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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Importance of security, peace and stability, rule of law and sustainable economic development in shaping nation into developed one underscored

Staff urged to take part in successful realization of processes to ensure peace and stability, economic development and advancement of education standard of nation



Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June— Prime Minister U Thein Sein visited Ayeyawady Bridge Construction Project (Nyaungdon) in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division yesterday together with Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein and heads of departments.

Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint reported to the Prime Minister on construction of bored piles with six units of pile-drivers, prioritized construction of bored piles in places that are difficult to bore through when water level rises, construction of steel truss in monsoon season, parallel construction of bored piles

on both banks of Ayeyawady River, prevention measures against bank erosion and supply of construction materials.

Next, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min submitted reports on construction of Yangon-Pathein

railroad and preparations for construction of approach roads through Nyaungdon.

In his instruction, the Prime Minister stressed the need to complete tasks at the top of the agenda as quickly as possible, coordination

with departments concerned for timely arrival of construction materials, and standard quality of the main bridge and approach roads, preservation of river banks and water ways. The Prime Minister then inspected the

construction site.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) will be made of RC Type foundation and lower structure, and steel truss upper structure. The main bridge will be 7402 feet in length.

On the way to

Zalun Railway Station Construction Project along Kyeinbinse-Sakkawt-Danubyu-Zalun-Hinthada, the Prime Minister and party, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development (See page 8)



Prime Minister U Thein Sein looks into construction project of Hinthada-Danubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) rail road from the briefing hall of Zalun Railway Station Construction Project.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 1 July, 2010

Aiming to create good citizen

Science and technology is changing in global countries. Likewise, information and communication technology and mechanical technology are advancing day by day. These have enormous impact on economic, social and other sectors.

Every country is pursuing national development policy with firm determination applying advanced technology from various countries. In this process possessing of financial resources, natural resources and human resources is no exception. In addition, steps are being taken to effectively apply advanced technology to serve the interest of the nation and the people.

The national education promotion plays a vital role in building a modern and developed nation. Teachers in the education sector are to strive for turning out qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia. They have to train their students to improve in literature, knowledge and their vision.

Especially, it is necessary to nurture the youths to improve in social relations, characters and sports as outside the classroom curriculum. Furthermore, training is to be provided to the youths to enable them to serve the interest of the human society.

The government is conducting special refresher courses for uplifting proficiency of the teachers while creating sound educational foundations. Hence, they would observe the sound foundations in political, economic and social sectors and emergence of a democratic nation laid by the State.

Nowadays, a modern and developed new nation is being built. Progress of the future nation depends on the strength of new generation youths. All the teachers with genuine goodwill are to create good citizens and constantly turn out capable intellectuals and intelligentsia.

43-member delegation of UMFCCI seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Thailand.

MNA



Peoples' 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

Billboards erected, trees planted to mark Myanmar Women's Day



President Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin of MWAFF unveils billboard near Gangaw roundabout in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June —To mark Myanmar Women's Day for 2010 billboards were erected and trees planted in Nay Pyi Taw today.

Patrons of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Mya Theingi and Daw Khin Mi Mi, and President Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin and head of the departments under the federation and members attended the ceremonies to erect the billboards.

The ceremonies to erect the billboards took place at the Thabyaygon roundabout in Zabu

Thiri Township and at Gangaw roundabout in Dakkhinathiri Township separately. Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Mya Theingi and President Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin formally opened the ceremonies and Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin unveiled the billboards.

The patrons and the president of the MWAFF and head of departments planted trees in the compound of the office of the federation to mark the Myanmar Women's Day for 2010.

MNA

Meeting to combat uncensored Myanmar movies, and pirated Myanmar Karaoke VCDs and DVDs held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—The Video Scrutinizing Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Information on 27 June held a meeting to clarify television and video laws, rules and disciplines and immense fines against uncensored Myanmar movies, and pirated Myanmar Karaoke VCDs and DVDs at the office of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise (upper

Myanmar) in Mandalay. The committee has been carrying out tasks to curb uncensored Myanmar movies, pirated Myanmar Karaoke VCDs and DVDs, and copied discs in states and divisions.

The meeting was attended by committee member Deputy Director U Thein Naing of MMPE, Deputy Director U Myint Wai of upper Myanmar MMPE, Secretary U

Kyaw Win of the committee, Police Captain Min Han, Chairman U Moe Kyaw Tun and executive members of Mandalay Division Video Branch, officials of seven townships video branches, video entrepreneurs, secretary of Shan State (North) VSSC and officials of video branch.

After delivering an opening address by Deputy Director U

Thein Naing, officials clarified aims of the committee. The deputy director then explained queries raised by the attendees.

Similarly, on 28 June, such meeting for ensuring not to use uncensored Myanmar movies, and pirated Myanmar Karaoke VCDs and DVDs in Kachin State and Sagaing Division was held at the same venue.—MNA

UMFCCI delegation leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 30 June — A Myanmar delegation led by General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Dr Maung

Maung Lay left here for Thailand yesterday to attend THAIFEX-World Food of Asia Fair from 30 June to 4 July.

During the visit, the 43-member delegation

will visit foodstuff factories and hold talks with Thai commerce association and export promotion department.

MNA



Smoke is seen following a blast in the heart of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, after police thwarted a bomb attack with a controlled explosion. A suicide bomber killed five people in northern Iraq Tuesday as bombs in Baghdad and other attacks raised the overall toll to 16 dead, including an Iraqi general, security officials told reporters.

INTERNET

At least two killed in car bomb explosion in N Iraq

TIKRIT, 30 June—At least two were killed, including a police officer, and six people wounded in a car bomb explosion near a police patrol in northern Iraq's Salahudin Province on Tuesday, a provincial police source said.

The blast took place when a booby-trapped car parked outside a parking lot on the main road in the town of Baiji, some 200 km north of Baghdad, went off near a passing police patrol, killing a police Lieutenant Colonel and a civilian, the source from the provincial operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast also wounded three

policemen and three civilians along with destroying one of the police vehicles, the source said, adding that the powerful blast damaged several nearby civilian cars, shops and buildings.

The toll could rise as ambulances and civilian vehicles evacuated many victims to the town's hospital and medical centres, he said.

Sporadic attacks are still common in the 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.—*Xinhua*

Turkish drones ready for flight to monitor borders

ISTANBUL, 30 June—Turkey manufactured unmanned drones and they are ready for flight to monitor borders, semi-official *Anatolia News Agency* reported on Tuesday. The Unmanned Air Vehicle was developed for the Turkish Armed Forces by Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI).

The mid-altitude drone can fly to 30,000 feet (9,144 metres) and can remain in the air for 24 hours, and will be monitoring Turkey's borders.

TAI President and CEO Muharrem Dorkasli said the designing, detail production and mounting of the drone, which is to be named *MALE*, was completed.

Xinhua

100 foreign soldiers killed in Afghanistan in June

BEIJING, 30 June—Death toll of foreign troops in Afghanistan reached 100 for the month of June alone, *AFP* reported on Tuesday.

The announcement of an American soldier's death by the US Department of Defence on June 24 has brought the toll to 320 for the

first half of 2010. However, the toll for last year was 520.

AFP's figures are based on the tally kept by the independent *icasualties.org* website. Currently, there are 140,000 US and multinational troops fighting insurgency in war-torn Afghanistan. The increasing death rate has become a haunting issue for NATO and US policy makers.

During an interview on 21 June, British PM David Cameron said, "We are paying a high price for keeping our troops in Afghanistan, we are there because the Afghans are not yet ready to keep their own country safe and to keep terrorists and terrorist training camps out of their country."

Xinhua

Afghan militants attack air field, eight killed



Smoke rises outside an airfield used by Afghan and international forces in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 30 June, 2010.

INTERNET

KABUL, 30 June—Militants set off a car bomb and stormed the entrance to an airport in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday in a failed attempt to enter the air field used by Afghan and international forces, authorities said. Eight militants died in the ensuing gun battle. The Taleban claimed responsibility for the assault, part of an upswing in violence in the nearly 9-year-old war.

Using light weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, the militants battled international forces for 30 minutes on the outskirts of Jalalabad city, according to information provided by the media office at the airport. An Afghan soldier and one international service member were wounded in the fighting, NATO said.—*Internet*



An Afghan policeman stands near a damaged police vehicle in Kabul, Afghanistan on 29 June, 2010.

INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 30 June—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 30 June reached 702049 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1269295, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	702049
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1269295

Internet

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

KABUL, 30 June—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

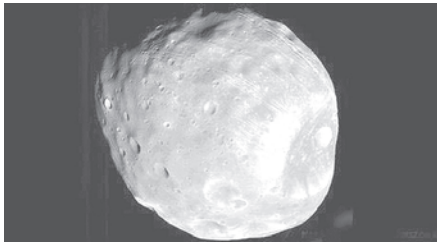
Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32949 Afghan people were killed and 39496 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 30 June.

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Internet

Difficult rebirth for Russian space science



Phobos is the larger and closer of Mars' two moons.—INTERNET

PARIS, 30 June—Earlier this month, inside Paris' majestic Grand Palace, Russia was showcasing its cultural and technological achievements.

Portraying a harmonious and progressive society, colourful musical performances and art exhibits were showing

alongside impressive displays of Russia's aerospace power, oil industry and other high-tech sectors.

At the heart of the Russian space pavilion was an exhibit for the NPO Lavochkin design bureau — the nation's veteran developer of unmanned planetary

probes.

Lavochkin's exhibit proudly displayed a scale-model of the *Phobos-Grunt* spacecraft, a mission to land on the potato-shaped moon of Mars and return grains of its mysteriously light surface back to Earth.

Involving a number of international participants, *Phobos-Grunt* was being advertised as Russia's flagship deep-space mission, paving the way for the country's return to planetary exploration after a two-decade hiatus.

Internet

Formula One embarks on carbon-cutting drive



Formula One teams see engine efficiency going upwards.—INTERNET

LONDON, 30 June—The notoriously gas-guzzling sport of Formula One is on track to curb its carbon footprint.

The Formula One Teams Association is unveiling an analysis that projects emissions cut of 15% in three years.

Fota says the sport

is the first to have a comprehensive and externally audited carbon reduction programme.

Further ambitions may include a doubling of energy efficiency in engines, which manufacturers hope would feed through into road cars.

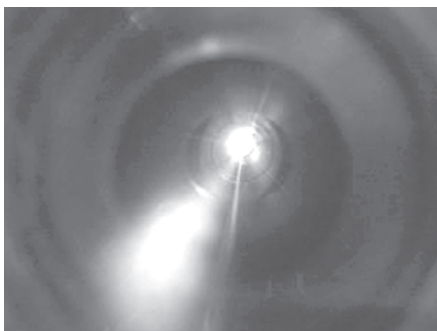
Sources say one of

the drivers behind the programme is pressure from sponsors, who are increasingly keen to be associated with a "greener" product.

The audit has been carried out by the consultancy Trucost, whose chief operating officer Richard Mattison told BBC News: "We've been able to analyse all drivers of carbon emissions, from logistics right down to the engines themselves.

"There's a lot of data in teams — more so than in most businesses — and we were able to analyse it and see how and where they were going to make reductions."—Internet

Zapping Titan-like atmosphere with UV rays creates life precursors



In an experiment to simulate what happens when sunlight hits Titan's atmosphere, University of Arizona researchers put nitrogen and methane gas into a stainless steel cylinder and zapped it with high-energy UV light. The nitrogen molecules emit blue light when zapped by the UV light. The white in the picture surrounds the pinhole opening that is the source of the UV beam.—INTERNET

PHOENIX, 30 June—The first experimental evidence showing how atmospheric nitrogen can be incorporated into organic macromolecules is being reported by a University of Arizona team.

The finding indicates what organic molecules might be found on Titan, the moon of Saturn that scientists

think is a model for the chemistry of pre-life Earth. Earth and Titan are the only known planetary-sized bodies that have thick, predominantly nitrogen atmospheres, said Hiroshi Imanaka, who conducted the research while a member of UA's chemistry and biochemistry department.

Internet

Hunting weapon 10,000 years old found in melting ice patch

BOULDER, 30 June—To the untrained eye, University of Colorado at Boulder Research Associate Craig Lee's recent discovery of a 10,000-year-old wooden hunting weapon might look like a small branch that blew off a tree in a windstorm.

Nothing could be further from the truth, according to Lee, a research associate with CU-Boulder's Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research who found the atlatl dart, a spear-like hunting weapon, melting out of an ice patch high in the Rocky Mountains close to Yellowstone National

Park.

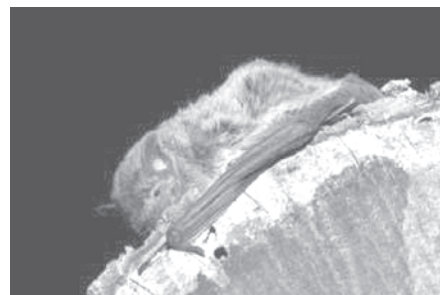
Lee, a specialist in the emerging field of ice patch archaeology, said the dart had been frozen in the ice patch for 10 millennia and that climate change has increased global temperatures and accelerated melting of permanent ice fields, exposing organic materials that have long been entombed in the ice. "We didn't realize until the early 2000s that there was a potential to find archaeological materials in association with melting permanent snow and ice in many areas of the globe," Lee said. —Internet



University of Colorado at Boulder Research Associate Craig Lee holds a 10,000-year-old atlatl dart that had been frozen in an ice sheet near Yellowstone National Park. The dart was straight when it was entombed and became bowed from the melting and barely survived being snapped in half by a passing animal.

INTERNET

Desert bats reveal the secret of their survival



The researchers found total water loss in the desert-living *Pipistrellus kuhlii* was just 80 percent of other nondesert species.—INTERNET

PRAGUE, 30 June—Desert bats reduce water loss by changing the make-up of their skin, allowing them to thrive in some of the world's most inhospitable environments.

This is surprising as with large naked wings and the energy they expend in flight, bats are expected to have high rates of water loss by evaporation, say the scientists from the Ben-Gurion University in Israel.

This may provide significant insight into how bats might respond to a future changing climate.

The researchers are presenting their work at the Society for Experimental Biology Annual Conference in Prague.

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Total water loss is made up of the sum of cutaneous (through the skin) and respiratory (exhaling) water losses, explained lead researcher Dr Muñoz-García.

Desert bats were found to have reduced cutaneous water loss (CWL), the biggest contributor to total water loss, when compared to non-desert species of bats of the same size.

Internet

Science

Aged care an issue for Australians

CANBERRA, 30 June—Access to affordable quality aged care has been an issue weighing on the minds of all Australians, not just the elderly, new polling suggested on Wednesday.

The issue has been more of a worry than education or the environment for most of the 1000 respondents of a recent online poll conducted for a coalition of aged care groups.

More than 90 percent of respondents agreed aged care should be an entitlement, and even more wanted to see an increase in commonwealth funding. Even more, 95 percent agreed there should be a boost in commonwealth support for people who cannot afford to pay for care, *Australian Associated Press* reported on Wednesday.

The Campaign for

Care of Older Australians, which conducted the poll, said the system needs to be set straight now, to meet future demands.

"The poll reinforces that Australia's aged care issues must be addressed," group chairman Greg Mundy said in a statement, adding that nearly one-quarter of Australians will be over 65 by 2050, compared with 13 percent now.—*Xinhua*

China, US open disease study centre in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 30 June—American and Shanghai health authorities opened an epidemiology centre in the Chinese city on Tuesday to train experts in sleuthing out ways to prevent chronic and epidemic diseases.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention is helping with training and technical assistance at the centre that will be "driven by what are the major public health issues in this country," said CDC deputy director Stephen B Thacker.

"We need more field epidemiologists in China and around the world and we need them better trained," Thacker told *The Associated Press*.

Outbreaks of SARS (sudden acute respiratory syndrome) and bird flu since 2003, and last year's swine flu epidemic have driven home the rising risks from new diseases or deadly mutations of epidemic ailments, especially in developing countries that may lack the infrastructure to cope with them before they

get out of hand.

Earlier joint research in field epidemiology helped identify routes of infection for some of those ailments.—*Internet*

Get moving: Cancer survivors urged to exercise

BIRMINGHAM, 30 June—Cancer survivors, better work up a sweat.

New guidelines are urging survivors to exercise more, even — hard as it may sound — those who haven't yet finished their treatment.

There's growing evidence that physical activity improves quality of life and eases some cancer-related fatigue. More, it can help fend off a serious decline in physical function that can last long after therapy is finished.

Consider: In one year, women who needed chemotherapy for their breast cancer can see a swapping of muscle for fat that's equivalent to 10 years of normal aging, says Dr Wendy Demark Wahnefried of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In other words, a 45-year-old may find herself with the fatter, weaker body type of a 55-year-old.

Scientists have long advised that being overweight and sedentary increases the risk for various cancers. Among the nation's nearly 12 million cancer survivors, there are hints — although not yet proof — that people who are more active may lower risk of a recurrence. And like everyone who ages, the longer cancer survivors live, the higher their risk for heart disease that exercise definitely fights.—*Internet*



David Letterman rides a go cart powered by the reaction from mixing 648 Mentos candies into 108 two-liter bottles of Coke while taping a segment for 'The Late Show with David Letterman' in New York, on 29 June, 2010.

INTERNET

Health

Bobbie Ritt, right, watches as her husband, Ed Ritt, lifts weights at a couples exercise class for cancer patients, on 24 June, 2010, at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Ore.—*INTERNET*

Report says Americans get fatter



Obesity compounds the harmful effects of heavy drinking on the liver, new research in more than 9,000 Scottish men shows.—*XINHUA*

WASHINGTON, 30 June—Adult obesity rates increased in 28 US states in the past year, and declined only in the District of Columbia, according to a report released on Tuesday by the Trust for America's Health (TFAH) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

The report also shows that more than

two-thirds of states (38) have adult obesity rates above 25 percent. In 1991, no state had an obesity rate above 20 percent.

The report highlights troubling racial, ethnic, regional and income disparities in the nation's obesity epidemic. For instance, adult obesity rates for Blacks and Latinos were higher than for Whites in at least 40 states and the District of Columbia; 10 out of the 11 states with the highest

rates of obesity were in the South — with Mississippi weighing in with highest rates for all adults (33.8 percent) for the sixth year in a row; and 35.3 percent of adults earning less than 15,000 dollars per year were obese compared with 24.5 percent of adults earning 50,000 dollars or more per year.

"Obesity is one of the biggest public health challenges the country has ever faced, and troubling disparities exist based on race, ethnicity, region, and income," said Jeffrey Levi, executive director of TFAH.

"This report shows that the country has taken bold steps to address the obesity crisis in recent years, but the nation's response has yet to fully match the magnitude of the problem.

Xinhua



Pavilion prep : A worker (top-C) cleans the floor of the Danish pavilion prior to the visit of Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark at the site of the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai.—*INTERNET*

Health Tip: Choosing athletic shoes

WASHINGTON, 30 June—With all of the choices for athletic shoes, how do you make sure you're buying the right pair?

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons offers these suggestions:

- * Try on athletic shoes later in the day or post-workout, when your feet are their largest.
- * Try on shoes with appropriate socks that you'll wear during your sport or activity.
- * Make sure you can easily wiggle your toes while wearing the shoes.
- * Walk around or even run a couple of steps in the store while wearing the shoes.
- * Lace the shoes properly when you try them on, starting at the top and tightening evenly as you lace them.
- * Your heel should fit firmly inside the shoe without slipping.
- * Choose shoes that are specific to a sport if you play it at least three times weekly.

Internet

Euro falls against US dollar on New York market

NEW YORK, 30 June—The euro fell against the US dollar on Tuesday on concerns over the health of the global recovery.

The deep cuts in public spending and slowing economies in Europe have drawn investors' concerns.

On Tuesday, the Conference Board said its Consumer Confiden-

ce Index fell to 52.9 in June from 62.7 in May.

The economic research group also said that its leading economic index for China rose just 0.3 percent in April, the smallest gain since November, suggesting that growth could slow.

The euro dropped to 1.2209 dollars in late New York trading Tuesday from 1.2287

dollars late on Monday.

The British pound declined to 1.5081 dollars from 1.5110 dollars, but the dollar slipped to 88.49 Japanese yen from 89.40 yen.

The dollar gained to 1.0550 Canadian dollars from 1.0344 Canadian dollars while dropped to 1.0807 Swiss francs from 1.0875 francs.

Xinhua

China's AgBank launches world-record IPO

HONG KONG, 30 June—Agricultural Bank of China on Wednesday kicked off a share offer worth a world-record 23.2 billion dollars as China strives to develop depressed regions in the rural lender's heartland.

AgBank, the last of China's "big four" state banks to list, plans to float its shares in Hong Kong and Shanghai next month with the monster IPO on track to overtake a previous record of 22 billion dollars set by Industrial and Commercial Bank of China in 2006.

The initial public

offering has already won bedrock support from heavyweight investors — including Qatar's sovereign wealth fund, British bank Standard Chartered and US food giant Archer Daniels Midland. On Wednesday, small-time retail investors had their first chance to grab a piece of the action and queues were building outside bank branches in Hong Kong where the AgBank prospectus was being handed out.

"I think it will be a pretty good investment — there is good demand for this stock," Warren Ng, 24, told AFP as he

grabbed a weighty prospectus at HSBC's headquarters in the city's financial district.

Internet

A woman cycles past a branch of the Agricultural Bank of China in Beijing. Some analysts consider AgBank to be the weakest of the country's big banks, owing mainly to its burden of bad loans and the nature of its business lending to less affluent customers in rural China.—INTERNET



European businesses must engage rising Asia: HSBC

HONG KONG, 30 June—As the global economic axis tilts towards Asia, European businesses are at risk of being left behind, according to a report released Wednesday by HSBC bank. The model where the West did the development work and the East took care of production with cheap labour is dead, it says, adding that innovation will increasingly originate from the East.

"Unless European business confronts the implications of the re-balancing of economic power and the growth of Asia, business opportunities will be lost and business threats will increase," it said.

Internet



Social media such as Facebook and Twitter or blogging sites have become powerful tools that influence what people buy, online researcher Nielsen said, urging business to embrace the trend.—INTERNET

Australia offers 'watershed' mining tax compromise

SYDNEY, 30 June—Australia has offered mining companies a "watershed" compromise on a controversial new tax which helped trigger last week's dramatic change of prime minister, a report said on Wednesday.

The watered-down proposal makes key concessions to the powerful mining companies, including reducing the profit tax's impact on existing projects, the Australian Financial Review said without citing sources.

New Prime Minister Julia Gillard has made the tax row her top priority after last week ousting Kevin Rudd, whose once record popularity was fatally sapped in the public dust-up with the mining companies.

Assistant Treasurer Nick Sherry played down speculation that Gillard was poised to announce a deal as early as Wednesday as she looks to settle the row before calling national elections.

"As Julia Gillard has mentioned on many occasions, a key priority for the government is resolving the uncertainty" over the tax, Sherry told Sky News.

"There is a lot of hypothetical about details and changes, I think we should wait until those negotiations are concluded and announcements are made," he added.

Internet



Algae clearance : Local employees test a new device to remove green algae from the Saint-Michel-en-Greves beach, western France.—INTERNET

US auto sales seen slowing with recovery in doubt

DETROIT, 30 June—When it comes to car shopping, Americans are tapping the brakes.

Forecasters think US sales of cars and light trucks have slowed in June after months of improvement. It's another sign that people are beginning to doubt the economic recovery with unemployment still high.

"The two big issues with consumers right now are employment growth and income growth, and they're not seeing much of either," said George Pipas, Ford Motor Co.'s top sales analyst.

Three firms that track auto sales predict automakers will report a sales decline of anywhere from 9.5 to 12 percent from May to June when they turn in their figures on Thursday. A double-digit decline would be the biggest monthly drop since January.

There is good news for shoppers: If sales keep falling, automakers will be more tempted to try to lure car buyers in with low-interest financing, rebates and sweet lease deals.

The US economy has been sending mixed messages for months, but lately the signs are worse. Last week, the government lowered its estimate for first-quarter economic growth because people spent less than previously thought.

Internet



In this file photo, the discount available is written on the windshield of an unsold 2009 Mustang GT coupe at a Ford dealership in east Denver. Forecasters expect US sales of cars and light trucks to slow for June after months of improvement. It's another sign that people are beginning to doubt the economic recovery with unemployment still high.—INTERNET

Business

Staff of IPRD, serving national interest as highly-qualified media persons, should disseminate information and knowledge to people in time

Information Minister inspects TV re-transmission stations, Township IPRDs



*Minister for Information
U Kyaw Hsan meets
heads and staff of
Division, District and
Township IPRDs.*

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—While visiting TV re-transmission stations in Bago, Nyaunglebin and Toungoo yesterday, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan looked into re-transmitting TV programmes to the surrounding areas of the stations, broadcasting of FM radios and maintenance of TV towers and satellite dishes.

He instructed officials to effectively

retransmit the TV programmes to cover the surrounding regions, TV re-transmission stations to make preparations for airing extended TV and FM programmes, mend TV towers and satellite dishes on the spot, to take preventive measures against short circuit and fire, equip fire extinguishers at the stations and cooperate with security personnel for security of stations.

The minister made an inspection tour of Information and Public Relations Departments in DaikU and Toungoo Townships and met with Heads of Division and District IPRDs and heads and staff of Kawa, Thanatpin, Waw,

Toungoo, Yedashe, Ottwin, Kyaukkyi, Nyaunglebin, Kyaukdaga, Shwegyin, Pyu and Htantabin Township IPRDs. He instructed them to systematically keep books and journals at libraries of IPRDs, to organize the local people to enjoy taste of books at the libraries, make greater efforts in carrying out the tasks of mobile libraries, holding educative talks and establishment of self-reliant rural libraries in line with the set standard, and to deliver one each of newspaper and Doh Kyayywa journal to each village based on collaborative efforts of the local authorities, the local people and the wellwishers.

In conclusion, the minister noted that the staff of IPRD, serving the national interest as highly-qualified media persons, are to disseminate information and knowledge to the people in time after realizing conditions of the regions and the people.—MNA



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan inspects maintenance of tower and satellite dish at Toungoo TV re-transmission station.—MNA

MRMA to open Yangon Division branches

YANGON, 30 June—Myanmar Rice Miller Association will hold a ceremony to clarify on formation of township and division level branches in Yangon Division at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce

and Industry in Lanmadaw Township, here, at 9 am on 3 July. Paddy growers, rice millers, merchants, companies concerned and exporters have been invited to attend the ceremony without fail.—MNA

Festival of Chinese Culture to be held in Cuba

HAVANA, 30 June—Cuba will hold a festival of Chinese culture on July 17 and 18 July at the Havana ExpoCuba Fairground, an official said here on Tuesday.

The scheduled activities include a performance of the Shenzhen Aihua Chinese Folk and Traditional Orchestra, which will offer two concerts in the capital city on

Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday night, said Alfredo Ruiz from the city's culture ministry.

The two-day event will also see a performance of the Cuban School of Wushu, parades of Chinese ethnic costumes and photo exhibitions. Cuba counts with over 150 years of Chinese culture in its history.

Xinhua

Capability of Kobelco Hydraulic Excavator demonstrated

YANGON, 30 June—A ceremony to demonstrate capability of Kobelco Hydraulic Excavator (Acera Geospec Super) took place at the Trades

Hotels, here, on 27 June afternoon.

Managing Director U Zaw Nyunt Oo of Myanmar Kaido Co Ltd and Managing Director

Mr Takehiko Nakai of Kobelco International (S) Co Ltd spoke on the occasion.

Since 2003, Myanmar Kaido Co Ltd has been importing 300 Kobelco brand heavy machinery from Hiroshima of Japan.

Acera Geospec Super can save fuel oil. The heavy machinery weighing two to 85 tons have capability of operating weight.

Myanmar Kaido Co Ltd also gives after sales services and supplies spare parts to the customers.—MNA



Guests view heavy machinery of Kobelco International (S) Co Ltd (Acera Geospec Super) of Japan.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views installation of GEO TUBE and construction of embankment for prevention against bank erosion of Ayeyawady River.

MNA

Importance of security, peace and stability, rule of law...

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Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt, inspected roadworks and growing and preparations for cultivation of monsoon paddy along the road.

At the briefing hall of Zalun Railway Station Construction Project, the Prime Minister heard reports on progress of Hinthada-Dhanubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad construction, earthworks, embankments and bridges, arrangements to commission 17.85 miles long Hinthada-Zalun railroad section by Minister U Aung Min. It was followed by supplementary reports of Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the needs and then gave instruction to administrative personnel of

Hinthada, Maubin and Zalun townships.

Hinthada-Dhanubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad will be 48 miles long linking Patheingyi, Kyangin, Pakokku, Kale, Minbu, An, and Sittawong on western Ayeyawady bank with every town across the nation.

Having looked round progress of Zalun, the Prime Minister proceeded to Hinthada. On arrival at Hinthada, the Prime Minister inspected embankments constructed on Hinthada bank. At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister heard reports on equipping of GEO TUBE to prevent Hinthada bank from erosion and construction of embankments presented by Minister U Htay Oo.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the needs and oversaw embankment construction. The Prime Minister met departmental officials at district and township levels and senior citizens.

The Prime Minister inspected Hinthada-Myokwin-Kwinkauk Road and upgrading of Patheingyi-Monywa Road on a motorcade. He also visited Kanyin Multi Purpose Dam Project in Ingapu Township.

In meeting with district and township level departmental staff, the Prime Minister underscored the importance of security, peace and stability, rule of law and sustainable economic development in

shaping the nation into a developed one.

He expressed that Ayeyawady Division had experienced poor transportation as it had to rely only on waterway. But now it becomes a region with smooth transport thanks to the implementation of roads, bridges and railroads construction projects in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State.

He highlighted the development in economic and social sectors in parallel for the State has developed the necessary infrastructures, calling for working in concert in addition to the effective uses of the infrastructures.

The Prime Minister stressed the need of cooperation between the department concerned and public in boosting agricultural production of Ayeyawady, Bago and Sagaing Divisions in both quantity and quality.

He revealed the development in regional education and health sectors thanks to the emergence of universities and hospitals in 24 special development regions including Maubin, Hinthada and Patheingyi.

He also urged the staff to take part in successful realization of processes to ensure peace and stability, economic development and advancement of education standard of the nation.

MNA

12 armed group members exchange arms for peace

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Up-holding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Peace and Development Council is forging the national reconsolidation while striving for equitable development of all regions of the nation. Realizing the correct works and genuine goodwill of the government, the remnant armed groups are exchanging arms for peace individually or in groups after realizing their wrong doings.

During the period in January, February and May 2010, captain Kya Nye, lieutenant Law Wu and WO-I Kya Ou of SSA (Ywet Sit) armed group bringing along with two AK-47s, one .38 rifle, two magazines, 81 rounds of ammunition, two mines and two fuses and Pvt Ya Pa (a) Kya Mu exchanged arms for peace in the area of Triangle Region Command; platoon commander Doe Do of KNU armed group bringing along with one .32 rifle, five rounds of ammunition and one magazine and Pvt Khon Ta Lun (a) Thurein of SSA (Ywet Sit) armed group, one AK-47 and 26 rounds of ammunition in the region

of Eastern Command; 2nd-Lt Ko Kyaw (a) Thein Naing of ABSDF armed group and Sgt Win Aye of Mon (break away) group with one AK-47, 97 rounds of ammunition and two magazines in the area of South-East Command; deputy commanding officer Tun Tun Zaw (a) Zaw Gyi of Parliamentary Democracy Party (PDP) armed group with one .36 rifle, one .22 rifle and 106 rounds of ammunition and Pvt Soe Wai (a) Aung Kyaw Ngwe of ABSDF armed group, with one .9mm pistol, seven rounds of ammunition and one magazine in the area of Coastal Regional Command; and Pvt Kyaw Than (a) U Tha Htwi Aung of ALP armed group in the area of Western Command and Pvt Saw Pho Tha Htoo of KNU armed group in the area of Southern Command.

Officials of the military camps warmly welcomed 12 persons who have exchanged arms for peace and provided necessary assistance to them.

It is learnt that there are many persons wishing to exchange arms for peace.

MNA

National Work Committee for Bay of Bengal Ecosystem Plan meets



Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fisheries Department speaking at 1st Meeting of the National Work Committee for the Bay of Bengal Ecosystem Plan.—MNA

YANGON, 30 June—Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held the 1st Meeting of the National Work Committee for the Bay of Bengal Ecosystem Plan at its office on Bayintnaung Road, here,

on 25 June.

The meeting decided to ensure sustainable development of fishery industry in the Bay of Bengal, minimize the degradation of ecosystem, create job opportunity and social welfare and conserve fishery re-

sources. The work committees were formed to conserve Myeik Archipelago and maritime resources.

It was attended by officials of seven ministries, representatives of NGOs, fishery experts and observers.—MNA

Commander attends rainy season tree planting ceremony



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin views rainy season tree planting ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township on 26 June.

Also present on the occasion were the chairmen of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District PDC and Township

PDC, departmental officials, members of social organizations and students. The commander planted gold mohur sapling and presented saplings to representatives of departmental personnel, teachers and students.

Later, he viewed participation of those present in the tree planting ceremony.—MNA

Star Resources provide free services for dip course of London Hotel School College

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy is providing free services for Hospitality Management Diploma course at London Hotel School College in England.

The course takes two years. The first academic year is divided into morning and evening sections.

Those who are interested to learn subjects of the course at the Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy may contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy at Room No 302, Building 267, Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Ph 01-523623, 523200, 4412256 and 09-5020302. —MNA

Rapidly developing west bank...

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During the trip, we focused on agricultural sector which is the main business of the region.

Pakokku District of Magway Division is a hot and dry region with shortage of water. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State to explore water resources for ensuring rice sufficiency in Pakokku region, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation dug 71 small dams and lakes to make Pakokku lush and green and to be able to supply water for agricultural purpose.

A total of 13 river water pumping stations namely Shwetantit, Kokkohla and Kyeywa in Pakokku Township, Upper Pakhanng, Minywa, MaU Aukseik, Wayar-Thazi and Shwechaung of Yezagyo Township, Yepyay and Sanphe of Pauk Township, Seikpyu Aukseik of Seikpyu Township are benefiting 30,070 acres of farmlands with the use of water resources from Ayeyawady River, Chindwin River and Yaw Creek.

We visited Shwetantit and Kyeywa river water pumping stations that can benefit 5000 acres of farmlands each and Gwegyo Dam that can irrigate 400 acres of farmlands.



"We had never seen paddy in the past. After completion of Gwegyo Dam, we can grow paddy."

Farmer U Win Maung of Gwegyo Village.

We saw thriving paddy plantations and golden ears of paddy around the river water pumping stations and dams.

Staff Officer U Kyi Aye of Shwetantit River Water Pumping Station said, "In the past, here was sandy land. Thanks to the river water pumping station, the land could be transformed into the farmlands. The local people place emphasis on summer and monsoon paddy in addition to cold season crops. In the past, they could grow one crop only relying on rain water."

Farmer U Maung Naing and U Aung Min

of Konywa Village-tract told the news crew, "The whole village-tract cultivates summer paddy with

the use of water from the river water pumping station. In the past, we could choose one of maize, sesame and green gram for cultivation. At present, we can grow summer and monsoon paddy, chick pea and sunflower applying the triple cropping pattern."

Farmer U Win Maung of Gwegyo Village said, "We had never seen paddy in the past. After completion of Gwegyo Dam, we can grow paddy. My paddy field is expected to yield over 100 baskets per acre. Next year, I will cultivate 90-day paddy strain."

Assistant Director (Civil) of Pakokku



Thriving summer paddy plantations seen with golden ears of paddy.

District Irrigation Department explained, "Gwegyo Dam is one of 71 facilities of its kind in the Pakokku District Greening Project. In 2010-2011, the dam will irrigate 400 acres of monsoon paddy."

Although Pakokku District is a hot and dry region, 194 river

water pumping stations, dams, lakes and small dams are benefiting 56,288 acres of lands.

Pakokku District put 11690 acres of land under summer paddy in 2008-2009 and 12338 acres in 2009-2010 and 131,230 acres of land under monsoon paddy in 2009-2010. A plan is un-

der way to cultivate 131,468 acres of monsoon paddy in 2010-2011.

During the visit, we saw greater progress of Pakokku and the regions on the west bank of the River Ayeyawady.

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Photo shows Mya Kantha Garden in Pakokku.

Make harmonious efforts to combat trafficking in persons

Myo Lay

Trafficking in persons has existed around the world for many centuries. It used to be called slavery. Frankly, it is the process of buying and selling of human beings. That evil system came to an end over 200 years ago. However, it has reared its ugly head again as "trafficking in persons" since 1990.

Human trafficking is cost-effective, but very lucrative. The crime can be committed, using advanced communications. Therefore, the issue has been rapidly rampant worldwide. World countries, developed, developing and least developed, have to deal with this issue. Human trafficking crimes are by nature violated secretly, so it is hard to record the exact number of the victims. According to the findings of researchers, from one million to two million people are being trafficked yearly.

In the process, the majority of those targeted by human traffickers are women and children. It is not very difficult to threaten, force, coerce and deceive women and children into doing what traffickers want. To make matters worse, they are vulnerable to hardships. In addition, women and children are by nature not capable enough of making correct decisions. So, mostly women and children are on target.

Personally, another cause is that women are trafficked to serve as prostitutes or as sex workers under the name of wife. Children are exploited variously for child pornography, sexual entertainment and abuse. In many cases, children are exploited for many purposes, adopting them just in nominal status, including taking their inner organs for sale. Women and children are forced to work as beggars. Thus, the majority of victims are women and children. In some cases, not only women and children but also men are sold for sweated labour, and are tortured by owners in sweated factories, workshops and hard labour camps.

Some points that force people into victims are wanting better incomes; need to supply parents and families more; low education standard and poor reasoning power; nature of placing too much trust in others; and lack of information. And some points that lure people into victims are too much trust in the trick intencives that they can get well-paid jobs in neighbouring countries, and unreasonably emulating the success of a handful of people who get on with business in foreign countries. They are indeed major causes that make such people fall into the snares set by human traffickers.

Some other cases are being informed wrongly about the occupations targeted people will get; receiv-

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ing unreliable promises; making trips without being informed about the destinations, with their important documents in the hands of traffickers; and going abroad with fake passports and documents. Many people sold in foreign countries get into troubles due to language barrier.

Trafficking in persons can cause physical and mental sufferings, and sometimes loss of lives. Therefore, the governments of the world countries are trying to ward off such unwanted consequences.

In Myanmar, human trafficking is convinced of tarnishing the fine tradition of preserving own lineage and national integrity. So, anti-human trafficking is carried out as a national duty. Myanmar, being a member of the United Nations, the government is active and self-motivated with a strong sense of duty in international affairs. As a gesture of showing interest, emphasis and commitment in international issues, Myanmar has been member of United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crimes and related protocols 30 March 2004.

There are so many international conventions, but to achieve success in anti-human trafficking mainly depends on commitments and endeavours of the governments concerned. With this concept in view, the government promulgated on 13 September 2005 the Law on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons, which meets the norms of international laws on the issue.

In fact, the law is a driving force behind scaling up prevention and control of human trafficking, and particularly protecting trafficked women and children. The law is also designed to mete out punitive sentences on human traffickers.

Related government organizations, and inter-

nal and international non-governmental organizations are carrying out anti-human trafficking operations in harmony under the leadership of the government. In recognition, UN agencies and international and regional organizations on anti-human trafficking constantly provide necessary assistance and cooperation in the tasks.

Myanmar has put emphasis on anti-human trafficking since 1992, as evidenced by emergence of the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs in 1996, and the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation in 2003. Since their births, these organizations have been joining hands with the government in anti-human trafficking tasks. Prevention is at the core of combating human trafficking. So, knowledge of the nature and evil consequences of trafficking in persons is disseminated to women and children, who are on target of traffickers. The Work Committee on Protection and Rehabilitation of Women under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and state/division, district, township and ward/village-tract Women's Affairs Organizations give educative talks on human trafficking in both urban and rural areas. The process covers educative talks, roundtable discussions, staging educative video and TV plays, and distribution of educative pamphlets.

Trafficked persons are human beings. With the aim of encouraging the victims to reunite with others in their societies, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation takes part in rehabilitation of physically and mentally affected victims. Trafficked persons suffer depression, distance themselves from others, lack self-confidence, and feel to take revenge on traffickers. Therefore, the MWAF systematically carries out consolation process and teaches vocational education and provides small loans for victims. Moreover, it takes follow-up care of trafficked women and children in order that they will ged along with their parents again.

In collaboration with the government, the MWAF has taken a vow to fight trafficking in persons which causes major impediment to development of women. As a gesture of honouring the Myanmar Women's Day that falls on 3 July, I write this article to inform that in line with one of the 10 future tasks adopted in its Annual General Meeting (2009)—To cooperate with local and international NGOs in combating human trafficking, and rehabilitation of victims, the MWAF puts growing emphasis on anti-human trafficking.

Translation: MS

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Singapore awards six water companies in research funding

SINGAPORE, 30 June—The Singapore government said on Wednesday that six water companies will each receive about 1 million Singapore dollars (0.72 million US dollars) worth of research funds to carry out research and development to improve their product offerings to the global water industry.

Of the six companies, two are Singapore-based companies while the rest are strongly

represented by offices in Singapore.

The awarded companies will define the requirements for research and development for a new technological capability to meet their business needs, and form and lead an research and development team to carry out the research work.

By 2015, the Environment and Water sector is expected to contribute 1.7 billion Singapore dollars (1.23 billion US dollars) to Singapore's gross domestic product and an employment of 11,000 people, with a majority in professional and skilled categories.

Xinhua

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China's phone users top 1.1 bln

BEIJING, 30 June— The number of Chinese phone users continued to grow rapidly in the first five months of the year, surpassing 1.1 billion by the end of May, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) figures showed on Tuesday.

China added 40.8 million phone users during the Jan.-May period, bringing the nationwide total to more than 1.1 billion in a country with a 1.3 billion population.

During the period, fixed-line telephone users dropped about 7.8 million to 306 million while mobile phone users jumped 48.5 million to 796 million, according to the MIIT.

Meanwhile, the number of Chinese broad-band Internet users jumped nearly 9.8 million to 113 million by the end of May.

Xinhua

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Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu (1st R) talks with soldiers who participate in the rescue work in Dazhai Village, Gangwu Township of Guanling County, in southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 29 June, 2010.

XINHUA

Russia starts large-scale war games

VLADIVOSTOK, 30 June—Russia began its largest military exercise this year in Siberian and Far Eastern regions on Tuesday, local media reported. Nicholas Makarov, head of the General Staff of the Russian Federation, would be the direct commander of the 10-day military manoeuvres that will end on 8 July.

Tens of thousands of troops, SU-24M bombers and SU-34 fighter bombers, Pacific fleet warships are participating in the exercise, code-named "Vostok-2010."

The troops will conduct operations including anti-aircraft drills and airborne and marine landings. Army units will work closely with emergency brigades and divisions of the Ministry

of Emergencies, the Interior Ministry, the Federal Border Service and other militarized units.

On Monday, warplanes, including Su-24M front bombers and Su-34 fighter bombers, were transferred from the central part of Russia to the training grounds of the Far East to participate in the drills.

The Black Sea navy fleet's rocket cruiser Moscow and the North navy fleet's Peter the Great nuclear-powered rocket heavy cruiser are also expected to take part in the military manoeuvre.

The "Vostok-2010" military exercise will centre at the Tsugol training ground. Ukrainian Defence Minister Mikhail Yezhel has been invited to observe the drills.—Xinhua



An archaeological worker restores the 7-storey painted pottery joint storage building unearthed from two newly-excavated tombs dated back to eastern Han dynasty (25-220 AD), in Jiaozuo City, central China's Henan Province, on 28 June, 2010. A 7-storey painted pottery joint storage building, together with some 70 pieces of pottery wares as the burial accessories, has been disinterred in a 3-day protective excavation.

1,400 people create a bald eagle to highlight climate change in Miami, Florida, on 26 June, 2010. Thousand students, staff and parents at a Florida school involved this activity which was launched by US artist Daniel Dancer.

Napoleon's hair sold for 13,350 USD in New Zealand

An auction of items belonging to Napoleon Bonaparte sold for tens of thousands of dollars in Auckland on Monday night, local media reported on Tuesday.

The items, which include the French Emperor's diary and a lock of his hair, are from his period of exile on the island of St Helena between 1815 and 1821. The lock of hair was sold for 19,000 NZ dollars (13,350 US dollars), Radio New Zealand reported.

They belonged to Denzil Ibbetson, a commissary officer on St Helena during Napoleon's exile there, and were sold by his descendants.

News Album



Three white tiger cubs newly born in India

A litter of white tiger cubs has been born at a major zoological park in India's southern Tamil Nadu state. Two of the three cubs are female and the third a male. They are fed on their mother's milk and laze around all day on comfortable mattresses. To maintain their safety, only an animal keeper is allowed to go near the enclosure.

The striped cubs have been placed in a protected room, to keep them away from direct sunlight and other external dangers. The white tiger enclosure in the zoo has become a star attraction for hundreds of visitors.

Paul the octopus swims in his tank at Sea Life Aquarium in Oberhausen, Germany on 25 June, 2010. The 2-year-old octopus oracle - born in England, but raised in Germany - has predicted a German win over England in Sunday's World Cup game. The mollusk chose a mussel out of a water glass marked with the German flag over a mussel in a glass with the English St. George's Cross, said Tanja Munzig, a spokeswoman for the Sea Life Aquarium in the western city of Oberhausen, on Friday. Paul has proven to be a reliable oracle in the past - he predicted Germany's win over Australia and Ghana and its loss to Serbia.



Frenchman who ate cellmate's lung gets 30 years jail

A French convict who killed his cellmate and ate his lung was sentenced to 30 years in prison on Thursday.

Nicolas Cocaign and Thierry Baudry had a fight when Cocaign asked Baudry to wash his hands after he had used the toilet during the night of 2 January, 2007. Cocaign strangled Baudry and cut open his chest with a razor blade.

Thinking it was the heart, Cocaign then ripped out a piece of Baudry's lung and ate part of it raw before cooking the rest.

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Hurricane Alex delays BP oil clean-up efforts in Gulf

LONDON, 30 June—The effects of Hurricane Alex have halted part of BP's oil clean-up efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.

Activities such as skimming, dispersant flights and controlled burning have all been suspended because of strong winds and high waves.

But the main methods of oil capture at the spill site is continuing despite the weather.

Alex is the first hurricane of the Atlantic season.

Tens of thousands of barrels of oil have leaked every day since the Deepwater Horizon rig sank in April.

The US state department has accepted offers of assistance from 12 countries and international organizations to help clean-up and contain the spill.

A containment cap placed over the leaking pipe is collecting up to 25,000 barrels a day and sending it to two surface ships.

And a relief well being drilled to staunch the flow is on target to be finished by early August, a senior BP executive has said.—*Internet*

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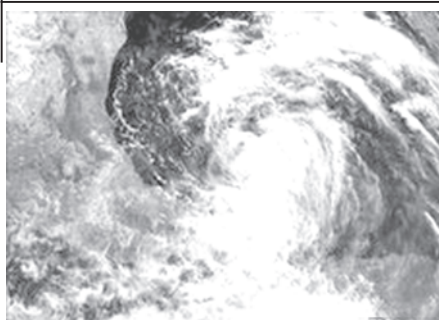
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4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Public Works will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Public Works
Ministry of Construction
Ph:067 407577, 407581

**Guatemala government rejects gangs' prison demands**

LONDON, 30 June—The Guatemalan government says the latest in a series of gruesome murders will not make it give in to demands by gangs to loosen prison rules. On Monday, a female prison official was kidnapped, tortured and killed.

Her dismembered

body was found along with a message addressed to the prison authorities, saying attacks like that would continue unless inmates' demands were met.

Guatemala introduced stricter prison rules earlier this year.

Under them, prisoners are no longer allowed to

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Disruption from Tropical Storm Alex had been widely forecast.—INTERNET

Putin hopes US spying claims 'won't harm ties'

LONDON, 30 June—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin says he hopes a series of arrests over an alleged spy ring in the US will not harm US-Russian relations.

Mr Putin told former US President Bill Clinton in Moscow that US police had "let themselves go" and were putting people in prison.

Ten people have been arrested in the US and one in Cyprus after an FBI inquiry.

The Russian foreign ministry has said the US allegations are baseless and a throwback to the Cold War.

The 10 people arrested in the US are accused of conspiracy to act as unlawful agents of a foreign government, a crime which carries up to five years in prison.—*Internet*

US Supreme Court rejects Pfizer Nigeria lawsuit appeal

LONDON, 30 June—The US Supreme Court has given Nigerian families the green light to sue the drug company Pfizer over the use of a new antibiotic on their children.

It rejected the firm's appeal against a ruling allowing lawsuits to proceed.

The families say Pfizer did not get their proper consent to test the antibiotic Trovan on 200 sick children during a meningitis outbreak in 1996.—*Internet*

The body was found in front of a radio station.—INTERNET



Hong Kong actress Cecilia Cheung.
XINHUA

Cecilia Cheung, Tony Leung to star in new movie

BEIJING, 30 June—Hong Kong actress Cecilia Cheung will star with Tony Leung in Derek Yee's new film which will begin shooting next February, Cheung said recently in Shanghai.

When Derek Yee replied to questions from the Hong Kong press, he confirmed that this film will be Cheung's first since giving birth to her two sons in three years.

The film, entitled "Da Moshu Shi" ("Great Magician"), is a story about two childhood sweethearts set during the early part of the twentieth century.

Xinhua



Performers hold a python at the opening of the attraction "King Kong 360 3-D" at Universal Studios in Hollywood, California, the United States, on 29 June, 2010.—XINHUA

Megan Fox marries Brian Austin Green

BEIJING, 30 June — US actress Megan Fox officially married her longtime boyfriend, Brian Austin Green, in Hawaii last weekend, media reports confirmed on Wednesday.

Internet



Popular S Korean actor commits suicide



SEOUL, 30 June — A South Korean actor and singer Park Yong-ha was found dead Wednesday in an apparent suicide that would be the latest in a recent string of high-profile suicides in the Asian country, police and a news report said.

Internet

Barbara Eden to publish "Jeannie" memoir

NEW YORK, 30 June — American actress Barbara Eden, famed for her starring role in the hit 1960s TV series "I Dream of Jeannie," is writing a tell-all memoir about her career in Hollywood, The Crown Publishing Group said on Tuesday.

The memoir, called "Jeannie out of the Bottle," will be published next year, detailing Eden's on and off-screen life with celebrities including Elvis Presley, Warren Beatty, Clint Eastwood, Paul Newman, Marilyn Monroe, Lucille Ball and her "Jeannie" co-star Larry Hagman.

"Like Jeannie, I've been bottled up long enough — it's time for me to pop the cork and talk about the amazing people I've been fortunate enough to meet along the way, and the highs and lows of my every day living," Eden said in a statement.

The 75 year-old Arizona-born actress gained stardom from the TV show playing the beautiful 2000-year-old female genie who falls in love with an astronaut, played by Hagman.

Eden has also appeared regularly on stage in musicals and plays as well as films and guest appearances in other television shows.—Xinhua

First TV awards for Spring Festival held

BEIJING, 30 June — Spring Festival, known as the most important Chinese holiday, is a bustling time for TV producers to dish out the best of entertainment programme to tickle the fancy of audiences nationwide.

Although we are still many months away from the next festival, China's first Television Evening Gala awards ceremony for the Spring Festival was held in Erdos, Inner Mongolia.

Designated as the top government honour of this kind, the awards fell into four big categories including comprehensive, individual, performing arts and special achievements awards.

After scrutiny and appraisal by a panel of judges consisting of TV professionals and scholars, there are a total of 61 evening TV galas that were aired during the Spring Festival holiday period this year that have claimed different awards. They were produced by several dozens of TV stations across the country.

TV hosts, directors, technicians and other staff also enjoyed an evening gala especially made for them.

Starting from this year, the awards ceremony will be held every year with the host city rotating through major metropolises nationwide.—Xinhua

"Welcome to Shama Town" promotes in Chengdu

BEIJING, 30 June — Chinese director Li Weiran's latest project "Welcome to Shama Town" held a press conference in Chengdu on 25 June, 2010, CFP.cn reports.

The director, along with actors Sun Honglei, Huang Haibo, and actress Gan Wei attended the conference; however the lead actress, Taipei popstar Lin Chiling was absent.

At the conference, Sun Honglei shared some stories from behind the scenes and his new understanding of comedy when production wrapped. Some reporters questioned if Lin Chiling was the right



Cast members promote "Welcome to Shama Town" in Chengdu on 25 June, 2010.

choice as a leading lady for this film, as her recent films have failed in the Japanese and Hong Kong markets, but Sun simply answered that it felt right working with the Taipei singer.

The director explained that there is no absolute box office queen at the moment. He just tried to choose the best actors and actresses to attract audiences. In addition, it would be considered a new way to present the comedy by selecting the actress with different kinds of styles.

The film is now in theatres nationwide.

Internet



British rock singer Rod Stewart performs during a free admission concert sponsored by a telecommunication company, in Budapest, capital of Hungary, on 26 June, 2010.

XINHUA

CNN's King says he's ending show after 25 years



NEW YORK, 30 June — Larry King, who interviewed statesmen and stars from a prime-time perch at CNN for 25 years but has faded in ratings and influence lately, said on Tuesday that he will step down this fall from his nightly show.

"It's time to hang up my nightly suspenders," King said in a message sent to fans via Twitter.

King said he will do occasional specials for CNN. He marked his 25th anniversary on the air this month and takes pride in a Guinness Book of World Records citation for hosting the longest-running show on the same network in the same time slot.

The longtime radio host was a pioneer in cable television. From the first show where he interviewed then-New York Gov Mario Cuomo, King's desk was considered a valued spot for anyone interested in talking to the nation. King's interview style was plain-spoken and critics would suggest occasionally ill-prepared, but he was good at making his guests feel comfortable.

"He lured so many people to this new frontier of cable back before anybody understood what it was all about," said CNN US President Jon Klein, who called King a "living, breathing Hall of Famer who is still doing the work."—Internet

Villa strike puts Spain into quarter-finals

CAPE TOWN, 30 June—Red-hot David Villa scored his fourth goal of the World Cup to fire European champions Spain past Iberian arch-rivals Portugal 1-0 on Tuesday



Spain's striker David Villa celebrates after scoring against Portugal during their 2010 World Cup.—INTERNET

and into quarter-final clash against Paraguay.

The Barcelona striker pounced in the 63rd minute of an absorbing encounter that saw plenty of chances and Portugal's Ricardo Costa sent off, chipping a rebound over goalkeeper Eduardo after his first shot was saved.

It was enough to put Spain into a last eight showdown on Saturday against the South Americans, who crushed Japanese hopes in a dramatic 5-3 penalty shoot-out ear-

lier in the day.

Whoever gets through that match has either Argentina or Germany awaiting them in the semi-finals.

Villa refused to see Spain as clear favourites against the Paraguayans.

"I am very happy tonight, although there are two favourites for the quarters. However, I am confident we can come through," he said.

Internet

We won't underestimate Paraguay, says Del Bosque

CAPE TOWN, 30 June—Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque insists his team will not be underestimating Paraguay after beating Portugal 1-0 to set up a quarter-final clash with the South Americans.

The European champions had a second-half David Villa strike to thank for their victory on Tuesday and Del Bosque was happy with what he saw.

"The match was extremely intense," he said. "It was quite even in the first half, but we always controlled the game and in the second half we were better than them."



Spain's coach Vicente Del Bosque (L) talks to Spain's striker Fernando Llorente.—INTERNET

"We had greater depth but it was difficult game and our rivals were extremely solid."—Internet

Blatter apologises for World Cup howlers

JOHANNESBURG, 30 June—FIFA President Sepp Blatter on Tuesday apologised to England and Mexico over refereeing errors during their World Cup last 16 matches and pledged to review the case for the introduction of goal-line technology.

The Swiss was reacting to two incidents on Sunday when England's Frank Lampard had a goal disallowed even though it was clearly over the line in the clash with Germany which would have made it 2-2. The Germans went on to win 4-1.

Mexico were also left aggrieved when Argentinian striker Carlos Tevez was clearly offside when he scored their first goal



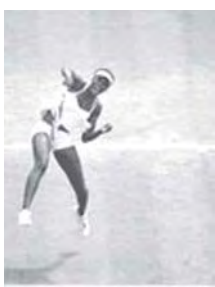
German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer eyes the ball shot by England player Frank Lampard.—INTERNET

and it was made worse when the incident was shown on the big screen.

Referee Roberto Rosetti was unable to disallow the goal as he is forbidden to take into account such evidence. Argentina went on to win 3-1.—Internet

Venus dismisses retirement talk after Wimbledon flop

LONDON, 30 June—Venus Williams insists she has no intention of turning her back on tennis after the American's



US Venus Williams returns a ball to Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova during the Wimbledon Tennis Championships.—INTERNET

shock defeat to Tsvetana Pironkova at Wimbledon raised questions about her appetite for the sport.

Venus failed to make the final at the All England Club for the first time since 2006 as Pironkova, an unseeded Bulgarian ranked 82nd in the world, stormed to a remarkable 6-2, 6-3 victory over the five-time champion.

Losing to a player who had never been past the second round of a Grand Slam before this year's Wimbledon was bad enough, but the lacklustre manner of Venus's defeat was even more concerning.

Internet

Dutch 'underdogs' ready for Brazilian challenge

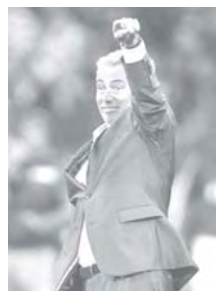
JOHANNESBURG, 30 June—The Dutch will be the underdogs for the first time at these World Cup finals when they play five-time champions Brazil in the quarter-finals on Friday, Netherlands coach Bert van Marwijk said on Tuesday.

The 58-year-old slightly toned down his remarks of Monday when he had said that the Dutch were "almost unbeatable" to declaring on Tuesday that they posed an "enormous challenge".

However, van Marwijk said that his side's target was to be crowned champions of the world for the first time in their history after losing in

two finals and they would have to beat sides of the quality of Brazil if they were to achieve that goal.

"Brazil presents us with an enormous challenge, but we remain dedicated to our goal of winning the World Cup," said the coach.—Internet



Netherlands' coach Bert Van Marwijk.—INTERNET

Forlan fired-up for Uruguay's Ghana test



Uruguay's striker Diego Forlan.—INTERNET

KIMBERLEY, 30 June—Uruguay striker Diego Forlan said Tuesday he was all fired up for his team's World Cup quarter-final against Ghana.

"We are well prepared - we are having a good World Cup," said the Atletico Madrid striker ahead of Friday's test at Soccer City in Johannesburg against the sole Af-

rican survivors.

"We are following the instructions of (coach Oscar) Tabarez and we are confident we can reach the semi-finals to give joy to our people," said the former Manchester United striker.

Luis Suarez, with his three goals in the competition to Forlan's early double against South Africa, is the man who has been in the spotlight in recent days thanks to his stellar winner against South Korea but Forlan says there is no ego contest.

"We are a team and we all work together," he insists. "The truth is that Luis and I have a great relationship and I am happy he hit those decisive two goals (against the South Koreans in the round of last 16.)"

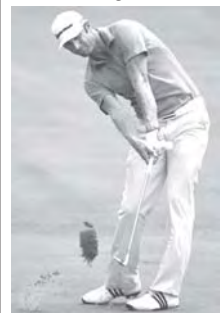
"That's the reason we have got to where we are."

Uruguay won the World Cup in 1930 and again in 1950 but have failed to shine anywhere near as brightly since.

Internet

Dustin Johnson ready to move on from Pebble

NEWTON SQUARE, 30 June—Dustin Johnson had all of last week to get the US Open out of his system. He celebrated his 26th birthday on a boat, spoke with Greg Norman about learning from a ma-



Dustin Johnson hits down the 10th fairway during a practice round for the AT&T National golf tournament.

INTERNET

jor disappointment and showed up at Aronimink ready to move on.

So who was the first person he bumped into on the putting green?

Justin Rose, of course.

No matter where he looks, no matter where he goes in this game, there is

no escaping failure.

"You're not going to win every time," Johnson said Tuesday after enduring a 20-minute inquisition on the 82 he shot in the final round of the U.S. Open. "I had three really good rounds. And I had a bad Sunday."—Internet

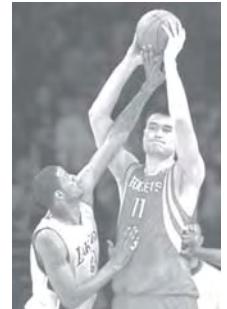
C Yao Ming coming back to Rockets, foot healed

HOUSTON, 30 June—Yao Ming is returning to the Houston Rockets — a giant selling point for general manager Daryl Morey as he begins courting big-name free agents this week.

The 7-foot-6 All-Star center said Tuesday that he has picked up his player option for next season, the last year of his five-year contract. Yao sat out last season following reconstructive foot surgery and said he wanted to see how the injury healed before making his decision.

Yao said he's resumed basketball activities and should be 100 percent when training camp begins.

Internet



The file photo shows Houston Rockets' Yao Ming, of China, right. INTERNET



Disney's musical "Disney Live! Three Classic Fairy Tales" on stage at the Hong Kong Coliseum.

XINHUA

500 meal samples pass safety inspections in HK

HONG KONG, 30 June — Microbiological tests on 300 lunchbox meals and 200 prepackaged food samples have yielded satisfactory results, the Centre for Food Safety of Hong Kong announced on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the center said on Wednesday that the lunchboxes were collected from different local food factories while the prepackaged food was taken from convenience stores and supermarkets. They included meal boxes, snacks, dim sum and pizzas.

Despite the satisfactory results, the center still urges people to be careful when buying and consuming lunchboxes and prepackaged food.

Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (1-7-2010) (Thursday)

Transmissions

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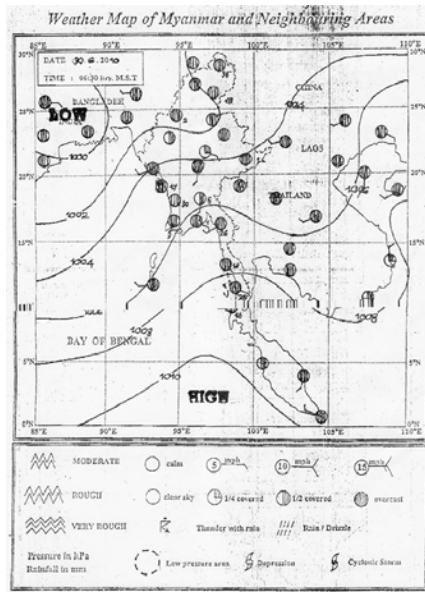
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Oversea Transmission - (1-6-10 09:30 am ~ 2-7-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Tourism)
- * A DAY IN ZALUN
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- * Poems of MANA
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- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Inlay, Shwe Nyaung)
- * Myanmar Traditional Puppet Theatre
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Festival
- * Live Concert
- * News
- * Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
- * Dressing Styles Of Law-Waw Ladies
- * Computer Human
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie "Shwe Nanthar House"
- * The Ancient City of Myanmar (Bagan)
- * Myanmar Movie "Competition of Consecration"



WEATHER

Wednesday, 30th 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 and Mandalay Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah state and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Mon and Kayin States, Upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.13) inches, Thandaunggyi (3.63) inches, Pyay (3.19) inches, Theinzayat (3.03) inches, Paung (2.36) inches, Chaungzon (2.01) inches, Kyaukpau (1.77) inches, Putao and Shwegyin (1.65) inches each and Bago (1.62) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-6-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 30-6-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-6-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 29-6-2010 was (1.3) hour.

Rainfall on 30-6-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (28.98) inches at Mingaladon, (32.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (35.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 29-6-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthy Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-7-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-7-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Thursday, 1 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:40 am

3. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ နိုင်ငံ့မင်းတော်ရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:55 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song
5. Dance Variety

8:20 am

6. "တက္ကသိုလ်သင်္ဂဟ"

8:30 am

7. Dance Of National Races

8:40 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကကြိုးသွယ်

4:20 pm

3. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:35 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်

4:40 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

5:00 pm

7. နိုင်ငံ့ဗဟိုအလေးထား

5:10 pm

8. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

9. "အဆုံးအဖြတ်"

5:30 pm

10. Musical Programme

5:40 pm

11. ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားပွဲရိုက်များ

5:45 pm

12. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့

6:00 pm

13. Evening News

6:15 pm

14. Weather Report

6:20 pm

15. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ

6:25 pm

16. အချစ်တော်မီ (အပိုင်း-၁)

6:30 pm

17. နိုင်ငံ့ဗဟိုအလေးထား

6:35 pm

18. သူ့ဆန်းထွေလွှာများကို

6:40 pm

19. နိုင်ငံ့ဗဟိုအလေးထား

6:45 pm

20. သိပ္ပံမြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

6:50 pm

21. နိုင်ငံ့ဗဟိုအလေးထား

6:55 pm

22. အချစ်တော်မီ (အပိုင်း-၂)

7:00 pm

23. နိုင်ငံ့ဗဟိုအလေးထား



- ★ 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

Rapidly developing west bank of Ayeyawady River

Recently, we had an opportunity to view regional development in Pakokku, the city on the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

Pakokku District is formed with Pakokku, Yezagyo, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu townships and it has 3205.40 square miles of area which is home to 1,494,000 people.

In an interview, Chairman of Pakokku District Peace and Development Council U Lwin Ko Oo explained facts about the district and endeavours for regional development.

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

Taking several hours, we visited factories and workshops at the industrial zone, the science and arts university, University of Computer Studies, Technological University and Education College. Mya Kantha Garden located at the hub of the town is attracting the visitors.

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Water from Ayeyawady River being pumped at Kyeeywa River Water Pumping Station to irrigate 5000 acres of farmlands.

Putting muscle into birdsong:
wide range of pitch is due to vocal
muscles more than air pressure



Zebra finches perch in a University of Utah laboratory where biologists found that muscles controlling the male songbirds' vocal organs was the crucial factor in allowing them to sing over a wide range of frequencies — basically the higher half of a piano keyboard. The females only make short, lower-frequency calls.—INTERNET

INSIDE

In collaboration with the government, the MAAF has taken a vow to fight trafficking in persons which causes major impediment to development of women.

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