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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

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the ceremony to hand over paperwork on 500-ton Food Security Shelter built under India-Myanmar Friendship Programme, donate cash to Tahlay earthquake victims, and sign MoU between Myanmar and India at the President Office here at 6.10 pm today.

Present on the occasion together with Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Director-General of the President Office U Min Zaw and officials. The Indian delegation led by Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India Mr S. M Krishna was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and embassy staff.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein handed over the documents related to the Food Security Shelter to the Indian External Affairs Minister.

Indian External Affairs Minister Mr S. M Krishna presented cash donations to Tahlay earthquake victims through Union Minister U Aung Kyi.

In the presence of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein and Indian External Affairs Minister Mr S. M Krishna signed the MoU "Between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of India on Setting Up of Indo-Myanmar Industrial Training Centre at Myingyan, Myanmar", and exchanged the related documents at the signing ceremony.

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PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 22 June, 2011

Encourage combined farming for rural development

The government is in pursuance of the goal of improving the socioeconomic life of rural folks in all seriousness. Now, Union level central committee, work committee and Region and State level work committees have been formed for rural development and poverty alleviation.

The goal covers development of agricultural production sector, development of rural productivity sector and cottage industries, development of micro saving and credit enterprises, development of rural cooperative tasks, development of rural socio-economy, development or rural energy and environmental conservation.

According to the all-round surveys, Myanmar's poverty rate has decreased from 32 % to 26 %. Poverty rate must be halved between 1990 and 2015 under the UN Millennium Goal. So, poverty rate must be reduced by 16% by 2014-2015.

The term of the plan is from 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2015. Respective work committees will have to work hand in hand with rural people with a strong sense of altruistic spirit in various sectors in the interests of over 300 townships and over 80 sub-townships.

Main source of farmers is cultivation of seasonal crops that are at harvest in at least four to five months. So, they should engage in integrated farming on a wider scale for their secondary incomes with which they can have self-employed jobs, incomes, organic fertilizers and bio-fuel.

Improving living conditions for farmers and workers that are the basic class of the nation can enhance the dignity of the nation. To ensure rural development and poverty alleviation will be a dream come true if all those responsible provide rural-based technical support and capitals.

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 Information and Culture Minister receives Japanese Ambassador

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito called on Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan at Minister's office here this afternoon. At the call, both sides cordially discussed mutual cooperation in production of TV programme, boosting media sector cooperation, cultural exchange and the advanced courses on archaeology, museum and culture.

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

Special Refresher Course No. 41 for basic education teachers at CICS

UCSB Chairman U Kyaw Thu addresses the opening of Special Refresher Course No. 41 for basic education teachers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—The ceremony to open Special Refresher Course No. 41 for basic education teachers was held at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) yesterday, addressed by Chairman U Kyaw Thu of Union Civil Service Board.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, member of UCSB Dr Win Myint, Mandalay Region Minister for Education and Health Dr Win Hlaing and officials concerned.

A total of 1503 trainees are attending the course.—*MNA*

Director-General, General Secretariat of EU Council calls on Dy Health Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint received a European Union delegation led by Mr Robert Cooper, Director-General, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, External Economic Relations, Politico-Military Affairs, at the ministry here yesterday morning.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in health sector, health expenses, renewal of MoUs on cooperation between the health ministry and international social organizations, issuance of visas for foreign experts, promoting of rural health care and arrangements for realization of Millennium Development Goals on health.—*MNA*

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint receives European Union delegation led by Mr Robert Cooper.—MNA

Smoke billows from a burning car after an attack on a French embassy convoy in the Iraqi capital Baghdad. Seven Iraqis were wounded as an improvised bomb struck a French embassy car, interior ministry and hospital sources said. INTERNET

French Embassy convoy hit by bomb in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 21 June— A roadside bomb exploded Monday morning next to a French Embassy convoy traveling through downtown Baghdad, wounding seven Iraqis, officials said.

A police officer said the bomb which was exploded at about 8:30 am lightly damaged one of the three armoured SUVs in the capital's commercial Karrada area.

Four Iraqi guards working for a private security company employed by the embassy and three civilian bystanders were wounded, the officer said. The French Foreign Ministry said no one in the convoy was hurt in the explosion.

"Nothing indicates that members of our diplomatic representation were targeted by this attack," ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said in an online briefing Monday.

The attack was part of a series attacks launched by militants in the capital during the Monday rush hour.

At about 7 am, gunmen in speeding car shot and killed with pistols fitted with silencers a policeman in the southwestern Amil area, another police officer said.—*Internet*

Taleban force Pak girl to wear suicide vest, attack security checkpoint

PESHAWAR, 21 June— A nine-year-old girl, who was on her way to school, was kidnapped by Taleban militants over the weekend and forced to wear a suicide bomb vest. According to the *Daily Times*, the militants then directed the girl to attack a paramilitary checkpoint in Timergarah, but she managed to raise an alarm and was eventually helped by security personnel to remove the suicide vest.

The checkpoint run by Frontier Corps, was located about 10 kilometres outside Timergarah, the main town in Lower Dir District.

Police and Sohana Jawed addressed a news conference in Lower Dir District.They said the incident took place on Saturday as she was heading to her school in Peshawar.

Jawed said that she was grabbed by two women and forced into a car carrying two men.

Police in Peshawar said they are still trying to confirm her story.

Internet

Afghan policemen stand next to a car destroyed after a suicide car bomb blast in Kunduz on 19 June, 2011. Three civilians were killed and eleven wounded when a suicide bomber in a car attacked a convoy of foreign troops in northern Kunduz Province, the Interior Ministry said. INTERNET

Two car bombs kill 25 in central Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 June— Two car bombs near the home of the provincial governor killed at least 25 people and wounded more than 30 in the city of Diwaniyah in central Iraq on Tuesday, a Defence Ministry official said.

"Two car bombs exploded almost simultaneously near the governor's home in Diawaniyah, killing 25 people and wounding more than 30," the official told *AFP*.

It was not immediately known if the governor, Salam Hussein Alwan, was among the casualties.

MNA/AFP/CNA

Afghan policemen investigate a roadside bomb blast in Ghazni Province on 18 June, 2011. Four Afghan private security guards protecting supply trucks for NATO-led troops were killed by two roadside bombs in Ander District of Ghazni Province, southwest of Kabul, the deputy police commander for Ghazni Province said.—INTERNET

Afghan soldier who killed Oz army cook Jones 'shot dead' in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 June—An Afghan soldier who had killed Australian soldier Lance Corporal Andrew Jones has been shot dead.

The joined American-Afghan International Security Assistance Force patrol had killed Shafidullah Guhlamon near his home village in the Khost Province of eastern Afghanistan near the Pakistan border after he refused to surrender, news.com.au reports. The coalition forces had been hunting for him since 30 May when he had killed Jones, the cook, at Combat Outpost Mashal in the Chora Valley near Tarin Kowt.—*Internet*

One NATO soldier killed in IED blast in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 June—A NATO soldier was killed in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in restive southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, bringing to four the number of casualties of military alliance in the country since Monday morning. "An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan today," said a statement issued by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) here on Tuesday.

Earlier Tuesday, the multi-national ISAF also confirmed losing two soldiers in two separate insurgent attacks in the country's volatile eastern provinces on Monday. Another ISAF service member was killed in an IED attack also in southern Afghanistan on Monday.

Troops mainly from the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia have been stationed in the southern region within the framework of ISAF to fight Taliban militants there while US forces mostly have been stationed in the eastern part of the insurgency-hit country.

Over 250 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year.

MNA/Xinhua

People inspect the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, killing 25 people and wounding more than 30. INTERNET

People inspect at the scene a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 20 June, 2011. A parked car bomb targeted a passing police patrol in the northeastern Shaab neighbourhood, killing and wounding several people, officials said.—INTERNET

Science

New large crab species discovered in Costa Rica

A river is pictured in the Costa Rican Pacific coast. A new species of large land crab was discovered on Cocos Island in Costa Rica, a local newspaper reported on Monday.

INTERNET

SAN JOSE, 21 June— A new species of large land crab was discovered on Cocos Island in Costa Rica, a local newspaper reported on Monday.

University researchers from Costa Rica and the United States discovered the new species, named "Johngarthia cocoensis," on the Pacific Ocean island. The distinguishing characteristic of J cocoensis, according to the researchers, is its large size a male can measure 40 cm (15.7 inches) with their front legs extended (females measure smaller). The crabs live in holes dug into the soil and eat primarily grasses and seeds.

Robert Perger and Rita Vargas from the University of Costa Rica and Adam Wall from the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum are credited with discovering the new species.

Perger told the local newspaper that J cocensis resembles the J malpilensis crab, which lives on nearby islands.

"The similarity with other species in the western Pacific indicates that larvae (which develop in the sea) may have crossed to Cocos Island by sea currents," and then adapted to the habitat to grow into a new species he said.

Cocos Island is located off the coast of Colombia but within the territorial waters of Costa Rica and is the only island in the Western Pacific that has a humid tropical forest climate and a wide variety of animal species.

Internet

Last shuttle crew arrives at NASA spaceport for launch practice

CAPE CANAVERAL, 21 June—The four astronauts who will fly on the last-ever space shuttle mission landed at NASA's Florida spaceport Monday evening (20 June) to participate in a dress rehearsal for their 8 July launch.

Flying in a pair of NASA's *T-38* supersonic jets, the crew touched down at 5:30 pm EDT (2130 GMT) here at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, landing on the same runway the astronauts plan to use when they return to Earth at the end of their upcoming mission.

The shuttle will be commanded by Chris Ferguson, who landed his *T-38* jet today with crewmate Rex Walheim, an Atlantis mission specialist. Atlantis' pilot Doug Hurley rode in on the second *T-38* jet with mission specialist Sandra Magnus.

Over the next three days, the Atlantis crew will take part in a number of training activities leading up to their suiting up and climbing aboard the shuttle on Thursday (23 June) to proceed through their pre-launch checklists as a simulated countdown ticks down to just before engine ignition.

The training session has been standard for all NASA shuttle missions and is known as the Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test, or TCDT.

Meanwhile, shuttle technicians working out on the launch pad continued Monday installing a cargo pod inside Atlantis' payload bay.

Now positioned for launch, the Raffaello logistics module is packed with more than 8,000 pounds (3,628 kilogrammes) of supplies and equipment for the space station. A separate experiment platforms is also packed in Atlantis' payload bay. Technicians were also busy performing X-ray scans of support beams inside Atlantis' external fuel tank.

The 50-foot (15-metre) beams, called "stringers," were being inspected to ensure no cracks formed during a recent fueling test that filled the orange-brown tank with supercold propellants subjecting it to the same supercold temperatures it will experience on launch day.

Workers also began replacing fuel valve in Atlantis' space shuttle main engine no 3 today after seeing indications it was leaking during the tanking test.—*Internet*

Technology

Researchers find new way to add smell to TV

SAN DIEGO, 21 June—What if when watching Pirates of the Caribbean, you could actually smell the ocean as Captain Jack Sparrow's ship sped through it? Or if you could catch a whiff of the fantastic desserts contestants were preparing on Top Chef? Adding scent to the entertainment experience is the promise of a new technology developed by scientists at the University of California San Diego collaborating with Samsung.

The new tech is far from the first attempt at creating "Smell-O-Vision," the name given to one of the techniques for introducing aromas to entertainment experiences in the 1950s and '60s. But it's definitely the most sophisticated, said to be able to create up to 10,000 different odors from a relatively compact device.

"That's the hypothetical number," Sungho Jin, a professor of NanoEngineering at UC San Diego and the leader of the research team, told PCMag. "It's a matter of programming. All the odors would be pre-programmed, like sound is synchronized with the image. So there are a lot of possibilities."

Jin cautions that what his team has developed is just a proof of concept at this point. The device keeps an aqueous solution in several tiny compartments that can be heated with a metal wire when the time comes to release the smell. That turns the solution into a gas, and its pressure opens a tiny compressed hole in the compartment, making the odor "live."

The breakthrough they discovered was mapping the odors on an x-y matrix to minimize the complexity of the system. Without that simplifying move, the device would need thousands of individual controllers to create odors, but the matrix approach could allow the device to be miniaturized so much that it fits in a cell phone.

"If you want to do 10,000 odors with 10,000 switches, that's a very complicated device. But if you have an x-y matrix system, that device is more practical. It's not a problem doing 100x100 on a 50-inch TV. Each chamber would be millimetre size.

On a cell phone, you may not be able to do 10,000 odors. Maybe 100."

Internet

Nokia to launch microsoft platform phones in 2011

***Nokia's Chief Executive Stephen Elop speaks with a projected image of the new Nokia N9 phone in the background during a press briefing on the sidelines of CommunicAsia 2011.*—INTERNET**

SINGAPORE, 21 June—Finnish handset maker Nokia Corp plans to introduce its first mobile phones using the Microsoft Windows operating system this year, the company's chief executive said Tuesday. Nokia is facing steep competition from competitors in several products. At the top end of the market it is struggling against smartphones such as Apple's iPhone, Research in Motion's Blackberry as well as Android, and on the lower end against emerging market phone makers who are dropping their prices.

Nokia will start to deliver the Windows-based mobile phones in bulk next year, CEO Stephen Elop said in a speech at a technology trade show in Singapore. "Our primary smartphone strategy is to focus on the Windows phone," Elop said. "I have increased confidence that we will launch our first device based on the Windows platform later this year and we will ship our product in volume in 2012." Elop has acknowledged Nokia has been too slow to meet the challenge from competitors and has hinted that the company would drop its cellphone prices.

Last month, the company warned both sales and profit margins in the second quarter would be substantially below previous forecasts.

Internet

Health

Men's waistlines could be key to health

WASHINGTON, 21 June—Men can gain significant health benefits from watching their waist size and, if necessary, losing some flab around the middle, the American Dietetic Association says.

"Just as it's important to know your blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and weight numbers, men need to know their waist circumference. So, get out the tape measure," registered dietitian and ADA spokesman Jim White said in an ADA news release. For an average male, a waistline of 40 inches puts him into the "disease-risk zone," the experts warned.

Excess abdominal fat, as opposed to fat elsewhere on the body, increases men's risk for health problems such as diabetes, heart disease and some types of cancer. This fat around internal organs is known as visceral fat. To correctly measure your waist size, wrap the tape measure over bare skin on your natural waistline, a little above the belly button at the narrowest part of your torso. Don't hold the tape measure too loose or too tight, White said.

"Eating better, decreasing stress levels, engaging in physical activity and getting at least seven to nine hours of sleep every day can help keep a man's midsection under control," registered dietitian and ADA spokesman Manuel Villacorta said in the news release.

Villacorta suggested reducing portion sizes, cutting back on alcohol and exercising regularly. *Internet*

***A nurse prepares a dose of vaccination against measles. Congo aims to vaccinate every child in its second largest city after a measles outbreak killed 32 people, health officials said.—*INTERNET**

Health Tip: Create an asthma action plan for school

If your school-age child has asthma, school educators and staff should know the specifics, in case of an emergency. The US National Library of Medicine says parents should consider an action asthma plan for school. The agency says the plan should include:

* A short explanation of your child's history of asthma.
* Symptoms to watch for.
* Contact information for doctors, nurses, parents and/or guardians.
* A list of the child's asthma triggers.
* The child's best peak flow reading.
* A list of medications, and how/when they are taken.
* Suggestions on how the child can be physically active during gym and recess.—*Internet*

No amount of alcohol safe to drive

SAN DIEGO, 21 June—The standard US blood-alcohol limit may be 0.08 percent, but no amount of alcohol seems to be safe for driving, a sociologist says. Study leader David Phillips and co-author Kimberly M Brewer, both of the University of California, San Diego, examined official data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System, including information on all people who were involved in fatal car accidents in the United States — 1,495,667 from 1994 to 2008.

The data reflect blood-alcohol content in increments of 0.01. "Accidents are 36.6 percent more severe even when alcohol was barely detectable in a driver's blood," Phillips said in a statement.

The study, published in the journal *Addiction*, found even with a blood alcohol level of 0.01, there are 4.33 serious injuries for every non-serious injury vs 3.17 for sober drivers.—*Internet*

***Festival-goers in England sit in hammocks in 2010. A team of Swiss and French scientists published a study that suggests the rocking motion of a hammock improves sleep quality and helps people get to sleep faster.—*INTERNET**

Business

PNC to buy RBC's US retail division

PITTSBURGH, 21 June—US banking giant PNC Financial Services Group Inc said Monday it agreed to buy the US retail division of the Royal Bank of Canada for $3.45 billion. The acquisition, which is expected to close in the first quarter of 2012, would give PNC 424 branches in North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia and South Carolina, creating a bank with 2,870 branches.

That would make it the fifth largest US bank if measured by the number of branches, PNC said in a news release. RBC, as of April 2011 included $19 billion in deposits and $16 billion in loans.

PNC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer James Rohr called the deal, "an outstanding growth opportunity for PNC." PNC, which is based in Pittsburgh, said it could reduce annual operating costs by $230 million.—*Internet*

***A view of the PNC Bank building in Washington on 21 January, 2010.—*INTERNET**

***Visitors look at Toyota vehicles at the company's showroom in Tokyo on 17 June, 2011. Toyota Motor Corp is on track to raise overall production volumes starting in July to levels planned before the 11 March.—*INTERNET**

Toyota hiring 3,000 to 4,000 temp workers in Japan

TOKYO, 21 June—Toyota said it will hire 3,000 to 4,000 temporary workers in Japan to be ready for a recovery in vehicle production as automakers bounce back from the 11 March earthquake and tsunami. Toyota Motor Corp will start recruiting the factory workers in July, as production is now gradually recovering and expected to surge by October, company spokesman Shigehiko Okamura said Tuesday. Auto manufacturing is expected to be back at predisaster levels in the latter half of the year.

Toyota, which employs 69,000 people in Japan, now has about 950 temporary assembly line workers, after not renewing contracts that ran out after the disaster. Temporary workers are on a different, more flexible contract from other employees to adjust to production fluxes and save costs. The practice is common at Japanese plants, although it has some-times been criticized as unfair. During its boom years peaking in 2005, Toyota had more than 11,000 such temporary line workers.

But Toyota's production was hurt, first by the global financial crisis in 2008, and then by massive global recalls that began two years ago. Nissan Motor Co, whose domestic production has also been hurt by the disaster, said it will hire more assembly line workers to keep up with recovering demand.—*Internet*

Goldman Sachs in Puerto Rico toll road venture

SAN JUAN, 21 June—A coalition that includes a unit of Goldman Sachs has won the concession to operate two busy toll roads in Puerto Rico over the next 40 years, the island's governor said Monday.

The partnership of Goldman Sachs Global Infrastructure Partners II and Abertis Infraestructuras bid $108 billion to operate the roads, Gov Luis Fortuno said. They also agreed to make about $350 million in improvements and repairs and maintenance under the contract. The consortium beat out a partnership led by Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Inc, which bid $960 million, according to the Puerto Rico Public-Private Partnership Authority.

Fortuno said in a statement that the deal would allow major improvements to the roads that the government can't afford to make and help the highway authority reduce its debt.

"This project will not just benefit the hundreds of thousands of drivers that take these roads every day but will an extraordinary positive effect on the economy of the 12 cities through which these highways run and for Puerto Rico's economy overall," he said.—*Internet*

Nuclear chief warns no "business as usual"

VIENNA, 21 June—The head of the UN's nuclear watchdog warned on Monday that confidence in atomic energy had been "deeply shaken" by the Fukushima disaster as he began a conference to debate the lessons of the crisis in Japan.

"The eyes of the world will be upon us in the next few days," Yukiya Amano said at the start of the five-day ministerial meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna.

"Public confidence in the safety of nuclear power has been deeply shaken."

Since the disaster at Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant in the wake of the 11 March earthquake and tsunami, several countries, such as Germany and Italy, have decided to abandon nuclear power.

Still, Amano noted: "Nuclear power will remain important for many countries."

"Nuclear events respect no borders so an international approach to nuclear safety is essential," he added. "Business as usual is not the option."

In a report to be handed to the agency's 151 member states, the IAEA criticised Japan's response after the Fukushima accident, especially its failure to implement the agency's convention on dealing with nuclear emergencies. The convention lays down the rules for cooperation between the nuclear watchdog and states that may need help, in the areas of security and communication.—*Internet*

A picture taken by Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) shows IAEA inspectors looking at a reactor building of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.— **INTERNET**

Self-published author John Locke sells 1m e-books

NEW YORK, 21 June—A self-published author has joined James Patterson, Stieg Larsson and others as a million seller on the Kindle.

Amazon.com announced Monday that thriller writer John Locke, whose books are released through the online retailer's Kindle Direct Publishing, has sold just over 1 million e-books, many of them priced at 99 cents. His novels include "Vegas Moon," "Wish List" and "A Girl Like You." His latest work is an advice book he was well qualified to write: "How I Sold 1 Million eBooks in 5 Months."

Another self-published e-book sensation, Amanda Hocking, signed a six-figure deal earlier this year with St Martin's Press. But Locke says he wants to remain independent.

"It just wouldn't be fun for me'" Locke wrote Monday in an e-mail message to *The Associated Press*. "I like the idea of being able to walk away from writing if it stops being fun."

Locke does have a literary agent, Jane Dystel, and said she is working on movie and TV and audio rights.—*Internet*

Airbus gets $15 billion in orders, commitments

This computer image provided by Airbus on 20 June, 2011 shows an A320 in the livery of GE Capital Aviation Services as Airbus says GE CAS has ordered 60 new more fuel-efficient A320 jets. More than 2,100 exhibitors from 45 countries have signed up to take part in the weeklong event showcasing both commercial and defence aircraft.— **INTERNET**

LE BOURGET, (Franch) 21 June—European jet maker Airbus SAS took in orders and commitments for 142 aircraft worth $15 billion at list prices on the first day of the Paris Air Show, the company said Monday.

Of note were firm orders for 90 of its *A320neo*, a version of the workhorse jet that's been revamped to make it more fuel efficient.

GE Capital Aviation Services and Sweden's SAS AB in combination made firm orders worth over $8 billion for the *A320neo*, a jet that Airbus is expected to begin delivering in 2015. Los Angeles-based Air Lease Corporation also made a commitment for 50 of the aircraft including 14 options.

The European planemaker announced the deals at the Paris Air Show, where the search for a cheaper and cleaner way to fly is emerging as a major theme.

Internet

People walk at the site of a plane crash about 1 km (0.6 miles) from the runway at the airport outside the northern Russian city of Petrozavodsk in this still image taken from video footage on 21 June, 2011. **INTERNET**

FDA plan aims to increase import safety

WASHINGTON, 21 June —US food and drug regulators would share more information with their foreign counterparts as part of a multi-faceted strategy to police the safety of millions of imported goods.

A Food and Drug Administration report issued Monday lays out plans to deal with a flood of imports to the US, which have quadrupled over the past decade.

The FDA's plan recycles ideas that have been circulated by FDA officials for more than a decade: computerize systems for tracking imports and collaborate more closely with regulators in developing countries.

The FDA report paints a daunting picture for regulators tasked with assuring the safety of most foods, drugs, cosmetics and medical devices sold in the US Nearly two-thirds of all fruits and vegetables consumed in the US are imports, while 80 percent of pharmaceuticals ingredients are imported from abroad.

"The shift in global product flows will make it difficult to identify the `source' of a product and to ensure that all players along the supply chain meet their safety and quality responsibilities," states the report.

The FDA has taken steps to increase foreign inspections in recent years. The agency opened its first inspection offices in China and India in 2008 and 2009. That initiative followed dozens of deaths and hundreds of allergic reactions in the US to the blood thinner heparin — which was primarily made from an ingredient made at a Chinese facility.

The FDA points out that it increased inspections of foreign drug-manufacturing sites by 27 percent between 2007 and 2009. But a 2010 Government Accountability Office report found that the agency is still inspecting less than 11 percent of the plants on its own list of high-priority sites.

Internet

Demand for video driving mobile data traffic

LONDON, 21 June—Up to 60 percent of mobile data traffic is generated by consumers watching video, with owners of Apple's iPhone driving the demand, according to a company that specializes in traffic management.

Bytemobile, which helps operators manage and condense traffic, said the overall data demand was also likely to intensify as 90 percent of the total data traffic was currently generated by just 10 percent of mobile data users. The company said video watched on iPhones generated 58 percent of data traffic, with phones on the Google operating system Android on slightly less at 52 percent, as smartphones now copied the usage patterns of laptops.

Mobile operators have been taken by surprise in recent years by the intense demand for data services, as consumers opt to access the Internet and video on the go. Some analysts and investors have also doubted whether the operators can fully profit from the change, as they have to invest in their networks to support the demand. "Continued aggressive growth in mobile data — fueled by video and application usage over faster networks and more powerful, user-friendly devices — has created a formidable traffic management challenge for carriers," said Ronny Haraldsvik, vice president of Global Marketing at Bytemobile.—*Reuters*

Fire fighters take part in a fire drill in Jiaozhou bay subsea tunnel in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 21 June, 2011.— **XINHUA**

Cash donated for renovation of ancient pagodas in Bagan

Union Minister for Infor-mation and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan accepts cash donation for renovation of ancient Bagan pagodas.
MNA

A wellwisher makes cash donation for renovation of ancient Bagan pagodas through Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—A ceremony to donate cash assistance for renovation of ancient Bagan pagodas was held at Ministry of Culture here this afternoon, attended by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, directors-general and managing directors of the two ministries, and donors.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan expressed his gratitude to the donors on behalf of the Culture Ministry and said that it is a wonderful chance to donate cash assistance for renovation of ancient pagodas in Bagan, a land of rich cultural heritage.

The Union minister continued that there still remain over 3,000 pagodas in Bagan and invaluable heritage will end in ruins unless Myanmar peoples preserve and maintain those pagodas. So, measures are being taken to renovate the remaining pagodas with the strength of the government and the wellwishers. Renovation works are to be done with the aims of long-term existence of invaluable heritage, enabling wellwishers to do merits by renovating religious edifices and enabling the public to find inner tranquility at those holy places.

Maintenance of ancient pagodas, stupas, monasteries, religious edifices and rest houses in Inwa, Sagaing, Mandalay and Rakhine will be jointly done by the government and the peoples like this one. Likewise, Thudhama rest houses in Mandalay are under repair, added the Union Minister.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, spouse Daw Kyi Kyi Win and family donated K 5.5 million for renovation of pagoda No. 2480-D through Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin who presented certificate of honour to the donors.

Next, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan accepted K 11 million donated by Brig-Gen Pyae Sone (Retd) and wife Daw Aye Pyae Wai Khin of Yangon, K 202.5 million by U Htin Kyaw Lin and wife Daw Nyein Nyein Tint Hsan and daughter Ma Lin Myat Chai of A.C.E Co Ltd from Kamayut Township for renovation nine pagodas, K 6.5 million by U Min Nyi Aye and wife Daw Zin Myint Maung from Thingangyun Township, K 19.5 million by Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, wife Daw Mya Mya Win and staff of CPT Ministry, K 35 million by Daw Nwe Nwe Soe and family from Latha Township, K 12.5 million by staff of Yangon Region All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee, K 8.1 million by Ministry of Forestry, K 1.5 million by Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Than Aung and family, K 8 million by U Win Swe, wife Daw Min Thwe Nu and son Academy Khant Sithu, K 6.5 million by U Tin Myint and wife Daw Thein Han from Kyimyindine Township, K 2.5 million by U Htin Lin, wife Daw Swe Swe Oo and daughter Shwezin Htin Lin of Mayangon Township and presented the donors with certificates of honour.

A total of 12 donors donated K 311.6 million for renovation of 20 pagodas. Since 13 May, 2011, cash assistance have been accepted for 123 pagodas that are in need of renovation, and so far altogether 26 donors have donated K 412.3 million for renovation of pagodas and pilgrims donated K 10,229,000 and two units of USD.

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Myanmar focuses on anti-3D movement

Tenth M-CCM meeting in progress at Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw.
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NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—With the assistance of Global Fund, anti-3D campaigns have been launched recently and respective organization are to redouble their efforts to accomplish the mission at real time, said Chairman of Myanmar country Coordinating Mechanism (M-CCM) Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin while addressing the 10th M-CCM meeting at his ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister said that Myanmar is focusing on combat against malaria, TB and HIV and regional countries are facing the problem of resistance to anti-3D drugs and thus all countries are to take steps to control the problem.

Programmes of Global Fund in Myanmar implemented in the first quarter, measures for launch of more effective anti-3D campaigns, future plans of 3D funds, and findings of Global Fund mission in its field survey were discussed and suggestions were made.

Those present assessed the suggestions and the Union Minister made concluding remarks.—*MNA*

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Indian goodwill delegation led by Minister of External Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June — Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met Indian goodwill delegation led by Minister of External Affairs Mr S.M Krishna and party, at President Office here this evening.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Director-General of President Office U Min Zaw and departmental officials.

The Indian External Affairs Minister was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and embassy staff.—*MNA*

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets Indian Minister of External Affairs Mr S.M Krishna.
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***Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Indian goodwill delegation led by Minister of External Affairs Mr S.M Krishna and party at President Office.*—MNA**

Indian delegation tours Yangon

YANGON, 21 June—Indian goodwill delegation led by Minister of External Affairs Mr S.M Krishna arrived here yesterday evening. They were welcomed by Yangon Region Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration U Nyan Tun Oo, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri, Military Attaché Col Rajesh Kumar and officials, at Yangon International Airport.

The visiting goodwill delegation paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and donated cash for the Pagoda. After that, they paid tribute to King Zafar Shah's Tomb.—*MNA*

Minister of External Affairs of India Mr S.M Krishna donates cash for Shwedagon Pagoda.
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Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi accepts cash donation for quake-hit Tahlay from Indian External Affairs Minister Mr S.M Krishna.
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Budget deficits to be handled with effective management …

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Yangon Electric Supply Board, Yangon City Development Committee and Mandalay City Development Committee apart from that of Union level bodies.

Nevertheless, Region and State governments are still in their infancy, so they need to identify particular types of projects they can implement with their own funds. And in undertaking plans with funds, the organizations related to the budgets of Region and State governments have to pay their incomes to Region and State funds and draw expenditures from Region or State funds as scheduled. According to the provisions, Region and State governments have to revise their budgets as they are facing budget deficits. Therefore, the first meeting of the Financial Commission passed a resolution not to separate Region and State governments' budgets from Union budget in the first six months of 2011-2012 fiscal year from 1 April to 30 September. And the Union government has administered the budgets for three months. In view of the budgets of Region and State governments in the first quarter, Region and State governments have to submit such kinds of projects they can manage by themselves in Region or State Legislative List of Schedule II such as Finance and Planning Sector, Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Sector, Energy, Electricity, Mining and Forestry Sector, Industrial Sector, Transport, Communication and Construction Sector, Social Sector, and Management Sector.

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik sub-mitting report. **MNA**

Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint making present-ation. **MNA**

Yangon City Development Committee, Mandalay City Development Committee, Township Development Affairs Committees and Yangon Electric Supply Board that run with own funds are now included in the Union Budget, and they are addressing issues in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance and Revenue. Those organizations will run with Region or State budgets concerned commencing 1 October 2011.

There is a plan to provide funds proportionately from the Union budget in dealing with cases due to Region or State budget deficits according to the Union budget. However, Region and State governments will have to try till they can stand on their own feet.

Region and State governments should have started drawing budgets in talk with the Union government for the projects they can implement with their own funds for the second three months of the first six months from July to September and the second six months of the 2011-2012 fiscal year from October to March.

In drawing budges for the second six months of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, they will have to draw a budget each to be able to figure out how they can boost incomes and what they can do for greater incomes, and find out the expenditures that are wasted due to mismanagement.

Besides, the Union government has talked with central bodies and Union ministries to complete important projects and reduce unnecessary expenditures in handling the budget for 2011-2012 financial year. As a result of the combined efforts, the budget deficits of central bodies and Union ministries have been reduced by K 553,202 million, and the ratio of budget deficit and GDP has been decreased 3.59 per cent. So, Region and State governments will have to carry out a careful revision to reduce budget deficits.

It is also to ensure a balance budget in coming years. Processes of dealing with budget deficits are to be implemented with effective management to avert possible hindrances to development of the nation and Regions and States.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun reported on the budget for 2011-2012 financial year, and matters for drawing a budget for 2012-2013 financial year; and Region and State chief ministers and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Forestry, and Fish and Meat of Yangon Region, on respective budgets for 2011-2012 financial year.

The Union minister for Finance and Revenue gave a supplementary report, and dealt with matters in which the Ministry of Finance and Revenue will render assistance to Regions and States and ensuring collection of all due taxes and revenues.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported on allocation of funds for roadwork and ongoing road and bridge projects in Regions and States; Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, on fishing tasks in regions; Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, on the transferring of salt farming to Region and State governments, and plan to implement mineral exploration and environmental conservation in cooperation with them; Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, on inland water transport and maintenance of waterways including the Ayeyawady River and the Chindwin River; Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, on the ministry's income, projects for maintenance and upgrading old railroads and building new ones, the building of railroads on the four bridges spanning the Ayeyawady River, and progress in implementing Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project; Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tint Lwin, on projects for communication facilities to be implemented by entrepreneurs with the assistance of the ministry in Regions and States; Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Aung Than Oo, on ongoing national grid projects in Regions and States; and Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, on the State's energy demand, consumption and availability, and progress in upgrading oil and gas pipelines and oil refineries.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-President said that in line with the constitution, the Union government has reduced centralization and rested more authority in Region and State governments. In addition, it will provide as much assistance as it can. So, they should use funds more efficiently and should avoid environmental degradation in implementing development projects. He urged all of them to work together to ensure balance budget.—*MNA*

Indian External Affairs Minister arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—The delegation led by Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India Mr S.M Krishna together with Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri arriving in Myanmar for goodwill visit left Yangon for Nay Pyi Taw today.

The delegates were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The Indian minister and party called on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and frankly discussed political affairs between the two countries.

Also present on the occasion were Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and officials concerned.

The Indian guests later met Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min to hold discussion on promotion of mutual cooperation in a friendly manner.

The discussion was also attended by Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw and departmental officials.

The Union Foreign Minister hosted a dinner to the delegates at the Aureum Palace Hotel.

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***Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India Mr S.M Krishna hold discussions.*—MNA**

Food security shelters donated by Indian government opened

***Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Mr S.M Krishna open India-Myanmar Friendship stone-inscription in commemoration of opening of 500-ton food security shelter.*—MNA**

YANGON, 21 June —A delegation led by Indian Minister of External Affairs Mr S.M Krishna, on Myanmar visit, attended opening ceremony of 500-ton food security shelters donated by the government of the Republic of India in Dawbon Township of Yangon Region this morning.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint spoke words of thanks and Mr S.M Krishna explained the purpose of the donation.

The two ministers unveiled the commemorative India-Myanmar Friendship stone-inscription.

Then, they viewed the shelters together with Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Region ministers, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri, Military Attaché Col Rajesh Kumar and officials.

The Indian government donated ten shelters: three in Dawbon Township and one in Kawhmu Township of Yangon Region, and one each in Bogale, Dedaye, Pyapon, Kyaiklat, Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta Townships in Ayeyawady. The steel structured shelters have the length of 90 feet, width of 40 feet and height of 14 feet. Their base water clearance height is 7 feet and they can store 500 tons of rice.

The delegation led by the visiting minister headed to Nay Pyi Taw after the ceremony.

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Armed group returns to legal fold

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June — A 25-member group of Battalion-709 under former Kayin National Unity/Kayin National Liberation Army Peace Council returned to the legal fold on 13 June afternoon at No.15 Police Battalion in Kyaikmaraw, Mawlamyine District, Mon State.

On the occasion, State Minister for Security and Border Affairs of Col Htay Myint Aung extended greetings and Minister for Kayin National Affairs U Saw Aung Kyaw Thein gave an honorary speech.

Next, company commander Saw Hla Than with the rank of captain from the group handed over their arms to Minister Col Htay Myint Aung.

***Company Commander Captain Saw Hla Than hands over arms to State Minister Col Htay Myint Aung.*—MNA**

With the arrangement of the state chief minister, Minister Col Htay Myint Aung and Chief of Sate Police Force Nay Myo provided K 2.5 million, 25 bags of rice and three bags of peas to the group.

The group comprising two company commanders, one vice company commander, one warrant officer and 21 privates totaling 25 returned to the legal fold together with their arms and ammunition including a walkie-talkie.

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Eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation

(1) Development of agricultural productivity
(2) Development of livestock breeding and fisheries
(3) Development of rural small-scale productivity
(4) Development of micro saving and credit associations
(5) Development of cooperative tasks
(6) Development of rural socio-economy
(7) Development of rural energy
(8) Environmental conservation

Coordination meeting for display of UMTA and MMC held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Coordination meeting for display by Myanmar Tourism Association UMTA and Myanmar Market Committee MMC at Nay Pyi Taw Tourism Exhibition and Food Exhibition, took place at Ministry of Hotels and Tourism here this morning. Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan delivered a speech on the occasion.

Head of Office U Yan Naing of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism presented the resolutions of the previous meeting. UMTA Chairman U Maung Maung Swe, MMC Chairman Dr Aung Myat Kyaw, Secretary of Myanmar Tourism Board and Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services U Hla Htay reported on undertakings for successful holding of the exhibitions and the completed work.

After that, Deputy Minister U Htay Aung gave a supplementary report. The Union Minister coordinated essentials after reviewing the reports.

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***Coordination meeting for display by UMTA and MMC at Nay Pyi Taw Tourism Exhibition and Food Exhibition in progress.*—MNA**

Thai entrepreneurs to meet Myanmar counterparts on 29 June

YANGON, 21 June — Thai Chamber of Commerce (TCC) and the Board of Trade of Thailand (BOT) have arranged 30 Thai entrepreneurs' visit to Myanmar on 28 and 29 June. They will hold meetings with Myanmar counterparts in various bussiness sector at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Headquarters here on 29 June.

Interested Myanmar entrepreneurs are to contact International Relations Department of RUMFCCI not later than 24 June either in person or via Phone 214344-49.

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Samsung to build mobile base stations for Japan

SEOUL, 21 June—South Korea's Samsung Electronics said Monday it has been chosen to provide next-generation communications equipment to KDDI, Japan's number two mobile phone operator.

KDDI is scheduled to start a commercial service using long-term evolution (LTE) technology next year, Samsung said in a statement without disclosing the value of the deal.

Global mobile operators are preparing to launch new technologies allowing faster wireless data transmission to cater to increasingly popular smartphones and tablets.

Samsung, the world's second largest mobile phone maker, already provides LTE equipment to wireless carriers in the US and the Middle East.

It said it is working to offer commercial LTE services to eight mobile operators around the world.

In Tokyo, KDDI said the Korean firm would provide small base stations, especially in cities. It earlier selected NEC Corp and Motorola Mobility Holdings to build the large stations for its LTE network.

Samsung said it aims to introduce the best technology "for hotspots in extremely dense user areas that require higher capacity mobile broadband, whilst simultaneously improving service quality in weak-signal areas".—*Internet*

***South Korean men walk past a Samsung logo in Seoul in 2010. South Korea's Samsung Electronics said it has been chosen to provide next-generation communications equipment to KDDI, Japan's number two mobile phone operator.*—INTERNET**

Mom arrested for Little League threats

NEW YORK, 21 June—Police in New York say they arrested a mother for sending threatening letters to a Little League coach when her son didn't make the team.

Investigators said Janet Chiauzzi, 44, of Long Island sent a series of letters to the coach threatening his wife and 14-year-old daughter with violence, the *New York Daily News* reported Sunday.

Chiauzzi allegedly also sent letters to officials with the East Meadow Little League demanding he be fired, police said, and sent a letter to the principle of the school attended by the coach's children claiming he was molesting them, the newspaper reported.

Nassau County Protective Services determined the allegations were false, and Chiauzzi was arrested Saturday and charged with stalking, falsely reporting an incident, endangering the welfare of a child and aggravated harassment.

Internet

Study to evaluate online smoking cessation

SEATTLE, 21 June—A Seattle research centre is recruiting adult US smokers for a study of online smoking cessation programmes, researchers say.

Study director Jonathan Bricker, a clinical psychologist who specializes in smoking-cessation research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancre Research Centre, says that online smoking-cessation programmes are improving but could use some improvements.

"Quit-smoking Web sites reach millions of adults 24 hours a day. Unfortunately, these Web sites have low success rates," Bricker, of the Cancre Prevention Programme in the Hutchinson Centre's Public Health Sciences Division, says in a statement.

"Our team has revamped our Web site to improve the experience for people in the study, which will help us find ways to boost the success rates of quit-smoking Web sites."

Study participants will learn new tools for dealing more effectively with dealing with the urge to smoke and receive step-by-step quit guides and create personalized plans for staying smoke-free.

Participants will be randomly assigned to one of two online smoking-cessation programmes. The success rates of participants will then be compared.

"Our goal is to try to find what works and what doesn't and what to include in these programmes and how to improve them so they can become more effective," Bricker says.—*Internet*

***A member of Japanese electronics venture TES NewEnergy unveils a pot that can charge mobile phones while boiling water for use in earthquake and other emergency situations, at a demonstration in Tsukuba City in Ibaraki Prefecture on 9 June.* INTERNET**

***Two children touch an awarded model of the train for the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway line on the exhibition of an industrial design competition in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 19 June, 2011. A total of 150 awarded works were displayed on the exhibition.*—XINHUA**

China enters major flooding season

BEIJING, 21 June—China is entering its major flooding season. The south of the country is bracing for another round of storms, and a tropical cyclone near the Philippines is on its way.

The Ministry of Water Resources has laid out this year's weather conditions.

Rainstorms following lengthy drought have brought flash floods in China's southern provinces.

Since the beginning of June, water levels of over 90 rivers in 10 provinces had once exceeded the alert level. Floods swept Zhejiang, Anhui and Jiangsu Provinces, and set records in Hubei and Jiangxi.

In Linxiang County in Hunan Province, over 2 metres of rain fell within 6 hours, the heaviest in 300 years, causing landslides in nearby provinces.

The good news is that for the time being, water levels in major southern rivers have remained normal.

Apart from some branches of the Yangtze and Minjiang rivers, water levels in major rivers have remained below alert level. The country's seven major waters systems are running calm.

Continuing rain has eased drought conditions to some extent.

But some areas, such as northwestern Hubei Province, central and north Anhui, north Jiangsu, and parts of North China still suffer. Drought continues to affect over 48,000 square kilometres of arable land, and over 600,000 people have difficulty accessing drinking water.—*Internet*

***China is entering its major flooding season. The south of the country is bracing for another round of storms, and a tropical cyclone near the Philippines is on its way.*—INTERNET**

Family keeps hope for missing student

HAYWARD, 21 June—Members of the family of a missing California nursing student say they are holding out hope she is alive even though police say they believe she is dead.

Michelle Le, 26, grew up in San Diego County and moved to the Bay Area to attend college and nursing school. She disappeared from Hayward, Calif, 27 May.

"We wake up each morning and think, 'What can we do today to keep her story alive?'" Krystine Dinh, 23, a cousin of the missing woman, told the *Los Angeles Times.*

"We don't do anything normal anymore."

Le's family and friends have put up billboards, started a Web site and offered a $65,000 reward for information about her whereabouts.

Le was training at Kaiser Permanente Medical Centre in Hayward the night she disappeared, telling co-workers she was going to retrieve something from her car in the hospital parking structure.

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21 million treated in non-profit clinics

SANTA BARBARA, 21 June—The US safety net private, non-profit health centers and clinics for those with no health insurance is stretched treating 21 million, researchers say.

A report released by Direct Relief International summarizes the safety net provided to the most vulnerable people in the United States and how reduced funding from both government and private charitable contributions has made their job a lot harder to meet the demand of those who have lost health insurance because of lost jobs.

Direct Relief's report says from 2006 to 2009, independently run non-profit organizations operate more than 8,000 community-based facilities in all 50 states that treat 21 million people, of whom 38 percent lack health insurance and 71 percent of whom earn incomes of less than $22,000 a year for a family of four.

"This report provides a clearer view of the sheer breadth and critical role of America's non-profit community health centers and clinics in providing access to primary healthcare services," Thomas Tighe, president and chief executive officer of Direct Relief, says in a statement.—*Internet*

Three killed, 7 wounded in bomb attack in south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 21 June—Three people were killed and seven others were wounded, including a police chief, in a bomb explosion in a town in south of Baghdad on Tuesday, a local police source told *Xinhua*.

A bomb hidden outside a popular coffee shop in the town of al-Mussyab, some 50 km south of Baghdad, went off and killed three people and wounded seven others, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Lieutenant Colonel Salman al-Kharji, police chief of the nearby town of Jbala, was among the wounded as he was inside the coffee shop, the source said.

The incident is under investigation, as the police believe that al-Kharji was targeted by the attack, the source added.

The town of al-Mussyab is part of the once restive area, dubbed Triangle of Death, which is a cluster of towns scattered north of Hilla city, the capital of Babil province, some 100 km south of Baghdad. Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.—*MNA/Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ASIAN NAGA VOY NO (3)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIAN NAGA VOY NO (3) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-7 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
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AGENT FOR: EASTERN-CAR LINER SINGAPORE PTE LTD
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV OCEAN FRIEND VOY NO (37) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Armed policemen help evacuate villagers in Longtoushan Town of Dexing City, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 19 June, 2011. Another downpour strikes Dexing City again on Sunday after countinuous heavy rainfalls in the past days, pushing up the water level of rivers here. A total of 106 villages and more than 34,000 people have been trapped by the flood as of 2:00 pm (0600 GMT) on Sunday. **—XINHUA**

Extinction-threatened Qiang culture calls for protection after devastating earthquake

CHENGDU, 21 June—Although Wei Jun comes from Beichuan Qiang Autonomous County, the worst hit county of the 2008 earthquake in China's southwestern Sichuan Province, neither does she know the origin of her ethnic symbol flower, nor does she speak the Qiang language. The 25-year-old girl realizes her identity as a Qiang person only when she sings a toast song in the traditional Qiang clothes with unique Qiang embroidery floral patterns during festivals.

The Qiang ethnic minority, with a history of more than 3,000 years, is one of the original ethnic groups in China. It has a population of around 300,000, who mostly inhabit mountainous areas in the Aba-Tibetan Qiang Autonomous Prefecture in Sichuan. The Qiang people have created a unique culture, which consists of a variety of invaluable intangible cultural heritage. *Xinhua*

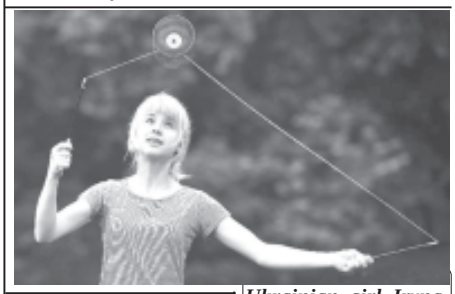
Celebration of Father's Day dwarfed by Mother's Day in China

TAIYUAN, 21 June—Kids forget! Fathers don't care! Shops ignore it! Father's Day in China is not enjoying the same level of attention as Mother's day. "On Father's Day, I usually just send a text message to my father. I don't call him because I feel it will be awkward to say 'Happy Father's Day' to him," said Wu Ruihua, a 30-year-old woman in Taiyuan, provincial capital of Shanxi.Father's Day, a day to honor fathers and fatherhood, is celebrated on the third Sunday of June and this year it falls on 19 June.

However, on Mother's Day, Wu said she would not only call her mother, but also buy a bunch of flowers or go shopping with her mother and buy her some presents. Wang Hongyue, an employee with a Beijing-based bank, said he had only offered three phone calls to his father in the past nine years since he first knew about Father's Day. "I often forgot about the festival when I was busy!" Shopping malls in Taiyuan have shown little enthusiasm about Father's Day, compared with the fierce promotion campaigns on Mother's Day.

A shoe salesman said that they did not pay much attention to Father's day, and their shop had never organized promotions on that day.

Xinhua



A man takes part in the homemade car race in Kiev, Ukraine, on 18 June, 2011. **—XINHUA**

Ukrainian girl Iryna plays a Chinese diabolo at Central China Normal University in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 19 June, 2011. Iryna is an international student who came to study in China in 2008. She likes traditional Chinese sports and wishes that she could introduce some Chinese sports to Ukrainian children.
XINHUA

Motorcycle drivers attend the 19th Toy-Run in Vienna, capital of Austria, 19 June, 2011. Over 1,000 motorcycles came with toys and money to a child welfare in Petronell-Carnuntum near Vienna. Some 580,000 Euros were donated by the activity to the welfare from 1993 to 2010.

Robber paid $1 for gum

Police in Florida said a robber paid $1 for a pack of gum when store clerks explained they couldn't open the register without a purchase.

Fort Lauderdale police said the unidentified robber pointed a gun at an employee of the 1939 NW Ninth Ave. Family Dollar store 1 June and ordered a second clerk to open the register, *the South Florida Sun Sentinel* reported Monday.

However, the clerks explained they could not open the register unless a purchase was made, and the robber took $1 from his pocket and paid for a pack of gum, police said.

Police said the man fled with the money from the register, including his $1. The incident was recorded by security cameras.

Investigators said the same man entered the neighbouring Caribbean Mizik at 11:50 am the following day and took money from the register.

Craigslist hoax lists boat, van as free

A Wisconsin woman said she was shocked when a group of people showed up at her home in response to a hoax Craigslist ad offering her boat and minivan for free.

Debbie Brown of Sheboygan said she awoke Thursday morning at 7 am and found about 18 people on her property responding to the ad, which she did not place, the *Sheboygan Press* reported Monday. Brown said the people told her a Craigslist ad had listed her boat and minivan as free for the taking. She said the ad told people they could just take the 10-foot Jon boat if she was "napping," so it was lucky her dog barked and woke her up.

"If it wasn't for my dog they could have taken my boat," Brown said.

She said about two dozen people responded to the ad over the course of the day Thursday and she placed the boat in her garage with a sign saying it was not available. "I don't know who did this but I'm going to track and do some legal action," Brown said. "I've never had anything like this happen to me before."

Photo taken on June 15, 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.

'His Majesty' renaming rejected

The Swedish Tax Agency said it denied a man's request to have "His Majesty" added to his name due to the "misunderstandings" that could result.

The agency said it denied Hans Erik's request under a 1982 name law, which gave officials the power to reject names seen as offensive or otherwise unsuitable, The Local reported Monday.

"Titles used in society can often be considered to lead to misunderstandings and are therefore unsuitable as first names," the agency said in rejecting the request.

Capone's gun up for auction

A London auction house said a nickel-plated revolver once belonging to infamous gangster Al Capone is expected to sell for $80,000 to $112,000.

Christie's auction house said the six-shot, "police positive" gun, which will go up for auction Wednesday, was owned and used by "the most famous mobster of all time" before his 1931 arrest on income tax evasion charges, the Chicago Tribune reported Monday. The gun was then passed to Capone's older brother, Ralph, and is now being sold by a private collector, Christie's said.

News Album

'Jackass' star Ryan Dunn dies in fiery Pa crash

PHILADELPHIA, 21 June—"Jackass" cast member Ryan Dunn died early Monday of injuries sustained in a fiery car crash, and speed may have been a factor, police said.

Dunn and a passenger in his 2007 Porsche died after the car left the roadway and burst into flames, West Goshen Township police said. The crash occurred near the Philadelphia suburb of West Chester.

The 34-year-old Dunn appeared on MTV shows "Jackass" and "Viva La Bam" and the three "Jackass" big-screen adaptations. He also was the star of his own MTV show, "Homewrecker," and hosted "Proving Ground" on the G4 cable network.

According to a biography posted on his website, Dunn was born in Ohio and moved at age 15 to Pennsylvania, where he met Bam Margera on his first day of high school.

Internet

In this Nov 2, 2010 photo, US reality television personality and daredevil Ryan Dunn attends the Jackass 3D UK Premiere at a central London cinema.

INTERNET

Mao's Omega watch not product placement

HONG KONG, 21 June—The propaganda film "Beginning of the Great Revival" naturally is a prime advertising opportunity: It's a star-studded film that's overtaken movie screens in China, a coveted market with 1.3 billion people.

In one scene, the actor playing Communist China's founding father Mao Zedong accepts a gold Omega pocket watch from his girlfriend. The camera zooms in, making the Swiss luxury brand name visible to viewers.

It appears to be a glaring example of product placement — but the movie's director and star both denied it late Monday on the sidelines of the film's Hong Kong premiere.

"It is definitely not. It is a detail of our prop design," co-director Han Sanping told *The Associated Press*.—*Internet*

Hong Kong actor Chow Yun Fat and Hong Kong actress Wu Hang Yee attend the premiere of their new moive 'Beginning of the Great Revival ' in Hong Kong Monday, on 20 June, 2011.

INTERNET

'Flights Over Neverland' for Jackson anniversary

SANTA BARBARA, 21 June— Helicopter flights over Neverland Ranch in California are being booked for the second anniversary of Michael Jackson's death. The singer was 50 when he died on 25 June, 2009. He owned the Neverland Ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley for years. Oxnard-based Channel Island's Helicopters says the half-hour "Flight Over Neverland" event costs $175 per person and $500 for a private flight of up to three people.

The Santa Barbara News-Press reports the flights run from 9 am to sunset on 24 June and 25 June. A spokesman for the company says it has already booked about 100 passengers, with more seats still available for 25 June.—*Internet*

Keith Olbermann arrives at the "Defying Inequality: The Broadway Concert - A Celebrity Benefit for Equal Rights" at the Gershwin Theatre in New York on 23 February, 2009.

INTERNET

Moore, Moulitsas to be Olbermann's guests

LOS ANGELES, 21 June— The first guests on Keith Olbermann's new US talk show will be filmmaker Michael Moore and columnist Markos Moulitsas, The Hollywood Reporter said.

"Countdown with Keith Olbermann" is to make its debut Monday night on Current TV.

In an ad promoting the show on the cable network, Olbermann promised he will say what he wants without fear of getting in trouble with his bosses. "For every story there is a flurry of heavily biased, corporate-sponsored spin that can distract even the most engaged viewer," Olbermann said. "And every day we're all left with a bit less clarity … until now." Olbermann's decision to join Current TV was announced in February. In addition to executive-producing and serving as host of the show, Olbermann was appointed Current's chief news officer. He left MSNBC in January after eight years, following stormy interactions with management, including a suspension for contributing to political candidates.—*Internet*

Top Russian referee feared dead in plane crash

MOSCOW, 21 June— One of Russia's leading Premier League football referees is feared to have been killed when a passenger jet crashed onto a highway in the north of the country, according to reports. Vladimir Pettai, 38, who has been a top-flight Russian referee since 2003 and in 2010 earned the status of a FIFA referee, was among the 44 killed in the accident outside Petrozavodsk airport, the *RIA Novosti* news agency said.

The name V. Pettai appears on the list of passengers who were on the flight published by the emergencies ministry and is not among the list of eight people who survived the disaster. *RIA Novosti* said his death, while not announced officially, had been confirmed in sporting circles and at the scene of the disaster. — *Internet*

***A flag of the World Soccer Association FIFA is seen here in front of it's headquarters in Zurich.*— INTERNET**

FIFA vice-president Jack Warner resigns

PARIS, 21 June—Embattled FIFA vice-president Jack Warner has resigned from all his positions in international football, the world governing body confirmed on Monday.

Warner, the influential 68-year-old head of the Caribbean, North and Central American Federation (CONCACAF), had been suspended last month pending an investigation into bribery allegations. "As a consequence of Mr Warner's resignation, all ethics committee procedures against him have been closed and the presumption of innocence is maintained," said a FIFA statement.

FIFA vice-president Jack Warner

Trinidadian Warner and Asian football chief Mohamed bin Hammam had been suspended after allegations that cash gifts of $40,000 were offered to the heads of CONCACAF's national associations in an attempt to topple FIFA supremo Sepp Blatter in the presidential election earlier this month. — *Internet*

Porto's Villas-Boas in Chelsea talks

LISBON, 21 June— Porto coach Andre Villas-Boas is set to succeed Carlo Ancelotti as coach of English Premier League side Chelsea, according to a report from Portuguese news agency *Lusa* on Monday. Citing sources close to the talks, *Lusa* claims the London club have agreed to pay the 15-million-euro ($21.35m) departure clause in Villas-Boas's contract. A former assistant to Jose Mourinho at Chelsea, 33-year-old Villas-Boas led Porto to three titles in his first season at the club: the Portuguese league title, the Portuguese Cup and the Europa League.

In doing so, he became the youngest coach to win a European trophy. The Blues are seeking to replace Ancelotti, who was sacked at the end of last season after failing to land any silverware, just 12 months after guiding the west London club to an historic double of league and FA Cup titles.

Internet

Porto coach Andre Villas-Boas

SPORTS

Genoa sign promising Merkel on loan from Milan

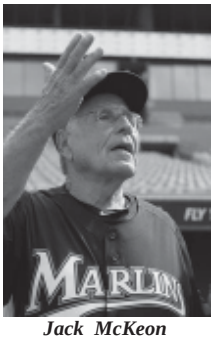
ROME, 21 June—Highly-rated teenage German midfielder Alexander Merkel signed for Serie A outfit Genoa on loan from champions AC Milan on Monday. The 19-year-old Kazakhstan-born midfielder - who has appeared for Germany internationally up to Under-19 level and is adamant he wants to play for his adopted country and not Kazakhstan at senior level - has been at Milan for three years after he ended a five year spell at VfB Stuttgart.

Genoa - who finished 10th last season as city rivals Sampdoria were relegated - also look set to complete the signings of Guinean international midfielder Kevin Constant from rivals Chievo and French central defender Kevin Vinetot from Serie B outfit Crotona. All three players underwent their medicals on Monday with only Merkel signing on the dotted line - but both Constant and Vinetot are expected to finalise their deals in the coming days.— *Internet*

Highly-rated teenage German midfielder Alexander Merkel

80-year-old McKeon is Marlins' interim manager

MIAMI, 21 June—New Florida Marlins interim manager Jack McKeon sat listening as team president David Samson offered a spirited defense of the decision to give the job to an octogenarian. Samson said the 80-year-old McKeon works harder than many people half his age and seems even sharper mentally than in 2003, when he led the Marlins to an improbable World Series championship. In response to the comments, a grinning McKeon intentionally messed up Samson's name. "Thanks, George," McKeon said.



Jack McKeon

The new, old skipper drew some laughs at his re-introductory news conference Monday, but the hiring was no joke. Nearly six years after McKeon retired as the Marlins' manager, he returned to his former job on an interim basis and will lead the team for the rest of the season. He becomes the second-oldest manager in major league history. Connie Mack managed the Philadelphia Athletics in a suit, tie and straw hat until 1950, when he was 87. McKeon will wear a uniform with No. 25.

Internet

Swiss doctors waking Soler from induced coma

GENEVA, 21 June— Doctors treating Juan Mauricio Soler said Monday they are slowly waking the Colombian cyclist up from his induced coma, a process that may take days if all goes well. The 28-year-old rider is in stable condition and his recovery is proceeding as expected, but there are concerns about the extent of his brain injuries and whether he will suffer any lasting damage from his crash during the Tour of Switzerland last week.

"The anesthetic medication has been stopped and Mr. Soler is in a controlled wake-up phase that will last several days," said Roger Lussmann, the chief surgeon at St. Gallen hospital's intensive care unit. Soler was flown there by helicopter Thursday after hitting a curb, then smashing into a spectator and a metal fence during the sixth stage of the race.— *Internet*

Claude Puel

Lyon confirm Puel exit

LYON, 21 June— French football heavyweights Lyon confirmed on Monday that Claude Puel would no longer coach the club. The 49-year-old has failed to deliver a trophy in his three years at the club since arriving from Lille. Puel has a year left on his contract and could earn up to four million euros ($5.7m) in compensation.

The club and Puel - who won the French title in his first coaching post with Monaco in 2000 - failed to agree terms after a conciliation hearing organized by the French Professional League (LFP) last Wednesday. "Lyon wishes to announce the departure of Claude Puel, who is no longer the head coach of the club as of today (Monday)," the club said in a brutally short statement.

Internet

Red Bull out of NASCAR at season's end

CHARLOTTE, 21 June — The owner of energy drink Red Bull plans to leave NASCAR at the end of this season, *The Associated Press* has learned. Multiple people familiar with the decision say a team official traveled to Michigan Speedway and told industry leaders Sunday of the impending move. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement has not been made to team employees.

Red Bull is both the owner and sponsor of the two-car NASCAR team. The team has struggled since its 2007 entry into NASCAR and consistently has been plagued by rumors and speculation that the Austrian ownership group will leave the auto racing series.

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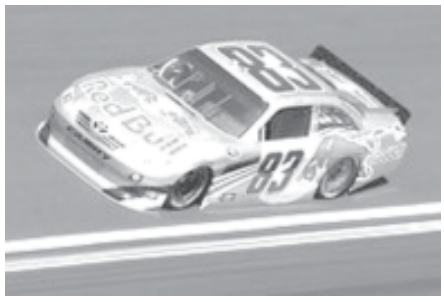


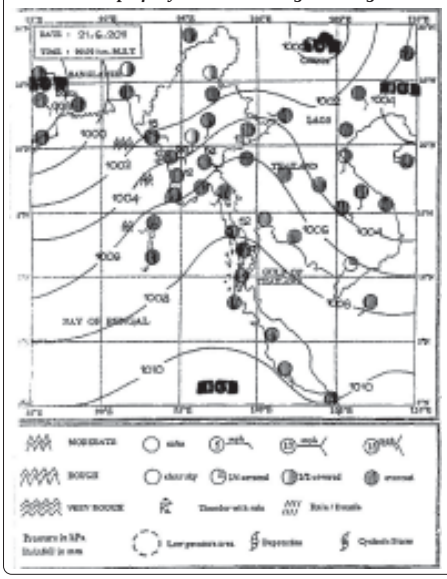
Brazil see Copa test as springboard to 2014

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 June—Reigning champions Brazil will be looking beyond next month's Copa America to the World Cup they will host in 2014, coach Mano Menezes admitted on Monday. The 'auriverde' will use the Copa as a springboard to what they hope will be a sixth world crown but the latter tournament will be the clear priority - even though they hope to put one over rivals Argentina, who host the continental showpiece from 1 July.— *Internet*

WEATHER

Tuesday, 21st 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 have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Longlon (5.24) inches, Belin (4.96) inches, Gwa (4.49) inches, Maungdaw (3.78) inches, Bago (3.18) inches, Hinthada (3.14) inches and Nyaunglaybin (2.87) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 20-6-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 21-6-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 21-6-2011 was (0.23) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 20-6-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 21-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 21-6-2011 was (0.04)inch.

Rainfall on 21-6-2011 was (0.23) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.12) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (17.40) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (40.59) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (8) mph from South at (09:30) hours MST on 20-6-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 22nd June 2011: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaing Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22nd June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22nd June 2011: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22nd June 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

O'Hara signs for Wolves

LONDON, 21 June—Tottenham midfielder Jamie O'Hara has completed a £5 million ($8 million) move to English Premier League rivals Wolverhampton.

O'Hara has signed a five-year contract after enjoying a successful loan spell at Molineux during the second half of last season. The 24-year-old scored three goals in 13 games including one against Blackburn on the final day of the season which helped keep Wolves in the Premier League. Manager Mick McCarthy said: "Jamie made a big impact when he first came here. There was a dip in form at one juncture but he came strong again at the end."

Tottenham midfielder Jamie O'Hara, seen here in 2009, has completed a £5 million ($8 million) move to English Premier League rivals Wolverhampton.

Wolves are also interested in £3million-rated Reading defender Matt Mills and Liverpool left-back Paul Konchesky who spent the second half of last season on loan to Nottingham Forest. McCarthy is also looking for a new keeper as back-up for Wayne Hennessey after Marcus Hahnemann was released at the end of last season.—*Internet*

Myanmar TV

Wednesday, 22 June

View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw-Uppatasanti Paritta

7:30 am
2. Morning News

7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
5. Health Programme

8:15 am
6. Cultural Dances

8:20 am
7. Teleplay

8:30 am
8. Songs for International Day for Preventation of Illicit Drugs Trafficking

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:05 pm
2. Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (Music)

4:10 pm
3. Dance of National Races

4:15 pm
4. Musical Programme

4:30 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Geography)

4:45 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

4:50 pm
7. Classical Songs

4:55 pm
8. "ASEAN" Programmes

5:05 pm
9. Songs for International Day for Preventation of Illicit Drugs Trafficking

5:20 pm
10. International Science News

5:25 pm
11. Melody Tunes (Soga Pyawshwin Tay Than Shin)

6:00 pm
12. Evening News

6:15 pm
13. Weather Report

6:20 pm
14. Traditional Boxing

6:35 pm
15. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games

6:55 pm
16. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:20 pm
17. Documentary

7:35 pm
18. Centanry of Alinga Kyawzwar Myoma Nyein (Composer)

8:00 pm
19. News
20. International News
21. Weather Report
22. Korea NG Award
23. TV Dramma Series
24. Fashion show in honour of Myanmar Women's Day (2010)

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Programme Schedule
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Transmissions		Times
Local	-	(09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	-	(22-6-11 09:30 am ~ 23-6-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* The Conspicuous Dhammayangyi
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* Music Gallery
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* News
* Second Myanmar Food Exhibition (2011)
* Myanmar Movies "The True Love"

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Budget deficits to be handled with effective management to avert possible hindrance to national and regional development

Work coordination meeting on budgets for 2011-2012 financial year held

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressing work coordination meeting on budgets for 2011-2012 financial year.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—A work coordination meeting on budgets for 2011-2012 financial year took place at the President Office here this afternoon, with an address by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

It was also attended by Union ministers, Region and State chief ministers, deputy ministers and heads of department.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that the Financial Commission was formed under Article 229 of the constitution on 30 March 2011 to make sure that Union level bodies and Region and State governments administer all financial matters in a systematic way. The commission held its Meeting (1/2011) on 7 April.

According to the 2008 constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the commission shall vet the budgets of Union level bodies and Region and State governments and shall submit bills to the Union Hluttaw for approval.

However, the State Peace and Development Council promulgated 2011-2012 State Budget Law on 27 January 2011 in accordance with Article 443 of the constitution for smooth operation of budgets of Union level bodies and Region and State governments.

The Law covers budgets of Region and State governments and development affairs committees,

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