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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

HRD essential for national development
MOI honours outstanding students, provides cash assistance for students

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Ministry of Information awarded outstanding students of the employees of the ministry, provided financial assistance for students at the 39th anniversary of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the ministry here today.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony held at the ministry and presented awards, cash assistance and stationery to the students.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan stressed the need for encouragement of the ministry to promote education of their offspring regardless of difficulties and assistance of the ministry for education of the students.

He also stressed the importance of the human resource development for the development of the country, encouraging the students to become intelligentsia and to seek ways for gaining education opportunities not only at home but also abroad.

He also urged the students to use their knowledge to overcome drugs, pleasures, gambling which are hindrances to their education.

Outstanding employees of the PPE were also honoured during the anniversary celebration.

The Union minister also urged the employees to work hard to achieve more success in the 2011-12 Fiscal Year than this year's FY as the ministry laid down 12 objectives and 14 directives for the employees.

He also urged the employees to be aware of dangers of destructive elements while the country is on track to development and has possessed good foundations for the development.

Afterwards, the Union minister awarded the outstanding students and employees.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented stipends to students of staff at primary, middle, high school level and university for 2011-2012 academic year through Head of Office U Myint Htwe, Acting Director-General

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Maung Yazar Min, a five-distinction winner in matriculation examination for 2010-2011 academic year, at 39th anniversary of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise.

MNA

Seminar for Expediting e-Government Processes continues

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—The Seminar for Expediting e-Government Processes went on for the second day at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs here this morning.

Senior Adviser Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet from Myanmar Resident Representatives Office of United Nations, serving as the chairman of the meeting, touched upon requirements of more effective use and improving the e-Government system.

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Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun addresses second-day session of Seminar for Expediting e-Government Processes.

MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Do research on scientific farming

In bringing about development of agriculture and rural economy of Myanmar, most of those engaging in rural-based agriculture, fish and meat and forestry businesses are farmers who occupy 70 per cent of population of the nation.

Today, all the countries are striving for ensuring food sufficiency of global people applying bio-technology and Nano technology. In doing so, Myanmar is to conduct research on high yield seeds of crops for cultivation and production purposes with the aim of competing in the international market and producing more food.

For growing crops applying good cultivation methods, agriculturists and agricultural companies share technologies to the farmers by establishing model agricultural educative farms.

It is necessary to feed chemical fertilizers and natural fertilizers to crops on time to apply high yield quality crops and systematic cultivation methods for ensuring better quality of various crops.

Continuous researches are to be conducted for improvement of systematic cultivation methods so as to boost production of crops. Agriculturists, staff and agricultural companies shared outcomes of research to farmers at the fields, and thus, farmers are to join hands with the agriculturists so as to achieve food sufficiency due to boosting production.

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 Minister for Information and for Culture receives UNESCO project manager

***Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives UNESCO Project Manager Mr Sardar Umar Alam.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received UNESCO Project Manager Mr Sardar Umar Alam and party at the ministry here yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin and departmental heads of the Information and Culture Ministries.—*MNA*

Mohnyin stands first in matriculation examination pass rate

MOHNYIN, 15 June— Mohnyin Township stood first in matriculation examination pass rate in Kachin State with 50.47 percent. The 1843 of 3652 students who sat for the exam passed it. Among them, five students won six distinctions; 17, five distinctions; 24, two distinctions; and 264, one distinction, according to Township Education Officer Daw Khin Khin Nwe.

The No.1 Basic Education High School has won the best matriculation examination pass rate for 13 years consecutively. Its pass rate is 58.52 percent. The school's year-by-year pass rate becomes high, said schoolhead Dr Wathan Myat Thin.—*NLM001*

Yangon Region Construction Ministry staff urged to avoid misappropriation

YANGON, 15 June — Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint visited Steel Workshop and inspected preparation for major repair of Jiang (Kawkareik) Bridge on Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Myawady Road on 13 June.

At Bridge Construction Special Group (1) Office, he met the deputy superintendent engineer and officials and gave instructions.

The Union minister urged the staff of the ministry in Yangon Region to do away with misappropriation and to adhere to financial regulations.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects preparation for major repair of Jiang (Kawkareik) bridge.*—MNA**

Thabyegon Market prepares to host Nay Pyi Taw Tourism and Food Exhibition

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan inspected construction of booths and arch of Nay Pyi Taw Tourism and Food Exhibition in Thabyegon Market here today.

He gave necessary instructions to Deputy Minister U Htay Aung and responsible persons of ACE Construction Company which is undertaking the construction of booths.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan inspects construction of booths of Nay Pyi Taw Tourism and Food Exhibition.*—MNA**

Security personnel inspect the site of a bomb attack in Basra, 550 km (342 miles) south of Baghdad, on 13 June, 2011. A suicide bomber blew up an explosives-filled vehicle at the entrance to a police unit in Iraq's southern oil port of Basra on Monday, killing five people and wounding 15, police and officials said.—INTERNET

Bombs kill 11; shell misses Afghan vice president

MAIDAN SHAR, 15 June—Suicide bombings near an Afghan governor's office and an administrative building killed 11 people Wednesday, while a mortar shell narrowly missed one of the country's vice presidents at a police training centre outside the capital. Attacks by Taleban-led insurgents are increasingly killing, wounding or narrowly missing senior Afghan government and NATO officials.

In the northeast, a suicide bomber exploded about 220 yards (200 metres) from the office of Governor Azizul Rahman Tawab, killing four police officers and four civilians, said provincial spokesman Halim Ayar.

Another suicide bomber killed three civilians, including a 13-year-old boy, in an attack against an administrative building in Paktia province, a restive area of eastern Afghanistan.

The mortar strike in central Wardak province, near the capital of Kabul, did not cause casualties, but it crashed down just next to a building where Afghanistan's second vice president, Mohammed Karim Khalili, and Interior Minister Bismullah Khan Mohammadi where attending a police ceremony along with NATO officials.

A NATO service member died Wednesday in a bomb attack in southern Afghanistan, the coalition announced. Twenty-eight international service members have died in Afghanistan so far in June. A total of 234 have been killed this year. —*Internet*

Afghan police officers react as some duck for cover after a mortar hit the compound of the National Police Training Center during an inauguration ceremony in central Wardak province, Afghanistan, on 15 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Explosion rocks Afghan town in central east region

MAIDAN SHAR, 15 June—Explosion rocked Afghan town in Wardak Province on Wednesday, casualties feared, an official said.

The blast happened in a gathering attended by Vice President Mohammad Karim Khalili and Interior Minister Bismillah Mohammadi in provincial capital Maidan Shar, the official told *Xinhua* but declined to give his name, saying authorized officials would talk to media.

Xinhua

A police officer takes in the damage at the scene of a bombing in the northern Iraqi City of Kirkuk.
INTERNET

Blast hits police battalion in southern Iraq, killing five

BASRA, 15 June—Five people were killed and dozens more were injured after a car bomb targeted a police battalion in southern Iraq's Basra Province, the local *Aswat al-Iraq* news agency reported.

The vehicle loaded with explosives was detonated by a suicide bomber who was said to be targeting a Police Emergency battalion belonging to the Interior Ministry's Inspector-General in the port-city of Basra.

Three of the fatalities and most of the 29 injured were law enforcement agents with the Police Emergency battalion. Basra city is located approximately 590 kilometres (366.6 miles) to the south of Baghdad.

Monday's attack was the latest in a series of attacks against police officers in Iraq. In early June, the Presidential Palace compound in Tikrit was the target of two separate attacks. The first took place at the compound's al-Farouq mosque after a suicide bomber blew himself up.—*Internet*

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 15 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 15 June reached 706197 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1279292, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	706197
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1279292

Internet

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

KABUL, 15 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 33969 Afghan people were killed and 41508 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 15 June.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33969
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41508

Internet

American found among mass graves victims in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 15 June—An American was found among the 193 corpses recovered in April in mass graves in Mexico near the US border, a US official said Tuesday.

Mexican authorities identified the remains of an American in San Fernando, a town 85 miles (137 kilo-metres) from the border with Brownsville, Texas, and alerted the US State Department, said a State Department official who declined to be named because he was not authorized to speak on the record.

The official did not identify the victim because the family has not authorized it.

Mexican officials said many of the victims buried in the mass graves in San Fernando were mi-grants heading to the US who were kidnapped off pass-engers buses, killed and buried by the Zetas drug cartel.

The US consulate in Matamoros, across the border from Browns-ville, released a message when the graves were being unearthed saying the consulate had received three reports from US citizens or their families regarding buses being boarded by criminals.

"In at least one instance, male bus passengers, including an American citizen, were forcibly removed from those buses and have yet to be located," the message said.

It is not known whether the US citizen the consulate reported missing was the one found in one of the 47 pits excavated.

Internet

An Afghan woman clad in burqa begs with her children near a newly constructed building in Kabul on 14 June, 2011.
INTERNET

A wounded Afghan man receives treatment at a hospital after a suicide attack in Kunduz on 10 June, 2011.
INTERNET

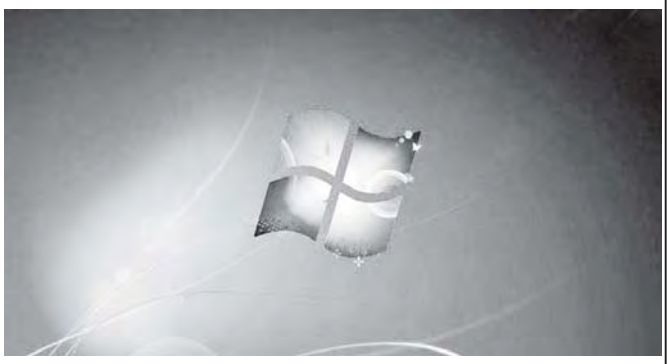
Technology

How to make Windows faster

One of the greatest things about buying a new Windows computer is turning it on for the first time and being amazed at just how fast it is. It starts up quickly, and when you click to open a programme, it pops up nearly instantaneously. You can run multiple programmes and keep a dozen web browser tabs open, and it still runs quickly — and it even shuts down in a matter of seconds!

But then... your new computer starts to slow down. First, it takes a little longer to boot up, but gradually the entire system grows sluggish, and eventually it gets to the stage where you have time to make a cup of coffee while your web browser loads. Your once-snappy computer has become old.

Fortunately, by performing a few simple tasks, you can speed it back up again. You may not get it back to its good-as-new speed — and even if you do, as the state of the art marches forward, it will still seem a little slow compared to newer and more powerful equipment — but you can definitely squeeze a few more months (or even years) out of it.



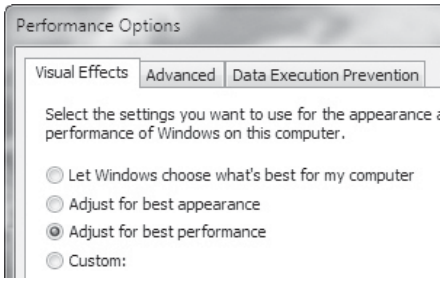
Before we start

For the most part, making the current versions of Windows (especially Vista and Win7) faster will require you to disable some features. In most cases, you won't even notice these features are gone, but you should still proceed with caution. If your computer is really, really slow, it's probably better to get a handyman in to fix it — or maybe consider it time to upgrade your entire system.

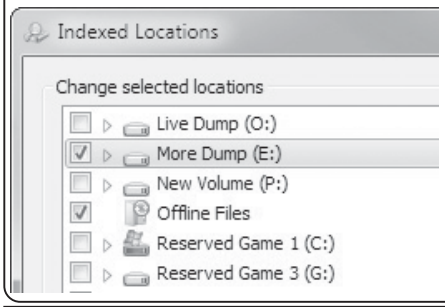
First steps

To begin with, your best bet is to disable the Windows eye candy. After all, what good is a pretty interface if it's unusably slow?

Click the Start (Flag) button, right click Computer, and select Properties. Click "Advanced system settings" and then, underneath the Performance section, click the Settings button. Select the "Adjust for best performance" radio button and click OK.



Click OK again and you're done. This will make Windows look rather plain — a lot like Windows 98, in fact — but it should make your computer feel a lot faster, too.



Next, we're going to disable indexing, a feature that speeds up Windows' Search functionality. If you regularly use search to find documents and photos on your hard drive, you probably want to skip this step, however. Click the Start (Flag) button, type "indexing options" and then press Enter. Click Modify, and you'll be shown a list of locations that are indexed by your computer. Remove the check mark from all of the boxes and click OK.

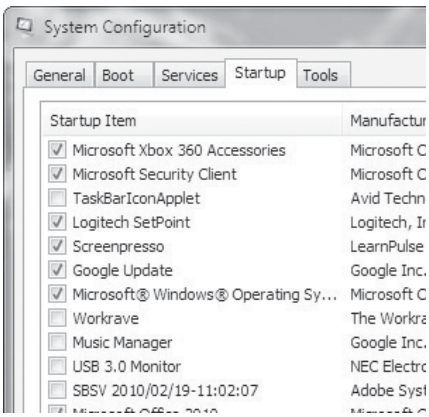
Aggressive action

With those easy steps out of the way, you should now defragment and clean up your hard drive. After that, clear your computer of malware. These processes can take up to a few hours and may require that you stop using your computer while they run, but you can set them up before you go to bed and let them run overnight.

If you use a laptop or netbook, you can opt to squeeze a bit more performance out of your computer at the expense of shorter battery life; if you work with your laptop plugged in, you need not worry. Click the Start (Flag) button, type ''power options'' and press Enter. On the next screen, select the ''High performance'' radio button. Desktop users can also enable ''High performance,'' but the performance boost will probably be less dramatic. You can also customize your power plan to change behaviors based on whether your computer is operating on AC or battery power; we'll cover doing that another time.

Finishing touch

Finally, we're going to disable programmes that automatically run when your computer starts. This can be a little dangerous, but it's also one of the best ways to speed up your computer — so proceed with caution!



Click the Start (Flag) button, type "mscon-fig" and press Enter. Click the Startup tab and you will see a (probably huge) list of programmes that load when you start your computer up. Now... the trick is to disable as many nonimportant programmes as possible. The problem is, there's no hard-and-fast way to work out which programmes are non-essential. Basically, if it sounds important, don't disable it. If the programme has "monitor" in the name or "updater", you can go ahead and disable it. If there's anything you don't recognize, go ahead and disable that too. If you're unsure, you can type the name of the programme into Google — you'll be surprised at the wealth of information that you can find, even about the most esoteric of Startup items. When you're done, click OK. The next time you turn on or reboot your computer, it should boot up a lot faster.—*Internet*

Google agrees to buy on-line ad firm Admeld

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 June—Google on Monday confirmed that it had signed an agreement to buy Admeld, an on-line advertising optimization firm, in a deal seen as the Internet search giant's latest move to bolster its on-line display ad business.

Admeld, launched in 2007 and headquartered in New York City, has developed a service that can help on-line publishers manage their ad space more efficiently and profitably.

Admeld now has more than 500 customers worldwide, among them are FOX News, IDG TechNetwork, Discovery and The Weather Channel, according to information posted on its website. "By combining Admeld's services, expertise and technology with Google's offerings, we're investing in what we hope will be an improved era of flexible ad management tools for major publishers," Neal Mohan, Google's vice president of display advertising, said in a blog post announcing the deal. ''We believe that this investment will be an important step to help on-line publishers, and will further improve and grow the display advertising industry as a whole,'' Mohan noted.

ADMELD

Google

On-line display ads usually appear in forms that consist of images and may be interactive. According to the Interactive Advertising Bureau, a US trade association, display-related on-line ad revenue in the United States totaled nearly 10 billion US dollars in 2010.

Xinhua

Health

Japan's ageing pets spark elderly care boom

TOKYO, 15 June— Pets are said to be like their owners, and in fast-ageing Japan a generation of greying pooches and tabbies has sparked a boom in elderly care for the four-legged friends.

Better pet food and veterinary services have allowed dogs and cats to live longer, spawning an industry that ranges from animal diapers and walking aids to 24-hour emergency care and research into pet tissue-engineering. The market is huge. Japanese keep 22 million dogs and cats, according to the latest data from the Japan Pet Food Association — outnumbering children aged under 15 by about 30 percent.

Japan's population has been declining since 2007 and the country is greying, with one of the world's lowest birth rates and highest life expectancies. Children under 15 now make up just 13 percent of the population while almost one quarter of Japanese are 65 or older, according to recent demographic data. Japan's pet business, including retail sales of the animals themselves and food and other products, is worth about 1.37 trillion yen (17 billion dollars) a year, according to the Yano Research Institute.

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INTERNET

Many owners say they want to take care of their beloved pets until the very end rather than opt for euthanasia.

"Do you put an end to a family member's life because you are inconvenienced?" asked Michiko Ozawa, 67, recounting how she nursed her dog, a mongrel named Shiro, as he became senile and finally died. After more than a decade together, she opted against having 17-year-old Shiro put down, even though he had lost his vision and started walking in circles and dropping onto his backside rather than walk.—*Internet*

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INTERNET

TV-watching boosts heart, diabetes, death risks

WASHINGTON, 15 June— A review of published studies in the past 40 years has shown a higher risk of diabetes, heart problems and early death among people who watch lots of television, US researchers said Tuesday.

The results of the meta-analysis performed by scientists at the Harvard School of Public Health are published in the 15 June issue of the Journal of the *American Medical Association*.

More than two hours per day of TV-watching boosted risk of type two diabetes and heart disease, while more than three hours a day increased a person's risk of dying prematurely.

Each two-hour increment in viewing per day was linked to a 20 percent higher risk for type two diabetes; a 15 percent increased risk for fatal or nonfatal cardiovascular disease; and a 13 percent higher risk for all-cause mortality.

"While the associations between time spent viewing TV and risk of type two diabetes and cardiovascular disease were linear, the risk of all-cause mortality appeared to increase with TV viewing duration of greater than three hours per day," the study said.

The habit of plunking oneself down in front of the television and watching for hours makes up about five hours of daily activity on average in the United States, but is also a prevalent practice around the world.

In Europe, people spend about 40 percent of their daily free time — or three hours — in front of the tube, and in Australia the average is 50 percent of daily free time or four hours, the study said.—*Internet*

Business

Eurozone finance ministers fail to agree on new aid for Greece

BRUSSELS, 15 June— Finance ministers of eurozone countries failed to agree on a new financing plan for Greece at an emergency meeting Tuesday, fighting over the degree of private sector involvement in additional rescue for Athens.

"There has been no result," German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble told reporters after talks in Brussels which ended late Tuesday.

The emergency meeting of eurozone finance ministers had been called to build consensus on the degree of private sector involvement in the new rescue plan for debt-laden Greece.

Germany, Europe's paymaster, has insisted on significant involvement of private bondholders if further aid to Greece has to be delivered.

Schaeuble said last week that the holders of Greek debt should be forced to extend the maturities of their debt by seven years to prevent bankruptcy, a move credit rating agencies said may amount to a default.

Germany's position was backed by The Netherlands.

The European Central Bank (ECB), however, warned that any forced involvement of private bondholders would create chaos in the financial markets. Instead, the ECB, supported by the European Commission and France, is pushing for a plan under which bondholders voluntarily agree to buy new Greek bonds to replace maturing debts, thus giving Greece longer periods to pay back.

Xinhua

(L-R) European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs Olli Rehn, German finance minister Wolfgang Schaeuble, Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, Finish Finance Minister Jyrki Katainen and French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde have a talk prior to an extraordinary Eurogroup Ministers meeting on the Greek problem at the EU Council headquarters in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 14 June, 2011. —XINHUA

Ecuador, Turkey begin talks on trade agreement

QUITO, 15 June — Ecuador and Turkey on Tuesday began the first round of negotiations for a trade development agreement.

The negotiations started in the Turkish Capital of Ankara, and talks were held between delegations of both countries, Ecuador's Foreign Ministry said in a statement. Ecuador intended to reach an agreement with favourable conditions for both sides as early as this year, Ecuador's chief negotiator Mentor Villagomez said.

"We encourage the agreement in order to boost bilateral exchange, for which there is great potential," Villagomez said in a statement.

Ecuador and Turkey first broached the subject in 2010 and decided to start formal negotiations that could in the medium term lead to a trade agreement between both countries. Ecuador wanted to open new markets and diversify exports to reduce its trade deficit. Ecuador's Central Bank recently reported that the country's trade deficit in 2010 was 1.46 billion US dollars, which accounted for 12 to 13 percent of Ecuador's gross domestic product.—*Xinhua*

Emerging markets to redefine global economy by 2025

JAKARTA, 15 June—Six major emerging economies of Indonesia, Brazil, China, India, South Korea and Russia will account for more than half of all global growth by 2025, a World Bank's official said here on Wednesday.

Mansoor Dailami, manager of emerging trend at the World Bank, said that these emerging economies will grow on average by 4.7 percent a year between 2011 and 2025. "On the other hand, advanced economies are forecast to grow by only 2.3 percent over the same period, but will remain prominent in global economy," said Dailami in a seminar here. He said that the projected changes in the global economy are likely to be positive for developing countries. "However, a key question is whether existing multilateral norms and institutions can accommodate the passage toward multi polarity, " he said.—*Xinhua*

High brain waves linked to better memory recall

WASHINGTON, 15 June—An Indian-origin scientist and his team have explained why our brains recall past things better at some times than at others.

"It's been assumed that the process of retrieving a memory is cued by an external stimulus. But we found that the levels of brain activity before items came up were correlated with memory," said Charan Ranganath, professor at the UC Davis Centre for Neuroscience and Department of Psychology.

Ranganath and his team including graduate students Richard Addante and Andrew Watrous, Andrew Yonelinas-professor of psychology at the UC Davis Centre for Mind and Brain, and Arne Ekstrom-assistant professor of psychology at the Centre for Neuroscience, measured a particular frequency of brainwaves called theta oscillations in the brains of volunteers during a memory test.

Theta waves are associated with a brain that is actively monitoring something, Ranganath said.

In the memory test, the volunteers had to memorize a series of words with a related context.

They later had to recall whether they had seen the word previously and the context in which the word was seen.

High theta waves immediately before being prompted to remember an item were associated with better performance.

The work goes against the assumption that the brain is waiting to react to the external world, noted Ranganath.

In fact, most of the brain is busy with internal activity that is not related to the outside world – and when external stimuli come in, they interact with these spontaneous patterns of activity.

The study was published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences,* on 13 June.

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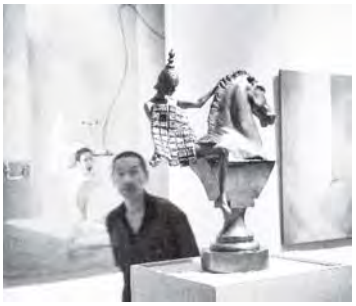


A visitor watches works of contemporary Hungarian art at an exhibition in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 June, 2011. The Hungarian contemporary art exhibition opened Tuesday in Beijing, displaying 303 works by 33 Hungarian contemporary artists, including oil paintings, pen drawings, sculptures, textile, enamelware , and so on.
XINHUA

Britain becoming increasingly lonely place for its people

LONDON, 15 June—A research has shown that Britain is becoming an increasingly lonely place for many people.

According to Opinium Research, the demands of modern life have led Britons to feel miserable, as they are unable to see family members on a regular basis.

Feelings of loneliness are now affecting their health – they are feeling isolated, depressed, anxious and sad.

Mental health experts have warned that the younger generation is most at risk.

Of those who said they were lonely, the biggest group was under 30 – 23 percent compared with a national average of 15 percent.

This is despite social networking sites like Facebook.

"People who feel lonely should not feel uncomfortable talking about it or asking for help," the *Daily Express* quoted Dr Andrew McCulloch, of the Mental Health Foundation, as saying.—*Internet*

'Superfruit' Himalayan berry helps boost brain, fight obesity and ageism

LONDON, 15 June—The sea buckthorn berry, which is grown in the Himalayan moun-tains, has hit shop shelves as a new superfruit to rival broccoli, apples and blueberries.

The berry, which contains vitamins A, B1, B2, E and up to 10 times the amount of Vitamin C found in oranges, is said to boost the brain function.

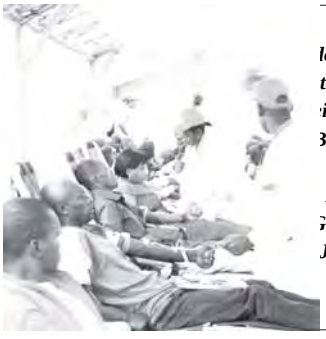
Antioxidants in the berries also help to fight obesity, teeth problems, acne, ageism, poor digestion and constipation. It is also said to keep the heart healthy. Aside from the berry, the leaves and stem can be used to treat skin diseases.

Known to be the healthiest berries available, it is already a huge hit in the US where it has been hailed as a slimming aid.

It is now available in the UK as the drink Pep.

"The grocery trade has been asking us to innovate. This ingredient is new to the UK market," the *Daily Express* quoted Simon Hardy, of Drinks Brokers, as saying.

Tony Ferguson of food product manufacturers The Ingredients Consultancy, said: "You can, perhaps, classify sea buckthorn as a new superfruit."—*Internet*



People donate blood to mark the Eighth World Blood Donor Day in Libreville, Gabon, on 14 June, 2011.
XINHUA

***The Wallow Fire continues to burn on 13 June, 2011 in Eager, Ariz.—*INTERNET**

Type 2 diabetes ups risk of recurrent stroke and heart problems

WASHINGTON, 15 June—In a new study, type 2 diabetes was found associated with an increased risk of recurrent stroke or cardiovascular events among patients who have had an ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA).

"Type 2 diabetes mellitus is associated with increased risks of both stroke and coronary heart disease (CHD)," said the study authors.

To come to the conclusion, Alfred Callahan from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and colleagues evaluated the risk of recurrent stroke or cardiovascular events in patients with type 2 diabetes or metabolic syndrome MetS.

In total, the study included 4,731 participants who had experienced an ischemic stroke or TIA.

The researchers classified 794 individuals as having type 2 diabetes, 642 as having MetS and the remaining 3,295 as having neither condition.

Patients with type 2 diabetes were more likely than those in the control group to experience another stroke, major cardiovascular incident, or revascularization procedure.

Those in the MetS group were not at increased risk of stroke or major cardiovascular events, but were more likely than those in the control group to undergo revascularization procedures.—*Internet*

Come 2050, you can play golf in fully transparent plane in open skies!

LONDON, 15 June—Airbus has unveiled a futuristic concept for a transparent plane that may be everyday air transport in 2050.

With its see-through aircraft cabin, passengers of the future will get a window on the world as they fly through the sky. They will be able to see everything to the sides and in front of them. The concept cabin unveiled at the Royal Observatory in Green-wich, London, would be a bionic structure that 'mimics' the efficiency of the bird bone, claimed the company.

It would provide strength where needed, and also allows for an intelligent' cabin wall membrane, which controls air temperature and can become trans-parent to give passengers open, panoramic views. The company believes that mid-century pas-sengers might be able to enjoy a game of virtual golf or take part in interactive conferences, while the cabin 'identifies and responds' to travellers' needs. In the 'interactive zone' there are virtual pop-up projections taking passengers to whichever social scene they want to be in, from holographic gaming to virtual changing rooms for active shoppers. The 'smart tech zone' is tailored towards the more functional-orientated passenger with what Airbus describes as 'a chameleon-style offering.'

It aims to meet individual needs ranging from a simple to a complete luxury service, but all allowing 'you to continue life as if on the ground'.

"Our research shows that passengers of 2050 will expect a seamless travel experience while also caring for the environment," the *Daily Mail* quoted Airbus engineering executive vice-president Charles Champion as saying.—*Internet*

***The image unveiled by Airbus on 14 June shows the "play zone" of the new concept cabin of the company.—*XINHUA**

First mother-daughter womb transplant planned

A pregnant woman in southern France. The world's first mother-daughter uterus transplant could take place next year in Sweden, according the head of an international research team in the western Swedish City of Gothenburg said Tuesday.—INTERNET

STOCKHOLM, 15 June—The world's first mother-daughter uterus transplant could take place next year in Sweden, the head of an international research team in the western Swedish city of Gothenburg said Tuesday.

"We have reached a stage where we have started to plan for a human transplant and we are investigating 10 pairs, most of those are mother and daughters," Mats Braenstroem told *AFP*, adding the first of such transplants could take place "hopefully at the beginning of next year."

He added that transplanting a womb from a woman to her daughter would be a world first, although a uterus transplant between two unrelated women took place in Saudi Arabia in 2002.

His international team of doctors at the Sahlgrenska University Hospital has been researching the subject for a decade and has tested it on animals, he said, explaining there were no particular complications in transplanting a womb from mother to daughter.

"There can just be an advantage because they are more similar in their tissues so there could be less rejection in that situation," he said.

Internet

Laos elects new state president, PM, NA chairperson

VIENTIANE, 15 June—The National Assembly (NA) of Laos on Wednesday elected General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Choummaly Sayasone state president, and member of the party's Political Bureau Thongsing Thammavong prime minister.

At the First Session of the seventh Lao NA, which opened on Wednesday morning in the Lao capital of Vientiane, delegates also elected the bureau's member Pany Yathotu President of the seventh tenure NA.

The delegates elected a vice state president, four deputy prime ministers and two vice presidents of NA. They approved the structure of the Lao government, which includes 18 ministries and three agencies equivalent to ministries, and elected the NA's ten-member standing committee.

During the session which will last until 24 June, the 132-member assembly is to discuss issues on the NA's apparatus, its directions and duties in the seventh tenure, and the performance of the government and judicial bodies.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Good sleepers have better life quality, less depression

WASHINGTON, 15 June—Getting six to nine hours of sleep per night is associated with higher ratings for quality of life and lower ratings for depression, suggests a research abstract that was presented Tuesday at SLEEP 2011, the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies LLC in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Results show that people with a "normal" sleep duration of six to nine hours per night had higher self-reported scores for quality of life and lower scores for depression severity compared to short and long sleepers.

These differences were statistically significant in all comparisons. Among patients who reported having perfect health, there was a higher percentage of normal sleepers, who also had significantly lower scores for depression severity compared with short and long sleepers with perfect health.

"These results are important because they provide more information about the importance of getting enough sleep, which is usually six to nine hours per night," said principal investigator Charles Bae, neurologist at the Cleveland Clinic Sleep Disorders Centre in Ohio.—*Xinhua*

New Zealand's Mount Taranaki has a warm glow lighting the snow peak as an ash cloud from a Chilean volcano drifts across the Pacific, on 12 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Visitors look inside a Ford SUV displayed at the Shanghai Auto Show in Shanghai in April 2011. INTERNET

Recharged Ford sets sights on Asia

DETROIT, 15 June—With its turnaround in North America essentially finished, Ford Motor Co is looking to the next act in its comeback by building its business in Asia's emerging markets.

Ford plans to grow global sales by 50 percent over the next four years with a strong push into markets such as China and India, chief executive officer Alan Mulally said last week.

"We are rapidly making the transition from fixing the fundamentals of our business to delivering profitable growth in all of our operations," Mulally said in the company's recent annual report.

"To do this, we are investing in an unprecedented amount of new products and technology worldwide."

Ford's plans to target growing demand in emerging markets makes sense, said Jesse Toprak, an analyst with TrueCar.com. "Eighty percent of all growth will occur outside of North America. So it's smart to target growth in these markets," he told *AFP*.

Ford, which was the only major US automaker to survive the 2008 downturn without resorting to a government bailout and bankruptcy, has also profited from the troubles at General Motors and Chrysler.

Ford's rating was downgraded to junk status after it essentially mortgaged all its assets to fund a massive restructuring, but the number two US automaker has been able to revitalize its lineup and business practices much more rapidly than its Detroit rivals.—*Internet*

Asian markets down amid rate hike expectations

BANGKOK, 15 June—Asian stock markets mostly fell Wednesday as investors anticipated rate hikes by central banks in India and China to contain stubbornly high inflation.

Oil prices hovered above $99 a barrel after a report showed US crude inventories fell more than expected, suggesting demand may be improving. The dollar was lower against the yen but up against the euro.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average rose 0.1 percent to 9,561.30. Honda Motor Corp gained 1.3 percent a day after the company announced that vehicle production in Japan is expected to be back at nearly normal levels by later this month and, outside of Japan, by August or September.

Japanese manufacturing was disrupted by a huge earthquake and tsunami on 11 March but analysts say the recovery at Honda and other Japanese automakers has been remarkable.

Other markets fell amid expectations that China's central bank will go ahead with at least one more interest rate hike this month or next.

China's May's inflation rate of 5.5 percent was the highest since July 2008. Beijing has made taming price increases a priority but its measures could also slow growth in the world's second-largest economy.

Inflation is also buffeting India's economy, the third largest in Asia. The Reserve Bank of India, which has raised key policy rates nine times since March 2010 in an effort to tame inflation, is expected to raise rates again at a monetary policy review Thursday.

Internet

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 14 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addresses 39th anniversary of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise.—MNA

HRD essential for national…

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U Thein Aung of Myanma Radio and Television, Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Zaw Min Oo of News and Periodicals Enterprise and Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise.

Deputy Minister U Soe Win presented good public service medal to the staff for 2010-2011 and model factory award to the manager of Nay Pyi Taw Printing Plant.

Managing Director U Ye Tint of PPE gave awards for factories to the factory managers, uniforms for staff of PPE to Deputy General Manager (Admin) U Maung Win and cash for staff welfare to Deputy Director U Aung Kyaw Oo of Press Scrutiny and Registration Division.

Acting Director-General U Thein Aung of MRTV, IPRD Director-General U Ye Htut, NPE Managing Director U Zaw Min Oo and MMPE Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint awarded outstanding staff from six branches of PPE, Nay Pyi Taw Printing Plant, Upper Myanmar Government Press, Photolitho Press, Aung San Press, Sarpay Beikman Press, GTC Press and Central Press and outstanding staff for agriculture.

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win presents good public service medal to a staff.—MNA

Today's ceremony, awards for outstanding students of staff of the Ministry of Information, stipends, cash assistance and stipends for outstanding students of PPE, cash for staff welfare, good public service medal winners, model factory winners and awards for agriculture on a manageable scale amounted to K 14,861,000.

MNA

Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut awards an outstanding staff.

MNA

Seminar for Expediting e-Government…

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The attendees grouped into 10 and sought approaches to overcome challenges on e-Government, and submitted their outcomes.

At the afternoon session, Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet assessed the reports.

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint presented conditions of e-Government processes around the world, and called for prioritizing and scaling up e-Government processes.

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun expressed thanks for all-round discussions, urging the scholars to try to achieve the goal and enrich public knowledge of e-Government system.

Chairman of the International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats Mr Datuk Mohd Noor Amin and Ms Cherie Tseng of national Trust Council, IDA, Singapore, shared their experiences with the attendees.

Managing Director of Alpha Info-Tech (Mandalay) U Ye Myat Thu presented Myanmar's technical experiences.

MNA

Bangladeshi Ambassador calls on President, Vice-Presidents of RUMFCCI

YANGON, 15 June— President of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin received Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma, mdc, psc at the office of RUMFCCI here on 3 June.

Both sides discussed bilateral trading, promotion of investments between the two countries, and holding commerce discussions among entrepreneurs of both countries.—*MNA*

RUMFCCI President U Win Aung receives Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma.—MNA

Union Minister for BA & MID receives Daewoo CEO

Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanma Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay receives CEO & Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation Mr. Dong Hee Lee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanma Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay received CEO & Chairman of Daewoo International Coporation Mr.Dong Hee Lee at the ministry here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers for Myanma Industrial Development U Han Sein and U Chan Maung and officials of Myanma Industrial Development Ministry.

MNA

Union Sports Minister encourages selected Myanmar sportspersons

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan this morning went to Nay Pyi Taw City Hall where selected Myanmar cyclists were in training for XXVI SEA Games.

At Paunglaung Sportground in Pyinmana, the Union Minister encouraged athletes competing in record-setting race and presented prizes to winners.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and President U Tha Htay of Myanmar Cycling Federation also presented prizes.

Afterwards, the Union Minister encouraged tentatively selected players from Myanmar Volleyball Federation and Myanmar Badminton Federation.

The Union Minister later viewed Ngalite Dam set for hosting rowing contests in XXVII SEA Games.

MNA

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan encourages selected Myanmar cyclists in training for XXVI SEA Games.—MNA

Mohnyin establishes advanced farming production society

MOHNYIN, 15 June—As part of efforts to form the farming production society based on 500 acres of farmlands in accord with the instruction of the Kachin State Chief Minister, a total of 71 farmers established the advanced farming production society gathering 500 acres in Mohnyin Township on 5 June.

In line with the directives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the farmers plan to grow Hsin-ayekari-3 paddy strain on 500 acres of farmlands so as to produce 100 baskets of paddy per acre. A responsible person of the society said that they submitted requirements of fuel for power-tillers and threshers, fertilizers and agricultural loans to Kachin State Government.

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives Ambassadors of South Africa, India

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received a delegation led by Thailand-based Ambassador of South Africa to Myanmar Mr Douglas Harvey Monroe Gibson, at the ministry, here, at 2 pm today.

They dicussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and South Africa.

Likewise, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri called on the Union Minister, at the same venue at 3 pm today. At the call, both sides cordially discussed promotion of mutual relations and mutual interests between the two countries.

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Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Thailand-based Ambassador of South Africa to Myanmar Mr Douglas Harvey Monroe Gibson.—MNA

Union Commerce Minister receives South African Ambassador

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Thailand-based South African Ambassador Mr Douglas Harvey Monroe Gibson.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Thailand-based South African Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Douglas Harvey Monroe Gibson and party called on Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint at the Minister's office here this afternoon. At the call, they held discussion on trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, departmental heads and officials from Directorate of Trade and Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Ayeyawady Region retains highest pass rate in matriculation exam

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June— A ceremony to honour teachers in Kyaungywa Village Basic Education High School in Maubin Township, which plucked the highest pass rate in Ayeyawady Region, as well as students who passed in the matriculation exam last year with flying colours took place at the school on 13 June morning.

On the occasion, the headmaster handed over the highest pass rate shield presented by the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister to Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt.

Afterwards, the Union Minister honoured the efficient teachers of the school including the headmaster, and three students with three distinctions each.

`The Union Minister and wife then donated school uniforms and exercise books 875 students studying in the school.

MNA

Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt presents prize to a three-distinction winning student.

MNA

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to Her Majesty Elizabeth II

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—U Kyaw Myo Htut, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, presented his Credentials to Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the faith, on 2 June 2011 at the Buckingham Palace.—*MNA*

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to French President

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—U Kyaw Zwar Minn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the French Republic, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic, on 6 June 2011 in Paris.—*MNA*

Central Bank of Myanmar Governor meets DIR Executive Director

***Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein receives Executive Director Mr Ryota Sugishita and party of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd of Japan.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—U Than Nyein, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue met a delegation led by Executive Director Mr Ryota Sugishita of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd of Japan at the hall of CBM, here, this morning.

They discussed mutual cooperation between the two nations.—*MNA*

Seventeen apply for formation of People Democracy Party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Applications are being submitted to the Union Election Commission for formation of political parties.

On 13 June, 17 including Dr Than Htike Oo applied for formation of the People Democracy Party.

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*

Two dead, several feared trapped after building collapses in Nairobi

NAIROBI, 15 June—At least two people were killed and several others are feared trapped after a building under construction collapsed in a suburb of Nairobi, the capital and largest city of Kenya, officials said on Tuesday.

The six-storey building along North Airport Road in Embakasi Constituency, which consists of the eastern and southeastern suburbs of Nairobi, collapsed at around 11 am local time. It is situated next to the Kenya Builders Company.

"So far, two people have lost their lives while six others were rescued from the collapsed building and taken to Kenyatta National Hospital," a spokesper-son for the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) said. "There are fears that more people could still be trapped in the building."

The relief agency said its personnel remains on the site and is working with others to coordinate the rescue and evacuation efforts. A photo from the scene showed hundreds of onlookers as rescue efforts continued.

The cause of the collapse was not immediately known.

Internet

***Rescuers work at the site of a collapsed building in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on 14 June, 2011. A six-storey building under construction in Nairobi collapsed on Tuesday, killing at least two people and leaving 14 missing, officials said.*—XINHUA**

Australian pilot killed after blimp bursts into flames, crashes in Germany

BERLIN, 15 June—A Goodyear blimp burst into flames Sunday evening in the western region of Germany, killing the pilot, while three passengers were able to survive the accident, local media reported.

Spiegel Online reported that fires broke out in both engines of the blimp as it was attempting to land in the town of Reichelsheim, in the district of Wetteraukreis, which is located in Hesse. The airship was being operated by tire company Goodyear.

It was not immed-iately clear what caused the accident, but German authorities have launch-ed an investigation to determine the cause.

In May 1937, the German passenger airship the LZ 129 Hindenburg caught fire and crashed while attempting to dock at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey. Of the 97 people on board, 35 died. One person on the ground was also killed.

Internet

An airship crashed in Germany and caught fire on 12 June, killing the pilot. The DAPD news agency reported that police said the aircraft's three passengers were able to escape unharmed from the accident Sunday evening near Reichelsheim, outside Frankfurt. —XINHUA

Photo illustration of a Minke whale. Japanese whale hunters have found traces of radioactive caesium in two of the ocean giants recently harpooned off its shores in the Pacific Ocean, a fisheries agency official said Wednesday.—INTERNET

Japan finds radiation traces in whales

TOKYO, 15 June— Japanese whale hunters have found traces of radioactive caesium in two of the ocean giants recently harpooned off its shores in the Pacific Ocean, a fisheries agency official said Wednesday.

Two minke whales culled off the northern island of Hokkaido showed readings of 31 becquerels and 24.3 becquerels of caesium per kilogramme, he said, adding that the cause may be the accident at the Fukushima nuclear plant.

The level is far below the country's recently-set maximum safe limit for seafood of 500 becquerels per kilogramme, he said.

"There is no data available to compare whether the readings for radioactive materials are higher than normal," he said.

"We will continue to monitor the development, as we do for all seafood and marine life" that is caught off the Pacific coast, he said.

The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant has leaked radioactive water into the Pacific since it was battered by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami, which disabled cooling systems, triggering reactor melt-downs and explosions.

The Japanese public and some marine life experts have voiced fears that radioactive material in the sea can concentrate among large marine creatures at the top of the food chain that live for a long time.

The government has banned fishing in areas near the crippled nuclear plant, and local governments and fishing cooperatives are conducting regular radiation screenings of seafood along the Pacific coast.

Japan hunts whales under a loophole to an international moratorium that allows killing the sea mammals for "scientific research".

Japan also argues that whaling is an integral part of the island-nation's culture, and whale meat is sold openly in shops and restaurants.

Internet

US man trapped in Russia for 77 yrs speaks English again after stroke

LONDON, 15 June— An American man who was trapped in the Soviet Union 77 years ago - and was forced to learn the Russian language to survive his epic Communist ordeal - has again started speaking in his native English after suffering a stroke.

Kenneth Edwards, now 95, recently suffered a stroke, which left him unable to communicate with his Russian family and children.

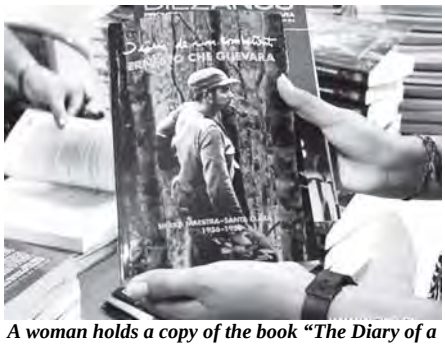
"I am having to learn Russian all over again," the *Daily Mail* quoted him as saying in a halting American accent.

"I say something in Russian to him, and he replies only in English," said his wife Zoya, 79. "I only understand what he wants to say by his intonation."

Edwards rarely used English after his idealistic left-wing father Willard moved his family from Alabama to the USSR in 1934.

His return to speaking English instead of his word perfect Russian has stunned local doctors.

In 1992, when he had a reunion in Moscow with his younger sister Marjorie, he had trouble speaking to her because he had forgotten much of his English. He had told her: "I have a Russian wife and Russian children. I speak only in Russian. I think only in Russian."—*Internet*



A woman holds a copy of the book "The Diary of a Fighter, Ernesto Che Guevara", during its presentation in Havana, capital of Cuba, on 14 June, 2011. —XINHUA

German E coli outbreak claims first child victim

BERLIN, 15 June— Germany's E coli outbreak claimed its first child fatality on Tuesday when a two-year-old died from the bacteria in the northern city of Hanover, taking the death toll to 37.

German health authorities have linked the epidemic, the deadliest of its kind in modern history, to contaminated bean sprouts and shoots from a German organic farm sold to consumers and restaurants across the country for eating in salads. Germany's main disease control centre, the Robert Koch Institute, said the number of new infections appeared to be on the wane.

More than 3,200 people have so far been taken ill with the E coli strain, about a quarter of them developing a complication called hemolytic uremic syndrome, which affects the blood, kidneys and nervous system. While cases have been reported in other countries, all have been traced back to visits to northern Germany and all but one of the fatalities have been in Germany.

Reuters

271 Picasso works found with French couple

271 Picasso works

LONDON, 15 June — A French couple have been found to illegally possess 271 works by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso worth up to 80 million pounds (USD 131 million).

Pierre Le Guennec, 71, claimed Picasso gave him the vast treasure trove of paintings and sketches when he was working as an electrician at the artist's house in southern France, the *Daily Express* reported.

Le Guennec stashed them in his garage for nearly 40 years.

He and his wife Danielle reportedly took a suitcase full with paintings to Picasso's heirs in Paris in October last year to have them authenticated. Just after art experts proved the works were genuine, police swooped on the couple at their home in Mouans-Sartoux and arrested them on suspicion of receiving stolen goods. They were released without charge but an investigation has been launched. They are set to face trial later this month.—*Internet*

Ash forces flights to west Australia city canceled

SYDNEY, 15 June— Several airlines planned to ground flights to the western Australian City of Perth on Wednesday afternoon because of a volcanic ash cloud — announcements that came just as mainland air travel had been getting back to normal on the fourth day of disruptions.

More than 70,000 passengers had been at least temporarily stranded even before the latest cancellations.

The ash from a Chilean volcano has forced national carrier Qantas and budget airlines Jetstar and Tiger to cancel flights to and from the island state of Tasmania and New Zealand since Sunday. Flights to the southern cities of Melbourne and Adelaide also were canceled, but air travel to and from both cities was back to normal Wednesday.

Virgin Australia and Air New Zealand have continued service from mainland Australia to New Zealand and Tasmania by changing flight paths to avoid the ash cloud — a move Qantas said it would not take. But Virgin said Wednesday the ash would be too low to avoid on flights to and from Perth, which is the largest city in Australia's west and the gateway to the remote region. "The ash plume is forecast to be at a lower band level of approximately 15,000 feet and with this in mind, Virgin Australia will suspend all services into and out of Perth as a precautionary measure," Group Executive Sean Donohue said in a statement.—*Internet*

People sleep at Jorge Newbery Airport where flights were canceled due to an ash cloud that reached Buenos Aires from the Chilean Puyehue-Cordon Caulle volcano grounding air travel in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 14 June, 2011.
INTERNET

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The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Myanmar is advertising for invitation to bid (ITB)

ITB/Ref.No.004/2011
1) 15 KVA Generator (preferable Japanese made)
DCA 15 ESX (single phase) or similar model
Brand New - Sound Proof with
locally available parts
Environment friendly model
2 Units (including installation in Myeik and Taungoo)

2) 220 KVA Generator (preferable Japanese made)
DCA SPK (three phase) or similar model
Brand New - Sound Proof with
locally available parts
Environment friendly model
1 Unit (including installation in Yangon)

ITB/Ref.No.005/2011
3) Motorcycle - 1 unit
Make: Japanese Made
Brand New - Any Color
Engine power – 125 CC (minimum)

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact U Kyaw Lin, Admin Associate
Tel: 524022/24/25/26

Please send your offer to:
Local Procurement Committee
UNHCR Office
287 Pyay Road,
Sanchaung Township
Yangon
in a sealed envelope marked
<not to be opened by registry>
by: Latest 16h30, 01 July 2011.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV AN ZE JIANG VOY NO (148)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN ZE JIANG VOY NO (148) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(6) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (585)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (585) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.6.2011 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.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV NP GLORY-4 VOY NO (005)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NP GLORY-4 VOY NO (005) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.6.2011 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.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S FREIGHT OVERSEA EXPRESS

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Anthony van Dyck painting to be auctioned at Sotheby's

Philip Mould bought Van Dyck's Portrait of a Young Girl last year.
INTERNET

LONDON, 15 June — Sotheby's London is to auction a portrait of a monk, credited to Anthony van Dyck, that was previously thought to have been painted by Rubens. The work, owned by the same French family for at least 200 years, was known as Confesseur de Rubens. Sotheby's says experts noticed brushwork more characteristic of Rubens' pupil Van Dyck. Meanwhile, a dealer who rediscovered Van Dyck's A Portrait of a Young Girl, in 2010, has spoken of his find.

The artist's Portrait of a Carmelite Monk, which is estimated to sell for £600,000-£800,000 when it is auctioned on 6 July, was among artworks valued for a family by the Sotheby's Paris office. The auction house's George Gordon said that the way the monk's head was turned to one side created an impression of spontaneity as opposed to the more formal composition of Rubens' portraits.

Internet

Timberland is best known for its rugged boots.
INTERNET

Timberland to be bought by Wrangler owner VF for $2b

LONDON, 15 June — VF Corporation has announced a $2bn (£1.2bn) deal to bring together some of the best-known outdoor and action sports brands. The company that owns Wrangler jeans has agreed to buy Timberland, which is famous for its leather boots.

Timberland will join a stable that includes such brands as The North Face, Vans, Reef, Jansport and Eastpak.

VF said that if the deal is approved by shareholders and regulators, it should be completed by the end of September.

It added that the agreement had been approved unanimously by the boards of both companies.

VF said it would be targeting revenue growth of 10% a year at Timberland, which will continue to be based in New Hampshire.

"We believe the unique, rugged outdoor positioning of the Timberland brand will perfectly complement the premium, technical positioning of The North Face brand," said Eric Wiseman, VF's chief executive.

Internet

Bangladesh plans special force to protect tigers

DHAKA, 15 June — Bangladesh is setting up a special force to save the critically endangered Royal Bengal Tiger and other animals.

The 300-member force will be deployed mostly around the Sundarbans mangrove forests, one of the last refuges of the tigers.

The decision came months after they seized three tiger skins and a large quantity of bones, the biggest haul of illegal tiger parts in decades.

The Sundarbans forests stretch between Bangladesh and India. Around 400 tigers still live in the area. Until now poaching has not been considered as the chief threat to the tiger population in Bangladesh.

But the arrest of a poacher with tiger skins and bones earlier this year raised fears that an organised poaching group was operating in the mangrove forests.

Officials admitted they did not have enough manpower, resources and training to counter the poachers, who they said were using increasingly sophisticated techniques to trap the tigers.

Minister of Environment and Forests Hasan Mahmud said that the setting up of the new wildlife force was long overdue. "The forest department staff in Bangladesh need more training, because now the poachers are very sophisticated," he said.—*Internet*

Sundarbans is home to about 400 tigers.—INTERNET

India sees cut in new HIV cases but battle not over

NEW DELHI, 15 June—Radhe Shyam looks every inch the family man as he cradles his chubby, four-month-old baby in his arms and glances lovingly at his wife and two other daughters.

Shyam, his wife and one of his three daughters, however, are HIV positive. The couple's youngest is also likely to be carrying the virus, although that will be confirmed only when she is tested once she is 18 months old.

The 42-year-old and his family are among the estimated 2.3 million people in India living with HIV. Daily life for people with the virus is hard, particularly due to the stigma it still carries in the socially conservative country.

"I was working as a cook and doing well for myself but my life changed for ever in 2008 when I was found to be HIV positive," said Shyam, who lives in the east of India's capital, New Delhi.

"I lost my job and still can't find another one because the moment people come to know about my disease, they step back. My wife is illiterate and we have three children to take care of," he told *AFP*, fighting back tears.—*Internet*

Rep Weiner gets an action figure

A Connecticut company has created an action figure of embattled US Rep Anthony Weiner, D-NY, that comes in both PG-13 and R-rated versions.

Herobuilders of Oxford said the Anthony Weiner action figure released Monday comes in a PG-13 version dressed in gym clothes with "Tweet This" printed on his shorts and an anatomically correct R-rated version "for adults only," the *New York Daily News* reported.

The figures join other merchandise created in the wake of Weiner's picture-sending indiscretions on Twitter, including T-shirts, mugs and bumper stickers. Madison, founder of dating Web site SugarSugar.com, issued a public statement offering $50,000 to Weiner's private parts to serve as spokesman for the site. "Despite vigorous efforts, Mr Weiner has not responded to my ministrations," Madison said.

A pet dog sleeps in the coat of its owner during Woofstock, the largest outdoor festival for dogs in North America, in Toronto, Canada, on 11June, 2011. Launched in 2003, Woofstock would attract thousands of dog lovers and visitors this year.

Street closed due to bee swarm

New York police said they had to divert traffic from a Chinatown street when approximately 15,000 bees swarmed the area.

Police said they closed Mott Street between Bayard and Pell Monday and the road was reopened at about 5 pm after a police department beekeeper captured the insects, the *New York Daily News* reported.

The department said the swarm was only the latest in a recent string of bee incidents in the city. Police said a mailbox in the Little Italy neighbourhood was swarmed about two weeks ago and a second swarm was spotted around a Washington Heights fire escape a few days later.

Hospital's first baby returns as a nurse

The first baby ever born at a Texas hospital said she is going to work at the facility alongside the nurse who helped deliver her.

Cameron Fox, 23, the first baby born at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth, said she was hired last week as a registered nurse in postpartum, where she will take care of babies once they have been delivered with the help of nurse Eileen Wilson, who helped deliver Fox in 1987, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported.

"It's wonderful that she came back to work here," Wilson said.

"I remember the day she was born, but that's about it."

Fox said she is hoping to eventually work in labor delivery.

"It's surreal and so cool," Fox said.

"I'll be one day working with the person who has known me from Day One."

News Album

Jennifer Aniston causes Theroux, Bivens breakup

NEW YORK, 15 June— Heidi Bivens' publicist has confirmed the Hollywood costume designer has ended her 14-year relationship with actor and writer Justin Theroux.

Official word of the split comes amid weeks of reports claiming Theroux is romantically involved with his "Wanderlust" co-star Jennifer Aniston. "Heidi is heartbroken. She was completely blindsided. She and Justin had been together for years, they had a home. Then he met Jennifer and everything changed. At first he claimed he and Jen were friends," one insider told the *New York Post.*

Jennifer Aniston at the Arclight Cinerama Dome in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 16 Aug, 2010. Aniston is rumoured to be the root of the breakup.
INTERNET

However, another source insisted, "Things were already over between him and Heidi before he got close to Jen."

"Heidi and Justin have been together for 14 years," Bivens' publicist told the *Post.* "They met when she was 20 years old and he 24, and yes, she just moved out of their home last weekend. She has no comment."

Internet

Hefner-Harris wedding canceled

LOS ANGELES, 15 June —US publishing mogul Hugh Hefner says his 25-year-old fiancee, Playboy playmate Crystal Harris, has canceled plans for their weekend wedding.

The twice-divorced Hefner, 85, and Harris were set to exchange vows in front of 300 guests Saturday at the Playboy Mansion in Los Angeles, People.com reported.

"The wedding is off," Hefner said via Twitter Tuesday. "Crystal has had a change of heart."

"I heard the sad news this morning," Harris' manager Michael Blakey told People.com.

"The split was a mutual decision and the two remain good friends."

Internet

Identical twins Karissa and Kristina Shannon, Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris (L-R) arrive for the 37th annual AFI Lifetime Achievement Awards honoring Douglas at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City, California on 11 June, 2009. The wedding between Harris and Hefner has been called off.
INTERNET

Wheaton, Lee to guest star on 'Eureka'

NEW YORK, 15 June— Felicia Day, Wil Wheaton and Stan Lee have booked guest appearances on the US series "Eureka," Syfy said Tuesday.

Japanese musician Yoshiki Hayashi and comic book creator Stan Lee arrive at the 68th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, on 16 Jan, 2011.
INTERNET

Day will begin her seven-episode arc 18 July.

Lee, creator of the Spider-Man comic books, will make a cameo appearance in the episode airing 24 July.

Wheaton will return later in the season for seven episodes, reprising his role from last year as Dr Isaac Parrish, the cable network said.

Eureka is a cozy, Pacific Northwest town, which serves as home to a secret community of geniuses assembled by the government to conduct top-secret research, a synopsis said.

Internet

Simpson to be mentor on 'Fashion Star'

Singer Jessica Simpson.

UNIVERSAL CITY, 15 June—US singer and fashion designer Jessica Simpson is to serve as a celebrity mentor on the new reality competition series "Fashion Star," NBC said.

The show was created to find the next big brand in fashion. Supermodel and businesswoman Elle Macpherson will be the show's host.

Simpson's involvement in the show was announced Monday by Paul Telegdy, executive vice president of alternative programming at NBC and Universal Media Studios.

"NBC is delighted to work with singer, designer, actress and pop-culture icon Jessica Simpson," Telegdy said in a statement.

"With an almost billion-dollar lifestyle brand under her belt she is sure to be an excellent mentor to our up-and-coming designers."

"Jessica Simpson has built an incredible fashion business and is a perfect mentor to our aspiring designers," added Ben Silverman, chief executive officer and founder of the production company Electus. "She will complement the buyers, Elle Macpherson and [an] amazing format."

Internet

New Asian football boss plays down permanent role

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 June—Asia's caretaker football chief insists he is not thinking about taking over full-time and is only in "temporary" charge after being handed the role by an explosive corruption scandal.

China's Zhang Jilong said it was "not yet time" to think about permanent leadership of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), just days after arriving in Kuala Lumpur to stand in for suspended president Mohamed bin Hammam.

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"It's not yet time for me to mention about this and to think about this," Zhang told AFP when asked if he wanted to be president full-time, in his first interview to Western media since being appointed.

But Zhang, 59, did not rule out running for the job after bin Hammam was barred from football over sensational claims he used cash-stuffed envelopes to buy votes in the FIFA presidential race against Sepp Blatter.

"What the (AFC) executive committee entrusts me to do at this particular moment is work together closer with all the members of the executive committee and the administration," Zhang said at AFC House in the Malaysian capital.

Internet

Large crowd expected for Mavs parade on Thursday

DALLAS, 15 June—Five years after a parade drawn up to celebrate the Dallas Mavericks' first NBA championship backfired, new plans are in place for a ride through the city's streets.

About 250,000 people are expected to turn out Thursday to cheer on Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd, Jason Terry and the rest of the 2011 champs. Everyone will be there, from the players to the coaches, the front office to franchise founder Donald Carter, who accepted the championship trophy when the Mavs beat the Miami Heat for the title on Sunday night.

"The parade is going to be amazing," said Nowitzki, the finals MVP. "We're going to enjoy the heck out of that."

In 2006, the Mavericks won the first two games of the NBA finals and local officials were so excited that they released the route of a parade in case the team won it all. Their foe — which happened to be the Heat — used it as motivation to win the next four games.—*Internet*

Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki, center, of Germany, raises his MVP trophy followed by teammates as they exit the charter with owner Mark Cuban carrying the NBA Championship basketball trophy after the team's arrival at Love Field in Dallas, on 13 June, 2011.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Under-achieving Puel destined for Lyon exit

LYON, 15 June—Lyon will on Wednesday begin a process to dismiss coach Claude Puel, thereby bringing an end to three trophyless years marked by on-pitch disappointment and mounting fan discontent. Club officials will accompany Puel to a hearing of the legal affairs committee of the French Professional League (LFP), where a 'conciliation hearing' will lay the groundwork for his dismissal.

The meeting, confirmed by sources close to the club, will map out grounds for the termination of Puel's contract a year before its scheduled expiry date, which could earn him up to four million euros ($5.8m) in compensation.

Lyon's coach Claude Puel

Remi Garde, the current head of OL's youth training centre and a former club captain, has been widely tipped to assume control of first-team affairs.—*Internet*

Dunga, Klinsmann on Algeria shortlist — source

ALGIERS, 15 June—Former Brazil coach Dunga and ex-Germany manager Jurgen Klinsmann are on the shortlist to take over as coach of Algeria, a source close to the Algerian Football Federation (FAF) claimed on Tuesday.

"Jurgen Klinsmann and Carlos Dunga are on the list of five coaches chosen by the FAF's candidature committee to succeed Abdelhak Benchikha at the head of the Algerian national side," said the source, quoted by the *APS* news agency.

The FAF committee reportedly whittled down the shortlist after receiving 43 applications for the job and the source said that further talks with the remaining candidates would be "initiated shortly".

Meanwhile, FAF president Mohamed Raouraoua firmly denied reports of an approach to the former France coach Raymond Domenech, in an interview in Tuesday's edition of the Algerian daily *Liberte*.

A statement from Domenech's advisors sent to AFP on Monday claimed he had been approached by the FAF but had not made an application for the post vacated by Benchika.

Internet

Former Brazil coach Dunga, pictured in 2010, and ex-Germany manager Jurgen Klinsmann are on the shortlist to take over as coach of Algeria.
INTERNET

Trip to Haiti puts golf in perspective for McIlroy

BETHESDA, 15 June—The sight of Rory McIlroy burying his head in the crook of his arm on the 13th tee is the lasting memory from his dreadful day at the Masters.

A disheartening scene. Nowhere near as devastating, though, as some of the images golf's budding superstar recently saw.

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, chips to the second green during a practice round for the US Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md, on 14 June, 2011.—INTERNET

McIlroy, known as well for his implosion in the final round of the Masters as the gracious way he handled it, traveled last week to Haiti, a place where green jackets and golf trophies mean nothing — on a mission to the island country that is only starting to recover from the deadly earthquake that hit last year.

"I remember driving past the presidential palace," McIlroy said, "and the dome on top is just hanging off. I was just thinking to myself, if they can't even repair the (palace), then they can't do anything. They just need so much help."

Internet

Ankle problem flares again for Clijsters

ROSMALEN, 15 June—US and Australian Open champion Kim Clijsters' build-up to Wimbledon suffered a huge blow on Tuesday as she appeared to have re-injured her troublesome right ankle.

The 27-year-old Belgian looked to have injured her ankle during a shock 7-6 (7/5) 6-3 humbling by Italian qualifier Romina Oprandi in the second round of the WTA tournament here and could hinder her chances at Wimbledon, which gets underway next week.

Internet

Belgian Kim Clijsters

Injured Hewitt faces Wimbledon fitness race

EASTBOURNE, 15 June—Australia's Lleyton Hewitt made a dramatic mid-match exit while trailing 2-6, 0-3 to Olivier Rochus in his first-round match at Eastbourne on Tuesday.

Hewitt, the former number one and 2002 Wimbledon champion, left the court after 40 minutes of his opening match in the Wimbledon warm-up event. The 30-year-old has yet to make a successful comeback from spring foot surgery, losing early last week in Halle, Germany, where he was defending the title, and failing to complete his opening match here at Devonshire Park.

The Aussie said he had tweaked his ankle during the quarter-final loss at Halle last week and felt it was useless to go on in the match with Belgium's Rochus.—*Internet*

Australia's Lleyton Hewitt

Pakistan ready to host Bangladesh World Cup qualifier

KARACHI, 15 June—Pakistani football said on Tuesday it is confident next month's home World Cup qualifier against Bangladesh will go ahead, promising tight security for the match.

After the first leg of their Asian zone qualifier for the 2014 World Cup in Dhaka on 29 June, the two sides were scheduled to meet in Lahore on 3 July.

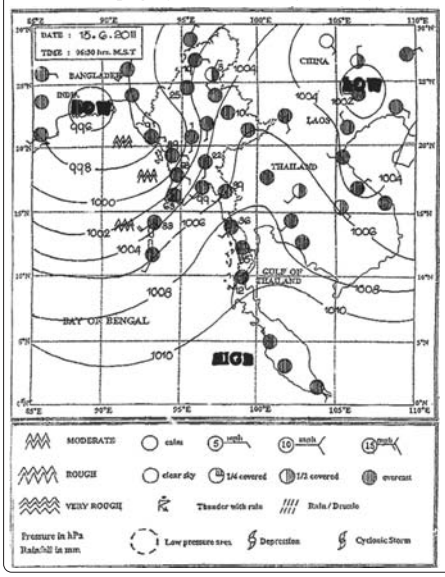
But arrangements ran into trouble after Bangladesh asked FIFA, the game's ruling body, to relocate the match due to security fears. FIFA has apparently rejected the request in a move welcomed by Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) secretary Ahmed Yar Khan Lodhi.

"We hosted Palestine and Malaysia earlier this year and both the teams returned happy, so we have proper security arrangements in place and we are confident that the match will go ahead," Lodhi told *AFP*.—*Internet*

WEATHER

Wednesday, 15th June, 2011

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Magway Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kayan (5.51) inches, Thandwe (5.32) inches, Putao (5.20) inches, Bilin (5.12) inches, Theinzayet (5.04) inches, Thaton (4.49) inches, Maubin (4.41) inches, Gwa (4.37) inches, Sittway (4.29) inches, Yangon (Minglardon) (4.06) inches and Paung (3.20) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 14-6-2011 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 15-6-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-6-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 15-6-2011 was (0.12) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

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Rainfall on 15-6-2011 was (0.12) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (3.90) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (16.06) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (33.82) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (17) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 15-6-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 16th June 2011: Rain will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaing Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at time off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in Coastal Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16th June 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Veteran striker Nuno Gomes leaves Benfica

LISBON, 15 June—Veteran Portuguese striker Nuno Gomes, 35, announced on Wednesday that he is leaving Benfica for the second time.

"I've been informed that Benfica have definitively decided not to prolong my contract," announced Gomes, who won 77 caps for Portugal, on his website.

"I now feel free to analyse all the propositions that could be forthcoming and choose my future."

Benfica said they had offered Gomes a back-room role at the club but Gomes said he hoped to continue playing "for at least an extra season".

The former Benfica captain made just six league appearances last season but still managed to score four goals.

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Gomes began his career with Boavista in 1994 and joined Benfica in 1997, returning to the Lisbon club in 2002 after two seasons with Fiorentina in Italy.

He won two league titles with Benfica and is also the fourth-highest goalscorer in the history of the Portuguese national team with 29 goals.—*Internet*

Myanmar TV

Thursday,

16 June

View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw-Uppatasanti Paritta

7:30 am
2. Morning News

7:40 am
3. Programme in honour of "Full Moon Day of Nayon"

8:10 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

8:20 am
5. Dhamma Puja Song

8:40 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:50 am
7. Health Programme

8:55 am
8. International News

3:30 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup (2011) (Delay) (Southern Myanmar FC & Rakhapura United FC)

5:00 pm
2. Musical Programme

5:15 pm
3. Cute Little Dancers

5:25 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Fourth Year (Law)

5:40 pm
5. Songs for Uphold National Spirit

5:45 pm
6. Songs of National Races

5:50 pm
7. Science and Environment

6:00 pm
8. Evening News

6:15 pm
9. Weather Report

6:20 pm
10. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm
11. Approachaing Science Discovery World

7:00 pm
12. TV Dramma Series

8:00 pm
13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. Documentary
17. TV Dramma Series
18. TV Dramma Series
19. "Maha thamaja Day of Thida Gu"
20. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw

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★ 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

ASEAN Dengue Day, World Malaria Day marked

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin delivers an address at the ceremony to mark ASEAN Dengue Day and World Malaria Day (2011).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Seventy-five per cent of dengue haemorrhagic fever cases around the world is in Asian and Pacific regions, and Southeast Asia makes up 52% of the dengue-prone areas in the world, and Indonesia, Thailand and Myanmar suffer dengue outbreaks most, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the ceremony to mark ASEAN Dengue Day and World Malaria Day (2011) at the Ministry of Health here this morning.

He said that the disease causes not only social but also economic burden, so the 15th of June was designated as ASEAN Dengue Day at the 10th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting held in Singapore in 2010.

Previously, dengue cases were found only in urban areas, but now the disease also breaks out in rural areas and villages, he said. In 1970, the death rate of dengue patients was over six in every 100, and it decreased to about one per cent in 2010, he said, adding that in the past, the vulnerable group was under 15 and the most vulnerable were preprimary and primary schoolchildren. However, he said that dengue cases are also found often in middle and elderly people.

He added that the theme of this year's ASEAN Dengue Day is "Dengue is Everybody's Concern, Causing Socioeconomic Burden, But It's Preventable". About 50 million people around the world suffer malaria, and about one million of them die yearly, and in Southeast Asia about 5000 people pick up the disease and about 100,000 die of malaria a year, he said.

The malaria outbreak rate in 1990 has been halved by 2015, but all should not be complacent about the achievement of the UN Millennium Goal, he said.

Dengue preventive and control measures are being carried out with the aids of WHO, UNICEF, 3 Diseases Fund, Global Fund and JICA in schools and wards, he said, calling on the people to take preventive measures against dengue.

After the ceremony the Union minister and guests visited the commemorative pavilion.—*MNA*

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (15-6-2011)

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