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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Third Recovery Forum focuses on rehabilitation of Nargis-affected regions

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Tripartite Core Group jointly organized the Third Recovery Forum at the hall of the Ministry of SWRR, here, this morning.

Present at the forum were Minister for Cooperatives U Tin Htut, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman of TCG Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Myint, U Thurein Zaw, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Tin Ngwe (See page 8)



The Third Recovery Forum on rehabilitation of Nargis-affected regions takes place at Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.—MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein views learning of students at a Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw.

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An injured man at a hospital after a car bombing in Tuz Khormato, Iraq, on 18 June, 2010.

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Serbia beats 10-man Germany 1-0 at World Cup

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As regards allegations against Myanmar on nuclear programmes, Resident Representative of Myanmar to IAEA Ambassador U Tin Win sends reply to Director Mr. Marco Marzò of Division of Operations A, Department of Safeguards, IAEA

No activity related to nuclear programme has been carried out in the past, is ongoing or is planned for the future in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — As regards the allegations against Myanmar in connection with nuclear programmes, Director Mr. Marco Marzò of Division of Operations A, Department of Safeguards, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) sent a letter dated 14 June to U Tin Win, Resident Representative of Myanmar to IAEA and Ambassador of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany.

The letter requested Myanmar to inform the Agency as to whether any activities related to uranium conversion, enrichment, or reactor construction or operation has been carried out in the past, is ongoing or is planned for the future in the country as claimed by the Al Jazeera documentary.

Ambassador U Tin Win sent a reply letter today to Mr. Marco Marzò. The letter stated that the allegations made by the international media against Myanmar regarding the nuclear programme are groundless and unfounded; that no activity related to uranium conversion, enrichment, reactor construction or operation has been carried out in the past, is ongoing or is planned for the future in Myanmar; that Myanmar is a party to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) and has signed the Safeguards Agreement in connection with the NPT and the Protocol thereto in 1995; that as stated in its Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA, Myanmar will notify the Agency if it plans to carry out any of the aforementioned nuclear activities.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Drive safely in accord with traffic rules

With the rising number of cars across the globe, there is an increasing threat of road accidents. Since car accidents can cause economic and social losses, it is a must for every motorist to drive carefully and safely in accord with traffic rules and regulations. All pedestrians need to follow the traffic rules and regulations as well.

These days, there cause more road accidents and car crashes, so authorities concerned have publicly warned the motorists against traffic danger. As it is now in early monsoon, driving at a top speed, bringing the car to a dead stop and driving the car with bald tyres must be avoided while it is raining.

Moreover, motorists must be careful about road slippery. When there is heavy rain, car drivers are to switch on the headlights and their cars must have good wipers.

In the road accidents that happened in the rainy season and some cases can be found such as crashing into trees due to road slippery, car overturns because of having a puncture in front tyres, plugging the car into a gully due to a faulty brake and running over a pedestrian due to poor view. Such accidents have claimed lives of passengers.

Reckless driving, competing for overtaking and drunk driving cause frequent road accidents. Therefore, systematic measures are to be taken for every motorist to follow the traffic rules and regulations, to avoid driving under the influence and to drive at a limited speed.

Car owners must conduct constant checks on their cars in order not to cause mechanical failure. By having knowledge of traffic education as well as following the traffic rules, the public and motorists will be free from traffic accidents.

International Bakery & Pastry Course for enthusiasts

YANGON, 18 June—For the enthusiasts with the ambition to become workers at hotels and restaurants and sailors at cruiseliners and establish the own industries, the International Bakery & Pastry Course will be conducted at Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy in the last week of June.

The academy makes arrangements to open the IELTS Foundation Course and the Intensive Course in the last week of June.

The course will last three months. Those wishing to attend the courses may contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy, Room 302, Building 267, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Tel: 01-523623, 533200, 4112256 and 09-5020302.—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

Commander attends opening of SONY Expo-2010

YANGON, 18 June—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint attended opening ceremony of SONY Expo-2010, conducted by TMW Enterprise Ltd, in Yangon today.

The executive director of the TMW Enterprise extended greetings first.

The commander and responsible persons formally opened the exhibition.

The commander and party then viewed electronics used in home and business.—MNA

Education Minister visits BEHSs in Nay Pyi Taw



*Minister for Education
Dr Chan Nyein
views learning of
students at Basic
Education High
School in
Nay Pyi Taw.*

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visited Nos. 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 Basic Education High Schools here today. There, he heard reports by school heads and teachers on 2010

matriculation pass rate for 2010 academic year.

The minister attended to the needs and encouraged the students to try to be outstanding ones.—MNA

Royal Tea Leaf for diabetes control



YANGON, 16 June—Shan Maw Myay Co Ltd produces Yacon green tea suitable for those with diabetes.

Everybody can enjoy the potency of tea by drinking boiled water with Yacon green tea a half hour before meals.

Yacon green tea, the diabetes control tea, reduces insulin and colestral of diabetes patients in addition to

protection against destruction of cells at liver and enhancement of immune efficiency.

Yacon green tea is available at Shan Maw Myay Co Ltd at IHBC building, No. 365/367, third floor, Bo Aung Kyaw Street (Upper), Kyauktada Township, Tel: 392920 and 392921, Ext: 206/306, and its branches in various regions.—MNA

237 drug-related cases exposed in May

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—The authorities seized 237 drug-related cases in May 2007.

The seizures of drug-related cases were: 101.7933 kilos of opium in 26 cases, 2.4683 kilos of heroin in 83 cases, 5.8132 kilos of opium oil solid in 11 cases, 16.6799 kilos of low-grade opium in 11 cases, 4.160 kilos of marijuana in 20 cases, 166,012.5 stimulant tablets in 65 cases, 12.979 kilos of

opium speciosa in 10 cases, 3.02 litres of opium liquid on one case, 1.943 kilos of Ice in one case, 50 tablets of Lorazepam in one case, one ampoule of morphine in one case, four cases of failure to register and other three cases.

Action was taken against 395 culprits—310 men and 85 women—in 237 drug-related cases under law.—MNA

Advanced Survey and Land Records courses conclude

YANGON, 18 June—The Survey and Land Records Course No. 30 and the Advanced Survey Course No. 13 conducted by Settlement and Land Records Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation concluded at the central survey development training

school in Taikkyi on 14 June morning.

Acting Director-General U Mahn Soe Han of SLRD made a speech and awarded outstanding trainees.

Principal U Than presented certificates to the trainees. The course was attended by 255 trainees.—MNA

Gunmen kill former paramilitary group fighter, 5 family members in west Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 June—Unidentified gunmen killed a former member of the Awakening Council group and five of his family members on Thursday near the city of Fallujah in Iraq's western Anbar Province, a provincial police source said.

The attackers stormed the house of Qader Hamid Saud in al-Fehielat village outside the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, killing Saud, his wife, two

of his sons and two of his daughters, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The gunmen apparently traded fire with Saud's family before they managed to enter the house and kill the victims, the source said.

There have been frequent attacks against the government-backed Awakening Council paramilitary group which is mainly made up of armed groups, including some powerful former

anti-US Sunni insurgent groups, who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb struck a US military convoy in the area of Taji, some 20 km north of Baghdad, the source added without giving further details as the US troops sealed off the scene.

Xinhua



An Iraqi refugee stands near her home in al-Sulimania village near Hasska city in northern Syria on 18 June, 2010. More refugees from violence-racked Iraq are being resettled but the country's displacement problem is not going away, United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said on Friday.—INTERNET

38 militants killed, 23 arrested in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 18 June—At least 38 militants were killed and 23 others apprehended by security forces during raids in Pakistan's Mohmand agency on Wednesday, the spokesman of Pakistan army stated Thursday.

Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) of Pakistan said in a press release that the clashes that took place Wednesday in Mohmand Agency, along with Afghan border, also left 10 Security forces personnel killed and 13 injured.

According to sources, the raids against militants were carried out in Nesko Shah, Rajab China, Gudar and Sarko areas located on border of Mohmand agency.

Pakistani security forces are still continuing the operations against militants in the tribal area of the country, which Washington considers as the centre of Taleban and al-Qaeda remnants.

Last year two military offensives were carried out in Pakistan's northwest, killing thousands of militants.

Xinhua



An injured man is treated at a hospital after a car bombing in Tuz Khormato, in northern Iraq, on 18 June, 2010. Car bombs, meanwhile, tore through two neighbourhoods in restive cities north of Baghdad in separate attacks targeting a police captain and a provincial council member. The deadliest attack was in the northern city of Tuz Khormato when an explosives-laden car blew up about 50 yards (meters) from the house of Niazi Mohammed, a Turkomen member of the Salahuddin provincial council, according to police.—INTERNET

New York Times Square car bomb suspect indicted on 10 charges

NEW YORK, 18 June—New York Times Square bomb suspect Faisal Shahzad appeared in a US District Court in Manhattan on Thursday. He was charged with 10 terrorism and weapons counts.

Shahzad, who was allegedly trying to set off a car bomb in Times Square on 1 May, was indicted by a federal grand jury.

Pakistani-born Shahzad, who became a



Faisal Shahzad.

INTERNET

US citizen in 2009, has been indicted on 10 charges, including attempted use of a

weapon of mass destruction and attempted terrorism transcending national borders.

The indictment alleged that Shahzad received explosives training in Waziristan, Pakistan, in December 2009 from trainers affiliated with Tehrik-e-Taleban, a militant extremist group based in Pakistan. He faces life in prison if convicted.

Xinhua

Three PKK rebels killed in east Turkey

ANKARA, 18 June—Three members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) were killed in an operation staged by the Turkish security forces in east Turkey on Thursday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The Turkish security forces exchanged fire with the PKK militants when trying to capture a group of the rebels in rural area of Kelkit town in Gumushane Province bordering Erzincan Province, Erzincan Governor Abdulkadir Demir was quoted as saying. Demir added that armed clashes between the PKK rebels and the security forces are continuing in the region.

Xinhua

Eight killed in attacks close to Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 18 June—Eight people were killed and eight others were wounded in two attacks, one with rockets, in Abu-Graib area west of Baghdad, local police said. "Three Katyusha rockets landed this morning on a village near Abu-Graib, killing four people and injuring eight others," the police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity, adding the death toll might rise.

Xinhua

Afghan police investigate at the site of a bomb blast which killed Afghan District chief of Arghandab, Abdul Jabar, in Kandahar city on 15 June, 2010. Abdul Jabar and two other passengers were killed when their car was struck by an explosive device, the governor's spokesman said.—INTERNET



Al-Qaeda in Iraq claims responsibility for deadly attack on central bank

BAGHDAD, 18 June—Al-Qaeda in Iraq militant group claimed Thursday responsibility for Sunday's attack on the Iraqi Central Bank building in downtown Baghdad that killed up to 19 people. A statement from the group posted on the Internet said that five of its suicide bombers with their light weapons and explosive belts carried out the attack which lasted half an hour to control the bank's compound and then four hours of fierce fighting with the Iraqi troops which tried to regain control of the buildings.

"We challenge the media and liars of the Green Zone to show the battlefield on their satellite channels, or to record the testimony of their employees whom we captured inside the building," the statement said.—*Xinhua*



Sea creatures flee oil spill, gather near shore

GULF SHORES, 18 June—Dolphins and sharks are showing up in surprisingly shallow water off Florida beaches, like forest animals fleeing a fire. Mulletts, crabs, rays and small fish congregate by the thousands off an Alabama pier. Birds covered in oil are crawling deep into marshes, never to be seen again.

Marine scientists studying the effects of the BP disaster are seeing some strange phenomena. Fish and other wildlife seem to be fleeing the oil out in the Gulf and clustering in cleaner waters along the coast in a trend that some researchers see as a potentially troubling sign. The animals' presence close to shore means their usual habitat is badly polluted, and the crowding

could result in mass die-offs as fish run out of oxygen. Also, the animals could easily be devoured by predators.

"A parallel would be: Why are the wildlife running to the edge of a forest on fire? There will be a lot of fish, sharks, turtles trying to get out of this water they detect is not suitable," said Larry Crowder, a Duke University marine biologist.

The nearly two-month-old spill has created an environmental catastrophe unparalleled in US history as tens of millions of gallons of oil have spewed into the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. Scientists are seeing some unusual things as they try to understand the effects on thousands of species of marine life.

Internet



University students prepare large red ribbons on a street during an HIV/AIDS awareness rally ahead of World AIDS day in Shenyang, Liaoning Province on 29 November, 2009.

INTERNET

Experience shapes the brain's circuitry throughout adulthood



New research suggests that circuits in the adult brain are continually modified by experience.

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PARIS, 18 June—The adult brain, long considered to be fixed in its wiring, is in fact remarkably dynamic. Neuroscientists once thought that the brain's wiring was fixed early in life, during a critical period beyond which changes were impossible. Recent discoveries have challenged that view, and now, research by scientists at Rockefeller University suggests that circuits in the adult brain are continually modified by experience.

The researchers, led by Charles D. Gilbert, Arthur and Janet Ross Professor and head of the Laboratory of Neurobiology, observed how neurons responsible for receiving input from a

mouse's whiskers shift their relationships with one another after single whiskers are removed. The experiments explain how the circuitry of a region of the mouse brain called the somatosensory cortex, which processes input from the various systems in the body that respond to the sense of touch, can change.

The findings will be published next week in the online, open access journal *PLoS Biology*. The Gilbert lab has been studying changing neuronal connections for several years.

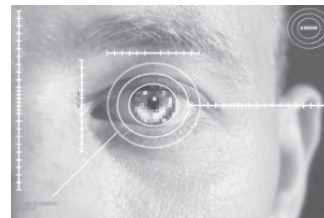
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Computer intelligence predicts human visual attention for first time

LONDON, 18 June — Scientists have just come several steps closer to understanding change blindness — the well studied failure of humans to detect seemingly obvious changes to scenes around them — with new research that used a computer-based model to predict what types of changes people are more likely to notice. These findings on change blindness were presented in the *Journal of Vision*.

"This is one of the first applications of computer intelligence to help study human visual intelligence," said author Peter McOwan, professor at Queen Mary, University of London. "The biologically inspired mathematics we have developed and tested can have future uses in letting computer vision systems such as robots detect interesting elements in their visual environment."

During the study, participants were asked to spot the differences



Researchers have used a computer-based model to predict what types of changes people are more likely to notice. The achievement sheds light on change blindness — a failure of humans to detect seemingly obvious changes to scenes around them.—INTERNET

between pre-change and post-change versions of a series of pictures. Some of these pictures had elements added, removed or color altered, with the location of the change based on attention grabbing properties (this is the "salience" level referred to in the article).—Internet

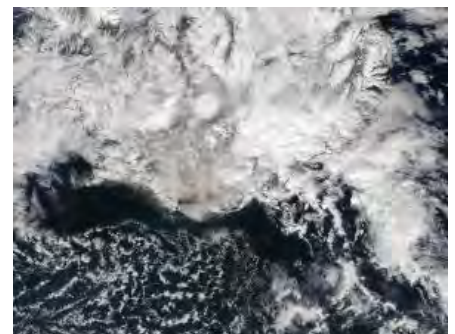
Internet sleuths get new way to report stolen data

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 June—A new programme being spearheaded by Microsoft Corp. is designed to provide a trusted way for researchers to report stolen credit card numbers and other data they've found in the dark corners of the Internet. Establishing that link is important because when a researcher finds stolen data, it can be hard to convince a bank or another affected institution that the data is legitimate. The lost time can mean the difference between someone's identity being used for fraud, and stopping a fraud before it occurs.—Xinhua

Volcanic emissions used to study earth's atmospheric past

WASHINGTON, 18 June— On March 20, Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano woke from its nearly 200-year slumber to change the way the world viewed volcanoes forever. Bringing almost all transatlantic air travel to a halt for the first time in modern history, this volcano reminded humanity of the powers these forces of nature contain — and of our relative inability to understand them. Associate Professor Huiming Bao of LSU's Department of Geology & Geophysics has published research in the journal *Nature* about massive volcanic eruptions and their atmospheric consequences in the past in North America.

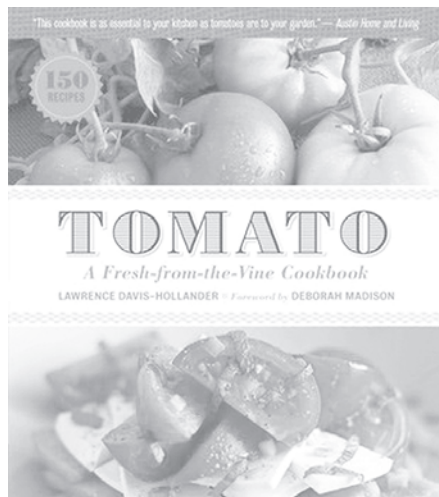
"Past volcanic eruptions have had significant impacts on the environment," said Bao. "We humans have witnessed the various impacts of volcanic eruptions like the 1991 Mount Pinatubo and the more recent Icelandic one. The physical aspect of



Eruption of Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, Iceland. Image taken on 17 May, 2010— INTERNET

the impacts such as explosion or ash plumes is often short-lived, but the chemical consequence of its emitted massive gases can have a long-lasting effect on global climate."—Internet

Science



This book cover provided by Storey Publishing shows the cover of 'Tomato: A Fresh-from-the-Vine Cookbook' by Lawrence Davis-Hollander. Right about now farmers market devotees start coming home with more than they know what to do with, simply because it's all so beautiful. But an unusually good crop of produce-centered cookbooks offers inventive ways to use the bounty to its best advantage.—INTERNET

Overtreating earliest cancers — but which ones?

WASHINGTON, 18 June—DJ Soviero waded the least treatment that would beat back her small, early-stage breast cancer, but her first doctor insisted she had only one option: tumor removal followed by radiation and chemotherapy.

Then she found a novel program at the University of California, San Francisco, that gave her an unbiased evaluation of the pros and cons of all treatment options.

"I realized that I didn't need to use a sledgehammer. It was my choice," said Soviero, of San Francisco, who went with the lumpectomy and radiation, but refused the chemo. It's an unthinkable notion for a generation raised on the

message that early cancer detection saves lives, but specialists say more tumours actually are being found too early. That is raising uncomfortable questions about how aggressively to treat early growths — in some cases, even how aggressively to test — along with a push for more of the informed-choice programmes such as the one Soviero used.

"The message has been, 'Early detection, early detection, early detection.' That's true for some things but not all things," said Dr. Laura Esserman, a breast cancer specialist at UCSF. She helped lead a study, reported last week, that found mammography is increasing diagnoses of tumors deemed genetically very low risk.

Xinhua

Vitamin B6 tied to lowered lung cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 18 June — A new study shows that people with high levels of a B vitamin are half as likely as others to develop lung cancer. But while the reduction in risk is significant, this doesn't mean that smokers should hit the vitamin aisle instead of quitting. While the study links vitamin B6, as well as one amino acid, to fewer cases of lung cancer, it doesn't conclude that consuming the nutrients will reduce the risk. Future research is needed to confirm that there's a cause-and-effect relationship at work, not just an association, researchers said. The research "may lead to important new discoveries. But people should not think that they can pop a few vitamins and be safe smoking," stressed Dr. Norman Edelman, the American Lung Association's chief medical officer.

The findings appear in the 16 June issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The researchers examined a study of almost 520,000 Europeans who were recruited between 1992 and 2000. They compared 899 who developed lung cancer by 2006 to 1,770 similarly matched people who hadn't developed the disease.—Internet

Obesity has damaging effects on sex life

BEIJING, 18 June—A study in the *British Medical Journal* revealed that obesity has a damaging effect on people's sexual life, according to US media reports on Thursday.

There research was carried out by the National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM) in Paris and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

"In public health terms, the study lends a new slant to a familiar message: that obesity can harm not only health and longevity, but your sex life," said Sandy Goldbeck-Wood, a

British gynecologist specializing in psychosexual medicine.

"And culturally, it reminds us clinicians and researchers to look at the subjects we find difficult," Goldbeck-Wood added.

The researchers surveyed 12,364 men and women aged between 18 and 69 years, living in France in 2006. The researchers found that obese women have four times as many unplanned pregnancies as healthy-weight women despite having less sex, and obese men are more likely to have sexual diseases despite fewer partners.—Xinhua

Cheap drug could save tens of thousands

LONDON, 18 June—A cheap drug that can stop bleeding in recently injured accident patients could potentially save the lives of tens of thousands worldwide, a new study says.

Researchers studied the effects of tranexamic acid, or TXA, in more than 10,000 adult trauma patients in 40 countries who received the drug within 8 hours of being

injured. They compared those patients' outcomes to more than 10,000 accident victims who got a placebo treatment. The study was published online on Tuesday in the medical journal *Lancet*.

Doctors found that patients who got TXA had a 15 percent lower chance of dying from a hemorrhage than those who didn't get it. They also had a 10 percent

lower chance of dying from any other cause, including organ failure and a head injury, versus patients who didn't receive TXA. The study was paid for by the British government.

The drug is commonly used in wealthy countries during elective surgeries to stop bleeding, but isn't prescribed for accident victims.—Internet



A deforested area inside the Jamanxim National Forest, state of Para, northern Brazil is seen in 2009. Logging of tropical forests can boost the incidence of malaria in the surrounding area by nearly 50 percent, according to new research tracking deforestation in Brazil's Amazon.

INTERNET

Health tip: why people get ear infections

WASHINGTON, 18 June— An ear infection is a common ailment, especially among young children whose eustachian tubes clog easily.

The US National Library of Medicine says possible causes of ear infection include:

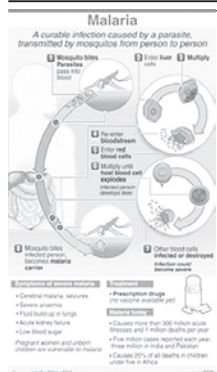
- * A sinus infection or the common cold.
- * Allergies.
- * Exposure to tobacco smoke or other irritating substances.
- * Infected or overgrown adenoids.
- * A side effect of teething among young children.—Internet



Visitors are seen at Pavilion of Future in Shanghai, east China, on 16 June, 2010. With movies, books and sculptures, the pavilion tells how a city was envisaged, planned and established in history, proposes the various possibilities of a future city, and points to the spiritual elements that have always promoted human progresses.

XINHUA

Health



Graphic fact file on malaria. The clearing of tropical forests can increase malaria rates because it creates conditions that are favourable for the *Anopheles darlingi* mosquito, the primary malaria carrier in the Amazon.

INTERNET



Rescuers walk in Shuangshang village of Cangwu, county of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 16 June, 2010. Some 112,000 residents of Cangwu county were affected by torrents and landslides triggered by heavy rainstorms and 32,000 of them have been removed to safe places.

XINHUA

Germany to enjoy job boom this year

BERLIN, 18 June— German employers will offer up to 100,000 new jobs this year as the economy continues to recover, the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) said on Thursday.

"We're experiencing what is almost a job wonder," DIHK head Martin Wansleben told the daily *Passauer Neue Presse*.

According to a survey conducted by the DIHK in April and May of more than 22,000 companies and published on Tuesday, German business sentiment improved significantly in the spring and all categories stood above their long-term averages.

The IT service, health, aviation and chemical industries are expected to provide the most new jobs as Germany emerges from the global recession, Wansleben said.

As a representative of German industry, the DIHK was much more optimistic about German economy than the government and some other institutions.—Xinhua

China Enterprises Index up 0.23%

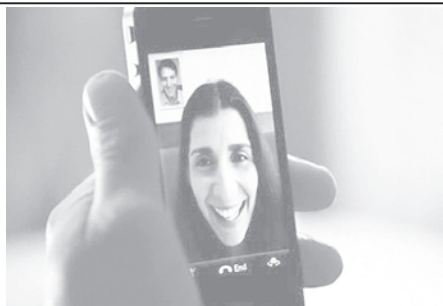
HONG KONG, 18 June— The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index gained 27.05 points, or 0.23 percent, to close at 11,583.5 on Thursday

The H-shares index, initiated in August 1994 and readjusted on Sept. 7, 2009, tracks the overall performance of 44 major Chinese mainland state-owned enterprises listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The Hang Seng China H-Financials Index lost 4.58 points, or 0.03 percent, to close at 16,273.72.

The H-Financials Index, initiated on 27 Nov, 2006, readjusted on 10 Sept, 2007, tracks the performance of nine major banks and insurers of the Chinese mainland.

The Hang Seng China-Affiliated Corporations Index went up 44.66 points, or 1.19 percent, to close at 3,802.02. The index tracks the performance of 34 locally listed companies with a significant equity interest held by entities in the Chinese mainland.—Xinhua



With Apple's new high-definition video-conferencing iPhone competing against Google's Android and vying against Blackberry and others, the race for market share in the lucrative smart phone industry is on. AFP TV takes a look at an industry worth billions in breakneck evolution.—INTERNET



A brown pelican covered with oil from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill, swims at Sandy Point near Venice, Louisiana, on 15 June. BP's share price soared almost ten percent after the group suspended its dividend and quantified its liabilities by agreeing to create a \$20 bln fund for costs from the spill.—INTERNET

WTO against US poultry ban

BEIJING, 18 June — China appears to have notched up a victory in a dispute against the United States over the latter's ban on poultry imports, according to an interim report by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

"We think the US will not try to impose a similar ban in the next fiscal year, since it would be regarded as open defiance of the latest WTO ruling," a Ministry of Commerce official, who declined to be named, told *China Daily* on Wednesday,

adding that Beijing had received the WTO report.

Another ministry official, Cheng Yongru, said China should take a firmer stance on import restrictions and technical barriers.

"Most of the actions China has taken involve anti-dumping and countervailing cases. It should get tougher on import restrictions and technical barriers to trade," Cheng, a division director of the bureau of fair trade for imports and exports, told *China Daily*.—Xinhua

Toyota decides to restart Mississippi auto plant

TOKYO, 18 June— Toyota will restart the delayed construction of its Mississippi plant, which will provide 2,000 jobs and be up and running by the fall of next year, the Japanese automaker said on Thursday.

Toyota Motor Corp.'s auto plant in Blue Springs, Mississippi, was initially planned to be completed by 2010, but building was suspended after the US economy nose-dived in late 2008.

The Mississippi plant will make 150,000 Corolla compact cars a year, a change of plans from the initial plan to make the Prius hybrid there, Toyota said.

Toyota President

Akio Toyoda said he was happy to make the announcement, and expressed appreciation for the understanding on the delay shown by Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour. "We aim to give our full effort to manufacturing vehicles that can bring joy and to contribute to the region's economy and society," he said in a statement. Toyota, the world's No. 1 automaker, had been on an expansion track until sales tanked from the financial crisis. The latest plan signals that Toyota is again ready to

tackle a growth strategy, after managing to return to the black for the fiscal year ended on 31 March. The Japanese automaker had racked up its worst loss in its history the previous fiscal year.

Toyota, which makes the Prius hybrid and Lexus luxury model, has also been plagued by a massive quality crisis, resulting in the recall of 9 million vehicles around the world since October, mainly in the US for problems such as gas pedal defects and braking software glitches.—Xinhua

New claims for jobless benefits rise sharply

WASHINGTON, 18 June—The number of people filing new claims for jobless benefits jumped last week after three straight declines, another sign that the pace of layoffs has not slowed.

Initial claims for jobless benefits rose by 12,000 to a seasonally adjusted 472,000, the Labour Department said on Thursday. It was the highest level in a month.

First-time jobless claims have hovered near 450,000 since the beginning of the year after falling steadily in the second half of 2009. That has raised concerns that hiring is lackluster and could slow the recovery.

Still, the four-week

average for unemployment claims, which smooths volatility, dipped slightly to 463,500. That's down by 3,750 from the start of January.

In a separate Labour report, consumer prices fell for the second straight month. The 0.2

decline in the Consumer Price Index was pulled down falling energy prices — most notably a 5.2 percent drop in gasoline prices. Declining energy bills were the main factor pulling down prices.

Xinhua



A monkey plays with a football at the Nanshan Zoo of Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, 16 June, 2010. An animal football performing activity was held at the zoo on Wednesday, as a way to support the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

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Business



High-tech adds depth to expo



Huang Mengfu (second from right), vice-chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and chairman of the national Association of Industry and Commerce, and Heilongjiang Governor Li Zhanshu at the ongoing Harbin trade fair. —XINHUA

BEIJING, 18 June—The Harbin International Scientific and Technological Achievements Exhibition Fair, held every two years at the same time as the Harbin Trade Fair, is expected to attract more than 110 experts and scholars from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and China this year.

The high-tech fair will include 1,455 foreign

projects and 244 have reached the level of preliminary cooperation.

As well, ceremonies to mark the inception of the International Science and Technology Cooperation Base in Harbin and the Harbin-Russia Production and Research Alliance on Science and Technology will be held during the expo period.

The high-tech forum and marketplace adds even more depth to the Harbin Trade Fair and helps improve R&D in Heilongjiang enterprises while promoting international cooperation.—Xinhua

Human heads found in boxes at Arkansas airport

LITTLE ROCK, 18 June—Officials say a Southwest Airlines worker stumbled across a few boxes of human heads at the Little Rock, Ark., airport.

It turns out the heads found on 9 June were bound for a medical laboratory in Fort Worth, Texas. But Pulaski County coroner Garland Camper says he's waiting for records showing the heads were legally obtained and were being shipped legally.

Camper says the 40 to 60 whole and partial heads are at the county morgue.

Southwest Airlines



The tail and wing of a Southwest Airlines plane is seen at Los Angeles International Airport. INTERNET

spokesman Chris Mainz says the airline called police and refused to ship them because they were

not packaged and labeled properly.

The heads were being shipped by JLS Consulting LLC of Conway, Ark. JLS founder Janice Hepler said they're to be used in a continuing-education programme for doctors.

Internet

Tour bus collision leaves nearly twenty-three people injured in US

LOS ANGELES, 18 June—A tour bus collided with two vehicles on Thursday in suburban Rosemead, east of Los Angeles, leaving 23 people, at

least one of them critically, authorities said.

"We do not know yet how the accident occurred," said Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Frederic Stowers. "All we know is that a bus and two other vehicles collided."

The driver of the bus was in critical condition and had been taken to a trauma center along with two others. Seven other people sustained minor injuries, while the remaining 13 patients were treated at the scene and released, Stowers said.

An investigation is under way to determine the cause of the accident, he said.

Xinhua

India successfully test-fires ballistic missile

NEW DELHI, 18 June—India on Friday successfully test-fired its indigenously developed, nuclear-capable, ballistic missile Prithvi-II from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, about 15 km from Balasore off the Orissa coast, reported The Times of India electronic edition.

The missile mounted on a mobile launcher

was blasted off from the launch complex-3 in the ITR at around 6:50 am the report quoted defense sources as saying.

The trial of Prithvi-II was conducted by the Indian Army. It has a maximum striking range of 350 km and is capable of carrying a pay-load of 500 kg, said the report.

Prithvi is the first

ballistic missile developed under the country's Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme and is propelled by liquid propulsion twin engine, according to the report.

The last trial of the Prithvi-II missile was successfully conducted from the same site on 27 March this year.

Xinhua



Floats move during a traditional fishermen's parade in Zhoushan, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 17 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Strong quake hits Japan's Hokkaido

TOKYO, 18 June—An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.3 on the Richter scale hit Japan's northernmost Hokkaido at 11:23 a.m. (0223 GMT) Friday, said the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The focus of the quake was located some 10 km under the sea off Hokkaido's east coast, said the agency.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to properties, and no tsunami warning was issued.—Xinhua

Strong earthquake hits south of the Kermadec Islands, New Zealand

HONG KONG, 18 June—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale occurred south of the Kermadec Islands, New Zealand at 13:06 GMT Thursday, according to a bulletin released by the US Geological Survey.

Xinhua

Pittsburgh police: Store robber dropped all but \$1

PITTSBURGH, 18 June—Pittsburgh police are searching for a butterfingering convenience store robber who got away with seven packs of cigarettes but dropped all but \$1 of the money he stole. Police said the man robbed the Uni-Mart in the city's Troy Hill section at about 11:30 pm on Sunday.

Police say the man wore a ski mask and ball cap and pointed a handgun at a clerk who gave him \$66.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 6 June, 2010 shows the Dadi Tulou, earth buildings in Chinese, in Hua'an County, southeast China's Fujian Province. Built on a base of stone, the thick walls of Tulou were packed with dirt and fortified with wood or bamboo internally. The architectural arts of the Fujian

Tulou can be traced back nearly 1,000 years, and their design incorporates the tradition of fengshui (favourable sitting within the environment). —INTERNET



Third Recovery ...

(from page 1)

and U Aung Myo Min, departmental heads, resident representatives of UN agencies, special representative of the ASEAN Secretary-General for rehabilitation of Nargis-hit regions Dr William Sabandar, diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon, officials and guests.

Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Deputy Minister for SWRR U Kyaw Myint extended greetings.

TCG Chairman U Kyaw Thu, UN Resident Representative Mr Bishow B Parajuli, Senior Representative of TCG Ambassador of Vietnam Mr Chu Cong Phung made speeches. The ministers and guests posed for documentary photo.

Joint-Secretary of NDPC Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myint delivered an opening address.

Special Representative Dr William Sabandar reported on endeavours of the TCG in progress of rehabilitation in the Nargis-hit regions.

The meeting focused on policies and strategies for rehabilitation of Nargis-affected regions, accelerating rehabilitation task, construction of cyclone shelters and schools, creation of vocational works, giving of educative talks on disaster risk reduction and future tasks.—MNA

Relief and rehabilitation tasks extensively carried out for disaster victims in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June —The daily newspapers have carried in their 18 June issues property losses, casualties and rescue and rehabilitation work due to torrential rain and strong winds in some townships of Rakhine State.

According to latest sources, measures are being taken to reopen Sittway-Ponnagayung-Yotayok railroad, Buthidaung-Maungtau road and Yangon-Sittway road as quickly as possible. As the flood water subsided on 16 June morning, the flood victims from Maungtau have returned to their home places.

Moreover, in Mrauk-U, due to torrential rain, 27 houses in Hsinchaseik Ywama Latoutzay Ward were flooded as high as about 3 feet. Consequently, 152 flood victims were evacuated to the primary school in ward. Likewise, 381 victims were evacuated to other basic education schools as 75 houses in new Hsinchaseik Ywama village were in floods as high as about 3 feet. Local authorities, departments and wellwishers are providing relief aid and health care to flood victims.

According to latest sources, landslides, floods, mountain torrents and high tides caused by downpours and strong winds in some townships of Rakhine State claimed lives of 35 men and 23 women totaling 63.

Related ministries led by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe and the relief and resettlement group in Rakhine State are systematically carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks in the disaster-affected areas for the betterment of their living conditions, it is learnt.

MNA

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. The Myanmar Democracy Congress, headquartered at Room 305, Building A of Shwegondaing Tower in West Ngadatgyi Ward in Bahan Township, Yangon Division, on 18-6-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will
2. use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.



Flag of the Myanmar Democracy Congress



Seal of the Myanmar Democracy Congress

Union Election Commission

Essay and Poster Contests held to mark World Population Day 2010



Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han visiting poster contest to mark World Population Day 2010.—NLM

Monsoon Sales Programme at Central Hotel packed with crowd

YANGON, 18 June—Organized by Concordia International Co Ltd and Fortune International Limited, monsoon special sales continued at Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street, Pabedan Township here today.

Concordia International Co Ltd exhibits Fuji Xerox Copier Printer, Scanners, Faxes, AO Size Plotters, laboratory equipment

Topcon Differential GPSs with RTK system, Garmin GPSs Ohaus digital scales, EIE machines used in testing land and concrete, Sigma elevators made in Korea, produced by Fortune International Co Ltd, medicines for many diseases

such as Livovax-B, Cycloferon, Reamberin and Albumin, GSM access kits besides devices on Samyung Navigation & Communication in the event. The sales will continue tomorrow for the last day.

MNA

Concordia International Co Ltd and Fortune International Limited jointly organize monsoon sales programme at Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Pabedan Township.—MNA

MANDALAY, 18 June—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han accompanied by personnel concerned on 12

June enjoyed poster contest commemorating World Population Day 2010 at No. 2 Basic Education High School, Mandalay.

This year's theme is

"Everyone counts". The poster contest was divided into four classes and participated by 45 students. On 13 June, essay contest was held at the same place.—NLM



Ministry of Industry-2 grows 1850 saplings

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—The Ministry of Industry-2 held the rainy season tree planting ceremony for the first time at the ministry, here, this morning.

Minister U Soe Thein grew a sapling.

The deputy ministers and departmental heads also cultivated trees. Staff planted 1850 perennial trees around the ministry.—MNA

Energy Minister receives Iranian Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi received a delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi at the ministry on 16 June.

The two sides discussed matters on cooperation in energy sector between the two nations.—MNA

Sports Ministry provides school uniforms, stationery to students

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint met departmental officials and staff of the Ministry of Sports and Physical Education Department, here, this morning.

The minister gave instructions on systematic working, growing of flowery plants, shade trees and kitchen crops on vacant and virgin lands on manageable scale, practising thrifty for fuel, electricity, water and telephone and taking care of security measures.

After hearing the reports of staff, the minister attended to the needs and presented cash awards to staff quarters for growing of plants.

Later, the minister presented school uniforms and stationery to the offspring of staff. MNA



Sports Minister Thura U Aye Myint presents school uniforms, note books and stationery.—MNA

Across the life-blood...

(from page 16)

Of the river-crossing bridges constructed by the Ministry of Construction, Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) has held the record of the longest one in Myanmar with 11,575 feet in length. Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) under construction will be 19,457 feet in length, setting the new record in Myanmar history.

Being located on India-Myanmar-Thai Tripartite Highway to be constructed by India, Myanmar and Thailand, the rail-cum-road facility will be of benefit not only to the region but the nation for generations.

When asked about progress of the bridge, Deputy Chief Engineer U Paing of Bridge Construction Group II said that the group was responsible for construction of bored

piles No. 17 to No. 31; and that construction had been completed by 16 per cent till 11 June.

We then looked round the construction site on Letpanchepaw bank. While crossing the wide river by a motored-sampan, we realized more and more the value of a bridge. When interviewed about construction of the bridge, Assistant Engineer (Civil) U Zaw Moe Lwin of Bridge Construction Group I said that the group was responsible for construction of 16 bored piles which was now completed by 16 per cent.

Gazing at the structures across the river, what I saw was not the bridge itself, but efforts, spirit, innovation, strength of Myanmar engineers behind it.

Senior General Than Shwe during his inspection tour of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) Project, urged

personnel "Show your ability and creativity. Let's erect the longest bridge in shortest period to be the best one. Try all your might to note it the model project of the nation."

When asked his



"The bridge will contribute not only to transportation but also to commodity flow."
U Myo Swe

feelings on construction of the bridge, U Myint Thein from Pakokku said "Locals are extremely happy to have a bridge. I am 46. Pakokku has remarkably developed in the time of Tatmadaw Government in comparison with the town in my childhood."

"To get Pakokku, it takes about 1:30 hours to cross the river with Z-craft. And transportation of local products rely on Z-crafts and motor boats. We are looking forward to emergence of the bridge." U Myo Swe of Letpanchepaw Village, NyaungU said in an interview.

In the colonial period,



We are constructing bole pile No. 1 to No. 16
U Zaw Moe Lwin
Assistant Engineer (Civil)

imperialists just constructed only one bridge for their interest. Nowadays, the Government has built a large number of river-spanning bridges. In the Union Garden, bridges and roads flowers are in full bloom. Yet, there is the sweetest one to bloom soon.

Metaphorically, Thanlwin Bridge is called dream bridge by locals. What Ayeyawady Bridge will (Pakokku) be named, I wonder. Can you imagine?

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"We are responsible for construction of bored pile No. 17 to No. 31."
U Paing
Deputy Chief Engineer



The bridge will link Pakokku and NyaungU.

Sixteen injured in German train collision



An emergency worker examines the wreckage of a passenger train and freight cars following a collision in Peine on 17 June, 2010. A regional passenger train collided late Wednesday night with a derailed freight train between Hannover and Braunschweig, leaving 16 people injured, German media reported.
XINHUA

BERLIN, 18 June—Sixteen people were injured late Wednesday when a passenger train collided with a derailed freight train in northern Germany, police said on Thursday.

The accident happened around 11:30 pm (2130 GMT) near Peine, a town near Hanover in the state of

Lower Saxony, on the line between Hanover and Braunschweig, a spokesman for the Federal Police said.

A regional passenger train carrying more than 60 people collided slammed into three cars of a freight train, which had derailed, seriously injuring the train driver and wounding 15 others with minor injuries, police said.

Eight of the injured have been sent to a local hospital, while the rest of them were treated at the site.

The speed of the regional train was not very high as it slowed down through several construction sites before the collision.

The reason for the collision was still under investigation, police said.

Relevant lines have been closed and are expected to reopen until next Monday. Long-haul trains will be rerouted while alternative options for commuters will also be available, German railway operator Deutsche Bahn said. —Xinhua



A flooded street is seen in Guilin, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 17 June, 2010. Heavy rainfalls caused flood in Guilin on Thursday.—XINHUA

Eight dead, two seriously injured after minivan plunges into river in SW China

CHENGDU, 18 June—Eight people were dead and two others seriously injured on Thursday after a minivan plunged into a river in Southwest China's Sichuan Province, said local authorities.

The accident happened 9:52 am when the vehicle, which carried 10 people, plunged into the Chitu River in Daocheng County of Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Garze, said a spokesman with the prefectural emergency response office.

Eight people on the vehicle died at scene. Two others were receiving treatment at hospital, but their conditions were not known yet, he said.

Police are investigating the cause of the accident.—Xinhua

Bushmeat smuggling rife in Europe



This undated handout picture released by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in Malaysia shows a Malaysian pangolin (Manis javanica), also known as a scaly anteater, climbing a tree.
INTERNET

PARIS, 18 June—More than five tonnes of bushmeat from primates, crocodiles and other rare or protected animals are smuggled in luggage through one of Europe's busiest airports every week, a study published on Thursday said.

Thirty-nine percent of bushmeat confiscated during a 17-day special operation by customs officials at Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport came from creatures protected by the Convention for the Trade in Endangered

Species (CITES), it said.

"Our results estimate that around 270 tonnes of potentially contaminated, illegal bushmeat is passing unchecked through a single European airport per year, posing a huge potential risk to public health," said lead author Anne-Lise Chaber of Britain's Royal Veterinary College.

The sweep netted smuggled meat from 11 species, including guenon and mangabey monkeys, the blue duiker forest deer, two types of pangolin and both Nile and slender-snouted crocodiles.

The largest single haul was 51 kilos (112 pounds) of meat carried by a single passenger who had no other luggage.

Much of the bushmeat came from the Central African Republic, Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of Congo, said the study, published in the journal Conservation Letters.

Internet

Fifteen dead, twelve missing after flash floods in SE France

PARIS, 18 June—Fifteen people were killed and 12 others were missing after flash floods struck southeastern France, authorities said on Wednesday.

The flash flooding triggered by torrential rain during the past two days turned city streets into rivers that swept away cars, trees and houses and also caused power outages in the Var region, affecting around 100,000 households, French media reported.

Resorting to helicopters and boats, the Var government has deployed close to 1,200 rescuers and 650 police officers to help local residents evacuate affected areas where water reached as high as about 2 metres.

Railway services within the flooded region, including Toulon and Saint-Raphael, have been

suspended until Thursday, the state railway company said.

The city of Draguignan, which is located about halfway between Marseille and Monaco, was hit particularly hard, with eight of the known deaths reported there.

The rain has halted for the moment, but another 40 to 50 mms was expected, according to a Meteo France meteorological service forecast.

President Nicolas Sarkozy has already sent condolences to the families of the flood victims and promised non-stop search and rescue for the missing.

Sarkozy said in a statement that his "first thoughts go out to the victims" and underscored his "solidarity with the inhabitants of the Var region."—Xinhua

People clean up their home in Draguignan, southern France, 17 June, 2010.
XINHUA



At least five killed in air crash in US state of New Mexico

HOUSTON, 18 June—A twin-engine plane crashed on Thursday morning at a regional airport in the US state of New Mexico, killing at least five people and wounding two others, authorities said.

The Cessna 310 plane overshot a runway while landing and crashed at the end of the runway at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport in south-central New Mexico, US Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford said.

State police officer Eric Garcia confirmed five people onboard were killed and two others were wounded and rushed to a hospital.

The police are "working with the originating airport right now to get a better idea of how many passengers were onboard," Garcia was quoted as saying by CBS.

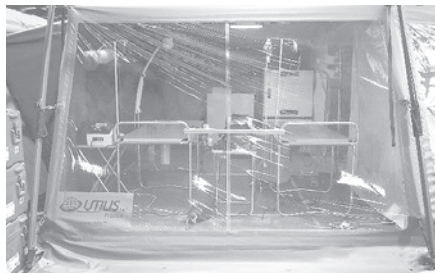
Authorities said the cause of the crash was not immediately known.

Xinhua



Visiting Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping (L) shakes hands with New Zealand Prime Minister John Key during their meeting in Auckland, New Zealand, on 18 June, 2010.

XINHUA



Military rescue equipments are seen Eurosatory defence international fair at the Villepinte exhibition centre in the suburb of Paris, capital of France, on 17 June, 2010.

XINHUA

Mexico warns of heavy rains in southeast

MEXICO CITY, 18 June — Mexico's National Meteorological Service (SMN) warned on Thursday that most of the country's southern and eastern parts could suffer heavy rains and high seas due to Tropical Depression 2-E and tropical wave number 6.

Two low pressure weather systems, which represent the lowest

rungs of the hurricane scale, will bring heavy rains to Guatemala, Chiapas in southern Mexico and Veracruz in the Gulf of Mexico.

Seven of the nine areas monitored by the SMN will suffer storms or high winds, according to a statement published

on the SMN's website. Since Guatemala was badly hit by Tropical Storm Agatha, which killed 156 people in the country, Guatemala's National Disaster Reduction System said it is monitoring the most vulnerable areas.

Xinhua

S Korea, India hold annual cooperation talks

SEOUL, 17 June—South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan on Friday met with his Indian counterpart SM Krishna for the sixth meeting of the joint commission to discuss a wide range of issues, including expansion of economic, defence and cultural ties between the two countries.

With gradual progress seen in terms of civilian nuclear cooperation, South Korea and India agreed to launch working-level talks to forge a nuclear power cooperation pact, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

The two ministers assessed that a

Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), signed in August 2009, has been successfully practiced, leading to a 70 percent increase in trading volume over the last four months since the agreement came into effect. They were certain that a bilateral trade target of 30 billion US dollars is achievable by 2014.

Moreover, the two countries vowed to closely work together to give a further boost to regional cooperation organizations, while promising extended collaboration on the international stage.—Xinhua

Oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill is seen in marshlands near Bay Jimmy, in the Barataria Bay of Louisiana on 17 June, 2010.

XINHUA



A miniature soccer ball filled with food in a tank is decorated as a football pitch at an aquarium in northern Germany, June 15, 2010.

Cops bust woman, 74, for pouring mayo in book drop

Police in Idaho think they might have solved a yearlong condiment crime spree. Authorities said a 74-year-old Boise woman arrested after pouring mayonnaise in the Ada County library's book drop box is a person of interest in at least 10 other condiment-related crimes.

Joy L Cassidy was picked up Sunday at the library, moments after police say she pulled through the outside drive-through and dumped a jar of mayo in the box designated for reading materials.

Cassidy was released from jail and faces a misdemeanor charge of malicious injury to property.

Boise police say Cassidy is under investigation for other cases of vandalism that started in May 2009. Library employees have reported finding books in the drop box covered in corn syrup and ketchup.

Top 10 most annoying sounds

Since the 2010 World Cup started on 11 June, several fantastic goals and enthusiastic soccer fans have impressed us.

Besides, there's one thing that you definitely can't ignore — Vuvuzela, a long plastic horn popular with South African soccer fans. Its loud buzz has sparked a debate about the level of tolerable noise at a sporting event.

Including Vuvuzela, *TIME* magazine summarized some other sounds that are not music to our ears.



A soccer fan blows Vuvuzela during World Cup match.

Elephant blocks US squad on trunk road

The United States training session ahead of Saturday's World Cup Group C opener with England was briefly delayed after an elephant blocked the route of the team bus.

A US team spokesman said the squad had to wait around five minutes while the elephant ate food from a tree on the road leading from the team's hotel.

It was the second time on Friday that the US team bus was blocked by an elephant on the road, the spokesman said.

The US face England at the Royal Bafokeng stadium in Rustenburg on Saturday.

Robot martial arts fighters to face off in SKorea

South Korea is planning to stage robot taekwondo bouts, blending the country's ancient martial art with cutting edge technology, officials said. The Taekwon Robots will face off at an international robot contest being staged by the Knowledge Economy Ministry and Gyeonggi Province in October. In bouts guaranteed to be bloodless, the robots will detect their opponents' movements with sensors and respond according to the data.

They will fight under the same rules as human contestants — three rounds each of three minutes, with three judges. Taekwondo, a traditional Korean martial art, has gained worldwide popularity in recent years. It became an official Olympic event at the 2000 games.

News Album

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BUNGA MAS 11 VOY NO ()**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BUNGA MAS 11 VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.6.2010 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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The women were ejected from the stadium.

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Two women in court over World Cup Dutch 'beer stunt'

LONDON, 18 June—Two Dutch women have appeared in court in South Africa over an alleged "ambush marketing" stunt at a World Cup match. They were released on bail. More than 30 women were ejected from the Johannesburg stadium on Monday during the match between Denmark and the Netherlands.

They were accused by FIFA of breaking strict rules on World Cup marketing. They had all been wearing identical mini-dresses in Dutch orange, sold as part of a gift pack by a Dutch brewery.

The two women appeared in a Johannesburg court on Wednesday under the Contravention of Merchandise Marks Act. They were released on bail and ordered to return to court next Tuesday.—*Internet*

Milton mother who killed baby detained indefinitely

LONDON, 18 June—A mentally ill woman who killed her six-week-old daughter by sitting on her has been detained indefinitely.

Julia Lovemore, of The Rowans, Milton, near Cambridge, earlier admitted the manslaughter of baby Faith on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Her daughter was declared dead on arrival at



Julia Lovemore was detained under the Mental Health Act.—INTERNET

hospital on 17 June 2009.

The judge at Cambridge Crown Court said the 41-year-old was "profoundly mentally disordered and suffering from religious delusions at the time".

She was detained indefinitely under the Mental Health Act.

The court heard the mother-of-two had suffered mental health problems since the age of 26 and had recovered, but had a relapse after the birth of her first child in July 2006.

She and her husband were described as a "religious fanatics" in court.

Internet



The telescope is relatively small, but incorporates cutting edge technology.—INTERNET

Pann-Starrs telescope begins operations to hunt asteroids

LONDON, 18 June—A new telescope facility in Hawaii designed to search for asteroids and comets which could threaten Earth has been made operational.

The Pan-STARRS 1 telescope will map large portions of the sky each night

to track not only close space objects, but also exploding stars (supernovae).

The telescope has been taking science data for six months but is now operating from dusk-dawn each night. Pan-STARRS 1 (PS1) is expected to map one-sixth of the sky every month.

The facility boasts a huge digital camera: a 1,400 megapixel (1.4 gigapixel) device that can photograph an area of the sky as large as 36 full Moons in a single exposure. "Although modest in size, this telescope is on the cutting edge of technology," said Dr Nick Kaiser, head of the Pan-STARRS project.

The giant digital camera will take over 500 exposures each night, collecting about four terabytes of data (equivalent to what 1,000 DVDs can hold).

Internet

Push for 'Great Green Wall of Africa' to halt Sahara

LONDON, 18 June—African leaders are meeting in Chad to push the idea of planting a tree belt across Africa from Senegal in the west to Djibouti in the east.

The Great Green Wall project is backed by the African Union and is aimed at halting the advancing Sahara Desert.

The belt would be 15km (nine miles) wide and 7,000km (4,350 miles) long.

The initiative, conceived five years ago, has not started because of a lack of funding and some experts worry it would not be maintained properly.

The BBC's Tidiane Sy in Senegal says the initiative has the full backing of Senegalese President Abdoulaye



Drought-resistant trees would be needed to survive in some parts.

INTERNET

Wade, who is in Chad with 10 other heads of state to discuss desertification.

His government has created the website dedicated to the Great Green Wall.—*Internet*

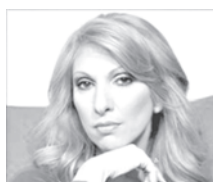
Man arrested in Moldova over murder of Cypriot tycoon

LONDON, 18 June—A man suspected of carrying out the contract killing of a media tycoon in Cyprus has been arrested in Moldova.

Cypriot police believe Gregoris Xenofontos fired the shot which killed Andis Hadjicostis outside his villa in Nicosia in January.

Mr Xenofontos, 29, was arrested at his wife's house in northern Moldova.

A former newsreader



Newsreader Ms Skordelli is accused of hiring someone to kill her former boss.—INTERNET

sacked from a TV station owned by Mr Hadjicostis, 41, is currently on trial accused of arranging the murder.—*Internet*

Blast at Colombia coalmine kills 16 and traps dozens

LONDON, 18 June—A blast at a coalmine in Colombia has killed 16 miners and left about 70 trapped underground, officials say.

The explosion happened late on Wednesday at the San Fernando mine in Amaga, Antioquia province.

Officials say there is little likelihood of finding survivors as rescuers tried to get into the mine.

"To be honest there is not much [hope], very little, practically none," Luz Amanda Pulido, a national disaster official, told local radio.

The blast happened at 2200 local time on Wednesday when miners were changing shift, officials said.



For that reason, the exact number of people inside the mine was unclear, they said.

Rescuers were trying again to get inside the shaft on Thursday morning.

Internet

Harrison Ford, Calista Flockhart marry in New Mexico



Harrison Ford (R) and Calista Flockhart .—INTERNET

BEIJING, 18 June—Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart were married on Tuesday in a New Mexico ceremony presided over by Governor Bill Richardson, media reported on

Thursday. Ford, 67, and the 45-year-old Brothers & Sisters star got engaged in early 2009 after more than seven years together.

It's Ford's third marriage — with the second one, to screenwriter Melissa Mathison, having landed him in Forbes magazines "Most Expensive Celebrity Divorces" hall of fame.

Ford has four children from his previous relationships, plus three grandchildren. This is the first marriage for Flockhart.

Ford is best known for his roles in "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones." Flockhart starred in the television series "Ally McBeal."—Xinhua

"Transformers" hottie Megan Fox engaged again

BEIJING, 18 June—The American actress Megan Fox is engaged with Brian Austin Green, US media reported Wednesday.

"Yes, she is engaged," a representative for Fox confirmed to media but without providing further details about the longtime couple.

However, just a few days before the big news was released, the



Megan Fox. XINHUA

Hollywood star told the media that "marriage is in the future somewhere" — without revealing the big news.

"I just think, if

you're going to get married, if you're going to be with someone and make a commitment, it's good to tell the universe, to say, 'I'm committing to this person and making them my family,'" the "Transformers" hottie told a media, "If we were to do it, it would be for ourselves. It wouldn't be for society."

Xinhua

US returns stolen artifacts to Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 18 June—The United States has returned seven pieces of antiques to the Cambodian government, US Embassy officials in Phnom Penh said on Thursday.

The seven pieces of Angkorian artifacts including an engraved plinth that weighs almost 200 kilograms and Buddha heads were presented to Khim Sarith, secretary of state of Ministry of Fine Arts and Culture and Sbaung Sarath, governor of Sihanoukville Province.

The return of the artifacts was presented during the arrival of the US hospital ship, USNS Mercy which is planned to dock in Cambodia for a two-week humanitarian mission.

The artifacts were recorded back between 1000 and 1500 AD or from the Angkor period.

Cambodia and the United States signed a bilateral agreement in 2003 in a move to limit or prevent illegal import of any archeological objects.

Cambodia highly commends the United States for good cooperation in the prevention efforts in particular on any stolen artifacts originated from Cambodia.

Cambodia has claimed that the country had lost many artifacts stolen by rogue people during the civil war period that started in late 1970 through 1990s.

However, over the past decade, Cambodia has asked for cooperation from several countries for the return of those suspicious stolen artifacts.

Xinhua

"American Pie" star Chris Klein arrested for drunk driving



Actress Ginnifer Goodwin and Chris Klein.

LOS ANGELES, 18 June—Actor Chris Klein was arrested early Wednesday in Los Angeles on suspicion of drunken driving, the Los Angeles Times reported on its website.

Klein, 31, best known for his role in the "American Pie" comedies, was taken into custody about 3:15 am local time, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Patrick Kimball.

Officers pulled Klein over after they spotted his black 1999 Chevrolet Blazer weaving across three lanes of traffic on the

westbound 101 Freeway at Woodman Avenue, Kimball said.

Klein's blood-alcohol measured more than 0.20 percent — well above the state's 0.08-percent threshold for drunken driving, TMZ. com, the first news outlet which broke the story, reported on its website.

The actor was booked at the Los Angeles Police Department's Van Nuys station for driving under the influence of alcohol and released without bail. This was the actor's second arrest in the past six years on the same charge, TMZ.com reported.

Klein won acclaim for his role in 1999's "Election" and later played the character Oz in the "American Pie" comedies. He's also known as former boyfriend of actress Katie Holmes, who married actor Tom Cruise in 2006—Xinhua



Indian actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan (R) jokes with film director Gurinder Chadha as she arrives for the world premiere of the Bollywood film "Ravaan" at the BFI in London, on 16 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Artists from China's Inner Mongolia perform a "Shen Qi Dawor" dance during a dress rehearsal at the National Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall in China's Taipei on 17 June, 2010. —INTERNET

Jackie Chan to perform in Moon Festival in Indonesia



Jackie Chan. XINHUA

JAKARTA, 18 June—Top Hong Kong actor

Jackie Chan will perform in the Moon Festival in Indonesia's East Java provincial capital city of Surabaya on 22 Sept, Antara News Agency quoted an artist as saying on Thursday.

James Chu, an Indonesia-born Hong Kong musician, told the agency that Chan will perform as the main guest star in an event that will be packaged in an atmosphere of Indonesia-China at

Kenjeran Beach of Surabaya.

"Chan's presence will make the programme more joyful," Chu said.

He also said that Chan's presence will be a mark of 60th anniversary of Indonesia-China friendship.

The event arranged by Indonesia-China Friendship Association will be filled by songs and dances from Indonesia and China.

Xinhua



SPORTS

West Brom first up for Chelsea

LONDON, 18 June—Chelsea will begin the defence of their Premier League title with a home match against newly promoted West Bromwich Albion on Saturday 14 August.

Heavyweights Liverpool and Arsenal will meet at Anfield on the opening weekend.

Last season's runners-up Manchester United face a mouth-watering home match with top-flight new boys Newcastle.

Championship play-off winners Blackpool start at home to Wigan, while Tottenham host Manchester City, who they edged out for fourth place last term.

While Newcastle boss Chris Hughton believes his side can get a result at Old Trafford, elsewhere on the opening day of the 2010/11 season, Aston Villa face West Ham and Everton travel to Blackburn, while Steve Bruce's Sunderland are at home to his old club Birmingham, Stoke visit Wolves and Bolton welcome Europa League runners-up Fulham.

Internet

Serbia beats 10-man Germany 1-0 at World Cup



Serbia's Milan Jovanovic (L) shoots during the 2010 World Cup Group D soccer match between Germany and Serbia at the Nelson Mandela Bay stadium in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on 18 June, 2010.

XINHUA

PORT ELIZABETH, 18 June—Germany went from indestructible to self destructive.

Milan Jovanovic made the most of it, scoring one minute after German striker Miroslav Klose got ejected Friday to give Serbia a 1-0 World Cup upset over the three-time champions.

Jovanovic scored a minute later, controlling a header and firing in a side-foot shot from directly in front of goalkeeper Manuel Neuer.

To make matters worse for Germany, Serbia goalkeeper Vladimir Stojkovic stopped Lukas Podolski's penalty kick in the 60th minute.

With both teams using lone strikers, the match turned into a physical, often bruising contest in midfield, with Serbia allowing Germany little space for the kind of flowing, quick-passing moves it used in beating Australia.—Internet

Glen's so 'Special' at £15m

LONDON, 18 June — Jose Mourinho is ready to make a £15million bid for Liverpool's England defender Glen Johnson.

The new Real Madrid boss is keen to add a rampaging right-back to his squad at the Bernabeu and the Anfield star is on his wanted list. His first choice is Brazil's Maicon, who was a key member of Mourinho's treble-winning Inter Milan side last season.

But the European champions are desperate to keep hold of the Brazilian, who scored in their World Cup win against North Korea. And new San Siro coach Rafa Benitez is no friend of the Madrid boss after the pair fell out during the Special One's time with Chelsea in the Premier League.

Mourinho sold Johnson, 25, to Portsmouth for £6m just a month before he left Stamford Bridge in September 2007 but two years later the player moved on to Liverpool in an £18m move.—Internet

We need World Cup miracle, admits Domenech

POLOKWANE, 18 June—Embattled France coach Raymond Domenech admitted on Thursday that his star-studded, crisis-hit team desperately need a World Cup miracle after slumping to a 2-0 defeat to Mexico.

France, the 1998 world champions and 2006 runners-up, were left with just a point from their first two Group A matches and are three behind Uruguay and Mexico who meet next Tuesday.

France need to beat South Africa in their final game on the same day, and then hope the mathematics of qualification works in their favour.

But the controversial Domenech, who steps down and will be replaced by Laurent Blanc after the World Cup, is not holding out too much hope of his team making the second round.

"We need a miracle," admitted Domenech. "We have to be strong and at least play for our honour. At least we must show something in the last match. When we are forced to rely on others, there's nothing to say."

Internet

Second-half comeback keeps US alive



United States' Michael Bradley, foreground left, celebrates with fellow team member Herculez Gomez, foreground right, after scoring a goal during the World Cup group C soccer match between Slovenia and the United States at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 18 June, 2010.—INTERNET

JOHANNESBURG, 18 June—Down two goals and facing an abrupt end to their World Cup, the Americans turned to their leader — and Landon Donovan turned around the match.

Donovan scored early in the second half, and Michael Bradley tied it in a furious second-half comeback, giving the United States a 2-2 draw against Slovenia on

Friday that kept alive the Americans' chances of advancing.

"My guess is there's not many teams in this tournament that could have done what we did," Donovan said.

Slovenia, the smallest of the 32 nations in the tournament, took a 2-0 lead when Valter Birsa caught goalkeeper Tim Howard flat-footed to score in the 13th minute

and Zlatan Ljubijankic scored on a counterattack in the 42nd.

Donovan scored in the 48th minute and Michael Bradley, son of U.S. coach Bob Bradley, tied the score in the 82nd.

"This team still understands how to fight for 90 minutes," the coach said. "This is something we've seen time and time again."

Internet

Preview matches on Netherland Vs Japan; Ghana Vs Australia and Cameroon Vs Denmark on 19 June

YANGON, 18 June—World ranking 4 Netherland and world ranking 45 Japan are going to play their group-E match of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on 19 June.

Both teams faced one time in their head-to-head position in the previous friendly match of 2009 and Netherland won Japan 3-0. Netherland edged out Denmark 2-0 in the opener of the group-E of the World Cup 2010 and now Netherland are in a good condition to reach top of the group with three points. Netherlands are formed with high-qualified players. Netherlands played in the upper hand position during the match against Denmark. Japan has only one striker Honda and no other strikers who can threaten Netherland's defence. It is supposed the world ranking 4 will surely win the opponent one of the Asian powerhouses Japan. If the great good luck touches Netherland, it will score more goals.

Head-to-Head Position

5-9-09 Holland3-1 Japan Friendly Match

Ghana Vs Australia

Both teams six times in their head-to-head position in the previous matches and Australia won four matches, lost one and one draw. Ghana won one match against Serbia 1-0 in the opener of group-D of the 2010 World Cup and their performance was in a good form. Australia were humiliated by Germany 0-4 in the same group. Reliable Everton player Cahill was sent off during the match against Germany and was banned for one match. If Ghana return to get a good form as if they played well in the match against Serbia, they will win over Australia. This match is supposed that it is likely to finish a draw. If like Ghana, it is the best.

Head-to-Head position

18-6-95 Australia 2-1 Ghana Friendly Match
21-6-95 Australia 1-0 Ghana Friendly Match
23-5-08 Australia 1-0 Ghana Friendly Match

Cameroon Vs Denmark

Both teams encountered two times in 1998 and 2002 and both had each one win and one loss. The results of both teams were the same. Denmark are better in the world ranking than Cameroon. Denmark's efforts are in the pole position despite losing to Netherland 0-2. Denmark defenders can play in a systematically way rather than Cameroon. Cameroon lost to Japan 0-2 in the opener of group-E of the 2010 World Cup. Webo and Eto were off-day during the match against Japan. Hoping of reaching the second place of the group, Denmark will win or at least draw against the opponent Cameroon.

Head-to-Head Position

5-6-98 Denmark 1-2 Cameroon Friendly Match
17-5-02 Denmark 2-1 Cameroon Friendly Match

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A press photographer take photos of the preview of the Treasure Paintings Exhibition of Uffizi Gallery in Florence of Italy, inside the Hubei Provincial Museum at Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, 17 June, 2010.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-6-2010)(Saturday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (19-6-10 09:30 am ~ 20-6-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * The Gok Hteik Viaduct
- * News
- * Eight Essential Requisites For Theravada Buddhist Monks in Myanmar
- * Global Warming and Climate Change
- * Lacquerware in Bagan
- * News
- * Working and Living in Myanmar (Tea House and Internet Cafe)
- * News
- * Music Gallery

Oversea Transmission

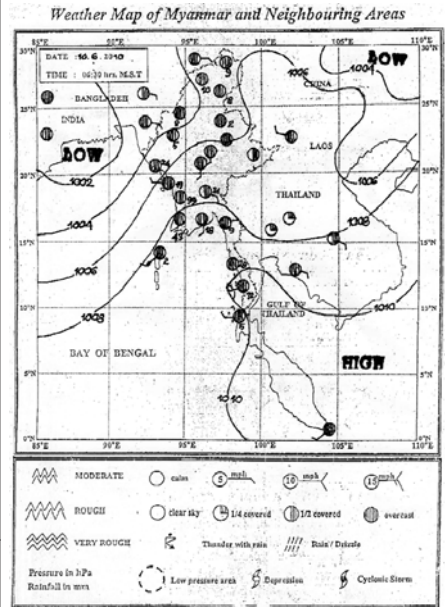
- * Opening
- * News
- * The Gok Hteik Viaduct

Dr. Naing Pan Hla (88 years) Archaeologist (Retd), Archaeological Department Professor (Retd), Meio University, Okinawa Island (Doren Laterati)

Son of (U Kywa-Daw Cho) in Kawtbein Village in Kayin State, beloved husband of (Mi Thein Nwe) (Retired Teacher) at 12-(A) Golden Valley Avenue in Bahan Township, brother of U Chit Htwe-Daw Ye and Daw De, benefactor father of Mi Khin Khin Hla-Dr Mehm Soe Myint, Min Aung Chan (Korea), Min Aye Chan-Mi Tin Tin Sein, Min May Chan-Mi Thit Thit, Min Hlaing Htaw-Mi Kyi Kyi Sann, Min Aye Cho-Mi Hnin Ze and Min Hlaing Soon, grandfather of nine grandchildren and three grand great children, passed away at Hninzezon Specialist Clinic at 4.20 am on 18-6-10 (Friday). Funeral service will be held at Yayway Cemetry at 11 am on 20-6-10 (Sunday). Buses will leave the house at 9.30 am on 20-6-10 (Sunday).

Bereaved family

- * News
- * Eight Essential Requisites For Theravada Buddhist Monks in Myanmar
- * Music Gallery
- * Global Warming and Climate Change
- * News
- * Working and Living in Myanmar (Tea House and Internet Cafe)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Fantastic Scenic Sunsets of Myanmar
- * News
- * Live Concert
- * Cultuer Stage
- * News
- * National Races Village
- * Myanma Crocodiles
- * Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin
- * News
- * Documentary "Shrinking Footprints"
- * News
- * Lacquerware in Bagan
- * Myanmar Movie "New Bosom"



WEATHER

Friday 18th June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (4.13) inches, Pyapon (4.06) inches, Myeik (3.47) inches, Launglon (3.27) inches, Thaton (2.60) inches and Paung (2.36) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-6-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 18-6-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-6-2010 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 17-6-2010 was (2.2) hours.

Rainfall on 18-6-2010 was (0.63) inch at Mingaladon, (0.71) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.83) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (25.12) inches at Mingaladon, (27.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (27.80) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (21:30) hours MST on 17-6-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 19th June 2010: Rain or thundershower will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayin State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Shan States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather Outlook For Fourth Weekend Of June 2010: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershower will be widespread in Yangon Division, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions.

Myanmar



**Saturday, 19
June
View on today**

7:00 am

1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်မိုင်းညိုမင်း တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်တလေးတင်အောင်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. ကဗျာပန်းညွှန်း

8:10 am

7. Dance Of National Races

8:25 am

8. Musical Programme

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. အတည်ပို့

8:50 am

11. "ကုန်းရုပ်ခွဲလေသော မြင်သောလေးတစ်လုံး"

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:25 am

3. Game For Children

11:50 am

4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:30 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

12:50 pm

6. မြိုင်မြိုင်လေးတို့ မနုဿဿော (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

1:50 pm

7. လယ်ယာစီးပွားဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်

နေ့သော မနုဿဿော၊ နှစ်ပတ်ချိန်၊ နယ်မြေ

2:00 pm

8. လောကဓိတိ "အမေသော" (မင်းမော်ကွန်းမြေတို့၏ မြေပြင်နုနုအေးအေးလင်းလင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးမင်းမောင်)

2:50 pm

9. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. မြေပြင်နုနုအေးအေးလင်းလင်း

4:20 pm

3. အတည်ပို့

4:40 pm

4. အသေသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညာနေ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်းစာ - ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

4:55 pm

5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:00pm

6. Musical Programme

5:10 pm

7. "ပေါ်ကရွေးကရွေး"

5:20 pm

8. မြေပြင်နုနုအေးအေးလင်းလင်း လူတိုင်းပါဝင်သောစွန့်စား

5:30 pm

9. Football Planet

(၂၀၁၀ ကမ္ဘာ့လား ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲသစ်ချက်)

5:45 pm

10. ကမ္ဘာ့လားဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်လွှင့်လွှဲမှု အစီအစဉ် (နယ်လား အသင်း၊ နှစ်၊ ဂျွန် အသင်း)

8:00 pm

11. News

12. International News

13. Weather Report

14. အလွယ်တကူတိုက်ရိုက်

(တေးဆို-ဝင်းဝင်းအောင်(မြို့မ) သရုပ်ဆောင်-ပထမနှစ်၊ တေးရေး- ကိုကျော်မြင့်(မြို့မ))

15. "တောကောင်လေးသို့မင်း ညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၃၄)

16. မြိုင်မြိုင်လေးတို့ မနုဿဿော (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

17. ဂီတဝါဒီလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

18. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်ချက် နှစ်ပတ်ချိန်အထူးပြု

20-6-2010 (Sunday)

1:00 am

19. ကမ္ဘာ့လား ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက် လွှင့်လွှဲမှုအစီအစဉ် (ကန်မရွန်အသင်းနှင့်နိုက်အသင်း)



- ★ 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

Applications for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Of the parties that have been granted permission to set up political parties, the Myanmar Democracy Congress submitted application to register as a political party to the Union Election Commission today.

Up to date, there are 42 parties that

submitted applications to set up and to continue existence as political parties. Thirty-three of the 35 parties that submitted application for registration as political party have been granted permission to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that a slight earthquake of magnitude 4.5 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (the Bay of Bengal) about 180 miles west of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 09 hrs 51 min 52 sec MST on 18 June 2010.

MNA

**Byline: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA);
Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)**

Across the life-blood of nation

The water of Ayeyawady River was flowing to the accompaniment of breeze which left waves on its surface. We were at the construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) which is

being erected by Special Project Construction Group No. 3 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

The bridge will be 13,465 feet in length of



Construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), the longest bridge in Myanmar.

motor way and the railroad on the bridge will be 19457 feet in length and the main bridge 11,431 feet.

The approach bridge for vehicles on Pakokku bank will be 1,378 feet in length and the approach bridge for trains 4226 feet. From Letpanchepaw bank in NyaungU, the approach bridge for vehicles will be 656 feet in length and the approach bridge for trains 3800 feet.

The bridge will have a 28 feet wide two-way motorway, 14 feet wide railroad. The pedestrian lanes on either side of the bridge will be six feet and six inches wide. The clearance of the bridge will be 262 feet in width and 52 feet in height.

The foundation of the bridge is made of reinforced concrete type bored piles and structure. The upper structure of the bridge will be of steel truss. The bridge is being constructed in phases. Construction of the bridge foundation was started in 2009-2010 fiscal year and has now been completed by 41 per cent. Erection of the upper structure of the bridge will be started in September 2010 and construction of the whole bridge is scheduled to be completed in 2010-2011 fiscal year.

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