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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Croatian President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ivo Josipovic, President of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia which falls on 25 June 2010.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Indian Military Attachés

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché Colonel Manoj Mukund Naravane of the Republic of India who had completed his tour of duty here and his

successor Colonel Rajesh Kumar at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 9am today. Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives outgoing Military Attache' Colonel Manoj Mukund Naravane of India and his successor Colonel Rajesh Kumar at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Japanese Military Attachés

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché Colonel Mitsuji Saratani of Japan who had completed his tour of duty here and his successor (See page 8)



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives outgoing Military Attache' Colonel Mitsuji Saratani of Japan and incoming Military Attache' Colonel Yuji Sato at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 25 June, 2010

Gear up production of industries

Nowadays, the government is striving for development of industrial sector with the use of natural resources and united strength of national brethren. New factories and workshops have been established in industrial zones and industrial regions across the nation.

Factories applying advanced technologies are in operation to manufacture diesel engines, heavy machines and machinery, hydropower turbines and generators, personal goods, pharmaceuticals and foodstuffs, paper and pulp, plastics, advanced asbestos, tyre and rubber products.

Hydrogen Peroxide Plant is established in Chauk Township of Magway Division. Hydrogen Peroxide can be used in industrial works, health, agriculture and mineral exploration industries. Advanced Insulator Factory (Chauk) is conducting test-run of manufacturing advanced insulators to be used in power lines.

In setting up industrial zones and regions, new factories and workshops including import-substitute factories have been opened. Manufacturing of products at the factories are gaining momentum. In competing with products of foreign countries, it is necessary to place emphasis on manufacturing of products meeting set standards and norms.

The government is rendering necessary assistance to the entrepreneurs for achieving success in their industries. As such, the entrepreneurs are to strive for extending their works in cooperation with the industries at home and abroad.

Establishment of modern factories and workshops including import-substitute factories indicates the development of industrial sector. All in all, it is necessary to operate the machines of all factories and workshops at full capacity and gear up manufacturing of quality products to satisfy the market demand.

UMFCCI to meet entrepreneurs of Taitra

YANGON, 24 June—The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Thai-based Taitra will hold a meeting between entrepreneurs of both organizations of respective businesses at Chatrium Hotel, here, on 28 June.

The Myanmar entrepreneurs wishing to attend the meeting may enlist at UMFCCI and dial 214344 and 214349 for further information.—MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

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

FM felicitates Croatian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Gordon Jandrokovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia which falls on 25 June 2010.—MNA

H&T Minister receives Timor-Leste Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing received Timor-Leste Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Juvencio De Jesus Martins at the Minister's office here on 22 June. At the meeting, both sides discussed tourism industry between Myanmar and Timor-Leste.

Also present at the call were departmental heads, head of office and officials from the Ministry.

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Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing receives Timor-Leste Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Juvencio De Jesus Martins.

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Golf tourney marked 2010 Olympic Day

YANGON, 24 June—The golf tourney to mark the 2010 Olympic Day, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Han Events Management, was held at Myanmar Golf Club on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Club Captain U Soe Win of MGC presented first, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes to U Zaw Thein with 60 strokes, U Soe Nyunt with 70, U Ohn Tun with 71, U Kyaw Lwin with 71 and U San Lwin with 71 in the men's senior class (handicap 0-24) respectively.

General Secretary U Aung Hla Han of MGF gave first, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes to Chit

Min San with 65, Thein Naing Soe with 67, Swan Thiha Aung with 67, Htet Aung Hlaing with 70 and

Kaung Htet Kyaw with 70 in the singles' handicap 0-18 event respectively.

MNA



Officials together with winners at golf tourney in commemoration of Olympic Day 2010 pose for documentary photo.—MGF

10 NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 June—Ten soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed on Wednesday in separate incidents, a grim trend that could make June among the deadliest months since Taliban regime collapsed in late 2001, the alliance confirmed in press releases issued here on Thursday.

In the latest incident, according to press releases, four foreign soldiers were killed in a traffic accident in southern Afghanistan,

the stronghold of Taliban militants.

"Four ISAF service members died as a result of a vehicle accident in southern Afghanistan yesterday," the press release said on Thursday.

Four other ill-fated troopers were killed in the lethal homemade device — Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks in eastern and western parts of the militancy-plagued country.

Majority of over 290 NATO soldiers, who lost their lives since the

beginning of this year, have been killed by IED attacks in the post-Taliban Afghanistan.

Another ISAF soldier lost his life in a small-arms attack in the south of the country and the 10th was killed following an accident while on patrol in western Afghanistan also on Wednesday. However, the press releases did not disclose the nationalities of the victims saying "It is ISAF policy to deter identification procedures for casualties to the relevant national authorities."—Xinhua



Afghan boy scavenging junk at a dump in Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Monday, 21 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Afghan National Police (ANP) members search Afghan farmers at a temporary checkpoint in D and District, south of Kandahar on 21 June, 2010.—INTERNET

One killed, seven injured in blast in Taliban hotbed

LASHKAR GAH, 24 June—One civilian was killed and seven others injured as a mine planted by militants went off in Helmand Province, police said on Wednesday.

"The device was exploded by remote control in a bazaar of Gereskh District on Tuesday afternoon killing a tribal elder and wounding seven others, all innocent civilians," district police chief Zamai Khan told Xinhua.

Furthermore, the militants in the neighbouring Zabul Province fired six rockets on the same day Tuesday. "The insurgents fired six rockets in Shahjoi District late last night but fortunately caused no loss of life," spokesman for provincial administration Mohammad Jan Rasoulyar told Xinhua.

Taliban militants have vowed to intensify activities this year in Afghanistan.

Xinhua

Indonesian police capture top terrorist suspect

JAKARTA, 24 June—The Indonesian anti-terror squad has captured a top terrorist suspect and his two aides on a raid in their hide-out in Central Java province, National Police spokesman Edward Aritonang said here on Thursday.

The spokesman said that the police arrested Abdullah Sunata and the others on Wednesday in Boyolali of the Province. One of the suspect followers was shot dead, he said.

"Abdullah Sunata has involved in terrorist attacks in the country. He is a recidivist," Aritonang told Xinhua.

Sunata is a follower of slain terrorist leader Noordin Mohammad Top. The spokesman said that Sunata has a role to recruit those for terrorist acts and involved in the establishment of terrorist cell in Aceh, the group which plotted to assassinate President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and foreigners during the anniversary of the Independent Day in August.

During the raids the police seized weapons and ammunitions, said Aritonang.—Xinhua



Afghan children rest in a hospital after being injured when their makeshift school collapsed during a storm near Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 June, 2010. Six children died and over twenty were hurt when a makeshift school collapsed at a refugee camp in Khogyani District just outside the town of Jalalabad.—INTERNET



15 militants killed in southern Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 24 June—Over a dozen Taliban insurgents were killed as troops stormed their hideout in Kandahar Province south of Afghanistan, police said on Thursday.

"Afghan and NATO-led forces stormed a hideout of Taliban rebels in Jalai District on Wednesday. As a result, 15 militants were killed and three others made captives," deputy to provincial police chief Fazal Ahmad Shirzad told Xinhua. He did not give more details. Taliban militants have yet to make comment.

Kandahar, the birthplace of Taliban militants, has been the scene of increasing militancy over the past couple of years.

Taliban insurgents have vowed to intensify anti-government activities this year in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Four killed by gunmen disguised in military uniform in Iraq

BAQUBA, 24 June—The bodies of four people who had been kidnapped by gunmen disguised in military uniform from a village in Diyala Province overnight were found in execution-style on Thursday morning, a provincial police source said.

At about 1:00 am, armed men wearing Iraqi army uniform stormed houses in the al-Khukafaa village at the rural area of Edhiem, some 60 km north of the provincial capital city of Baquba, and took four male villagers as detainees, two of whom

are members of the local Awakening Council group, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In the morning, when the residents of the village came to see their sons in a military base, the Iraqi army and police denied that there was any operation for their troops during the past hours, the source said. Several hours later they found the bodies of the other two people elsewhere in the area, the source added.

The four victims were found handcuffed and blindfolded with bullet holes in different parts of the bodies, the source said.—Xinhua



An Iraqi woman and her children pass near the wreckage of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, 21 June, 2010. Twin car bombs exploded 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

Group seeks endangered listing for bumblebee



In this photo provided by Xerces Society, a bumblebee flies by a flower in this undated photo. The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation and University of California at Davis entomologist Robbin Thorp on Wednesday formally petitioned the US.

INTERNET

GRANTS PASS, 24 June—A conservation group filed a petition on Wednesday to add a bumblebee from Southern Oregon and Northern California to the endangered species list. The Society for Invertebrate Conservation and University of California at Davis entomologist Robbin Thorp formally petitioned the US Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the insect — called a Franklin's bumblebee — under the Endangered Species Act.

Scott Hoffman Black, executive director of the Xerces Society in

Portland, said the petition is part of an effort to reverse the decline of bumblebees and other native bees around the world due to habitat loss, pesticides and diseases spilling out of commercial greenhouses.

The group is preparing petitions to protect other bumblebee species as well. The Franklin's bee was chosen for this petition because documentation of its decline is more detailed than for other species. Thorp found 94 Franklin's bumblebees in 1994, but he has seen none since 2006.—*Internet*

Discovery of how coral reefs adapt to global warming could aid reef restoration

WASHINGTON, 24 June — Discoveries about tropical coral reefs are expected to be invaluable in efforts to restore the corals, which are succumbing to bleaching and other diseases at an unprecedented rate as ocean temperatures rise worldwide. The research gives new insights into how the scientists can help to preserve or restore the coral reefs that protect coastlines, foster tourism, and nurture many species of fish. The research, which will be published in the journal *PLoS One*, was accomplished by an international team whose leaders include Ilana Baums, an assistant professor of biology at Penn State University.

The team focused on



Researchers set fine nets over coral just before mass spawning events in order to collect the eggs and sperm as they were broadcast into the water column. Gametes were collected and returned to the lab within an hour to be raised under controlled conditions.

INTERNET

one of the most abundant reef-building species in the Caribbean, *Montastraea faveolata*, known as the mountainous star coral. Though widespread, this species is listed as endangered on the Red List of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature because its numbers have declined significantly — in recent

years, up to 90 percent of the population has been lost in some areas.

Discovering how corals respond to ocean warming is complicated because corals serve as hosts to algae. The algae live in the coral and feed on its nitrogen wastes. Through photosynthesis, the algae then produce the carbohydrates that feed the coral.—*Internet*

First superstorm on exoplanet detected

WASHINGTON, 24 June — Astronomers have measured a superstorm for the first time in the atmosphere of an exoplanet, the well-studied "hot Jupiter" HD209458b. The very high-precision observations of carbon monoxide gas show that it is streaming at enormous speed from the extremely hot day side to the cooler night side of the planet. The observations also allow another exciting "first" — measuring the orbital speed of the exoplanet itself, providing a direct determination of its mass.

"HD209458b is definitely not a place for the faint-hearted. By studying the poisonous carbon monoxide gas with great accuracy we found evidence for a super wind, blowing at a speed of 5000 to 10,000 km per hour," says Ignas Snellen, who led the team of astronomers.

HD209458b is an exoplanet of about 60% the mass of Jupiter orbiting a solar-like star located 150 light-years from Earth towards the constellation of Pegasus (the Winged Horse). Circling at a distance of only one twentieth the Sun-Earth distance, the planet is heated intensely by its parent star, and has a surface temperature of about 1000 degrees Celsius on the hot side. But as the planet always has the same side to its star, one side is very hot, while the other is much cooler. "On Earth, big temperature differences inevitably lead to fierce winds, and as our new measurements reveal, the situation is no different on HD209458b," says team member Simon Albrecht.

HD209458b was the first exoplanet to be found transiting: every 3.5 days the planet moves in front of its host star, blocking a small portion of the starlight during a three-hour period. —*Internet*

Brave brains: neural mechanisms of courage uncovered in study of fear of snakes



New research that uses brain imaging to study people's fear of snakes is helping uncover neural mechanisms associated with "courage".— INTERNET

JERUSALEM, 24 June— A fascinating new study combines snakes with brain imaging in order to uncover neural mechanisms associated with "courage." The research, published by Cell Press in the 24 June issue of the journal *Neuron*, provides new insight into what happens in the brain when an individual voluntarily performs an action opposite to that promoted by ongoing fear and may even lead to new treatment strategies for those who exhibit a failure to overcome their fear. Although there is a substantial body of research examining brain mechanisms associated with fear, far less is known about the brain mechanisms associated with courage, defined here as action in the face of ongoing fear. "By gauging properly defined actions of either overcoming fear or succumbing to it in an acute controllable fearful situation, one can render certain neural substrates of courage amenable to investigation in a brain research laboratory setting," explains senior study author, Dr Yadin Dudai of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.

Internet

Arianespace postpones dual-payload launch for technical problem

PARIS, 24 June—The France-based Arianespace announced on Wednesday overnight that the scheduled dual-payload mission of Ariane 5 was postponed due to subsystem anomaly.

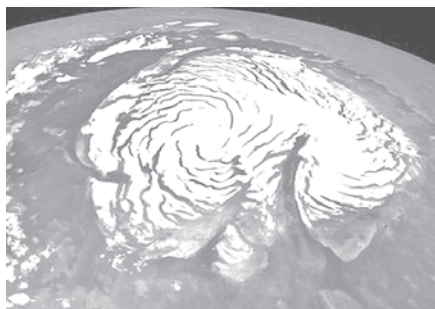
"Tonight's Ariane 5 mission with the Arabsat-5A and COMS satellite passengers was postponed when a launcher subsystem anomaly occurred

during the final countdown," the company said in a statement near twenty minutes after the final countdown was interrupted.

The launcher company said an investigation has been initiated to find the cause and the two commercial satellites were safe on the launch pad atop the heavy-lift Ariane 5 ECA. *Xinhua*

This May 2010 NASA image, combining data from two instruments aboard NASA's Mars Global Surveyor, depicts an orbital view of the north polar region of Mars. A teen school project on Mars uncovered a surprise — what appears to be a hole in the roof of a cave on the red planet, researchers said Wednesday.

INTERNET



Science



Stem cells return asight to burn-Sinjured eyes

BEIJING, 24 June— Italian researchers have developed an approach to recover sight to patients' burn-injured eyes with transplants of their own stem cells, according to AP reports on Thursday.

Success was maintained long-term in all cases. Among the 46 patients with stromal scarring, 21 recovered normal vision with at least 0.6 visual acuity after additional surgical

procedures to correct stromal scarring. The rest had a partial recovery of vision.

"They were incredibly happy. Some said it was a miracle," said one of the study leaders, Graziella Pellegrini of the University of Modena's Centre for Regenerative Medicine in Italy. "It was not a miracle. It was simply a technique."

The approach would not help people with

damage to the optic nerve or macular degeneration. Nor would it help those blinded by burns in both eyes because doctors need stem cells to do the procedure.

"The key is whether you can find a good stem cell population and expand it," said Dr Sophie Deng, a cornea expert at the UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute.

Xinhua



Socotra, an island off the coast of Yemen, is home to hundreds of plants found nowhere else on earth. Over a third of the 800 or so species that can be found on the island are found nowhere else on earth.

XINHUA



A baby is pictured holding its bottle. French lawmakers passed legislation on Wednesday banning baby bottles containing the chemical Bisphenol A, suspected of harming human development.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Is it a Concussion?

WASHINGTON, 24 June— A concussion is a brain injury that's generally caused by a strong blow to the head.

The American Academy of Family Physicians says symptoms of a concussion may include:

- * Headache.
- * Changes in vision.
- * Feeling dizzy.
- * Difficulty with balance.
- * Confusion or memory loss.
- * A ringing sound in the ears.
- * Inability to concentrate.
- * Feeling nauseous.
- * Grogginess.
- * Sensitivity to sound or light.—Internet

Study clears cell phone towers of childhood cancer connection

LONDON, 24 June— Living near a cell phone tower while you're pregnant doesn't raise your baby's risk of developing a childhood cancer, British researchers report.

"These results are reassuring with respect to cancer risk in young children and living near

mobile phone base stations," said lead researcher Dr. Paul Elliott, a professor of epidemiology and public health medicine at Imperial College London.

"There is public concern about possible effects of mobile phone base stations on the health of children," Elliott said. "This large national study found no association between mobile phone base station exposures and risk of early childhood cancers."

As the use of mobile phones has increased, so have fears that exposure to the radio waves they emit can cause cancer.

Internet

Study shows high levels of fructose, trans-fats lead to significant liver disease

WASHINGTON, 24 June — Scientists at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center have discovered that a diet with high levels of fructose, sucrose, and of trans-fats not only increases obesity, but also leads to significant fatty liver disease with scar tissue.

The study, which was conducted with scientists from the Metabolic Disease Institute at the University of Cincinnati, is published

online Wednesday in the journal *Hepatology*.

The study was conducted in mice, some of which were fed a normal diet of rodent chow and some a 16-week diet of fructose and sucrose-enriched drinking water and trans-fat solids. Their liver tissue was then analyzed for fat content, scar tissue formation (fibrosis), and the biological mechanism of damage. This was done by measuring reactive

oxygen stress, inflammatory cell type and plasma levels of oxidative stress markers, which are known to play important roles in the development of obesity-related liver disease and its progression to end-stage liver disease.

The investigators found that mice fed the normal calorie chow diet remained lean and did not have fatty liver disease.

Xinhua



Bags of seized ecstasy. Drug consumption is moving away from cocaine and opiates and increasingly towards synthetic drugs, a UN report said on Wednesday, while warning of growing drug use in developing countries.

INTERNET

Study shows mounting AIDS toll in Swaziland

SWAZILAND, 24 June—Swaziland's death rate more than doubled in a decade, proof of the toll of AIDS, statisticians in this southern African kingdom said on Wednesday. Nombulelo Dlamini of the Central Statistical Office discussed a new study comparing censuses in 1997 and 2007 in an interview on Wednesday. The study shows that in 1997, the death rate was 7.6 people in 1,000. By 2007, it was 18.03 per 1,000 people. Life expectancy over the period decreased from 60 to 43 years. "HIV and AIDS has killed many of our people," Dlamini said. She added that without the rollout of AIDS therapy drugs, "deaths in the nation would be reaching alarming proportions."

Infant and under-five mortality death rates also increased during the 10-year period. About 107 in 1,000 babies die in their first year, according to the 2007 census. In 1997 it was 78. Among children under 5, the death rate was about 167 in 1,000 in 2007, compared to 106 in 1997.

The UN says the prevalence in Swaziland of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is nearly 40 percent, the highest in the world. Swaziland neighbours South Africa, which has an estimated 5.7 million people infected with HIV, more than any other country.—Internet



Electricians fix live wires in a makeshift tent serving for the people affected by floods in Wuzhou City of east China's Jiangxi Province, on 23 June, 2010. A total of 17 evacuation centres in Wuzhou had received 20,014 people affected by floods until 19:00 Wednesday.

XINHUA

Health



Toyota cars on show in Beijing in April, 2010. Toyota said two assembly lines in southern China remained idle for a third day Thursday, as rival Honda resumed production at its joint venture after a strike at an auto parts supplier ended.—INTERNET

Turkey proposes to establish free-trade area with East African Community

DAR ES SALAAM, 24 June—Turkey has expressed interest to create a free-trade and investment area between Turkey and the East African Community (EAC), *Xinhua* learnt on Wednesday.

Turkish Ambassador to Tanzania Sander Gurbuz said his country is interested to forge diplomatic relations with the regional bloc while presenting his credentials to Secretary General of EAC Juma Mwapachu in Arusha in northeast Tanzania on Tuesday.

On the free-trade area, Gurbuz noted that having a free-trade area between the two sides would swiftly boost socio-economic development in the region. The negotiations for the Free Trade Agreement and Trade and

an Investment Framework Agreement is scheduled to take place in September this year.

The Turkish ambassador noted that Turkey has made remarkable development in the tourism and textile industries, and that Turkey has diverse skills in technology and other areas, which will be instrumental for the development of the two.

"This will give an opportunity for businessmen from the EAC to freely trade with Turkey while the same would happen for Turkish business people," he said, adding that the official proposal for the free-trade area will soon be presented to the EAC secretary general.

Xinhua

US new home sales down 33% in May

WASHINGTON, 24 June—New home sales in the United States plunged 33 percent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 300,000 units, the Commerce Department reported on Wednesday.

The new home sales, the lowest level on record, was much

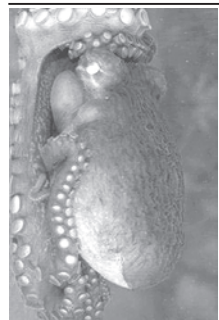
worse than the 410,000 units that analysts had expected. The sharp decline indicated that buyers left the market as the government's tax credits of up to 8,000 dollars expired in April.

The median price of a new home, a typical market price where half of new homes are sold for more and half sold for less, fell to 200,900 dollars in May, down 9.6 percent from a year earlier.

On Tuesday, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) reported that existing home sales in the US declined by 2.2 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.66 million units.

The collapse of the housing bubble triggered the global financial crisis that plunged the US economy into recession in December 2007.

Many economists believe the US housing market remains in trouble.—*Xinhua*



An octopus in captivity. Nervous ahead of their make-or-break World Cup match with Ghana on Wednesday, Germany has turned to an English-born octopus called Paul with a knack for correctly predicting winners.

INTERNET

Dozen of fans queue on the pavement under the rain outside an Apple Store in Tokyo. Excited Japanese fans also queued outside the flagship Tokyo store of mobile phone carrier Softbank, Apple's exclusive partner in Japan, feeding constant reports to Twitter and sites such as Up stream.—INTERNET



File photo shows a woman applying a screen protector to a customer's iPhone at a shop in Shanghai. China's second largest cell phone operator is in talks with Apple to launch the iPhone 4 and iPad in the country, reports said on Thursday, as the new smartphone went on sale.—INTERNET

China, Portuguese-speaking countries explore trade opportunities

LISBON, 24 June—About 500 entrepreneurs from China and Portuguese-speaking countries gathered here on Wednesday to explore trade opportunities.

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Chinese mainland and China's Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR).

Portuguese Minister of Economy Vieira da Silva attended the meeting.

Zhang Wei, vice president of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, told the meeting

that Chinese entrepreneurs hope to deepen cooperation with Portugal and other Portuguese-speaking countries, especially in areas such as tourism, agriculture, energy and health.

"We hope that Europe can overcome this economic crisis soon," he said, adding that the situation "has great influence on the Chinese exports and the yuan (the Chinese currency), as well as the US dollar." Delegates said the meeting has economic importance, for it generates business.

Xinhua

Japan's exports up 32.1 % on year in May

TOKYO, 24 June—Japan's exports rose in May from a year earlier, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) said in a preliminary report on Thursday. The 32.1 percent increase in the recording month marks the sixth successive month of increase, the Ministry said. Economists said growing demand for Japanese goods from other Asian

countries has boosted industrial output as the nation stages an export-led economic recovery. Exports to Asia, which account for more than half of Japan's total exports, rose 34.4 percent from a year earlier, while shipments to the European Union increased 17.4 percent, according to the MOF.

China, however, remained Japan's top export market, rising 25.3 percent on year in the recording month, with a trade deficit of 58.3 billion yen (649.05 million US dollars) for the month. The ministry said that exports to the US rose 17.7 percent with Japan's surplus with the world's largest economy standing at 239.2 billion yen (2.66 billion US dollars).

Although the increase of exports on year in May was below economists' median forecast for a 36.9 percent rise, imports were up 33.4 percent leading to a 324.2 billion yen (3.6 billion US dollar) trade surplus, up 15.2 percent from a year earlier, the report said.

Xinhua



Business

Myanma Industrial Development Bank

Byline: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Ko Htwe

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the Myanma Industrial Development Bank (MIDB) was set up under the leadership of the Myanma Industrial Development Central Committee and supervision of the Myanma Industrial Development Work Committee with the aim of providing loans for industrial zones in states and divisions. This year, MIDB is in its 15th anniversary.

The Myanma Industrial Development Committee opened the MIDB on 15 February 1996 with the

Director of MIDB U Myint Swe said that initially, the bank had four branches: Yangon (Headquarters), Mandalay branch, Meiktila branch, and Bayintnaung transfer branch (Yangon); that then it had three more branches: Nay Pyi Taw branch, Monywa branch, and Pyay branch; that it was planning to launch a new branch in Pakokku soon; that the bank's authorized capital was 10 billion kyats and its paid up capital, seven billion kyats; its interest rate was 17 per cent, but it designated only 15 per cent for industrial zones



Myanma Industrial Development Bank (Nay Pyi Taw).



MIDB staff at your service.

objectives: development of agro-based industries, improving industrial products both in quantity and in quality, increasing number of new items, boosting production of machines for industries, and contributing the process of transforming the nation into an industrialized one.

MIDB Headquarters is situated at 102/104 on Pansodan Street (Middle) in Kyauktada Township, Yangon. In an interview, Managing

and projects; and that it abided by the rules and regulations promulgated by the Central Bank of Myanmar to avert loss of money.

He said that MIDB strictly followed the orders and directives of the Central Bank of Myanmar; that it provided loans for trade, transport, construction, agriculture and services apart from industries through insurance premium of fixed assets; that in the process, it sought prior approval of

the board of directors made up of four ministers; and that it was a semi government institution, so it was as reliable as a government bank.

The MIDB's authorized capital is 10,000 million kyats, and a stock share is worth 500,000 kyats. Anyone who buys shares of at least five million kyats has the right to stand for member of the Board of Directors.

In 2009-2010 fiscal year, MIDB has paid an advance income tax of 100 million kyats to the State, and it will add to the tax till the amount reaches 698.17 million kyats.

It has 188 staff: 29 officials and 159 other ranks. If it plans to launch a new branch, it trains new staff members first. Its 15th annual general meeting will take place at the Myanmar Banks Association on Sibin Lanthit Street in Yankin Township on 26 June.

So, the MIDB makes contribution to the process of building a modern, developed nation by working for the convenience of those dealing with banks, and bank owners.

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Staff members at Myanmar Industrial Development Bank (Headquarters) in Yangon.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives...

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Colonel Yuji Sato at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Member of

the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun,

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

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Application for registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Of the parties that have been granted permission to set up political parties, the National Democratic Force party 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 38 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

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing on inspection tour of Shan State (East)



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence viewing the runway of Monghsat Airport, Shan State (East).

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NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and officials, arrived at Monghsat station hospital where he encouraged the patients and presented medicines to the hospital on 22 June.

Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected upgrading of runway at Monghsat Airport.

He proceeded to Monghsat People's Hospital at which he inspected medicine store, temporary operation theatre, construction of new operation theatre and presented medicines to the hospital.

He also inspected beautifying of hot spring resort in Yepusan Village.

In Shukhintha Village of Monghkote Township, he viewed development of the township.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked into construction of bridge and roadwork on Kengtung-

Monghkun-Mongkhote Road.

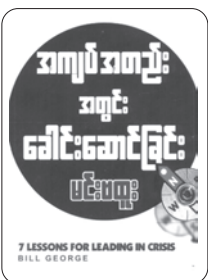
On 23 June, he oversaw durability of bridges and roadwork on Kengtung-Monghkat-Mongyan Road, and Monghkat-Monghnyin Road. He met officers and other ranks at Mongyan station.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing later inspected progress in construction of 25-bed Mongyan Hospital.

In meeting with officers and other ranks at Monghkat Station, he presented foodstuff to them.

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7 Lessons for Leading in Crisis translated by Min Ba Htoo in circulation



NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Crisis makes failure to leaders and

their organizations. At the same time, some leaders are able to achieve successes by taking lessons from the crises and build their leading role stronger.

The book entitled 7 Lessons for Leading in Crisis translated by Min Ba Htoo will train the readers by presenting many examples based on the world economic crisis in 2008-2009.

The book written by Bill George will broaden horizons of the reader to become the best leader by overcoming challenges.

The book entitled 7 Lessons for Leading in Crisis is available at Today Literary House and book shops of countryside with K 2500 per copy.

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UMFCCI meets foreign guests

YANGON, 24 June—The President and Central Executive Committee of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia/

Singapore Program Director Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister of Konrad Adenauer-Stiftung, a German organization, together with Political Science Associate Professor Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing of City University of Hong Kong

at the office of the federation, here, on 16 June.

They focused on exchange of technologies for development of human resources and conducting efficiency courses at the federation.—MNA

Winner announced for ASEAN Youth Photographers Award and Photo Show

YANGON, 24 June—In commemoration of the Youth Olympic Games, the National Youth Success Council of Singapore will organize the ASEAN Youth Photographers Award and Photo Show in Singapore in August 2010. To enable a youth photographer representing Myanmar to take part in the contest, the invitation photo contest entitled "From Sports to ASEAN Spirit" was held. A total of 14 photographers

across the nation submitted 73 entries. Of them, Kyaw Kyaw Win (Myanmar Photographic Society) was selected as best youth photographer.

He will be sent to the ASEAN Youth Photographers Award and Photo Show to be held in Singapore, and the respective organization will spend traveling allowance and costs on accommodation and food for the contestant.

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Donation of various kinds of publications by Library Foundation to self-reliant rural libraries in Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division in progress on 2 June.

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Commander attends rainy season tree planting ceremony in Thanlyin Tsp

YANGON, 24 June—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint attended the rainy season tree planting cer-

emony at Technological University (Thanlyin) and Myanmar Maritime University, in Thanlyin Township, here, today.

After hearing the reports, the commander and officials gave away

saplings. The commander then grew a commemorative sapling. He viewed planting of saplings by social organization members, faculty members and students at the two universities.—MNA

Minister inspects police stations along Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Expressway



Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo inspects Bawnetgyi police station.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo, accompanied by officials, visited police stations

along Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Expressway on 22 June. He gave necessary instructions at the police stations including Bawnetgyi and Pyu Police Stations.—MNA

Course on Election Process opened in Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—The opening of Course on Election Process for members of Taunggyi Township election sub-commission, and ward and village-tract election sub-commissions in Shan State (East) took place at Shan Literature and Culture Association Hall in Taunggyi on 21 June morning.

The Chairman of the township election sub-commission delivered an introductory speech.

Member of the township election sub-commission U Khin Maung Kyi made clarification to Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law and Regulations; and member of the township election sub-commission U Shwe Mann, on Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and Regulations.

Member of the township election sub-commission U Aung Naing explained facts about Region/State

Hluttaw Election Law and Regulations; and member of the township election sub-commission U Myint Thein, about work guidelines to ward/village-tract election sub-commissions; and Secretary of the township election sub-commission U Myo Thet Kyaw, about work guidelines to township election sub-commission.

The course was attended by 245 trainees.

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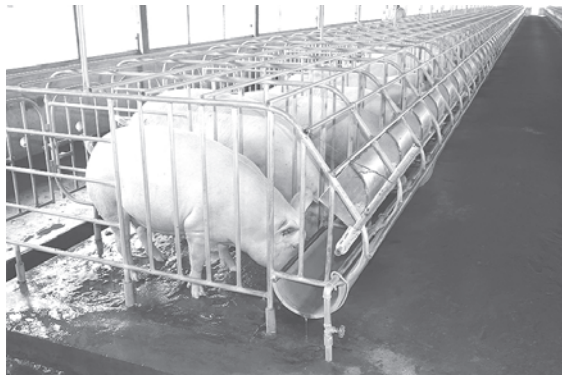
L&F Minister inspects poultry farms in Mandalay Division, Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein called on responsible persons to improve the quality of broiler pedigree, to pay care and attention for

Division on 20 June.

The minister made an inspection tour to poultry farm in Nawngkhio Township of Shan State (North), tea plantation in Kyaukme agricultural zone, growing pasture

minister together with Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut looked into poultry farms of the command.



Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein visits advanced pig farm in Lashio.

L&F

Winners announced for article, colour photo contests

YANGON, 24 June—As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2010, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation has organized the article contest and colour photo contest. The winners in the contests were announced today.

In the article contest, Dr Su Su Khaing stood first, U Tin Tun (Cherry Myay Maung Tin Tun) second and Daw Aye Aye Myat (Aye Aye Myint-UFL) third together with five consolation prize winners.

In the colour photo contest, AK Moe (Zoology) secured the first prize, U Ko Ko Khaing (IPRD) the second and Hlaing Than Tint (Shwebagyi-

Yamethin) the third together with five consolation prize winners.

The first, second and third prize winners in the article contest and the winners in the photo contest will be awarded at the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day to be held by MAAF on 3 July. The consolation prize winners will be awarded at the similar ceremonies to be held in States and Divisions.

The winners are to contact MAAF, No. 132, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, Tel: 01-501773, and the Organizing Committee for contests, No. 228, Theinbyu Street, Botahtaung Township, Tel 01-371342, not later than 28 June.—MNA

microbiological security and to take preventive measure against fire in poultry farm of Livestock Breeding, Foodstuff and Dairy Product Enterprise in Zeepingyi, Mandalay

and poultry farm in Napha Village of Lashio Township, Seinwuthmon tea plantation, and arrangement to grow tea and rubber plants.

On 21 June, the

The minister also inspected poultry farms in Htonbo and Aungmyaythazan Township in Mandalay Division and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Body Fitness Coaching Course concludes

YANGON, 24 June—Jointly conducted by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, the concluding ceremony 2010 State/Division Body Fitness Coaching Training Course was held at the hall of Sports and Physical Education

Institute here this morning.

Officials from MWSF presented prizes to outstanding trainees. Sports demonstration was staged as a gesture of observing International Olympic Day 2010.

MNA

Torch Festival is coming in Yunnan

BEIJING, 24 June—Local authorities of Chuxiong in Yunnan Province have announced that the city's 2010 Torch Festival will be held from 4th August to the 7th.

Chuxiong is mainly inhabited by the Yi ethnic minority group. The people see the tiger

and fire as their totem animal and earthly element respectively; so, the Torch Festival is extremely important to the Yi people.

This year, the celebration will be centered around the demonstrations of Yi sacrificial rites, traditional costumes, and other customs. The

torch parade will be the main event.

Also, during the festival, there will be an International Yi Forum, Chuxiong Tiger Culture Exhibition, Yi Ethnic Love Song Contest, and Yi Ethnic Dance Show will also be held to further promote their culture.

Xinhua



Local residents wearing white uniforms in Phalanx perform collective shadowboxing, or the Taiji Kungfu, in the Dongsi Olympic Community Park, in Beijing, on 22 June, 2010.

XINHUA

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Cuba increases reforestation to protect watersheds

HAVANA, 24 June—The Cuban government has developed a plan to reforest the banks of reservoirs and banks of rivers and streams as part of measures taken to protect the watersheds, a local specialist said here on Tuesday.

According to engineer Arsenio Renda from the Forest Research Institute, the forest fringes are being increased at the banks of rivers, streams and reservoirs with the purpose to protect the country's water resources.

In Cuba there are 632 river basins, with storage capacity of three million cubic meters.

Renda added that the forest fringes are the vital link between the use of the land in the basin and the system of water currents or the body of water.

Citing the Cauto River Basin, the largest in Cuba and located in the east of the island, as an example, Renda said more than 93 percent of the shores of its 19 reservoirs and nearly 92 of the banks of several rivers and streams were reforested.

Cuba has a forest cover of 25.7 percent and has ranked as the leader in Latin America of forest growth for the last 50 years.—Xinhua

Gunmen fire on Mexican town hall; kill 3 police

MEXICO CITY, 24 June—Authorities in northern Mexico say assailants sprayed a town hall with gunfire, killing at least three police officers.

The Nuevo Leon state attorney general's office says police found 200 shell casings from assault and semiautomatic rifles outside the Los Herreras municipal office, which also houses the town's police force.

Such weapons are often used by drug cartel hitmen. Prosecutors said Tuesday a vehicle found at the scene had "Z-40" and "Z" painted on its windows — apparent references to the Zetas drug gang.

Authorities blame fighting between the Gulf cartel and the Zetas for a recent surge in violence in Nuevo Leon, which is close to Mexico's border with Texas.

The attack happened around midnight on Monday.—Internet

6.4-magnitude earthquake hits off New Britain Region, Papua New Guinea

HONG KONG, 24 June—An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale occurred near New Britain Region, Papua New Guinea at 0532 GMT on Thursday, the US Geological Survey said.

Xinhua



A tourist walks along the salt flats at the Uyuni salt flats, in Bolivia. Bolivia has one of the largest Lithium reserves in the world. Lithium is not much to look at. It's a soft and light, silver-white metal known for its use in mood stabilising drugs.

But the 25th most abundant element on earth could, one day, help cure the world of its addiction to oil — as a key ingredient in batteries.

INTERNET

9 dead as truck carrying LPG tanks hits post, explodes in Philippines

MANILA, 24 June—Nine people were killed when a truck carrying hundreds of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tanks rammed into a post and a car and exploded in northern Philippine Province of Cavite early Wednesday, local newspaper *Philippine Daily Inquirer* reported on its website.

Senior Superintendent Danilo Maligalig, Cavite police director, was quoted as saying that based from the initial police report, the truck was headed towards the direction of Binan City in Laguna, when it lost control and smashed into a post along Bancal village at around 1 am.

The truck also hit a car parked near the post, with two passengers onboard, Maligalig said, adding the crash caused an explosion and fire that razed seven homes nearby. The fire was put under control an hour later.

Seven dead bodies were later recovered, but were charred and beyond recognition, he said. Their identities were not yet available.

On Tuesday, a sports utility vehicle (SUV) rammed into a electric post in Dasmarinas City in the same province and resulted in the death of seven people. The driver and some of the passengers were drunk, police.

Xinhua

Smoke is seen at the site of burning wildfire near the No. 5 state near Los Angeles, the United States, on 21 June, 2010. Wildfire threatens southern California as the summer comes in June.

XINHUA



Jia Qinglin (C, Front), chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), presides over the 10th session of the Standing Committee of the 11th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 June, 2010. Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang (3rd R, Front) delivered a report during the session.—XINHUA

Cargo train derails in Malaysia, disrupting traffic

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 June— Six coaches of a sugar-laden cargo train jumped the tracks near Kluang in the southern state of Johor, Peninsula Malaysia, early Wednesday, disrupting eight other Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTM) intercity services.

Senior corporate communications acting manager of KTM, or the Malaysian Railway, Mohd Fazil Ismail said on Wednesday that the Singapore-bound train had derailed at about 2:40 am on Wednesday.

It was reported that the train departed from Penang State in northern Peninsula Malaysia earlier.—Xinhua

Singapore, France, India air forces hold joint drill

SINGAPORE, 24 June— The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) is participating in an exercise for the first time with the French Air Force (FAF) and Indian Air Force (IAF), Singapore's Ministry of Defence said on Wednesday.

The exercise, which is codenamed Exercise Garuda and runs from 14 to 25 June 2010, is conducted from the Orange and Istres air bases in France.

About 180 personnel, six F-16D+ fighter jets and one KC-135R tanker from the RSAF are participating in the exercise, together with the FAF's Mirage-2000 and Rafale fighters and C-135R transport aircraft, and the IAF's Sukhoi-30 fighters, Ilyushin IL-78 tanker aircraft and Ilyushin IL-76 transport aircraft.

The participants will be carrying out air combat and air defence missions.

The RSAF will also be conducting air-to-air refueling missions during the exercise.

Exercise Garuda 2010 provides a platform for the RSAF to train with the French and Indian air forces, and conduct air operations in realistic and challenging conditions.

Xinhua

Qianlong jade seal price soars

BEIJING, 24 June— A jade seal of Emperor Qianlong is expected to fetch 500-million Taipei new dollars at an auction in Taipei. That's over 14-million US dollars, and is just one of the costly treasures up for sale.

Some 55 lots will go under the hammer, but the highlight, a Qianlong jade seal the size of a brick. Its starting price was 570-thousand US dollars, but the current estimated price is nearly 30 times that.

The seal is one of five jade seals of Qianlong. Also to be auctioned are song dynasty murals, and a wood sculpture relic of the Goddess of Mercy.

Xinhua



A runner dressed in an inflatable Sumo costume arrives for a charity 5km run at Battersea Park in London. Organizers claimed a new world record for a mass Sumo suit gathering at the annual event.

Man run over by truck after dog puts it in gear

A man was reportedly run over by his own truck after his dog put it into gear. The sheriff's office reported that 43-year-old Christopher Bishop was checking under his Ford F-150 for oil leaks Sunday evening. He had put the running truck into neutral and left the driver's door open. While he was under the truck, Bishop's bulldog, Tassey, jumped into the truck and knocked the vehicle into gear. The truck rolled over the left side of Bishop's body.

Bishop managed to get up, stop the vehicle and go into his house. After several hours of pain, Bishop finally called for help.

He was taken to a nearby hospital with injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

Siblings brawl over butter in mac and cheese

An argument over butter in a macaroni and cheese recipe churned into violence between a brother and sister. A 21-year-old man called police on 6 June to say his 17-year-old sister tried to cut his neck with

the serrated edge of a spatula.

The police report said the sister was

making macaroni and cheese when her brother asked if she was using butter.



In Peru, there is a very strange village bridge. It is entirely made of grass and is compiled by local people.

Video game spat becomes Father's Day fight

Connecticut authorities said a 54-year-old man and his girlfriend were arrested after a dispute over a noisy video game erupted into a Father's Day struggle with police officers. Vernon police say the man, George Stein, was playing video games on Sunday night when a child annoyed by the noise shut the door to the room Stein was in.

Police said Stein got angry and grabbed some kind of weapon, which led his girlfriend's son to call police. Authorities said the girlfriend, 42-year-old April Devaux, became combative with officers, refused to let go of a front porch post and spat in an officer's face. Devaux was charged with assault on police and other crimes, while Stein was charged with threatening. Both posted bail.



Linden Wolbert swims with a shark in the Caribbean Sea. Los Angeles-based Linden Wolbert, 29, has featured in music videos and adverts as a professional mermaid.



Visitors inspect a robot pulling a rickshaw on display as part of the "Peasant da Vincis" exhibition at the Rockbund Art Gallery in Shanghai. The collection is a new exhibition by Chinese artist Cai Guo-Qiang, whose gunpowder on canvas designs won the Hiroshima Art Prize for peace and whose fireworks for the opening of the Beijing Olympics dazzled the world.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BANG SAO TONG VOY NO (130)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG SAO TONG VOY NO (130) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.6.2010 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.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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Ofek 9 is described as an advanced remote sensing satellite.—INTERNET

Osborne defends 'decisive' plan on tax and cuts

LONDON, 24 June—The toughest Budget package of spending cuts and tax increases in a generation means the UK "can look to a brighter future", George Osborne has said. The chancellor said "decisive action" to raise Vat and cut spending would boost confidence in the economy.

He also said spending cuts might be reduced if more savings could be found in the welfare budget.

Labour's Alistair Darling said it could be "dire for many" and the coalition might be unable to implement it.—*Internet*

Israel launches Ofek 9 spy satellite

LONDON, 24 June—Israel has launched a surveillance satellite that will be used to spy on Iran's nuclear programme, reports say.

The satellite's high resolution camera would significantly boost Israel's intelligence gathering, officials told local media.

Israel's defence ministry said the Ofek 9

was launched from Palmachim air force base on its south coast near Tel Aviv.

It is one of at least four Israeli spy satellites currently orbiting the Earth.

"This provides Israel with greater operational flexibility, since we now have another set of eyes on a target," Chaim Eshed, the director of Israel's military space programme, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"This means that we have increased the rate we can visit a target." Israeli press reports said the satellite's high resolution cameras would boost its efforts to keep a close eye on Iran.—*Internet*



There had been rumours that the couple were intending to marry.

INTERNET

Prince Albert of Monaco engaged to Charlene Wittstock

LONDON, 24 June—Prince Albert of Monaco has announced his engagement to the former South African Olympic swimmer Charlene Wittstock.

The announcement followed months of speculation that Prince Albert, 52, and Ms Wittstock, 32, would wed.

Prince Albert acceded to Monaco's throne in 2005 after the death of his father, Prince Rainier III. He has two children, neither of whom are in line to the throne because they were born out of wedlock.

Ms Wittstock is a former teacher who competed for South Africa in the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000.—*Internet*

Manet self portrait fetches record £22m at London sale

LONDON, 24 June—A self portrait by French painter Edouard Manet has been sold for more than £22m — a record price for the artist's work.

Called Manet A La Palette, it shows the artist in a bowler hat, posing with a paintbrush in his hand.

It sold for £22,441,250 at Sotheby's auction house in London, towards the lower end of its £20-30m estimate.

The previous highest price for a Manet was £16m in New York in 1989.

Painted between 1878 and 1879, Sotheby's said the work was one of only two self portraits by the artist, and ranked amongst the greatest of the Impressionist movement.

Other sales at the Impressionist and Modern Art Evening sale included *Arbres a Collioure* by French painter Andre Derain, which sold for more than £16m, and *Odalisques Jouant Aux Dames* by Henri Matisse, which fetched almost £12m.

Tuesday's event at Sotheby's was the



The self portrait was painted in 1878.

INTERNET

first in a number of London auctions this week, which will see a string of Impressionist and modern art works go under the hammer.

Christie's are holding their own auction on Wednesday, featuring 63 works expected to fetch up to £230m.—*Internet*

US pirate hunters target movies

LONDON, 24 June—An organization set up in the US to track down and punish illegal file-sharers is coming under increasing scrutiny from civil liberty groups.

The US Copyright Group (USCG) has been working on behalf of a range of movie makers, most notably those behind box office hit *The Hurt Locker*.

It has pledged to target 150,000 illegal downloaders in coming months.

But civil rights groups have questioned its motives.

On its website USCG offers to help film industry leaders, producers and copyright owners to

recover losses due to illegal downloading.

It promises to assist with halting copyright infringement which is a huge problem for the movie industry.

Internet

Oscar winning film *The Hurt Locker* is among the films being targeted.

INTERNET





Int'l Indigenous Film Festival to be held in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 24 June—The 4th Nepal International Indigenous Film Festival is set to begin in the capital Kathmandu on 25 to 27 June.

The event is being held by Indigenous Film Archive in collaboration with National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities while Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities and Nepal Women Federation of Indigenous Nationalities.

A total of 13 Nepali films and 19 films from countries including India, Bhutan, Mexico, Germany, Australia, Argentina, America, Sweden, Norway, and Cambodia will be screened at City Hall and Nepal Tourism Board auditoriums.

The feature films, documentaries, short films and music videos that will be screened at this year's festival will be based on the theme of Transfer of Knowledge.

According to Tuesday's myrepublica.com report, Golden Drum, Silver Drum and Bronze Drum will be awarded to three different movies as per the recommendations of the five-member jury except the Audience Choice award, which will be awarded as per the recommendations from the audience.—Internet

Shoo and her husband get together for a sleek photoshoot

SEOUL, 24 June—After their marriage just two months ago, Shoo from the 1st generation idol group, SES, and her basketball player husband Im Hyo Sung recently took part in a sizzling photo shoot.

With her being seven months pregnant, Shoo still brimmed with sexiness wearing her suave red dress. In these photos, she can be seen striking powerful, charming, and chic poses. Her husband, on the other hand, is shirtless, hence giving off a wild image and revealing his muscular and toned upper body.—Internet



A model presents a creation by US designer Rick Owens as part of its Men's fashion Spring/Summer 2011 collection in Paris, on 24 June, 2010.—INTERNET

First anniversary of Jackson's death to be honoured



US pop star Michael Jackson performs "We are the World" during the World Music Awards at Earl's Court in London.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 24 June—The Jackson Family Foundation and VoicePlate Productions announced on Tuesday that a red-carpet event will be held on Saturday in Los Angeles to honour the first anniversary of the death of pop star Michael Jackson.

"This red-carpet event will be dedicated to the humanitarian efforts of Michael Jackson, the

greatest entertainer of all time," according to a statement on VoicePlate's website.

"The vision is to bring together Michael Jackson family members, celebrities, fans, supporters and the community to celebrate and honour his legacy," it said.

"We have all shared in Michael's message, and now we encourage all of you the world over to join us in continuing to spotlight Michael's endeavors by making a conscious effort to help save our planet."

The event will also serve as the premiere release of Katherine Jackson's book, "Never Can Say Goodbye," the statement said.—Internet

Pop King's photos to be auctioned in Paris

PARIS, 24 June—A Paris auction house says it plans to put 12 never-before-published portraits of Michael Jackson on the block in December.

The portraits were shot by French photographer Arno Bani in 1999.

Internet

French director Luc Besson falls for love story

LOS ANGELES, 24 June—Are you ready for some romance courtesy of Luc Besson?

The prolific French genre filmmaker is shopping an untitled script, a love story he co-wrote with David Marconi ("Enemy of the State"), and he's making the rounds at studios this week.

Besson is also shopping two other projects he co-wrote, the prison-in-space drama "The Lock Out" and a revenge movie with Zoe Saldana attached to star called "Colombiana."

Besson is producing those two. But for the love story, he is attached to also direct. That would make the project his first English-language directorial outing since 1999's Joan of Arc. His latest, the comic book adaptation "The Extraordinary Adventures of Adele Blanc-Sec," opened this spring in Europe.

Insiders say Besson hopes to begin shooting the love story at the end of September in London and Paris and is in the early stages of reaching out to cast.

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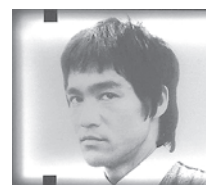


Chinese actress Zhang Jingchu is featured in in these stills of the new comedy "Flirting Scholar 2" which is remade version of 1993 classic "Flirting Scholar". The film will be on big screen in China on 9 July.—INTERNET

"Young Bruce Lee" to start shooting

BEIJING, 24 June—The new kung fu film "Young Bruce Lee" will start shooting at the end of June, website M1905.com reports.

The film will be co-directed by Wen Juan and Wilson Yip and feature Aarif Lee. The script has been in the making for four years while writers have collected first-hand information about Bruce Lee from his family and friends, said Wen at a press conference on Monday in Hong Kong. The new film will be the



A file photo of "Bruce Lee."

most authentic portrayal of Bruce Lee among all the movies that have been made about his life.

Lee told the media that he is under a lot of pressure with his role as Bruce Lee in the film. He said the most difficult part was not

the physical training to build up his muscles, but to think like Lee.

"I'm really lucky to have the opportunity to play Bruce Lee," Lee was quoted as saying. "It's very challenging." "Young Bruce Lee" tells the story of Bruce Lee's youth and shows the characteristics and personality that made him a martial arts movie star in later years.

Hong Kong singer-turned-actor Aarif Lee won Best Newcomer Award at this year's 29th Hong Kong Film Awards.—Internet

Italy out, Slovakia, Paraguay through

JOHANNESBURG, 24 June — Reigning champions Italy crashed out of the World Cup on Thursday, losing 3-2 to Slovakia, who reached the last 16 along with Paraguay after the South Americans' 0-0 draw with Group F rivals New Zealand.

Robert Vittek was Slovakia's hero with two goals before Kamil Kopunek's clincher against a poor Italian side who finished bottom of the group and for whom Antonio Di Natale and Fabio Quagliarella netted consolation strikes. Paraguay topped the group after their stalemate with New Zealand left them on five points to four for the Slovaks, who are appearing in their first finals. — *Internet*



Slovakia's striker Robert Vittek (left) celebrates his goal with teammates during their Group F first round match against defending champions Italy. — *INTERNET*

Nicolas Sarkozy to probe French failure

LONDON, 24 June — Sarkozy will also meet Thierry Henry, at the striker's request on Thursday, as the inquest into the events of South Africa 2010 begins.

France went out in the group stage after a campaign marred by infighting.

Striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home after a row



Nicolas Sarkozy

with boss Raymond Domenech, prompting the team to go on strike.

Prime Minister Francois Fillon, sports minister Roselyne Bachelot and junior sports minister Rama Yade will join Sarkozy to discuss how a country that won the World Cup in 1998 and reached the final in 2006 could manage just one point and a single goal at the 2010 edition.

"Those responsible for this disaster must accept the consequences, first the players, then the team management and after them the football federation," Bachelot told Europe 1 radio on Wednesday.

France drew 0-0 with Uruguay in their first game, lost 2-0 to Mexico and were eliminated on Tuesday night after a 2-1 defeat to South Africa.

— *Internet*

Spain's David Villa escapes punishment

LONDON, 24 June — Striker David Villa has escaped punishment for striking Honduras defender Emilio Izaguirre in the face during Spain's 2-0 victory on Monday.

Villa was caught on camera hitting out at Izaguirre at a set-piece but the incident went unpunished at the time.

FIFA looked at the video but "found no grounds" to punish Villa, who scored both goals against the Hondurans.

The decision leaves the Barcelona striker free to play in Spain's vital Group H clash with Chile on Friday.

Former Valencia star

Villa was in scintillating form as favourites Spain earned their first win of the World Cup in South Africa.

As well as scoring twice - the first a fine individual goal - Villa hit the crossbar and missed a penalty against the Central Americans.

And after Monday's game, the 28-year-old defended his actions to the Spanish media. — *Internet*



Spain's striker David Villa. — *INTERNET*

Manchester United rule out move to sign Joe Cole

LONDON, 24 June — Manchester United have ruled out a summer move for England international Joe Cole, BBC Sport understands. The 28-year-old midfielder was released by Chelsea earlier this month after falling out of favour with manager Carlo Ancelotti.

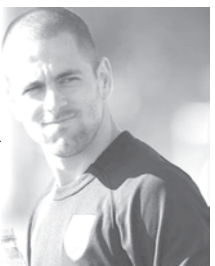
Even before his Stamford Bridge exit, Cole had been linked with several other Premier League

clubs. Arsenal and Tottenham are said to be favourites to sign him but United are not expected to be one of the bidders.

Chelsea confirmed Cole's departure when they announced German midfielder Michael

Ballack and right-back Juliano Belletti would also be leaving.

— *Internet*



Cole has been on the fringes at both club and international level recently. — *INTERNET*

SPORTS

Preview matches on North Korea Vs Ivory Coast; Portugal Vs Brazil; Switzerland Vs Honduras and Spain Vs Chile on 25 June

YANGON, 24 June — World ranking 105 North Korea and world ranking 27 Ivory Coast are going to play the last match of the group-G of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on 25 June.

Both teams have never seen each other in the head-to-head position yet. North Korea suffered two losses in two matches while Ivory Coast saw one draw and one loss in the same group. Despite losing two matches in the group, North Korea faced their opponent teams in bravery and all the players have full stamina, strength and fitness. Fortune did not favour North Korea because they are in the dead group. North Korea will play their opponent teams while seeking tactics and skills in the world level. North Korea are hopeless for the next round but Ivory Coast have just a dim hope for the play-off stage. This match is supposed that Ivory Coast will win North Korea through more goals.

Results in the latest three matches of North Korea

21.06.10	Portugal	7-0	North Korea	World Cup grp. G
15.06.10	Brazil	2-1	North Korea	World Cup grp. G
06.06.10	Nigeria	3-1	North Korea	Friendlies

Results in the latest three matches of Ivory Coast

20.06.10	Brazil	3-1	Ivory Coast	World Cup grp. G
15.06.10	Ivory Coast	0-0	Portugal	World Cup grp. G
04.06.10	Ivory Coast	2-0	Japan	Friendlies

Portugal Vs Brazil

Both teams encountered four times in their head-to-head position and Brazil had one win, two failures and one draw whereas Portugal saw two wins, one loss and one draw. The match of Portugal and Brazil will become thrilling for the fans around the world and moreover, both teams can bring about the essence of football skills. The showdown of both teams are worth-watching for soccer enthusiasts. Both teams are constituted with high-priced players. Both teams have chances of go to the road to the play-off stage. It is a sure proof that both teams will have to play their last match of the group in creation of an exhibition for the fans around the world. This match is supposed that both teams are likely to finish in a draw.

Head-to-Head Position

20.11.08	Brazil	6-2	Portugal	Friendlies
06.02.07	Brazil	0-2	Portugal	Friendlies
29.03.03	Portugal	2-1	Brazil	Friendlies
17.04.02	Portugal	1-1	Brazil	Friendlies

Switzerland Vs Honduras

Both teams did not meet each other in the head-to-head position. Switzerland had one win and one loss in two matches whereas Honduras setbacked two failures in two matches in the same group. Honduras are the lowest ranking in the group and fragile in the defence, midfield and front lines as well as their results in the previous two matches cannot bring about pleasure. Switzerland are in favour of the attacking tactic with the formation of 4-4-2. Honduras prefer the defensive technique with the formation of 4-5-1. If Honduras emphasize the formation of 4-3-3, it is thought that they can see a draw result. No matter what happens, it is supposed that Switzerland will clinch the victory over Honduras in any way.

Results in the latest three matches of Switzerland

21.06.10	Chile	1-0	Switzerland	World Cup grp. H
16.06.10	Spain	0-1	Switzerland	World Cup grp. H
05.06.10	Switzerland	1-1	Italy	Friendlies

Results in the latest three matches of Honduras

21.06.10	Spain	2-0	Honduras	World Cup grp. H
16.06.10	Honduras	0-1	Chile	World Cup grp. H
05.06.10	Romania	3-0	Honduras	Friendlies

Spain Vs Chile

Both teams saw one time in the head-to-head position in the previous friendly of 2008 and Spain won Chile 3-0. Spain had one win and one failure in two matches in the group-H while Chile gained two wins in two matches. Spain are much better than Chile in the players' lineup. But a formation needs to be considered for Spain. Spain used the defensive form with the formation of 4-5-1 in playing against Switzerland. Spain's coach Vicente del Bosque may use the formation of 4-3-3. If used, Spain are sure to ease past Chile. Spain have more winning percentages than the opponent unbeaten run Chile.

Head-to-Head Position

19.11.08	Spain	3-0	Chile	Friendlies — <i>NLM</i>
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The Liuxi River Forestry Park in Conghua.

XINHUA

The Liuxi River Forestry Park

BEIJING, 24 June — The equestrian events soon to be held in Conghua during the Asian Games hosted by Guangzhou will mark an important step in the internationalization of China's equestrian sport and boost the hospitality industry in Conghua.

The equestrian court in Conghua, located in a hot spring valley, is the largest of its kind in China, according to city authorities.

During the Asian Games between 12 Nov and 27, it will accommodate dressage, jumping and cross country events.

The "specific equine disease-free zone" in Conghua has been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and the European Union.—Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (25-6-2010)(Friday)

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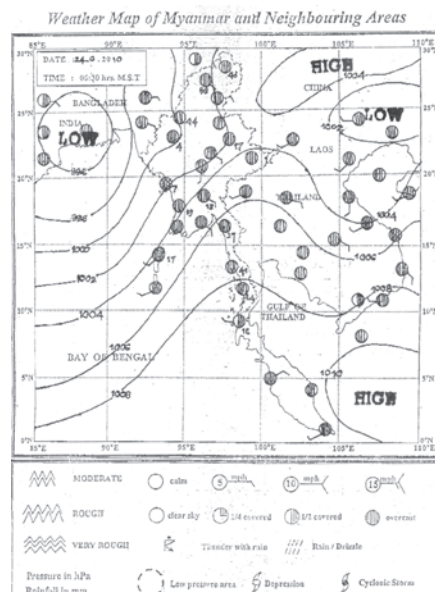
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WEATHER

Thursday, 24th June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Chin and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.97) inches, Bilin (3.11) inches, Kyaikkhami (2.52) inches, Myeik (2.21) inches, Homalin (2.08) inches, Dawei (1.93) inches, Sittway (1.85) inches, Putao and Chaungzon (1.69) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 23-6-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 24-6-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-6-2010 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 23-6-2010 was (2.4) hours.

Rainfall on 24-6-2010 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (26.54) inches at Mingaladon, (29.33) inches at Kaba-Aye and (31.14) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 23-6-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 25th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-6-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-6-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 25
June
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. လှိုင်ရွှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:15 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:30 am

9. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song Of National Races

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:35 pm

4. "လက်ဆေးပြီးပြီလား"

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

-ပထမနှစ်

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အတွေးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. Songs Of Yester Years

5:15 pm

8. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

5:25 pm

9. ရိုးသားဖြူစင်ကလေးတို့အသွင်

5:40 pm

10. Football Planet (၂၀၁၀ ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားဘောလုံးပွဲကြိုသုံးသပ်ချက်)

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm

15. News

8:20 pm

16. ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မြောက်ကိုရီးယားအသင်း နှင့် အိုင်စီစီတိုက်အသင်း)

17. ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားပုံရိပ်များ

- (စတီရီယိုတေးသံရှင်များ၊ တေးရေး-မင်းချစ်သူ)

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)

21. သီချင်းချစ်သူ

- (ယုဇန)

26.6.2010

- (Saturday)

1:00 am

22. ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (သွပ်ဇာလန်အသင်း နှင့် ဟွန်ဂျရီအသင်း)



- ★ 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

Prime Minister felicitates Croatian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Jadranka Kosor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia which falls on 25 June 2010.—MNA

Low pressure in northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the observation report at 5:30 pm, a low pressure occurred at northwestward of the Bay of Bengal.

The system is under close watch for regeneration.—MNA

Secretary-1 receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Union of Myanmar Mr Aloke Sen at the State Peace and

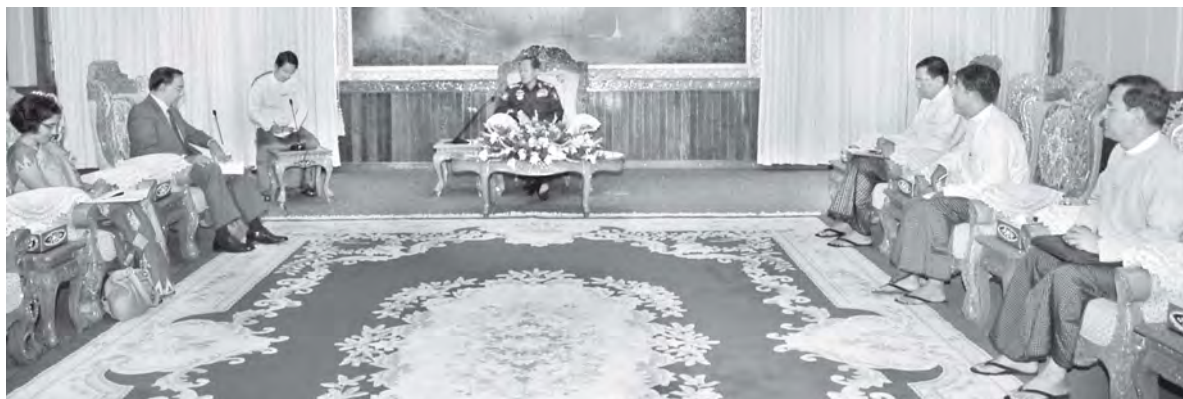
Development Council Office, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads.

MNA

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Nicobar Islands, India Region) about (690) miles southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hrs (40) min (47) sec MST on 24 June, 2010 according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Ambassador of the Republic of India Mr Aloke Sen.

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