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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ukrainian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Mr Markiian Chuchuk, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Ukraine to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 10.00 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.—MNA



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe receives Ambassador of Ukraine to the Union of Myanmar Mr Markiian Chuchuk at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of Ukraine to the Union of Myanmar Mr Markiian Chuchuk at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Extend cultivation of marketable rubber strains

Various kinds of crops are thriving in Myanmar blessed with favourable weather and fertile soil. All-out efforts are to be made for cultivation of rubber which is one of the industrial crops in Myanmar.

Nowadays, rubber is in high demand in international market. The market of rubber-based personal goods is booming. As such, it is necessary to grow rubber on the suitable regions on a commercial scale.

Myanmar has been engaged in cultivation of rubber for many years. Mon State is the leading region for rubber. Due to favourable natural conditions and weather, Mon State is standing atop in growing and producing rubber across the nation.

In addition, Taninthayi Division, Kachin and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and Rakhine and Shan States are blessed with fine weather for planting rubber. Some neighbouring countries extend offers to grow and produce rubber in Myanmar.

At present, quality rubber strains are grown in Mon State, Taninthayi, Yangon and Bago divisions through budding pattern by cutting off the old ones. It is necessary to cultivate rubber by June every year to get rain water. There are over 1.1 million acres of rubber in the entire nation. This year, efforts are being made to put over 90,000 more acres of land under rubber.

The government has made arrangements for rubber growers to easily obtain cultivable lands and provided quality rubber strains and advanced agricultural technology to them. Hence, sown acreage of rubber have been increasing year by year. As neighbouring countries are buying Myanmar rubber, the cultivation of marketable rubber strains on a commercial scale will contribute to increasing income of the State and the rubber farmers.

Transport Dy Minister receives Ukrainian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received Ukrainian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Markiian Chuchuk and party at



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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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends tree planting ceremony of Yangon Station



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence plants a gangaw sapling at tree planting ceremony of Yangon Station of Yangon Command.

MNA

YANGON, 23 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the tree planting ceremony organized by Yangon Station of Yangon Command in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District, this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers presented saplings to local regiments and units.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe planted a gangaw sapling, the commander, a starflower sapling, and senior military officers, saplings of trees.

Officers and other ranks of the regiments and units collectively planted saplings of tamarind, teak, gold mohur, eucalyptus, *pyinma*, starflower, *yaytamar*, ironwood, rain tree, mango, *mezali*, mahogany, *gangaw* and *sethabye*. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed the process.—MNA

Minister for Hotels and Tourism receives Croatian Ambassador



Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing receives Croatian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Zeljko Bosnjak.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing received Croatian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Zeljko Bosnjak, at the Minister's office yesterday afternoon. They discussed matters related to the tourism industry between Myanmar and Croatia.

MNA

NATO toll in Afghanistan rises to fourteen in two days

KABUL, 23 June—Four NATO soldiers were killed in southern Afghanistan, bringing to 14 the number to have died in two days in the war-torn country, the military said.

Two soldiers were killed in bomb attacks, another in a small arms attack and the fourth in another insurgent attack. The deaths all occurred on Tuesday.

London announced that one of the soldiers was British.

The latest deaths brought to 69 the number of NATO troops to have died so far this month and 289 this year, according to an AFP tally based on the independent icasualties.org website.

Ten NATO troops were killed in

attacks and a helicopter crash on Monday — the second time this month that 10 service members were killed in a single day.

Much of southern Afghanistan is blighted by the Taliban militants, now in its deadliest phase since the 2001 US-led invasion ousted the hardline Islamist regime and installed a Western-backed administration led by Hamid Karzai.

The US military has warned that casualties will inevitably mount as foreign forces build up their campaign to oust the militants from the southern province of Kandahar, a hotbed of bombings, assassinations and lawlessness.

Internet



An Iraqi man stands in his shop which was damaged by a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 21 June, 2010. Twin car bombs exploded on Sunday near a major square in Baghdad, killing several people and wounding dozens in the latest attack targeting a high-profile area in the capital.—INTERNET

43 militants killed in Pakistan's tribal area of Orakzai

ISLAMABAD, 23 June— At least 43 Taliban militants were killed as they clashed with the Pakistani security forces in a bid to stop movement of the forces in their areas in the country 's northwest tribal area of Orakzai on Tuesday, according to the report of a local media Ego News.

According to the report, fighter jets bombed suspected militants hideouts in the areas of Nandar Mela and Sattar Killay, leaving 35 militant killed and 31 injured.

The militants attacked the security forces with lethal weapons and mortar shells in Sawar Kot area in Upper Orakzai agency. During the fight, eight militants were killed while four security personnel also died.

Xinhua



Iraqi policemen stand at the site of a roadside bombing in the Dora area of southern Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Four NATO soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 June—Four more soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in Taliban-linked activities in the troubled southern provinces bringing the number of the alliance fatalities to over two dozen since weekend in Afghanistan, the alliance confirmed in statements released on Wednesday. Almost the lethal homemade device - Improvised Explosive Device (IED) has caused the casualties, according to the statement.

Two ISAF service members were killed in two separate IED attacks in south Afghanistan on Tuesday, the alliance confirmed in two separate statements. According to the statements, two more service members with ISAF also had lost their lives in Taliban-related activities in the restive southern region on Monday and Tuesday respectively.

Some three dozen NATO-led soldiers have been killed since early June in Afghanistan.

Majority of over 280 NATO soldiers, who have lost their lives since beginning this year, have been killed by IED attacks in the post-Taleban country.

Troops from United States, Canada, Britain, Australia, the Netherlands and Denmark have been stationed in southern region within the framework of NATO-led ISAF to help stabilize security in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Afghan, NATO forces eliminate eight militants in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 23 June—Afghan and NATO-led troops during a joint cleanup operation wiped out eight militants in northern Kunduz Province on Wednesday, police said.

"The operation with the support of airpower launched early this morning in Nahri Sufi village of Chardara District as a result eight Taliban rebels were killed," police chief of Kunduz province Mohammad Razaq Yaqubi told Xinhua.

Three more militants, he added sustained injuries during the operation. There were no casualties on the troops nor on civilians, the police chief further emphasized. Taliban militants have not made any comment. Chardara District has been regarded as the hotbed of Taliban militants in north Afghanistan and the insurgents often organize their activities from Chardara in the northern region.—Xinhua

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 23 June— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 23 June reached 701967 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1269163, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	701967
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1269163

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 23 June—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32924 Afghan people were killed and 39457 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 23 June.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32924
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	39457

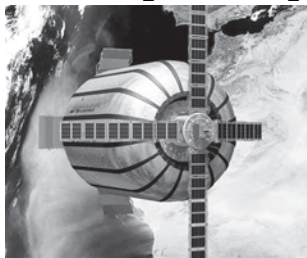
Internet

Three killed, 26 injured in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 23 June— Three people were killed and 26 wounded in bomb and gunfire attacks in Baghdad and Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, the police said on Tuesday. In Baghdad, the convoy of a senior official in the Iraqi Transportation Ministry narrowly escaped a roadside bomb explosion in Baghdad's southern district of Doura, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The blast missed its target and hit bystanders instead, killing two people and wounding seven others, the source said.

Xinhua

US entrepreneur to build first private space station



The design drawing of Bigelow Station.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 23 June— The solar system's first private space station is under construction by Bigelow Aerospace, a commercial space technology company created by US hotel and aerospace entrepreneur Robert T Bigelow, according to

media reports on Wednesday.

"The company plans to complete the construction within four years," Bigelow said.

In 2016, a second, larger station would follow. The two Bigelow stations would then be home to 36 people at a time — six times as many as currently live on the *International Space Station*, Bigelow added.

Now the models of this puffy space station lie in a factory near Las Vegas. It looks like a giant white watermelon.

It is estimated that a stay on a Bigelow station, including transportation, is currently priced at just under 25 million US dollars a person for 30 days — only half of the payment of a trip on *Soyuz* spacecraft to the *International Space Station*.—INTERNET

Google Voice open to all in US

BEIJING, 23 June— Google's telephony management application Google Voice is now open to all US residents, according to media reports on Wednesday.

Previously, an invitation from a current user is required before users could sign on to use the innovative phone add-on service.

The service can centralize users' multiple lines, such as their home, office and cellular phone. When callers dial a particular Google Voice number, the users' lines will ring either all at the same time or individually, depending upon their own preferences. Callers will no longer bother which numbers they should dial when they are not sure where person they wanted is.

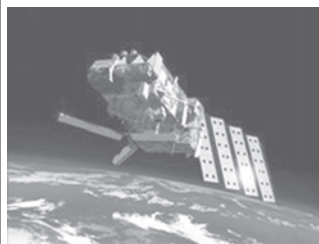
Google Voice also offers voicemail message transcription, free calls to the US and Canada, low international calling rates, conference call capability and a central, Web-based voicemail inbox.

And best of all, it's completely free. You just have to sign up in its website and complete some settings.

"We're proud of the progress we've made with Google Voice over the last few years, and we're still just scratching the surface of what's possible when you combine your regular phone service with the latest web technology," wrote Google Voice Product Managers Craig Walker and Vincent Paquet in an official blog post.

Xinhua

Europe's next-gen polar weather satellites twin up



Metop-A was launched in 2006. INTERNET

ROME, 23 June—The next-generation of Europe's polar orbiting weather satellites will fly in a two-spacecraft configuration.

Eumetsat, the organisation that operates Europe's weather observatories, took the decision at its latest council meeting in Rome.

It will allow additional instruments to be flown, producing even more data for numerical weather

prediction models.

The Eumetsat Polar System, Second Generation (EPS-2G), will be a multi-billion euro programme.

However, the cost is likely to be comparable with the current system which had a total envelope of about 2.4bn euros. The two-spacecraft configuration and the possible instrument payloads will be considered in the initial feasibility study.

Internet

Impasse broken on Europe's Meteosat project

BERLIN, 23 June— The long-running dispute over the industrial contract to build Europe's next-generation weather satellites has finally been settled.

A consortium led by Thales Alenia Space of France will now build the spacecraft in a deal worth some 1.25bn euros.

The German government had objected to the decision, believing one of its national firms should have been given



The first MTGs will launch later this decade. INTERNET

leadership of the project instead. But Berlin indicated on Monday it would no longer hold up the deal. The acceptance is tied to an agreement that the German part of EADS Astrium should receive a larger workshare in the project.

Meteosat Third Generation (MTG) will

be one of the biggest and the most complex space projects ever undertaken in Europe.

It is a joint venture between the European Space Agency (Esa) and Eumetsat, the international agency charged with looking after Europe's Meteosats.

Internet

NASA seeks to delay final two space shuttle flights

WASHINGTON, 23 June—NASA mission managers are seeking to delay the final two scheduled space shuttle flights, a move that — if approved — would push the last liftoff of the shuttle era to February 2011, space agency officials have confirmed.

Under the proposed change, the final scheduled flight of the shuttle *Discovery*, the STS-133 mission currently slated for a 16 Sept launch, would slip to Oct. 29. That delay would in turn push the *last planned shuttle mission*, the November flight of *Endeavour* on the STS-134 mission, to 28 Feb, 2011. "The change request will be reviewed by all affected parties — the space station program, the astronaut office, mission controllers," NASA spokesperson Mike Curie told SPACE.com from the agency's headquarters in Washington, D.C. "It's being discussed but there has been no decision made yet." A final decision on whether to *push back the flights* will be made 1 July, he said.

"They just need a little bit more time to get some of the spare hardware ready to fly on STS-133," Curie said.—INTERNET

Quantum gas in free fall: Bose-Einstein condensate at zero gravity

Experiment with a dramatic fall: The capsule is pulled up to the starting position in the drop tower, where the physicists generate a Bose-Einstein condensate by remote control and observe how it behaves at zero gravity — a step towards extremely-sensitive measuring devices for gravitation.

INTERNET



HANOVER, 23 June— A sensitive measuring device must not be dropped — because this usually destroys the precision of the instrument. A team of researchers including scientists from the Max Planck Institute of

Quantum Optics has done exactly this, however. And the researchers want to use this experience to make the measuring instrument even more sensitive. The team, headed by physicists from the University of Hanover, dropped a piece of apparatus, in which they generated a weightless Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC), to the bottom of a drop tower at the University of Bremen.—INTERNET

Singapore research agency unveils social robots

SINGAPORE, 23 June— Singapore's Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) said on Monday that it will debut OLIVIA and LUCAS, the first social robots in Singapore at Robocup 2010.

Developed under A*STAR's Social Robotics Programme, a social robot is an autonomous robot that interacts and communicates with humans by

following social behaviours and rules.

The programme develops innovative and unique robotics technologies that will benefit both the industry and the community, targeted at various sectors including entertainment, education, security, healthcare, and home

assistance.

As one of the first in this area, OLIVIA displays its ability of social interaction with human in performing daily tasks such as playing music, controlling electrical appliances and making calls.

Internet

Science

Drinking coffee may protect against certain cancer

LOS ANGELES, 23 June—US researchers have found a link between drinking coffee and a lower risk of head and neck cancer.

The study was based on data from a pooled-analysis of nine studies collected by the International Head and Neck Cancer Epidemiology (INHANCE) consortium.

Compared with non-drinkers, regular coffee drinkers had a 39-percent decreased risk of oral cavity and pharynx cancers combined, the results showed.

The association is more reliable among those who are frequent, regular coffee drinkers, consuming more than

four cups of coffee a day, according to the study published online on Tuesday in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*, a journal of the *American Association for Cancer Research*.

"Since coffee is so widely used and there is a relatively high incidence and low survival rate of these forms of cancers, our results have important public health implications that need to be further addressed," said lead researcher Mia Hashibe, PhD, assistant professor in the department of family and preventive medicine at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

Xinhua



A cup of cappuccino sits on a table during the World Coffee Conference in Guatemala City on 26 February, 2010.

XINHUA



A woman smokes a vanilla flavoured cigarette. Asian tobacco growers on Tuesday condemned the World Health Organization (WHO) for suggesting ingredients such as cloves and other flavours be banned from cigarettes.

INTERNET

New study shows Brazil losing battle of the bulge

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 June—Brazilians are battling the bulge. A government study says the South American country known for its bikinis is expanding at the waistline. The Health Ministry notes that in 2009, 46.6 percent of Brazil's 190 million people were overweight. That's up from 42.7 percent in 2006.

The rate of obesity also rose, from 11.4 percent in 2006 to 13.9 percent in 2009. The study released on Monday is based on interviews with 54,000 adults. The result: 51 percent of men and 42.3 percent of women are overweight.

The study blamed poor eating habits, lack of exercise and genetics. Brazil is still slim, however, compared to the United States, where a recent study showed 68 percent of the population was overweight.

Internet

Health Tip: Treating heat cramps

WASHINGTON, 23 JUNE—Heat cramps cause pain in the stomach, arms and legs when the body loses too many fluids and too much salt from strenuous exercise in extreme heat.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons suggests how to treat heat cramps:

- * Stop physical activity.
- * Carefully stretch the muscles that are cramping.
- * Drink cool water or an electrolyte beverage that's low in sugar.
- * If heat cramps are severe, treat as if the problem were heat exhaustion, a more serious condition that could require a doctor's care.

Internet



A midwife examines a pregnant woman. The largest study of its kind said pregnant women who live near a mobile phone mast do not run a higher risk of having a child who develops leukaemia or other cancer in infancy.

INTERNET

Health

High blood sugar in pregnancy raise diabetes risk for children

BIRMINGHAM, 23 June—Pregnant women with high blood sugar may lead to low insulin sensitivity in children, thus raising the risk of type 2 diabetes, a new study suggests.

There is an apparent link between high blood sugar in pregnant women and low insulin sensitivity in children, according to the study presented on Tuesday at The Endocrine Society's 92nd Annual Meeting in San Diego, about 90 miles (about 144 kilometres) south of Los Angeles.

Low insulin sensitivity is a risk factor for type 2 diabetes.

The children's reduced insulin sensitivity was independent of their amount of body fat, researchers at the University of Alabama

at Birmingham said in the study.

"We know that children born to women with type 2 diabetes or gestational diabetes, or who have high blood sugar during pregnancy are at risk of becoming diabetic themselves. This study suggests that

the children's increased risk appears to be due, at least in part, to their prenatal exposure to relatively high maternal blood glucose," said study co-author Paula Chandler-Laney, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow at the university.

Xinhua



Yoga enthusiasts practise yoga during a mass yoga event at Central Park in New York 22 June, 2010.

A downpour cut off the activity but not the enthusiasm of thousands of people coming to the event. —XINHUA

coming to the event. —XINHUA

X-Ray can spot gastric band slippage

WASHINGTON, 23 JUNE — X-rays can help doctors detect gastric band slippage following surgery that places an inflatable silicone band around the top part of the stomach to restrict food intake, says a new study.

Adjustable gastric banding surgery, usually done with a small lighted tube known as a laparoscope, is widely used to help severely obese people lose weight. However, gastric band slippage — which in rare cases can cause a life-threatening obstruction — is an increasingly common complication of the procedure. "Because the consequences of slippage may require acute surgical intervention, it is imperative that the radiologist is familiar with the surgical technique to correctly position the band and the appearance of a gastric band when correctly and incorrectly positioned," study lead author Dr Sabrina Pieroni, of Boston Medical Centre, said in an American College of Radiology/American Roentgen Ray Society news release.

Pieroni and colleagues analyzed radiology test results from 55 patients who underwent laparoscopic gastric banding. Slippage was diagnosed and surgically corrected in four patients.—Internet



Shipping containers pile up at a container port in Wuhan, in central China's Hubei Province in March 2010. China has announced it will remove tax rebates on some exports next month, a move analysts say is aimed at reining in overcapacity and could ease trade tensions ahead of a G20 summit.

INTERNET

South Australian wineries interested in China wine market

CANBERRA, 23 June—South Australia's (SA) world-renowned wineries on Wednesday said they hope to tap into China's burgeoning wine market with a trade mission and wine tastings.

Twelve wineries, including Belvidere, Chalk Hill and Bethany, spanning every wine growing region in the state are being represented on a mission to China, SA Minister for Industry and Trade Tom Koutsantonis said.

"The rapidly expanding Chinese middle class is creating outstanding opportunities for South Australian

wine," the minister said in a statement.

"There are between 50 and 250 million potential wine drinkers in China.

"Wine is South Australia's fifth largest export to China, worth 49 million dollars (42.7 million US dollars) — and the market is still in its infancy."

The trip will include visits to major wine retailers and distributors and there will be tastings with invited guests, and a Wine Showcase Dinner for influential wine distributors and wholesalers in Shanghai and Qingdao, China.

Xinhua



University professors and students work in excavations in the deposits of Atapuerca's mountain range in Burgos, a UNESCO world heritage site that contains fossil records of the earliest human beings in Europe, on 22 June, 2010. A team composed of 130 people from universities around Spain will be employed during the summer at seven deposits, Gran Dolina, Gallery, Sima of the Elephant, Portalon of the Major Cave, Sima of the Bones, The Mirador and The Hundidero.—XINHUA

US existing home sales down 2.2 percent in May

WASHINGTON, 23 June—Existing home sales in the United States declined by 2.2 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.66 million units, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) reported on Tuesday.

The sales in May, which are completed transactions that include single-family, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, increased by 19.2 percent from the 4.75-million-unit pace in May 2009. April sales were revised to show an 8.0-percent monthly gain.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said he expects one more month of elevated home sales.

Xinhua

Oil hovers below \$78 after US crude supplies jump

SINGAPORE, 23 June—Oil prices hovered below \$78 a barrel Wednesday in Asia after a report showed an unexpected jump in US crude supplies, suggesting a recovery in demand remains uneven. Benchmark crude for August delivery was down 27 cents to \$77.58 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained 76 cents to settle at \$77.85 on Tuesday.

Crude inventories increased last week by 3.7 million barrels, the American Petroleum Institute said late Tuesday. Analysts had expected a fall of 1.5 million barrels, according to a survey by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

Inventories of gasoline and distillates also rose, the API said.

Internet

Nissan CEO pay was \$9.5 million, below overseas peers

YOKOHAMA, 23 June—Nissan Motor Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn said his total compensation last business year was \$9.5 million, making him one of the highest-paid executives at a Japanese company.

The Brazilian-born Frenchman made another 1.24 million euros (\$1.5 million) at Nissan's French partner, Renault, which he also heads, in 2009. That was less than half his remuneration in 2008, as poor business results and an economic crisis capped performance-based, variable pay.

The size of the dual

Renault-Nissan CEO's pay package has been keenly awaited since new corporate disclosure rules are forcing Japanese companies to reveal what they pay executives if they receive more than 100 million yen starting this year. Previously, public companies were only required to disclose what executives received as a group.

Ghosn has repeatedly defended Nissan's pay scale — off the charts compared with domestic rivals — as being globally competitive and necessary to attract talent in a global

industry.

Addressing the issue at an annual shareholders' meeting on Wednesday, Ghosn said Nissan retains an external firm to benchmark executive pay against its peers. He noted that the highest-paid executive at a global automaker made \$17.4 million last year.

According to consultancy Towers Watson, Ford Motor CEO Alan Mulally was tops with \$17.4 million, followed by Fiat boss Sergio Marchionne's \$14 million. The average pay of CEOs at Volkswagen, Ford, Fiat and Daimler was \$11.7 million.—Internet

A local man is seen playing online games at an internet cafe in Beijing. Web users in China will have to register their names before playing games online as part of the nation's first official set of rules governing the booming market, according to state media.—INTERNET



Spain approves labour reforms to boost economy

MADRID, 23 June—Spain's Parliament gave reluctant approval on Tuesday to long-awaited reforms designed to boost the economy by shaking up a rigid labour market, with opposition parties worrying the changes are too little, too late and won't make a serious dent in the country's 20 percent jobless rate.

After austerity measures passed last

month by just one vote, the tally in the lower chamber gave another vivid show of how isolated Socialist Prime Minister Jose Rodriguez Zapatero has become. He is struggling to resurrect what had been a European economic success story just two years ago and calm investors and markets concerned that Spain's troubled public finances could lead the

country into a Greek-style debt crisis.

The reform package — aimed in large part at making it easier and cheaper for companies to lay off workers — passed by a vote of 168 in favour, 8 against and 173 abstentions.

Internet

Business



Italian professor Fabrizio Bisconti shows a painting inside the catacomb of Saint Tecla in downtown Rome on 22 June, 2010. Archaeologists and art restorers using new laser technology have discovered what they believe are the oldest paintings of the faces of Jesus Christ's apostles.—XINHUA

Industry-2 exhibits automobiles and solar related products



Ministers and Deputy Ministers visit exhibition on newly produced automobiles and solar related products by Ministry of Industry-2.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Ministry of Industry-2 organized an exhibition of its newly produced automobiles and solar related products at the ministry here today.

Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for

Thein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Vice-Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan views solar related products manufactured by Ministry of Industry-2.—MNA



Solar system packages and related equipment seen at the exhibition.—MNA

Myint, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung and deputy ministers, departmental heads, journalists and guests were present at the exhibition.

The ministry displayed various types of

automobile such as double cab, single cab, SUV, station wagon, micro bus, mini bus, pathfinder, jeep, assembled by Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries and showcased dry cell batteries, durable batteries, LEDs, controllers and

inverters produced by Myanmar Machine Tool & Electrical Industries at the exhibition where it also introduced its solar system packages — Solar Complete Set, Solar Street Light and Solar Home System Package.

MNA

Vehicles manufactured by Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries put on display at the exhibition.—MNA

Industry-1 U Aung Thaug, Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing

Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Minister for Culture U Khin Aung



Applications for registration as political party submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June— Groups that have been allowed to form political parties are submitting their applications to register as political parties to the Union Election Commission. The Mro National Party submitted the application today.

Up to date, there are 42 parties that submitted their applications for formation and continued existence as political parties. A total of 33 of the 37 parties that submitted the applications for registration as political parties have been permitted to register and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein speaking at Rakhine State flood rescue and rehabilitation coordination meeting. (News on page 16)—MNA

Laotian PM and party visit PyinOoLwin, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Visiting Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Nyunt Hlaing, Lao PDR Ambassador Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and party, arrived at Anisakhan Airport in PyinOoLwin Township by air yesterday morning.

They were welcomed by the commander of PyinOoLwin station, senior military officers and officials.

The Laotian Prime Minister and party visited Coffee Research and Technology Propagation Centre (Pwaydaung) in PyinOoLwin.

They also visited Kandawgyi National Gardens.

The commander of PyinOoLwin Station hosted a luncheon to the Laotian Prime Minister and party at Shweeinsan Hotel.

They guests visited factories in Yadanabon Myothit.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun explained facts about Yadanabon Myothit and its tasks.

On arrival at Mandalay Hill, the guests paid homage to the Buddha image and enjoyed the scenic beauty of Mandalay.

Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh and party visit factories in Yadanabon Myothit near PyinOoLwin.

MNA



In the evening, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe hosted a dinner to the Laotian Prime Minister and party.

This morning, the guests paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay.

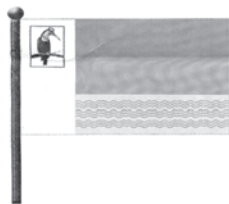
At Mandalay Industrial Zone, the chairman of the Mandalay Industrial Zone Management Committee

explained facts about the industrial zone. The Laotian Prime Minister and party viewed products of the zone displayed at the hall and then visited the industrial zone.

At 2.30 pm, the Laotian Prime Minister and party left Mandalay International Airport by special aircraft. They were seen off at the airport by the commander, officials, Lao PDR Ambassador Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and officials.—MNA

Public announcement for remonstrations

1. The Mro National Party headquartered at No (625) on Merchant Street of Setyonsu Ward in Sittway Township of Rakhine State on 23-6-2010 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.



Flag of the Mro National Party



Seal of the Mro National Party

Union Election Commission

24 Rural Health Facilities for storm victims handed over to Ministry of Health



Director-General Dr Win Myint speaking at ceremony to hand over Rural Health Facilities for storm-hit regions.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June— A handover of 24 newly reconstructed Rural Health Facilities to Ministry of Health by UNICEF and Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan took place at Function Hall of Thingaha Hotel here today.

Director-General

Dr Win Myint of Health Department made an opening speech. Counsellor Mr Mitsuji Suzuka of Japanese embassy and UNICEF resident representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha explained the purpose of donation.

Director-General Dr Win Myint accepted documents related to the

rural health facilities handed over by Mr Ramesh Shrestha, and presented certificate of honour.

These rural health facilities will help facilitate rehabilitations works for Nargis victims and reduce outbreak of pandemic and death rate in the long run.

MNA

Quality paddy strains, draught cattle...

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State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs U Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay,



Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects Yangon-Sittway Road in Ponnagyun Township.— MNA

Secretary of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe reported on undertaking of flood relief and rehabilitation tasks for natural disaster hit people in Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships in accord with the guidance of the NDPCC, rendering relief aid to the victims and carrying out of reha-

storms and strong earthquakes due to climate change. Myanmar also faced impacts of storm Nargis in early May 2008. Although the natural disaster caused large damages including a large number of deaths, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw harmoniously overcame the difficulties in a short period.

He said that heavy rains and floods occurred

ment will be provided to the local farmers to carry out agricultural tasks in time. In addition to assistance provided by the ministries concerned, the government will render more assistance to them.

The rainy season has now set in, he added. He stressed the need to hold educative talks to broaden horizons of the local people on preparedness and preventive measures against natural disasters.

Minbu-An-Sittway railroad construction project due to heavy rain, damage of embankment of Kwantaung-Ponnagyun-Yoetayoke railroad and arrangements for reopening it soonest, inundation of Yoe Creek Bridge between Yoetayoke and Kyauktaw and the plan under way to rebuild it, and works done for taking preventive measures against floods and bank erosion.

from floods.

The Prime Minister and party viewed repairing of railroad section between Ponnagyun and Yoetayoke stations and arrangements being made for resuming trains schedules.

They also looked into conditions of Yangon-Sittway road near Uritzaung Village.

At Basic Education Primary School in Yachaung Village in Ponnagyun Township, the Prime Minister, Lt-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and the Minister for Education presented exercise books and stationery to basic education schools of the village-tract through the Ponnagyun Township Education officer and the Headmaster.

The Prime Minister exhorted teachers not only to teach school lessons to their students but also to train them to endow with good characters and equip them with Union Spirit.

The Prime Minister and party left there by car and arrived back in Sittway in the evening.

MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views maintenance of railroad between Ponnagyun and Yoetayoke stations.—MNA

Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, departmental heads and departmental officials.

The commander reported on landslides and floods in Buthidaung and Maungtaung regions triggered by heavy rains from 14 to 16 June, deaths of human and animals in the incidents of floods and landslides, lists of flood-hit households and victims, damages of departmental and private buildings, basic education schools, health and religious buildings, damages of embankments, roads and bridges on Buthidaung-Maungtaung road section, formation of emergency rescue team for undertaking flood relief and rehabilitation works.

bilitation tasks, necessary assistance including paddy strains being provided to the farmers for carrying out cultivation task on flooded farmlands, assistance for reconstruction of schools and school equipment, providing health aid to the local people, repairing of roads and bridges, distribution of rice to the natural disaster victims and providing of relief aid by the ministries and wellwishers to the victims in time.

The Prime Minister asked about the matters he wanted to know, and the commander and the ministers reported on their respective sectors.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that many countries face problems of high temperature

in some regions of Rakhine State, but not elsewhere in the state. At present, he said that the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee is supervising its sector-wise tasks.

He said that the government is carrying out three phases of national disaster preparedness works such as providing food, health care and shelters, which are emergency rescues. It is necessary to continuously undertake resettlement, reconstruction for damaged housings, roads and bridges and rehabilitation of livelihoods. In the future, preparedness and preventive measures will be taken in accord with the prescribed plan. Quality paddy strains, draught cattle and farming equip-

At Ponnagyun Station, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min reported on damage of embankment of the railroad on Pyidawtha-Yegyanbyin section on

After hearing reports on requirements, the Prime Minister gave instructions on preparedness and preventive measures to protect embankments of railroads



Prime Minister U Thein Sein donates stationery for damaged primary schools at Basic Education Primary School in Yachaung Village.—MNA

Okinawa assembly chief asks US President to ditch base relocation plan

TOKYO, 23 June—The chairman of the Okinawa prefecture assembly on Monday continued his plight against the relocation of a controversial US Marine base by handing US Ambassador to Japan John Roos a letter urging Washington to ditch the plan, local media reports said.

Zenshin Takamine said in the letter addressed directly to the US President Barack Obama that 90 percent of Okinawa's residents remain opposed to the plan to transfer the

Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station from the crowded city of Ginowan to the coastal region of Henoko in Nago, Okinawa.

For his part Roos promised he would give the letter to Obama, local sources said.

Local media also said that during Monday's meeting between Takamine and Roos in the prefectural capital of Naha, Takamine made it clear he wishes Washington to close the Futenma facility.

In addition Takam-

ine said he hopes the US president will visit Peace Memorial Park in the city of Itoman in the future, highlighting the fact that a monument there has the names of 14, 000 American servicemen who lost their lives in Okinawa during World War II, inscribed on it.

Takamine, a resident of Ishikawa Island in Okinawa prefecture, has consistently pointed out to both Washington and Japan's government that 75 percent of the US military facilities in Japan are concentrated on Okinawa.—Xinhua



History enthusiasts dressed as soldiers take part in the reenactment of the 1815 Waterloo battle at its former battle field, some 20 kilometre outside Brussels, on 20 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Three peacekeepers killed by gunmen in Darfur

CAIRO, 23 June—More than two dozen gunmen attacked Rwandan peacekeepers on Monday in the ravaged Darfur region of Sudan, killing three of them in an hour-long fire fight, a spokesman for the international mission said.

The peacekeepers were providing security as the joint United Nations-African Union mission built a new base in West Darfur's Jebel Marra region, a major rebel stronghold where the government has made inroads recently.

The estimated 25 assailants drove up piled into a four wheel drive vehicle and attacked the peacekeepers, killing three and losing three of their own number.

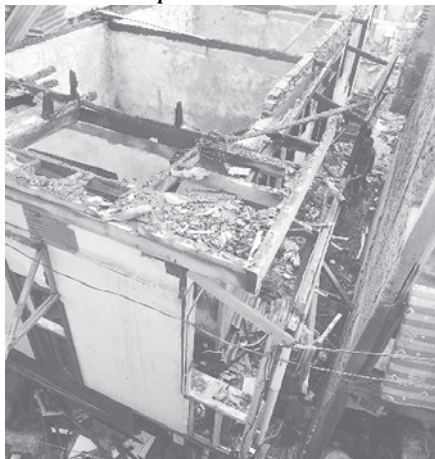
"There was a firefight that went on for an hour," said UNAMID spokesman Chris Cycmanick by telephone. "When they fled, they stole one of our four wheel drive vehicles."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Monday he "deplores" the continuing attacks on peacekeepers in Darfur and expressed his condolences to the families of the victims and the government of Rwanda.

He called on Sudan's government "to continue to make every effort to apprehend the perpetrators and bring them to justice immediately."

The attack brings to 27 the number of peacekeepers killed since the UN-AU force deployed in January 2008 to protect civilians and improve security in Darfur. In May, two Egyptian peacekeepers were killed when their convoy was ambushed in Darfur.—Internet

Photo taken on 20 June, 2010 shows the damaged houses after a fire in a slum area in Tambora, west of Jakarta, capital of Indonesia. Nearly 100 houses were burned here on Monday morning. No casualties were reported.—XINHUA



People clear burnt goods in a junk market in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 22 June, 2010. A vehicle fell from a road bridge into the junk market underneath at 2 am on Tuesday and caused fire here, killing four in the vehicle.

XINHUA



Brazil registers record job creation in May

BRASILIA, 23 June—Brazil's economy created a record of 298,041 jobs in May, according to data released by the Ministry of Labour on Monday.

So far this year, 1,260,368 jobs were created, also a historical best, thanks to very promising employment statistics in the first five months of the year, said the ministry.

The service sector ranked first in job creation with 86,100 jobs, followed by agriculture with 62,240, manufacturing industry with 62,220, trade with 43,000 and civil construction with 39,000.

Labour Minister Carlos Lupi said that besides Brazil's economic growth, the general elections scheduled for next October and the ongoing World Cup in South Africa all contributed to creating more jobs.

The favourable outlook of the labor market prompted the government to raise this year's job creation forecast from 2 million to 2.5 million.

Xinhua

Unsealed solar cell operates eight months

EDMONTON, 23 June—Canadian scientists say they have succeeded in increasing the operating life of an unsealed plastic solar cell from hours to eight months.

Researchers from the University of Alberta and Canada's National Institute for Nanotechnology led by David Rider said they created a longer-lasting, polymer coating for the solar cell's electrode — which extracts electricity from the cell.

Prior to the polymer-coating breakthrough, the research team said its plastic solar cell could only operate at high capacity for about 10 hours, but their advanced solar cell performed at high capacity for eight months before it was damaged during transit between laboratories.

The research appears in the June 22 issue of the journal *Advanced Functional Materials*.

Internet



People visit the 13th International Exhibition for Equipment and Technologies for the Oil and Gas Industries in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 21 June, Opened Monday at the Expocentre International Exhibitions And Conventions Moscow, the 5-day exhibition attracted enterprises from 36 countries, including Russia, United States, China and Japan. —XINHUA

China's SOE profits grow at steady pace

BEIJING, 23 June— Key indicators of economic effectiveness, show that China's state-owned enterprises and state holding enterprises have grown this year. But the growth showed signs of slowing in the most recent monthly figures.

The total earnings of SOEs and state holding enterprises from January to May increased by 44.5 percent. Their profits rose by 65.8 percent in the first five months, but dropped in May by 1.2 percent compared with April.

Tax due increased by 35.2 percent from January to May, but dropped 2.2 percent month on month. Petroleum, coal, and automobile industries have realized an increase in the last year. Steel and electricity industries have also seen stable growth.

Xinhua

Jia Qinglin (R), chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), shakes hands with Ethiopian Speaker of the House of Federation Degefu Bula at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 June, 2010.—XINHUA



A shrimp lies motionless after getting stuck in a pool of oil in Bay Jimmy near Port Sulpher, Louisiana on 20 June, 2010. The BP oil spill has been called one of the largest environmental disasters in American history. —XINHUA

US oil spill starts to affect Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 23 June—The oil spill disaster off US Gulf Coast has already begun affecting Mexico, an official said on Tuesday. "There has been a real impact in bird migration and fish food, which is a worrying fact that could worsen in coming months," said Salvador Trevino Garza, head of the Tamaulipas state's Environmental Agency for Sustainable Development. "We will continue monitoring this problem," he added.

Trevino was talking to reporters after a

meeting in Tamaulipas port city Tampico, where officials from local governments discussed the spill incident with officials from the Navy and Environment Ministries as well as Mexico's government-run oil giant Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex).

Mexican Environment Minister Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada said last week that Mexico is preparing a suit against BP for any environmental damage that may occur in Mexican territory due to the oil spill.

Xinhua

News Album

Stupid thief photographed by camera he steals

The not-very-bright fellow is a 47-year-old construction worker surnamed Yang being filmed by the very surveillance camera that he stole on 30 May from a newly-built building in Ji'nan, Shandong Province.

Until the signal was lost, it recorded the entire process as he used a screwdriver to dismantle the camera.

After guards found it and several other cameras missing they checked the stored footage and found they had their man. Yang was identified as a worker at the construction site and police found three cameras worth of 2,500 yuan (\$366) in his room.



Chess fans play chess on a chessboard drawn on the campus of Geneva University in Geneva, Switzerland, on 22 June, 2010.



Yin Shizhen, a 82-year-old paddler, takes part in the 15th World Veterans Table Tennis Championships in Hosshhot, China.

Naked Cowboy threatens to sue Naked Cowgirl for trademark violation

The famous "Naked Cowboy" in New York's Times Square threatens to sue a bikini-clad woman who calls herself The Naked Cowgirl of copyright infringement, according to *Reuters* reports on Wednesday.

Robert Burck, a 39-year-old street performer in Times Square, has sent a cease-and-desist letter to

Sandy Kane, who wears a red, white and blue cowboy hat and matching bikini.

Burck's manager, Todd Rubenstein, commented on the situation by saying, "If she's going to sell stuff and make money off of it, then, yeah, she's going to have to pay."

An excerpt from Burck's letter to Kane reads, "Your use of Naked Cowgirl is essentially identical to the Naked Cowboy and is clearly in violation [of the Naked Cowboy trademark]."



Four-year-old Asian elephant named Gabi (R) touches the trunk of his mother Tamar as they cool off in the water at Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo on 22 June, 2010.

\$3,600 found on highway returned to Pa newlyweds

A Pennsylvania man found an envelope stuffed with \$3,600 and returned it to the newlyweds who lost it after their wedding reception.

David and Ashley Marasco, of Bridgeville, had mistakenly driven off with their wedding album on top of the trunk of their car on Sunday. The money had been tucked inside.

Another motorist pointed out the album on the trunk, but the envelope had already fallen out.

Brennan Breene, also of Bridgeville, says he saw the envelope with cash sticking out Sunday in the middle of Washington Pike, a busy highway southwest of Pittsburgh. So, he stopped to pick it up.

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Belarus 'to pay for Russian gas debt' within two weeks

LONDON, 23 June—Belarus has said it will settle its gas debts to Russia within two weeks, after its eastern neighbour started cutting supplies in

a dispute over payments. Deputy Prime Minister Uladzimir Syamashka said Belarus would borrow the nearly \$200m (£135m) demanded by

the state-controlled gas monopoly, Gazprom.

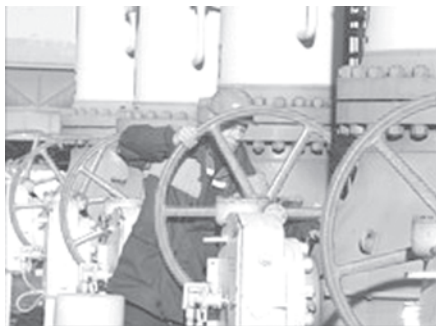
But he added that Russia owed Belarus \$217m (£146m) in fees for transiting gas via its territory to Europe.

Earlier, Russia's president ordered Gazprom to reduce supplies by 15%.

Dmitry Medvedev said this would rise "day-by-day" to 85% if Belarus did not start paying off its debts, accrued when it failed to pay increased prices.

Belarus believes the higher price it is being charged contradicts a customs union deal agreed between the two countries.

Internet



Belarus had proposed to pay the debt with machinery and equipment.—INTERNET

Tiger and two camels stolen in Canada are found

LONDON, 23 June—Two camels and a tiger stolen last week in Canada as they were being taken on a truck trailer to a zoo have been found.

Camels Shawn and Todd and Jonas the tiger were recovered on Monday night on a rural road near Drummondville, central Quebec.

According to reports by Canadian broadcaster CBC, a resident contacted authorities after spotting an abandoned truck trailer.

Richard Gagne, of the Quebec provincial police, says they are "alive and well".

They were on their way last Friday from Nova Scotia to the Bowmanville Zoo in Ontario when their driver stopped near Montreal, for a break.—Internet



About half of Kenya's population has a mobile phone.—INTERNET

Kenya registers mobile phones to cut crime

LONDON, 23 June—Kenya has started to register all mobile phone numbers in a bid to cut crime.

Users will have to supply identity documents and proof of address before they get a number.

Any numbers still unregistered at the end of July will be disconnected, the government says.

The BBC's Odhiambo Joseph in Nairobi says many people there support the move, hoping it will make life more difficult for criminals.

Kidnapping gangs often use unregistered mobile numbers to text ransom demands, he says.

Police commissioner Mathew Iteere told the BBC's Focus on Africa programme that mobile phones must be registered because they could now be used like computers.

"It has become a tool of banking, it can be used to steal data, [to] transmit unauthorized information and perpetrates huge frauds."

Internet

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Jamaican 'drugs lord' Christopher 'Dudus' Coke arrested



Christopher "Dudus" Coke is wanted in the US.—INTERNET

LONDON, 23 June—Police in Jamaica say they have arrested suspected drugs lord Christopher "Dudus" Coke on the outskirts of the capital, Kingston.

Jamaican media say he walked into a police sta-

tion although Information Minister Daryl Vaz told the BBC he had been detained in a "police spot-check".

The Jamaican government wants to extradite Mr Coke to the US to face charges of drug and gun trafficking.

Attempts to capture him in May led to clashes in which scores of people died. Mr Coke, 41, is accused of being the leader of the notorious Shower Posse, which US authorities say operates an international drugs and guns network.—Internet

Slipknot bassist Paul Gray died of morphine overdose

LONDON, 23 June—The bassist for US metal band Slipknot died last month of an accidental overdose, an autopsy has revealed.

Toxicology tests showed a fatal level of morphine and fentanyl, a synthetic morphine substitute, in his blood. Police said there was no evidence of a prescription for either drug.

His body was found by an employee at a hotel in Des Moines, Iowa on 24

May.

The band, famous for their ghoulish masks, won a Grammy Award in 2006 for the song Before I Forget.

The autopsy also revealed signs of significant heart disease, police in Urbandale, a Des Moines suburb, said.

A spokesman for the Urbandale police said they were trying to find

out how Gray obtained the drugs.

The spokesman said charges were possible.

The band formed in 1995 in Des Moines and remained based in the city.

The nine members of Slipknot wore Halloween masks in public and referred to other bandmates by numbers — Gray was number two.

Internet



The band, with Gray (far right) won a Grammy Award in 2006.—INTERNET

Fourteen die as gangs target buses in El Salvador

LONDON, 23 June—Police in El Salvador say they have captured a number of alleged gang members they accuse of torching a public bus, killing 11 people.

Gunmen had earlier boarded another bus in the capital San Salvador and shot dead two children and an adult.

Police said they suspected gang members had carried out the attacks in revenge for President Mauricio Funes' clampdown on violent street gangs.

But some analysts said it could be part of a turf war between rival gangs.

Salvadorean Security Minister Manuel Melgar called Sunday's incident "an act of terrorism".

Internet



Attacks on buses are not unusual, but this one was particularly violent.—INTERNET

The leading men of Gumiho: Fox Child

SEOUL, 23 June—Lead actress Han Eun-jung will be acting opposite several leading men in the new sageuk thriller Gumiho: Tale of the Fox's Child. First announced was Seo Joon-young as a young love interest, who is pictured above.

Two more actors

have been cast to play her adversaries, Yoon Hee-seok and Jang Hyun-sung. The former plays a cold-hearted man in pursuit of the gumiho, while the latter is Han Eun-jung's husband and the human father to the half-fox girl, portrayed by young Kim Yoo-jung.—Internet



Seo Joon-young.
INTERNET

Jay Chou's tour heats up



Jay Chou.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 23 June—Tickets are selling fast for Chinese mainland performances of Taipei pop singer Jay Chou's The Era 2010 World Tour

that kicked off earlier this week with three shows in Taipei.

Full of colour, costumes and pageantry, the show combines three main elements - futuristic electronic music, hip-hop and Chou's signature love songs.

According to organizers, Chou is promising a special treat for Beijing and Shanghai shows, with his much-loved grandmother, for whom he dedicated his popular song, "Wai Po" (Grandmother), scheduled to appear on stage beside him, if her health permits.

Beijing will also see the release of the full-length music video for Chou's new song "New Era." Chou's mainland stops include Shanghai on 25 June, Beijing on 3 July and Tianjin on 10 July.—Internet

Yoon Shi-yoon prepares to fight in Baker King



Yoon Shi-yoon

SEOUL, 23 June—A few teaser shots are out of this week's episodes of Baker King Kim Tak-gu, which feature series star Yoon Shi-yoon in action mode. This scene comes from Episode 6,

which airs on 24 June, as Tak-gu (Yoon) faces off against neighbourhood thugs who harass the merchants in the marketplace.

I've seen the first two episodes of the drama, and was pleasantly surprised. I haven't yet met the adult characters, but the show has got some solid acting from the child stars (particularly young Tak-gu) and some heartwarming moments. I'll try to write them up if/when I can,

although I'm currently swamped with things I want to write up.

The drama starts off in the 1970s (although the characters and sets are so stylized that one could almost even mistake it for the '40s, or '50s) and follows the characters through the '80s as the main character matures and grows into his dream of being a top baker and pastry chef.

Xinhua

British rock musician Billy Idol (L) and his guitarist Billy Morrison perform during his concert in Belgrade, Serbia on 21 June, 2010.

XINHUA



Hollywood star Amanda Bynes to quit acting

BEIJING, 23 June—US actress Amanda Bynes announced Saturday on Twitter that she would quit acting.

"Being an actress isn't as fun as it may seem," the 24-year-old Hollywood star said in her Twitter. "If I don't love something anymore I stop doing it. I don't love acting anymore so I've stopped doing it."

Bynes is widely known since her debut on US kid's channel Nickelodeon as a child star. Later she started her own show "The Amanda Show". She then starred in the movies such as "She's The Man", "Hairspray", "What I Like About You" and "What a Girl Wants", etc.

Bynes also admitted

that she is a little young to end her career as an actress, saying "I know 24 is a young age to retire but you heard it here first, I've retired."

The actress has just finished a comedy called "Easy A", which will hit the big screen on 17 September.

Xinhua



Actress Amanda Bynes.
XINHUA

Wang Luodan lands new role by eavesdropping

BEIJING, 23 June—"Driverless" actress Wang Luodan says she got her role in the film thanks to an eavesdropping experience.

The Chinese urban drama directed by Zhang Yang will hit local cinemas on 2 July. It is about three love stories that are intertwined by a car accident.

"I passed by director Zhang at a karaoke bar, where he was talking to someone on the cellphone about this film. I'd always wanted to work with him. So when I got back, I asked my assistant to contact him," Wang said



Cast member Wang Luodan promotes the new film "Driverless" in Shanghai on 19 June, 2010.

XINHUA

Saturday while promoting the film at the Shanghai International

Film Festival.

In the film, Wang plays a deaf-mute girl who is crazily in love with an amateur car racer. Zhang said he decided to cast Wang for the role when he saw her for the first time. "She has the quality."

"Driverless" also stars Liu Ye, Chen Jianbin, Gao Yuan, Ruby Lin, Li Xiaoran and Huang Xuan.

It is Zhang's first film since his 2007 comedy "Getting Home", which was nominated for Best Asian Film at the 2008 Hong Kong Film Awards.

Xinhua

Fifteen-year-olds to participate in "American Idol"

BEIJING, 23 June—The famous talent show "American Idol" lowered its age limit to 15 years old, according to news reports on Tuesday.

According to AP, the age to compete for the 10th season of the singing talent show

would be from 15 to 28, with its minimum age lowered by one year to 15.

"A lot of young, talented people are now seeking careers and representation before they turn 16," said "American Idol" producer Cecile Frot-

Coutaz.

Reuters reported that season 10's auditions would begin in six US cities, beginning in next month.

Fox's "American Idol" has been one the most popular TV shows in the US over the past decade.—Xinhua

S P O R T S

Preview matches on Cameroon Vs Netherland; Denmark Vs Japan; Paraguay Vs New Zealand and Slovakia Vs Italy on 24 June

YANGON, 23 June—World ranking 19 Cameroon and world ranking 4 Netherland are going to play the last match of group-E of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on 24 June.

Both teams faced one time in their head-to-head position in the previous friendly of 2006 and Netherland won Cameroon 1-0. Cameroon had empty point in two matches in the group while Netherland embraced six points in two matches. There is a great gap in world ranking between Cameroon and Netherland. In comparison with the players, experience and football tactics, the world ranking 4 are much better than Cameroon. The results of Cameroon are not in the encouraging level in the previous matches. This match is supposed that Netherlands will whitewash Cameroon in a clever way.

Head-to-Head Position

27.05.06	Netherlands	1-0	Cameroon	Friendlies
Results in the latest three matches of Cameroon				
19.06.10	Cameroon	1-2	Denmark	World Cup grp. E
14.06.10	Japan	1-0	Cameroon	World Cup grp. E
05.06.10	Serbia	4-3	Cameroon	Friendlies
Results in the latest three matches of Netherland				
19.06.10	Netherland	1-0	Japan	World Cup grp. E
14.06.10	Netherland	2-0	Denmark	World Cup grp. E
05.06.10	Netherland	6-1	Hungary	Friendlies

Denmark Vs Japan

Both teams did not see each other in the head-to-head position. Denmark had three points in two matches while Japan gained three points in two matches in the same group. The results of both teams are the same. In comparison with the players, experience and football skills, Denmark are better than Japan. Most of the players in Denmark's squad are qualified in the European level. Japan are formed with local renowned players and the play pattern is just the Asian level. Japan are found to be good in the teamwork. Both teams will try their best for a win hoping of reaching the play-off stage. This match is supposed that Denmark will win Japan by a narrow margin.

Results in the latest three matches of Denmark

19.06.10	Cameroon	1-2	Denmark	World Cup grp. E
14.06.10	Netherlands	2-0	Denmark	World Cup grp. E
05.06.10	South Africa	1-0	Denmark	Friendlies

Results in the latest three matches of Japan

19.06.10	Netherlands	1-0	Japan	World Cup grp. E
14.06.10	Japan	1-0	Cameroon	World Cup grp. E
04.06.10	Ivory Coast	2-0	Japan	Friendlies

Paraguay Vs New Zealand

Both teams did not meet each other in the head-to-head position. Paraguay had four points in two matches while New Zealand picked up two points in two matches in the group-F. Paraguay are in favour of attacking form with the formation of 4-3-3. The football skills of New Zealand are in an ordinary level and their results are not satisfactory. Paraguay's world ranking is much higher than New Zealand. This match is regarded that Paraguay will win or at least draw against New Zealand along with the expectation of reaching the play-off stage.

Results in the latest three matches of Paraguay

20.06.10	Slovakia	0-2	Paraguay	World Cup grp. F
14.06.10	Italy	1-1	Paraguay	World Cup grp. F
02.06.10	Greece	0-2	Paraguay	Friendlies

Results in the latest three matches of New Zealand

20.06.10	Italy	1-1	New Zealand	World Cup grp. F
15.06.10	New Zealand	1-1	Slovakia	World Cup grp. F
09.06.10	Chile	2-0	New Zealand	Friendlies

Slovakia Vs Italy

Both teams did not encounter in their head-to-head position. Slovakia had one point in two matches in the group-F while Italy embraced two points in two matches in the same group. Defending champion Italy have not restored their champion skills yet. All players of Italy's squad are showing off their skills in European leagues. Italy were found to be fragile in the teamwork in the previous two matches. Slovakia are the lowest football skills in the group. It is difficult for Slovakia to catch up with Italy in the players list, experience and football skills. This match is supposed that Italy will win Slovakia but they cannot see more goals.

Results in the latest three matches of Slovakia

20.06.10	Slovakia	0-2	Paraguay	World Cup grp. F
15.06.10	New Zealand	1-1	Slovakia	World Cup grp. F
05.06.10	Slovakia	3-0	Costa Rica	W 3-0 Friendlies

Results in the latest three matches of Italy

20.06.10	Italy	1-1	New Zealand	World Cup grp. F
14.06.10	Italy	1-1	Paraguay	World Cup grp. F
05.06.10	Switzerland	1-1	Italy	Friendlies

NLM

Defoe fires England into last 16



Jermain Defoe celebrates firing England in front.

PORT ELIZABETH, 23 June—England's World Cup dream lives on after they beat Slovenia 1-0 in a nerve-jangling clash in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday to book a place in the knockout stages.

Jermain Defoe's first-half goal was enough to give Fabio Capello's side a place in the last 16 and banish the ugly memories of that horror show against Algeria, as well as the recriminations that followed. They finished in second place in Group C after a last-gasp United States winner over Algeria saw the Americans clinch top spot. And a second-round meeting with the winners of Group D now awaits. The misery for Slovenia was then completed at the final whistle when the news came through that Landon Donovan's last-gasp winner for the United States had eliminated them from the competition.—Internet

Robinho told he can leave City

LONDON, 23 June—Robinho will be told he can leave Manchester City in today's D-Day talks over his future.

Robinho's agent Evandro de Souza and his dad Gilvan de Souza are due to meet City's hierarchy to discuss the £32.5million striker's next move and the Blues will not stand in his way if he wants to go.

The Brazilian World Cup star's loan agreement with Santos ends in August and City are prepared to negotiate a permanent move.—Internet



Robinho told he can leave City.—INTERNET

Barcelona eye Fernando Torres bargain as they ready £38m move for the Liverpool ace



Torres and Villa (right) line up for Spain against Honduras and Barca hope to pair them at the Nou Camp too.—INTERNET

LONDON, 23 June—Barcelona are preparing a bid for Liverpool striker Fernando Torres but are determined not to pay over the odds.

Sandro Rosell, who on 1 July takes over from Joan Laporta as Nou Camp president, has agreed with coach Pep Guardiola that they should take advantage of the uncertainty at Anfield by launching a raid for Torres.

Reports in Catalonia say the champions of Spain are not prepared to go above £38million for the 26-year-old, which is well short of Liverpool's valuation, but Barca are confident that Torres wants to join them.—Internet

Referees must be tougher says Elano

LONDON, 23 June—Brazil midfielder Elano believes World Cup referees should be sterner when it comes to punishing dangerous play.

The 29-year-old was stretched off with a shin injury after he was tackled by Ivory Coast defender Cheik Tiote in Brazil's 3-1 win on Sunday.

But the injury is not as bad as first feared and Elano hopes to be fit for Brazil's final group game on Friday.

"I forgive as I am not a player that feels remorse but I believe referees should be much tougher," said Elano.

"In this case the foul was committed close to where the official [Stephane Lannoy] was."

Elano has been pivotal for Brazil, scoring a goal in both their Group G games so far as the South Americans booked their place in last 16 with a match to spare.

The former Manchester City player wants to help his side maintain mo-

mentum in their final group game against Portugal in Durban, with a victory ensuring them top spot.

"I have something but it's less serious than first feared," he added. "I will do everything possible so that I can play in our next game."

Elano's availability will be a big boost for coach Dunga as he is without midfielder Kaka, who is suspended for one match following his controversial sending off against Ivory Coast.

Internet



Elano wearing jersey No 7 seen with teammate Kaka on the pitch.

INTERNET

ASLEEP IN JESUS**Mis Mary France @ (Khin May Yee)
(97 years)**

Mary France, wife of (John Austin D'vauz) Mother of Anna, grandmother of Anita (Khin Aye Hla) and Anthony (Than Hla) died on Tuesday at 9:45 am, at 6/42 Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon.

The remains will be taken to Yayway cemetery for cremation.

Cars will leave the Bo Aung Kyaw Street apartment at 10 am, 26-6-10 (Saturday).

Bereaved family

No Smoking

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(24-6-2010)(Thursday)**

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (24-6-10 09:30 am ~ 25-6-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

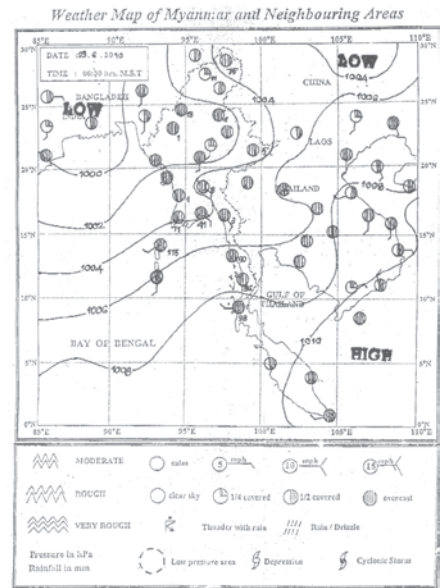
- * Opening
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- * Wings Sign Art
- * News
- * Bagan: The Land of Pagoda
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Shwe Inn Tha, Eco-friendly Resort
- * News
- * Pleasurable Myanma Marionette Show
- * Myanmar Movies "Mommy's Girls"



Competition winner Adam Santarossa looks out from a giant replica Jabulani World Cup ball in Melbourne. The Australian man is being paid thousands of dollars to watch the World Cup inside the giant football equipped with a well stocked fridge, a games console and a bunk bed.—Internet

**WEATHER**

Wednesday, 23rd June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavy falls in Kachin State and Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.27) inch, Cocogyun (7.59) inches, Kawthoung and Launglone (4.13) inches each, Putao (3.08) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.83) inches, Patheingyi and Naungcho (2.80) inches each, Ye (2.21) inches and Dawei (2.01) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 23-6-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-6-2010 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 22-6-2010 was (2.0) hours.

Rainfall on 23-6-2010 was (1.30) inches at Mingaladon, (1.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.83) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (26.42) inches at Mingaladon, (29.33) inches at Kaba-Aye and (31.10) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 22-6-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the North Bay and vigorous in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 24th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Rakhine Coastal areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-6-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



**Thursday, 24
June
View on today**

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. အဂ္ဂိယမင်္ဂလ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဝိတဏှာသီချင်းနွယ်ဆွေ)

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. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. Dance Of National Races

8:10 am

8. Dance Variety

8:20 am

9. "ပြိုင်ဆိုင်တစ်ဆွေ သံသေတစ်ပြည်"

8:25 am

10. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Cute Little Dancers

4:20 pm

3. "စမ်းတရွေးငါကဋေ"

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်သောရေခဲမြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြု)

(စီးပွားရေးပညာ)**5:00 pm**

6. Songs To Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

5:20 pm

8. ရောင်စုံရေသံတေးပန်းချီ

5:35 pm

9. "ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားပွဲရိုက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁)

5:40 pm

10. Football Planet (၂၀၁၀ ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲလုံးသစ်ချက်)

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "အချစ်ကော်ဖီ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁) (ငြိမ်းချမ်းသူရလင်းစုပွဲချစ် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:40 pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလူများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်အကြောင်းရှင်း

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)(အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm

16. News

8:20 pm

17. ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီစဉ် (ပါရာဂျေး အသင်း နှင့် နယူးကလစ် အသင်း)

18. Weather Report

19. စည်းလုံးခြင်းရဲ့ရလဒ်တွေ (နန္ဒီရာသီဥတုဆောင်-ဦးရန်အောင်၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတဏှာသီချင်းနွယ်ဆွေ)

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)

21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ချစ်တေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၅၄)

25.6.2010

(Friday)

1:00 am

22. ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်(ဒိန်းမတ် အသင်းနှင့် ဂျာမနီအသင်း)



- ★ 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

Quality paddy strains, draught cattle and farming equipment will be provided to local farmers to carry out agricultural tasks in time
Educative talks to broaden horizons of local people on preparedness and preventive measures against natural disasters

Prime Minister inspects damage to embankment of Pyidawtha-Yegyanbyin railroad section

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Accompanied by Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, Prime Minister U Thein Sein left Nay Pyi Taw by air

yesterday morning and arrived in Sittway, Rakhine State, at 10.15 am.

The Prime Minister attended the coordination meeting on Rakhine State flood relief and rehabili-

tation at the city hall in Sittway of Rakhine State.

Also present at the meeting were Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Rakhine
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Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects progress in repairing railroad section between Ponnagyun and Yoetayoke stations.—MNA

