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Yin Creek Bridge commissioned into service on Taungdwingyi-Myothit-Natmauk Road

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—A ceremony to inaugurate Yin Creek Bridge, built by Magway District Public Works, located on Taungdwingyi-Myothit-Natmauk Road, was held in Natmauk Township today.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained the purpose of building the bridge and facts about it.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint in his speech said that in the time of the State Peace and Development Council basic infrastructures have been built in Magway Division one after another and as a result, most of the districts and townships in the division had developed leaps and bounds; that in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, Ministry of Construction had been striving for betterment of transport facilities as top priority; that the ministry was paying 108 miles and four furlongs long new Magway-Kanpya-Myothit-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw Road and 91 miles and four furlongs long Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe was nearly complete.

He continued to say that the ministry had built Yin Creek Bridge for the creek was difficult to cross in rainy season when the creek was in spate; that the creek stood as a barrier so vehicles had to wait for about five hours to pass through and the ministry had decided to construct a bridge so that one can travel in

any season; that Yin Creek Bridge was on Taungdwingyi-Myothit-Natmauk Road in Natmauk Township; that the facility was 320 feet long and motorway on it was 10 feet 10.5 inches wide; that the bridge was of bailey type and can stand up to 15 ton.

He went on to say that the bridge was the twentieth of its kind in Magway Division; that from 1988 till now, 240 units of over 180-foot bridges had been erected and 20 more were under construction; that emergence of a large number bridges and roads had contributed to smooth transportation and

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Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe cordially converse with local people at Yin Creek Bridge opening ceremony.—CONSTRUCTION

Pyay, a pleasant township in Bago Division (West)



Shade trees surround the Pyay Town Hall.

**Byline: Ko Tin Hlaing (Meiktila);
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Pyay by the river Ayeyawady is a very pleasant, beautiful township due to its impressive geographical features. Nawaday Bridge and Mingyi Hill give a great deal of beauty to the capital of Bago Division (West). So, a trip can be made easily by water, by train and by car to and from Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Rakhine State. As a result of smooth transport, Pyay is always lively with trade activities.

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Germany beats England 4-1 in World Cup

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PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 28 June, 2010

Establish woodlands around the Union

Climate pattern rests on forests and trees. Deforestation causes excessive heat or cold, drought, and scarcity of water for agriculture followed by adverse climate changes.

Myanmar has annually held tree-planting ceremonies. Nay Pyi Taw Lewe saw a collective monsoon tree-planting ceremony the other day. Under the project for establishing a one-acre eucalyptus plantation a village, Minyay and Yetkansin villages of Taungtha Village-tract planted 1200 eucalyptus saplings and 800 teak saplings on both sides of Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

Tree-planting ceremonies are being held across the Union. Taunglone Village in Taunggyi Township, Shan State held tree-planting ceremony on 11 June. Ye Township in Taninthayi Division planted 776 saplings of teak, gangaw, starflower, eucalyptus, arthawka, hsi-thabye and tayoketei on 16 June. Kalay Township in Sagaing Division planted 2000 teak saplings in the ceremonies.

Monsoon is the most suitable period for nurturing saplings. So, the people should grow trees in their house compounds. Growing trees brings many benefits to the growers such as fruit, shade, raw materials for wooden utensils, leisure, and good health.

Therefore, the entire people are exhorted to participate in the tree-planting ceremonies and nurture trees for shade and consumption.

City Mart sells recycle bags

YANGON, 27 June—After launching the Helping Our Earth Stay Healthy programme from 11 August 2008 to 11 February 2009, City Mart Supermarket has donated

K 7,663,950, which was 50 per cent proceeds from sales of 21,897 recycle bags, to Mingalar Myanmar.

City Mart Holding Co Ltd continues sales of recycle bags. Arrangements are being made to sell recycle bags worth K 500, K 700 and K 1000 from 12 June to 12 December at City Mart Supermarkets, and 50 per cent of proceeds will be donated for safety school and school environmental conservation being launched by Mingalar Myanmar.

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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

A & I Minister addresses concluding ceremony of rural development course in ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo on a visit to the Republic of Korea paid a call on Commissioner Mr Dong Cho Lee of Global Seamaeul Undong, Seamaeul Undong Centre in Seoul, ROK and hold discussion about matters relating to agriculture and rural development on 21 June.

The minister then addressed the concluding ceremony of rural development course conducted by Seamaeul Undong at Seamaeul Undong Training Centre. It was attended by farmers from Natthaye Village, Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinman Township, and Zigon Village, Kawhmu Township, Yangon Division, both of which are model villages chosen for rural development works in Myanmar, and personnel of the ministry.

The minister in meeting



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo holds a meeting with Minister of Food, Agriculture, and Fisheries Mr Tae-Pyong Chang of ROK.—AGRI

with President Dr Kim Bum II of Canaan Farmers' Movement Corporation and Director-General Mr Kim Gi Joong of Canaan Farmers' Movement Headquarters in Seoul discussed dissemination of agricultural knowledge for farmers of Canaan Farmers' Movement and investments in agriculture industry of Myanmar.

The minister on 22 June visited TYM-Tong Yung Mool San Company and observed power tillers,

seeders, combine harvester and production process of tractors and agricultural equipment.

The Myanmar delegation then visited Seamaeul Project where they were conducted round by Director-General Mr Cho In Hyun of the project. They looked round the newly-built dyke and sluice gate. The minister in the evening cordially hold discussion about promotion of bilateral cooperation in agricultural techniques and investment

in agricultural sectors with Minister of Food, Agriculture, and Fisheries Mr Tae-Pyong Chang. The minister also met with Chairman Mr J K Choi of Auto Industrial Group and discussed investments in agricultural sector and potentials of cultivation.

Minister U Htay Oo arrived back in Myanmar on 23 evening together with Director-General U Than Aye of Myanmar Agricultural Planning Department.—MNA

Victorious Myanmar Youth Golf Team honoured

YANGON, 27 June—Myanmar Golf Federation (MGF) honored victorious golfers of Myanmar Youth Golf Team at Mercedes Trophy Junior Golf Master, Pattaya held in Thailand, at Sedona Hotel here on 25 June.

It was attended by President of MGF U Tayza, vice-presidents U Min Thein, U Aung Kyi and U Zaw Min, chief coaches of MGF U Ko Ko Lay and U Chan Han, executives, officials from Air Bagan and victorious golfers.

The president made an honoring speech, and then manager of Myanmar Youth Golf Team recounted experiences of Mercedes Trophy Junior Golf Masters Final.

President U Tayza presented a set of golf equipment worth US\$ 3000 dollar to Champion Nay Bala Win Myint of Mercedes Trophy Junior Golf Masters Championship and a set of golf equipment worth US\$ 5000 dollar to Champion Ma Yin May Myo of 27th Men & 19th Ladies Amateur Open Golf Championship 2010 and Mercedes Trophy Junior Golf Master,

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President of MGF U Tayza awards Myanmar selected youth golfer Nay Bala Win Myint who stood first in Mercedes Trophy Junior Golf Master Championship.—SPED

Pattaya.

After that, golfer Ma Yin May Myo spoke words of thanks and the guests were hosted a dinner.

MNA



China should join G8 talks 'time to time'



TORONTO, 27 June—China should be invited to join in discussions of the Group of Eight industrialized nations "from time to time," the spokesman

for Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said.

"The G8 may think to invite China to G8 summits from time to time in order to encourage China to have an even larger sense of responsibility," Kazuo Kodama told a briefing on Saturday.

Inviting China to talks, "when it is appropriate... may be useful and productive on specific issues," he explained. Asked whether Japan wanted the G8 to become the G9, Kodama said the proposal was made "in a very informal exchange of views" at the just-ended G8 summit in Huntsville, north of Toronto. The decision of who to invite to upcoming summits, of course, rests with the G8 host, which passes from Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper to French President Nicolas Sarkozy next year, Kodama added.—Internet

NATO reports death in Afghan war in record month

KABUL, 27 June—NATO on Sunday reported another foreign soldier killed fighting in the Afghan war as the death toll for what is already a record month climbed higher. The death following a Taliban-style attack using a crude bomb known as an improvised explosive device (IED) happened Saturday in southern Afghanistan, NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said. It comes after NATO reported Saturday that five soldiers were killed in similar attacks in the volatile south, bringing the total for the day to six. The nationalities of the dead soldiers was not disclosed, but the vast majority of foreign troops in Afghanistan are from the United States and are bearing the overwhelming burden of deaths as the war escalates.

The ISAF report follows the announcement by Britain's Ministry of Defence that a soldier died Saturday after being wounded by an explosion in southern Afghanistan two weeks ago.

The deaths bring to 311 the total number of soldiers to die in Afghanistan so far this year, with the number killed in June alone at 91, by far the deadliest monthly toll since the war began in late 2001.

AFP tolls are based on a tally kept by the independent website icasualties.org. IEDs are causing most of the deaths. They are cheap and easy to make and are often detonated remotely and with deadly accuracy. Survivors often suffer life-changing injuries.

The United Nations said this month that IED attacks had escalated 94 percent in the first four months of this year compared to the same period last year.

Internet

Tourist boats collide in Thailand, 42 injured



Rescue workers carry an injured victim to a hospital after a boat collision in Surat Thani, south of Bangkok, 27 June, 2010.

INTERNET

BANGKOK, 27 June—Forty-two passengers were injured and two were missing after two boats carrying Thai and foreign tourists collided in the Gulf of Thailand on the way to a popular island beach party, police said Sunday.

The speedboats were ferrying tourists to Phangan island for a "full moon" party, a monthly event that attracts thousands of young, mostly Western tourists. Provincial police officer Adipong Tapee said of the 42 revelers injured, 39 were hospitalized and included four Britons, four Australians and four Singaporeans. Also among them were Irish, Norwegian, Malaysian and Thai tourists, he said. The boats collided and overturned before midnight Saturday, throwing passengers into rough seas water just off the island, the website of *The Nation* newspaper said. The injured were rushed to hospitals on the nearby resort island of Samui and on the mainland in Surat Thani Province, Adipong said. The monthly parties on the island, 670 miles (1,000 kilometers) south of Bangkok, are rave-type gatherings fueled by drugs and alcohol and have become associated with crimes such as rape and theft because of their freewheeling atmosphere.

Internet

Civilian killed in Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 27 June—A civilian was killed and four others injured in three bomb attacks in Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said on Sunday.

A civilian died of wounds sustained from an explosion caused by a sticky bomb attached to his car while he was driving in Haifa street in central Baghdad in the morning, while a passerby was wounded during the attack, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. Meanwhile, an employee of the Education Ministry was wounded when a bomb planted in his sport utility vehicle (SUV) detonated in Baghdad's western District of Khadraa, the source said. Late on Saturday night, a police officer and his wife were wounded in a bomb planted in his car in Baghdad's southwestern district of Jihad, the source added. Sporadic attacks still common in Iraqi cities more than three months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.—Internet

A girl injured by a bombing is comforted by her parents at a hospital in Kirkuk, 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Baghdad, Iraq, June 24, 2010. A spate of attacks targeting Iraqi security forces and their allies killed at least several on Thursday, half in suicide bombings in the northern city of Mosul, officials said.

INTERNET



Tropical Storm Alex sets sights on Gulf of Mexico



Workers remove a palm shade from the beach in preparation for the arrival of tropical storm Alex as winds begin to increase in Mahaua, Mexico, 26 June, 2010.—INTERNET

BELIZE CITY, 27 June—Tropical Storm Alex headed overland toward the Gulf of Mexico early Sunday, drenching Belize, northern Guatemala and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula with torrential rains. Meteorologists project Alex, which made landfall on Belize's coast late Saturday, will weaken as it passes over the Yucatan Peninsula but will regain strength once it emerges Sunday evening over the Gulf of Mexico, where warm waters could fuel its growth into a hurricane.

According to the most recent predictions, Alex is expected to make a second landfall midweek on the Mexican Gulf coast — far south and west of the region where a deep-sea oil spill is slicking the US coastline. Hundreds of tourists and residents fled low-lying islands off Belize on Saturday as Alex swept in with torrential downpours and winds of 60 mph (95 kph). Many stocked up on gasoline, water, canned food and other emergency supplies. Belize officials opened storm shelters in the island tourist resort of San Pedro, as some 1,400 people fled for the mainland by plane and by boat. Along Mexico's resort-studded Caribbean coast, officials warned tourists to stay out of rough surf kicked up by the storm. But there were no immediate reports of damage to popular beach destinations such as Cancun, Cozumel, Playa del Carmen or Tulum.

Internet

Ariane 5 lifts off Arabsat-5A, COMS satellites



French launcher Ariane 5 lifts off Arabsat-5A and South Korea's COMS satellites in French Guiana one minute after the launch window opened at 6:41 pm Saturday local time (GMT 0941). —XINHUA

PARIS, 27 June— French launcher Ariane 5 lifted off Arabsat-5A and South Korea's COMS satellites in French Guiana one minute after the launch window opened at 6:41 pm Saturday local time (GMT 0941).

After two stops of the last minute countdown,

the Saturday launch marked the second Ariane 5 flight of 2010.

The heavy-lift Ariane 5 weighed approximately 8,390 kg as a whole, including a combined mass of 7,315 kg for the two satellites.

Arabsat-5A, the spacecraft on the upper position in the rocket,

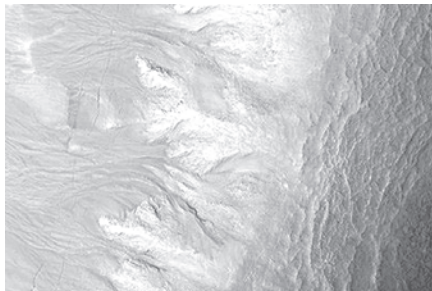
was built by Astrium and Thales Alenia Space on a Turkey contract for the Arabsat telecommunications operator, and is to operate at an orbital location of 30.5 degree East.

As the seventh Arabsat satellite lofted by the Ariane family, it is expected to offer telecommunications and TV broadcasting services over the Middle East and Africa.

South Korea's COMS (Communication, Ocean and Meteorological Satellite) is a multi-mission satellite with three payloads for meteorological observation, ocean surveillance and experimental broadband multimedia communications.

Xinhua

Study indicates life was possible all over Mars



This NASA image obtained 11 June and taken by the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter shows the mid-latitudes of Mars' northern hemisphere. Conditions suitable for life — most notably the presence of water — may once have existed all over Mars, the European Space Agency (ESA) said.

INTERNET

PARIS, 27 June— Conditions suitable for life — most notably the presence of water — may once have existed all over Mars, the European Space Agency (ESA) has said.

Hydrated silicate minerals were found by the ESA's Mars Express and NASA's Mars Reconnaissance orbiters in northern lowlands of the Red Planet, a clear indication that water

once flowed there, ESA said in a statement Friday ahead of the publication of a study in journal *Science*. Water was present on the surface of Mars four billion years ago but lasted for only a few hundred million years, according to principal investigator Jean-Pierre Bibring from the University of Paris.

"It shows that there was water, but not in the form of a large ocean", Bibring told AFP, adding that the Martian crust was hydrated in the same manner in the north and south. The conclusions contradict those of an American team, who in a study published 13 June in *Nature Geoscience* journal said a vast ocean covered a third of the surface 3.5 billion years ago.—Internet

Scientific expertise lacking among 'doubters' of climate change, says new analysis



Arctic. The small number of scientists who are unconvinced that human beings have contributed significantly to climate change have far less expertise and prominence in climate research compared with scientists who are convinced, according to a study led by Stanford researchers.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 27 June— The small number of scientists who are unconvinced that human beings have contributed significantly to climate change have far less expertise and prominence in climate research compared with scientists who are convinced, according to a study led by Stanford researchers.

In a quantitative assessment — the first of its kind to address this issue — the team analyzed the number of research papers published by more than 900 climate researchers and the number of times their work was cited by other scientists.

"These are standard academic metrics used when universities are making hiring or tenure decisions," said William Anderegg, lead author of a paper published in the online Early Edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* this week.

Internet

Global wind shifts may have ushered in warmer climate at end of last ice age

NEW YORK, 27 June— Scientists still puzzle over how Earth emerged from its last ice age, an event that ushered in a warmer climate and the birth of human civilization. In the geological blink of an eye, ice sheets in the northern hemisphere began to collapse and warming spread quickly to the south. Most scientists say that the trigger, at least initially, was an orbital shift that caused more sunlight to fall across Earth's northern half. But how did the south catch up so fast?

In a review paper published June 25 in the journal *Science*, a team of researchers look to a global shift in winds for the answer.

They propose a chain of events that began with the melting of the large northern hemisphere ice sheets about 20,000 years ago.

The melting ice sheets reconfigured the planet's wind belts, pushing warm air and seawater south, and pulling Carbon Dioxide from the deep ocean into the atmosphere, allowing the planet to heat even

further. Their hypothesis makes use of climate data preserved in cave formations, polar ice cores and deep-sea sediments to describe how Earth finally thawed out.

Internet



Sea ice in the North Atlantic may have reorganized Earth's winds, spreading warmth from the northern hemisphere to south at the end of the last ice age.

INTERNET



Science

Local residents wade through floodwaters in Huilai County of south China's Guangdong Province on 26 June, 2010. Heavy rains began to fall all over Guangdong Province since early Friday.

XINHUA



Psychotropic medications can cause birth defects, study finds



A new study shows that use of psychotropic medications during pregnancy increase the probability of birth defects.

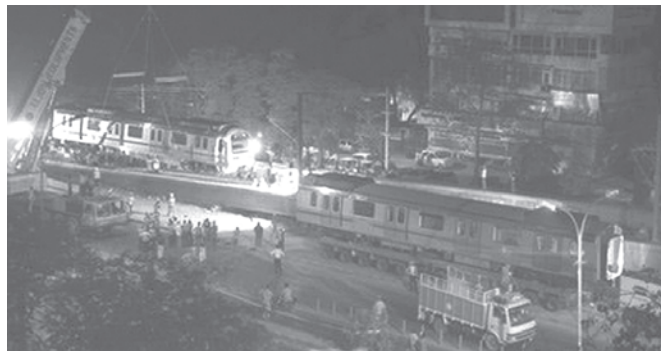
INTERNET

COPENHAGEN, 27 June—A new study shows that use of psychotropic medications during pregnancy increase the probability of birth defects. Researchers at the University of Copenhagen have published an article that documents the serious side effects that can be associated with these types of medications.

A range of serious side effects such as birth

deformities, low birth weight, premature birth, and development of neonatal withdrawal syndrome were reported in children under two years of age, most likely because of the mother's intake of psychotropic medication during pregnancy," says Associate Professor Lisa Aagaard. His researchers believe that these tendencies should serve

as a warning to doctors and health care personnel. "Psychotropic medication should not be prescribed in ordinary circumstances, because this type of medication has a long half-life. If people take their medicine as prescribed it will be a constantly high dosage, and it could take weeks for one single tablet to exit the body's system.—Internet



A Delhi Metro rail coach is lifted to the track as another coach waits to be lifted, center, for trial runs on a new line, in New Delhi, India, on 27 June, 2010. The metro is the pride of the city of 14 million, where commuters were long forced to rely on rickshaws, motorcycles or smoke-belching buses.

INTERNET

Vitamins may not curb high blood pressure in pregnant diabetics

LONDON, 27 June—Taking vitamin C and E supplements will not lower the risk of the blood pressure disorder known as preeclampsia in pregnant women with type 1 diabetes, a new study finds.

Women with diabetes are at high risk for preeclampsia (a sudden increase in the mother's blood pressure after the 20th week of pregnancy), and prior research has suggested

that because type 1 diabetes is associated with increased oxidative stress and lower levels of antioxidants in the body, taking antioxidant vitamins might help.

The British study included 762 pregnant women with type 1 diabetes. They were randomly assigned to take 1000 milligrams of vitamin C and 400 international units (IU) vitamin E (379 women) or placebo (383 women) daily from between eight and 22 weeks of gestation and delivery.

The rate of preeclampsia was 15 percent in the vitamins group and 19 percent in the placebo group. However, taking vitamins seemed to significantly lower the

risk of preeclampsia in women with low antioxidant status at the start of the study and appeared to reduce the risk of having a low birthweight baby (6 percent vs. 10 percent). Also, fewer women in the vitamin C group had preterm babies.

Researchers from Queen's University Belfast said the findings suggest that dietary "intervention rich in various antioxidants might have benefits that cannot be replicated by individual supplements. Alternatively, prescription of antioxidant vitamins at 8-22 weeks' gestation might be too late to affect the pathological process for most patients with diabetes."—Internet

Scientists say test could predict menopause

LONDON, 27 June—Doctors could one day use a blood test to predict decades in advance when women will go into menopause, scientists say.

In research to be presented on Monday at a European fertility conference in Rome, Iranian experts say their preliminary study could be a first step toward developing a tool to help women decide when they want to have children.

The test does not predict when women will lose their fertility — which typically occurs about a decade before menopause — but if doctors know when women will go into menopause, they can calculate roughly when they will run out of eggs. Scientists say the test could be especially helpful in identifying women who might go into menopause early — in their late 40s or earlier instead of their mid-50s.

At the moment, there are few clues for doctors to tell which young women may be headed for early menopause. Blood tests and ovary scans only give women a few years' advance notice.

Iranian scientists took blood samples from 266 women aged 20 to 40 and measured the amount of anti-Müllerian Hormone, or AMH, in their bodies. Testing the amount of AMH in women tells doctors how many eggs there are left in the ovaries. Two more blood samples were taken in the following six years and physical exams were also performed.

Based on the amount of AMH women had, scientists used a mathematical model to estimate when women would go into menopause.

Internet



Comedian Bill Murray dresses as Elvis during the Crossroads Guitar Festival, on 26 June, 2010 in Chicago.—INTERNET

Health

Parents of disabled lack support

AUSTIN, 27 June—US researchers are calling for more environmental and social supports to help families caring for children with physical and mental challenges.

Researchers at Texas A&M University Centre on Disability and Development in College Station say parents with children with disabilities say their needs are not matched to the resources

available.

The study, part of a statewide needs assessment published in *Rehabilitation Psychology*, found the parents, as part of a focus group, identified four significant barriers to well-being — access to information and services, finances, school and community inclusion and family support. "The parents in this study did not identify

child-specific variables, such as disability severity and child behavior problems, as the most significant challenges associated with raising a child with a disability," study lead author Aaron Resch said in a statement.

"They also did not describe their experience of raising a child with a disability as one of burden and pathology.

Internet

Could breathing car exhaust trigger a stroke?

NEW YORK, 27 June—A Danish study hints that air pollution from car exhaust might trigger strokes, although much more study is needed to confirm this, the study team notes.

In the study, short-term exposure to certain pollutants affected admission rates for mild, "ischemic strokes" at hospitals around Copenhagen, Denmark. Ischemic stroke, the most common type of stroke, occurs when a clot disrupts blood flow to the brain.

The Danish findings, reported in the *European Heart Journal*, follow another recent study that showed a link between long-term exposure to traffic-related pollution and stroke death rates in the United Kingdom.

"The key observation is that the traffic-generated air pollution seems to be the primary source of the exposure," Dr. Jiu-Chuan Chen, of the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, told *Reuters Health*.—Internet

Pakistani onion on high demand in int'l market

ISLAMABAD, 27 June—Local media on Sunday quoted Chairman of Pakistan's Vegetable Exporters Association (VEA) Waheed Ahmed as saying that the Pakistani onion is on high demand in the international market due to the decline in onion production in India.

According to the chairman, Pakistani onion is being exported due to excessive production and it is estimated that a total of 400 tonnes of onion will be exported by the end of the current year at 220 US dollars a ton.

The chairman said that the excessive production of onion has also maintained price stability in the domestic market. —Xinhua



A heavily oiled bird struggles to climb onto a boom from the waters of Barataria Bay, which are laden with oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, in Barataria Bay, La, 26 June, 2010.

INTERNET

Telefonica's expansion plans in Brazil hit snags

MADRID, 27 June—Telefonica's expansion plans foundered after associate Portugal Telecom (PT) rejected its takeover bid for Vivo, Brazil's leading mobile phone operator.

Telefonica, Spain's largest telecommunications company and Portugal Telecom each own 50 percent of Brasilcel, a holding

company which in turn owns 60 percent of Vivo. Since 2 June, Telefonica has offered 6.5 billion euros (8.1 billion dollars) to take control of Brasilcel.

Telefonica's takeover of Vivo remains uncertain even after it sold 8 percent of its shares in the Portuguese company to various investment funds in a bid to gain the

support of its allies.

The outcome of this Iberian battle will be known on June 30 after PT's annual shareholders meeting, one day after the clash between Spain and Portugal in the football World Cup in South Africa. PT has decided to vote on Telefonica's bid at the meeting in Lisbon.

Xinhua



Colombian singer Shakira performs at the Glastonbury Festival 2010 in south west England, 26 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Nepal Oil Corporation eyes eco-fuel technology

KATHMANDU, 27 June—The Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) has said it is exploring possibilities of bringing in a Russian eco-fuel technology, which — if materialized — could reduce the country's diesel import by 20 percent and also lower the cost of the industrial fuel.

According to Sunday's myrepublica.com report, the initiatives to bring in the technology kicked off after the corporation received a proposal from a research institute based

in Saint Petersburg, Russia, through local energy experts.

"The NITTI, the research institute is the developer and patent holder of the technology. Using it, the NOC can blend 20 percent water, benzene and other chemicals in diesel, thereby reducing environmental pollution and cost," said Santoshananda Mishra, former director of the Nepal Electricity Authority.

He claimed that the technology will render diesel more environmental friendly and help

lower its cost, thereby providing pricing and foreign exchange benefits to Nepal. However, none of the officials disclosed whether the technology is proven and well received in other parts of the world.

Experts said the technology could be based on ion exchange method, a process through which hydrogen and oxygen are separated from water, and treating diesel with it along with various chemicals.

Xinhua

Mini owners participate in the celebration of the 51st anniversary of the car in downtown Belgrade, capital of Serbia, on 26 June, 2010.

—XINHUA



Canada launches plan to boost small, medium enterprises

TORONTO, 27 June—Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched here a plan to boost

development for small and medium enterprises on Saturday when he made remarks to international business leaders at the G20 Business Summit (B20).

Introducing the G20 Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Finance Challenge, Harper also used the opportunity to announce that Canada will be providing financial support for the initiative.

"Small and medium enterprises are the single largest contributor to employment and job creation, in Canada and around the world," said Prime Minister Harper. "This G-20 initiative will help provide developing countries with the access to financing they need to get their small businesses up and running."

Xinhua



Revellers attend the Bubble Battle 2010 in Times Square in New York, the United States, 26 June, 2010. Hundreds of people converged this afternoon in Times Square with their bubble toys and bubble generators for the event.—XINHUA

Business



8 Days a week Journal turns one year

YANGON, 27 June — 8 Days a week journal celebrated its one year anniversary at Chatrium Hotel here on 25 June.

The weekly journal emphasizes news of celebrities. The journal has also general news and articles.

At the celebration, Chief Executive Officer of the journal U Ko Ko and Editor-in-Chief delivered speech. Actor Lu Min also talked about the journal in honour of the weekly journal on behalf of the celebrities who were present at the



CEO U Ko Ko presents prize to a staff at first anniversary of 8 Days a week journal.—MNA

celebration.

The CEO presented prizes and gifts to

employees and sale agents of the journal.

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NEW SCHOOL OPENED: The upgrading of Basic Education Middle School (Branch) was held in Hmaik Village of Hwarwa Village-tract in Mindon Township on 1 June. Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Ba Nyunt and Township Assistant Education Officer U Myint Kyi formally open BEMS (Branch).

DISTRICT IPRD

Pyay, a pleasant township ...

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With an area of 6.6 square miles and a population of more than 217,000, Pyay is composed of 10 urban wards, 55 village-tracts and 260 villages.

It has 161 roads in it. The Township Development Affairs Committee is trying under the leadership of Bago Division (West) Development Affairs Committee and in cooperation with District and Township Peace and Development Councils to keep Pyay clean and tidy.

Daily, the Township DAD supplies 900,000 gallons of water to six urban wards with

river water pumping stations; 800,000 gallons of water Strikestra Myothit and five wards with tube-wells; and 169,000 gallons of water to 10 urban wards with 15 waterworks and five platforms.

Simultaneously, Township DAD pays serious attention to ensuring supply of adequate water to rural population. Now, it has set up 314 potable water supply facilities for 237 villages in the township, accounting for greater success than the target. In 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Township DAD poured 40.03 million kyats into the funds for rural water supply plan: 16 deep tube-

wells, 16 waterworks and 17 shallow tube-wells.

Up to now, it has rebuilt 91 tarred roads, 35 gravel and laterite roads and 33 earthen roads, totalling 56 miles. In the same financial year, it spent 238.22 million kyats on upgrading of 14 roads to tarred ones, totalling four miles and 3.92 furlongs, and five roads to gravel ones, totaling one mile and five furlongs. In addition, it built five roads and two concrete bridges at the corner of Phayani Road And Thein Road, and 12 streets in 12th Nawin Kwethit Street, and two conduits in Strikestra Myothit, with funds of 33.68 millions in total



The archway at the exit to Pyay is decorated with beds of flowering and landscaping plants.

under the urbanization programme. It has also constructed roads in rural areas, stretching 172 miles

and 1.31 furlongs.

It dredged Bukha Drain, the main drain, for some 15,000 feet to improve the drainage system. It is growing shade trees and landscaping trees on both sides of the roads as part of the drive for sprucing up the township. In 2009-2010 fiscal year, it planted 70,000 landscaping trees, and 200 shade trees and 350 trees.

Moreover, the Township DAD is nurturing 115,000 saplings of flowering plants of various species. So far, it has planted 30,000 pieces of them in the parks in the township. It collects garbage from the urban markets with two garbage trucks and garbage from urban areas with five garbage trucks.

It collects sewage from 10 urban wards with two sewage trucks. And it is implementing the fly-proof latrine project in cooperation with health and social organizations. It carries out sanitation work every day on Bogyoke Road, Pyay-Yangon Road, Lanshei Road, Strand Road, Shwetachung Road, Mingyitaung and Hsinmakyat, and beautifying work in order that the township is kept clean with all characters of a township. As fruits of pursuit of the motto "Speedy urbanization of towns and villages", Pyay has become one of the leading metropolises in Myanmar.

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The 160 feet long and 15 feet wide bridge links Paungtale and Wet-hti-kan.

Yin Creek Bridge...

(from page 1)

commodity flow as well as enhancement of health, education of local people and the development gap

(Chauk) and two more bridges namely Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and

through Yangon and Mandalay; that Inter-district Road No. 1 was paved through Hmawby, Taikkyi townships in Yangon Division, Thayawady, Paukkaung

ships in Mandalay Division and its length in Magway Division was 132 miles; that the bridge was an important bridge on the road linking Yangon, Bago, Magway and Mandalay divisions.

The chairman added that the bridge was also linked with Nay Pyi Taw-Toungnyo-Myothit-Kanpya Road being constructed by Ministry of Construction; that 107 miles long Nay Pyi Taw-Toungnyo-Myothit-Kanpya Road would be a road linking Nay Pyi Taw and Magway through Bago Yoma; that earthworks of the road had been completed; that Yin Creek Bridge would enable local people of Natmauk Township to have access to Myothit, Taungdwingyi, Pyay, Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw any time, in any season.

He urged local peoples and regional organizations to give a helping hand in maintaining the bridges for their durability.

A local also spoke words of thanks.

Next, the minister, the Chairman of Division PDC cordially conversed with those present.

Afterwards, Col Phone Maw Shwe, Brig-Gen Soe Htut of the local station and Deputy Managing Director (Project) U Kyaw Hlaing formally opened the bridge.

The minister unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge and sprinkled scented water on it together with the Division PDC Chairman and officials.

The upper structure of the bridge is of bailey type and the lower structure, of hardwood piles. The bridge is 320 feet long and it has 10 feet and 10.5

inches wide one-way motor road. The facility can withstand 15-ton loads.

It is the 240th facility of its kind in the entire nation and the 20th in Magway Division.

Thanks to construction of Yin Creek Bridge, groundnut, sesame, paddy and crops produced by Magway Division will be transported as quickly as possible to all States and Divisions of the nation from east to west and from north to south through the road networks. The bridge will contribute a great deal to all-round development of economic, social, health and education sectors of the region. The vehicles need not to wait for five hours as in the past as they can pass through the bridge smoothly. That is why the bridge will create better transport in the region.

MNA



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe stroll over Yin Creek Bridge. —CONSTRUCTION

between the regions had been narrowed consequently. The minister then urged local people to maintain it for long-term use.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe spoke words of thanks.

He said that Magway had only 1394 miles of roads before 1988 and roads had been extended up to 2006 miles now. Magway had only 501 miles of tarred road in the past but now 1041 miles; that Magway had no river-spanning bridges before 1988, but Magway today had two bridges spanning over Ayeyawady River — Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) and Ayeyawady Bridge

Ayeyawady (Malun) were in the course of construction.

He went on to say that Yin Creek Bridge commissioned today was part of 400 miles long Inter-district Road No. 1 built

townships in Bago Division, Aunglan, Sinpaungwe, Taungdwingyi, Myothit, Natmauk townships in Magway Division, and Kyaukpadaung, Meiktila, Mahlaing, TadaU town-

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Yin Creek Bridge on Taungdwingyi-Myothit-Natmauk Road in Natmauk Township, Magway District, Magway Division. —CONSTRUCTION

Treatment, rehabilitation for drug-addicts course No.6 opened in Muse Township

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June— Course No. 6 for treatment and rehabilitation for drug-addicts of Teema Shwe Pyi Thit Youths Rehabilitation Centre was opened on 7 June at its centre in Teema village, Muse Township, Shan State (North).

Chairman of Committee for Drugs Abuse

Control of Muse District Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Moe Maung Than delivered an address and heard reports on the course by in-charge of the centre Police Major Kyaw Kyaw, Staff Officer of Township Social Welfare Department U Than Tun Aung, Assistant Supervi-

sor of Myanmar Agriculture Service U Aung Ko Latt respectively.

Sun Branded Purified Drinking Water donated 60 bags of rice and bottles of purified drinking water to the course through officials concerned. Fifty five trainees are doing 10-week course. —MNA

MIDB holds 15th AGM

YANGON, 27 June—Myanmar Industrial Development Bank held its 15th AGM for 2009-2010 financial year at Myanmar Banks' Association on No. 2, New Sibin Street, Yankin Township here yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of MIDB Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for

Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Science and technology U Thaung, members of board of directors, guests and shareholders.

The chairman of the MIDB delivered an opening address on the occasion and Secretary of the board of directors U Myint Swe submitted 2009-2010 fiscal year

work report. It was followed by election of members of the board of directors, assignment of external audits and three-member audit committee.

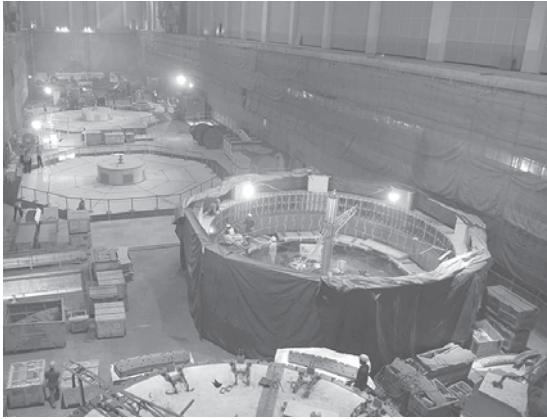
The MIDB presented K 3 million each to U Hla Tun Cancer Hospice Foundation and Rural Library Foundations. —MNA



Electric Power No. 1 Minister visits Yeywa Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min accompanied by personnel concerned yesterday visited Yeywa Hydropower Project near Yeyaman Village about 31 miles from the south-east of Mandalay.

The project is being implemented by Construction Group No. 2. The minister heard reports on progress of the work and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min inspects progress of Yeywa Hydropower Project.—MNA



Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Kaman National Progressive Party, headquartered at Room 406, 4th Floor, Myalayyon Street, Myitta Nyunt Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Division, submitted its applications for registration as a political party and mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal appeared in the dailies on 17-6-2010 as a public announcement for remonstration.
2. The flag and the seal of the party were remonstrated. In addition, the Union Election Commission found that the flag and the seal of the party should not be used. The commission instructed the respective party to amend the flag and seal of the party in line with the law and rules.
3. 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 amended by the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.



Flag of the Kaman National Progressive Party



Seal of the Kaman National Progressive Party

Union Election Commission

Mass Walk in Nay Pyi Taw



Mass Walk to mark International Olympic Day in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Mass Walk was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning to mark the International Olympic Day which falls on 23 June.

It was participated by Chairman of Myanma Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint, personnel and staff of ministries in Nay Pyi Taw, members of Myanma Hiking and Mountaineering Association, totaling about 1200.

They walked from Myoma Market along Toungnyo-Pyinmana Road through Tabyaygon Roundabout to Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw). On the route, Ministry of Sports and wellwishers served them with snacks and refreshments.

Likewise, sports games are held by respective sports federations and in respective townships to mark International Olympic Day.—MNA

Ngwechi 6 long staple...

(from page 16)

The news crew of Myanma Alin daily arrived at Yamethin Township recently to write bylines on development of the township. We had an opportunity to visit Katin Village-tract where Ngwechi 6 long staple cotton is being grown on a commercial scale. Together with Secretary of Yamethin Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Aung Win, Township Manager of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise U Win Nyunt and Township Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Aung Myaing explained cultivation of the cotton strain.

Township Manager of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise U Win Nyunt said, "Yamethin Township grows pre-monsoon, mid-monsoon and late-monsoon long staple cottons. This year, a total of 1341 acres could be put under Ngwechi 6 pre-monsoon long staple cotton. A total of 225 acres of mid-monsoon long staple cotton has been grown against the target of 500

acres and the remaining areas will be covered with cotton by the end of June. A plan was set to grow 27,200 acres of late-monsoon cotton between July and September. After harvesting mid-monsoon cotton strain, the croplands are put under green gram. After that, the farmers cultivate late-monsoon long staple cotton.

"Last year, the township grew 3600 acres of pre-monsoon long staple cotton, 555 mid-monsoon cotton and 26,712 acres of late-monsoon cotton. Three kinds of cotton yielded 416.96 viss per acre. Among the croplands, 27 acres of pre-monsoon strain and 212 acres of late-monsoon cotton produced 1000 viss of cotton per acre.

"The purchase centres of the Ministry of Industry-1 buy K 1000 per viss of A class cotton, K 900 per viss of B class and K 800 per viss of C class," said U Win Nyunt. Cotton grower U Mya Thaug of Katin Village said, "I have five acres of Ngwechi 6 long staple cotton. I produced over 1000 viss per acre of cotton last year and sold K 1000 per viss. Number of cotton farmers increases in the region year by year as they see the

opportunity to earn income easily in growing cotton."

Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise provides strains of Ngwechi 6 long staple cotton, fertilizers and pesticide to the growers to engage in agricultural tasks on a mutual interest. The enterprise purchases 225 viss per acre from the cotton growers.

To ensure convenience of farmers, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Yamethin Township disbursed K 20,000 per paddy acre and K 10,000 per acre for other crops to 14,309 farmers of 64 village-tracts. Up to 10 June, the bank disbursed K 833,400,000 as agricultural loans to the growers.

In Yamethin Township, Thithson Dam, Katin Lake and Kyeeni Lake are reliable water resources for the residents. As the cotton growers extended sown acreage of Ngwechi 6 long staple cotton year after year thanks to favourable weather and assistance of local authorities, they are now enjoying fruitful results of higher socio-economic status.

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Arizona wildfire 50 percent contained

LOS ANGELES, 27 June—A raging wildfire in northern Arizona that has consumed 15,000 acres of vegetation was about 50 percent contained by Saturday, authorities said.

Known as the Schultz fire, the blaze, which is located about 8 km north of Flagstaff and west of north Highway 89, was helped by a combination of the weather and the strong winds.

The fire, which was believed to have been

started by an abandoned campfire Sunday, threatened homes, watersheds and wilderness areas in Coconino National Forest, the management team said.

As of Saturday, Highway 89 has opened while all other roads and trails in the vicinity of the fire still remain closed.

Fire danger is considered high to extreme in Arizona, which has seen two wildfires burn more than 3,000 acres each in the

last month. Relief isn't expected until next month, when summer monsoons start bringing rain to the region, according to authorities.

Nine hundred firefighters battling the wildfire were focusing on the west, north and southwest edges of the blaze. Houses on the east edge, where hundreds of residents had been evacuated, are now out of danger, The Arizona Republic newspaper reported.

Xinhua



Vessels of Opportunity skim oil from the water in Pensacola Bay in Pensacola, Fla, 26 June, 2010. Small amounts of the oil from the Deepwater Horizon disaster have started coming ashore on the Florida and Alabama coast.

INTERNET



Water depth indicators sitting high out of the water at Pykes Creek Reservoir, some 60 kilometres west of Melbourne in 2007. New Prime Minister Julia Gillard has signalled a change in the government's approach to population growth, saying she does not believe in a "big Australia".

INTERNET

Attack on Mexico political rally kills 3, wounds 6

ZINACANTAN, 27 June—A mob armed with clubs, stones and guns attacked a political rally in southern Mexico on Saturday, sparking hours of clashes that left three people dead and six more wounded.

Municipal police officer Mario Lopez said the attack in the town of Nachig, in Chiapas state, happened during a morning campaign event for Domingo Perez, a mayoral candidate representing the Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD, in Aug. 4 elections.

Hundreds of people armed with clubs and stones attacked the rally. Lopez said some pulled out weapons and fired on people gathered in a town park.

The violence lasted several hours and left a toll of three dead and six wounded — two seriously, according to local prosecutors. Some 15 homes and 20 cars were burned.

Internet

Bus, truck collision kills 23 in India

PATNA, 27 June—Police say an overcrowded bus has collided head-on into a truck along a sharp curve on a highway in eastern India, killing 23 people and injuring 15 others.

Police officer Amit Jain says the bus driver apparently lost control of the vehicle in the accident Saturday near Dhannarua, a village in

Bihar state.

He says all of the injured have been hospitalized.

Jain says some passengers were riding on the roof of the packed bus.

Road accidents occur frequently in India and are often blamed on reckless driving, aging vehicles and overloading.

Internet

Four found fatally stabbed in Pa; man in custody

NORTHAMPTON, 27 June—Four people were found stabbed to death Saturday in a house in northeastern Pennsylvania and a suspect was in custody, authorities said.

Police discovered the bodies after responding to a car crash about a half-mile from the house, Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli said. The driver was covered in so much blood that police knew it wasn't all from the car crash, Morganelli said.

The driver's statements led officers to the house, Morganelli said, declining to elaborate. Three bodies were found on the first level of the home; the fourth was in the basement, he said. All were stabbed multiple times.

"It's a very bloody crime scene," Morganelli said. "I've been DA 18 years and I've never seen anything like this in my life."

All four victims died of "sharp force injuries," Northampton County Coroner Zachary Lysek said. The deaths were ruled homicides.

The names of the victims and the



Police investigate a homicide scene in Northampton, PA 26 June, 2010. Police arrived to find two men and a woman stabbed to death.

INTERNET

suspect were not immediately released. The suspect was being treated at a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries believed to have occurred during the car crash, Morganelli said. Charges were pending.

Internet

Premature explosion kills 15 militants in Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 June—Fifteen Taliban militants including 13 foreign fighters were killed in Afghanistan's eastern Paktika Province as explosive devices went off prematurely, a statement issued by Afghan Interior Ministry said Sunday.

"Fifteen militants including eight Arabs, five Pakistanis and two Afghans were busy in making mines inside a mosque in Yousuf Khil district of Paktika on Friday but suddenly the explosive device exploded inside the mosque killing all the 15 rebels," the statement added.

Xinhua



A girl gestures to Sesame Street character Elmo at a shopping centre in Petaling Jaya, near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 27 June, 2010.

INTERNET

Losses mount at Bahrain's state investment fund

DUBAI, 27 June—Bahrain's government investment company says losses more than doubled last year as the economic slump hurt key businesses.

The Mumtalakat fund says losses increased to 183 million dinars (\$485.4 million) from 69 million (\$183 million) a year earlier.

Mumtalakat is a holding company mostly focused on state-run businesses in the tiny Gulf island nation. It says it spent the last year restructuring some of its holdings.

Mumtalakat says the global downturn particularly hurt business at its money-losing airline Gulf Air and at Alba, an aluminum smelting company. Its statement, dated Saturday, didn't provide specific financial details for those units.

Internet

BP says construction of relief wells on track

HOUSTON, 27 June—BP's efforts to drill a relief well through deep rock to staunch the Gulf oil spill are on track to be completed by mid-August, the embattled energy giant said Friday.

The damaged underwater well was detected during a test called "ranging run," the company said in a statement. The first of the two relief wells reached a depth of 16,275 feet on 23 June before the drillstring was removed

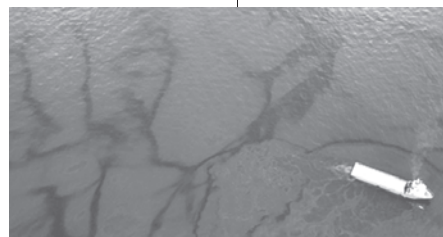
from the well to carry out the first "ranging" run using wireline, BP said.

"Subsequent ranging runs will be needed to more precisely locate the well," said BP, adding that drilling and ranging operations will continue towards the target intercept depth of approximately 18,000 feet, when 'kill' operations are expected to begin.

BP said Friday the cost of its response to the

oil spill to date amounts to approximately 2.35 billion US dollars, including containment, relief well drilling, grants to the Gulf states, and claims paid.

Xinhua



A supply vessel passes through oil floating near the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana on 31 May.
XINHUA

Russian drug info station launched in Far East

Moscow, 27 June—Russia officially launched a drug observatory monitoring drug trafficking in North East Asia in the Far East Saturday, the International Day against Drug Abuse.

According to Russian drug chief Viktor Ivanov, the monitoring station would mainly in charge of collecting and analyzing drug-related intelligence in order to coordinate their fight against drug trafficking with other agencies, including the Russian Interior Ministry and Federal Security Service. The observatory also aimed at further enhancement of collective crack down on drug trafficking between Russia and China.

"It is important to understand that it is impossible to work out effective methods of combating drug trafficking without allowing for migration processes, information about labour markets and demography as well as the situation in penal institutions," said Ivanov at a video conference as quoted by the RIA Novosti news agency.

Xinhua

One in 5 Bangladeshi deaths due to arsenic

NEW YORK, 27 June—One in five deaths in Bangladesh stems from arsenic in drinking water, which the World Health Organization describes as the largest mass poisoning in history.

The study, published in the journal *The Lancet*, found between 33 million and 77 million people in Bangladesh have been exposed to arsenic through drinking water linked to the widespread installation of tube wells 30 years ago to control waterborne diseases such as cholera and dysentery. Although the wells reduced exposure to the microbes causing such diseases, the water was contaminated with arsenic, which occurs naturally in the area.

Internet

G8 commonality purpose to carry forward into G20

HUNTSVILLE, 27 June—G8 leaders' common reorganization of necessity for united efforts in preventing events that endanger the world recovery will move forward into the G20 summit, Canadian PM Stephen Harper said here on Saturday.

Harper, speaking after the conclusion of G8 summit and before heading to Toronto for the G20 summit, told media that he has never "seen a G8 more fundamentally united in purpose, more frank in the discussions."

Xinhua

Newly rescued Chihuahua takes 'ugliest dog' title

A Chihuahua's oddly curved back and legs and closed-up left eye earned the 4-year-old rescue dog top honours at the World's Ugliest Dog contest at a Northern California fair on Friday.

Sporting a gray, brown and black coat, Princess Abby Francis beat a rough-looking slate of candidates for the prize, including Pabst, a teeth-bearing boxer mix who won last year.

Princess Abby shivered in the cool breeze after her win Friday night while nestled in the arms of her owner, Kathleen Francis, who received a \$1,000 check at the 22nd annual contest held at the Sonoma-Marin Fair in Petaluma.

The victory was a surprise to Francis.

"I don't think she's ugly at all," she said. "I think she's the most beautiful dog."



Kathleen Francis, of Clearlake, Calif., holds her purebred chihuahua 'Princess Abby' after winning the World's Ugliest Dog Contest on June 25, 2010, in Petaluma, Calif.

Couple collect 400,000 cans to pay for wedding

A Spokane couple has reached its goal of collecting enough recyclable aluminum cans to pay for their wedding. Peter Geyer and Andrea Parrish estimated they needed to collect 400,000 cans,

worth about \$3,800, to pay for the 31 July wedding. With the help of a 150,000-can donation from Alcoa and 73,000 cans from United Recycling Services, they have reached the goal.

The couple contin-

ues to collect cans, this time to pay for their honeymoon. They also plan to donate some proceeds to Doctors Without Borders and Rim Country Land Institute.



Motorcyclist collides with bear on NJ highway

Fredon A motorcyclist escaped serious injury Saturday when he collided with a black bear that unexpectedly ran across a northwestern New Jersey highway. Sgt. Julian Castellanos, a state police spokesman, said the man was northbound on Route 94 in the Sussex County community of Fredon when the accident occurred around 9:30 am.

The motorcyclist — whose name was not released — was taken to Newton Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries and later released.

Castellanos said the bear also survived and walked into the woods.

The 7-year-old orangutan Surya taking a dip with his trainer Moksha Bybee.

Woman falls out window, lands on car, sleeps

Lakemoor Police said a 30-year-old woman apparently fell out of a third-storey window, landed on her parked car, and then walked into a neighbour's house, where she fell asleep on a couch for two hours.

Lakemoor Police Chief Mike Marchese said family members believe the woman woke up before dawn Thursday and fell through the screen while opening a third-floor window.

Marchese said the woman bounced off the hood of her car, walked through a neighbour's open garage door and went into the house.

The neighbour found her asleep two hours later and called 911.

The woman, whom police have not identified, was taken by ambulance to Centegra Hospital-McHenry. Marchese said she was not suffering from any life-threatening injuries, but he did not know her condition.

Funny moments on happy wedding day!



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The plan aims to prevent a last-minute rush of applications.

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Romania plans big VAT rise to secure bail-out funds

LONDON, 27 June—Romania plans to raise value-added tax (VAT) to 24% in an effort to curb the country's deficit, the prime minister has said.

Emil Boc said the 5% rise was an attempt to guarantee a \$20bn International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan. The move comes after Romania's top court ruled out plans to cut pensions, prompting the IMF to delay key talks. But critics say the VAT rise will hit consumer spending in the European Union country.

"The government has decided to raise the VAT tax by five points," Mr Boc said at a press conference.

"Under these conditions, the agreement with the IMF will continue". He said an IMF meeting to discuss Romania's aid package would now be held on 30 June.—*Internet*



Police boats of a detachment of Chinese Coast Guard take part in an anti-terror drill in Qinhuangdao, north China's Hebei Province, 27 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Interim cap on non-EU migrant workers coming to UK

LONDON, 27 June—A temporary limit on the number of migrant workers from outside the EU allowed into the UK is to be introduced ahead of a planned permanent cap.

Home Secretary Theresa May will limit the number of workers to

24,100 - down around 5% - between now and April 2011.

The Conservatives' election pledge to curb immigration survived the coalition agreement with the Liberal Democrats.

Labour said that the introduction of an arbitrary

immigration cap "is fraught with difficulty".

The temporary cap is aimed at preventing a rush of applications before a permanent cap is set next April.

Ms May will announce the move on Monday, as she launches a consultation process for deciding the level of the permanent cap.

According to the BBC's Mark Easton, the latest official immigration figures available are for 2008 and suggest 258,000 EU and returning British citizens - about 48% - came to the UK out of a total of 538,000 immigrants.

Internet



A police underwater search team is due to arrive at the scene.—INTERNET

Search for missing Ullswater canoeist

LONDON, 27 June—A major search is under way in the Lake District for a missing canoeist.

Emergency services were alerted after the canoeist, believed to be an 18-year-old from Lancashire, failed to surface after overturning on Ullswater.

He was about 565ft (200m) from the shore at the time of the incident at about 1415 BST.

A land and water search by police, coast-

guards, Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team and members of the public is continuing.

A police underwater search team was brought into help.

A Cumbria Police spokeswoman said: "This large-scale search continues this evening and includes the police underwater search team."

"Police are also working to inform and support immediate family members.".—*Internet*

Dramatist Alan Plater dies at 75

LONDON, 27 June—Playwright and screenwriter Alan Plater has died of cancer at the age of 75, his agent has confirmed.

Plater produced numerous works for the stage and screen, including seminal police drama Z Cars and an adaptation of The Barchester Chronicles.

His work was also featured on Armchair Theatre and The Wednesday Play, while he adapted World War II trilogy The Fortunes of War for TV.

Plater, who also penned six novels, was honoured with a CBE in 2005. In the same year, he was presented with the Dennis Potter award for writing at the Baftas.—*Internet*

Youths aged 15 held over Darlington man's murder

LONDON, 27 June—Police investigating the murder of a homeless man in Darlington have arrested two boys aged 15.

George Akers, 59, was found under a tree in the grounds of St Cuthbert's Church on 12 June.

A post-mortem ex-

amination revealed Mr Akers died from serious injuries and police said he had suffered a sustained and unprovoked attack.

Two 15-year-olds, both from Darlington, have been arrested on suspicion of Mr Akers' murder.

Police described him as a vulnerable man, known and liked by many people in the town, who often gave him cigarettes, sweets or spare cash.

He had not been in regular work for about 15 years and had spent time at various addresses before ending up on the streets.—*Internet*



George Akers: Suffered a "sustained attack".

INTERNET

Hot hometown reception for master cellist



Ni carefully tunes her cello before performing at Expo Shanghai. The Shanghai-born principal cellist for the Philadelphia Orchestra is one of the most accomplished young cellists of our time.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 27 June—A Shanghai-born cellist was a jewel in the crown of the famed Philadelphia Orchestra's recent performances at the World

Expo, Nie Xin reports. The oriental face of Ni Hai-ye in the Philadelphia Orchestra performing at the Expo Culture Center was hard to ignore and the fans loved her.

The orchestra's Shanghai-born principal cellist is one of the most accomplished young cellists of our time and her performance was integral to the group's stunning shows last month.

There is a sweet irony in Ni's key role in the contemporary orchestra. In 1973 it was the first Western orchestra in many decades to undertake a concert tour of China where it was very popular and signified a new era of cultural exchange between the countries.

Ni has been hailed for her skills as being "incredibly pure and well intonated" with a "captivatingly beautiful manner."

Her play in Shanghai was a showcase of technique with a beautifully controlled cantabile line, soulfully expressive and brightly aware as she ran brilliantly through all the repertoire.

Xinhua

Jackson's '84 Victory Tour glove sells for \$190K

LAS VEGAS, 27 June—Bidders from around the world bought up Michael Jackson memorabilia worth nearly \$1 million at an auction on the anniversary of his death, including \$190,000 for the Swarovski-crystal-studded glove he wore on his 1984 Victory Tour.

The bidding that began Friday on more than 200 items was "unlike anything we've ever experienced," said Darren Julien of Julien's

Auctions, which ran the auction at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas.

Some items, like the glove, brought 10 times more than their estimated value, he said.

"It just shows you Michael Jackson is the most sought after and most collectible celebrity of all time. It was just phenomenal," Julien told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*.

"People flew in from Asia, Russia, all over. Now that he's gone, we now realize the true legend we lost," said Julien, who has not had a similar auction in his 15 years in the business. He predicted the sales would easily top \$1 million by the time the auction wrapped up Sunday.

The glove had been expected to sell for between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The \$190,000 sale price included the buyer's premium of \$30,000, a standard industry fee that goes to the auction house, Julien said.

The winning bidder was Wanda Kelley of Los

Angeles, who also bought a number of Jackson's albums at the auction, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported. She said she was prepared to go higher if necessary.

"Let's just say I wasn't walking out of here without that glove," she said.

A pair of Jackson's stage-worn loafers that were listed as worth \$2,000 to \$3,000 went for \$90,000.

The custom jacket that the pop singer was wearing during his interview with Barbara Walters was listed at \$6,000 to \$8,000. It sold for \$120,000.—Internet



Mainland actress Zhao Wei, or Vicky Zhao, returned to the limelight after becoming a mum. She represents a mobile phone product and appeared in the advertisement. The actress gave birth to a baby girl in Singapore in April.—XINHUA

Singapore National Art Gallery mourns passing of Chinese artist Wu Guanzhong

SINGAPORE, 27 June—The National Art Gallery (NAG), Singapore of the National Heritage Board is deeply saddened by the passing of renowned Chinese artist Wu Guanzhong, said a press release of Singapore Press Centre on Sunday.

Wu passed away peacefully at the age of 91 in a Beijing hospital on June 25, 2010.

"We are deeply saddened by the demise of Mr Wu Guanzhong, one of the leading

Chinese artists over the last century and a dearly beloved friend of Singapore," NAG Director Kwok Kian Chow was quoted by the release as saying.

A giant amongst artists of his generation, Wu was an inspiration to many and a towering figure in the artistic world. His matchless act of philanthropy to our National Collection and to the people of Singapore will always be deeply appreciated, Kwok said.

"We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones."

In 2008, Wu Guanzhong donated to the national collection of Singapore his largest and most comprehensive collection of 113 oil and ink paintings presented to a public museum. Together with an earlier donation of one work, the Singapore collection of 114 works painted over five decades represents Wu's entire creative oeuvre.—Xinhua



A model presents fashion jewellery and accessories during Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Hong Kong, south China, on 26 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Behind the scenes of "Aftershock"

BEIJING, 27 June—Chinese director Feng Xiaogang's upcoming film "Aftershock" has released a 3-minute behind-the-scenes short film revealing the simple but impressive performances by the extras and other non-professional actors.

The extras who worked on the film were all local citizens from Tangshan city and had no prior acting experience. Most of them had lost relatives in the massive earthquake in 1976 and they still had intense



Shooting scene of the film "Aftershock." XINHUA

feelings regarding this tragedy. For them it was not merely about performing in the film but recalling painful memories.

During production many stories about the earthquake surfaced from the extras. There was a rain scene shot in October when it was turning cold,

most of the extras were still wearing shorts and vests because the film was set to happen in July. They were wet and muddy from head to toe after shooting all day but they never complained. Moved by their strength, the film crew built a bathing room to help them relieve exhaustion.—Xinhua



A female diver clad in 'Orihime,' or Vega, costume feeds fish to mark the Japanese traditional star festival Tanabata at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium-amusement park complex in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo, on 27 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Tottenham enter race for Fabiano

London, 27 June—Harry Redknapp has entered the race to sign Luis Fabiano.

The Sevilla striker was watched by Chelsea last season and the Premier League champions are still interested in the £20million-rated Brazilian.

Manchester City were also rumoured to be keen, as well as AC Milan, who later made it clear they would not come close to meeting the asking price.

Fabiano, 29, who is taking English lessons, is on duty for his country at the World Cup but is certain to leave Sevilla instead of

running down the last year of his contract. He has been offered a new deal at the Ramon Sanchez Stadium but is still keen to leave and try his luck in the Premier League this summer.—*Internet*



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**Fabiano:
Golden
Boot
contender.
INTERNET**

Germany beats England 4-1 in World Cup



Germany's Thomas Mueller, top, scores his side's fourth goal past England goalkeeper David James, bottom, during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Germany and England at Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein, South Africa, 27 June, 2010.—INTERNET

BLOEMFONTEIN, 27 June—Thomas Mueller scored twice in the second half Sunday and England had a goal not awarded by the referee in a 4-1 victory that put Germany into the World Cup quarterfinals.

The 20-year-old forward finished two quick German counterattacks within 3 minutes to sink England's hopes of beating Germany at the World Cup for the first time since the 1966 final.

England was not helped by referee Jorge Larrión waving play on even though Frank Lampard's first-half shot landed well past the goal line after hitting the crossbar. Germany led 2-1 at the time.

Germany went up on goals by Miroslav Klose and Lukas Podolski before Matthew Upson pulled a goal back in the 37th minute.

On Lampard's non-goal, after the ball landed inside the goal, it ball spun back into the arms of Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer. England coach Fabio Capello initially celebrated what he thought was an equalizer by clenching his fists and shaking his arms. But his face changed when he realized the goal had not been given.

As the players walked off the field at halftime, Wayne Rooney walked over to the linesman who didn't flag for the goal and gestured with his hands how far he thought the ball had crossed the line.

In 1966, England and Germany were 2-2 in extra time in the World Cup final when Geoff Hurst's shot struck the underside of the crossbar, bounced down and spun back into play. That time, the referee consulted his linesman, who awarded the goal.

Hurst went on to score a third goal in England's 4-2 victory at Wembley.

Germany plays the winner of Argentina-Mexico, which is later Sunday.

Mueller scored on the counterattack in the 67th minute, having started the move after a long clearance by Jerome Boateng. Mueller passed to Bastian Schweinsteiger, who patiently dribbled upfield and ran across the 18-yard line to feed the unguarded Mueller. His shot hit the hand of England goalkeeper David James and went in.

Internet

Fulham line up Rob Green

LONDON, 27 June—Robert Green is lined up to replace Mark Schwarzer at Fulham.

With Schwarzer poised to complete a move to Arsenal, England's blunder keeper is now the Cottagers' prime target.

West Ham No 1 Green, 30, had been reported to be on Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger's shortlist.

But Wenger has opted for Schwarzer, 37, as a short-term solution to his problem between the sticks.

And with Australia out of the World Cup, a £3.5million transfer is ex-

pected to be completed in the next two weeks.

Wenger is also said to be close to sealing deals for a centre back and midfielder.

Schwarzer's departure will leave a vacancy at Europa League finalists Fulham, which Green is expected to fill.

Green has just one year left on his deal and has made it clear he wants to leave Upton Park. And despite the gaffe which allowed Fulham's Clint Dempsey to equalise for the USA in England's opening World Cup game, there will be no shortage of

potential new employers.

Fulham boss Roy Hodgson was among those to urge England boss Fabio Capello to keep faith with Green after the mistake.

Internet

Sanchez has heart set on United move

LONDON, 27 June—Chile superstar Alexis Sanchez has his heart set on a move to Manchester United.

The Udinese winger has been forwarded as a potential replacement for Cristiano Ronaldo ever since the Portuguese icon was sold to Real Madrid.

And his performances at the World Cup have only enhanced his growing reputation, despite being surprisingly substituted against Spain.

Sanchez's sparkling form has reaffirmed Sir Alex Ferguson's interest in his services and sources close to the player claim he's dreamed of joining the Red Devils since his boyhood years.—*Internet*



Chilean wonder boy dreams of Old Trafford.—INTERNET

After 70-68, what will Wimbledon's Week 2 produce?



John Isner of the US reacts as he defeats France's Nicolas Pietrangeli, in their epic men's singles match.

INTERNET

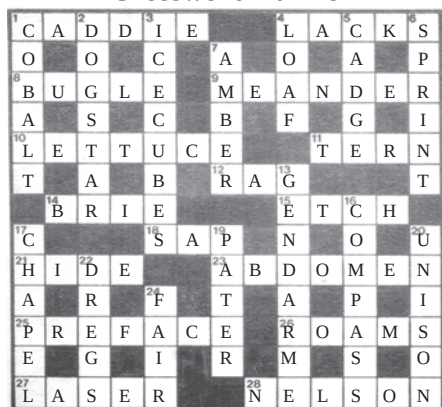
LONDON, 27 June—If it's hard to imagine how this wildest of Wimbledon's — does 70-68 ring a bell? — could top itself in Week 2, consider all the characters still strutting on tennis' biggest stage.

Roger Federer, bidding for a record-tying seventh championship at the All England Club. Rafael Nadal, seeking a second after declining to defend his 2008 title because of injury. Andy Roddick, yearning for one Wimbledon trophy after three runner-up finishes. Andy Murray, well aware that all of Britain is counting on him to end its 74-year wait for a homegrown men's champion.—*Internet*



Rob Green on England duty in South Africa.
INTERNET

Answers for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



Injured Alonso may miss Portugal match



Alonso was left in considerable pain after a heavy challenge.
INTERNET

LONDON, 27 June—Spain midfielder Xabi Alonso may miss the last-16 match against Portugal on Tuesday after suffering an ankle injury in Friday's 2-1 win over Chile.

Alonso, who was clattered by Waldo Ponce and forced off after 73 minutes, said: "I have a sprain."

"We'll have to test it out over the next few days and see how it feels and if I can make the Portugal match." Also a doubt is defender Raul Albiol who will undergo scans after injuring his right leg during training.

The Real Madrid centre-back, who had not been used in any of Spain's group games, fell awkwardly in Saturday's session.

Spanish team doctor Oscar Luis Celada is optimistic for Alonso's chances after assessing the results of an X-ray on the ankle.

He said: "The first X-ray confirmed that Alonso had sprained his right ankle when he was violently tackled.—*Internet*

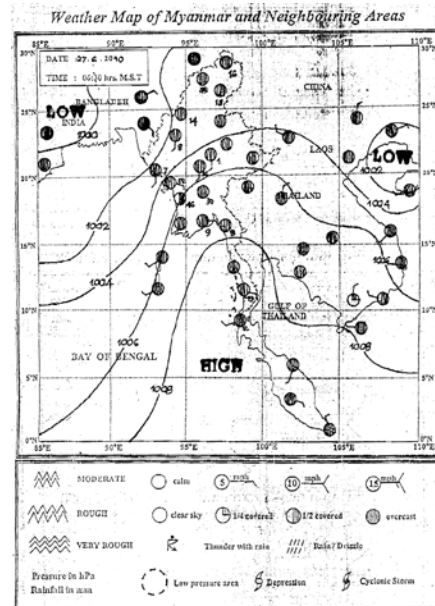


Sayaka Sato of Japan hits a return to Saina Nehwal of India during their women's singles final match at the Djarm Indonesia Open Super Series badminton tournament in Jakarta on 27 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Diabetic runs cross country literally

NEW YORK, 26 June —A 64-year-old New York man has completed a run across the United States aimed at raising awareness of diabetes. Yi-joo Kwon, who lives in the Flushing neighbourhood in Queens, was joined by a pack of 25 other runners Friday for the last few miles through Manhattan, the *New York Daily News* reported. He reached the finish line in front of the UN building at 3 pm. Many other runners spent a few miles in his company during Kwon's 3,100-mile journey from the Pacific Ocean in Los Angeles.

"I was amazed at the fact that it was very simple for him," said Mike Fohner, an engineer who joined Kwon for 31 miles in Pennsylvania. —Internet



WEATHER

Sunday, 27th June, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah State, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.13) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.44) inches, Thandwe (1.85) inches, Shwebo and Magway (0.91) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 26-6-2010 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 27-6-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-6-2010 was 85%. Total sun shine hours on 26-6-2010 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 27-6-2010 was (0.75) inch at Mingaladon, (0.36) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.60) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (28.58) inches at Mingaladon, (31.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (34.06) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 26-6-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 28th June 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. 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: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-6-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-6-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (28-6-2010) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (28-6-10 09:30 am ~ 29-6-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Traditional Matrimony of Rawan Nationals
- * The Beauty and Lifestyle of Taungyoe Tribe
- * News
- * Pre-activity of International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking
- * Thiri Zeya Bhumu Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawrahta
- * Shrinking Footprints
- * News
- * The Shortest Man in Myanmar
- * News
- * Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (Thanakha)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * A Visit to Alaungdaw Kassapa in Modern Days
- * Modernized Umbrellas evolved From the Yesteryear
- * Myanmar Movie "Master of Flowers"



Monday, 28 June
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ် တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တတိတော်

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- အောင်တော်မူ(စောမင်းနောင်၊ ခိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ခိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- Cute Little Dancers

8:10 am

- Song Of National Races

8:15 am

- "ချစ်သောမြေချစ်သောရေ"

8:30 am

- ကဗျာနုရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:40 am

- International News

8:45 am

- Musical Programme

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- Dance Variety

4:20 pm

- Musical Programme

4:35 pm

- Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:40 pm

- Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:00 pm

- "ကမ္ဘာ့လေးပုံရိပ်များ" (အပိုင်း-၅)

5:05 pm

- Football Planet (၂၀၁၀ ကမ္ဘာ့လေးဘောလုံး ပွဲကြိုလုံးသင်ချက်)

5:25 pm

- "မြန်မာတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ"

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တို့အတူစဉ်တန်းက" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)

8:00 pm

- News
- International News
- Weather Report
- မနေ့ကသည့်နေ့နဲ့မနက်ဖြန် (အယ်လ်ဆိုင်းဒီသရုပ်ဆောင် -နန်းဆုရတီစိုးနှင့်အဖွဲ့၊ တေးရေး-ဒီနေ့ပုဏ္ဏက)
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆီသင့်အချစ်" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၄)
- သုခမရင်ပြင်



- ★ 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

Ngwechi 6 long staple cotton covers vast area of croplands in Yamethin Township

Being a region with fewer rainfalls, the central area of Myanmar focuses on cultivation of cotton. The local people have been eager to grow Ngwechi 6 long staple cotton year after year because it is high yield cotton strain.

The townships where high yield Ngwechi 6 long staple cotton is being grown are Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Meiktila, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and Myiththa. They have only 30 inches of rainfall on average yearly.

Article: *Myint Maung Soe:*
Photos: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

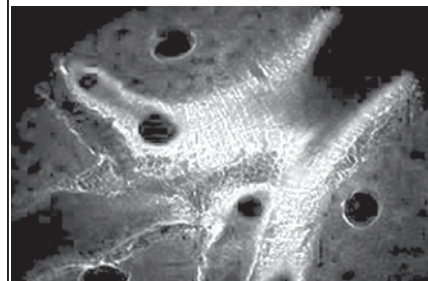
The weather with moderate rainfalls is suitable for long staple cotton. It is favourable for fruits of cotton and seedlings. Hence, the above townships are standing at the top level of per-acre yield.

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Thriving Ngwechi 6 long staple cotton plantation seen near Katin Village of Yamethin Township.

Scientists create 3-D models of whole mouse organs



Collagen fibers outline the bronchiole pathways against a background of elastin tissue in this high-resolution image of a mouse lung.—INTERNET

SCIENCE DAILY, 26 June—Yale University engineers have for the first time created 3D models of whole intact mouse organs, a feat they accomplished using fluorescence microscopy. The team reports its findings in the May/June issue of the *Journal of Biomedical Optics*. Combining an imaging technique called multiphoton microscopy with "optical clearing", which uses a solution that renders tissue transparent, the researchers were able to scan mouse organs and create high-resolution images of the brain, small intestine, large intestine, kidney, lung and testicles. They then created 3D models of the complete organs—a feat that, until now, was only possible by slicing the organs into thin sections or destroying them in the process, a disadvantage if more information about the sample is needed after the fact.

Internet