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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attend opening of new building at Sitagu World Buddhist Academy (Yangon)



YANGON, 17 June—A ceremony to inaugurate the new building of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy (Yangon) was held at the academy in Dagon Myothit (North) Township of Yangon Region at 9.30 am today, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo unveils golden curtain of the Lord Buddha Chamber of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy (Yangon).—MNA



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin offer provisions to the Chancellor Abbot of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy (Yangon).—MNA

Also present at the gala ceremony were Chancellor of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara (Ph.D., D.Litt), the rector abbot, the registrar abbot, the administrator abbot and lecturer abbots, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and their wives, deputy ministers, Yangon Region ministers, ambassadors of foreign missions in Yangon and their wives, embassy officials, guests, wellwishers and Sitagu missionary members.

Union Minister Thura U Myint Maung unveiled the signboard of the academy.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 18 June, 2011

Make sure every literate person keeps reading

The progress of a nation is usually measured by its literacy rate. In this 21st Century also called the age of knowledge, literacy not only ensures the ability to read but also helps us to know about Myanmar affairs and global issues and then to broaden our horizons.

As literacy is a force for human beings, it is important for everyone to be literate and they need to have the constant reading habit. So, cooperative efforts are required to organize the people to cultivate a habit of constant reading.

Today, Myanmar has created conditions for formal education, informal education and self-learning. The youth are in a position to study different branches of international standard with the use of modern communication technologies. Thanks to the basic literacy efforts for post-school-age children, young people and adults, the adult literacy rate has increased and the literacy rate of Myanmar has jumped to more than 94 percent.

However, there are still literate people who rarely read. As there have been books on various subjects such as economic, education, health, social and cultural affairs, we should read a lot to widen our scope of knowledge and promote our personality. It is also necessary to read notices, billboards, warnings and instructions in public places when we go round.

Warnings against smoking, spitting and rubbish throwing are found in passenger buses. Billboards and wall sheets saying that we are to follow instructions on keeping the environment clean and beautiful and proper drainage are set up in public places. But there are few people who follow those instructions.

Departments concerned are speeding up beautifying tasks and public health and disease prevention measures. Since such measures are related to the whole society, all literate people need to keep on reading so that they can become polite and disciplined citizens with improved knowledge.

Traffic knowledge disseminated

YANGON, 17 June—Police Captain Win Shwe of Yangon Region Wireless Traffic Police Force and party together with Vice Chairman of All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee U Hla Thaung Myint, Assistant Director U Aung Kyaw Moe of Road Transport Department (Ywathagyi) gave an educative talks on traffic rules to 650 lecturers and undergraduates at Institute of Economics (Yangon) in Dagon Myothit (East) yesterday.—MNA

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

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua called on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at his ministry here this afternoon.

They frankly discussed bilateral relations and cooperation.—MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.—MNA



Union Foreign Affairs Minister meets Chinese Ambassador

A & I Ministry to boost cooperation with FAO



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meets FAO Resident Representative Mr Giuseppe Romalli.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Resident Representative Mr Giuseppe Romalli of FAO at his office here this morning.

They discussed ongoing projects of FAO in Myanmar, rural region development and further cooperation in agricultural sector.

MNA

Myanmar Brewery Ltd donates blood

YANGON, 17 June—Hailing the Myanmar Blood Donors Day, the family of Myanmar Brewery Ltd organized the 8th blood donation at the national blood centre of Yangon General Hospital this morning.

Afterwards, Myanmar Brewery Ltd donated K 3 million to in-charge of the centre Dr Thida Aung and Deputy Director of Public Health Laboratory Dr Win Thein.

Officials viewed blood donation of 423 staff.

Since 2006 Myanmar Brewery Ltd has donated 4042 bottles of blood in Yangon and Mandalay.

MNA



In-charge of national blood centre Dr Thida Aung and Deputy Director of Public Health Laboratory Dr Win Thein accept K 3 million donated by Myanmar Brewery Ltd.—MNA



A soldier inspects the site of a bomb attack, a day after blasts occurred in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad recently. At least six people were killed and 17 injured when four bombs exploded in quick succession in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi, a local government official said.

INTERNET

Killing of US soldiers by Afghan troops seen as a systemic threat

KABUL, 17 June—The killings of American soldiers by Afghan troops are turning into a “rapidly growing systemic threat” that could undermine the entire war effort, according to a classified military study.

The study by Jeffrey Bordin, a political and behavioral scientist working for the US Army in Afghanistan, warns that the magnitude of the killings “may be unprecedented between

“allies” in modern history.”

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, it is based on interviews with some 600 Afghan troops. The report concludes that there is a dangerous “crisis of trust” between Afghan forces and American soldiers that is being ignored by top commanders.

Coalition officials say they aren’t ignoring the killings, but say that such attacks don’t

represent a significant threat to the mission.

Afghan troops have killed at least 57 coalition troops since 2007. A few of the attacks have been traced to infiltrators from the Taliban, who are fighting to topple the US-backed government.

The study has been debated in military circles since it was first distributed in early May.

Internet

Bolton man in court on bomb and ricin charges

LONDON, 17 June—A British man appeared in court on Thursday accused of having instructions to make a bomb and being in possession of a recipe to make the deadly poison ricin.

Asim Kauser, 25, an unmarried British national whose family hail from Pakistan, is charged with four offences under anti-terrorism legislation after material was found on a USB key.

Kauser, from Bolton in Lancashire, was arrested at his home on 6 June “on suspicion of possessing information of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing, or

preparing an act of terrorism, between January 2009 and June 2011”.

He was charged with having “various instructions in how to make an improvised explosive device”.

Kauser spoke only to confirm his name and address during the hearing at City of Westminster Magistrates’ Court in London.

His lawyer made no application for bail and the case was adjourned until 14 July for committal to London’s Central Criminal Court, more commonly known as the Old Bailey.

Internet



A burnt car is seen at the scene of a suicide attack in Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan recently. Afghan officials say at least 10 people have been killed in a bomb attack on a police bus that was carrying people to a police academy in eastern Afghanistan.

INTERNET

Australian Federal Police joins fight in Mexican drug war

CANBERRA, 17 June—Australian Federal Police Commissioner Tony Negus on Friday said an officer has been sent to Los Angeles of US to work with authorities to combat Mexican drug syndicates.

Negus said Mexican cartels see Australia as a ripe target for cocaine because of demand and also the high value of the dollar.

“We continue to try to address problems as they arise and before they arise by being proactive and working with our international partners,” he told parliament in Canberra on Friday.

“We do remain an

attractive target. The mark-ups in a dollar value are significant and I think we’ve got a significant problem for a number of years to come with cocaine.”

Negus said another police officer is also working with the FBI and other authorities in the United States to address the problems.

Parts of Mexico, particularly near the US border, have seen a rise in suspected drug violence, with more than 37,000 deaths blamed on drug gangs since the launch of a military crackdown on organized crime at the end of 2006.

Xinhua

Civilian killed in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 17 June—A civilian was killed and two people wounded in separate attacks in Baghdad and Iraq’s northern city of Mosul on Thursday, the police said.

Gunmen using assault rifles shot dead a man working as a porter in a popular vegetable market in western the city of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Also in Mosul, Zuhair al-Jubouri, a member of Mosul’s city hall, was critically wounded when a roadside bomb went off in front of his house in eastern the city while he was leaving to work in the morning, the source said.

In Baghdad, Mahdi Khudair, a chief of security of Baghdad airport, was wounded in the morning when gunmen using silenced weapons opened fire on his car while he was driving in Mansour District in western the capital, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The attacks are part of wave of assassinations by militias and gangs against Iraqi security members, officials and civilians. The attackers’ tactics varied from suicide bombings, gunfire by silenced weapons and sticky bombs attached to vehicles.

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

Xinhua

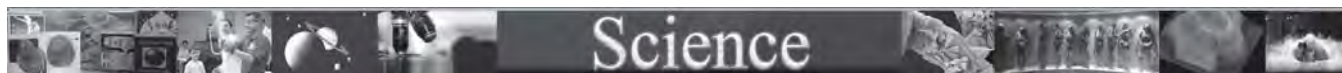


A police vehicle carries the wreckage of a car destroyed in a suicide attack in Kapisa, northeast of Kabul, Afghanistan on 15 June, 2011. A suicide bomber killed eight people and wounded four in a strike Wednesday on a governor’s office in the northeast, while a mortar targeted a building where NATO and Afghan officials were inaugurating the country’s largest police training facility in central Afghanistan.—INTERNET



An Iraqi police officer inspects the scene of a suicide car bomb attack in Basra, Iraq’s second-largest city, 340 miles (550 kilometres) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq recently.

INTERNET



Science

Star-eating black hole sends flash from distant galaxy



NASA handout image from 2004 shows an artist's rendition of the Swift spacecraft observing a gamma burst. A bright gamma-ray flash seen in March came from a distant galaxy nearly four billion light years away where a Sun-sized star was being eaten by a black hole, US astronomers said Thursday.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 17 June—A bright gamma-ray flash seen in March came from a distant galaxy nearly four billion light years away where a Sun-sized star was being eaten by a black hole, US astronomers said Thursday.

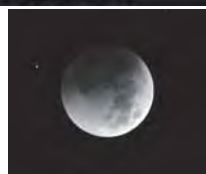
The energy from the cataclysmic blast is still being observed two and a half months later, said the study published in the *journal Science*.

"This is truly different from any explosive event we have seen before," said lead author Joshua Bloom of the University of California at Berkeley. The flash in the constellation Draco was glimpsed 28 March by NASA's Swift satellite, which is on a mission to unravel the mysteries of powerful explosions in the universe known as gamma-ray bursts.

A few days later, Bloom sent an email to colleagues "suggesting that it wasn't a typical gamma-ray burst at all," said the report.

A closer look at the satellite data combined with other observations from the Hubble Space Telescope and the Chandra X-ray Observatory have confirmed that. It turns out that a star about the same size as the sun was being devoured 3.8 billion light years away.

Internet



The Earth completely casts its shadow over the moon in a total lunar eclipse as seen in Manila, Philippines before dawn on 16 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Volcano ash turns Asian eclipse blood red

SYDNEY, 17 June—Asian and African night owls were treated to a lunar eclipse, and ash in the atmosphere from a Chilean volcano turned it blood red for some viewers. The Sydney Observatory said the eclipse was to begin at 3:25 am Thursday (1:25 pm EDT, 5:25 pm GMT Wednesday) and last until after 5 am.

Scientists said the specific phenomenon happening Thursday — known as a "deep lunar eclipse" — often exudes a coppery colour. But the intensity of the colour depends on the amount of ash and dust in the atmosphere. Luckily for moon-gazers, there was plenty of ash in the air so the moon appeared orange or red, especially in Asia.

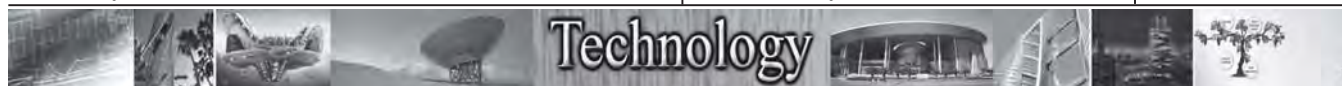
Air travellers haven't been so lucky: The ash has grounded hundreds of flights around the region. Scientists said the eclipse could be safely observed with the naked eye.—Internet

Hyperactive comet photographed by NASA

WASHINGTON, 17 June— Scientists now have close-up pictures of a hyperactive comet that seems to be spewing water. Hartley 2 isn't the only such comet, but it's the first to be visited by a spacecraft during a flyby, researchers report in Friday's edition of the *journal Science*.

University of Maryland astronomer Michael A'Hearn says when warmed by the sun, dry ice deep in the comet's body turns to carbon dioxide gas jetting off the comet. The gas drags water ice along with it.

Internet



Technology

Microsoft Kinect makes moves on computers

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 June—Microsoft on Thursday began letting software developers imbue computers with voice and motion-sensing technology from its Kinect controller for the Xbox 360 videogame console. A free Kinect for Windows Software Development Kit opens doors for computer programmes enhanced with depth-perception, voice recognition, or gesture controls using the popular console accessory.

"We are looking at taking the Kinect out of the game space a bit and putting it in other spaces," said Halimat Alabi, a developer who attended a 24-hour Kinect coding marathon at Microsoft's headquarters in Redmond, Washington.

The kit was available for download at research.microsoft.com/kinectsdk. Microsoft last week added YouTube, voice commands, television shows and more to Xbox 360 with Kinect as the hot-selling videogame console matures into an entertainment centre for all.



Photographers take pictures of the Kinect peripheral and the Xbox 360 console. Microsoft on Thursday began letting software developers imbue computers with voice and motion-sensing technology from its Kinect controller for the Xbox 360 videogame console.—INTERNET

Microsoft ramped up voice capabilities in Kinect to allow Xbox users not only to give commands to in-game characters but to speak Bing searches for games, movies, television shows, music and other entertainment content.

Microsoft has sold more than 10 million of the gesture-sensing Kinect accessories for the Xbox 360 worldwide since they hit the market in November of last year. Kinect uses a 3D camera and motion recognition software to let people play videogames on the Xbox 360 using natural body movements and voice commands instead of handheld controllers.—Internet

Germany opens cybersecurity centre

BERLIN, 17 June—Germany's interior minister opened Thursday a new cybersecurity centre to protect the country's infrastructure from what he said was a growing menace posed by hackers. "Protecting critical infrastructure is at the core of cybersecurity," Hans-Peter Friedrich said in Bonn. "We are forced to admit that the danger of attacks on these systems is growing." Germany's new centre in the former West German Capital Bonn has 10 full-time employees from different national security agencies and will work closely with the police, the military, intelligence bodies and others.

Germany, Europe's biggest economy, is far from being alone in seeing government agencies, firms and individuals coming under attack from foreign states and organized crime attempting to hack into computer networks. In 2009 the United States created its own Cyber Command, while NATO leaders agreed last November to enshrine cybersecurity as one of the 28-nation military alliance's priorities.—Internet

Sony's Music Unlimited comes to Android



File photo of the headquarters of Japanese electronics giant Sony in Tokyo.

INTERNET

TOKYO, 17 June— Sony has released an app making its Music Unlimited online streaming available on smartphones running Google's Android system, amid growing competition from Amazon and Apple in cloud-based services.

Sony's digital cloud-based music service, which launched in December and is available in Europe, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, allows users to stream millions of songs to Sony devices but previously lacked mobile access.

Sony last week said it would restore all Qriocity online music and video

distribution services everywhere except Japan after shutting it and the PlayStation Network down in April after hackers compromised personal data from 100 million accounts.

The launch of the new app will make the service available on smartphones running Android as well as devices such as the PlayStation3, Internet-connected Sony televisions and Blu-ray players.

The app will be available to users in the United States, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

The service allows users to stream music content from a catalogue of more than seven million songs licensed from labels such as Universal Music Group, Sony Music Entertainment, Warner Music Group, EMI Music and independent labels. Monthly subscription fees start at \$3.99.

Internet



Health



Teens, young adults may drive flu epidemics

NEW YORK, 17 June—Small children, with their image of runny noses and dirty hands, may be unfairly vilified for their role in spreading sickness, according to a study.

Instead, teens and young adults may be the main drivers of seasonal and pandemic flu, a report in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* said. Flu cases tended to peak in Canada in the 10-to-19 and 20- to-29 age brackets before the disease topped out in older adults or young children during seasonal and pandemic flu outbreaks — meaning prevention in this age group may be key to slowing transmission of flu on a bigger scale.

“For seasonal influenza, both the 10-19 and 20-29 year age groups peaked one week earlier than other age groups, while during the fall wave of the 2009 pandemic, infections peaked earlier among only the 10-19 year age group,” wrote lead researcher Dena Schanzer, of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

“This analysis casts doubts on the hypothesis that younger school-age children actually lead influenza epidemic waves.”



A health worker prepares a H1N1 flu vaccine during a health operation for victims of the 17 February earthquake, at a camp in Penco town on 13 April, 2010.

INTERNET

Schanzer and her team collected data from positive lab tests for the flu compiled by the Canadian government every year. Then they graphed the number of flu cases in children and adults of different ages over the course of each flu season, allowing them to see when the flu peaked in each group and which group “led” the epidemics.

In the years between 1995 and 2006, they found that seasonal flu peaked in the 10-19 and 20-29-year-olds about one week earlier than it did in older adults and young children.

Reuters

Health tip: Factors that contribute to skin cancer

People who have had severe blistering sunburns or frequent exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet rays are at greater risk of developing skin cancer, the US National Cancer Institute reminds us.

Here the agency’s list of additional factors that increase your risk of getting the disease:

- * Using tanning beds on a regular basis.
- * Having had skin cancer before.
- * Having a close family member with a history of skin cancer.
- * Having fair skin that burns easily.
- * Taking medication that increases sensitivity to sunlight.
- * Having a medical condition that compromises the immune system, or taking a medication that suppresses the immune system.—Internet

Premature birth stress lasts into adulthood

PROVIDENCE, 17 June—Infants born prematurely are less healthy, have more social and school struggles, and face more risk of heart-health problems as adults, US researchers say.

Mary C Sullivan of Women and Infants Hospital and an adjunct professor of pediatrics at the Alpert Medical School at Brown University in Providence, RI, and colleagues studied babies born prematurely at Women and Infants Hospital who are now 23 years old. The preliminary findings include:

- Male gender and birth weight affect early adult pulmonary function.
- The poorest pulmonary outcomes and higher resting blood pressure were

for those born at extremely low-birth weight.

—Data from the group age 17 revealed physical health, growth and subtle neurological outcomes were poorer in the preterm groups.

—Infants with medical and neurological impacts had a 24 percent to 32 percent increase in acute and chronic health conditions.

— Continued monitoring of adults born prematurely is warranted, not only during young adulthood but as they reach middle age.

— Children who were born preterm have a persistent drive to succeed.

Internet



Business



Greek default could trigger chain reaction

FRANKFURT, 17 June—Greece’s economy is small but the shock waves from a default on its debt could be amplified by links in the global financial system to hurt stocks, banks and entire economies far from the epicenter in Athens.

In Greece, banks could go bust, overwhelming the government’s ability to bail them out, and lenders in France, Germany and elsewhere in Europe could suffer serious losses.

And the resulting market turmoil could strain the European Union’s backstop fund, pushing European leaders to drum up yet more taxpayer financing, with voters already annoyed at funding other people’s failed

governments.

The exact effects of a Greek debt implosion are hard to anticipate, in part because no one knows how big the losses would be for bond holders, who stand first in the chain of dominoes. Forced losses of 50 percent would be one thing, a voluntary stretchout of repayment another.

Beyond the immediate hit to banks, the biggest fear is that of contagion — a difficult-to-predict chain reaction that could roil markets and make it harder for other indebted countries to cope with their debts, with the result being higher borrowing costs for eurozone countries.

Internet



Receptionists welcome Toyota Motor Corp shareholders arriving at the Toyota headquarters building for the annual shareholders meeting at Toyota, central Japan, on 17 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Toyota promises shareholders revival from disaster

TOYOTA, 17 June— President Akio Toyoda promised shareholders a revived Toyota despite the production disruptions from the earthquake and tsunami that decimated northeastern Japan on 11 March, and first offered his prayers for those killed. The disaster dominated Friday’s annual shareholders

at Toyota Motor Corp headquarters in the town named after the world’s biggest automaker. It started with a solemn moment of silence for those killed and missing, now estimated at more than 23,000 people. The first question from investors was about what the company was doing in response to the destruction.

But the overall mood was supportive and upbeat, periodically interrupted by applause, unlike shareholder meetings in recent years when Toyota officials were on the defensive for massive global recalls caused by quality lapses and profit drops that followed the financial crisis. Toyota executives said they felt vindicated by the decision by US authorities earlier this year that there were no electronic-system defects in Toyota vehicles, as some had claimed, and that the problem with unintended acceleration had been with faulty floor mats.—Internet



People walk past the logo of the French bank Societe Generale at la Defence business district, outside Paris, on 14 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Chicago grains extend loss on stronger dollar, gloomy economy

CHICAGO, 17 June— Chicago grains extended weak sentiment into Thursday and registered a fourth straight drop, as concerns over improving weather and the economic situation in Europe sparked wide long liquidations. Wheat even lost more than 35 cents, falling below seven dollars per bushel.

The most active corn contract for July delivery shed 24.25 cents, or 3.34 percent, to close at 7.015 US dollars per bushel. July wheat slumped 35.25 cents, or 4.98 percent, to 6.7325 dollars per bushel. July soybean declined 17.5 cents, or 1.27 percent, to 13.505 dollars per bushel. Market analysts said that the favourable weather forecast and worsening situation in Europe are bearish forces that drive the overall market lower. Besides, the strengthened US dollar exerted additional pressure.—Xinhua

Iran to send monkey into space

TEHERAN, 17 June— Iran has planned to send a live monkey into space, the country's top space official has said.

According to Hamid Fazeli, the head of Iran's space organization, the *Kavoshgar-5* rocket will be launched during 23 July to 23 August with a 285-kilogramme capsule carrying a monkey to an altitude of 120 kilometres.

He said this after the country successfully launched its *Rassad-1* satellite into space, News.com.au reports. Fazeli also announced plans for the launch in October of the *Fajr* reconnaissance satellite with a life span of a year and a half, and to be

placed at an altitude of 400 kilometres, the report said.

In February, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad unveiled a space capsule designed to carry a live monkey into space along with four new prototypes of home-built satellites the country hopes to launch before March 2012.

At the time, Fazeli touted the launch of a large animal into space as the first step toward sending a man into space, which Teheran claims is scheduled for 2020, the report said.

Iran sent small animals like rats, turtles and worms into space in its *Kavoshgar-3* rocket in 2010.

Internet



A picture released by Iranian Defence Ministry shows the Saffir (Ambassador) rocket carrying Iran's Rassad-1 (Observation-1) satellite ready to launch into space, putting it in orbit 260 kms (163 miles) above the Earth on 15 June.—INTERNET



Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) meets with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 16 June, 2011.

XINHUA

Brazil confirms third death from A H1N1 flu in 2011

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 June—The Health Secretariat of southern Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul State Thursday confirmed the third death from A H1N1 flu in the state this year.

So far, no deaths from A H1N1 flu were confirmed in any other states of Brazil, though some cases are currently being investigated.

According to the Secretariat, the flu victim was a 42-year-old woman from the town of Pelotas, who had not been vaccinated against the disease and had low immunity. She died on 11 June.

The other victims in the state were a 48-year-old woman who died on 6 June and a 71-year-old man who died on 9 June. Besides the three deaths, another three cases of A H1N1 flu were confirmed in the state, and 42 are currently being investigated.

Local authorities assured that there is no epidemic of A H1N1 flu in the state, but they took measures to keep control of the situation, such as increasing the stock of flu vaccines, from 180,000 to 280,000. Brazil's Health Ministry will also send 200,000 doses of antivirals to the state to be used in patients who show flu symptoms.

In the 2009 A H1N1 flu epidemic, Brazil registered over 58,000 cases of the disease and 1,705 deaths.

Xinhua

Produce kids, get land, Russia says

MOSCOW, 17 June— Russian families who produce three or more children can get free land from the government.

President Dmitry Medvedev has signed an amendment to the country's land laws, the Kremlin said Thursday.

"Citizens with three or more children will be granted free parcels of

land held in state and municipal property, including for the purpose of individual housing construction," a statement said.

The step is aimed at reversing a severe population fall in Russia.

"Caring for the future generation is the most reliable, intelligent and noble investment,"

Medvedev has said. He also described the sliding population as "the most acute problem" facing Russia.

Russia's population peaked in the early 1990s—at 148 million people. It now stands at 143 million. Experts fear it will plunge to 111 million by 2050.

Internet

Six children hospitalized in France with E coli infection-related symptoms

PARIS, 17 June—Six children aged between 20 months and eight years old were hospitalized in Lille, a northeastern city in France, on Thursday after showing symptoms of being infected with E coli strain bacteria.

The six kids were seriously ill but in stable condition and an seventh child was able to return home soon, hospital sources were quoted by Le Figaro as saying.

The children fell ill after eating steak bought from Lidl, a German discount supermarket chain, but the "escherichia coli to date has no connection with the recent outbreaks in Germany," local media quoted the Regional Healthy Agency of Lille as

saying.

Samples sickening the kids have been sent for examination, and the result is expected later in the day. The producer of the steak, a France-based company, has announced in a statement posted before Thursday morning the withdrawal of all concerned product.

In France, 70 to 100 cases of contamination by E coli bacteria are reported each year, but with a mortality rate below 1 percent, reported the *French daily Le Figaro*.

The outbreak of a fatal strain of E coli has killed more than 30 people in northern Europe, and sickened over 3,200 others.

Xinhua



A consumer shops at the Lidl on supermarket in Berlin, Germany, on 16 June, 2011. Six children aged between 20 months and eight years old were hospitalized in Lille, a northeastern city in France, on Thursday after showing symptoms of being infected with E coli strain bacteria.

XINHUA

Woman sentenced for destroying evidences

NEW YORK, 17 June— A McLaughlin woman was charged with concealing and destroying a document and was sentenced on 13 June, 2011, by United States District Judge Charles B Kornmann.

Shirley White Buffalo, age 64, was sentenced to three years of probation and was fined USD100 to the Victim Assistance Fund.

Shirley White Buffalo was indicted for tampering with witnesses, concealing and destroying a material document, and for making a false declaration to a federal grand jury by a federal grand jury on 17 Aug, 2010.

She pleaded guilty to concealing and destroying a document on 28 Feb, 2011. The document White Buffalo destroyed was a sexual abuse disclosure note written by a victim advising White Buffalo that her live-in boyfriend, Frederick James One Feather, was sexually abusing White Buffalo's minor female relative.

Frederick One Feather was earlier convicted of three counts of sexual assault and sentenced to two life sentences.—Internet

Myanmar, China to work together in mining sector



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at the ministry here today. They discussed joint cooperation in mining sector.

Also present at the call were the director-general

of Mining Department, the director-general of Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, the managing director of No. 2 Mining Enterprise, and the managing director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise.—MNA

Press conference on Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series held

YANGON, 17 June—Myanmar Golf Federation held a press conference on Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2011 to be sponsored by Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd at Sedona Hotel, here, on 13 June morning.

CEO of Han Golf Master Pte Ltd U Chan Han explained prepara-

tion for the golf series.

The golf series will be held at Myanmar Golf Club (Yangon) on 24 June, Yedaguntaung Golf Club in Mandalay in the first week of July, Royal Mingaladon Golf Club (Yangon) in the first week of August, Yangon Golf Club in the first week of September and in the first week of

November, Punhlaing Golf Club in the first week of December.

The series will be categorized in the 8-21 aged, the 13-15 aged, the 16-18 aged and the 19-21 aged events.

For further information, dial 09-5177956, 09-2037671 and 01-651374.

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Transport Ministry grows saplings, puts fingerlings into dams

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—The Ministry of Transport held ceremonies to grow trees in 2011 monsoon and to put fingerlings into Dam No. 33 and No. 34 near Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, here, this afternoon.

Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung planted a star-

flower sapling whereas Deputy Minister U Win Shein grew a gum-kino plant.

The Union Minister, the deputy minister and departmental heads released fingerlings to the dams.

The ministry today grew 1400 saplings and put 15000 fingerlings into the dams.—MNA

Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung plants a star-flower sapling.—MNA



Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market's public toilet bomber arrested within 48 hours

KNU lures culprit to blast bomb in Nay Pyi Taw KNU's schemes brutally designed to kill bombers themselves in the bomb explosions

Those who are swayed to the persuasion of KNU insurgents because of their economic problems only will come to a sticky end

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Authorities have arrested the bomber who detonated a bomb in a toilet of Myoma Market in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, on 10

June, leaving three civilians wounded.

Acting on tips-off, the authorities arrested Aung Ko Lat (a) Aung Gyi, 35, son of U Ye Aung, of Yeni, within 48 hours after the blast.

The culprit confessed that he met with an explosive in-charge of the Brigade-2 of the KNU about three times last month while the rebel was staying at a clandestine village in Thandaung Township, Kayin State, had planned to plant the bomb after getting payment for the bombing.

He agreed with the KNU insurgents to blast the bomb in Nay Pyi Taw as he was lured by the insurgents that they would give him K 3 million in payment if the bombing was successful, he said, adding that he agreed to commit the crime just for money.

The culprit drove a motorcycle to the clandestine village at around 4 am on 10 June and accepted a 4 inches wide, 3 inches long and 2 inches thick bomb wrapped with yellow sticky tape and K 100,000 from KNU insurgent Ka Yin Lay as a advance payment.

After 9 pm, he parked his motorbike near the wholesales shops in Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, checked on the environs and went to the public toilet.

He placed the bomb inside the broken tank of the toilet and set off the bomb by igniting the fuse with cigarette fire as instructed by KNU terrorists.

After the blast, he left Nay Pyi Taw at once to Yeni

through the Pinyinmana bypass.

The culprit confessed that he blasted the bomb under the assignment given by the KNU insurgents with cash incentive.

KNU insurgents have been applying wicked means to intentionally blow up bombs at crowded places in Nay Pyi Taw to destroy the development of the city and peaceful lives of the people.

In connection with the incident in which a bomb exploded on Yangon-Mandalay No (3) up-train between Shwemyo station and Hsinthay station in Tatkon Township on 18 May, killing two and injuring nine, culprit Kyaw Di (a) Marino sent by the KNU insurgent group has been arrested and action is being taken against him in accord with the law. According to investigation, it is learnt that the culprit escaped death by getting off the train instantly after activating the battery-installed mine and that if he was late for seconds, he would be blown up according to the KNU's plan.

In another incident in which a bomb went off in a pay-toilet of Pinyinmana Station killing Naw Gaylar, 40, daughter of U Saw Shwe Lay, the KNU insurgent group trained and sent a bomber by paying the terrorist a certain amount of fees. It was learnt that the bomber also was killed by the bomb blast.

It is also learnt according to investigation that in the incident of bomb explosion in a public toilet of Myoma Market, culprit Aung Ko Lat (a) Aung Gyi managed to escape death as he could leave the place as soon as he had activated the bomb.

KNU insurgents are persuading destructive elements with cash incentives to blow up in Nay Pyi Taw and in crowded places. However, their schemes are brutally designed to kill bombers themselves in the bomb explosions. It is reviewed that those who are swayed to the persuasion of KNU insurgents because of their economic problems only will come to a sticky end.

Continued measures are being taken to take action against culprit Aung Ko Lat (a) Aung Gyi.—MNA



Culprit Aung Ko Lat (a) Aung Gyi who exploded bomb in public toilet in Myoma Market, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Culprit Kyaw Di (a) Marino who blew up Yangon-Mandalay No (3) up-train between Shwemyo station and Hsinthay station in Tatkon Township.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife and party receiving a sermon from the chancellor abbot of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy (Yangon).—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, wife ...

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Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint and General Secretary of Sitagu Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja U Han released hot-air balloons.

The Vice-President and party together with the Chancellor Abbot visited the meeting hall and special lecture hall.

The Vice-President unveiled the golden curtain of the Lord Buddha Chamber and offered oil lamps to the Buddha Image.

Members of the Sangha recited religious verses and vocalists presented religious songs.

The Vice-President and party took the Five Precepts from the Chancellor Sayadaw. The Vice-President and wife donated provisions to the Abbot.

The Chancellor gave Sitagu Sandesa Katha. The Union Minister for Religious Affairs gave a supplication.

Tampawady U Win Maung supplicated on matters related to Myanmar handicrafts decorated at the convocation hall.

Ashin Paññananda (Sitagu Kyeitapwint) recited religious verses composed by Mandalay Maha Withutayon Taikthit Mingala Beikman Sayadaw.

The Chancellor Abbot presented a certificate of

honour for donations to the Vice-President and wife. Next, the Abbot delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by the Vice-President and wife shared merits gained.

The Chancellor Abbot gave commemorative pennants and Dhamma gifts to the Vice-President, wife and party.

Sitagu World Buddhist Academy will conduct Diploma Course in Buddha Dhamma and B.A. (Buddhism) course that will last eight months. A total of 288 monks, nuns and laypersons will attend it.

The Basic Course on Buddhism is opened from 8 am to 10.30 am, and arrangements are being made for enthusiasts to attend it.—MNA



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and the chancellor abbot of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy (Yangon) view the new building of the academy.—MNA

Union Health Minister inspects hospitals in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin on 13 June visited People's Hospital in Monywa of Sagaing Region where he inspected medical rooms, wards and departments.

At nursery and midwifery training school, he called on the principal, instructors and trainees to attach importance to teaching and learning as midwifery is a noble task of saving lives.

He proceeded to Monywa Traditional Medicine Hospital to meet medical staff.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister went to People's Hospital and Minywa model village rural health centre in Ayadaw Township, and Station Hospital in Khatkhwin Village of Myinmu Township.

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Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin meets with the staff of Minywa Model Village Rural Health Centre in Ayadaw Township.

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China to assist Myanmar in holding SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua held discussion on promotion of non-smoke industry in Myanmar-China borders, China's investment in hospital-ity industry of Myanmar, at the minister's office

here this morning.

They also exchanged views on technical and other assistance of China for Myanmar in successfully holding SEA Games in 2013.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, departmental heads of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Ministry of Sports.—MNA

Union Minister for Border Affairs and for MID receives Chinese Ambassador



Union Minister Maj-Gen Thein Htay receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay received Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua at the Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development, here, at 3.30 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers U Han Sein and U Chan Maung and officials.—MNA

Myanmar, China to cooperate in information and communication sector

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun received

Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua at the ministry, here, this morning. They discussed

boosting cooperation in developing technologies and information and communication sector.

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Union Minister U Thein Tun receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.

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HT Ministry discuss tourism promotion

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Ministry of Hotels and Tourism today met for the third time to coordinate works for Myanmar

Gems Emporium to be held from 1 to 13 July along with Nay Pyi Taw Tourism Fair and Food Show for tourism promotion, addressed

by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan.

Those present reported to the Union Minister on preparation

progress which was assessed by Deputy Minister U Htay Aung. The meeting then came to an end with concluding remark of the Union minister.—MNA



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan addresses third work coordination meeting of his ministry.—MNA

Mon State Chief Minister speaks to teachers

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint spoke to teachers who will attend Refresher Course No. 75 of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) for Basic Education Teachers, at

the state government office yesterday.

The chief minister urged the teachers to nurture younger generations capable of serving interests of the nation, monitoring their mental development.

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Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint gives speech to teachers who are going to attend Special Refresher Course No. 75.

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Hazards of drug abuse talked at Myitkyina University

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—With a view to designating Myitkyina University as drug-free university, to helping youths understand harmfulness of drug abuse and cooperating in anti-narcotics campaigns, an educative talk on disadvantages of drug abuse was held at Myitkyina University in Kachin State yesterday.

Chief of Kachin State Police Force Police

Colonel Myint Lwin gave talk on narcotics, Medical Superintendent Dr Nyunt Wai of Drug Addict Rehabilitation Centre on danger and disadvantages of drugs, and District Law Officer U Than Hlaing on laws against drugs. After the talks, educative billboards warning danger of narcotics were set up at the front of the university.

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Cooperative officials receives job proficiency skills

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — A total of 82 staff officers of the Cooperative Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives

have received job proficiency skills during the one-week course in Nay Pyi Taw.

The course

concluded at the Ministry of Cooperatives here today and Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint delivered

concluding address at the ceremony this morning.

Deputy directors, directors and staff officers who are assigned to cooperative departments in regions and states have received the skills.

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Tatmadaw columns inevitably counterattack KIA troops for their threats and armed attacks

Government opens the door of peace to welcome those who are holding different views if they wish to cooperate with the government in mutually concerned cases for the interests of the nation and the people and run for election in compliance with democratic practices to justly gain power

Tatmadaw counterattacks on KIA just to protect its members, nation's important hydropower project without even a single intention of aggression or oppression

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—KIA based in Kachin State is committing deterrence to development projects of Kachin State, disturbing to the tasks, posing threats and disturbance to Chinese staff who are working at hydropower projects. On 16 April, they made threats to stop quarry works on the east bank of the Malikha River and take their permission to continue the works.

On 5 May, KIA entered Lahsa Hydropower Project on the east bank of the Malikha River and threatened Chinese staff to move to the west bank of the river within two days and to withdraw the extended camps from the east bank as quickly as possible.

In the afternoon of 8 June, KIA group called and examined a member of Tatmadaw security unit which was discharging security duty at Tarpein Hydropower Project in Kachin State and seized a rucksack with rounds of ammunition. In that regard, two Tatmadaw officers went to KIA camp to settle the issue. But they were detained by KIA without any reason.

While a military column led by the Base Tactical Operation Commander was marching to Tarpein Hydropower Project from Bhamo, KIA troops taking positions at Hsankha Camp of KIA Liaison Office and at Htonbo on the hill at the entrance to Tarpein Hydropower Project opened fires at the column. After responding to the gun fires the Tatmadaw column on 9 June took back the two Tatmadaw officers detained by KIA.

Although the Tatmadaw column informed KIA to withdraw from its temporary camp near Tarpein Hydropower Project not later than 11 June, KIA did not follow. The Tatmadaw column inevitably attacked and occupied the temporary camp on 12 June evening.

On 8 June, members of KIA unreasonably captured a police private and a civilian from the guardhouse of Microwave Station near Keikhteik Village, Mansi township, Bhamo District.

Though responsible police force negotiated for their release, KIA did not release them. But, they freed the detainees only when the Tatmadaw column demanded the release on 12 June.

Tarpein Hydropower Project is the joint venture project of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and Datang (Yunnan) United Hydropower Developing (DUHD) Company of China. The project is an important one and the two sides have invested heavily in the project.

As KIA members disturbed and threatened Chinese experts and employees assigned to the project, authorities warned them not to cause hindrances to the project.

But the KIA did, not pay heed to the warning, instead it launched heavy weapon fire at the project from its Dunbon Outpost, made the route linking Tarpain Hydel Power Project unsafe and blew up pylons carrying cables connecting the project and

Bhamo District.

Due to their threats, altogether 215 Chinese employees assigned to the project went back to China from 9 to 14 June. Fifty Chinese employees left the project on 9 June, 84 on 12 June, 53 on 13 June and 28 on 14 June respectively. The project which is equipped with four 60-MHz generators ceased to operate as from 14 June, causing a great loss to the State and the people.

Tatmadaw columns had to inevitably attack the KIA just to rescue its officers detained by the KIA without any reason and to protect high-cost Tarpein Hydropower Project, which can largely benefit the region as well as the nation. In response to the attack of the Tatmadaw, KIA blew up nine Bailey bridges, 10 RC type bridges, four concrete bridges, two wooden bridges, altogether 25 bridges, which are of importance in transportation of Kachin State, from 14 to 16 June. Such destructive acts of KIA severely harm interests of the region and the nation, destabilizing tranquility of local people and seriously damaging transport facilities.

Concerning national reconsolidation, there are still personalities and organizations at home and abroad and underground organizations that are unwilling to acknowledge the seven-step Road Map and the constitution. Nevertheless, they should bear in mind that they are also Myanmar and should hold the concept that Myanmar is their motherland and the incumbent government is their own government constituted with own national races at different levels.

Chapter (12) of the constitution stated that constitution can be amended in accordance with the procedures. However, no one, on the pretext of this, should degrade the image of their country in international community as well as causing harm to people of own race.

The government has publicly announced that it would open the door of peace to welcome those who are holding different views if they wish to cooperate with the government in mutually concerned cases for the interests of the nation and the people and run for election in compliance with democratic practices to justly gain power. KIA nowadays needs to realize the actual attitude of the State.

The only objective of the Tatmadaw in launching attacks on KIA is just to protect its members and an important hydropower project of the nation without even a single intention of aggression or oppression.—MNA

Photo taken on 16 June, 2011 shows a cave where rock paintings are discovered in Ergune, north China's Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region. Three rock paintings believed to date back to the ancient times were found in a cave here Thursday.

XINHUA



Explosion in central Israel kills three

JERUSALEM, 17 June—At least three people were killed late Thursday night by an explosion in the central Israeli City of Netanya, local source told Xinhua.

The strong blast at a

building also wounded more than ten people and trapped dozens. Security forces and rescue service have arrived at the scene to evacuate the residents.

The cause for the explosion was still unclear. Officials quoted the possibility of a gas leak and said the blast was not likely a bomb attack.

Meanwhile, police was searching for a car and two people who were seen leaving the scene shortly after the explosion, according to the local Ynet news service.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 5 Nov, 2010 shows an electric vehicle made by BYD Company Limited, at the 25th World Battery, Hybrid and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Symposium & Exposition in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province. The auto exhibition opened here Friday, showing some 220 electric and hybrid vehicles, made by over 60 carmakers worldwide. China's domestic carmakers play an important role in the expo.

XINHUA



Students Tianjin Polytechnic University perform during a chorus concert in Tianjin, north China, on 16 June, 2011. A concert of singing "red songs", namely Chinese revolutionary songs, was held here Thursday to celebrate the upcoming 90th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China.

XINHUA

Dikes breach in east China, more than 120,000 evacuated

HANGZHOU, 17 June—Two dikes breached in east Zhejiang Province Thursday as a result of continuing rains, forcing more than 120,000 people to move to safer places.

At about 6:40 am dikes breached in the township of Jiangzao, Zhuji City near the central part of Zhejiang. A total of 18 villages were flooded and more than 2,500 people were affected.

Seven hours later, dikes in the township of Diankou, Zhuji breached, affecting another 2,516 people.

According to the Zhejiang Provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters, torrential rains triggered flooding and landslides, toppling 2,470 houses and flooding 351 roads.

A total of 2.09 million people from 43 counties in nine of the province's 11 cities were affected by the disasters.

The Lanxi hydrological station of the Qiantang River monitored the biggest flood crest since 1955.

Journalists reported that many roads into the township of Xiangxi were inundated. Pedestrians



Photo taken on 16 June, 2011 shows the inundated village in Zhuji City, east China's Zhejiang Province.—XINHUA

tried to ford but returned after taking several steps because the water was too deep.

A man surnamed Xia was trapped under a viaduct when his car stalled. When police pulled him free, the water level was at his waist.

The local government is fighting the flooding with 100,000 woven bags and more than 17,000 cubic meters of wood and sand. Nearly 3,000 vehicles and ships, and 41,130 rescuers were dispatched for disaster relief.

Meanwhile, those affected by the disasters have been provided with quilts, drinking water and instant noodles with the value of more than 300,000 yuan (46,153.8 US dollars).—Xinhua

Two die, six missing in Indonesian flood

JAKARTA, 17 June—Rescuers have found two dead bodies and kept searching for six missing persons after flood hit eastern Indonesian Province of Gorontalo on Thursday, local official said on Friday.

Senior official at the provincial Disaster Management and Mitigation Agency Muhammad Taher Laindeng told *Xinhua* by Phone that the waters

started submerging Bone Bolange District on Wednesday.

Landslide occurred during the flood and buried scores of people, said Laindeng. "Two bodies have been found and six others are still missing," he said. Over 1,500 people have taken shelters at the office buildings and the resident houses at higher ground, said Laindeng.—MMA/Xinhua

Japan nuke plant set to treat contaminated water

TOKYO, 17 June—The operator of Japan's tsunami-hit nuclear plant is making final preparations to launch a crucial system to treat highly radioactive water that has hampered efforts to achieve the primary goal to cool and stabilize the damaged reactors.

More than 100,000 tons of radioactive water have pooled across the Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant, and it could overflow within a couple of weeks if action is not taken. Operator Tokyo Electric Power Co said workers Thursday made final tests on a treatment system ahead of full operation planned for Friday. TEPCO plans to eventually reuse the water, some of it temporarily stored in tanks, as core coolant.

Three reactor cores melted after the 11 March tsunami knocked out power and destroyed critical cooling systems.—Internet



A broken car is seen next to a volunteer diver who cleans tsunami debris in the sea at a port in an area devastated by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami in Ofunato, Iwate prefecture, on 16 June, 2011.—INTERNET

5.3 magnitude quake jolts western Java

JAKARTA, 18 June—A 5.3-magnitude earthquake hit off Ujungkulon, Banten, located on western Java island at 8.15 am on Friday, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said.

The quake's epicentre was 10 kilometres deep at a location of 76 kilometres northwest of Ujungkulon. The tremor was felt in Banten and Lampung in Sumatra island.

There were no reports of injuries or damages. No tsunami warning was issued. Indonesia sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," where the meeting of continental plates causes high seismic activity, and Sumatra is particularly prone to earthquakes.

Xinhua



Divers of the Prefectura Naval Argentina inspect the Rio Limay covered with ash from Chile's Puyehue-Cordon Caulle volcano chain at the mountain resort of San Carlos de Bariloche in Argentina's Patagonia on 16 June, 2011.

XINHUA

Argentine towns suffer under falling volcanic ash

BUENOS AIRES, 17 June—The government of one province in Argentina declared an economic emergency on Thursday to aid towns where falling ash from Chile's erupting volcano is endangering livestock and keeping tourists away.

The emergency in Neuquen Province follows a similar measure by the national government in other parts of Patagonia where agriculture has been hit by accumulating volcanic ash.

The decree by Gov Jorge Sapag will mean that those affected can receive tax benefits, among other measures.

Chile's Cordon Caulle volcano began erupting 4 June, spewing ash that has disrupted flights in countries ranging from Uruguay to Australia.

The ash has also blanketed towns across the border in Argentina. In the area of Villa La Angostura, located 24 miles (38 kilometres) from the volcano, up to one foot (30 centimetres) of ash has accumulated on the ground.

The ash has made it difficult to drive safely on roads, and the eruption came just as resorts in the mountain

towns were preparing for ski season.

"Today we can't anticipate the season's final results, but we can say that this has ruined the start of the winter season in the coming days," said Roberto Alonso, mayor of Villa La Angostura.

Residents in the town have been working to clean up the ash, said Alejandro Curiluck, a business owner in Villa La Angostura. "In 15 days we should be operating. The big problem is that the volcano keeps sending up ashes," he said.

Satellite images on Thursday showed the main ash cloud from the erupting volcano stretching about 900 miles (1,400 kilometres) toward the east-southeast, Chile's National Geology and Mines Service said in a statement.

"The eruption process continues and it's possible that an increase in activity could occur again, with episodes similar or greater in intensity than those that have occurred so far," the agency said.—Internet

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

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Floodwaters inundate homes and vehicles in Laibin City, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 16 June, 2011. Rain-triggered flood hit the city on Thursday.—XINHUA

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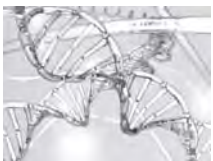
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Cells in the human body are constantly being exposed to stress from environmental chemicals or errors in routine cellular processes. While stress can cause damage, it can also provide the stimulus for undoing the damage.—XINHUA

Congenital syphilis screening 'cuts baby deaths'

LONDON, 17 June — Hundreds of thousands of babies' lives could be saved each year if pregnant women were screened for syphilis, researchers say.

Syphilis causes 500,000 stillbirths and newborn deaths globally, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa. A study of 41,000 women, published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, showed that testing and antibiotics could more than halve the number of deaths.

UK experts said screening was cheap and cost-effective. Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease that results in sores, a rash and ultimately serious damage to the heart, brain and eyes, and can lead to death.

It can also be passed from mother to child in the womb — a condition known as congenital syphilis. Most countries have policies of screening pregnant women, but this does not always take place

Tender invitation

Sealed tenders are invited by ADRA Myanmar to construct 400 shelters and 400 rainwater collection tanks in Kungyangone township.

Tender closing date: 22 June 2011 (Wednesday) 3:00 pm

Tender documents are available at 32 A-E Condo, North Bazaar Rd, Dagon Township or Call 240-900

Researchers identify protein that improves DNA repair under stress

WASHINGTON, 17 June — Cells in the human body are constantly being exposed to stress from environmental chemicals or errors in routine cellular processes. While stress can cause damage, it can also provide the stimulus for undoing the damage.

New research by a team of scientists at the University of Rochester has unveiled an important new mechanism that allows cells to recognize when they are under stress and prime the DNA repair machinery to respond to the threat of damage. Their findings will be published Friday in journal *Science*.

The scientists, led by biologists Vera

Gorbunova and Andrei Seluanov, focused on the most dangerous type of DNA damage — double strand breaks. Unrepaired, this type of damage can lead to premature aging and cancer. They studied how oxidative stress affects efficiency of DNA repair. Oxidative stress occurs when the body is unable to neutralize the highly-reactive molecules, which are typically produced during routine cellular activities.

The research team found that human cells undergoing oxidative stress synthesized more of a protein called SIRT6. By increasing SIRT6 levels, cells were able to stimulate their ability to repair double strand breaks.

Xinhua

Mitsubishi unveils super-sized TV at 92-inch!

NEW YORK, 17 June — Mitsubishi has unveiled a mammoth 92-inch 3-D DLP Home Cinema TV.

The TV, which uses digital light-processing technology rather than LCD, is said to give users four times the viewing area offered by a typical 46-inch LCD TV. According to Mitsubishi, it gives an edge over other TVs in terms of 3-D picture quality since it uses the same core technology employed by many 3-D movie theaters, reports the *New York Post*.

The 92-inch set priced at 6,000 dollars will go on sale next month and also features a new clear contrast screen, which produces deeper blacks and brighter whites. It includes built-in, 16-speaker Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound. The super-sized TV could be controlled through Mitsubishi's free remote control app for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. —Internet

Russian volcano erupts

Moscow, 17 June — A volcano in northern Russia has erupted, and is churning out ash to a height of 10,000 metres, scientists said Friday. The 3,283-metre Shiveluch volcano increased activity in May 2009 and has been periodically spewing ash from three to eight kilometres.

"Low clouds prevent us from getting a clear visual of the event, but our seismic data indicates that Shiveluch has churned out ash plumes to a height of up to 10,000 metres," said an official at the Far Eastern Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. Scientists said the volcanic activity over the past two-three years has altered the contour of the volcano, with the crater increasing in size by nearly 50 percent and the slopes becoming far steeper than before. —Internet



Vaccinations against the HPV virus which causes cervical cancer have been a success, according to a new study.—INTERNET

Cervical cancer vaccine a success, says Lancet report

LONDON, 17 June — The first evidence has emerged that nationwide vaccination programmes for young women against HPV, the virus that triggers cervical cancer, are likely to cut the numbers who get the disease.

A study in Australia, one of the first countries to introduce the vaccination, has shown a drop in high-grade cervical abnormalities — changes to the cells in the neck of the womb that can be the precursor to cancer. Australia introduced nationwide HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccination for women aged 12 to 26 from 2007. —Internet



Syphilis is caused by sexually transmitted bacteria known as *Treponema pallidum*.

INTERNET

in some rural and poor parts of the world. It is thought that fewer than one in eight women is actually screened for syphilis during pregnancy.

More than two million women are pregnant with syphilis each year. This has serious complications in more than two-thirds of cases. It can result in stillbirth, deaths of newborns and low birthweight as well as in the classic symptoms of syphilis.

A group of researchers at University College London analysed 10 previous studies, involving more than 41,000 women, to determine whether screening would be effective.

Internet

For US men easier to care for cars than their health

Is it any surprise that most men find it easier to love their cars more than themselves? Almost 70 percent of American men said they find it easier to care for their cars than their personal health, according to a survey released on Monday. And 40 percent said they would be more likely to address issues with their car than their health.

"For many men, tuning up our cars is easier than getting checkups for our health," NASCAR driver Terry Labonte said in a statement.

Labonte, who was named one of NASCAR'S (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) top

50 greatest drivers, is a spokesman for a national campaign launched by Men's Health Network and the drug company Abbott Laboratories which both conducted the poll, to encourage men to visit their doctors more often.

The survey of 501 men, aged 45 to 65, and their spouses or partners revealed that 28 percent of men do not visit the doctor regularly, and more than 40 percent of the women questioned said they are worried about their husband's or partner's health. A similar number of women also said they are more concerned about their men's health than their own.



Photo taken on 15 June, 2011, shows a stone shaped exactly like a pumpkin displayed at an exhibition in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province. A rare stone exhibition opened Tuesday in Guiyang, attracting numerous visitors.

Neighbours sign peace deal to stop feud

A handshake wasn't enough for two Malaysian neighbours embroiled in a lengthy and bitter feud sparked by complaints over barking dogs — the two actually signed a peace treaty. The three-year battle began when one of the men complained to the police in Malaysia's southern Johor state, where they lived, about his neighbour's noisy dogs, the *Star* newspaper reported.

The dog owner retaliated by playing loud music at night, throwing cans of paint into his neighbour's house and driving his car into the gate. His neighbour filed a counter complaint about the music. When both men decided to end the feud recently, they opted for a signed peace deal or "Memorandum of Understanding" to keep each other in check.

One of the main points in the peace deal, brokered by a public complaints bureau, is that the dog owner has to find a way to minimize barking at night. "If either of the two men decides to break the Memorandum of Understanding, the other can bring this document and present it either to the police or in court," said mediator Michael Tay. "I hope both men can live in peace with each other."

Man charged with stealing house

Canadian police on Wednesday charged a man in central Ontario Province with stealing a house. The owner arrived home to find his 10-year-old mobile home in the Ontario community of Dundalk, northwest of Toronto, was missing.

He alerted police who located the "45-foot, double-wide" prefabricated building worth an estimated CAN\$30,000 on a rural property "a relatively short distance from where it was taken," Ontario Provincial Police Constable Dave Myers told AFP.

A 43-year-old man was charged with theft and mischief, and using forged documents to try to convince police that he owned the building. Authorities could not explain how the home was stolen.



A mobile home is transported to higher ground in May 2011. Canadian police on Wednesday charged a man in central Ontario Province with stealing a house.

News Album

Russell Crowe to play Superman's father in "Man of Steel"



Russell Crowe in "Body of Lies". XINHUA

BEIJING, 17 June—Russell Crowe is set to play the role of Superman's biological father Jor-El in the upcoming "Man of Steel" reboot movie, according to media reports Thursday.

The mercurial Aussie is in negotiations to take the role in "Man of Steel,"

which Zack Snyder is on board to direct with Brit thesp Henry Cavill set to play Superman.

In the classic 1978 movie, starring Christopher Reeve, the role was played by Marlon Brando.

While the studio has yet to confirm the casting, the report indicates that an A-list actress is also being sought to play Lara, Superman's biological mother.

But if the early reports are correct, Crowe will join previously announced cast members Henry Cavill (Superman)

and Amy Adams (Lois Lane).

Kevin Costner and Diane Lane will play Superman's adoptive parents.

"Man Of Steel" is scheduled to hit theaters in 2012.—Xinhua



Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes

Tom Cruise 'blows everyone away as grizzled old rocker'

LONDON, 17 June—Actor Tom Cruise has astonished everybody with his new talent. His vocal ability has stunned cast and crew on the set of his latest flick 'Rock Of Ages'.

For his role as ageing rock star Stacey Jaxx, Tom has had rigorous singing lessons with vocal guru Ron Anderson and has been belting out classics by Bon Jovi and Styx. "Nobody thought Tom would cut the mustard as a grizzled old rocker but he's blown everyone away," the *Sun* quoted a source as saying.

"He's discovered he's got a four-octave vocal range, which is very rare for a man. He puts it down to his genes as he has found out he has an opera singer in his ancestry," added source.—Internet

Jennifer Lopez unsure about "Idol" return

BEIJING, 17 June—Jennifer Lopez said that she's uncertain whether she will return to the "American Idol" judging panel next season, media reported Thursday.

Lopez signed a one-year deal with the show and is happy that there is no rush for her decision.

"This is the question

of the hour. I don't know. I don't know, I haven't been forced to make a decision, and I'm glad about that because honestly, I'm very kind of on the fence about it," Lopez said while appearing on a BBC Radio programme in the UK. "I had an amazing time doing it and I loved it but I have a lot of other things happening. It's going to come down to making a choice of what I want to do for the next year. We're not really at the breaking point yet."

Xinhua



Singer and actress Jennifer Lopez

Lady Gaga's 'meat dress' on display at 'Rock and Roll Hall of Fame'

LONDON, 17 June—Lady Gaga's infamous 'meat outfit' is being showcased at the 'Rock and Roll Hall of Fame' in the US. The museum in Cleveland, Ohio, is putting the meaty piece on display as part of its 'Women Who Rock' exhibition, reports the *Sun*. Designers Franc Fernandez and Nichola Formichetti had created the hand-sewn outfit. The 'Poker Face' singer had worn the dress at the 2010 MTV Video Music awards in September 2010.—Internet



In this photo taken on 14 June, 2011, the dress made of meat worn by Lady Gaga at the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards is shown in the museum's vault.—INTERNET



Actress Eva Longoria arrives at the Mexican American Legal Defence and Education Fund's (MALDEF) 2011 Awards Gala in Washington on 15 June, 2011. XINHUA



Guard Jason Kidd of the Dallas Mavericks hoists the Larry O'Brien Trophy from the American Airlines Centre balcony for fans gathered at Victory Plaza during the Dallas Mavericks victory celebration in Dallas, Texas.—INTERNET

Mavs celebrate first NBA title with downtown parade

DALLAS, 17 June—In an exuberant parade and victory celebration, Dallas Mavericks fans honoured their championship team with favour, flavor and class. The estimated 250,000 fans at the parade and celebration on Thursday appeared to be more focused on having fun and cheering the team for winning their first NBA championship in their 31-year-

history. "I'm excited, even though it took them so long," said Tybrena Bryant, 22 of Dallas, who was among the early arrivals to the event. "I'm a Cowboy's fan but the Cowboys didn't bring it home, the (Texas) Stars didn't bring it home and the Rangers haven't brought it home. The Mavericks did and we were long overdue."

Four hours before the parade began at 10 am (1500 GMT), thousands of revellers had already lined the route that started at the Dallas Convention Center downtown and ended at American Airlines Centre. With wild cheers and victory chants they eagerly greeted the Mavericks and their entourage along the parade route.—Internet

Visa delay makes Rock last-minute US Open arrival

BETHESDA, 17 June—Robert Rock arrived at the US Open less than 12 hours before his first tee shot, his delay caused by visa issues stemming from an driving-under-the-influence incident when he was a teenager.

That's quite a story in itself, but here's the punch line: The Englishman shot a 1 under 70 in Thursday's first round, good enough for a tie for 10th, despite playing a difficult course he had never seen before. "I couldn't really picture the holes," he said, "until we walked a hundred yards down the fairway and I could see what was going on."

Rock qualified for his first US Open two weeks ago, but he said the DUI



Britain's Robert Rock

from years ago complicated his efforts to get to the United States. It wasn't until 4 pm Wednesday that the approval came through and he got his passport back. He then took an 8 pm flight from England to Newark and, upon landing, hired a car for \$1,000 to get him to Maryland, arriving at 3:30 am. Internet

Footballer Ballack's Germany career over

BERLIN, 17 June—Michael Ballack, a towering figure in German football for the past decade, is no longer part of the national squad after 98 appearances for his country, the national federation (DFB) said on Thursday. "I have discussed things openly with Michael Ballack, most recently in our meeting at the end of March 2011 and in numerous phone calls since then," coach Joachim Loew said. "With the Euro 2012 season about to start the time has come for me to make a clear statement."

The former Chelsea and Bayern Munich midfielder, 34, has not played for Germany since the national side lost 1-0 to Argentina in Munich in a March 2010 friendly. In

terms of performance at least, his absence has not been felt. Injured in a brutal tackle by Portsmouth's Kevin-Prince Boateng in the FA Cup final, Ballack played no part in the World Cup last year, when Germany played some of the best football of the tournament to finish third.

And in the qualifying campaign for Euro 2012 hosted by Poland and



German midfielder Michael Ballack

Ukraine, Germany are sitting pretty at the top of their qualifying group with a 10-point lead, virtually assuring a berth for the Germans—and no thanks to Ballack.—Internet

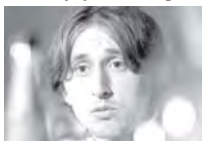
Tottenham boss furious at 'ridiculous' Modric bid

LONDON, 17 June—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp has branded Chelsea's reported £22 million (\$35m) bid to sign Luka Modric as "ridiculous" and insisted that his midfield star will not be leaving the club this summer. Redknapp is keen to hold on to the 25-year-old, who enjoyed a superb

season at the heart of the Spurs midfield last year.

The 64-year-old Redknapp recently described Modric as "irreplaceable" in the wake of reported interest from Chelsea, and the Londoners are understood to have had a £22million offer for the Croatian playmaker rejected on Wednesday night. "Luka is not for sale," Redknapp told the BBC. "If there has been a bid of £22m, that is ridiculous. There are people being sold for £20m who are not fit to lace Luka's boots."

Internet



Tottenham Hotspur's Croatian player Luka Modric

Budweiser to sponsor English FA Cup

WEMBLEY, 17 June—Budweiser has become the first American sponsor of England's FA Cup. The beer company, which is owned by St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch, has secured a three-year deal to sponsor world football's oldest domestic cup competition.

With Budweiser replacing German utility company E.ON as the main sponsor, both of England's cup competitions are now sponsored by beer companies. Carling is the title sponsor of the League Cup. Manchester City won the FA Cup last month by beating Stoke.—Internet

China's Li Na seeks 'double happiness' at Wimbledon

BEIJING, 17 June—China's Li Na rewrote the record books by winning the French Open, and the overnight Asian superstar can cement her place among the game's elite by sealing back-

to-back Slams at Wimbledon.

The unassuming Li, 29, has been characteristically candid on her chances at the All England Club, where she is a two-time quarter-finalist and a leading title hope among yet another wide-open women's field. "The French Open is over, right now I'm preparing for Wimbledon," she said, according to the Beijing Times. "Wimbledon is a grass tournament, you can't say that I played badly in the last two Slams so of course I'm going to get good results at Wimbledon."—Internet



Li Na of China

Wembley to host 2013 Champions League final

NYON, 17 June—The Champions League final will take place at London's Wembley Stadium in 2013, for the second time in three years, UEFA president Michel Platini announced on Thursday. Having hosted Euro-

pean football's showpiece event last season, when Barcelona beat Manchester United, Wembley will again play host to the final due to "the exceptional circumstances" of the Football Association's 150th anniversary, Platini told a Press conference.

"There are always many candidates for the Champions League final and the (UEFA) Congress but this is to mark the special year of the English FA," Platini said. Some will be surprised that we're going back there two years later, but it was important to mark the FA's 150th



UEFA president Michel Platini

year. The UEFA executive committee approved this decision unanimously. They're the oldest federation. If we forget the past, we have no future." It will be the seventh time that Wembley has organized the final of Europe's premier cup competition, more than any other venue. Internet

McIlroy shows off his major form on a Thursday

BETHESDA, 17 June—Rory McIlroy is becoming a master at these major championships. At least on Thursday. Showing no linger effects from a Sunday collapse at the Masters, the 22-year-old McIlroy made the toughest test in golf look like child's play at Congressional with a 6-under 65 to build the biggest 18-hole lead at the US Open in 35 years.

He missed only one green. He was the only player in the 156-man field without a single bogey.

And just like that, McIlroy wound up atop the leaderboard after the open-

ing round for the third time in the last four majors. "It felt like quite a simple 65," McIlroy said. "I didn't do much wrong." The trouble has been finishing them off.

Internet

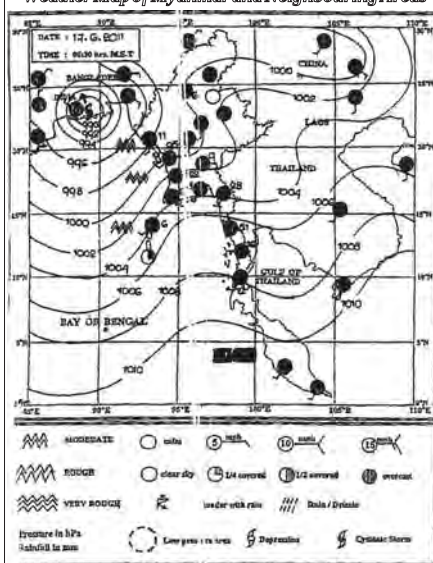


Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland

S P O R T S

Friday, 17th June, 2011

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions and Shan State, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Air port) (1.34) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (1.18) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.91) inch, Thandwe (7.48) inches, Gwa (4.02) inches, Kyaukphyu (3.90) inches, Ye (3.58) inches, Bilin (3.23) inches, Kyauktaw (3.15) inches, Theinzayat (3.07) inches, Shwegyin (2.92) inches and Longlon (2.83) inches..

Maximum temperature on 16-6-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 17-6-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-6-2011 was (100%). Rainfall on 17-6-2011 was (0.91) inch.

Maximum temperature on 16-6-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 17-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-6-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 17-6-2011 was (1.34) inches.

Rainfall on 17-6-2011 was (0.91) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.12) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (17.71) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (35.16) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum

wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (10) mph from Southwest at (06:30) hours MST on 17-6-2011.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the Depression over North Bay of Bengal is crossing West Bengal Coast (India). Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 18th June 2011: Rain will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18th June 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18th June 2011: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18th June 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for the third weekend of June, 2011: Rains are likely to be widespread in Yangon Region and scattered in Mandalay Region.

PETERSBURG, 17 June—The American League East leading Boston Red Sox held on for a 4-2 win over their divisional rival Tampa Bay Rays at Tropicana Field on Thursday.

The expected pitching duel between Tampa Bay's David Price and Boston's Clay Buchholz did not materialize as Boston scored three runs in the first two innings while Price struggled with his command.

It could have been even worse for

Price had Boston capitalized on having the bases loaded twice in the first two innings.

Price, however, did recover to pitch five innings, allowing three runs on five hits and five walks while striking out five. "I walked five, so that's tough," Price said. "I didn't command the zone at all with any pitch. You're not going to get by, especially against a team like Boston."

Internet



***Gerald Mosse on
Immortal Verse
celebrates his win in the
Coronation Stakes on
the fourth day of racing
at Royal Ascot in
southern England 17
June, 2011.***

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Programme Schedule

(18-6-2011) (Saturday)

<u>Transmissions</u>	<u>Times</u>
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (18-6-11 09:30 am ~ 19-6-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * On the LEDO Road(Part-IV)
- * News
- * Melody of National Symphony Orchestra “Kyay Sei Tamen”
- * Stylish Contemporary Furniture
- * News
- * Topic on Journal “The Role of Ports & Jetties in Mercantile Industry”
- * Artistic Home Decoration Items
- * News
- * Myanmar Donation Ceremony and Well-done sounds from Rural Area

Overseas Transmission

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- * News
- * Youth of The Future (Taikundo)
- * News
- * Topic on Journal “Nay Pyi Taw Gems Emporium’s offer to the world”
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Asian Wings Ariways Personal hygiene grooming
- * News
- * Myanmar Tourism Board
- * Myanmar Movies “New Bosom”

Myanmar



Saturday,

18 June

View on today

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- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By
Venerable Mingun
Sayadaw-
Uppatathandi
Paritta
- 7:25 am**
2. Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puja
Song

- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am**
7. Poem Garden
- 8:15 am**
8. Myanmar
Traditional Cultural
Performing Arts
Competitions
- 8:20 am**
9. Musical Programme
- 8:30 am**
10. One Village and one
Product
- 8:40 am**
11. International News
- 8:45 am**
12. Local Talent
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Game For Children
- 11:50 am**
4. Round Up Of The
Week's TV Local
News

- 12:20 pm**
5. Yan Can Cook
12:40 pm
6. TV Drama Series
1:40 pm
7. Song Of National
Races
1:45 pm
8. Documentary
2:15 pm
9. Teleplay
2:50 pm
10. Composer's Choice
/ Choice of Vocalist
2:55 pm
11. International News
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
4:20 pm
3. Cultural Dances
4:30 pm
4. Teleplay (Policy)
4:45 pm
5. University of
Distance Education
(TV Lectures) -
Second Year (Maths)

- 5:00 pm**
6. Songs for Upholding
National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**
7. Singing In
Different Versions
- 5:20 pm**
8. Documentary
- 5:30 pm**
9. Game for Children
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
12. Ahlshamae
Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm**
13. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm**
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Cartoon Series
19. TV Drama Series
20. Gidadagale
Phwinfbaoahn

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Ministry of Mines honours outstanding students of staff

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—The prize presentation for outstanding students of staff was held at the Ministry of Mines, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik and departmental heads presented prizes to 90 outstanding students in the matriculation examination for 2010-2011 academic year.

They also gave stipends and 177 dozens of exercise books to 177 students at basic education level and 38 students at university level.

The Ministry of Mines provided K 9,155,000 and 177 dozens of exercise books to students this year.

MNA

Mexican scientist grows tasty mushrooms from dirty diapers

WASHINGTON, 17 June—In what could be called double benefits from a single shot, a Mexican scientist has found a quick way of breaking down disposable diapers while producing tasty mushrooms.

Alethia Vazquez-Morillas of the Autonomous Metropolitan University in Mexico City has shown that a fungus called Oyster mushrooms, *Pleurotus ostreatus*, can

devour 90 percent of a disposable diaper within two months.

What's more, the mushrooms grown on diapers are edible and Vazquez-Morillas has dined upon them herself.

"They are cleaner than most of the vegetables you can find in the market, at least in

Mexico," *Discovery News* quoted Vazquez-Morillas saying in an interview with the *Economist*. Disposable diapers normally take centuries to biodegrade in landfills. They are mostly made of cellulose, the tough material that plants use for structural support.

Internet



Union Minister U Thein Htaik awards an outstanding student. —MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister meets Chinese Ambassador



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Iran to send monkey into space

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Dikes breach in east China, more than 120,000 evacuated



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Storm news

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology released news today that according to the observations at 12.30 hrs MST today, the depression over north Bay of Bengal is crossing west Bengal Coast (India).

Current stage of the depression is coded as yellow, which means it is not moving toward Myanmar.

Under the influence of the depression, occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 45 mph.—MNA