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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives US Senator John McCain

NAYPYITAW, 1 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received the United States delegation led by Senator Mr John McCain at the hall of the President Office, here, at 2.30 pm today.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Defence Captain Aung Thaw, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Adviser at the President Office U Ko Ko Hlaing,

Director-General U Min Zaw of the President Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials.

Senator Mr John McCain and party were accompanied by Charge d'Affaires ai of the US Embassy Mr Larry M Dinger and Military Attaché Colonel Brey R Sloan.

During the meeting, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Senator Mr John McCain exchanged views on promotion of bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo poses for documentary photo together with US Senator Mr John McCain.
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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives US Senator Mr John McCain at the hall of President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 2 June, 2011

Keep 4 cleans alive

Basic education schools come alive with students and teachers in 2011-2012 academic year.

All school-going age children are enrolled at basic education schools in various townships where school enrolment ceremonies are held. The government distributes free exercise books to students.

The Ministry of Education, social organizations and wellwishers join hands to provide assistance for students and donate exercise books, stationery, computers and cash to them.

Students can be seen at the classrooms healthily and happily beginning the school opening day. Priority is to be given to sanitation and hygienic tasks at schools and environs.

It is necessary to always supervise maintenance of school buildings and furniture, create better shelters, use clean and purified water and sell fresh and hygienic foods at the canteens.

Especially, dengue hemorrhagic fever is a common disease in the rainy season. Emphasis is to be placed on spraying, treatment of curtains in pesticide solution and larvae combating at classrooms and environs to prevent against DHF.

Students are to be broadened to have knowledge on clean foods, clean water, clean hands for personal hygiene and clean environs (clean latrine).

At present, the Ministry of Education, respective organizations and people are making collaborative efforts in carrying out sanitation at urban and rural areas. Only when the school administrative bodies, Parent-Teacher Associations and wellwishers harmoniously carry out sanitation at schools and environs, will clean and hygienic environs at the schools emerge forever.

KIA bombs wound civilians

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Lesunational Daw Alin Mee, 50, of Shweset Village in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, picked up injuries in the right calf and left hand when she stepped on the bomb planted by the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) at about 8 am on 27 May.

In another case, Lesunational Maung Li Wu, 26, of Kazu Village in

Waingmaw Township sustained injuries in the legs and right hand as he stepped on the bomb planted by KIA near the Dabat Creek, northeast of Inkhayan Village. At that time, he was on his way to his father's farmland.

Moreover, a bomb blast occurred at a site, about seven miles northwest of Mankyin Village, leaving Kachin

national Daw Kawt Bu, 31, of Radakaung Village in Myitkyina Township. She stepped on the bomb while carrying coal. It is responsible for KIA.

The injured are now in Myitkyina Hospital and Waingmaw Hospital.

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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

Union FM receives US Senator



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives US Senator John McCain and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received the United States delegation led by Senator John McCain at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at about 11 am today.

They discussed promotion of bilateral relations and mutual interests.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Myo Myint and directors-general of the ministry.

The US Senator was accompanied by Charge d'Affaires ai Mr Larry M Dinger of the US Embassy.

In the afternoon, Deputy Minister Dr Myo Myint hosted a luncheon to the US Senator and party at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—MNA

Union Transport Minister holds discussion with Chinese guests



NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received Vice-Chairman & President Mr Tain Guoli of CITIC Group and party at the ministry here today.

They discussed matters concerning development of Kyaukpyu deep-sea port, and economic boom between the two countries.—MNA

Vice-Chairman & President Mr Tain Guoli of CITIC Group and party of China call on Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung.—MNA

Basic Education Schools across the country opens today

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Basic Education Schools across the country opened today for 2011-2012 Academic Year. Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu inspected basic education schools, here, this morning.

He visited BEHSs in Nay Pyi

Taw Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinman Township, Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township and Nay Pyi Taw Pobbathiri Township.

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Five killed in helicopter crash in C Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 June—Five people were killed as a security force helicopter crashed into Indus River in central Pakistan Wednesday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel Express.

According to the report, the people killed in the chopper crash included a top official of the Punjab Rangers Director General Muhammad Nawaz, his son, two pilots and one ranger.

Earlier reports said that three people on board were feared dead while two pilots survived by swimming to the shore of the river.

The accident took place at about 10:30 am local time shortly after it took off from Deraghazi Khan, a city nearby the Indus River in central Pakistan.—MNA/Xinhua

Two injured as blast hits mosque in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 June—At least two people were injured in a blast that occurred Wednesday afternoon inside a mosque in Chaman, a city in southwest Pakistan, that borders Afghanistan, reported local TV channel Express. According to the report, the blast took place at about 15:30 pm local time when some unknown miscreants threw a handgrenade inside a mosque on the Mall road in the city.

The mosque hit by the blast belongs to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the city, said the report. As few people go to pray at mosque at this time, the casualties of the blast could be small, said local residents. Located on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border area, Chaman is one of the two supply routes for the US-led NATO forces in Afghanistan.—MNA/Xinhua



Afghan police stand guard the site of an explosion in Pul-e-Khumri City in northern Baghlan Province of Afghanistan on 31 May, 2011. Explosion shocked Pul-e-Khumri City here on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Nine people wounded in Baghdad bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 1 June—Nine people were wounded in a car bomb and a roadside bomb attacks in Baghdad on Wednesday morning, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

A booby-trapped car parked near al-Sa'ah Restaurant in Baghdad's western neighbourhood of Mansour, went off at about 8:30 (0530 GMT) near the convoy of Abdul-Kareem Abdullah, Deputy Minister of Iraq Ministry of Human Rights, wounding two passers-by, the source said on condition of anonymity. Abdullah escaped unharmed the powerful blast which caused severe damages to nearby buildings and

shops, the source said.

In a separate incident, seven people were wounded when a roadside bomb went off in al-Nidhal Street in Baghdad's central district of Karrada, the source said. The attacks are part of wave of attacks against Iraq's government officials and security forces during the past few months.

Such bloody wave across the country underscores the challenges that the Iraqi security forces are facing as they struggle to restore stability and normalcy in Iraqi cities about seven months before the departure of all American forces by the end of 2011. Xinhua



A girl, who was wounded in a bomb blast at a restaurant, receives treatment at a hospital in Miranshah, near the Afghan border on 30 May, 2011.

A blast at a restaurant in Pakistan's tribal North Waziristan region near the Afghan border wounded ten people on Monday, officials said.

INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 1 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 1 June reached 705972 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1278838, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	705972
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1278838

Internet

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

KABUL, 1 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 33929 Afghan people were killed and 41443 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 1 June.

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2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41443

Internet

Eight people killed by militants in Dir of NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 June—At least eight people including seven policemen and one woman passerby were killed in a checkpoint attack launched Wednesday morning by militants in the Upper Dir District of northwest Pakistan, reported local Urdu TV channel Express.

According to the local media reports, the attack took place when a group of militants from Afghanistan tried to enter Pakistan through the Upper Dir District which borders Afghanistan.

The firing between the militants and the securities forces is still going on, said the local media reports, adding that more than a dozen of militants are involved in the attack.—Xinhua



Iraqi police inspect the site of one of three bomb attacks in the northern oil-rich City of Kirkuk which killed at least 29 people and wounded 90, in the worst violence to hit Iraq in nearly two months.—INTERNET

One killed in Kabul blast

KABUL, 1 June—An explosion rocked this Afghan Capital Tuesday evening, killing one person and injuring another, police told Xinhua.

The blast took place at 8.30 pm in Chelsiton District, police said.

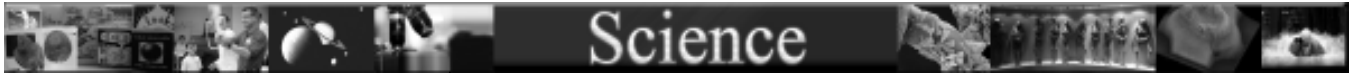
An eyewitness said a man threw a hand grenade at a vehicle. The grenade exploded leaving one person dead and six injured. All of them were civilians, the eyewitness added.

Internet

In this photo, a family of Afghan poppy farmers score bulbs in a field in the Argo District of Afghanistan's Badakhshan Province.

INTERNET





Science



The space shuttle Endeavour lands after her final flight at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla, on 1 June, 2011. Endeavour and her crew of six astronauts, wrapped up a 16 day mission to the international space station.—INTERNET

Endeavour lands safely after final space mission

WASHINGTON, 1 June—Space shuttle Endeavour landed safely at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida early Wednesday, ending its final mission to space. Endeavour and its six-astronaut crew touched the space center as scheduled at 2.35am EDT, wrapping up a 16-day journey to the International Space Station.

STS-134 was the last mission for the youngest of NASA's space shuttle fleet. Since 1992, Endeavour flew 25 missions, spent 299 days in space, orbited Earth 4,671 times and traveled 122,883,151 miles. "We are very proud of Endeavour's legacy, and this penultimate flight of the space shuttle programme once again demonstrated the amazing skill and dedication of our astronauts and the entire workforce," said NASA administrator Charles Bolden.—*Internet*

Flying wind turbines can provide 100 times more power than globally used

LONDON, 1 June — Scientists have estimated that wind turbines that fly, swoop and float have the ability to provide 100 times more the amount needed to power the whole world annually. Flying, swooping and floating turbines are being developed to turn high-altitude winds into electricity. Cristina Archer, an atmospheric scientist at the California State University in Chico, said there's "not a doubt anymore" that high-altitude winds will be tapped for power.

Fort Felker at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory said the industry is 10 years away from making a meaningful contribution to the nation's electricity demands. High-altitude wind power is similar to ground wind in the 1970s - facing questions but soon to prove its viability, said PJ Shepard of Oroville, Calif-based Sky WindPower,

which is developing a "flying electric generator".

The lure of high-altitude wind is simple: Wind speed generally increases with its height above the ground as surface friction diminishes. Each time wind speed doubles, the amount of energy it theoretically holds multiplies by eight times. The world's most powerful winds circulate in the jet streams, which are found four to 10 miles off the ground and carry winds that regularly break 100 miles per hour. The dream is to eventually tap the jet streams, but high-altitude wind companies are focusing for now below a 2,000-foot ceiling, above which complex federal air-space restrictions kick in. Adam Rein, co-founder of the Boston company Altaeros Energies, said his company calculates winds at the 2,000 foot level are up to 20 times stronger than winds that can be reached by a typical 350-foot land turbine.

"They are projecting crazy numbers. I'm not saying that it's true. But it's really the lowest, the cheapest energy source, possibly," the Daily Mail quoted Archer as saying.—*Internet*



This undated photo shows part of the satellite to be launched in early June. Argentina's space agency announced on 31 May that the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) would launch a science satellite for Argentina in early June. It will be the first satellite ever been launched for Argentina since 11 years ago.—XINHUA



Technology

Nanoengineers invent biomaterial that closely mimics human tissue

WASHINGTON, 1 June — Nano-engineers have invented a new biomaterial designed for repairing damaged human tissue, and it closely mimics the properties of native human tissue. The invention from nano-engineers at the University of California, San Diego, marks a significant breakthrough in tissue engineering, as the biomaterial does not wrinkle up when it is stretched.

Shaochen Chen, professor in the Department of NanoEngineering at the UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering, hopes future tissue patches, which are used to repair damaged heart walls, blood vessels and skin, for example, will be more compatible with native human tissue than the patches available today.

The new biomaterial was created

using a new biofabrication platform that Chen is developing under a four-year, 1.5 million dollar grant from the National Institutes of Health.

This biofabrication technique uses light, precisely controlled mirrors and a computer projection system shined on a solution of new cells and polymers to build three-dimensional scaffolds with well-defined patterns of any shape for tissue engineering.

"We are also exploring other opportunities. It's a new material. I think it's just a matter of time before more people will pick up and find applications for it in defence, energy and communications, for instance," Chen said. His findings were published in a recent issue of the journal *Advanced Functional Materials*.

Internet



An overall view of the Computex Taipei, Asia's biggest information technology and communications trade fair, on 31 May. At Computex, some manufacturers are showing how they plan to face the challenge from Apple's iconic product, iPad.

INTERNET



File photo of people at an internet cafe in Beijing. Making online friends could play into the hands of the "enemy", according to China's People's Liberation Army, which has said its roughly 2.3 million soldiers will be banned from using social media.—INTERNET

Bangalore-based ITC infotech to set up unit in AP

HYDERABAD, 1 June—Andhra Pradesh Minister for Information Technology Ponnala Laxmiah today said the Bangalore-based ITC Infotech is expected to set up its unit in the state shortly.

Briefing to the reporters here, the Minister said that in view to spreading the activities of IT companies, the State Government had been attempting to enlist the

support of multinational and big companies.

The ITC is likely to provide 4,000 jobs in a span of two to three years once it begins its operations in the state.

The representatives from the company had toured tier II cities of Tirupati, Kakinada, Warangal, Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada to study and finalise one of the aforesaid cities for their operations, the Minister said.

In a week, the company will select a city of their choice to start their operations, he said.

The State Government was ready to extend all facilities to the company, including infrastructure and land among others to suit their requirements.

Senior Vice-President of ITC Infotech Anand Talwar was here to survey the cities, he added.—*Internet*



UN study shows cell phone use may increase cancer risk

LYON, 1 June—A UN agency in Paris says cellphone use has been classified as a possible danger to humans based on an increased risk for a malignant type of brain cancer. The World Health Organization/International Agency for Research on Cancer made the announcement about the possibility of adverse health effects resulting from exposure to radio-frequency electromagnetic fields from cellphones in a report released Tuesday.

While a review of evidence suggests an increased risk of a malignant type of brain cancer known as glioma cannot be ruled out, the report said the link is not certain and it was "not clearly established that it does cause cancer in humans."



A man uses a cell phone in New York.
INTERNET

Experts have been meeting in Lyon, France, to review evidence coming from all relevant human studies of people using cellphones and those exposed to electromagnetic fields at work. WHO said it estimates there are 5 billion cellphone subscribers around the globe. "The WHO's verdict means that there is some evidence linking mobile phones to cancer but it is too weak to draw strong conclusions from," Ed Yong, head of health information at

Cancer Research UK, told the BBC. "The risk of brain cancer is similar in people who use mobile phones compared to those who don't, and rates of this cancer have not gone up in recent years despite a dramatic rise in phone use during the 1980s," he said. "However, not enough is known to totally rule out a risk, and there has been very little research on the long-term effects of using phones."—Internet

Modest vitamin and mineral deficiency may lead to age-related diseases

WASHINGTON, 1 June—A new study has found that even moderate deficiency of the vitamins and minerals required for life may lead to age-related diseases.

Scientists from the Nutrition and Metabolism Centre at Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute in Oakland, California showed that damage caused due to lack of vitamins and minerals accumulates over time and leads to age-related diseases.

Joyce C McCann, a co-author of the study, and colleagues tested whether selenium-dependent proteins that are essential from an evolutionary perspective are more resistant to selenium deficiency than those that are less essential.

They discovered a highly sophisticated array of mechanisms at cellular and tissue levels that, when selenium is limited, protect essential selenium-dependent proteins at the expense of those that are nonessential.

They also found that mutations in selenium-dependent proteins that are lost on modest selenium deficiency result in characteristics shared by age-related diseases including cancer, heart disease, and loss of immune or brain function. The study was published online in the *FASEB Journal*.—Internet



Jose Luis Saldaña (R, Front), user of Blind Ride, a cycling programme for visual handicapped people, rides with volunteer Sergio Osorio's (L, Front) assistance in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 29 May, 2011.

XINHUA



US home prices hit new low in Q1

Besides, 18 cities, including Chicago and Detroit, posted a negative return from February while Washington DC and Seattle were the only two cities to report a small increase from the previous month. Eleven cities have posted at least eight consecutive months of negative month-over-month returns.

The S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indices are the leading measures for the US residential housing market, tracking changes in the value of residential real estate both nationally and in 20 metropolitan regions.

Xinhua



Photo shows a real estate billboard in Chicago, the United States.

XINHUA

CHICAGO, 1 June—Standard & Poor's (S&P) on Tuesday released its S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index for the first quarter, showing that the US home prices declined 4.2 percent in the period to a new low since mid-2002.

David M. Blitzer, chairman of the Index Committee at S&P Indices, said that the new low has confirmation of a double-dip in home prices across much of the nation, adding that "home prices continue on their downward spiral with no relief in sight."

In March alone, the national home prices slipped 2.4 percent from February, or 7.6 percent on an annualized basis, said S&P in a publication on Tuesday.

Business

US consumer confidence declines in May



WASHINGTON, 1 June—The US consumers' confidence dropped after posting a slight gain in May, suggesting no significant pickup of

the economic growth pace in the near term, a leading trade organization reported on Tuesday.

The Consumer Confidence Index trimmed in May to 60.8 from a revised 66.0 in April this year, as US consumers' short-term outlook became cautious, according to the report released by the Conference Board. Economists watch this report closely, as consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of US economic activity and is critical to a robust economic revival. "A more pessimistic outlook is the primary reason for this month's decline in consumer confidence," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board Consumer Research Centre.

Consumers are more apprehensive about future business and labour market conditions as well as their income prospects. Inflation concerns, which had eased last month, have picked up once again, Franco added.

The monthly survey is based on a representative sample of 5,000 US households. It takes a reading of 90 to indicate a healthy economy.

Xinhua

Eurozone unemployment remains high at 9.9% in April

BRUSSELS, 1 June—The unemployment rate in the euro zone remained high at 9.9 percent in April, unchanged compared with March, the European Union's (EU) statistical bureau Eurostat said on Tuesday.

It was down from 10.2 percent registered one year ago, a sign that the eurozone labour market was getting better when the economy is recovering, but the pace has been too slow. For the 27-nation EU, the jobless rate dropped slightly to 9.4 percent after it stayed at 9.5 percent for four consecutive months. It was 9.7 percent a year ago. Eurostat estimated that 22.547 million men and women in the EU, of whom 15.529 million were in the euro zone, were unemployed in April.

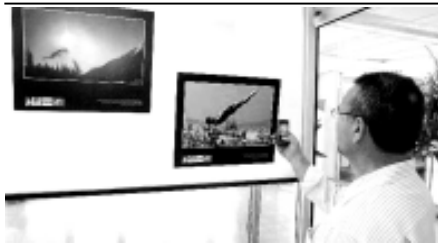
Compared with March, the number of persons unemployed fell by 165 thousand in the EU and by 115 thousand in the euro zone. Compared with April 2010, unemployment decreased by 702 thousand in the EU and by 457 thousand in the euro zone. The unemployment situation in Europe was still worse than that in the United States and Japan.—Xinhua



Morgan Hill police looking in San Jose for man who led them on high-speed chase

MORGAN HILL, 1 June—Police are searching for a man who led authorities on a high-speed chase from Morgan Hill to South San Jose on Tuesday afternoon. Morgan Hill Police say 40-year-old Samuel Dolida drove on northbound Highway 101 about 5:30 pm., with speeds reaching up to 85 mph trying to flee officers. Dolida was weaving in and out of traffic and discarded several items from a green Honda Civic while driving on the freeway, police said. The Civic exited 101 at Hellyer Avenue and the pursuit continued on city streets in San Jose. The Civic sideswiped another vehicle while trying to negotiate a turn. Morgan Hill police say they terminated the pursuit at that point in the interest of public safety.

Dolida abandoned the Civic on Concerto Drive, near Senter and Coyote roads and fled on foot, police said. San Jose police dogs searched the area but did not locate Dolida. Police contacted a female passenger inside the vehicle, Krissy Loa, 29, of Morgan Hill, and arrested her on suspicion of possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana. This case is still under investigation.—Internet



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao joins a training in the Shibidian Primary School in Beijing's Chaoyang District, on 31 May, 2011.

XINHUA

A farmer ploughs the field in the rain in Jianli County, central China's Hubei Province, on 31 May, 2011. The rain eased the drought in Hubei Province while farmers seized the time to transplant rice.—XINHUA



Xinjiang to recruit 9,200 bilingual teachers

URUMQI, 1 June—China's northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region will recruit around 9,200 bilingual primary and middle

school teachers this year to promote bilingual education, local education authorities said Tuesday.

Xinjiang will hire 11,502 primary and middle school teachers in 2011 in total, 80 percent of whom can speak both Mandarin and a language of an ethnic group, the region's education department said in a press release. This is the largest such recruitment in six years for urban and rural schools in 83 counties, cities or districts in the autonomous region, it said.

In an education development plan unveiled last October, the regional government pledged to offer bilingual education in Mandarin as well as Uygur or other ethnic languages for all 2.6 million primary and middle school students of ethnic groups by 2020.

According to the plan, this will help ethnic group students gain a command of the national language upon graduation from high school and prepare them better for jobs or higher education.

Xinhua

Ukraine to launch air taxis

KIEV, 1 June—Ukraine would soon launch small three-seater aircraft as taxis to ferry people from city to city, the *Ukrinform* news agency reported.

Odesviaremservice - the state-owned aircraft repair company - has developed an improved model of the Dolphin aircraft to be used as air taxis. Dolphin is a low-flying plane that can accommodate three passengers and one crew member.

The air taxi would offer "irregular" flight services depending on the availability of passengers, officials said.

Flights will be available only between big cities for the time being, because air strips in small towns lack standard runways, company engineers said.

The aircraft can fly 1,350 km without refueling. Powered by diesel, the plane has a fuel consumption of 16 litres per 100 km, at a cost of some USD 20.

Officials said fare for the air taxi would be slightly higher than that of regular flights. The new service would help businessmen and politicians.

Internet

More women blaming hubbies' video game addiction in divorce petitions

LONDON, 1 June—It's game up for video game-addicted husbands as a new research has revealed that increasing numbers of women cited their husband's obsession with video games as reason for filing for divorce.

It showed that men now prefer World of Warcraft and Call Of Duty to their wives.

Of those wives who cite unreasonable behaviour for ending their marriage, 15 percent believe their partners put gaming before them.

According to the study by Divorce Online, the numbers have soared from five percent a year ago, reports the

Daily Mail.

In particular, disgruntled wives blamed World of Warcraft, which allows gamers to create their own fantasy character for mythical adventures, and Call Of Duty, where gamers battle in various war zones.

The games have faced heavy criticism in the past for their addictive properties, with some claiming that World of Warcraft is more addictive than cocaine.

The study looked at 200 unreasonable behaviour petitions filed by women.

Internet



Volunteers wearing masks participate in de-addiction rally on "World No Tobacco Day" in Bhopal, India on 31 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives US Senator and party

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Senator Mr John McCain and party at the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committee at Nay Pyi Taw Pyithu Hluttaw Building at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Hluttaw Committee members comprising various political parties and national races at the Pyithu Hluttaw and officials of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

The US Senator and party were accompanied by Charge d'Affaires of the US



Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Larry M Dinger.—MNA

Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Senator Mr John McCain and party at the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committee at Nay Pyi Taw Pyithu Hluttaw Building.

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Union Minister receives UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia and Pacific, Executive Director of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi received Dr Nafis Sadik, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia and Pacific, and party, at Ministry of Labour here at 10.30 am yesterday. They held discussion on dissemination of knowledge on prevention and control against HIV/AIDS and future tasks being carried out by Ministry of Labour and of Social Welfare,

Relief and Resettlement.

In the afternoon, Executive Director Dr Bhichit Rattakul of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre based in Bangkok, Thailand, and party called on Union Minister U Aung Kyi, at Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, here, and they discussed natural disaster warning system, analysis of possible danger of natural disaster and projects relating to dissemination of knowledge.—MNA



Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi receives Executive Director Dr Bhichit Rattakul of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre based in Bangkok.—MNA

Drilling of Shwepyitan No. 1 exploration well lanuched



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay presses a button to open Shwepyitan No. 1 exploration well of Rimbunan Petrogas Ltd on the drilling machine West Juno at Block M-1 of offshore Mottama.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—A ceremony to launch drilling of Shwepyitan No. 1 exploration well of Rimbunan Petrogas Ltd which is undertaking joint venture with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy was held on the drilling machine West Juno at Block M-1 of offshore Mottama yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Acting Director-General U Htin Aung of Energy Planning Department, Acting Managing Director U Aung Htoo of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Executive Director Mr Tiong Hock Chai of Rimbunan Petrogas Ltd, Offshore Installation Manager Mr Murdo Maclean, drilling technicians and officials.

Officials reported on geological conditions of the well and plans for drilling the well.

After hearing the reports, the Union Minister said that the exploration well with many prospects has sound hydrocarbon storage at underground geological conditions. He expressed his belief that foreign experts and experienced Myanmar experts will get fruitful results due to their collaborative efforts. He urged officials to accelerate drilling tasks.

The Union Minister launched the machine. Next, they viewed the venue for soil test and drilling work.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks into progress of Zabuthiri Advanced Sports Complex project



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects Zabuthiri Advanced Sports Complex Project in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham made an inspection tour of Zabuthiri Advanced Sports Complex Project in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw at 4 pm today.

At the briefing hall, the Vice-Chairman of Max Myanmar Group of Companies reported to the Vice-President on facts about the advanced sports complex, arrival of necessary construction materials and heavy machinery for the stadium, progress in

construction of the advanced stadium and advanced gymnasium and Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Kan Chun on construction of the hostels in Sports Village Complex.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt gave an account of building the advanced stadium, advanced gymnasium and hostels.

After hearing the reports, the Vice-President gave instructions on systematic construction of emergency exits at the gymnasium meeting the

international standards.

The Vice-President looked into progress of stands at the advanced stadium, installation of steel structures at the roof and construction of the foundation at the advanced gymnasium and left necessary instructions.

The Vice-President visited the Bowling Gymnasium and the Billiards Hall of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects construction of Zabuthiri Advanced Sports Complex in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

H&T Ministry to conduct four service courses



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan meets instructors in charge of four hotel services courses.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan this morning met instructors for four hotel services courses to be started on 2 June at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

The training courses will be supervised by Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and organized by Nay Pyi

Taw Hotel Zone Association.

Of the courses, the front office course will be conducted at Zabuthiri Hotel, the housekeeping course at Hotel Amara, the food and beverage services course at Sky Palace Hotel and the food and beverage production course at Royal Kumudra Hotel from 2 to 23 June.—MNA

MFPTMA to conduct Factory Management Course

YANGON, 1 June — Working Committee of the Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association Training School will conduct Factory Management Course at Wood-based Industrial Technology Training School in Dagon Myothit (North) Township in Yangon Region

from 20 June to 1 July.

The seating is limited to 50. Those who want to attend the course may contact MFPTMA Office or the training school (Ph: 01-214838, 214839, 214840 and 581370) no later than 13 June.

MNA

Dy C-in-C of Defence Services meets C-in-C of Thai Royal Navy

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win met the visiting Thai delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Thai Royal Navy Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran at Zeyathiri Beikman here this morning.

Also present at the call were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win receives Commander-in-Chief of Thai Royal Navy Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran.

MNA

Hein, Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, the Military Attache' of the Thai Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.—MNA



Cooperatives Ministry plants 2400 saplings

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—The Ministry of Cooperatives held its monsoon tree-growing ceremony at

its office here this morning.

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint and Deputy Minister U Than Tun planted saplings of Seintalone species mango, and viewed the process of planting 400 saplings of Seintalone species mango and 2000 saplings of betel vine by staff members.

The minister made clarification to the ongoing projects at the meeting of the ministry.

MNA

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint plants a sapling of Seintalone species mango tree.—MNA

Mandalay Region sees School Enrolment Day 2011-2012

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint addressed the ceremony of School Enrolment Day 2011-2012 of No.2 Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education, held at Panmyotayar Hall of No.14 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay yesterday morning.

On the occasion, after he had provided eleven

disabled students with cash, Mandalay Region Minister for Education and Health presented text books at basic level and stationery to Township Education officers of seven townships of Mandalay District, and accepted cash donations from well-wishers of the seven townships and Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and Region Women's Affairs Organization.

At the end of the

ceremony, the Chief Minister and party viewed documentary photos of movement of School Enrolment Day this year.

Region Government donated 500 dozens of exercise book, the supervisory committee and the organization, 1000 dozens each, No.2 BED, 18000 dozens, and Region Education Family and well-wishers, K8,727,500.

MNA



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint presents cash assistance to a disabled student.

MNA

Sixteen apply for formation of Myanmar National Congress Party

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Applications are being submitted to the Union Election Commission for formation of political parties. On 24 May, 16 including U Kaung Myint Htut applied for formation of Myanmar National Congress.

Regarding the application, the commission has requested related ministries to vet the applicants as to whether the application meets the provisions of Articles (4) and (6) of Political Parties Registration Law or not.

MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister presents stationery, sports gear to schools

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye attended the ceremony to hand over new buildings of affiliated basic education middle school in Tayawta Village in Budalin Township, Monywa District of Sagaing Region on 27 May.

Well-wisher U Aung Yin handed over paperwork related to new school buildings to Region Education Officer

U Mya Htut.

The Chief Minister and officials then presented stationery, sports gear and 50 pairs of desks and benches.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister visited Yonlay Village affiliated basic education middle school at which he met teachers and provided stipends, stationery and sports gear to the school and publications to the village library.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives US Senator and party



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Senator Mr John McCain and party at Zabuthiri Hall of Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw Building.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Senator Mr John McCain and party of the United States of America at Zabuthiri Meeting Hall of Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw Building at 1.15 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Hluttaw Committee members comprising various political parties and national races at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and

officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The US Senator and party were accompanied by Charge d'Affaires ai of the US Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Larry M Dinger.—MNA

Faculty members urged to constantly uplift their proficiency with high spirit



Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint and Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint view chosen site for University of Computer Studies (Thaton).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint on 28 May met principals, deans and faculty members of Technological University (Hpa-an), University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an) and Government Technical High School (Hpa-an) at Technological University (Hpa-an) in Hpa-an.

In his address, the Union Minister pointed out that faculty members are to constantly uplift their proficiency with high spirit and to focus on right management for students without bias.

He visited the Technological University (Hpa-an), UCS (Hpa-an)

and Government THS (Hpa-an).

On 29 May, the Union Minister together with Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint met principals, deans and faculty members of Technological University (Mawlamyine), University of Computer Studies (Mawlamyine) and Government Technical High School (Mawlamyine) at Technological University (Mawlamyine) and inspected there.

On 30 May, the Union Minister and the Chief Minister looked into preparation for opening of University of Computer Studies (Thaton).

MNA

Earthquake News

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.9) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (9 miles southwest of Karmaing) about (240) miles north-

northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (15) hrs (07) min (59) sec M.S.T today, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology said.—MNA

New school building handed over

YANGON, 1 June — The school enrolment day ceremony and ceremony to hand over new school buildings took place at No (3) Basic Education Primary School in Dagon Myothit (South) Township in Yangon East District this morning, with the presence of Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

Well-wisher U Soe Tint, Chairman of No (1) Industrial Zone Management Committee and Chairman of Soe Electronics and

Machine Tools Company Ltd, explained the purpose of donation. He presented school uniforms, bags and stationery worth K 15 million donated by the committee for 2000 needy students through the chief minister. The chief minister and well-wishers donated uniforms and stationery.

Yangon Region Minister U Nyan Tun Oo accepted documents related to the school from Committee Secretary U Kyin Tun.—MNA



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe unveils stone inscription of No. 3 Basic Education Primary School in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.—MNA

Candidate Daw Bauk Ja withdraws election objection paper

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Daw Bauk Ja, who had stood for election in Phakant Township Constituency in Kachin State, put forward an objection paper against the election of U Ohn Myint of the same constituency, and the Union Election Commission formed an electoral tribunal to make investigation into the case, accordingly.

The electoral tribunal heard the case on 30 May. She submitted an application to the tribunal for withdraw of the paper in line with Order 23 and Rule 1 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The tribunal decided that she put forward the election objection paper of her own accord, and accepted her application in accordance with Pyithu Hluttaw Election Rule 96 (a).—MNA



Chinese President Hu Jintao listens to a child at the Liulin Kindergarten in Shiyan City of central China's Hubei Province, on 31 May, 2011, prior to International Children's Day which falls on 1 June.—XINHUA

France to continue producing nuclear power

PARIS, 1 June—France won't abandon nuclear power, but will enhance nuclear safety management, government officials said Tuesday.

Eric Besson, minister of Industry, Energy and Digital Economy, said in an interview with the French daily La Liberation that the halt of nuclear power will increase consumption of traditional energy resources like coal and natural gas.

This will cause an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, and raise the amounts and prices of imported nuclear power, Besson said.

The minister said France isn't isolated in its stance, as countries like the United States, some emerging countries, and even Japan after its latest massive nuclear accident, also chose to continue using nuclear energy.

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said Germany's decision to close its nuclear plants before 2022 won't influence France's plan to use nuclear energy, adding that his country will continue to cooperate with Germany in the energy field. Valero said nuclear energy is important to control energy expenditures when energy demand is constantly growing.

The spokesman emphasized nuclear safety will be the priority for developing nuclear energy, and said this was what French President Nicolas Sarkozy stressed at the latest Group of Eight summit held in Deauville, France.

Countries in the European Union have agreed to carry out nuclear plant safety tests in the next months.

Xinhua

German diplomat arrested over human trafficking claims in UAE

BERLIN, 1 June—Berlin authorities on Tuesday arrested a German diplomat for his role in a human trafficking network in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the DPA news agency reported.

The 40-year-old diplomat, only identified as Martin T, was the head of the visa department at the German consulate general in Dubai in the UAE. He is accused of aiding the smuggling of people from Afghanistan into Germany.

According to an extensive investigation, the diplomat assisted in at least eight cases of human trafficking to Germany via Dubai. Martin allegedly procured false work permits but he denied all accusations.

The German diplomat reportedly received about 3,000 Euros (USD 4,314) for obtaining the necessary approvals and paperwork. Authorities also detained an Afghan accomplice in Hamburg.

In December 2010, the German Foreign ministry was involved in a bribes-for-visas scandal. The allegations included several German embassies that were suspected of taking bribes in exchange for issuing visas.

The accusations involved Germany's employees with diplomatic mission in Africa, South America and countries in Eastern Europe. In consequence, consular staff members were fired and prosecuted.—Internet



Daryl Paul, an Australian passenger, shows his passport and the train ticket with his passport number at the railway station in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 1 June, 2011. Chinese rail ticket offices started selling high-speed train tickets with passenger's name and ID numbers from 1 June, 2011.—XINHUA

Cuba, El Salvador to boost parliamentary relations

HAVANA, 1 June—El Salvador's parliament speaker Othon Sigfrido Reyes said here on Monday that bilateral legislative exchanges would benefit the overall ties of the two countries.

The visiting president of Salvadoran Legislative Assembly made the remarks while meeting his Cuban counterpart Ricardo Alarcon, the president of Cuba's National Assembly. This is the first visit by a Salvadoran parliament speaker to Cuba since 1959.

A three-member delegation led by Reyes and Vice President of the legislature Guillermo Antonio Gallegos traveled to the island nation. During its three-day visit to Havana, the delegation met with Cuban officials and visited the Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.

El Salvador severed diplomatic ties with Cuba in 1961, two years after former Cuban leader Fidel Castro's revolution in 1959. The two nations restored their ties on 1 June, 2009.—Xinhua



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (2nd R) and visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel (2nd L) release the Joint Statement in New Delhi, capital of India, on 31 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Singapore's first motorized infantry unit becomes operational

SINGAPORE, 1 June—Singapore's first motorized infantry unit has become operational, marking a major milestone in the continued modernization push of the country's armed forces, local daily Straits Times reported on Wednesday.

Troops from the 2nd Battalion Singapore Infantry Regiment had a mock battle on Tuesday to demonstrate

how it can take down "the enemy" more quickly and efficiently with the help of modern technology.

The mock battle featured the military's latest armored infantry carrier Terrex, which was made in Singapore and developed jointly by the Singapore Armed Forces, the Defence Science and Technology and ST engineering.

First introduced in 2009, the Terrex is a welcome change from an era when canvas-topped three-tonners were used to send soldiers into conflict zones.

It has thicker armor and faster speed of up to 105 km per hour. Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen, who witnessed the mock battle, said the strength of the Singapore Armed Forces lies "not just in its individual pieces of hardware," but in its ability to link machines like armored vehicles and artillery systems together in a common battlefield network.

Xinhua



Workers polish the base of gem ornaments in Ruili City, Dai-Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture of Dehong, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 26 May, 2011. Since the 1990s, Ruili has dedicated itself to developing the jewelry industry. There are over 6000 shops and 40,000 professionals engaged in jewelry industry in Ruili, with the annual trading volume reaching 2 billion RMB yuan.

XINHUA

Russia delivers new batch of naval fighters to India

MOSCOW, 1 June—Russia's MiG aircraft maker delivered a new batch of five MiG-29K/KUB carrier-based fighters to the Indian Navy in May, the company said today.

"A flight training simulator and other technical equipment has also been delivered," RIA Novosti news agency reported the MiG makers as saying.

The two countries signed a contract stipulating the supply of 12 single-seat MiG-29Ks and four two-seat MiG-29KUBs to India in January 2004. The contract is part of a 1.5-billion dollars deal to deliver the Admiral Gorshkov aircraft carrier, currently being retrofitted in Russia for the Indian Navy.

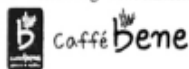
India's first four MiG-29Ks and MiG-29KUBs officially entered service in February 2010.

In March 2010, Russia and India signed a 1.5-billion dollars contract on the supplies of 29 additional MiG-29K Fulcrum-D carrier-based fighter jets to New Delhi. The start of the supplies is scheduled for 2012.

The contracts for the jets also stipulate pilot training and aircraft maintenance, including the delivery of flight simulators and interactive ground and sea-based training systems.—Internet

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancies with UNDP Yangon. Detailed terms of reference are available at the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tarnwe Township, Yangon.

Position 1

Title - Finance Assistant
Post Level - SC 4
Duration of Assignment - Initial six months, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - Project township office (Project Offices: Dry Zone, Northern Shan Zone, Southern Shan Zone, Delta Zone, Mon/Kayin, Kachin, Northern Chin, Southern Chin, Northern Rakhine and Eastern Rakhine-Myebon, Minbya and Pauktaw)

Requirements: Bachelor Degree and at least 3 years of experience in financial management. Ability to work on computers with accounting/financial software and additional commercial training in bookkeeping, business or accounting is desirable. He/she will have solid command of Microsoft Word and Excel. He/she must have very good knowledge of working languages, English and Myanmar, both written and spoken. Must be a good team player and ability to work under pressure.

Position 2

Title - Admin. Assistant
Post Level - SC 4
Duration of Assignment - Initial six months, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - Project township office (Project Offices: Dry Zone, Northern Shan Zone, Southern Shan Zone, Delta Zone, Mon/Kayin, Kachin, Northern Chin, Southern Chin, Northern Rakhine and Eastern Rakhine-Myebon, Minbya and Pauktaw)

Requirements: Bachelor Degree and at least 3 years of experience in administration, procurement and logistics management. He/she will have solid command of Microsoft Word and Excel. He/she must have very good knowledge of the working languages, English and Myanmar both written and spoken. Must be a good team player and ability to work under pressure.

Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their application, and should submit together with complete bio-data stating personal details, P-11 Form, academic qualification, work experiences and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit (DST), No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon. E-mail: registry.mm@undp.org** Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s). "UNDP practice relating to recruitment prohibits hiring of persons currently engaged by Government services or who left Government service during the past 6 months." Women are encouraged to apply. **UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.**
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Doctor Who writer Steven Moffat to 'rest' Daleks

LONDON, 1 June—The Daleks are to be given "a rest" from battling Doctor Who, writer Steven Moffat has told the Radio Times. Moffat, who is also the BBC television show's executive producer, said: "They aren't going to make an appearance for a while. We thought it was about time to give them a rest." The Daleks are voted the scariest villains in the history of Doctor Who in a poll of fans in 2007.

Moffat said they had

been defeated by the Doctor "about 400 times". Created by Terry Nation, the Daleks are the Doctor's hugely popular enemies who have made regular appearances in the long-running science fiction show since first appearing in 1963. Moffat said: "There's a problem with the Daleks. —Internet



The Doctor took on the Daleks in 2010.—INTERNET

Stolen kayak washes up in yard

ST CLOUD, 1 June—A California man kayaking down the Mississippi River said his stolen kayak was found and he was able to resume his journey with borrowed equipment. Jeff Pearson, 47, said he stopped overnight in St Cloud, Minn., and returned to the dock Saturday morning to find his kayak and supplies had been stolen, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reported on Monday.

Pearson said he was considering calling off his planned two-month journey when he received a call Sunday morning from a resident who found the kayak washed up in her back yard. —Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (301)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (301) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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More than 100 children infected with viral encephalitis in E China

ANXI, 1 June—More than 100 children in Fujian Province have been infected with viral encephalitis since the beginning of May, local health authorities said Wednesday.

Hospitals in Anxi County have reported 200 such cases since 1 June, of which 115 have been confirmed, said Wu Zhengxin, director of the county's health bureau.

An investigation by experts from the Ministry of Health and local disease control centers has indicated that the outbreak was caused by the ECHO30-type intestinal virus, according to Wu.

Infected local children were being treated at Mingxuan Hospital of Anxi County and were in stable condition, Wu said.

Another nine children, also from Anxi County, were diagnosed in hospitals in Xiamen City of Fujian and were receiving treatment there, Wu added.

The children, all under the age of 12, are from 75 villages of 14 townships in the county.

Children of three to seven years old account for 78 percent of the total, and 117 children, or 65 percent, are from the town of Hutou.

Local health authorities are closely monitoring the disease to prevent its further spread, Wu said.

Xinhua

London 2012 ticket payments nearing completion

LONDON, 1 June—Millions of people who applied for London 2012 tickets will know later whether they have been successful. All card payments are due to be taken by midnight on Tuesday.

Organizers will then be contacting people whose cards have failed until 10 June, and people will be told their allocation by 24 June.

There were 20 million applications for the 6.6

million tickets available to the general public via the controversial ballot. The system takes money from buyers' accounts before they know which tickets they have been allocated. A spokeswoman for Olympic 2012 organizer Locog said: "We have said that all card payments will be taken by 31 May and are still on track for this. "We will then spend time contacting people whose cards have failed for whatever reason, and give them time to get funds into their accounts or enable payment. —Internet



Successful applicants will have to wait longer to find out what tickets they have been allocated.—INTERNET

Students play kickball for 51 hours

Students at a Cleveland high school said they believe they set a world record with a continuous kickball game lasting exactly 51 hours.

The 41 Padua Franciscan High School students began the game at 3 pm. Friday and continued for exactly 51 hours, a total of 475 innings, WKYC-TV, Cleveland, reported Tuesday.

The event, which was attended by Cleveland Indians mascot Slider, has been submitted to Guinness World Records for consideration as the longest continuous game of kickball.

News Album

Severed horse head found in Pa city alley

Someone left a severed horse head in a southwestern Pennsylvania City.

Officials in Washington, Pa, say the head was found Monday in an alley in a densely populated neighbourhood.

Councilman Matt Staniszewski says the decomposing head had been reduced to mostly bone but called the smell "unbearable."

Officials removed the remains and disposed of them. Police are investigating.

The city of about 15,000 people is about 20 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

1930 time capsule found at former college

The owner of the former Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania said workers discovered a time capsule from the school's 1930 graduating class in the building.

Jason Friedland, director of investments for Iron Stone Real Estate and one of the building's owners, said workers installing utility lines at the Philadelphia building in April discovered the time capsule inside a

wall next to the 1929 cornerstone, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported Tuesday.

Friedland said the lead box contained newspapers, photographs and pamphlets detailing the history of the college, which became the Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1970.

"I was extremely excited," Friedland said of the discovery. "It's an interesting link to the past."



The photo shows the new born South China Tiger cub "Huwaa" at Laohu Valley Reserve in South Africa. Save China's Tigers announced the name of female South China Tiger cub, which was born on 31 Jan, 2011, as "Huwaa" Tuesday.

Goose living with dart in head

A wild Canada goose with a blow dart stuck in its head has been spotted in Fergus Falls, Minn, say police who have gotten calls from concerned citizens.

Conservation officers tried to capture the bird last week so the dart could be removed but it hasn't been cooperative, KBRF-AM, Fergus Falls, reported.

"As of right now the plan is to just let it be," Troy Richards, a conservation officer with the state Department of Natural Resources, told the radio station. "It looks healthy, and it is getting around and eating."

It wasn't known how long the goose has lived with the projectile lodged in its head or where it was shot.



Blondes take a ride during the Blonde Parade in Minsk, Belarus, on 31 May, 2011. Hundreds of blondes participated in the event here on Tuesday.



Harrison Ford

Special effects making action films 'soulless'

LONDON, 1 June—Harrison Ford has criticized action films that rely too much on special effects and has called them 'soulless'.

In an apparent dig at films like 'Transformers' and 'Avatar', the 68-year-old said they end up looking like video

games because of their reliance on computer-generated images.

"I think what a lot of action movies lose these days, especially ones with fantasy, is you stop caring at some point because you've lost human scale," the Sun quoted the veteran 'Star

Wars' actor as saying.

Ironically, his latest movie 'Cowboys and Aliens' with Daniel Craig relies on computer generated images.

Internet

American actress Jennifer Lawrence



My parents were sceptical about my acting

LONDON, 1 June—American actress Jennifer Lawrence says her parents were not so sure about her acting career, so they wanted her to complete her education before becoming an actress. The 20-year-old will be seen in director Matthew Vaughn's "X-Men: First Class" as Mystique. "Of course they were sceptical as anyone would be if their 14-year-old said, 'I think I'm going to move to New York and be an actress'," contact-music.com quoted Lawrence as saying. "They made sure that I got my education because they were basically preparing for me to fail. They were waiting for me to fail so that we could go home and get back to normal. And now I'm here. Now they think it's great, they're having a blast," she added.

Internet

I haven't given up on love: Christie Brinkley

LONDON, 1 June —Former supermodel Christie Brinkley has not given up on love and is willing to get married for the fifth time, but says her next suitor must not be after her money.

The 57-year-old was devastated when her fourth marriage to Peter Cook came to an end in 2008 following revelations of his infidelities, reports dailystar.co.uk. She had paid off Cook with a 1.25 million pounds settlement in exchange for custody of their two kids and ownership of her 18 properties.

"I haven't given up on love and I know the perfect guy is out there for me. I'm not seeing anyone at the moment. Who has the time? But I know he's out there. I think it's important for a guy to be funny and kind and interesting, maybe kind of cute too," she said.

"I think it would be good if it wasn't someone who was after my money. That would be nice. I plan to spend it all beforehand, then I can find him," she added.—*Internet*



Christie Brinkley



Alexandra Burke to play in 'The Bodyguard'?

LONDON, 1 June—British singer Alexandra Burke has reportedly been offered the job of playing Whitney Houston's character in a West End version of "The Bodyguard".

Directed by Mick Jackson, the movie is about about a former secret service agent who takes on the job of a bodyguard to a pop singer. Theater bosses are keen to sign Burke as Rachel, one of the

leading roles, because of her powerful pipes.

They're taking their adaptation of the hit 1992 film to the stage next year and have told the 22-year-old that the role is hers if she wants it.

"Alexandra is torn - the show would be an amazing gig and especially in London while the Olympics are on and it's in the spotlight. But she also has her second album to think about," sun.co.uk quoted a source as saying.—*Internet*

British singer Alexandra Burke

Blatter re-elected FIFA president, urges reform



FIFA president Sepp Blatter arrives for the opening ceremony of the 61st FIFA Congress at the Zurich Hallenstadion in Oerlikon, near Zurich.

INTERNET

ZURICH, 1 June — Sepp Blatter, 75, was re-elected as FIFA president for another four-year term here on Wednesday at the 61st Congress of the soccer world governing body.

Blatter boasted 186 votes from a total of 203.

As his arch rival

Mohamed bin Hammam, the Qatari head of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), withdrew from the election on Sunday amid allegations of vote-buying. Blatter became the only candidate for the post.

Earlier today, a motion launched by English FA chairman David Bernstein to postpone the scandal-hit ballot was dismissed by 172 votes to 17.

Blatter, who has headed the richest world sport organization since 1998, pledged to initiate wide-ranging reforms including the procedure to choose future World Cup hosts.—Internet

Woods' race to catch Jack depends on wounded knee

DUBLIN, 1 June — Jack Nicklaus doesn't want Tiger Woods to break his record of 18 major championships.

But he wants him to be healthy enough to try.

Nicklaus told him as much last Friday when Woods called to say that for the second time in four years, he wouldn't be able to play in the Memorial Tournament because of an injury to his left leg. Woods missed in 2008 while recovering from minor surgery to clean out cartilage damage in his left knee. This time the culprit is a combination of a minor knee sprain and his Achilles, which was bad enough to cause him to leave The Players Cham-

pionship after only nine holes. Woods hopes to play the US Open. Trying to win majors starts with playing in them.

Internet



In this 7 June, 2009 file photo, Tiger Woods(R), holds the trophy next to Jack Nicklaus after winning the Memorial golf tournament in Dublin.—INTERNET

France youth coach warned over quota scandal

PARIS, 1 June — The French football federation on Tuesday issued a "warning" to National Technical Director Francois Blaquart over a controversial plan to introduce quotas for dual-nationality players in the France national football team.

Blaquart, responsible for the youth coaching policy in France, had been suspended pending the outcome of the probe into the plan, which the coach had said was now abandoned.

The federation's deputy director general, Andre Prevosto, received a six-day ban, sources close to the inquiry also told AFP.—Internet

S P O R T S

Man United veteran Scholes calls it a day

LONDON, 1 June — Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes on Tuesday announced his retirement from football with immediate effect and said he will join the club's coaching staff.

The 36-year-old made 676 appearances for the club, with his last coming as a second-half substitute as United lost 3-1 to Barcelona in Saturday's Champions League final



Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes

at Wembley.

The midfielder won 10 Premier League titles as well as two Champions Leagues and the FA Cup three times in a career spent entirely at United.

There had been growing speculation about his future in recent weeks as he grew dissatisfied with his increasingly bit-part role at Old Trafford.

Announcing his retirement, he said: "This was not a decision I have taken lightly but I feel now is the right time for me to stop playing." "I am not a man of many words but I can honestly say that playing football is all I have ever wanted to do," he said.—Internet

Italian teams put faith in young coaches

ROME, 1 June — Antonio Conte at just 41 years of age is the new coach of Turin giants Juventus proving once again that in Italian coaching circles, youth is best.

While in England, at least, it would be unthinkable for one of the country's top teams to hire such an unproven coach, in Italy it is rapidly becoming the norm. It is not that Italy has a dearth of top drawer coaches with ample experience, quite the contrary in fact.

But for reasons economic and otherwise, the



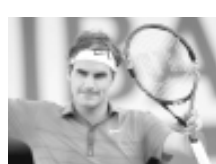
File photo shows Juventus defender Fabio Cannavaro (C) making a bicycle kick between other Juventus players.—INTERNET

general trend is increasingly seeing teams plump for younger, cheaper coaches rather than fork out for the best in the business. And Conte is just the latest example.—Internet

Pressure will all be on Djokovic, says Federer

PARIS, 1 June — Roger Federer believes the pressure will all be on Novak Djokovic when the pair meet in the French Open semi-finals on Friday.

Victory for Djokovic, the second seed, will see him replace Rafael Nadal as world number one, while he would also equal John McEnroe's 1984



Switzerland's Roger Federer

record of 42 matches unbeaten at the start of a season.

With so much on the line, Federer says he can afford to approach the encounter in a more relaxed frame of mind than his adversary. "There's less at stake for me than for him," said Federer, the 2009 champion.

"He's got a lot of things going on. I'd love to be in a Grand Slam final, because I haven't achieved it for a few Slams, but it's nothing major for me, as long as I keep playing well."

Internet

Father-to-be Obraniak may miss Poland-France

WARSAW, 1 June — French-born Poland midfielder Ludovic Obraniak may skip his chance to turn out against les Bleus in a friendly next week because he is poised to become a father, manager Franciszek Smuda said on Tuesday.



French-born Poland midfielder Ludovic Obraniak

"I don't know if Ludo's going to play, because he's waiting for the birth of his child. I know his dream is to be there at the birth, and I don't want to mess that up for him," Smuda was quoted as saying by Poland's news agency PAP.

Fresh from the French cup and league double with his club Lille, Obraniak was a natural name on the list for the Euro 2012 co-hosts' home friendlies against Argentina on 5 June and France on 9 June.—Internet

Ashley Young wants to play on biggest stages

WATFORD, 1 June — Ashley Young has dropped a clear hint that his future lies away from Aston Villa as the England winger admitted he wants to play in the Champions League.

Young was captivated by Barcelona's 3-1 win over Manchester United in the Champions League final last weekend and the Catalan club's spell-binding display has whetted his appetite to take on Europe's big guns himself.

The 25-year-old won't get the chance to do that with Villa, who finished well outside the Premier League's top four, but he has attracted interest from Manchester United and

Arsenal after a fine season for Villa and some impressive recent performances for England.

Young is out of contract at the end of next season and has refused to commit his future to the midlands club, prompting fears at Villa Park that he will demand a transfer during the close-season.—Internet



England's midfielder Ashley Young, seen here during a press conference at the team hotel in Watford, north of London, on 31 May.—INTERNET

Indy 500 champ will be in Texas, even without ride

FORT WORTH, 1 June — Dan Wheldon will be at the next IndyCar Series

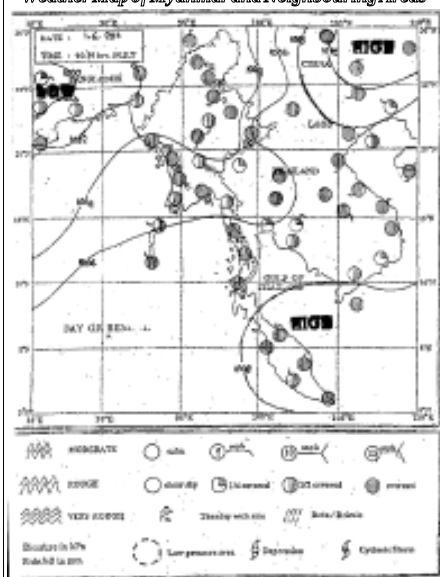


IndyCar driver Dan Wheldon, of England, signals his second win of the Indianapolis 500 auto race during the traditional winners photo on the start/finish line at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, on 30 May, 2011.—INTERNET

race in Texas. The Indianapolis 500 winner just doesn't know if he'll be sitting in a cockpit or a television booth.

Wheldon hopes to be driving in the dual races at Texas Motor Speedway on 11 June, though his one-race contract with Bryan Herta Autosport expired hours after his improbable victory at Indianapolis.

"We're obviously trying to do more, and I don't think we've hurt our chances," Wheldon said Tuesday during a promotional stop in Texas. "For an unemployed guy, I think I did pretty good Sunday."—Internet

WEATHER**Wednesday, 1st May, 2011***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas***Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.**

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Region, scattered in Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Regions, Shan and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State, isolated heavy fall in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (4.45) inches, Sittway (3.94) inches, Maungdaw (3.62) inches, Kyauktaw (3.27) inches, An (3.19) inches, MraukU and Toungoo (Aviation) (2.40) inches each, Kyaukpau (2.09) inches, Khamti (2.05) inches and Loikaw (1.97) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 31-5-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 1-6-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-6-2011 was (85%). Rainfall on 1-6-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 31-5-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 1-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-6-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 1-6-2011 was (Tr).

Rainfall on 1-6-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.63) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was

(12.32) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (23.94) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (12.64) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (12) mph from Northeast (09:30) hours MST on 1-6-2011.

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 2nd June

2011: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Shan and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State. 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) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Upper Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2nd June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2nd June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2nd June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

England's Carrick out of Euro qualifier

LONDON, 1 June—Manchester United midfielder Michael Carrick withdrew from England's squad for this weekend's Euro 2012 qualifier against Switzerland on Wednesday because of injury.

Carrick joined up with the squad earlier this week with a 'knock' he suffered during United's 3-1 Champions League final defeat by Barcelona last weekend and has been unable to train.

Now, following examination by England's medical staff, it has been decided to release Carrick back to Old Trafford, leaving manager Fabio Capello with a 24-man squad.

It was far from certain Carrick would have started, with Scott Parker, Frank Lampard and Jack Wilshere tipped to form a midfield trio against the



Manchester United midfielder Michael Carrick.

Swiss at Wembley on Saturday.

Carrick is the third player to withdraw from the squad.

Fulham keeper David Stockdale has been replaced by West Ham's Robert Green while Jermain Defoe dropped out with a wrist injury.—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (2-6-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(2-6-11 09:30 am ~ 3-6-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * 100 Shuttle Silk Fabric and its Key Notes
- * News
- * From Pagoda Festival To Unexpected Experience
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- * Youth and Music (Akhar Htoom Thant Thinzar Aung, Toe Wai Tun)
- * News
- * Fossilized Wood Picture
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Soe Myat Nandar"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Kyi Hla Han's Journey (A Journey to the Lashio)
- * Myanmar Movies "Twin Brothers In Different Lives"

**Thursday,****2 June****View on today**

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
7. Song Of National Races
- 8:15 am**
8. Dance Of Variety
- 8:25 am**
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Musical Programme

- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm**
3. Cute Little Dancers
- 4:25 pm**
4. Teleplay (Forest)
- 4:40 pm**
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (History)
- 4:50 pm**
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
7. Documentary
- 5:15 pm**
8. Science and Environment (Survival Under Water) (Part-I)

- 5:30 pm**
9. Programme
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
12. Myanmar Series
- 6:35 pm**
13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm**
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
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- ★ 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

Only when health staff make efforts for winning reliance and trust of patients, will images of general hospitals be glitter

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham yesterday afternoon visited Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) where Medical Superintendent Dr Phyu Phyu reported on the history of the hospital, strength of staff, providing of medical treatment and requirements.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin gave a supplementary report.

In his address, the Vice-President said that he arrived there to know requirements of the hospital and health care services for the people and to fulfill the requirements.

He stressed the need for doctors, nurses and health staff to provide health care services to the people with loving-kindness and compassion.

Only when they make efforts for winning reliance and trust of the patients, will the images of general hospitals be glitter in the future.

After hearing health care services presented by the medical super-



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed).—MNA

intendent and specialists, the Vice-President fulfilled the requirements of the hospital.

Later, the Vice-President visited departments of the hospital and left necessary instructions.

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