2010. —XINHUA

CDC Warns of Ecstasy Overdose 'Clusters' at Rave Events

HURSDAY, 11 June—What seems like a carefree night of revelry at a "rave" can quickly turn tragic when the club drug ecstasy is involved, finds a new report on one such event from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Bad reactions to ecstasy, in some cases mixed with alcohol or other drugs, were implicated in one death and 18 hospitalizations among people attending a 2010 New Year's Eve rave in Los Angeles, according to the report.

The rave — an all night dance party — was attended by about 45,000 people and held at a facility jointly owned by the city of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and the state of California.

Ecstasy — an illegal synthetic amphetamine also known by its chemical acronym MDMA — "can be a very dangerous drug and occasionally people die, usually from a hyperthermic state with muscle breakdown and kidney failure," noted Dr James Garbutt, a professor of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who was not involved in the report.

Ecstasy use may be increasing and there is a sense among some partygoers that the drug is safe, he added. However, this report — like others before it — shows that the danger is real and "educating young folks in a realistic way about risks may help to reduce use," Garbutt said.

Internet

World Cup opening ceremony with happy noise

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—The first World Cup ever held in Africa opened Friday in a dazzling burst of joy, color and noise — and just a tinge of sadness.

Before a jubilant, horn-blowing crowd in Soccer City, the spectacular stadium between Johannesburg and Soweto, hundreds of African dancers in vivid greens, reds and yellows paraded onto the field for the opening ceremony of the monthlong tournament.

Most of the fans were in the yellow jerseys of Bafana Bafana, the host country's team, with a few pockets of green — fans of Mexico, South Africa's foe in the opening match.—*Internet*

***Nigerian singer Fela Kuti, center, performs during the opening ceremony.*—INTERNET**

Mexico fight back to draw with South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—Hosts South Africa almost got a dream start to their World Cup finals campaign on Friday before being held to a 1-1 draw by Mexico in the opening match after Barcelona midfielder Rafael Marquez struck with a late equaliser for the Mexicans.

South Africa had looked to be on course for a surprise win thanks to Siphiwe Tshabalala's superb 55th minute strike but it was cancelled out by Marquez.—*Internet*

South Africa's Siphiwe Tshabalala scores.
INTERNET

France 0 - 0 Uruguay

Shakira, Peas & Keys Perform at World Cup Concert

JAOHNNESBURG, 11 June—The world came to Soweto on Thursday for a celebration of soccer, music and unity on the eve of Africa's first World Cup, with a concert featuring international headliners Shakira, the Black Eyed Peas and Alicia Keys. Warm-up acts played for hours before the internationally televised portion of the concert at Orlando Stadium began at 8 pm with a frenzy of flag waving, drumming and African-inspired dancing.

Veteran South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela took the stage with "Grazin' in the Grass" a No. 1 international hit in 1968. He was quickly joined by a new South African star, Lira, who covered the late Miriam Makeba's "Pata Pata", another worldwide hit that originated in South Africa. The Black Eyed Peas were next with a slick medley of their hits, then it was back to Africa, with the blind duo Amadou & Mariam of Mali and their sinuous, driving sound.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Drogba: Fitness race

Sven eases Drogba doubts

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—Sven-Goran Eriksson believes Didier Drogba could be fit for the Ivory Coast's World Cup opener. The Elephants saw their pre-tournament preparations rocked when their talismanic striker broke his arm in a warm-up fixture.

His absence would be keenly felt by Ivory Coast, with the weight of goalscoring expectation placed squarely on Drogba's shoulders. With the Africans having also been drawn alongside Brazil, Portugal and North Korea in the so-called 'Group of Death', it is vital they have their top stars available. Drogba slips into that category and his involvement is imperative if Ivory Coast are to progress to the knockout stages.—*Internet*

England coach has selected side to face USA

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—Fabio Capello has selected his starting XI for England's opening World Cup clash with USA on Saturday in Rustenburg. The Three Lions boss confirmed that he has chosen who will start in goal, with David James, Joe Hart and Rob Green all battling to get the nod.

With captain Rio Ferdinand ruled out of the tournament after suffering a knee injury in the very first training session, Capello has decided who will partner John Terry in central defence.—*Internet*

Capello: Knows his starting XI

Preview matches on South Korea Vs Greece, Argentina Vs Nigeria and England Vs USA on 12 June

YANGON, 11 June—World ranking 47 South Korea and world ranking 13 Greece are going to play their debut of the Group-B of the 2010 World Cup in Nelsan Mandela Bay in South Africa on Saturday.

Both teams never faced in their head-to-head position of previous matches. In comparison with the last three matches of both teams, South Korea embraced one win and two failures while Greece held two losses and one draw in the friendly matches. Greece's results of the last three friendly matches were not so encouraging and their defence was found not better than the previous organized defence and moreover, midfielders are getting older. South Korean is in the pole position of the stamina, skills and tactics in Asia.This match is likely to finish in a draw.

Results in the latest three matches of South Korea

24-5-2010	Japan	0-2	South Korea	Friendly Match
30-5-2010	Belarus	1-0	South Korea	Friendly Match
3-6-2010	Spain	1-0	South Korea	Friendly Match

Results in the latest three matches of Greece

3-3-2010	Greece	0-2	Senegal	Friendly Match
25-5-2010	Greece	2-2	North Korea	Friendly Match
2-6-2010	Greece	0-2	Paraguay	Friendly Match

Argentina Vs Nigeria

World ranking 7 Argentina, who are one of the teams of champion favourites, and world ranking 21 Nigeria (Super Eagle), one of top teams in African continent, will play their first match of the group-B of the 2010 World Cup in Ellis Park in South Africa on the same day.

Both teams faced three matches in their head-to-head positions in 1994, 1995 and 2002. Argentina won two matches and drew one whereas Nigeria had two losses and one draw. When the results of the friendly matches of both teams ahead of the 2010 World Cup are reviewed, their preparations are satisfactory. Argentina was teamed up with most of the world top expensive players while Nigeria was also formed with most of the footballers playing in the famous leagues in Europe. Argentina is supposed that they will win or draw but not lose to their opponent Nigeria.

Head-to-Head Position

25-6-1994	Argentina	2-1	Nigeria	World Cup
10-1-1995	Nigeria	0-0	Argentina	Confederation Cup
2-6-2002	Argentina	1-0	Nigeria	World Cup

England Vs USA

World ranking 8 England, one of the champion favourites in 2010 World Cup, and world ranking 14 American will encounter in Royal Bafokeng in South Africa on 12 June.

Both teams played against each other for five times in the history of head-to-head after 1984. England saw four wins and one loss but USA had one win and four failures. Their recent friendly results of both teams are encouraging for the fans. But in comparison with the players, USA are not as good as England. England is organized with top and well-experienced players. USA are thought that they can not penatrate in England's static defence. England is forecast that they will win the match by a wide margin against the opponents USA.

Head-to-Head Position after 1978

16-6-1985	USA	0-5	England	Friendly Match
9-6-1993	USA	2-0	England	Friendly Match
7-9-1994	England	2-0	USA	Friendly Match
28-5-2005	USA	1-2	England	Friendly Match
28-5-2008	England	2-0	American	Friendly Match.—*NLM*

Chinese artist Yin Xiumei sings a song during the 5th Sino-Japanese friendship evening party in Tokyo, Japan, on 10 June, 2010.
XINHUA

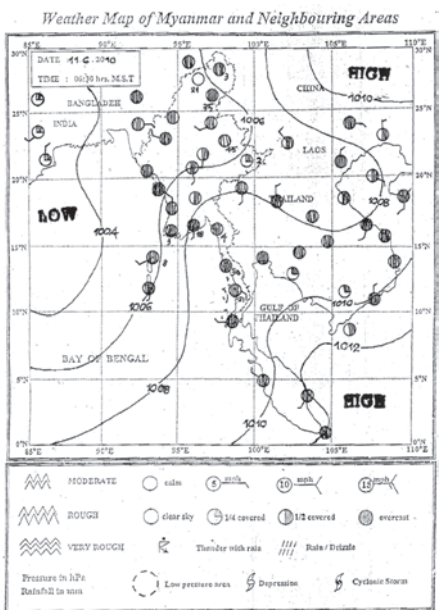
Two US soldiers, three Iraqi policemen killed in Iraq explosion

BAGHDAD, 11 June—At least two US soldiers and three Iraqi policemen were killed in a car bomb explosion on Friday targeting US patrol in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, while 24 others were wounded, a local police source said.

Among the injured, two were US soldiers and four were Iraqi police officers, a Diyala provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

A suicide bomber rammed his booby-trapped car into an Iraq and US joint patrol in Jalwlaa town, 90 km northeast of Baquba, the capital of Diyala Province. Police and security force quickly sealed off the blast site.

Xinhua



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Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (12-6-10 09:30 am ~ 13-6-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
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* Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden
* News
* Kayah Traditional Museum
* Inviting Crisp Beans
* News
* A Simple and Ideal Myanmar Birthday
* News
* Better Water for Better City

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* IT Youths & Knowledge Age
* News
* Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)"
* News
* Poem Garden "Join Hands together"
* Better Water for Better City
* Walk in Aviary...a Recreation Centre
* News
* Documentary "Myanmar Handicrafts"
* News
* Living in Paradise
* Myanmar Movies "Getting on Six Lives"

WEATHER

Friday, 11th June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin State, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Namtu (2.44) inches, Theinzayat (2.32) inches, Longlon (2.28) inches, Lashio(1.77) inches, Haka (1.69)inches, Myitkin(1.38) inches, Hmawbiand (1.30)inches, Dawei and Gangaw (1.18) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 10-6-2010 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 11-6-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-6-2010 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 10-6-2010 was (Nil) .

Rainfall on 12-6-2010 was (0.63) inch at Mingaladon , (0.97) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.74) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (19.65) inches at Mingaladon, (19.96) inches at Kaba-Aye and (19.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 10-6-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 12th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and 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 time Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

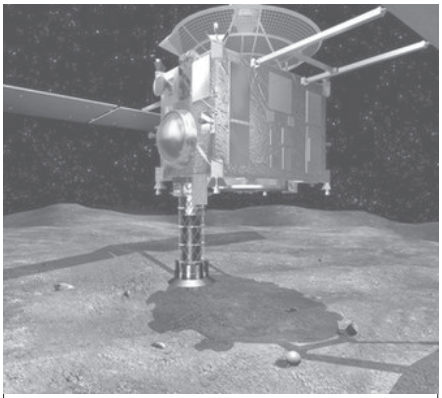
Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-6-2010: One to two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for Third weekend of June 2010: During the coming weekend, rain (or) thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



A rendering photo of the Japanese space probe Hayabusa which collects surface samples of the asteroid Itokawa. Australian Aborigines will be among the first to view the space probe after it crashes to Earth in the outback this weekend, to ensure it does not affect sacred sites, officials said.
INTERNET

Countries in process of rebuilding trust, new UN climate chief says

BONN, 11 June— The ongoing session of the UN climate talks here has witnessed progress in rebuilding trust as countries are considering each other's interests, the incoming UN climate chief said on Wednesday. "Yes, there is a deficit of trust (in climate talks), but we are already in the progress of rebuilding trust here as parties are talking to each other in a very respectful tone," Christiana Figueres told *Xinhua* in an interview after an informal talk with other reporters.

The ongoing climate session that runs from 31 May through 11 June in the Germany city of Bonn, is "such a trust-building session that it will become a platform from which countries can built into concrete solutions," Figueres said.

The 53-year-old veteran diplomat from Costa Rica is to succeed Yvo de Boer, a Dutchman, as executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) next month. As a negotiator, she has experienced all the ups and downs of UN climate talks over the past 15 years.—*Internet*

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★ 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

Press Statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Myanmar's relations with Democratic People's Republic of Korea

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs today issued a Press Statement on Myanmar's relations with Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The full text of the Press Statement is as follows:-*

After severing diplomatic ties with Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) for over twenty years, the Union of Myanmar decided to re-establish diplomatic relations with DPRK on 26th April 2007 in accordance with its policy of maintaining friendly relations with all countries.

Following the re-establishment of diplomatic relations, Myanmar and DPRK, as independent sovereign states, have been engaging in promoting trade and cooperation between the two countries in the same way Myanmar is dealing with others.

As part of mutually beneficial cooperation, the two sides have rendered mutual assistances and have been making efforts to develop bilateral trade relations. Accordingly Myanmar provided 1500 tons of rice on 17th May 2008 and sold 10000 tons of rice to DPRK which were exported to DPRK in a series of shipments.

At a time when the mutually beneficial trade relations are growing, there had been media reports in June 2009 alleging that a DPRK cargo ship Kang Nam 1 carrying weapons was heading towards Myanmar. Such reports were proved to be groundless. They were merely news reports based on presumption with the intention to put political pressure on Myanmar.

Again in April this year, when North Korean ship Chong Gen was docking at Myanmar port for loading and unloading normal cargo, an allegation was raised that Myanmar violated UNSC resolution 1874 by allowing shipment of restricted items into Myanmar. In fact, it was normal commercial activities involving importation of cement, an unrestricted item, and exportation of 10,000 tons of rice.

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Al Jazeera airs incorrect news report saying Myanmar trying to possess nuclear weapons

News report based only on exaggerated fabrications of some deserters, fugitives, exiles

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Al Jazeera television network headquartered in Doha, Qatar, and a branch in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, aired a news report this month saying that Myanmar in cooperation with Democratic People's Republic of Korea was trying to produce nuclear weapons. It broadcast the news report at 12.30 pm on 4 June, 1.30 am and 9.30 am on 6 June, 8.30 pm on 7 June, at noon on 8 June and 1.30 am and 9 am on 10 June.

In connection with the news report, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Union of Myanmar issued a Press Statement today. The Press Statement said, during these days, some international media are accusing Myanmar of cooperating with DPRK in trying to implement its nuclear programme with the aim of possessing nuclear weapons. Actually, they are just groundless accusations made with the intention of launching political attacks on Myanmar. Moreover, **these false accusations are generated by individuals and the media with the intention of harming Myanmar's interest. These baseless accusations are based solely on the fabrications of deserters, fugitives and exiles. Hence, they are not credible, correct and just.**

Al Jazeera revealed that the source of the news report was from Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB). DVB is a foreign-funded news agency based in Oslo, Norway. It is surviving on the aid

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