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Laotian Prime Minister to pay official visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—At the invitation of U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, will pay an official visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends tree planting ceremony in Yangon West District

YANGON, 17 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended Yangon West District's monsoon tree planting ceremony held in the compound of Public Works at the corner of Pyay Road and Shinsawpu Street in Dagon Township, Yangon West District, this morning.

The director of Yangon Division Forest Department gave an account of progress in growing trees

in the rainy season.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and officials presented saplings and landscaping plants to responsible persons and social organizations.

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe of
Ministry of Defence
at monsoon tree
planting ceremony
in Yangon West
District.—MNA*

Production sharing contract signed between MOGE & NPCC

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy and North Petro-Chem Corporation Limited (NPCC) of the People's Republic of China signed a production sharing contract for exploration and production of oil and natural gas in onshore Block F (Ngahlaingdwin area) at the hall of the Ministry of Energy, yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Chairman of North Petro-Chem Corporation Limited (NPCC) Mr Li Li, departmental officials and guests.

Minister for Energy U Lun Thi spoke on the occasion. Managing Director U Myint Htay of MOGE and Chairman of NPCC Mr Li Li extended greetings.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Transport infrastructure creates unity and amity among national brethren

As the government of the Union of Myanmar is making all-out efforts in building river crossing bridges, railroads and motor roads one after another, better transport networks can be created from the east to the west and from north to the south in the entire Union.

Many roads with hundreds of miles in length are under construction through build, operate and transfer system across the nation. Nowadays, the construction of new roads across Bago mountain ranges and the upgrading of roads to the tarred facilities are being undertaken. Of them, Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi Road is being upgraded and maintained.

Joining hands with the government, private entrepreneurs participate in construction of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road and they have now completed the earth road. Hence, the local people can use the earth road for conveniently travelling and transporting domestic goods by car and motorbike.

On completion, the tarred road will contribute much to uplifting of socio-economic status of the local people residing in the regions along the road.

The national entrepreneurs engaging in construction of road sections are joining hands with the government by taking pride of works as part of efforts to develop the region and forge amity and unity of the national brethren, without giving priority to their interest.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road across Bago mountain ranges will connect Nay Pyi Taw and Magway. As the government is building small and large bridges including Ayeyawady River crossing bridges, railroads, the roads across mountain ranges and inter-district and inter-township roads in Magway Division, the national brethren can travel to their destinations throughout the Union with Magway Division as the centre. All in all, the transport infrastructures such as motor roads, railroads and bridges will contribute toward forging of unity and amity among the national brethren.

Cherry Oo Watch Clinic opens for customers' convenience

YANGON, 17 June—Cherry Oo Watch Clinic arranged by Cherry Oo Watch Showroom of Naing Family Co Ltd was thrown open to public at Room No. 728 on seventh floor of Traders Hotel in Yangon on 7 June.

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- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Myanmar, Iran to promote economic cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—At the invitation of U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, an Iranian Delegation led by Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, paid an official visit to the Union of Myanmar from 15 to 17 June 2010.



Iranian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi and party meet Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint.
MNA

Iranian Deputy Minister Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi called on U Lun Thi, Minister for Energy, at 11 am here on 16 June. They discussed matters relating to cooperation in oil and gas sector. In the afternoon, the Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister called on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the latter's office.

The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and the Iranian delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi held a bilateral meeting and exchanged views on mutually beneficial cooperation. The two sides reiterated their desire to further expanding the ties of friendship and economic cooperation and to increase cooperation in the regional and international forums such as United Nations and Non-Aligned Movement.

At the conclusion of the bilateral meeting, an MoU on establishment of Bilateral Consultations between the two foreign ministries was signed by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint and his Iranian counterpart.

In the evening of 16 June, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Iranian delegation at Amara Hotel.

The Iranian Deputy Minister left here for

Yangon on 17 June. While in Yangon, the Iranian delegation met Chairman and members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at UMFCI Office. In the course of the meeting, the two sides agreed to increase contacts between Chambers of Commerce of the two countries in order to promote trade and economic cooperation between Myanmar and Iran.—MNA

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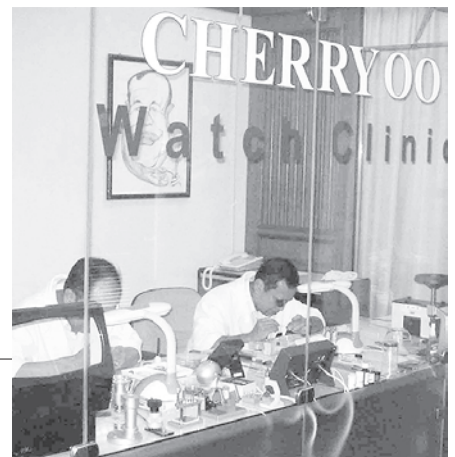
Moreover, customers may buy Swiss-made watches at reasonable price in Cherry Oo Luxury Watch Gallery which has been already opened in Traders Hotel. They may also take part in the special monsoon promotion programme.

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For more information, contact Cherry Oo@ Traders Hotel (Ph: 951-73032971 and 242828, Ext: 6437 and 7728).—MNA

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US citizen under investigation in Cuba for spying

HAVANA, 17 June—US contractor Alan Gross, who was arrested for alleged espionage activities in December, remains under investigation, said Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Wednesday.

“Mr Alan Gross is in custody for violating Cuban laws and committing serious crimes in our country by

serving the subversive policy of the United States against Cuba,” said Bruno Rodríguez during a press conference in Havana.

Gross was arrested in Havana on 5 December last year for distributing laptops, satellite phones and other technological equipment among groups opposing to leader Raul Castro, the Cuban authorities said.—Xinhua

Four suspects with bombs, lethal weapons arrested in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 June—The Malaysian police arrested four Malaysians with bombs and other lethal weapons during a raid conducted on Wednesday, local police said on Thursday.

Malaysia’s Selangor State Kajang District police chief Shakarudin Che Mood told a press conference on Thursday that the police would investigate if the suspects, three males and one female, were involved in any terrorism activities.

Shakarudin said that three bombs, two pistols, an electronic device that can be connected to the bomb, a small amount of drugs, and cash more than 27,000 ringgit (8,282 US dollars) were found during the operation. —Xinhua

A destroyed car is being lifted on a truck at the scene of an explosion in Arghandab district of Kandahar Province south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 15 June, 2010.

INTERNET



Suicide car bombing rocks S Afghanistan, attacker killed

GHAZNI, 17 June—A suicide car bombing rocked Andar District of Afghanistan’s southern Ghazni Province on Thursday morning injuring four police personnel, police spokesman in the region said.

“A suicide bomber,

riding an explosive-laden car, attempted to drive inside the administrative compound of Andar District but the bomber was identified by police,” Mohammad Usman Yari, the police spokesman, told Xinhua.

The official said that the attacker blew the

explosive device planted in the car after intercepted by the police and the blast injured four policemen.

Yari said that the attacker was killed in the explosion and eight vehicles including police vans were damaged in the incident.

Xinhua



An Afghan policeman investigates a damaged vehicle at the scene of an explosion in Arghandab District of Kandahar Province south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 15 June, 2010. Abdul Jabar Murghani, chief of Arghandab District, was driving home when a remote-controlled bomb exploded in a car parked along his route. Arghandab, the same area where a suicide bomber killed 56 people at a wedding party last week, is a dangerous area of Kandahar Province.—INTERNET



People inspect the plane that slid off the runway at Ottawa International Airport in Ottawa, capital of Canada, on 16 June, 2010.

XINHUA

Two NATO soldiers killed, three injured in northern Afghan Province

KUNDUZ, 17 June—Two NATO soldiers were killed and three others sustained injuries in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan on Wednesday, a spokesman with the alliance in Kunduz Province Brigadier Webber said.

“Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed and three others sustained injuries in Bagh-e-Shurkat area of Kunduz Province today,” Webber told Xinhua.

An ISAF vehicle was also destroyed, he further said, without giving more details.

Troops from Germany, the US and Belgium are serving in Kunduz Province.

More than 260 NATO-led soldiers with majority of them Americans have been killed so far this year in Afghanistan.

Twelve Taliban militants, according to Mohammad Omar the governor of Kunduz Province were killed as clash erupted in Gortapa and Padshah Qalandar areas outside Kunduz city on Wednesday morning.

Kunduz, a relatively peaceful Province until last year, have been the scene of spiraling militancy over the past several months.

Taliban militants have vowed to speed up activities this year in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Afghan, NATO forces kill 12 Taliban militants in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 17 June—Afghan and NATO-led troops during a joint operation eliminated 12 Taliban insurgents in northern Kunduz Province on Wednesday, provincial governor Mohammad Omar said.

Xinhua

Turkish soldier killed in clash with PKK rebels

ANKARA, 17 June—A soldier from the Turkish security forces was killed in a clash with militants of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey on Wednesday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The armed clash between PKK rebels and the Turkish security forces occurred near Uludere Town of Sirnak Province bordering Iraq, according to the report. The Turkish security forces had launched a large-scale operation fighting against the region’s PKK militants, the report

said.

On Tuesday, a Turkish soldier was killed when a hand-made explosive planted by PKK members went off in rural area near Uludere town, Sirnak’s government office said in a statement.

The PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey and has been listed as a terrorist organization by the Turkish government, the United States and the European Union.

Some 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts fuelled by PKK’s separatist campaign in Turkey.

Xinhua

Nanoparticles: Peering into the never-before-seen



Making adjustments to the dynamic transmission electron microscope. From left: Curtis Brown, Thomas LaGrange and Judy Kim.—INTERNET

CALIFORNIA, 17 June— Scientists can now peer into the inner workings of catalyst nanoparticles 3,000 times smaller than a human hair within nanoseconds.

The findings point the way toward future work that could greatly improve catalyst efficiency in a variety of processes that are crucial to the world's

energy security, such as petroleum catalysis and catalyst-based nanomaterial growth for next-generation rechargeable batteries. The work was performed in a collaborative effort by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the University of California at Davis.

Using a new imaging technique on Lawrence Livermore's Dynamic Transmission Electron Microscope (DTEM), researchers have achieved unprecedented spatial and temporal resolution in single-shot images of nanoparticle catalysts.

Internet

S Korea to pursue third launch of Naro space rocket

SEOUL, 17 June— South Korea will pursue a third launch of a space rocket after the South Korean-Russian joint investigation committee finds out what caused the failure of last week's liftoff, the government said on Wednesday.

South Korea's locally assembled two-stage satellite-carrier Naro-1, or the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), was 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) last Thursday. But communications with it was lost 137 seconds after the takeoff, and crashed

after reaching altitude of 70 km.

Seoul's Education, Science and Technology Ministry told reporters that according to a contract signed in 2004 between Korea Aerospace Research Institute and Russia's Khrunichev State Research and Production Space Centre, Seoul has the right to request Moscow for a third attempt if either of the two previous launches ends in failure.

There is a clause in the agreement that allows South Korea to withhold some 10 million US dollars, or 5 percent of

the original 200 million dollars for the Naro-1 project to Russia if a third attempt is not made, so there is every possibility that an understanding on a third launch can be reached, the ministry said.

The ministry said the timing of the third launch will be decided after the 26-person joint Failure Review Board (FRB) determines the cause of last week's failure.

The experts of FRB held its first meeting on Monday to share their respective analysis on the rocket's telecommunication before it exploded.—Xinhua

Hand study reveals brain's distorted body model

LONDON, 17 June — Our brains contain a highly distorted model of our own bodies, according to scientists at UCL (University College London).

A new study on the brain's representation of the hand found that our model of our bodies is out of sync with reality — with a strong tendency to think that the hands are shorter and fatter than their true shape.

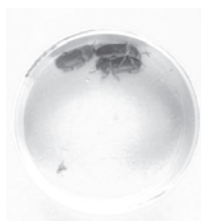
The results of the study, published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, show that the brain maintains a model of the hand in which our fingers are perceived to be shorter and our hands fatter than they are. Neuroscientists suspect the reason for these distortions may lie in the way the brain receives information from different regions of the skin.—Internet

Inbred sperm fertilize fewer eggs, beetle study finds

DUBAI, 17 June — Inbred male sperm have been found to fertilize fewer eggs when in competition with non-inbred males, according to a new study by the University of East Anglia.

Research into the breeding habits of the red flour beetle, published in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, shows that the reduced fitness of inbred beetles, known as 'inbreeding depression', reveals itself in competitive scenarios.

Inbreeding is a potentially important problem in declining species across the world, and conserving genetic variation is now



Red flour beetle. INTERNET

recognized as a priority by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The new research is potentially vital for the successful implementation of recovery programmes of inbred species.

When populations deplete or fragment, relatives can be forced into reproduction, often leading to inbreeding

depression.

Led by Dr. Matt Gage, the new research into the promiscuous red flour beetle (*Tribolium castaneum*) measured how male reproduction responded to forced inbreeding.

After mating brothers with sisters for eight generations, the research found no changes in male fertility or mating behaviour.—Internet



Sea Shepherd Conservation Society-issued photo shows Japanese fishermen riding a boat loaded with slaughtered dolphins in Taiji harbour, Wakayama prefecture. The Japanese distributor of the hit documentary film "The Cove" has said it will show the Oscar-winning documentary about the slaughter of dolphins free online to up to 2,000 people after some cinemas in Japan cancelled screenings. INTERNET

One-quarter global power can come from nuclear by 2050: IEA

PARIS, 17 June— Almost one quarter of global electricity could be generated from nuclear power by 2050, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in a report published Wednesday, bestowing

nuclear a major contributor to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

According to IEA forecast, nuclear capacity could be able to grow to 1,200 gigawatts electrical (GWe) by 2050, providing 24 percent of global electricity at that time, if fully supported and well developed.

In Nuclear Energy Technology Roadmap jointly published by IEA and the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), the nuclear power target requires nuclear generating capacity growing to more than triple over the next 40 years.

That target was "ambitious but achievable," the roadmap said.

"Nuclear energy is one of the key low-carbon energy technologies that can contribute... to the decarbonisation of electricity supply by 2050," IEA Executive Director Nobuo Tanaka said previously at the East Asia Climate Forum in Seoul.

NEA Director General Luis Echavarri agreed "nuclear has the potential to play a larger role in cutting CO2 emissions."

Xinhua

This is a tree that was a seedling before the Egyptian Pyramids went up, yet it is still alive today; it is a bristlecone pine more than 46 centuries old.

XINHUA



Science



Australian scientists announces breakthrough in lung cancer

CANBERRA, 17 June—Australian scientists on Wednesday announced a discovery about the nature of the proteins involved in cell division which could take them a step closer to cutting deaths from lung cancer.

Researchers at the University of New South Wales and the Pharmacoproteomics Programme at the Children's Cancer Institute for Medical Research said the

discovery could lead to new ways of approaching treatment of non-small cell lung cancers, which accounts for 80 percent of all lung cancers.

In a statement, scientist said that targeting B3-tubulin, a protein known for maintaining the structural integrity of cells, could be key to increasing drug sensitivity in non-small cell lung cancer.

They found that by

suppressing B3-Tubulin it increased the sensitivity of the cancer to standard chemotherapy drugs.

The findings have been published in the international journal *Cancer Research* last week.

The Australian biotech company, Benitec, is currently developing therapeutics focused on specifically blocking B3- tubulin activity. —Xinhua



Students train at the Shenyang Qianjin Acrobatic School in Shenyang, Liaoning province on 1 June, 2010. Students aged 6 to 12 years from all over China receive training at the school for about 6 to 8 years before they are ready to perform on stage.—INTERNET



Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency-issued photo shows a team of scientists inspecting the capsule carried by the Japanese Hayabusa spacecraft after it parachuted back to land in the vast Australian Outback. The space capsule, thought to contain the first fragments from a moving asteroid, is being transferred to Japan, where it will be opened and analysed, scientists have said.—INTERNET

US researchers make headway in developing gene therapy for HIV

LOS ANGELES, 17 June—US researchers have moved a step forward in developing gene therapy to treat HIV patients.

Although viable treatment is still a long way off, researchers hope that one day gene therapy could potentially keep the AIDS- causing virus at bay.

In the study, researchers at City of Hope, a hospital and research center in Duarte,

California genetically manipulated healthy blood cells to resist HIV and inserted them into four HIV- positive patients who had lymphoma, a blood cancer.

At this early point in the research process, the goal was to see if the implanted cells would survive.

In the next phases of research, scientists will try to implant enough genetically engineered cells to actually boost the body's ability to fight off HIV.

Ideally, the cells would multiply and fight off HIV infection. In that case, "the virus has nowhere to grow, no way to expand in the patient," said David L. DiGiusto, a biologist and immunologist at City of Hope.—Xinhua

In this undated photo released by the Douglas County Museum, the Umpqua River Lighthouse in Winchester Bay, Ore. is shown. Since 1894, two white beams of light followed by a red one have pierced the darkness from the Umpqua River Lighthouse at Winchester Bay. The US Coast Guard, the owner of the lighthouse, is evaluating whether the light is still needed for navigation. INTERNET



When kids have separation anxiety

WASHINGTON, 17 June—Many children fear that something bad will happen to them when their parents aren't around. If the fear is intense enough, it may be diagnosed as separation anxiety disorder.

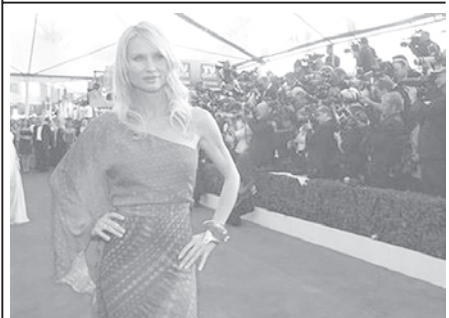
The Nemours Foundation offers this list of classic warning signs:

- * Having a panic attack or showing signs of panic (such as feeling nauseous or difficulty breathing) prior to a parent's departure.

- * Having nightmares about separating from a parent.

- * Being afraid of sleeping alone.

- * Worrying excessively about getting lost, being kidnapped or having to travel without a parent.—Internet



Actress Nicolette Sheridan arrives at the 15th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles, California on 25 January, 2009. INTERNET

World Cup matches might boost your mental health

WASHINGTON, 17 June—If you can't wait to watch the US soccer team take on Slovenia in its next World Cup match on Friday, know that being an avid sports fan may be more than just a lot of fun.

Scientists have shown that fans who feel personally invested in a team or, better yet, who attend games and cheer along with like-minded fans, reap the mental health benefits that come from a feeling of social connectedness.

"The main thing that people achieve via sports fandom is a sense of belongingness, or connectedness, with others," said Edward Hirt, a professor of psychological and brain sciences at Indiana University. "Sharing a common allegiance with others bonds people together in a special way. We can relate to others who share fandom with our team and feel a camaraderie with them that transcends ourselves."—Internet

"Female Viagra" fails to arouse sexual desire

BEIJING, 17 June — Flibanserin, a pill anticipated to become the first "female viagra", has disappointing results, according to US media reports on Thursday. The clinical trial results showed the drug didn't boost women's desire any more than a placebo in two clinical trials. The results were posted by the Food and Drug Administration on its website. The FDA review stated: "The division wanted to see that an effect of treatment is an overall increase in sexual desire regardless of whether a sexual event occurred or not." The flibanserin, which is proposed to be called Giresa as its trade

name, not only fails to lift women's libido, but also many women reported experiencing side effects such as dizziness, fainting and depression, according to the FDA review. However, Germany-based Boehringer Ingelheim, the manufacturer of flibanserin, is still optimistic about the effect of the drug. "We remain confident that our data demonstrates Flibanserin is safe and effective in balancing the chemicals in the brain linked to sexual desire," said Peter Piliero, executive director of US medical affairs for Boehringer Ingelheim. "We have conducted a robust program showing that

flibanserin shows improvement increasing satisfying sexual events, in improving sexual desire and lowering distress," Piliero added. The media reports said an FDA committee on Friday will be voting on the efficacy and safety of Flibanserin for use in women with low desire.

Xinhua

Health

Southern African Customs Union to address challenges at July summit

JOHANNESBURG, 17 June—Challenges facing the five-nation Southern African Customs Unit (SACU) will be addressed at a two-day summit in Pretoria, the South African government announced on Tuesday.

Speaking at a media briefing in Pretoria after a meeting of the South African cabinet, government spokesman Themba Maseko said South African President Jacob Zuma will host the summit.

“President Jacob Zuma will host a summit

of SACU leaders in Pretoria from July 15 to 16 to discuss the challenges SACU is facing and discuss the way forward,” he said.

South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland form the world's oldest customs union.

The South African Press Association (SAPA) reported on Wednesday that the customs union has been threatened by a bitter row between members over an economic partnership agreement with the European Union.

While Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland have signed an interim agreement, South Africa objects to what it calls “inconsistencies” in the deal.

South African trade and industry minister Rob Davies warned that it is crucial to resolve the disagreement to keep the customs union going.

“The issue is not yet resolved and we are looking to the summit to show us the way forward,” Davies's spokesman Sidwell Medupe told SAPA on Tuesday.—Xinhua



Visitors view giant panda Yuanyuan at the zoo in Taipei, southeast China's Taipei, on 16 June, 2010. Many local residents visited giant pandas Tuantuan and Yuanyuan during the Dragon Boat Festival.

XINHUA

HK airport cargo throughput in May hits new high amid robust demand

HONG KONG, 17 June—Cargo tonnage at Hong Kong International Airport reached a record high monthly total of 367,000 tons in May, up 41.9 percent year on year, the airport said on Wednesday in a statement.

The speedy and significant recovery in cargo traffic further lent support to the airport's status as the world's busiest international air cargo centre, it said.

Air traffic movements in May were also healthy, registering yearly growth of 8.4 percent to 25,380. Passenger volume for the month reached 4.1 million, up 14.4 percent over the same period last year. May's cargo throughput to and from all HK's major markets showed double-digit growth over the same month last year.

The substantial growth was in part due to the relatively low base recorded in May 2009, as well as the continued

recovery of key export markets, particularly Europe and North America. Exports record-ed strong growth of 61 percent, while imports and transshipments surged 32 percent and 14 percent respectively.

The double-digit growth in the passenger market was also partly due to the lower base for comparison from last May, when passenger traffic was badly affected by the A/H1N1 flu outbreak.

Xinhua



Sand dredging in a Borneo wildlife sanctuary is threatening the habitats of endangered pygmy elephants and a rare species of monkey (proboscis monkey) according to Malaysian activists.

INTERNET

US wholesale prices drop 0.3% in May

WASHINGTON, 17 June—US wholesale prices declined 0.3 percent in May, the second straight monthly drop, the Labour Department reported on Wednesday.

The decline in the department's Producer Price Index, a measure of inflation at the wholesale level, followed a 0.1 percent drop in April.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, core wholesale prices rose 0.2 percent in April, matching the

economists' expectation.

Over the past 12 months ending in May, core wholesale prices were up 1.3 percent.

The lower prices reflected a continued decline in global oil prices, which have been falling because of concerns that the European debt crisis will dampen growth prospects in a key region of the world.

In May, energy prices fell 1.5 percent, the biggest drop since a 2.2-percent decline in February. Gasoline prices were down 7 percent while home heating oil fell 7.4 percent and residential natural gas was down 1.1 percent.

Xinhua

Business



Peter Dille, Senior Vice President Marketing and PlayStation Network, speaks about the Sony PlayStation Move controller at a media briefing during the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) at the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles on 15 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Eurozone inflation rises to 1.6% in May

BRUSSELS, 17 June—The annual inflation rate in the eurozone rose slightly to 1.6 percent in May from 1.5 percent in April, the European Union (EU)'s statistics bureau Eurostat said on Wednesday.

Fuel for transportation and heating oil

continued to be the largest upward contributions as the price of transportation increased by 5.5 percent, the highest among the main components involved in the inflation rate, followed by the prices of alcohol and tobacco.

The annual inflation in the EU kept stable at 2 percent compared with previous month, said the Eurostat.

Among the EU member states, the highest inflation rate was registered in Greece at 5.3 percent, followed by Hungary and Romania, while the lowest rate was recorded in Latvia at -2.4 percent. Germany and France, the two largest economies in the EU, saw an inflation rate of 1.2 percent and 1.9 percent respectively.

Xinhua



Chip giant china'sTaipai Semiconductor Manufacturing said on Thursday it was investing 50 million US dollars in an American solar-panel maker in its latest venture into the renewable energy.

INTERNET

S Korea posts highest trade surplus for 2010 in May

SEOUL, 17 June—South Korea posted this year's highest trade surplus in May on the back of improving exports, the customs office said on Tuesday.

According to a report by the Korea Customs Service, South Korea's trade surplus hit 4.13 billion US dollars in May, standing

at the highest level for this year, continuing to stay in the black for the fourth consecutive month.

Xinhua

A New Orleans Saints Super Bowl XLIV ring is displayed in New Orleans, on 16 June, 2010. The Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Super Bowl XLIV to attain its first championship in franchise history.

INTERNET



Miss Universe 2008 Dayana Mendoza interacts with kids at a day care centre in an outreach programme where computer laptops are distributed in Tondo, Manila, the Philippines, on 16 June, 2010. Mendoza was chosen by Smartmatic Asia as 'Ambassador of Transparency' to show the company's gratitude to all those who helped them with the Philippine elections.—XINHUA

Chinese Vice Premier stresses development of rural arts to enrich farmers' spiritual lives

BEIJING, 17 June—Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu on Wednesday called for more efforts to promote the development of the arts in rural areas to ensure a rich spiritual life for the nation's farmers.

"The creativity of our nation's farmers and civilian artists has never been as vigorous as it is now as new art works emerge," Hui said while visiting a rural arts and crafts show as part of the first China Farmer Art Festival.

Hui said the festival reflects a new image of the nation's farmers and agricultural fields.

He called upon various departments to "actively" promote the development of rural arts to enrich farmers' spiritual life.

The six-day event that started on Wednesday includes performances and arts, crafts and photography exhibitions.

Xinhua

Director Doug Liman ponders sci-fi war saga

LOS ANGELES, 17 June—Doug Liman will begin talks later this week to direct the sci-fi action tale "All You Need Is Kill."

The Warner Bros. project, based on Hiroshi Sakurazaka's graphic novel, follows a new recruit in a war against aliens. He finds himself caught in a time loop where he wakes up one day in the past after having been killed on the battlefield. Through the training and battles he experiences in these time loops, he becomes a better soldier.

Liman's potential involvement sets up a potential internal war over his services.

He jumped aboard the studio's adaptation of "The Three Musketeers" in early May. That project is pitted against a competing "Musketeers" movie, currently being directed by Paul WS Anderson for release next April through Summit.—Internet

Nepali gov't bans tree-cutting for two months

KATHMANDU, 17 June—The Nepali government on Wednesday has imposed a ban on the cutting down of trees for the next two months. A cabinet meeting took the decision to this effect so as not to affect the government-run projects.

Government Spokesperson and Minister for Information and Communications Shanker Pokhrel said, "The cabinet has decided to ban on the cut-down of trees until mid August."

Talking to reporters after

the meeting, Pokhrel said the government has formed a committee to stop deforestation. The decision comes in the wake of widespread reports about illegal cut-down of trees and trade of timber in Nepal's southern Terai region.

"We have decided to form a probe panel to recommend measures for controlling the unwanted activities against the conservation of forest and its creatures that are rising in recent times," said the minister.—Xinhua

People compete in a dragon boat race in Liuzhou, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 16 June, 2010, to celebrate the traditional Dragon Boat Festival.

XINHUA



Int'l Documentary Film Week to be held in Hanoi

HANOI, 17 June—European and Vietnamese documentaries will be screened during the International Documentary Film Week to be held here from 21 to 25 June, according to a press release of the Vietnam National Studio for Documentary and Scientific Film here on

Wednesday.

The film week is expected to show documentaries from Vietnam and five European countries including Belgium, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and France, said the press release.

The documentary film will focus on five main topics including

architecture, spirituality, multiculturalism, cultural heritage and women.

This event, jointly organized by Vietnam National Studio for Documentary and Scientific Film and some European embassies in Vietnam, aims to introduce the recent successful documentary films to Vietnamese and international audience, said the press release.

Xinhua

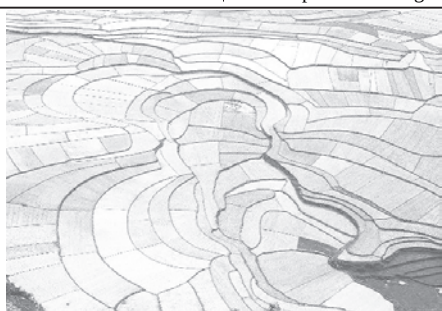


Photo taken on 15 June, 2010 shows the beautiful idyllic scenery in Pingle Village of Yao Nationality in Fengshan County in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

XINHUA

Oprah hands enormous bonus to O Magazine staff

BEIJING, 17 June—Many of us might think it would be great if we worked for Oprah Winfrey as the US

billionaire media mogul has just given enormous bonus checks to her staff. The US media reported Wednesday that the popular US television talk show host gave staff at her self-published O Magazine 10,000 U.S. dollars each and an Apple iPad.

"As a thank you for their hard work and dedication, Oprah Winfrey surprised the staff of O, The Oprah Magazine with an Apple iPad and a check for \$10,000, to commemorate the

magazine's 10th anniversary," a magazine spokeswoman said.



Oprah Winfrey
INTERNET

In addition, every staff received a leather suitcase with their initials engraved in them, but the spokeswoman did not reveal the exact number of staff members who received the gifts.

Internet

Bangladesh to distribute free energy-saving bulbs

DHAKA, 17 June—The Bangladeshi government will distribute energy saving Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL) bulb to the households in 27 districts simultaneously on 19 June.

The Bangladeshi Prime Minister's Energy Adviser Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury disclosed it on Wednesday at a press briefing at the Ministry of Power and Energy, website of leading English newspaper *The Daily Star* reported.

The bulb will be distributed free of cost, said Tawfiq-e-Elahi. People need to submit the existing used normal bulbs and latest paid electric bill to get the CFL bulb, ministry sources said.

The government will distribute the energy-saving lights for free aiming to replace the incandescent bulbs.—Xinhua

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends tree planting ceremony...

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander planted commemorative saplings, and so did the mayor and officials.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the mayor and officials viewed the planting of trees by departmental staff, social organization members, teachers, students and local people.

On arrival at the People's Park, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander planted commemorative neem saplings. The mayor and officials planted commemorative saplings.

Staff members of YCDC planted saplings in the park and along Ahlon Road.—MNA

Alin Saytaman Library opened in Yenangyoung

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds Land Records Department accepted K 200,000 donated by



Minister U Lun Thi making speech at production sharing contract signing ceremony.

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Production sharing contract signed...

(from page 1)

Managing Director of MOGE U Myint Htay, NCPP Chairman Mr Li Li, witnessed Director-General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department and Geological Consultant Mr He Kegeng of NCPP

signed the contract and exchanged notes.

Minister U Lun Thi presented the work permit of the ministry and MIC Chairman Minister U Maung Maung Thein, the permit of MIC to Chairman of NPCC Mr Li Li. Later, they posed for documentary photo. The production sharing contract is to explore and produce oil and natural gas in inland block PSC-F (Ngahlaingdwin area) on a joint venture basis.

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Opening of Alin Saytaman library in Yenangyoung in progress.

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of Rural Library Foundation and open Alin Saytaman Library was held in Ywathit Ward of Yenangyoung on 12 June.

Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department explained the purpose of opening the library.

Patron of library construction committee Director-General U Win Kyi of Settlement and

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, K 1 million by Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, 300 books by Rural Library Foundation, 1300 books by Ministry of Information, 1500 copies each of 7Days news journal and Internet journal by Info rhythm maze company, 699 books, 500 copies of magazines and 753 copies of journals worth

K 1,535,800 by literary houses of Yangon through officials.

Patron U Win Kyi donated K 10 million, writer Dr Ma Tin Win, K 10 million and Daw Win Maw Tun of Shwenaga motorcycle industry of Yenangyoung Industrial Zone a power meter worth K 1.6 million for Alin Saytaman library; Magway Division IPRD K 2.5 million, 28 build-

ings and 44 radios to village libraries of the division, Township PDCs of Magway District K 1.2 million, Principal of Yenangyoung Degree College magazines and journals worth K 1,433,150, Bagan and Thiha Yadana literary houses and Dr Aung Myint Oo, 270 books.

The donations at the ceremony amounted to K 108,600,330.

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Basic Digital Survey Training on 3 July

YANGON, 17 June—Basic Digital Survey Training jointly organized by Myanmar Engineering Society (MES) and Myanmar Credent Technology will be opened at MES on 3 July on weekends.

High school students, matriculation-passed students who are interested in survey, AGTI and BE (Civil) students, graduates and those who want to observe basic survey may attend the eight-day

course.

Government employees, MES members and students are offered with 20% off.

Any interested persons may contact Myanmar Credent Technology, Building

No. 1, Room No. 7, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Yangon (Ph: 652285 and 652286) and MES in Hline campus, Hline Township, Yangon (Ph: 519673~76, Ext: 304).

MNA

Sony Expo-2010 to be opened on 18 June

YANGON, 17 June—TMW Enterprise Ltd is planning to launch Sony Expo-2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road in Yangon from 9 am to 5 pm, from 18 to 20 June.

There is a cinema for moviegoers to view lively and active scenes in the accompaniment of Sony 3D glasses with the advantage of Sony Bravia's 3D technology.

Sony Bravia TV has motion flow technology, and eco system which can save energy. Monolithic Design TV suitable for health will be on display, matching with viewer's eye level.

Sony Brand TX5 Cybershot camera, VAIO laptop, Sony Ericsson phone, walkman, MP4, MP3, 2010 Xplod car audio and other Sony Brand electronics will be put on show.

MNA



Sony TV installing latest technology to be displayed at Sony Expo-2010.

MNA



Downpours, strong winds cause death, injury, damage to houses, roads, railroad sections, floods, landslides State, departments, Tatmadawmen, NGOs and wellwishers render assistance for relief and rehabilitation

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—It was reported on dailies issued on 17 June that downpours and strong winds caused damage to many houses and buildings, floods and landslides in some townships of Rakhine State from 13 to 15 June. In this incident, Buthidaung Township got 4.3 inches of rainfall on 13 June and 8 inches on 14 June, Maungdaw Township, 3.98 inches on 13 June, 4.02 inches on 14 June and 13.47 inches on 15 June and Sittway Township, 5.75 inches on 15 June. Passenger and cargo road transport services to Sittway, Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, Minbya, An, Yangon and Mandalay were suspended on 15 June as heavy rain caused damage to bridges and landslides.

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at mosques in nearby villages and their relative houses by local authorities concerned and police force.

Besides, a 15 feet long wooden bridge near Kyarintaung village between Minbya and Myebon Townships was washed away, and one man and 10 heads of buffalos were struck to death by lightning near Khaunglaungchaung village.

Similarly, some wards and villages in Buthidaung were in flood due to heavy rains on 15 June. 13 men and 18 women of Hanmala village in Ward 5, Kyaukywatpyin village (annex) of Letwe Detpyinshae village-tract and Kakyabetpyin village-tract totaling 31 died in the landslides triggered by

the arrangements of local authorities concerned and local battalion, 214 flood victims of 46 households were evacuated and temporarily accommodated at monasteries in urban area, BEHS and BEMS.

Four victims—two men and two women—were killed and one woman injured when one house collapsed in landslides at Mannpya village of Ngarsakyu village-tract in Maungdaw Township and they were sent to Kyeinchaung Station Hospital to undergo treatment. A total of 1865 victims of 252 households were temporarily accommodated at BEMS and BEHS as Ward 2, Ward 4 and Ward 5 in Maungdaw were in flood as high as about 4.5 feet due to heavy rains. Landslides left 20 victims—



Flood occurs in some regions of Rakhine State due to heavy rains.

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seik village of Sukkya village-tract in Minbya Township on 15 June, strong winds flattened 25 houses and one school building and blew off roofs of 14 houses and one mosque. A total of 197 strong wind-victims—102 men and 92 women—were temporarily accommodated

heavy rains. Due to torrential rains and flow of torrents, lower parts of the wards were in floods as high as five feet and four feet in higher parts. These areas were out of communication with other villages. A landslide cut off the transport services on Buthidaung-Maungdaw road. Under

12 men and eight women—dead and four injured in some villages. The new 60 feet long and 16 feet wide 3rd-Mile bridge on the road from Maungdaw to the border area was washed away and a tunnel on Maungdaw-Buthidaung road collapsed in the landslides.

Chairman of UEC tours Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe met district and township election sub-commission members of Ayeyawady Division at City Hall in Patheon on 10 June.

The chairman made an opening speech. Next, officials reported on completed works for electoral process, designation of constituency and polling booth, and required polling boxes.

The district electric sub-commission chairmen of Patheon District, Myaungmya District, Pyapon District and Labutta District also reported on arrangements for electoral process works.—MNA



Officials, NGOs and wellwishers present relief items to victims in Rakhine State.—MNA

In consequence, 600 feet long section of Maungdaw-Buthidaung road was blocked in the landslide. Floods washed away bridges on MaungdawKyeinchaung Road and Maungdaw-Alethanyaw Road. Transport service stopped due to damage of roads and conduits in water erosion.

On 15 June, a 20 feet long RC bridge was destroyed between Pannila and Kyankhin villages of Ponnagyun Township due to heavy rains and erosion of mountain torrent. In addition, about 10 feet long ground landslide caused at the highway section near the bridge. About 10 feet long part of highway was damaged due to erosion of mountain torrent near Kansauk Hill in Kansauk Village of Kyauktaw Township.

Heavy rains and strong winds killed one Tatmadawman and destroyed 80 buildings at the local battalions in Sittway, Buthidaung and Yathedaung, and repairing works are being car-

ried out there.

On 15 June evening, the rains stopped and the floods descended in Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships. Some of flood victims were sent to their houses.

Due to heavy rains, landslides and damages of embankment caused at Sittway-Ponnagyun-Yotayok railroad section. Department concerned is repairing the railroad section. The local authorities, departmental personnel, local battalions and members of Myanmar Police Force are striving for reopening Buthidaung-Maungdaw road soonest.

The State, departments, Tatmadawmen, NGOs and wellwishers carried out evacuation of disaster victims to the safe places, provided relief items and foods to them and undertakes repairing works. The relief items were bags of rice, vegetables, meat and fish, drinking water, instant noodle, dried fish, onion, edible palm oil, egg, potato, biscuit, blankets,

mosquito nets, umbrellas and clothes. Temporary health care offices are kept open in Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships to provide health care to the disaster-hit people. The local authorities and departments concerned provided 298 units with the content of six relief items to Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships and 100 units of relief items, rice and medicine to Minbya Township.

The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee formed a combined team comprising representatives of the Ministries of Transport, Home Affairs, Construction, Education, Health, Electric Power No 2 and Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs led by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe to the disaster-affected regions. At present, the combined team is carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks might and main.—MNA

Brazil launches tourism promotion in South Africa

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 June—Brazil, host country of the next FIFA World Cup, opened a 3,000-square-metre exhibition space in South Africa on Tuesday to promote the country's tourism.

The Casa Brazil, or Brazil House, located in an upmarket neighbourhood in Johannesburg, will provide promotional information about the 12 cities which will host the

World Cup in 2014. It also features an exposition on soccer.

The initiative, which cost 10 million reais (5.58 million US dollars), aims to attract investors to Brazil and promote the country's tourism in the next few years.

Tourism Minister Luiz Barretto said the World Cup would increase the number of foreign tourists from the current five million to

eight million in 2014.

"It is the first kick to 2014 and the chance to make Brazil a great tourism destination," he said.

To receive more tourists, Brazil would have to improve its tourism infrastructure, including hotels and airports. The country's economic development would make it easier to make the improvements, he said.—Xinhua

Eleven killed in flash floods in southeastern France



A man walks past damaged cars in a flooded street in Draguignan, south eastern France, on 16 June, 2010 the morning after rising water from unusually heavy rains that hit the region caused a river to overflow.

XINHUA

PARIS, 17 June—Eleven people have been killed in flash floods in southeastern France, with two others missing, a local radio reported on Wednesday.

The casualties were reported in the Var region, which were hit by exceptionally heavy rains recently, said *France-Info* radio.

Electricity has been cut off for tens of thousands of people in the region, with some 1,200 people staying at shelters in the night, said the report.

Xinhua

Four Russian policemen killed in N Caucasus

MOSCOW, 17 June—The headquarters of Russian combined federal forces said on Wednesday that three militants and four policemen have been killed in a battle in the turbulent North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 14 June, 2010 shows the summer landscape of Ondorhaan grassland of east Mongolia's Hentiy Province.—XINHUA



Water of the Danube River licks up bank in Belgrade, capital of Serbia, on 16 June, 2010. The flood wave of the Danube River has reached its highest level in Belgrade on Wednesday.—XINHUA

Seven killed by landslide in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 17 June—

A family of seven people were killed by land and rock slide following a heavy downpour since Wednesday in town of Ambon in Indonesia's Maluku Province, *Antara News Agency* reported on Thursday.

The ill-fated family was buried by land and rock as big as a minibus.

The disaster also damaged four other houses.

Heavy rain is still pouring the city, triggering fear among people.

On Saturday, heavy rain also killed two children in the city.

Xinhua

Sixteen killed in road accident in S India when going to wedding party

NEW DELHI, 17 June—Sixteen members of a wedding party, including 13 women, were killed when their van collided with a lorry near the city of Dharmapuri in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu Wednesday night, reported the *Press Trust of India* on Thursday.

The bride was seriously injured while her parents were out of danger, said the report.

Police and fire fighters rushed to the spot after receiving information and extricated the bodies from the vehicles while rushing the injured to hospital, said the report.—Xinhua



Rescuers try to salvage a mini-van submerged in the flood in Nanping City, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 15 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Colombia opens new bidding for oil exploration

BOGOTA, 17 June—Colombia will offer a total of 228 oil blocks for exploration in a new round of bidding at the upcoming Colombia Round 2010 to be held in the northwestern city of Cartagena de Indias.

A total of 73 companies which have registered in the National Hydrocarbons Agency have submitted tenders for exploration. And 49 companies have been qualified to develop field management directly.

Four companies will be involved only in providing capital, but will also share the risk in exploratory work. Eight firms will compete exclusively for the Type One area (basins with more information on which contracts for exploration and production will be signed).

For the first time, oil exploration will be conducted in the areas of San Andres, Providencia and the Pacific of Colombia.—Xinhua



China's Vice-Premier Zhang Dejiang poses with crew members of a Chinese cargo ship during a visit at Piraeus container port near Athens 16 June, 2010. Greek and Chinese companies on Tuesday signed shipbuilding and construction deals worth hundreds of million of euros and may expand their cooperation further to help Greece overcome its debt crisis, officials said.—INTERNET

China, Pakistan pledge to strengthen defence ties

BEIJING, 17 June— China and Pakistan pledged to strengthen defence ties on Thursday at a meeting between Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie and visiting Pakistani Chief of Army Staff Ashfaq Parvez Kayani.

“Cooperation between the Chinese and Pakistani armed forces is exemplary and has been fruitful,” Liang, also a state councilor, said during the meeting at the Diaoyutai Guest House Thursday on morning.

Liang said the two sides should make continuous efforts to conduct their cooperation programmes well.

He said China would join hands

with Pakistan to bring military relations to a new high.

Kayani said Pakistan values its defence and security cooperation with China, noting that the two countries have cooperated fruitfully in national defence industries in recent years. He added Pakistan would further strengthen exchange and cooperation with China.

Kayani will also meet with Chinese State Councilor and Minister for Public Security Meng Jianzhu, top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo, and Vice Chairman of China's Central Military Commission Guo Boxiong later Thursday. —Xinhua

Chinese universities enter solar-powered-housing design contest

TIANJIN, 17 June— Two Chinese universities have entered an international competition that aims to promote the building of innovative, efficient and sustainable housing, the first time Asian universities have participated in the event.

Tianjin University and Shanghai-based Tongji University have sent teams to participate in the four-day World Decathlon Europe 2010

that starts on Thursday in Villa Solar in the Spanish capital, Madrid.

The “Sunflower” designed by Tianjin University is a one-bedroom apartment combining the traditional building styles of northern China and of Yunnan and Anhui Provinces in the southern parts of China, said Professor Gao Hui, leader of the Tianjin University design team.

Xinhua



Girls and lads of Dai ethnic group go on furious fun of splashing water together with tourists, inside the Nine Pinnacle Tower Happy Land of Chinese Folk Custom, in Jinan, east China's Shandong Province, on 16 June, 2010. Series of funny activities including splashing water, contest of eating Zongzi, etc, are held inside the happy land to enable the tourists enjoying the saturnalia of coolness under the sultry summer season.—XINHUA

Businessman kidnapped in S Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, 17 June— Fully armed kidnappers abducted a businessman on Thursday morning when he came out of his farm in an island off the village of Bolong in Zamboanga city, in south Philippines, police said.

The victim of the latest kidnapping spree was identified as Vicente Barrios, 60, caretaker and corporate operator of the Dragon Marine Product, based in this resort village, 33 kilometres east of the city proper.

The abduction of Barrios came barely a day when combined police and military unit rescued Swiss-born Filipino Charlie Rieth who was held for 71 days in captivity.—Xinhua

HK to witness partial lunar eclipse on 26 June

HONG KONG, 17 June— A partial lunar eclipse will occur in Hong Kong's night sky on 26 June, and can be viewed by the public if the weather permits, the Hong Kong Observatory said on Thursday.

According to Scientific Officer of the Observatory Woo

Wang- chun, when the moon rises at 7:08 pm that night, the partial lunar eclipse should have already begun. It will reach its maximum at 7:39 pm and end around 10:21 pm.

The eclipse has an umbral magnitude of 0.542, meaning that 54.2 percent of the moon's diameter will enter the umbra, or total shadow, of the Earth at maximum eclipse, he said.

“As the elevation of the moon is rather low at maximum eclipse, the event is best observed at places with an unobstructed view to the horizon at (Hong Kong's) east-southeast, such as Shek O, Cheung Chau, the east dam of High Island Reservoir and on top of Tai Mo Shan.”

Xinhua

Traffic mishaps kill 30 pedestrians in HK in first five months

HONG KONG, 17 June— Hong Kong reported 1,481 pedestrian casualties in traffic accidents during the first five months of this year, in which 30 pedestrians were killed, the city police said on Thursday.

Compared with the same period in 2009, there was an increase of two pedestrian casualties and one fatality. Among the deceased, 20 persons or 67 percent were over the age of 60, the same as in the same period last year, it said.

The police said it would launch a city-wide pedestrian road safety campaign from 18 June to 1 July in order to educate pedestrians, in particular senior citizens, on road safety before

taking enforcement action against offenders.

During the first week of the campaign, officers from Police Regional Road Safety Teams will distribute publicity leaflets at various locations

throughout the territory, including traffic accident black spots, to enhance pedestrian road safety awareness and appeal to the public to comply with road traffic regulations.

Xinhua



A model presents creations of Venezuelan designer Carolina Herrera's 2010 Spring Collection during a fashion show in Panama City, capital of Panama, on 16 June, 2010. Herrera was in Panama on invitation by Panamanian first lady Marta Linares de Martinelli, to present her spring 2010 collection to raise funds for the cancer hospital.—XINHUA



A long procession of local residents march around the Qusha Waterfall to worship the water, along the Anrang Mount, in Zhouqu County, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 16 June, 2010.—XINHUA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND REVENUE INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT INCOME TAX DIRECTORATE NOTICE FOR FILING OF RETURN OF INCOME

1. All Co-operative societies which have been assessed to tax under the Income Tax Law and those Co-operative societies having income amounting above Kyats 30000 during the income year 2009-2010 are also required to file the return of income, duly filled-in and signed by the chairman or the secretary of the society concerned, in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June 2010. Moreover, Companies, Joint Venture enterprises and other tax-payers who are covered by the Income Tax Law are also required to file the return of income with Annual Financial Statement duly filled-in and properly signed in the respective Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) not later than foresaid date.
2. Persons having income amounting above Kyats 30000 solely under the head "Salaries" during the income year 2009-2010 are not required to file the return of income in respect of their salary income as the tax had been paid thereon by way of deduction at source. However, the employer is responsible for furnishing the Annual Salary Statement in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June 2010.
3. Prescribed forms of return of income and Annual Salary Statement are available free of charge at the Township Revenue Office. The Return can be filed in the person or sent by registered post. A receipt will be issued by the Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) concerned in case the return is filed in person.
4. According to the Income Tax Law of section 46, subsection (a), if any person fails to furnish Return of income without reasonable cause, a penalty not exceeding ten percent of the tax shall, in addition to the tax payable, be imposed for default.
5. Further information can be obtained from Township Revenue Offices and Companies Circle Tax Office.

Thein Naing
Director
Income Tax Directorate

Sony shows off PlayStation 3D and its motion controller

LONDON, 17 June—Sony has lifted the lid on the games it hopes to release over the next 12



Testing the new motion controller for the PlayStation 3.

INTERNET

months, with 3D a key aspect of the new range.

At a Press briefing at the E3 games expo, Sony outlined its plans for PlayStation 3 and its PSP handheld.

Sony said a recent software update had made all 35 million PlayStations sold 3D-ready.

The firm also announced details for its new motion controller, PlayStation Move.

Internet

UK inflation fell to 3.4% in May on lower food prices

LONDON, 17 June—UK inflation fell faster than expected in May, helped by lower food prices and slower rises in petrol and alcohol.

The Consumer Prices Index (CPI), the government's preferred measure, dropped to 3.4% from 3.7% in April, according to the Office for National Statistics.

The fall was bigger than the 3.5% analysts' forecast, and could mean that April's 17-month high marks a peak.

The Retail Prices Index (RPI), a measure widely used in pay talks, fell to 5.1% in May from 5.4%, the ONS said. —Internet

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Nyo Nyo Myint (R. No. 12 KTT[N]001478) daughter of U Soe Tint and Daw Myint Myint Yee residing in Yangon (Myanmar), will be henceforth named as Mrs. Nyo Nyo Dorseh from today.

Mrs. Nyo Nyo Dorseh

Malaysia reports 21% rise in dengue deaths

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 June—Malaysia registered a 21-per-cent year-on-year rise in number of dengue deaths for the period from January to mid-June, said a senior health official.

Mohd Ismail Merican, the director-general of the Malaysian Health Ministry, said in a statement here on Wednesday that although the number of infected cases dropped by 8 percent year on year to 21,309 cases so far, the death toll increased to 69 cases from 57 cases a year ago. —MNA/Xinhua

Spanish borrowing costs at new high

LONDON, 17 June—The Spanish government's cost of borrowing has hit a new record amid renewed concerns over the state of its economy and public finances.



Prime Minister Zapatero needs to satisfy investors as well as the Spanish public. —INTERNET

The interest rate Spain is being asked to pay by investors is now 2.23 percentage points higher than that being demanded of Germany.

This widening gap in the bond market marks a drop in confidence in Spain's ability to repay its debts.

The Spanish cabinet has also approved unpopular changes to labour rules.

"It is a necessary labour reform," said Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa de la Vega. "One of the most important reforms of the last 20 years."

The changes, which include a cut in the level of severance pay, have prompted a call for a general strike in September. —Internet

Water CO2 calculator for UK homes goes online

LONDON, 17 June—A website that helps people to work out how much CO2 is being emitted to heat water in their homes has gone online.

Produced by the Energy Saving Trust (EST), it also suggests ways that users can save water and energy, as well as cutting their carbon footprint.

The Trust says CO2

from energy used to heat water in UK homes accounts for 5% of the nation's total carbon emissions.

Yet, it adds, water use is the "forgotten energy saving opportunity" by homes, businesses and policymakers.

The EST produced the calculator as an interactive, "easy to understand" tool for people to make the link between water efficiency and energy efficiency, explained Andrew Tucker, EST's water strategy manager.

The calculator produces a personalised report for households.

INTERNET

S'pore firm selected for clean water supply in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 17 June—A Singaporean firm has been selected for building a water supply system in Cambodia's capital city of Phnom Penh, a government official said Wednesday.

Ek Son Chan, delegate to the Royal Government in charge of General Directorate of Phnom Penh Autonomous Water Supply Authority (PPAWSA) said a Singaporean firm, Moya Dayen, was selected to build a water pumping station for providing clean water in the suburb area of Khan Meanchey in Phnom Penh.

He said Moya Dayen was contracted last Friday for a water pumping station which costs 13.4 million US dollars for delivering water to a larger treatment plant which will be loaned by Japan and Agence Francaise de Development (AFD) for a project that costs 80 million US dollars.

He said the new water pumping station is expected to be completed by 2012 and by then it will be able to produce as many as 130,000 cubic metres water per day.

MNA/XINHUA



The system could close the loophole that redirects web users to fake sites. —INTERNET

Technology milestone heralds a more secure Internet

LONDON, 17 June—Moves to make the web's address system more secure will take a major step forward next month.

In the planning for a decade, the Domain Name System Security Extensions, DNSSE, will help protect users from cyber attacks such as phishing and spam.

The security layer will be added to the web's address system in July.

It should close the loophole that allows hackers to intercept DNS data and redirect users to fake websites.

The Domain Name System (DNS) was created in 1984 to allow computers to 'read' web addresses but it had no security features, offering rich pickings for criminals.

Internet





"Shaolin" to join in New Year movie season



Director Benny Chan (3rd from left) leads "Shaolin" cast members Wu Jing, Nicholas Tse, Jackie Chan, Fan Bingbing and Yu Shaoqun to promote the film in Shanghai, on 14 June, 2010.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 17 June—The film "Shaolin," starring Jackie Chan, Andy Lau and Nicholas Tse, is set to share in the profits the Chinese box office's

busiest season.

"Shaolin" will be released at the end of this year during the New Year movie season, it was announced Monday.

Director Benny Chan led a star-studded cast to promote the film at the Shanghai International Film Festival. Despite Andy Lau's absence, Jackie Chan, Nicholas Tse, Fan Bingbing, Wu Jing, Yu Shaoqun and Bai Bing were all present.

The press conference on Monday rallied these stars for the first time since filming wrapped. Passionate photographers and excited fans packed the venue, and heartthrob Nicholas Tse attracted screams almost every time he started talking.

Xinhua



South Korean director Jin-ho Hur, British director Phil Agland, Japanese producer Shozo Ichiyama, actress Charlie Yeung, and Chinese director Wanma Caidan (from L to R), appraisers of the Asian New Talent Award of the 13th Shanghai International Film Festival, attends a press meeting activity in east China's Shanghai Municipality, on 14 June, 2010.

XINHUA

Gong Li: John Cusack is amiable and talented

BEIJING, 17 June—Actress Gong Li says John Cusack, her co-star in the new WWII spy thriller "Shanghai," is an "all-round actor."

Gong and Cusack were in Shanghai on Sunday to promote the film.

"There was this scene that the director Mikael Hafstrom couldn't do because he was sick. So John took the directing work," Gong told reporters at a press conference.

"He was trustworthy and amiable. He was more than willing to discuss the roles with us. He was like our leader in



Cast members John Cusack and Gong Li pose for photographers at a press conference for their latest film, "Shanghai" during the 13th Shanghai International Film Festival on 13 June, 2010.

XINHUA

the cast. I learned many things from working with him," Gong said.

In return, Cusack said he enjoyed the filming experience and was looking forward to working with Gong Li again.

"Shanghai," set

months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, tells the story of American intelligence official Paul Soames (Cusack) who traces his friend's death to Japanese-occupied Shanghai and falls in love with a local woman named Anna (Gong Li).

The movie also features Chow Yun-Fat as Anna's husband Anthony Lan-Ting. Pianist Lang Lang contributed to the soundtrack.

Xinhua



World Cup

2010 theme

song "Waka

Waka (It is

time for

Africa.)"

singer

Shakira.

XINHUA

Twilight studio sues to stop sale of Bella jacket

LOS ANGELES, 17 June—Summit Entertainment, the studio behind the "Twilight" film franchise, is suing a retailer that's selling a jacket advertised as being worn by Bella Swan, the character played by Kristen Stewart.

The studio filed a lawsuit against women's fashion designer BB Dakota on Friday for copyright and trademark infringement. On the company's website, BB Dakota advertises a blue cotton canvas jacket like this: "Bella Swann (sic) wears this jacket in Twilight and scores the hottest vampire in high school, and so can you!"—Internet



Hong Kong pop star Celilia Cheung (C) takes her eldest son to attend the premiere publicity meeting of the new cartoon film, The Yangtze No.7 Loves Earth, together with Hong Kong film star Stephen Chow, the producer of the film, in Shanghai, east China, on 13 June, 2010.

XINHUA

2nd Sheen car taken, rolled off LA cliff

LOS ANGELES, 17 June—For the second time in five months, a Mercedes-Benz owned by Charlie Sheen was stolen and sent off Mulholland Drive near his Santa Monica Mountains home, authorities said Tuesday.

Firefighters responding to a report of a traffic accident found the silver, 2010 Mercedes S600 about 100 feet down a brushy ravine about 3 am, Fire Department spokesman Eric Scott said.

The car was running and its lights were on. Nobody was inside, and it showed no signs of forced entry, authorities said.

Sheen's publicist Stan Rosenfield said he believed the keys were in the ignition, but police would not confirm that information. Rosenfield declined to comment further, citing the ongoing police investigation.

Someone apparently took the luxury car from Sheen's driveway, where it was parked Monday, and the star of TV's "Two and a Half Men" didn't know it was missing, police Officer Norma Eisenman said.—Xinhua



TV star Charlie Sheen in Los Angeles.

SPORTS



Greece edged ten-man Nigeria 2-1 in a pulsating contest in Mangaung/Bloemfontein to revive their chances of reaching the Round of 16.

INTERNET

Greece show their spirit

JOHANNESBURG, 17 June—Greece hit back from a goal down to defeat 10-man Nigeria 2-1 in its Group B game at the Free State Stadium.

Kalu Uche opened the scoring for Nigeria but it was reduced to 10 men 11 minutes before the break when Sani Kaita was sent off.

Greece took advantage to draw level a minute before half-time through Dimitrios Salpingidis, before Vasileios Torosidis netted what proved to be the winner with 19 minutes remaining following a blunder by Vincent Enyeama.—Internet

Maradona criticizes Pele, Platini

PRETORIA, 17 June—Diego Maradona made stinging comments about fellow soccer greats Pele and Michel Platini on Wednesday after the pair criticized Maradona's performance as Argentina coach.

Maradona said he was not surprised by their comments and that "Pele has to go back to the museum."

As for Platini, "I always had a very distant

relationship with him — hello and goodbye. We know how the French are and Platini is French and he thinks of himself as being more than the rest of the world. I've never paid him any attention and I won't do it now."

Earlier, Maradona had criticized Pele, who led Brazil to three World Cup titles, for doubting Africa's ability to organize a World Cup.

Asked about Brazil, Maradona said Argentina's fierce South American rival was not tested by North Korea in the 2-1 win on Tuesday.

"Brazil played a relaxed game, too relaxed," Maradona said. "Korea never challenged them. For (goalkeeper) Julio Cesar, it would have been the same to shower or not after the game.—Internet

Preview matches on Germany Vs Serbia; Slovenia Vs USA and England Vs Algeria on 18 June

YANGON, 17 June—World ranking 6 Germany and World ranking 15 Serbia are going to play their second match of the Group-D of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on 18 June.

Both teams faced two times in their head-to-head position in 2003 and 2008 and Germany won both matches. Ballack-less Germany made a bright start hammering Australia 4-0 in the Group-D opener of the 2010 World Cup. Ghanaian strikers managed to pose a threat to the defence of Serbia led by Manchester United defender Serbian Vidic but finally Serbia lost to black stars Ghana 0-1 in the same group.

Despite Ghana's defenders are fit and in a good form, it is quite certain that German forward stars have ability to gradually topple Ghanaian defence. This match is supposed that football giant Germany will ease past the opponent the black stars.

Head-to-Head Position

31.5.08	Germany	2-1	Serbia	Friendlies	2008
30.4.03	Germany	1-0	Serbia	Friendlies	2003

Slovenia Vs USA

Both teams did not face in their head-to-head position in the previous matches. Slovenia won over Algeria in the Group-C opener of the 2010 World Cup by striker Soren's late goal. Their performances are almost in level throughout the match. But American played a draw against England in the opener of the same group. The performance of American was found to be good in playing against England. This match is forecast that American will win or at least draw against opponent Slovenia.

Results of the latest three matches of Slovenia

13.6.10	Algeria	0-1	Slovenia	World Cup grp. C
4.6.10	Slovenia	3-1	New Zealand	Friendlies
3.3.10	Slovenia	4-1	Qatar	Friendlies

Results of the latest three matches of USA

12.6.10	England	1-1	USA	World Cup grp. C
5.6.10	Australia	1-3	USA	Friendlies
29.5.10	USA	2-1	Turkey	Friendlies

England Vs Algeria

Both teams have never seen in the head-to-head position. England played a draw against USA in the opener of the Group-C. England played better than USA in the forward, midfield and defence during the match and the goalkeeper's mistake led to the draw result. Algeria is the lowest world ranking in the group and their performance during the match is not so encouraging. Anyhow, England will have to play against Algeria to meet the win. This match is supposed Three Lions nickname England will surely win over the opponent Algeria.

Results of the latest three matches of England

12.6.10	England	1-1	USA	World Cup grp. C
30.5.10	England	2-1	Japan	Friendlies
24.5.10	England	3-1	Mexico	Friendlies

Results of the latest three matches of Algeria

13.6.10	Algeria	0-1	Slovenia	World Cup grp. C
5.6.10	Algeria	1-0	U.A.E.	Friendlies
28.5.10	Ireland	3-0	Algeria	Friendlies

NLM

Rampant Argentina leave tepid South Korea in a spin



Higuaín taps to score the second goal of his hat-trick in Argentina's 4-1 World Cup win against South Korea. — Xinhua

JOHANNESBURG, 17 June — Gonzalo Higuaín scored the first hat-trick of the 2010 World Cup as Argentina overcame a protracted second-half wobble to secure a comfortable win over South Korea today.

On another freezing day under a cloudless Johannesburg sky Maradona replaced Juan Sebastián Verón with Maxi Rodríguez, reverting to a straightforward 4-3-3 with Messi, Tevez and Higuaín interchanging across the front line.

A minute before half-time Messi came close to producing exactly the goal his fans have been anticipating when, from inside a thicket of six defenders around the D, he chipped a delightful shot that floated just wide of the right-hand post.

In the third quarter of the match the South Koreans' confidence grew along with their sense of adventure and Yeom Ki-hun should have equalised just before the hour, after

Lee Chung-yong put him through with a fine pass.

Then came the substitution of Agüero for Tevez and immediately the Atlético Madrid forward's pass to Messi, provoked a jinking run which led to a first shot hitting Jung's left foot and the follow-up effort deflecting off the near post to Higuaín. Xinhua



Argentina's soccer team coach Diego Maradona arrives for a press conference in Pretoria, South Africa on Wednesday.—INTERNET

N Korea coach praises team for brave loss to Brazil

JOHANNESBURG, 17 June—North Korea's coach praised his team for playing "bravely" in its opening 2-1 loss to Brazil at the World Cup.

After a scoreless first half, Brazil broke through North Korea's solid defence in the second Tuesday night, with Maicon and Elano finding the net. North Korea's Ji Yun Nam scored his team's lone goal in the 89th minute. "We may not have won the match but our players showed very strong form and they fought bravely," coach Kim Jong Hun said after the game. "I'm happy that we scored one goal against Brazil, and I'm very proud of my players."

He said the match provided the players with valuable experience and confidence as they prepare for games against Portugal and Ivory Coast, Kim said.

North Korea's official news agency characterized the match as a "seesaw battle."

"The DPRK footballers created good shooting chances, not losing their confidence even after losing two goals," the Korean Central News Agency said Wednesday. DPRK stands for the Democratic Republic of Korea, the country's official name.

Internet

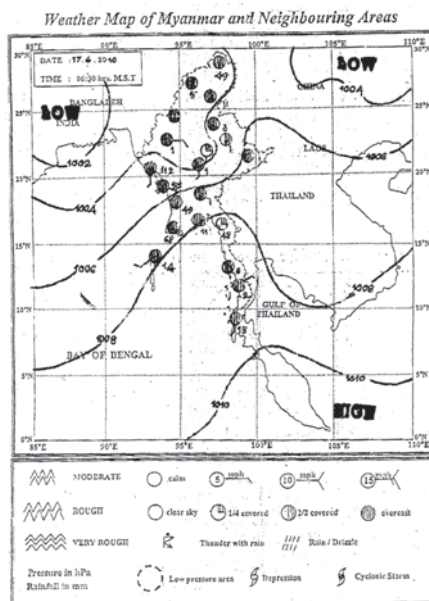


Ethnic Tujia performing Daliuzi-style dancing.
XINHUA

Guizhou hosts ethnic arts festival

BEIJING, 17 June—A performing season featuring a total of 36 Quyi ethnic art forms is set to begin in mid-July in Guizhou, a southwest province where various minority nationalities live, Jiang Kun said at a press conference in Beijing Tuesday morning. Jiang is the vice chairman of the China Quyi Artists Association and a well-known crosstalk performer.

Running from 11 to 16 July, the performing season aims to stage various traditional art forms across China in areas where non-Han ethnic people live. This is the fourth tour of its kind, the first taking place in Inner Mongolia, the second in Guangxi and the third in Ningxia—all autonomous regions where ethnic groups live.—Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday 17th June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan States, fairly widespread in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (4.92) inches, Kyauktaw (4.57) inches, Maungdaw (2.99) inches, Thandaunggyi (2.95) inches, Patheingyi (2.67) inches, Thandwe (2.33) inches, Putao (2.01) inches, Mawlamyine (1.89) inches, Pyawon (1.81) inches, Gwa, Theinzayat and Thayet (1.02) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 16-6-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 17-6-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-6-2010 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 16-6-2010 was (0.2) hour.

Rainfall on 16-6-2010 was (0.35) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (24.49) inches at Mingaladon, (26.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (26.97) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 16-6-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 18th June 2010: Rain or thundershower will be scattered in Shan and Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, widespread in the remaining State and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced at times Delta, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (18-6-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (18-6-10 09:30 am ~ 19-6-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Visit TO Kayah State
- * News
- * Today's Youths and Dancer Training Courses
- * Sein Min Tha "Nan Kyar Nyo Kyawt Yein Dance"
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda)
- * News
- * Pre-event of International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking

OverseaTransmission

- * Opening
- * News

- * A Visit TO Kayah State
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Today's Youths and Dancer Training Courses
- * Sein Min Tha "Nan Kyar Nyo Kyawt Yein Dance"
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda)"
- * News
- * Be A Typical Myanmar Lady (Fashionable Myanmar Traditional Wedding Dresses)
- * News
- * Talent Show (Ko Ko Naing-Mon State)
- * Memorial Stones from Chin Mountain Ranges
- * Record Album
- * Myanmar Traditional Bronze Casting
- * Pre-event of International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking
- * News
- * Documentary "The Strokes of Myanmar"
- * News
- * from Yangon to the Peak of Mt. Victoria
- * Myanmar Movie "A Monk's Single Meal"

Myanmar



Friday, 18 June

View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အပွင့်လေမင်္ဂလာ (ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့်အနုပညာ)

ဂီတစာဆိုများနွယ်ဆွေ

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. The Mirror Image Of The Musical Oldies

8:10 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. Musical Programme

8:30 am

9. "အမျိုးသားမီးရထား ကွန်ယက်သရက်-မင်းလှလမ်း အပိုင်း"

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. "ငှက်တစ်သောင်း"

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. Song Of National Races

4:40 pm

5. Songs Of Yester Years

4:45 pm

6. "ကြွယ်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောင်ရွက် လျှင်အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင် ပွားနိုင်"

4:55 pm

7. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:05 pm

8. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

9. ရိုးသားမြူစင် ကလေးတို့အသံ

5:30 pm

10. Football Planet (၂၀၁၀ ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလား ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲသုံးသပ်ချက်)

5:45 pm

11. ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ဂျာမနီ အသင်း နှင့် ဆာဗီးယား အသင်း)

8:00 pm

12. News
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. နိုင်ငံတော်အတွက် ထာဝရသစ္စာ (စောမင်းနောင်နှင့်အဖွဲ့ တေးရေး-စန္ဒရားကွန်းလီ)
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
17. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (အဂ်ရီကန်)



- ★ 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

Myaseinyaung Canal improves socio-economy of rural folks

Local farmers of Tuchaung Village-tract in Htantabin Township, Yangon North District, are pleased with extension of Myaseinyaung Creek in their region.

Under the arrangements of Htantabin Township Peace and Development Council U Ngwe Doe, staff of the Irrigation Department, Chairman of Tuchaung Village-tract Peace and Development Council U Win Myint Aung and local people harmoniously participated in dredging of the drain.

In 1985, Tatmadawmen of Manawhari column from the Myaseinyaung Operation joined hands with the local people in digging 8,000 feet long, 10 feet wide and 5 feet deep canal from the wetland of Hteingon-Tuchaung Village-tract to Panhlaing River near Tali Village with the aim of draining water from the wetland to reclaim 3,000

Article & Photo:
Maung Tha Phyan (Htantabin)

acres of farmlands. Therefore, the drain was named the Myaseinyaung Canal.

At present, Myaseinyaung Canal was dredged as the 10 feet deep, 20 feet wide and 16,000 feet long facility with the use of heavy machinery. Due to various reasons, the waterway of Panhlaing River is being silted. In consequence, the flow rate of the current declined. Therefore, the local people connected the Myaseinyaung Canal with Hteingon Creek by dredging the waterway.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin: 17-6-2010



Photo shows Myaseinyaung Canal reliable drainage system for Htantabin Township.

Crayfish brain may offer rare insight into human decision making



Crayfish, similar to organisms of higher complexity, observe their environment, and then make value-based decisions, the research shows.
INTERNET

SCIENCE DAILY, 17 June—Crayfish make surprisingly complex, cost-benefit calculations, finds a University of Maryland study —opening the door to a new line of research that may help unravel the cellular brain activity involved in human decisions.

The Maryland psychologists conclude that crayfish make an excellent, practical model for identifying the specific neural circuitry and neurochemistry of decision making. They believe their study is the first to isolate individual crayfish neurons involved in value-based decisions. Currently, there's no direct way to do this with a human brain.

The study is being published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

"Matching individual neurons to the decision making processes in the human brain is simply impractical for now," explains University of Maryland psychologist Jens Herberholz, the study's senior author.—Internet