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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 Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address at World Environment Day 2011.—MNA

As Myanmar people adore natural environment, not only government but also individuals or organizations to play their active part in environmental conservation tasks in order to hand down good conditions of natural environment to future generations

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the ceremony to mark the World Environment Day 2011 at Ingyin Hall of the Forest Department under the Forestry Ministry, here, this morning and awarded the winners in the

open article contest to mark the 2011 World Environment Day.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers, members of Environmental Conservation Committee, deputy ministers, departmental heads,

responsible persons of UN agencies, prize winners and guests.

In his address, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that the United Nations organized the first Human Environment Conference in Stockholm of Sweden. The date when the conference was held was designated as the World Environment Day and activities on environmental conservation have been held in all global countries yearly.

On 5th June every year, ceremonies to mark the World Environment Day are held in conjunction with arts and skill demonstrations, talks on environmental conservation, mass movements, sports activities and information in all countries. Myanmar on its part has been organizing the ceremonies to mark the World Environment Day yearly since 1993. This year, winners in the article and essay contest will be awarded at today's ceremony.

The UN Environment Programme chooses one motto for the World Environment Day yearly. This year's motto is designated as "Forest: Nature at Your Service" so as to contribute to the year 2011 designated by the UN as the International Year of Forests.

This year's motto of World Environment Day motivates all the global people to take care of world environmental degradation due to deforestation and the dangerous situation for 1600 million of

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Ministers, members of Environmental Conservation Committee, deputy ministers enjoy booths in commemoration of World Environment Day 2011.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Importance of sanitation, personal hygiene

Now, it is the transitional period from the summer to the rainy season, we should take care of ourselves practicing healthy habits because such diseases as dengue hemorrhagic fever, malaria, cholera, cough and pneumonia may rear their ugly heads due to rains.

Preventive measures are to be taken effectively inside and outside homes and around environs against mosquito which spreads dengue hemorrhagic fever.

People can be infected with cholera regardless of season, region and age. Therefore, we should not eat flyblown foods, overripe fruit and unhygienic foods to prevent the infectious disease.

In addition, we should drink boiled water instead of raw water. We should ensure that dirty water does not flow into wells, lakes and tube-wells, rubbish does not fall into them and cattle and animals do not touch the water in them. We should notice the importance of personal hygiene, and keep kitchen utensils and latrines clean.

Mosquitoes and houseflies proliferate and infective diseases spread in the rainy season. So, we should pay careful attention to sanitation and personal hygiene to be able to stay away from infected diseases.

Yangon Region Chief Minister visits computer aided painting contest

YANGON, 5 June—Yangon Region level computer aided painting contest organized by Yangon Region Anti-narcotics Association in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking, took place at University of Computer Studies (Yangon) in Shwepyitha Township here this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe together with region ministers, and personnel visited the contest. A total of 65 students from basic education schools in Yangon took part in the competition.—MNA



Booths Present

- * 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

Appointment of Brunei Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Pahlawan Colonel (B) Dato Paduka Haji Abdu'r Rahmani bin Dato Paduka Haji Basir as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Hamid bin Pengiran Haji Mohammad Yassin.

Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Pahlawan Colonel (B) Dato Paduka Haji Abdu'r Rahmani bin Dato Paduka Haji Basir was born on 28th July 1954 in Brunei Darussalam.

He joined the Royal Brunei-Malay Military in 1975, from 1989 to 1990 he worked at Brunei Ministry of Defence, in 1993 he worked at Royal Brunei Military, 1993 to 2003 he worked at Royal Brunei Land Force and had served in various capacities. He retired from the service in 2003.

Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Pahlawan Colonel (B) Dato Paduka Haji Abdu'r Rahmani bin Dato Paduka Haji Basir is married with three sons and two daughters.—MNA

Appointment of Malaysian Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Dr Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhammad as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Dató Mazlan Muhammad.

Dr Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhammad was born on 24 May 1970 in Kelantan, Malaysia. He obtained Ph.D in International Relations from the London School of Economic & Political Science in London, United Kingdom.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia in 1994 and has served in various capacities at the Malaysian Embassy in Russia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. He has been serving as Deputy High Commissioner at Malaysian Embassy in Singapore since 2009.

MNA

Scientific approach helps improve paddy yield



NAY PYI TAW, 5 June — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing yesterday

inspected 500-acre monsoon paddy plantation of Green Asia Company in 10000-acre special agricultural zone in Dagon Myothit Township in Yangon Region.

The union minister said scientific approach may help obtain 100 baskets per acre yield.

He also inspected the transplanter which can transplant 10 acres in eight hours.

The union minister also inspected paddy plantations of Htoo Trading Company Limited and Dagon International Company Limited.

MNA

Myanmar youth golfers leave for Indonesia

YANGON, 5 June—A Myanmar youth golfers team led by Joint

Secretary U Myo Tun of Myanmar Golf Federation left here by air this morning to take part in the Jakarta World Junior Golf Championship 2011 to be held at Dami Indah Golf Pik Course in Jakarta of Indonesia from 7 to 10 June.

The team was seen off at Yangon

International Airport by officials of MGF.

The team comprises coach U Chan Han, selected young golfers Sithu Ye Yint, Waiyan Lin, Hlaing Min Htet, Zin Aung Min, Ye Lwin Oo, Phone Pyae Chan Han, Ma Shumawa Win Myint and defending champion Ma Yin May Myo.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe visits computer aided painting contest in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking.—MNA

3,500 evacuate as volcano erupts in southern Chile

SANTIAGO, 5 June— One of the volcanos in the Caulle Cordon of southern Chile erupted violently Saturday, billowing smoke and ash high into the sky and prompting more than 3,500 people living nearby to evacuate.

There were no reports of injuries. Authorities initially said the Puyehue volcano was involved, but later said the eruption was occurring about 2 1/2 miles (four kilometres) from that peak. A rift more than six miles (10 kilometres) long and three miles (five kilometres) across was

torn in the earth's crust, officials said Saturday night.

Authorities had put the area on alert Saturday morning after a flurry of earthquakes, and the eruption began in the afternoon. The National Emergency Office said it recorded an average of 230 tremors an hour.

About 600 people were evacuated when the first alert went up and hundreds more left their homes after the eruption began. Rodrigo Ubilla, Chile's undersecretary of labor, said some people near the volcano had decided not to leave their



homes because they didn't want to abandon their animals. Wind carried ash across the Andes to the Argentine tourist town of San Carlos de Bariloche, which had to close its airport.

Internet

A column of smoke and ashes comes out from the Puyehue volcano, some 1,100 kilometers south of Santiago, Chile, on 4 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Nurses attend to a boy, who suffered burns and other injuries from a bomb attack, after he was brought for treatment to the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar

5 June, 2011.

INTERNET



Police officer, pharmacist shot dead in central Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 June— A civil defence police officer and a pharmacist were shot dead in and near Baghdad on Saturday, the police said. Lieutenant Colonel Qassim Mohammed was gunned down by unidentified armed men who attacked his car with their silenced weapons near Nafaq al-Shurtta area in western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, three gunmen using guns fitted with silencers broke into an apartment of a pharmacist in central the town of Abu Ghraib, some 20 km west of Baghdad, and shot him dead before they fled the scene, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene and detained 12 people from the victim's neighbours for interrogation, the source said. Violence and sporadic high-profile attacks are still common in Iraq underlining 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*

Bomb attack kills six near Pakistan's Peshawar

PESHAWAR, 5 June—A bomb attack near the Pakistani city of Peshawar killed at least six people on Sunday, police said.

"The blast took place

at a bus stop and it seems the bomb was planted," said Raheem Khan, a police inspector. Ten people were wounded. Pakistan's Taliban militants, who have close ties to al Qaeda, have carried out a series of attacks to avenge the killing of Osama bin Laden by US special forces in a Pakistani town on 2 May.

They have attacked paramilitary cadets, a US

consulate convoy, a naval base and other targets. The United States reiterated its call on Pakistan to become a more reliable partner in its war on militancy after it was discovered that bin Laden had apparently been living in Pakistan for years. The Taliban have proven resilient in the face of several army offensives against their strongholds, seemingly carrying out suicide bombings at will.

Reuters

Heavy rain causes flooding in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 5 June—Flash floods have been reported at various places in Singapore due to heavy and intense morning rain.

Callers to the Media Corp hotline reported flooding in areas such as Cuscaden Road, Hillcrest Road, Eng Neo Avenue, Sennett Estate near Potong Pasir, MacPherson, Toa Payoh and Balestier.

They also reported fallen trees caused by the downpour and gusty wind.

Parts of Orchard Road are also reported to be affected by flooding, especially along the stretch of Tanglin Mall. National water agency PUB has advised the public to be careful on these roads. Two lanes along Bukit Timah Road are impassable to traffic.—*MNA/CNA*



Four NATO soldiers killed in explosion in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 June— Four NATO soldiers were killed in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion Saturday in eastern Afghanistan, the military alliance said. "Four International Security Assistance Force service members died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today," said a statement released by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) here. However, the brief statement it did not reveal the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mostly from the United States have been stationed in eastern Afghanistan within the framework of ISAF to curb Taliban-linked militancy there. Over 220 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since the beginning of this year. Taliban-led militancy has been rampant since the militant group announced on April 30 to start spring offensive against Afghan and NATO-led international forces.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Helicopter crash kills two NATO service members in E Afghanistan

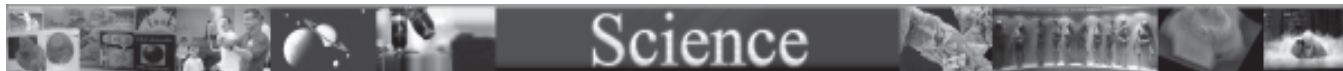
KABUL, 5 June —A NATO helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan Sunday killing two service members, the military alliance said.

"Two International Security Assistance Force service members died following a helicopter crash in eastern Afghanistan today," said a statement issued here by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). The statement ruled out insurgents' involvement in the incident, saying "the cause of the crash is under investigation. However, initial reporting indicates there was no enemy activity in the area at the time of the crash."

However, Taliban insurgents' claimed of responsibility for the incident. The Taliban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in talks with local media from undisclosed location that the outfit's fighters shot a military helicopter in eastern Khost province and killed all soldiers aboard. Separately, another ISAF soldiers was killed in an insurgent attack in restive southern region earlier Sunday, ISAF confirmed in a separate statement.

In the line of policy, ISAF generally does not disclose the identity of the casualties, saying "it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities".—*MNA/Xinhua*

Residents gather around the remains of a vehicle used in a bomb attack, a day after blasts occurred in the city of Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad on 3 June, 2011. At least six people were killed and 17 injured when four bombs exploded in quick succession in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi, a local government official said.—INTERNET



Science



Aindrila Mukhopadhyay, a Berkeley Lab chemist with the Joint BioEnergy Institute, led the creation of a library of microbial efflux pumps that reduce toxicity and boost production of biofuels in engineered strains of microbes.

INTERNET

Historic mound in Britain 4,000 years old

BATH, (England) 5 June—An ancient artificial mound in Britain is 4,000 years old, giving it a much longer pedigree than most experts of historical England thought, researchers say.

The 62-foot Marlborough mound in Wiltshire has served as the site of a castle, a possible grave site for Merlin the Magician, home to a king, and most recently as a centerpiece for a boarding school bearing the same name, PhysOrg.com reported on Friday.

A team of archaeologists have carbon dated samples of charcoal from deep in the mound on the Old Bath Road between Bath and London and have put the building of the mound back to the time of the construction of

Stonehenge and other monuments built by early British tribes.

Once the site of a Norman castle dubbed the "Mount," built after the invasion of 1066, the castle stood for almost 400 years but was eventually torn down and replaced by a house that sat just next to the mound, which eventually formed the basis for the current boarding school.

The mound, sometimes known as Silbury's little sister after a bigger and more famous artificial hill just outside of Avebury, is now believed to be the second-largest artificial mound in Europe.

Internet

Russian rocket ready for flight to station

BAIKONOUR, 5 June—A rocket was assembled Saturday for next week's trip to the International Space Station, Russian space officials said.

The Soyuz-FG rocket is to send a Soyuz TMA-02M craft into orbit Wednesday. Docking with the space station is set for Friday, RIA Novosti reported from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan.

The mission will take flight engineers Mike Fossum, Sergei Volkov and Satoshi Furukawa up to join station commander Andrey Borisenko and flight engineers Alexander Samokutyayev and Ron Garan.

Internet

A Russian policeman guards the Russian Soyuz TMA-02M space ship that will carry new crew to the International Space Station, ISS, as it moves from hangar to the launch pad at Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 5 June, 2011. The start of the new Soyuz mission to the International Space Station is scheduled on 8 June.—INTERNET



Technology



A robot for family use shows its skills in a robot competition in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 21 May, 2011. The robot competition to last until 22 May has attracted more than 60 teams from Chinese universities.

INTERNET

InfoWorld review: Netgear ProSafe wireless LAN system

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 June—The Netgear ProSafe wireless LAN system is a great fit for a small business, providing reliable performance at a low cost.

A small IT team with average skills could easily install and maintain this device, though initial setup may present a significant hurdle.

Netgear provided us with two ProSafe WNDAP350 wireless access points (WAPs) and the ProSafe WMS5316 wireless management device for testing.

The WAPs support simultaneous 802.11a and 802.11b/g/n networking, and the management system can handle a maximum of 16 WAPs.

The deployment was challenging, but performance was superior and maintenance was simple.

At \$300 for each WNDAP350 access point and \$600 for the WMS5316 controller, the cost is also attractive.

We were less impressed with Netgear's customer support.

Deploying the ProSafe system was not a trivial task.

Although the two WNDAP350 WAPs arrived in the same box, they contained different versions of firmware.

This seemed to be an issue when the Netgear controller could not detect the WAPs on our network. One of the general first steps involved with troubleshooting a network problem is to upgrade and standardize the firmware across devices.

We tried this, but it did not solve the problem.

Internet

Intuit's QuickBooks outage affects credit cards, too

NEW YORK, 5 June—On Friday, Intuit acknowledged an issue with its credit-card payment system, a day after the company had denied there was a problem.

Three small-business customers had told PCMag.com that Intuit had been unable to process credit cards via QuickBooks 2011, dating back to 1 June. On Friday, Intuit confirmed the problem.

"We have identified and corrected the cause of this issue," "SteGall0627," who identified himself as an employee, said in a post to an Intuit support forum. "Unfortunately,

we have not been able to restore functionality to all accounts. Heather McClellan, director of communications for Intuit's small business products, said that a small number of Intuit customers had been affected, "less than 30," she said. The QuickBooks credit-card payments system remained up, she added.

All of the affected customers had been notified, she said. Some small-business customers affected by Intuit's payroll outage on Thursday had contacted PCMag.com, saying that they were also impacted by the credit-card outage.—Internet

A man touches a display box at the Intel booth during the Computex 2011 computer fair at the TWTC Nangang exhibition hall in Taipei on 31 May, 2011.

INTERNET





Health



In this photo taken Monday, 16 May, 2011, IndyCar driver Charlie Kimball shows his glucose monitor that he attached to the centre of the car's steering wheel when he drives before he practiced for the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. Kimball, a diabetic, has never driven a race as long as the 500 and must take precautions to ensure he can make it through the race.—INTERNET

How to avoid foodborne illness

WASHINGTON, 5 June—Although the current outbreak of E coli in Europe has not affected the US food supply, federal health officials say food safety should always be a concern.

Donald Kraemer, deputy director of the US Food and Drug Administration's Centre for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, says produce is safe and there is no reason for Americans to alter where they shop, what they buy or what they eat.

However, in general,

US consumers should always do all they can to protect themselves — especially those who are very young, very old or very sick — by taking steps to prevent the spread of foodborne disease.

Foremost, when preparing any fresh produce — or any food — begin with clean hands. Wash hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap before and after preparation, Kraemer says.

"Wash the produce under warm running water

just before preparing or eating. This includes produce grown conventionally or organically at home, or produce that is purchased from a grocery store or farmer's market," Kraemer says in a statement. Proper storage of fresh produce can affect both quality and safety. Certain perishable fresh fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, lettuce, herbs and mushrooms can be best maintained by storing in a clean refrigerator at a temperature of 40 degrees F or below."

Internet

Excess pounds may lower odds of surviving breast cancer

BOSTON, 5 June—Breast cancer patients who were overweight or obese before and after the diagnosis have a lower chance of surviving, a new study suggests. Researchers found the link between dying from breast cancer and obesity only in estrogen receptor-positive forms of the disease, or cases in which the hormone estrogen fuels the breast cancer. "This relationship between dying and being obese or overweight may depend on whether the type of breast cancer is hormonally dependent," said the study's lead author, Christina Diel-Conwright, assistant research professor at City of Hope National Medical Centre in Duarte, Calif, in a news release.

Women who are obese or overweight

tend to have higher levels of estrogen in their blood, which may explain the heightened risk of death, the research showed. The findings are slated to be presented on Saturday at The Endocrine Society's 93rd annual meeting in Boston. The study included nearly 4,000 women in the California Teachers Study who were diagnosed with invasive breast cancer from 1995 to 2006.

Of those, 262 died. Researchers looked at their body mass index (or BMI, a measure of height and weight) at age 18 and at the time of diagnosis. Obesity is defined as a BMI of 30 and up, while being overweight is defined as a BMI of 25 to 29.

Internet

File photo of a patient undergoing chemotherapy, as treatment for cancer. The most striking finding at the 47th annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology was that Aromasin, which blocks the production of estrogen, reduced by 65 percent the risk of breast cancer in high risk post-menopausal women.—INTERNET



Business



Borders has buyers, attorney says

NEW YORK, 5 June—An attorney for bankrupt US bookseller Borders said there are several bidders lined up to buy most of its stores.

The attorney, Andrew Glenn, told the US Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan many of the stores could be sold within two weeks, *The Detroit News* reported Saturday.

Glenn would not divulge the names of the potential buyers, but *The Wall Street Journal* reported Gores Group, a private equity firm in Los Angeles, was bidding for more than half of the remaining 405 stores.

"Any interested buyer is great news and will certainly lend credence to the debtor's position that they're negotiating a deal," said bankruptcy law expert John Pottow at the University of Michigan Law School.

Internet

China's steel giant reports pollution reductions

BEIJING, 5 June—The Baoshan Iron and Steel Co, Ltd (Baosteel), a leading Chinese steel maker, has said its pollution to the environment has fallen sharply during the past five years.

A company statement said the company's sulfur dioxide emissions in 2010 had fallen by 63 percent from 2005, while the COD (chemical oxygen demand) emis-

sions had decreased by 85 percent.

With the installation of more desulfurization facilities in the iron mills, the company's sulfur dioxide emission was reduced to 181.88 million tonnes last year, a sharp decline from the 492.31 million tonnes of emissions in 2005, according to the statement posted on the company's website Friday.

The statement said the

company had invested 1.668 billion yuan (about 256.62 million US dollars) on environmental protection projects during the past five years.

The company has also widened wastewater reuse and water conservation projects, which helped some units of the company save water by as much as 88 percent during the period.

Xinhua

GM considering stock purchase

DETROIT, 5 June—Executives at automaker General Motors are considering a plan to buy company shares from the US government, sources told the *Detroit Free Press*.

The government owns 33 percent of the company and GM had \$30.6 billion in cash and salable securities at the end of the first quarter, the newspaper reported Saturday.

The cash could also be used to fund research and development or pay off company debt. Shareholders are concerned the US Treasury Department could sell its shares on the open market and dilute the share value. If GM bought the shares, they could use the transaction to keep

prices high.

"There is an overhang on the stock because of government ownership. GM may think that buying down Treasury's stake will remove some of the overhang," said David Whiston, an industry analyst at Morningstar in Chicago.

"In terms of uses of cash, we have clear, immediate priorities, which include further strengthening our balance sheet and fully funding our pensions," said GM spokesman Jim Cain. "Our objective is to fund our operations with cash and then return any excess cash to our shareholders. Nothing has been ruled in or out," Cain said.

Internet



The GM logo is displayed near the General Motors global headquarters at the Renaissance Centre on 12 January, 2010 in Detroit, Michigan.

INTERNET

Chinese vice president arrives in Havana for visit

HAVANA, 5 June—Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping arrived in Havana Saturday evening, kicking off his official visit to Cuba.

Xi is paying the visit as a guest of Cuba's First Vice President of Council of State and Council of Ministers Jose Ramon Machado Ventura.

In a written statement delivered at the airport upon his arrival, Xi said Cuba is an important country in Latin America and Caribbean region. During the past half century, the Communist Party of Cuba and the Cuban government led the Cuban people to adopt a path suitable to its national conditions, safeguard the state sovereignty, promote socioeconomic development, actively carry out outward exchanges and make great achievements in all causes. He also said the recently-concluded sixth national congress of the Communist Party of Cuba has blueprinted Cuba's future development and the Communist Party of China and the Chinese government hope the Cuban people to make greater accomplishments in the construction of socialist cause.

Cuba is the first Latin American country which forged diplomatic ties with China. "During the past 51 years after China and Cuban established diplomatic relations, bilateral ties withstood the changes in the international arena. The two people have always understood, supported and helped the other, nurturing a deep friendship," Xi said.

Xinhua

Hair in Casey Anthony's trunk may be Caylee's

ORLANDO, 5 June—A single 9-inch-long brown hair found in the car trunk of accused child killer Casey Anthony could have been ripped from the dead body of her 2-year old daughter, an FBI expert testified on Saturday.

The hair evidence is among the most contentious in Casey's first-degree murder trial on charges that she killed Caylee Anthony on 16 June, 2008, and dumped her body in woods near the Anthony home. Defence lawyer Jose Baez contends the science behind some of the hair analysis is new and unreliable.

Caylee was first reported missing 15 July, 2008, by her grandmother Cindy Anthony after finding Casey's car at an impound lot.

Cindy and a series of witnesses have testified that the car was permeated by a strong stench that they likened to the odor of a body.

Karen Korsberg Lowe, who specializes in microscopic examination of hair samples at the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia, testified she found "root-banding" on the hair, something she said scientists have never seen other than on hairs from decomposing bodies.

It has darkened bands at the root portion ... This is consistent with apparent decomposition," Lowe testified.

Lowe also testified the hair appeared under a microscope to be similar to one recovered from Caylee's hairbrush.

"I made a determination that it was similar to a



Cindy and George Anthony, parents of Casey Anthony, leave the courtroom with Judge Belvin Perry (R) following at the Orange County Courthouse during the second day of their daughter's first-degree murder trial, in Orlando, Florida, 25 May, 2011.—INTERNET

hair in a hairbrush that was identified as belonging to Caylee Anthony," Lowe said.

Jurors have seen in person and videos from 2008 that Cindy wears her hair short and dyed blonde. Lowe said the only way to definitively say who the hair belonged to would be through nuclear DNA testing of any flesh attached to the hair.

Lowe said there was no flesh on the hair even though she could tell it had been pulled from a head. Baez tried unsuccessfully in the months leading up to the trial to persuade Judge Belvin Perry to ban the hair analysis evidence. That and evidence still to come on the analysis of air samples from the car trunk that Baez also fought are expected to become grounds for an appeal if she is convicted.

Reuters



A fire engulfs an ammunition depot in Pugachyovo in the central Russian region of Udmurtia, on 3 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Russia says arsenal fire extinguished

MOSCOW, 5 June—Russian officials say a fire that blazed at a munitions depot for more than a day and a half has been extinguished.

Two elderly people living in the vicinity of the plant in the republic of Udmurtia were reported Friday to have died of heart attacks that officials said likely were brought on by stress from the exploding ammunition.

The republic's health ministry says 85 people sought medical help in the incident, some for physical injuries and others for stress.

Russian news agencies reported Emergencies Ministries official Sergei Tsarichenko as saying the blaze was extinguished Saturday afternoon.

No cause has been determined for the fire, which broke out late Thursday.

Internet

China invests 1.84 billion yuan in agricultural projects in Jan-May

BEIJING, 5 June—China invested 1.84 billion yuan (284.54 million US dollars) over the first five months of this year to support agricultural projects, said a statement from the Ministry of Finance (MOF).

The investments were used to pay for the interest on 75.76 billion yuan in loans for agricultural projects, said a statement issued by the state agricultural comprehensive development office of the MOF.

Xinhua

Bill Ford says CEO successor likely from within

MACKINAC ISLAND, 5 June—Ford Motor Co (FN) Executive Chairman Bill Ford said on Friday it is likely that the company will look inside its own ranks for the successor to Chief Executive Alan Mulally, whenever Mulally decides to leave.

"Part of my job is to look everywhere; but I really like our inside talent and it would be very unusual if

we didn't pick somebody from the inside," said Ford.

Ford said that Mulally, 65, has not signaled that he is near the end of his CEO tenure. He took over a flagging Ford in 2006 and guided it through a turnaround to profitability.

Ford made his comments to reporters on the sidelines of the Detroit Regional Chamber's annual Mackinac Policy Conference in northern Michigan.

Ford said that weekly meetings of Ford executives allow each executive to be involved or at least witness decision-making on the highest level for major company policies. Prior to Mulally's arrival, Ford executives rose in the ranks of the company in a "silo" that created leaders strong in specific areas but not as well-rounded as the current crop of rising executives, Ford said.

Internet



Ford Motor Company's Executive Chairman Bill Ford makes remarks during the firm's annual meeting of shareholders in Wilmington, Delaware 12 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Spain's king to leave hospital after operation

MADRID, 5 June—Doctors say Spain's King Juan Carlos is free to leave the hospital two days after successfully undergoing knee replacement surgery, an operation that sparked alarm about his overall health, irking the monarch.

The king is able to take some steps after receiving titanium implants in his right knee, Madrid's San Jose Hospital said Sunday.

"He walks on his own with the help of crutches," the hospital said in a statement signed by doctors Angel Villamor and Avelino Barros.

The 73-year-old head of state was visibly annoyed by media reports depicting him as being at death's door when the operation was announced. He had a benign tumor removed from his right lung last year. The knee replacement corrects the lingering consequences of a past sports accident.

Internet

Spain's King Juan Carlos is seen during a visit to an art exhibition with Poland's President Bronislaw Komorowski, not seen, at the Royal Palace in Madrid, on 1 June, 2011.

INTERNET



The smoke column off the Wallow fire towers over people going to the community meeting about the fire, on 3 June, 2011 in Springerville, Ariz.
INTERNET



Land mines, an old foe, return to Southern Sudan

JUBA(Sudan), 5 June—An increase in military battles in Southern Sudan has resulted in the laying of new land mines, reversing the time-consuming progress de-miners had made to clear the south of mines after two decades of civil war, a UN mining expert said Saturday.

The new mines are

resulting in civilian and military casualties and are preventing aid groups from helping populations in the oil-producing greater Upper Nile region, where a range of rebel militias are battling the southern army. A UN Mine Action map dated 20 May shows 16 incidents of explosions of both anti-personnel and anti-tank mines from

mid-November to mid-May in Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile states.

Six of the cases occurred in the first half of May, and at least one additional explosion that killed three people has since been reported, according to an aid worker familiar with the incident who is not allowed to be identified by name.—Internet



In this photo released by the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS), a Zambian UN peacekeeping soldier patrols the area in the contested border town of Abyei, Sudan, on 30 May, 2011.
INTERNET

Indonesian police kill two terror suspects in raid

JAKARTA, 5 June—Officials say two suspected terrorists were killed during a gunbattle in a raid in central Indonesia. National police spokesman Boy Rafli Amar says the two men were killed Saturday in a hide-out in Poso, Central Sulawesi Province. The area has seen deadly clashes between Christians and Muslims that killed at least 1,000 people between 1998 and 2002. Amar said two were allegedly linked to the assailants who killed two police officers and wounded another last week in Palu, the province's capital. Police previously had captured two suspects just hours after four men — wearing masks and helmets — shot the three officers.

A number of terrorist suspects have been arrested following an April suicide bombing at a mosque packed with police that wounded 30.—Internet

Four people killed by floods in southern Algeria

ALGIERS, 5 June—Four people have been killed by floods that swept southern Algeria, the Civil Protection Department said on Saturday.

The source specified that three brothers died inside a car which was swept away by floods on Friday night, while attempting to cross El-Had River in the town of Ain Larak in El Bayadh province, some 500 km southwest capital Algiers.

The statement further added that the Civil Protection Department have discovered the three bodies. Elsewhere, another man was found dead in Ghardaia province, 600 km southeast Algiers, after heavy rainfalls turned into floods in the city, the statement added.—Internet



Models present wedding gowns by designer LuLu Cheung during the Second Asian Wedding and Design Competition in Hong Kong, south China, on 4 June, 2011.—XINHUA

Crews try to protect Ariz communities from fires

TUCSON, 5 June—Crews on Saturday worked to protect several small Arizona communities from two large wildfires by clearing away brush near homes and setting fires aimed at robbing the blazes of their fuel.

Arizona Gov Jan Brewer called the Wallow Fire, near the White Mountain community of Alpine, “absolutely frightening.”

The fire grew to 218 square miles, or more than 140,000 acres, becoming the third largest in state history, with its smoke visible well into New Mexico and parts of southern Colorado.

Fire officials said they had zero containment of the fire near the New Mexico-Arizona state line, which has forced an unknown number of people to evacuate.

“It was unbelievable — the expansion of the smoke,” Brewer said after an aerial tour of the blaze and a briefing from fire team's commander in Springerville.

“It was horrific and of the likes of a fire of which I have never experienced from the air,” she told reporters. “We hope that we get more encouraging news in the morning.”

Internet

Water from the Mississippi River, left, is seen from the air as it is diverted through the floodgates of the Bonnet Carre Spillway towards Lake Pontchartrain (not pictured) in Norco, La, just upriver from New Orleans, on 3 June, 2011.
INTERNET



Historic flood begins to abate, but far from over

JACKSON, 5 June—The Mississippi River flood of 2011 may seem like a thing of the past for people who fled rising waters that never came, yet the final toll is shrouded in murky water for thousands of people devastated as the flood made its way from the Midwest to the Gulf of Mexico.

Thousands of acres of crops, timber and catfish farms are still flooded, mostly by tributaries that backed up because the Mississippi

River was so high. Hundreds are still displaced from flooded homes. Some people had nothing to go home to.

In the Mississippi Delta, Tim Saxton is still praying for the levees to hold — not the levees on the Mississippi River, but the ones on his 500-acre catfish farm. Saxton is not sure how bad Five Mile Fisheries was damaged because it's still under water. So he waits. And wonders.

“It's going to be tough on a 60-year-old man to start over, but I'm sure going to try,” Saxton vowed.

The levees divided the farm into dozens of small ponds for different-sized fish. If he has to rebuild all of those levees, the financial blow will be crippling. Even if the levees survive, it could take Saxton a year or more to get back into production.—Internet

Four police killed in roadside bomb attack

ALGIERS, 5 June—Algerian police officials say four officers were killed and a fifth seriously injured in a roadside bomb attack east of the capital.

The attack took place Saturday as a police convoy was travelling in the restive Bumerdes region.

Police were escorting a civilian vehicle delivering official school examination forms. Saturday's victims were travelling in the same vehicle. It's the third year in a row extremists in the Bumerdes have targeted convoys carrying the exams.

The North African nation experienced a bloody conflict between the government and armed groups in the 1990s. Sporadic attacks continue, generally targeting security officials.—Internet

As Myanmar people adore natural environment,...

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world population who are engaging in the businesses related to forests and to harmoniously conserve the environments.

UNEP urged the global countries to invest in establishment of Green Economy for ensuring sustainable development of economic, social and environ-



UNDP Senior Deputy Resident Representative Mr Akbar Usmani presents an award winning student.—MNA

Forests are essential for the humans in social economic sector such as economic, education and health sectors, relaxation, water and land environmental conservation, favourable weather, conservation of bio-diversities and food sufficiency. As such, all the people are not to make activities harmful to the forests. Thus, all the global countries are to work in concert for conservation of forests across the world as it would be a situation possible for disappearance of natural free services of forests for existence of living world.

At present, the

mental conservation on a wider scale and planned to provide necessary assistance.

With regard to the forest conservation in Myanmar, forests have been cut since 1856 through the Myanmar Selection System with a rule to produce prescribed volume of timber. Placing emphasis on long-term existence of forest resources, environmental conservation and social economic development and protection of existing natural forests to be handed down to new generations, the government establishes not only teak plantations,

the forests on commercial scale, village plantations, industrial raw plantations and forests in watershed areas but also private forest plantations.

Besides, tree-planting ceremonies are held annually as a mass campaign. This year, plans have been laid down to grow 78 million plants of 30 million species and planting has started. In the arid region of Upper Myanmar also, priority is given to establishment of forest plantations, conservation of natural forest reserves, use of alternative fuels in place of firewood and supply of water.

Although Myanmar has started forestation for successive eras, forests and forest lands are depleting as measures have to be taken to ensure food security to feed the increasing population. Forest coverage area was 61% of the nation's area in 1975, 59% in 1989, 52% in 1998 and 47% in 2010.

Similarly, mangrove forests have experienced depletion due to excessive production of firewood and charcoal, turning of the forests into cultivable land, salt blocks and prawn ponds and establishment of villages. Particularly, depletion of mangrove forests in the Ayeyawady delta is the main cause of cyclone Nargis that happened in 2008.

Gradual depletion of forest resources has harmed the food security and livelihoods of the people living in that region, thereby causing more poverty. And this

is an example of relationship between poverty and natural environment.

In conserving the natural environment including forests, various educative measures will be taken to make sure that the people reduce their excessive exploitation of and reliance on the natural environment.

At the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regular session, President U Thein Sein said, "We will pay serious attention to conservation of forests and woodlands. We will also take measures in various sectors to reduce air and water pollution, control dumping of industrial waste and conserve wildlife. We will lay down a new policy in which we will work for economic development in parallel with environmental conservation".

To take measures from various angles in compliance with the guideline of the President, an environmental conservation

committee has been formed and it has been assigned duties.

The constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states that the Union must protect the natural environment. Under the title of fundamental rights and duties of the citizens, it is stated that every citizen has the duty to assist the Union in carrying out the matter of environmental conservation.

As Myanmar people adore the natural environment, not only the government but also individuals or organizations are to play their active part in environmental conservation tasks in order to hand down good conditions of the natural environment to future generations.

The State will earnestly welcome and praise the public participation with the outlook of conserving the natural environment. In accord with this year's motto "Forest: Nature at Your Service", all are urged to conserve trees and forests for sustainable environment

and maintain Myanmar's long-term tradition of conserving the environment.

Next, UNDP Senior Deputy Resident Representative Mr Akbar Usmani read out the message sent by the UN Secretary General. UNEP Executive Director Mr Achim Steiner's video message was shown. Then, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented prizes to winners of World Environment Day commemorative open article contest. Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun and Mr Akbar Usmani presented prizes to winners of open essay contest.

Documentary video on environmental conservation brought the ceremony to an end.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President and party posed for documentary photos together with the prize winners and viewed the commemorative booths.

MNA

Chief Minister visits factories in Bago Region



Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win inspects Inlay Shoe Factory in Oktha Myothit in Bago.—MNA

YANGON, 5 June—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win made an inspection tour of Inlay Shoe Factory and

Myan Star Garment Factory in Oktha Myothit in Bago on 3 June.

On his tour, the chief minister called for stepping

up workplace security, preventive measures against fire and staff welfare services.

MNA

Dy Industry-1 Minister inspects Glass Factory (Pathein)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung met with factory manager, officers, staff from Glass Factory (Pathein) under Myanmar Ceramics Industries and head and staff of Region

Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department, at the factory yesterday morning.

He held discussion on cold repair of the factory, continued manufacturing of glass before cold repair, production of quality

glasses after cold repair and safety measure.

After that, he looked into production process of the factory and urged the officials to place emphasis on quality of glasses, minimizing wastages and work safety.—MNA

Kayin State Chief Minister inspects BEHSs, Education College

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min, on 2 June, visited Basic Education High Schools

in Hpa-an and opening of PGDMA Course in Education College (Hpa-an).

A total of 228 trainees

are attending diploma course and Kayin State Government provided them with rice, peas, edible oil and cash.—MNA

Union CPT Minister addresses Basic Mobile Communication Networking Course(1/2011)



Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun makes speech at the concluding of Basic Mobile Communication Networking Course (1/2011).—MNA

YANGON, 5 June—The Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports opened the sports plus education course and the sports training course for 2011-2012 academic year at Kyaikkasan Sports Grounds here this morning.

In his speech, Chairman of the Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan said that in 2010-2011 academic year, trainee students of the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) bagged 125 gold, 115 silver and 129 bronze medals in 46 local and international sports tournaments.

The donations totaled K 20.9 million including K 5 million each by ACE Construction Co Chairman U Phyko Ko Ko Tint Hsan and wife Daw Kye Chin Tees, and U Htin Kyaw Lin-Daw Nyein Nyein Tint Hsan and daughter Ma Lin Myat Che (Golden Hill Restaurant); and K 1 million each by Zaygabar Co Ltd Chairman Dr U Khin Shwe, Vice-President of the Myanmar Shooting Federation U Htet Nyi, and President of the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation Managing Director U Win Lwin (Kyaw Tha Co Ltd);

Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) opens courses



Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan delivers speech at opening of the sports plus education course and the sports training course.—MNA

Managing Director U Nay Lin (Yadana Theinkha Construction), President of the Myanmar Badminton Federation Managing Director U Maung Maung Shwe (Great Wall Construction and Traditional Medicine Enterprise), Vice-President of the Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation Dr Khin Maung Tun and Dr Soe Lwin (Myanmar CP Co Ltd).

YANGON, 5 June—“This course was conducted because communication sector plays an important role in enhancing socio-economic life of the people”, said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at the concluding of Basic Mobile Communication Networking Course (1/2011) at Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre in Pazundaung Township here yesterday morning.

The Union Minister said that the government and the private entrepreneurs were to strive for success of mobile communication extension project within the framework of rules and regulations laid down by the state.

The Union Minister attended the coordination meeting on extended installation of GSM mobile system in the afternoon.

MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects development undertakings in Hkamti, Kalay

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye met departmental personnel, social organizations and senior citizens in Pawmai Ward, Hkamti on 1 June and comforted patients at 100-bed People's Hospital.

The Chief Minister visited Vocational Training School, Technical Training School and Training School for Development of Border Areas and National Races.

The Chief Minister in meeting with Chairman of

Leading Body for Naga Self-Administered Region and members and local nationalities in Lahe on 2 June, called for rapid development of the region and provided cash assistance for development of the region.

The Chief Minister visited Fire Services Department, the basic education high school and the airport in Homalin. In Kalay, he met chairman of Kalay Industrial Zone Management Committee and members and industrialists and called for manufacturing of quality automobiles and paddy husk-fired gasifiers. He

then inspected private 30 KVA hydropower generation work in Khaingkan Village.

On 3 June, the Chief Minister visited University of Computer Studies in Kalay. The Chief Minister, in meeting with district/ township level departmental personnel, called for reaching target monsoon paddy

cultivation, switching to high-yield paddy strains suitable to the region, using advanced rice mills, developing agro-based industries, providing higher education to the youths, maintain roads and bridges, distributing books and stationery supplied by the state to schoolchildren.

MNA



Arts outstanding student Maung Lain Nai from Kanpetlet of Chin State. (News on page 16)—MNA



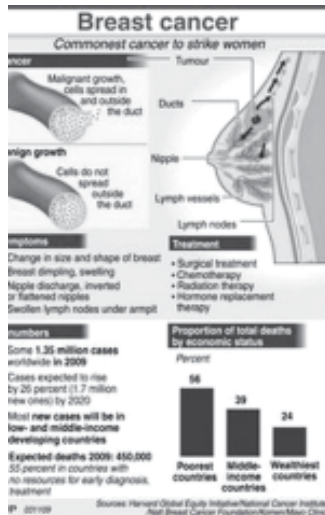
Science outstanding student Maung Kyaw Tun from Tachilek of Shan State. (News on page 16)—MNA



Engineering outstanding student Maung Win Min Tun of Hkamti of Sagaing Region. (News on page 16)—MNA

Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization donated books to Mingala Oo Library in Abya Botae village in Waw Township in Bago Region on 21 May. —TOWNSHIP IPRD





Fact file on breast cancer.

Annually, there are 1.3 million new cases of breast cancer and nearly 500,000 women die worldwide.

INTERNET

Progress in fight against cancer of ovaries, breasts

CHICAGO, 5 June—Significant progress is being made in the prevention and treatment of ovarian and breast cancer, according to findings discussed at a global oncology conference.

"The studies presented at this meeting show impressive progress in disease control and prevention of breast cancer," said Dr Andrew Seidman, professor of medicine at Cornell University.

"Also, two consistent studies demonstrated the benefit of adding bevacizumab (Avastin) to standard chemotherapy for ovarian cancer," he added. Avastin, produced by Swiss

biotech giant Roche, blocks the development of blood vessels needed for tumour growth.

A clinical trial showed a 52 percent reduction in the risk of progression of recurrent ovarian cancer in women who took Avastin in combination with platinum-based chemotherapy.

The most striking finding at the 47th annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology was that Aromasin, which blocks the production of estrogen, reduced by 65 percent the risk of breast cancer in high risk post-menopausal women. Close to three-quarters of breast cancer tumours need estrogen to grow.—*Internet*

200,000 ancient coins unearthed in east China, weighing four tonnes

NANJING, 5 June—Archaeologists in east China's Jiangsu Province have unearthed about 200,000 ancient coins in a well on a construction site in the city of Suzhou. The coins, weighing around 4 tonnes, were believed to be from the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1126), the city's archaeological institute said in a Press release.

Construction workers found the well and coins first on Wednesday. Archaeologists rushed to the site and spent one day digging out coins in a protective manner. Archaeologists assumed that the large amount of coins might be hidden by some rich family during war in relatively-prosperous Suzhou. The exact source has yet to be confirmed.

MNA/Xinhua

Phenol leak pollutes river in east China

HANGZHOU, 5 June—A tanker travelling along a highway rolled and leaked toxic chemical phenol into a river in east China's Zhejiang Province late Saturday night, local authorities said on Sunday. The chemical substance spilled out of the tanker and was washed by heavy rain into the Xin'an River at about 11 pm Saturday, said a spokesman for the publicity office of Jiande City where the accident occurred.

Xin'an River, which feeds into the Fuchun and Qiantang rivers, is the source of drinking water for several cities in Zhejiang, including the capital city of Hangzhou. The local environment protection authorities are working to contain the pollution, the spokesman added.—*MNA/Xinhua*

E-cigs: No smoke, but some areas are banning them

RICHMOND, 5 June—That's not smoke coming out of Cliff Phillips' mouth. But that hasn't stopped others from cringing, making remarks, waving their hands in their faces and coughing at the sight of the vapour from his electronic cigarette.

"They're just conditioned if they see you inhale and exhale something, it's got to be smoke and it's going to stink. ... They're not even smelling anything," said Phillips, a 61-year-old retiree and former cigarette smoker from Cuba, Ill.

Electronic cigarettes don't burn and don't give off smoke. But they're at the centre of a social and legal debate over whether it's OK to "light up" in places where regular smokes are banned. Despite big differences between cigarettes and their electronic cousins, several states, workplaces and localities across the country have explicitly included e-cigs in smoking bans.

Internet



In this 31 May, 2011 photo, Cliff Phillips, a 61-year-old retiree and former smoker, and his wife, Vali, enjoy electronic cigarettes at their home in Cuba, Ill, on 31 May, 2011.

INTERNET



General view of cucumbers in a green house in Bouguenais, western France, on 3 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Survivor of E coli tells story of ordeal

BERLIN, 5 June—When Nicoletta Pabst woke up last week with stomach cramps and diarrhea at her Hamburg home, it didn't really bother her too much. But when she discovered blood in her stool a few hours later, she got worried.

Hamburg is at the epicentre of an E coli outbreak, which has killed at least 18 people

since 2 May.

"We'd all been reading the scary news about the E coli outbreak in our region for days," the 41-year-old homemaker said in an interview with *The Associated Press* on Saturday. "So I talked with my husband about it and he took me to the university hospital right away."

The epidemic is considered the deadliest

E coli outbreak in modern history. More than 1,700 people in Germany have been sickened, including 520 with a life-threatening complication that can cause kidney failure. Ten other European nations and the US have reported 90 additional cases, all but two related to visits in northern Germany.

Internet

Four killed in Chicago overnight shootings

CHICAGO, 5 June—Four people were killed and at least 12 others were injured in overnight shootings in Chicago, local media reported Saturday.

The first death occurred shortly before 1 am in the Gresham neighbourhood when an attacker opened fire on three men with an assault rifle, killing one, police said.

At 2:13 am in the Albany Park neighbourhood, a 20-year-old man was fatally shot while at a party with friends, police said.

A third fatality was reported about 2:34 am when a 45-year-old man was found shot to death in front of his home on E 89th Street.

At 4:15 am, three people were shot, one fatally, in front of a residence on the South Bishop Street when two male approached and opened fires before fleeing.

Currently, no one has been in custody for any of the shootings, and shooting incidents are still under investigation.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Earthworms perform many essential and beneficial functions in the soil ecosystem, including soil structure improvement and nutrient mineralization.

INTERNET



Investors flee Russia despite oil revenue boom

Moscow, 5 June—The billions of investor dollars fleeing Russia each week offer a stark counterpoint to Moscow's aspirations of soon becoming a global financial centre linking London with Hong Kong.

The world's leading oil exporter finds itself in the odd position of being flooded with petrodollars and seeing remarkable ruble strength — two prime conditions for local investment — while also bleeding capital at record rates.

The outflow of investor money abroad reached \$30 billion by the end of April to nearly match the 2010 total. The May figure is expected to approach \$8 billion and a slowdown is not anticipated for some months.

"It is difficult to give a simple and

clear explanation as to why this is happening," Russian Central Bank chairman Sergei Ignatyev acknowledged. "But the main reason is a rather unfavourable Russian investment climate." The World Bank says Russia is the world's second-most difficult country in which to get a construction permit while local entrepreneurs often treat law enforcement authorities and the courts as a part of the same system.

"When you talk to investors, that really is one of their biggest points," said chief UralSib strategist Chris Weafer. "They say look, the Russians are taking their money out of the country. Why should I come to Russia when the Russians are coming out?"

Internet



File photo shows a painted fence around a construction site in central Moscow. The billions of investor dollars fleeing Russia each week offer a stark counterpoint to Moscow's aspirations of soon becoming a global financial centre linking London with Hong Kong.—INTERNET

Long-awaited rain eases drought along Yangtze River

BEIJING, 5 June—

After experiencing one of the worst droughts in decades, residents along the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River, are finally welcoming rainfall.

The downpours started in Jiangxi and Hunan provinces on Friday night, followed by a heavy storm in Anhui early Saturday morning. This is easing the effects of the long dry spell.

The precipitation level has reached 50 millimeters in northern Jiangxi. The water mark at Poyang, the nation's largest freshwater lake, is also starting to rise, after recently hitting the lowest point in recorded history. Local farmers are using more than 500 agricultural machines to seed rice and replant cotton. The timely rain is serving to reduce their losses. The Central Meteorological Bureau canceled its drought yellow alarm on Friday.

Internet

Academics to launch new private university



Leading British academics are to launch a private university aimed at rivaling Oxford and Cambridge that will charge tuition fees of £18,000 (\$30,000) a year, a report said Sunday.—INTERNET

LONDON, 5 June—Leading academics are to launch a private university aimed at rivaling Oxford and Cambridge that will charge tuition fees of £18,000 (\$30,000) a year, a report said Sunday.

New College of the Humanities, in London, will be modelled on elite liberal arts colleges in the US, *The Sunday Times* reported. The university, which will begin its first undergraduate courses in 2012, is reportedly being funded by millions of pounds from private investors secured by eminent philosopher A C Grayling.

Fourteen leading academics are backing the project and will teach at the university, including evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins and historians David Cannadine, Linda Colley and Niall Ferguson, said the report. Grayling will become full-time master of the college, which will initially offer around 200 places to undergraduate students to study English, history, philosophy, economics and law degrees, it said.

He told the paper that the university would offer weekly one-to-one tutorials that other institutions were struggling to maintain due to cuts to government funding. "Top universities are desperate to maintain the model as much as they can, but it is under pressure because it is so expensive and time-consuming," he said.

The introduction of a new university comes after the government last year pushed through a massive hike in tuition fees at English state-run universities, allowing them to treble what they charge to a maximum of £9,000 annually.—Internet

Foreign investment hits 650 B USD in decade

NINGBO, 5 June—Statistics official said Saturday that foreign investment that poured into China over the past decade has topped 650 billion US dollars.

Yao Jingyuan, a chief economist with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), said at a forum that over past decade, China's foreign direct investment (FDI) reached 653.14 billion US dollars at an annual growth rate of 9.5 percent.

The FDI in 2010 was 105.7 billion US dollars, up 125 percent from 2001, Yao added.

Further, the total trade volume has shot up to 15.7 trillion US dollars in the meantime, making China the world's second largest country in terms of trade volume after the United States.

China joined the World Trade Organization in November 2001, and has witnessed a

leapfrog in its economy.

Yu Bin, a researcher with the Development Research Centre of the State Council (DRCSC), said increasing overseas market demand, and domestic investment and consumption contributed to such a rapid economic growth.

Xinhua



Origins of Dragon Boat Festival a tragic tale

BEIJING, 5 June—There are many different versions about the origins of the Dragon Boat Festival held each year on the fifth day of the fifth Chinese lunar month.

The most widely believed concerns Qu Yuan, an official in the Kingdom of Chu during the Warring States Period (475-221 BC). Qu was born to a noble family, had great talent and was highly appreciated by the emperor. He was entrusted with important tasks, yet he gave the emperor advice the leader did not want to hear and was finally banished from the capital city.

His journey of exile passed through many Provinces including

Hunan and Hubei and left in its wake his poems about improving the country and his deep depression.

The Kingdom of Chu was destroyed by the Kingdom of Qin in 223 BC when Qu was in exile. When he heard the news, he was heartbroken.

He jumped into the Miluo River with a heavy stone and drowned himself. Among the poetry he left behind, the most popular is titled Lisao. It is renowned not only for its moving words, but also for the creation of new form of verse that became known as Chuci.

After Qu's death, his body was found in the river. Local people rowed boats to try to rescue him.

When they could not save his life, they honored the great poet and patriot with steamed rice wrapped in reed leaves that were dropped into the Miluo.

Today people still row boats on the day Qu died in the Dragon Boat Festival. In south China, the race is also a festive gathering.—Xinhua



Children in ancient costumes paid respect to Qu Yuan in Wuhan, capital of Hubei Province on 1 June.—XINHUA

Progress seen against militants in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 5 June—The African Union force in the Somalia capital says progress is being made against militants in Mogadishu.

The African Union said Saturday that AU and Somali troops have expelled al-Shabab militants from two more districts in the capital.

The AU force also said the body of a suspected militant from Pakistan was recovered after fighting Saturday.

Col Paul Lokech, a Ugandan commander, said the militants have been pushed back from Villa Somalia, where the Somali government is housed, and that they no longer pose a threat against the government seat.

Somalia has not had a fully functioning government in two decades. The recent offensive against al-Shabab has succeeded in reducing the militants' territory.

Internet

Lowry's Hawker's Cart sells for £555,000

EDINBURGH, 5 June — A Lowry painting, sold by The Royal Scottish Academy to raise money to buy new works, has fetched £555,000. Money raised from the sale of The Hawker's Cart, a typical Lowry street scene, will create an endowment fund to buy key works by Scottish artists. "It may take some time but we can now make a start," said academy secretary Arthur Watson. "Our decision to sell the painting in Scotland has been fully justified."

The academy — an independent, privately-funded collective of artists and architects — said it had identified a number of Scottish painters missing from its current collection. The 1929 Lowry work, depicting an urban landscape in northern England, sold at Lyon and Turnbull auctioneers in Edinburgh.—Internet



The sale forms part of the academy's "rationalisation" programme.—INTERNET

Driver kills three Egyptian soldiers at checkpoint

EL-ARISH, 5 June—Egyptian security officials say a truck driver drove through a checkpoint in this northern Sinai city, killing three soldiers and badly injuring a fourth as they slept in their tent.

The officials said Saturday that the man drove through a checkpoint while exiting the city of el-Arish, chasing away the soldiers manning it.

The truck then swerved toward a roadside tent, killing three sleeping soldiers and badly injuring a fourth.

The officials said the driver is in custody. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

They said it was not clear why the driver stormed the checkpoint.

Internet

Qatar bans German, Spanish vegetable imports on E coli fears

DOHA, 5 June—Qatar has banned the import of all vegetables from Germany and Spain due to an outbreak of a highly virulent strain of the E coli bacteria, which has led to the death of at least 19 people world-wide, according to the state-run QNA news agency.

The Qatari Supreme Council of Health has decided to impose a temporary ban on fresh cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce imported from Spain and Germany due to the spread of E coli.

The council will not hesitate to ban all vegetables from all European countries if necessary.

The World Health Organization reports no progress has been made in identifying the mysterious, lethal strain of E coli that has infected

and killed an unusually large number of people in northern Germany.

E coli attacks the kidneys and can cause seizures, strokes and comas and is mainly found in cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce.

Internet

Rihanna defends shooting in music video for Mad Down

NEW YORK, 5 June — Rihanna is defending her latest music video, Mad Down, which shows a man being shot in the head. The Parents Television Council in America has called the scenes "disturbing" and have asked TV channel BET to stop showing it. But the singer has said the video was "art with a message". She said: "We just wanted to hone in on a very serious matter that people are afraid to address, especially if you've been victimised in this scenario."

Man Down is the latest single off the singer's fifth studio album, Loud. BET says it will carry on playing the video because "a comprehensive set of standards and guidelines are applied to all of our content". They added that Rihanna's video "complied with these guidelines and was approved for air". MTV in America hasn't played the video yet.

Internet



Rihanna had to change the title of S&M to Come On earlier this year.

INTERNET

Microsoft has run an extended campaign to get people to abandon IE6 - one of its older browsers.—INTERNET



New cancer test wins £50,000 innovation prize

LONDON, 5 June—A new, cheap, less-invasive way to test for oesophageal cancer has won £50,000 as one of the first of the Department of Health's innovations awards winners. Cytosponge, a test for oesophageal cancer costing £25 compared to the £600 of a traditional endoscopy, came second in the DoH's Innovation Challenge. The awards recognize ideas developed by frontline staff to deliver solutions to the problems facing their patients.

The method was developed in Cambridge at Addenbrookes University Hospital. Dr Rebecca Fitzgerald and her team at the Cambridge Medical Research Council Cancer Unit were awarded £50,000 for their innovation.—Internet

Teenager 'sells kidney for iPad'

BEIJING, 5 June — A teenager in China has sold one of his kidneys in order to buy an iPad 2, Chinese media report. The 17-year-old, identified only as Little Zheng, told a local TV station he had arranged the sale of the kidney over the Internet.

The story only came to light after the teenager's mother became suspicious. The case highlights China's black market in organ trafficking. A scarcity of organ donors has led to a flourishing trade.

It all started when the high school student saw an online advert offering money to organ donors. Illegal agents organized a trip to the hospital and paid him \$3,392 (£2,077) after the operation. With the cash the student bought an iPad 2, as well as a laptop.

When his mother noticed the computers and the deep red scar on his body, which was caused by the surgery, Little Zheng confessed. In 2007, Chinese authorities banned organ trafficking and have introduced a voluntary donor scheme to try to combat the trade. — Internet



The iPad 2 went on sale in China last month.—INTERNET

Google to abandon older browsers

NEW YORK, 5 June — Google is phasing out support for older browsers from 1 August. Those using IE7, Safari 3, Firefox 3.5 and their predecessors to view Gmail, Google Calendar, Talk, Docs and Sites will then lose some functions.

Eventually, it warned, these web services will stop working for those sticking with older browsers. The move is part of a trend to stop the use of ageing browsers which can be insecure and not sophisticated enough to handle the latest web technologies.

Statistics on browser versions gathered by StatCounter suggest about 17% need to change in the light of Google's decision. Google made its announcement in a blogpost saying its engineers were keen to make use of the

latest capabilities in browsers, and that required support for HTML5 technology. As a result, from 1 August, Google will only support what it calls "modern browsers". By this it means the latest versions and major prior releases of Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari.

As new versions of these are released, Google will get its web services working with that and then drop support for the third-oldest version. Support in this sense means that Google will only do compatibility testing with more up-to-date browsers. It will not carry out tests with older programmes and can make no guarantees that web services will work with them.

Internet



The Cytosponge costs a fraction of traditional methods of detecting oesophageal cancer cells.—INTERNET



Champagne expert Richard Juhlin (L), Aaland government premier Viveka Eriksson (C) and auctioneer John Kapon from Acker Merrall & Condit display two champagne bottles dating from the early 1800s during an auction in Mariehamn, Finland.

World's oldest champagne auctioned for record-setting price

A bottle of Veuve Clicquot, among the world's oldest champagne, was auctioned Friday for a record-setting 30,000 euros (\$43,560) near where it was found in a shipwreck at the bottom of the Baltic Sea.

The nearly 200-year-old bottle was part of the booty from a shipwreck dating from between 1825 and 1830, and discovered last July on the sea floor near Finland's autonomous Aaland archipelago.

"This is an emotional bottle, because this is the wine of Madame Clicquot herself," Fabienne Moreau, a historian for Veuve Clicquot, told AFP, referring to Barbe-Nicole Clicquot Ponsardin, the woman who

ruled the famous house in the 19th century.

The observers, media and bidding agents packed into the auditorium in the centre of Mariehamn burst into applause as auctioneer John Kapon, the head of speciality wine auctioneer Acker Merrall & Condit, cried: "A new world record, 30,000!" as he gavelled the winning bid.

Moreau, who has sampled the historic bubbly, said the record-setting auction price "proves the value of the wine and the prestige of the house".

A bottle of champagne from the now-extinct house of Juglar, which was salvaged from the same wreck, sold for 24,000 euros in the same auction.

Baby girl born on Malabo-Madrid flight

An airline passenger gave birth to a baby girl Friday while flying to Madrid from central Africa, helped by a midwife, paediatrician and doctor who were all aboard, Iberia said.

The three-kilogram (6.6-pound) baby was born healthy after a quick delivery during an Iberia Airbus A319 flight from Malabo, capital of Equatorial Guinea, the Spanish airline said in a statement. "The birth occurred during the flight at 3.30am Spanish Time (0130 GMT), just over two hours after take-off," it said.

A midwife, paediatrician and doctor happened to be aboard and were able to help with the delivery of the girl, whose name was not known.

The flight continued without a detour. The mother, who lives in Madrid but had gone to Malabo to attend a funeral, was taken to hospital with her baby on arrival in the Spanish capital.

"It is true she was very lucky," said an Iberia spokeswoman when asked about the presence of qualified medical personnel aboard.



Undated handout photo of the Iberia Airbus A340-600.

Drunk sailor forgot his wife was at home

Swedish authorities said a drunken sailor who thought his wife had fallen overboard forgot she had never been on the boat.

Authorities said the man called emergency services Thursday morning while sailing near Kalmar and said he feared his wife had fallen from his sailboat and drowned, but rescuers soon learned the man was drunk and his wife had not been with him on the boating trip, *The Local* reported Friday.

The rescue team towed the boat, which had a broken tiller, back to shore, and police administered a breath test confirming the man was intoxicated.

The man was arrested on a charge of boating while intoxicated.

News Album

Oprah street still requires council OK

CHICAGO, 5 June—Chicago city officials say Mayor Richard Daley jumped the gun when he unveiled a street sign honoring Oprah Winfrey.

Daley declared the 100 block of North Carpenter Street "Honorary Oprah Winfrey Way" this spring and ordered the appropriate signs put up, but the *Chicago Sun-Times* said Saturday the designation has yet to be formally approved by the City Council.

The name change is actually on the council's Transportation Committee agenda for Monday along with about a dozen other honorary street designations.

A spokesman for the Chicago Department of Transportation told the newspaper the rules allow street signs for honorary designations to be installed prior to the council's formal approval.—*Internet*



Oprah Winfrey talks to the audience during the taping of "Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular" at the United Center in Chicago on 17 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Foo Fighters play favourites at MTV rehearsals

UNIVERSAL CITY, 5 June—The Foo Fighters mixed things up during their rehearsal for the MTV Movie Awards, spontaneously breaking into various classic rock songs as they rehearsed the track they'll play on Sunday's show.

Between run-throughs of their new single "Walk" at the Friday evening session, the musicians tinkered with their instruments, suddenly playing the Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again." Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl stopped and jokingly asked if they could play that song instead of their own.

Later, the group jammed out a few bars of Mr Mister's "Broken Wings" and Kiss' "Detroit Rock City."

Standing beneath a collage of crystals on a stage trimmed with grass, flowers and butterflies, Grohl said, "I think you should just let us do whatever."

Internet

Cadbury says sorry to Naomi Campbell

LONDON, 5 June—Cadbury has apologized to Naomi Campbell for a controversial ad for its Dairy Milk Bliss chocolate in which the British supermodel is mentioned.

The slogan for the ad includes the line, "Move over Naomi, there's a new diva in town."

"It's upsetting to be described as chocolate, not just for me but for all black women and black people," Campbell told the British newspaper *The Guardian*.

"I do not find any humour in this. It is insulting and hurtful."

Cadbury said in a statement issued to *The Telegraph* newspaper in England Friday it "understands that our latest advertising campaign for Cadbury Dairy Milk Bliss caused upset to Naomi Campbell and her family."

"Cadbury takes its responsibility to consumers very seriously indeed and we would

never deliberately produce any marketing material we felt might cause offense to any section of society. It was not our intention that this campaign should offend Naomi, her family or anybody else and we are sincerely sorry that it has done so," the company said.

The Telegraph said the ads have since been pulled and Campbell has accepted the company's mea culpa.—*Internet*



British model Naomi Campbell attends the "Alexander McQueen Memorial Service" at St Paul's Cathedral in London on 20 September, 2010. INTERNET



Guitarist Dave Grohl, left, and bassist Nate Mendel of the Foo Fighters perform during rehearsals for the MTV Movie Awards 2011 at the Gibson Amphitheatre, 3 June, 2011 in Universal City, Calif. The Movie Awards air live on MTV on 5 June.

INTERNET

Prandelli says Spain has helped Rossi mature

ROME, 5 June — Italy forward Giuseppe Rossi has matured as a player since moving to Spain in 2007, his international coach Cesare Prandelli believes. Rossi starred in Italy's 3-0 win over Estonia in Modena on Friday, scoring a goal and causing the Baltic nation no end of problems with his movement.

The 24-year-old has only spent half a season in Italy, with Parma on loan from Manchester

United before he moved to Villarreal, and Prandelli believes Italian teams made a mistake in overlooking him. "He's one of those players that all coaches would like to have," said Prandelli.

Internet



Italy forward Giuseppe Rossi

Toulouse edge Montpellier, bag 18th French rugby crown

PARIS, 5 June — Toulouse scrapped their way to an 18th French league crown on Saturday, justifying by a whisker their favourites' tag to edge underdogs Montpellier 15-10 at the Stade de France in the Top 14 final.

Eschewing the flair both sides had shown in making the trophy match,



Toulouse's captain and flanker Thierry Dusautoir is tackled by a Montpellier player during the French Top 14 rugby union final match at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, northern Paris.—INTERNET

Saturday's showdown was a cagey affair as Toulouse, despite dominating, had to battle back from a seven-point deficit and survive some wayward kicking from veteran David Skrele before emerging with a deserved victory.

To get so far Montpellier, who only finished sixth in the regular season, had nipped Castres 18-17 in the play-off, then edged much-vaunted Racing-Metro 26-25 in the semi-finals, while Toulouse breezed past outgoing champions Clermont in their last-four game.

On paper Toulouse should have walked it, having finished the regular campaign top of the heap while coach Guy Noves was experiencing his 11th final. — Internet

Cazorla scores twice as Spain beats US 4-0

FOXBOROUGH, 5 June — Santi Cazorla scored twice to give World Cup champion Spain a 4-0 victory over the United States on Saturday as the Americans tuned up for the Gold Cup. The victory avenged a loss in the semifinals of the 2009 Confederations Cup, when the Americans won 2-0 to snap top-ranked Spain's 35-match winning streak.

The international goals were the third and fourth for Cazorla in his career. He had not scored for Spain since a September 2009 World Cup qualifier against Estonia. Alvaro Negredo and Fernando Torres also scored for Spain, which started just six of the 11 players it began the World Cup final with last July.

Carles Puyol was recovering from knee surgery, Xavi Hernandez is resting after a grueling season for Barcelona, and Iker Casillas, Andres Iniesta and Pedro Rodriguez were on the bench for the start.

Internet



Spain's Santiago Cazorla, left, fights off the defensive pressure of the United States' Tim Ream during the first half of an international friendly soccer match in Foxborough, Mass., on Saturday afternoon.—INTERNET

Eto'o penalty miss puts Cameroon on spot

JOHANNESBURG, 5 June — Inter Milan star Samuel Eto'o fluffed a late penalty as Cameroon were held 0-0 at home by Senegal and are in danger of missing the 2012 Africa Cup of Na-



Inter Milan star Samuel Eto'o

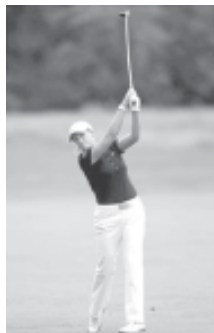
tions. Eto'o banged his 88th-minute penalty against the crossbar, reviving memories of another late missed spot kick that cost Cameroon a place at the 2006 World Cup in Germany. A point before a capacity 45,000 crowd in Yaounde kept Senegal clear at the top of Group E with 10 points followed by Cameroon (five), Democratic Republic of Congo (four) and Mauritius are pointless.— Internet

Cristie Kerr leads LPGA ShopRite Classic after 36

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, 5 June — Cristie Kerr was in the zone on the range before the second round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic and even a double bogey on the 12th hole didn't cause her to lose focus. "Yeah, I think it's maturity," the 33-year-old Kerr said Saturday after shooting a 6-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Catriona Matthew heading into the final round.

"But I recognize that you can make some birdies on the stretch coming in. It just didn't feel like a bad double. It sounds odd, but just didn't feel like I made double. So when you make a stupid mistake or something happens and you

make double, you get more mad at yourself." Kerr didn't get angry. She just made up for the mistake with three birdies on the final five holes to move within a good round of her first victory of the year and her 15th on the LPGA Tour.—Internet



Cristie Kerr

Genoa sever ties with Ballardini

ROME, 5 June — Genoa on Saturday terminated coach Davide Ballardini's contract a year early. President Enrico Preziosi announced the move on Roman radio station Radio. "Instead of having another year of contract, from today Ballardini is free," said Preziosi. "I spoke to him by telephone and thanked him for the work he did and the calmness he showed."

"But I won't divulge the reason for our separation, I don't think it would be right to do so."



Genoa on Saturday terminated coach Davide Ballardini's contract a year early.— INTERNET

Ballardini took over from Gian Piero Gasperini, who was fired in November, but lasted less than a season in the job. Genoa finished tenth in Serie A this season, 31 points behind champions AC Milan.— Internet

Pavlyuchenko treble lifts Russia top

SAINT PETERSBURG, 5 June — Russia battled back from a goal down to record a 3-1 win over Armenia in their Euro 2012 Group B qualifier here on Saturday.

English Premier League side Tottenham



Russia's Roman Pavlyuchenko (L)

striker Roman Pavlyuchenko was the hero of the match producing a classic hat-trick after midfielder Marcos Pizelli put Armenia into the lead before the break.

The win lifted Russia top of Group B with 13 points from six matches. Later on Saturday Slovakia take on minnows Andorra, while Ireland face the hosts Macedonia in the other Group B matches.

Internet

Out of gas: Allgaier wins Nationwide race

JOLIET, 5 June — With the finish line coming fast on the final lap, Justin Allgaier saw Carl Edwards' car start to wobble as it ran out of fuel. And that's when Allgaier knew he would be able to get around him. Allgaier made his move for the lead coming into the third turn and once he got by, his tank was empty, too. Somehow the momentum from having just a little bit more fuel allowed Allgaier to coast to the finish line Saturday night with Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne closing fast on both cars.

It was the only time Allgaier led all night at his hometown track, the Chicagoland Speedway. What a way to get his second career victory in the Nationwide Series, by winning the STP 300. I didn't know if we had

enough time to get by him or not," said Allgaier, a native of Riverton. "He started wiggling pretty good and I knew he must have been out, so I got a big grin on my face ear-to-ear and turned left and as soon as I got even with him, mine ran out of fuel. I had just a little bit more momentum. —Internet



NASCAR driver Justin Allgaier celebrates with his crew after he won the Inaugural STP 300, a Nationwide series race at the Chicagoland Speedway, on Saturday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



- ★ 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

Course No.10 of Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—The conclusion of Course No. 10 of the Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) took place at the educational institution in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon Region this afternoon.

In his address, Secretary of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay said that up to 2010, Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree Colleges (Yangon) and (Mandalay) had produced 1068 B.A or B.Sc degree holders and 445 Engineering Diploma



Union Minister Maj-Gen Thein Htay addresses the graduation of the Course No.10 of Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon).—MNA

holders, and they are working as civil servants in regions and states. In 2010-2011 academic year, the two colleges turned out 267 degree holders.

He stressed the importance of upholding Our Three Main National Causes as long as the world exists.

He called on the

newly-qualified youths to do their bit in building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation and work hard for development of the regions they are posted to.

The minister presented prizes and certificates of honour for Arts to Chin national Maung Lein Naing from

Kanpetlet in Chin State, for Science to Shan national Maung Kyaw Tun from Tachilek in Shan State, and for Engineering to Naga national Maung Win Min Tun from Hkamti in Sagaing Region.

He presented prizes to Kayah national Science student Maung Me Ral Cho, Palaung national

Science student Maung Aik Ngai, and Chin national Arts students Maung Than Tun Lay who stood first, second and third the whole Myanmar in Abhidhamma (Basic) examinations at three levels organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and to 17 outstanding students in Abhidhamma

(Basic) examinations and Abhidhamma (Honours) Visuddhi Magga Examination.

In 2010-2011 academic year, 38 youths from Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) got B.A Degree, 60, B.Sc Degree, and 39, AGTI Degree, totaling 137.

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