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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon pay homage to Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images.—MNA

Water flow of Inlay Lake contributes much towards socio-economic life of local people

Medical staff should have goodwill, loving-kindness, mindfulness and perseverance in giving treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, accompanied by Union Ministers, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, deputy ministers and departmental heads, left Taunggyi yesterday by car and arrived at Phaungdawbyan Jetty in Nyaungshwe at 8 am.

The Vice-President and party inspected preventive measures against siltation in Inlay Lake

with the use of heavy machinery.

In Nanhu Village, the Vice-President and party paid homage to Inlay PhaungdawU Yokshindaw Buddha Image.

The Vice-President signed the visitors' book of the Buddha Image and presented cash donation to the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

He viewed round pictures of old building of the Buddha Image, gold foils, robes, Buddha Image and various pictures of the Buddha Image

at the chamber.

The Vice-President attended the ceremony to donate meals, rice, edible oil and cash to the Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the pagoda and trusteeship member Sayadaws.

Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Ovadacariya of the Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Image Board of Trustees Inlay Shwebontha Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects prevention against siltation in Inlay Lake.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Mounting bridges for greater national development

In building the network of roads, railroads and bridges for smooth transport one Region or State and another, the government gives particular attention to the building of a large number of bridges in Ayeyawady Region, the land of rivers, creeks and lakes.

Auknatchaung Bridge, the third of its kind in the time of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, was inaugurated at the pandal near the facility on Bogale-Setsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar Road in Bogale Township, Pyapon District, the other day.

Due to the newly-built bridge, the route between Bogale and Ahmar has been reduced by 32 miles and five furlongs. When the bridges on Bogale-Setsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar Road are completed, there will be a direct road link between Bogale and Ahmar.

Previous to the transport facility, transport between the two regions was risky. Now, it was just in the past. Local products of Ayeyawady Region can be delivered to any other Region or State through the network of transport facilities.

The 466 feet long bridge is of broad crest type and has a 13.5 feet wide motor road on it. It can withstand 13-ton loads for per vehicle.

Owing to the efforts the government is making to scale up development of the whole Union, Ayeyawady Region is poised to enjoy greater development especially in the economic, social and education sectors. Local people are, therefore, to maintain the bridge for its durability.

Guide to writing methods course concludes

YANGON, 26 June—The concluding ceremony of guide to writing methods course No.2, organized by Work Committee of Writers under Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, was held at MWJA in Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the MWJA U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit).

After that Vice-Chairman U Ko Ko Hlaing (Ko Ko Hlaing) presented certificates to a trainee on behalf of the trainees. The writers awarded those who stood first, second and third in poem, article, short story contests.

Family of Writer Naing Pan Hla donated K 0.1 million and trainee Daw Kaykhaing Aung Khin (Ma Kay) K 0.1 million for the fund of MWJA. Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and treasurer of MWJA U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Hay Mar) accepted donation and presented certificates of honour.

A total of 69 trainees attended the one-month course.—MNA

People's Destiny

- * 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

Kywechan Yekyaw Bridge and Bogale River-crossing Bridge inspected



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects construction of Bogale River-crossing Bridge.—MNA

YANGON, 26 June — Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint visited construction site of Kywechan Yekyaw Bridge on Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun-Wakema-Myaungmya road yesterday morning.

He also inspected the construction of Bogale River-crossing Bridge where he urged to take care

of worksite safety.

Bogale River-crossing Bridge exists on Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani Road and is of Steel Truss and RCC Concrete type. It has the length of 3553 feet, the two lane motor way with 28-ft wide, the 300 feet wide clearance area and the height of 36 feet. It can withstand 75 tonnes of loads.—MNA

MCB holds 19th Annual General Meeting



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint addresses 19th annual general meeting of Myanmar Citizens Bank.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint delivered an address at the 19th General Annual Meeting of Myanmar Citizens Bank at M3 Food Centre, here, this morning.

He said that as the State economy is based on market economic system, efforts are being made for building the harmonious monetary service. He added that development of banking

services reflect improvement of capabilities of State-owned businesses and development of private economic sector and contribute to exporting more products and generating job opportunities for the people.

He called for bank entrepreneurs to giving best banking services to the customers under existing laws and bylaws.—MNA

Civilian injured in mine blast of KNU

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—U Aye Tun, 63, of staff quarters of Paper Mill in Theinzayat Township in Mon State stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgents on the pavement, six yards right to Kyaikto-Theinzayat Road, north of Theinzayat, while leaving his house at 9 am yesterday. The explosion blew off his right tip-toe and wounded his right forearm.

Officials of the local battalion provided medical treatment to the injured and rushed him to Bago People's Hospital.—MNA

Lewe launches monsoon tree-planting activity

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Monsoon tree-planting was launched in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Myint Swe.

A total of 1500 saplings were planted at 100-bed Lewe People's Hospital by departmental staff, members of social organizations and locals.

Lewe Township Forest Department has planned to distribute 220996 saplings to households in Lewe and has itself planned to grow 570,000 saplings this year.—MNA

Four shot in Washington DC, one in critical condition

WASHINGTON, 26 June—Four people were shot on Saturday afternoon in northwest Washington DC, with one in critical condition, local police said.

The shooting took place around 5 pm at the intersection of Georgia Avenue NW and Gresham Place NW in northwest of the city, Assistant Police Chief Diane Grooms told *Xinhua*. The four being shot included three males and one female, she said, adding that three victims were in stable condition and one male in very critical condition. Grooms said the shooting is not related to the Caribbean Festival parade that took place earlier the day in the area and the identity of the suspect is still unknown.—*Xinhua*

Pakistani Taleban use female bomber for first time

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 26 June—The Pakistani Taleban say they used a female suicide bomber for the first time in an attack on a police station in northwestern Pakistan that killed 10 people.

The woman was one

of two attackers who threw grenades and sprayed machine gun fire inside the police station in Dera Ismail Khan on Saturday before both blew themselves up.

Pakistani Taleban

spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan told *The Associated Press* on Sunday that the attackers were a woman and her husband. He said the use of a female suicide bomber shows how much they hate Pakistani security forces. There have been previous reports of female suicide bombers in Pakistan, but this is the first time the Pakistani Taleban has confirmed using one.—*Internet*



Smoke billows from a burning car as people rush to the site of an attack on a French embassy convoy in the Iraqi capital Baghdad on 20 June. INTERNET

Three killed, 25 wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 26 June—Three people were killed and 25 others were wounded in separate attacks across Iraq on Sunday, the police said.

The deadliest attack occurred around midday when a suicide bomber disguised as a disabled man pushed his explosives-packed wheelchair inside the police station of Tarmiyah, some 40 km north of Baghdad, and blew it up, killing two people and wounding 19 others, including 10 policemen, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In Salahudin province, Faisal Ghazi, an Iraqi intelligence service officer, was killed when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated in the town of Sulaiman Pek, some 160 km north of Baghdad, a local police source said.

In Iraq's oil-rich province of Kirkuk, Mohammed Ahmed Hussein, the mayor of Riyadh, a town locates some 250 km north of Baghdad, escaped unharmed a bike bomb explosion near his convoy, wounding three people, a source from Kirkuk operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, two people were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion at an orchard near the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source told *Xinhua*.

Separately, a civilian was wounded when his car crashed with a US military vehicle in the city of Jalawlaa, some 140 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said.

Also in the province, Iraqi security forces conducted search operations across the province during the past 24 hours and arrested 10 suspects, including four wanted individuals, the source added.—*Xinhua*



Police inspect the shooting site in northwest Washington DC on 25 June, 2011. Four people were shot on Saturday afternoon with one in critical condition, local police said.—XINHUA

Five hurt in San Francisco shooting

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 June—Five people were injured Saturday by gunshots near 7th and Market streets in San Francisco, police said. Two people sustained life-threatening injuries during the 6:15 pm shooting on the 1000 block of Market Street, while three others sustained non-life-threatening injuries, Lt Troy Dangerfield told KGO-TV, San Francisco.

Police closed the intersection, which attracted a large crowd, so emergency medical personnel could access the injured people, the station said. The shooting occurred a couple blocks from the gay pride festival at the Civic Centre. Police said they are looking for a black male suspect in his 20s who has dreadlocks and is 6 feet tall.—*Internet*

Two killed, 14 injured in S Philippine blast

MANILA, 26 June—Blast ripped an eatery in southern Philippines on Saturday evening, killing two people and injuring 14 others, police said.

Police spokesman Agrimero Cruz Jr said that the explosion was heard inside a restaurant before it went on fire in Isabela City, Basilan Province, shortly before 6:00 pm.

He said that a police officer, a duty beat patrol, and another bystander were among those injured, he said.

Investigation into the cause of the explosion is under way, he said.

Xinhua

A boy cleans the site of a bomb attack in Palestine Street in northeastern Baghdad on 21 June, 2011. A roadside bomb killed an Iraqi soldier and wounded five people, including three soldiers, in Palestine Street in northeastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

INTERNET



Ex-police officer killed, four police commandoes wounded in Iraq

TIKRIT, 26 June—An Iraqi ex-police officer was killed and four police commandoes were wounded in a shootout in Iraq's northern central Province of Salahudin on Saturday, a provincial police source said.

The incident occurred when an Iraqi

SWAT (Special Weapons And Tactics) force stormed the house of Mohammed Ismael, an ex-police officer, in a neighbourhood in north of the oilrefinery city of Baiji, some 200 km north of Baghdad, a source from Salahudin's operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The force shot dead Ismael after he opened fire from his silenced gun on the attacking commandoes and wounded one of them,

the source said.

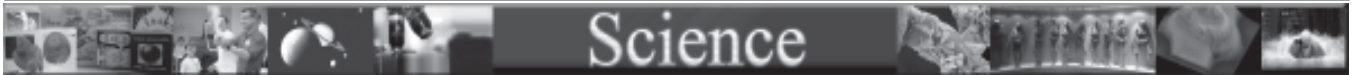
The shootout incited Ismael's fellow tribesmen in the neighbourhood, who opened fire on the SWAT force, wounding three of them, the source added.

Earlier in the day, the Iraqi police reported the killing of three people in two gunfire attacks in and near Baghdad, while a roadside bomb struck a US military convoy in western of the capital without giving details about casualties.

Xinhua



An injured Afghan man, a victim of a blast lies in a hospital bed in Kunduz city in the northern Province of Kunduz, Afghanistan, on 25 June, 2011.—INTERNET



A handout photo from France's National Centre for Space Studies shows scientists, French MPs and journalists experiencing zero-gravity aboard an Airbus A300 at Le Bourget.
INTERNET

'Natural' tags can trace fish movements

SOUTHAMPTON, 26 June—British researchers say tracking Atlantic salmon to their feeding grounds can help find out why their numbers have declined since the early 1970s.

Scientists say they believe conditions experienced at sea are largely to blame, but identifying where salmon go to feed in the huge expanse of the North Atlantic is difficult, as attaching artificial tags to fish is expensive.

Now, researchers at the University of Southampton say marine location can be recovered from the chemistry of the fishes' scales, since the chemistry of animal tissues reflects the composition of food and water in the area where they live and feed and can act as a natural tag, a release from the U.K.'s National Oceanography Centre reported

Thursday.

"As every single salmon contains the natural chemical tag, we can now see where fish from individual rivers go to feed in the Atlantic," lead author Kirsteen MacKenzie said.

"Interestingly, we found that salmon born in two areas of the British Isles swim to feeding grounds that are far apart, and experience very different conditions while at sea."

Knowing where the salmon feed will aid conservation efforts, another Southampton researcher said.

"This information allows for better management of individual fish populations by monitoring both environmental conditions and fishing efforts in the areas where they feed," Clive Trueman said.—*Internet*

Moon & Jupiter pair up before Dawn Sunday

NEW YORK, 26 June—Early risers on Sunday (26 June) morning, given fair weather, will be treated to a lovely celestial tableau in the eastern sky as the planet Jupiter hovers below and to the right of a slender waning crescent moon.

Although moon and planet will not be particularly close, they will be by far the two brightest objects visible in the predawn sky, and will command instant attention wherever the sky is reasonably clear. The sky map of Jupiter and the moon here shows how they will appear on Sunday.

Jupiter rises about three and a half hours before the sun — around 2 am local daylight time — when at magnitude -2.2, it outshines everything but the moon. On this astronomers scale, smaller numbers represent brighter objects, with negative numbers being the brightest of all.

Jupiter is currently in the constellation Aries, where it will remain until it briefly crosses over into the adjacent zodiacal constellation of Pisces in early December. In the days and weeks to come, Jupiter will rise progressively earlier as well as appearing to noticeably brighten as Earth speeds along its orbit, closing the distance

between our two worlds.

Sunday morning will find the moon 23-percent illuminated and positioned five degrees from Jupiter. Your clenched fist held at arm's length measures 10-degrees, so on Sunday morning, Jupiter, shining like a brilliant silvery "star" with a steady glow, will stand about half a fist below and to the right of the moon.

The view will likely be even more enhanced by the effect of "earthshine" on the moon. This light reflected from the Earth allows you to see the full globe of the moon, its darkened portion glowing with a bluish-gray hue interposed between the sunlit crescent and not much darker sky.

This vision is sometimes called "the old moon in the young moon's arms." Leonardo da Vinci was the first to recognize it as earthshine. The Earth's light of course is reflected sunlight, so earthshine is really sunlight that is reflected off Earth to the moon and then reflected back to Earth.

Viewing with binoculars will bring out the earthshine effect more than if viewing with the unaided eye, and will impart a three-dimensional effect to the moon.—*Internet*



A man plays a computer game of manufacturer Electronic Arts (EA) in 2008. US videogame giant Electronic Arts (EA) on Friday revealed that hackers had looted user data in "a highly sophisticated" attack.—INTERNET

Skype iPad app is coming soon

NEW YORK, 26 June—Skype launched its iPhone application in 2009, and now the company is gearing up to release an iPad app.

There is no release date for the app yet, but in a conversation with TUAW, Skype vice president of consumer and product design Rick Osterloh said the company expects Apple to approve the app soon.

Osterloh told TUAW that it had a lot of initial success with its iPhone app, the userbase of which "doubled in just a month's time." He expects the iPad app, which has been in testing for a few months, to "have a similar success."

The iPad version of Skype will be very similar to the iPhone app in terms of functionality, including features like chatting and audio and video calling. A

video preview of the app released late this week shows off some of those features.

However, there are a few features included in the full version of Skype for the PC and Mac that won't be a part of the iPad app, such as the ability to share files. TUAW points out that the reason this is absent from the app is because of the "way the iPad deals with files."

Clearly a Skype app works well for the iPad 2 because Apple's second-gen tablet now includes dual-facing cameras, ideal for video chatting. Previously Skype just had an iPhone app that was compatible with the iPad, but Osterloh said the iPad 2's camera makes the new app "super compelling."

Internet

Wikipedia adds a 'Love' Button

WASHINGTON, 26 June—Wikipedia is reliant on volunteer editors and contributors to maintain its crowd-sourced online encyclopedia. In order to encourage more editors, the site is launching a "love" button so that readers can flag the articles they enjoy the most.

Wikipedia announced Friday that it's currently testing the feature and will roll it out to the entire site on Wednesday, 29 June. Citing a survey of Wikipedia editors, the company said a majority of people edit more frequently when they feel appreciated. As the digital pages of Wikipedia continue to be filled, editors are praised by commenters less frequently, while they are criticized and corrected more frequently.

Wikipedia said that new editors' experiences on the site is increasingly dominated by warnings, criticism, and teaching, and this new feature is an effort to quell the negative effects of those responses.

The love button, dubbed "WikiLove," is a "simple experiment in appreciation," Wikipedia said. Created by Wikimedia Foundation developer Ryan Kaldari, it "makes it easy and fun to send bamstars or whimsical messages of appreciation to other users." WikiLove will appear in the form of a small red heart icon on the top right hand part of the window, next to the search window. Readers are encouraged to select the icon when they discover content activity that is compliment-worthy.—*Internet*



Google co-founder Larry Page addresses a Press Conference in 2004. Google confirmed Friday that US regulators have begun a probe of the Internet giant's lucrative search and advertising business and said it was confident its practices would withstand scrutiny.
INTERNET



Adult diabetes rate doubles: study

LONDON, 26 June—The number of adults with diabetes worldwide has more than doubled since 1980, with almost 350 million now affected, according to a new study published in *The Lancet* medical journal.

Scientists from Imperial College London and Harvard University analysed blood sugar data of 2.7 million people aged 25 and over across the world and used the results to estimate diabetes prevalence.

The number of adults with diabetes more than doubled from 153 million in 1980 to 347 million in 2008, according to the research published Saturday.

Diabetes is caused by poor blood sugar control and can lead to heart disease and stroke and can damage the kidneys, nerves and eyes.

High blood sugar levels and diabetes kill three million people across the world each year.

The researchers said two of the strongest factors in the rising diabetes rate were increasing life span and body weight, especially among women.

“Our study has shown that diabetes is becoming more common



An Indian nurse (R) collects a blood sample from a patient using a glucometer at a free Diabetic health check up camp in Hyderabad. The number of adults with diabetes worldwide has more than doubled since 1980, with almost 350 million now affected, according to a new study published in *The Lancet* medical journal.

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almost everywhere in the world,” said Majid Ezzati, from Imperial College London, who co-led the study.

“This is in contrast to blood pressure and cholesterol, which have both fallen in many regions. Diabetes is much harder to prevent and treat than these other conditions.”

Diabetes rates had risen most in Pacific island nations, where a greater proportion of people have the condition than anywhere else in the world, according to the study.

Internet

Bristol diabetes pill tied to certain cancers

SAN DIEGO, 26 June—A new type of diabetes pill being developed by Bristol-Myers Squibb and AstraZeneca was effective in a two-year study but more bladder and breast cancers have been found in patients treated with the drug. In all studies so far completed, 1.4 percent of patients treated with dapagliflozin developed some type of cancer, compared with 1.3 percent of control group patients, said Elisabeth Bjork, vice president of development for dapagliflozin at AstraZeneca.

Nine bladder cancers

have been observed in 5,478 patients treated with the experimental drug, compared with one bladder cancer seen in the 3,156 patients in control groups. Six of the 10 had blood in the urine, known as hematuria, when they entered trials and five were diagnosed within a year after their study.

It is potentially the first in a new class of diabetes drugs designed to block glucose from being absorbed into the bloodstream through the kidneys, allowing more sugar to be excreted with urine.

People with diabetes have inadequate blood sugar control, which can lead to serious complications like heart disease and stroke, as well as damage to the kidneys or nerves, and to blindness. Dapagliflozin leads to more sugar in the urine, which may serve as a nutrient for bacteria and pathogens that can cause infections, said Elisabeth Svanberg, vice president of development for dapagliflozin at Bristol-Myers. In a two-year trial, urinary tract infections were seen in 8 percent of Type 2 diabetes patients treated with a placebo and the generic drug metformin, 8 percent of patients on a 2.5 mg dose of dapagliflozin plus metformin, 8.8 percent of patients on a 5 mg dose and 13.3 percent of patients receiving dapagliflozin 10 mg.—Reuters



A company sign is pictured outside the AstraZeneca R & D plant in Lund, 2 March, 2010.

INTERNET



Business



Ukraine to invest 750 million dollars in Euro 2012

KIEV, 26 June—Government officials say Ukraine will invest a total of 750 million US dollars in the Euro 2012 Soccer Championship.

“The direct costs of Ukraine to hold Euro 2012 will not exceed this sum,” Borys Kolesnikov, the deputy prime minister and infrastructure minister, said Friday. Kolesnikov said the funds will be spent on construction of stadiums in Kiev and Lvov. Other expenses, including money for building roads and infrastructure improvements, will be allocated from the annual Ukraine budget.

The figures Kolesnikov cited are at variance with the calculations of Ukrainian experts who expect that total expenditures for the championship will be about 10 billion dollars while revenues will be around 400 million dollars. State and local firms, analysts said, will allocate 85 percent of the funds to host the Euro 2012, while foreign investors will provide only 15 percent.

Internet



Michael Kemmer, the head of an influential German banking federation, pictured in 2008, said Saturday that private banks would play a role in a new eurozone rescue package for Greece, a participation strongly backed by the German government.

INTERNET

China-Britain trade targets 100 billion US dollars in 2015

LONDON, 26 June—With a rapid growth in bilateral trade during the first six months of this year, China and Britain are aimed at an ambitious trade target of 100 billion US dollars in 2015.

That target was set by leaders of the two nations during Prime Minister David Cameron's visit in China in November.

China and Britain are important trading partners with Britain being China's third largest market in the EU and China being Britain's largest export

destination save the EU and the United States.

Two-way trade in goods and services between the two nations hit an all-time high of 60 billion US dollar last year, a rise of 28 percent from the previous year.

According to the economic and commercial counselor's office of the Chinese Embassy to Britain, bilateral trade of goods jumped 17.4 percent to 20.97 dollars in the first five months from a year earlier.

Investment is also on the fast track with more and more Chinese setting up subsidiaries in Britain. Last year, China became Britain's sixth largest foreign investor.

In addition, over the past few years an increasing number of Chinese companies, notably Shanghai Automobile and Chongqing

Changan Automobile, have set up R&D centers in Britain.

Meanwhile, British enterprises continue to expand their presence and operations in China. Tesco has committed to making an investment worth 2 billion dollars in China during the next five years.

With a cumulative investment exceeding 17 billion dollars by the end of 2010, Britain has managed to maintain its position as China's largest investor among EU members.

At the same time, the potential to expand China-Britain commercial and economic ties remains huge. Trade with Britain accounts for a mere 1.7 percent of China's trade with the rest of the world. British exports to China, meanwhile, constitute less than 2 percent of China's total imports. —Internet

Bank is Georgia's 14th failure of 2011

ATLANTA, 26 June—State authorities said Mountain Heritage Bank of Clayton, Ga., was the 14th bank in Georgia to fail this year.

Mountain Heritage, with \$103.7 million in total assets and \$89.6 million in deposits, has been taken over by First American Bank and Trust Co, of Athens, Ga, the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance said.

The bank will reopen with normal business hours, *The Street* reported Saturday.

The Atlanta Journal Constitution said the bank was the 65th in the state to fail since the financial crisis escalated in 2008.

Internet



Britain's food watchdog has said there were no cases of E coli poisoning in the country after France linked vegetable seeds sold by a British company to a French outbreak.
INTERNET

Lightning strikes kill 15 in China this month

BEIJING, 26 June—Lightning strikes have killed 15 people so far this month in China, while wind-hail disasters caused 2.58 billion yuan (398 million US dollars) in direct economic losses, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said Saturday.

Thunderstorms, strong winds or

hail hit 21 provincial-level areas, including Beijing, Hebei, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia and Xinjiang, as well as 93 cities and 268 counties in June, and affected the lives of about 2.49 million people, according to the report.

Xinhua

Japanese gov't panel urges renewable energy in reconstruction

TOKYO, 26 June—A advisory panel to the Japanese government proposed on Saturday that the country should promote renewable energy and carry out renewable energy research in Fukushima Prefecture where a troubled nuclear power plant is located. The panel also called on the government to mull over a tax hike to fund the reconstruction work after the devastating 11 March earthquake and ensuing tsunami.

Rebuilding the infrastructure, housing and other facilities destroyed in the twin disasters in March is estimated to cost Japan about 16.9 trillion yen (210 billion US dollars), the Japanese Cabinet Office said Friday. The Japanese government and the utility's operator have been battling to keep the Fukushima No1 nuclear power plant crippled by the twin disasters in March under control. It is still leaking radioactive substances into environment.

Xinhua

Dozens injured in gas explosion in southern Russia

MOSCOW, 26 June—At least 46 people, including six children, were injured Saturday in a household gas explosion in southern Russia, according to local media reports.

According to the reports, a gas container exploded during a wedding ceremony in Vladikavkaz, capital of the republic of North Ossetia. The cause of the explosion was unknown.

North Ossetian Deputy Health Minister Taimuraz Revazov said all the injured had been hospitalized and 11 of them were in intensive care.

"Two people are in critical condition and have been put on ventilators. Those injured have burns to their upper bodies varying from the first to the fourth degree," Revazov was quoted by *Interfax* news agency as saying.

In the North Caucasus region, wedding ceremonies usually feature cooking over an open fire, for which gas cylinders are used.

Xinhua



In this photo taken Thursday, 23 June, 2011, a Puerto Rican parrot is pictured inside a fly cage at El Yunque National Forest protected habitat in Luquillo, Puerto Rico. The parrots are one of about 34 Amazon parrots' species found in the Americas. They are known for the bright red shock of feathers at their forehead, white rings around their eyes and the shimmering blue feathers under their wings. The Puerto Rican parrot has hovered at the edge of extinction for decades but is now making a bit of a comeback.

INTERNET

Rabid bat found in California park

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—Health department officials in Orange County, Calif., say a dead bat found by a parks worker in Laguna Niguel National Park had rabies.

The Orange County Health Care Agency said in a *Los Angeles Times* report untreated rabies can be fatal and it urged those bitten by a bat to wash the wound thoroughly and seek medical treatment.

Since the dead bat was found, officials have learned of other dead bats in the park, but those animals haven't been

tested for rabies, said Deanne Thompson, a health agency spokeswoman.

Rabid bats have been discovered in Orange County over the past several years, but health officials only make announcements about their discovery if they are found in a public area, Thompson said. Rabies is most often transmitted through saliva from a bite from a rabid animal. Most human rabies cases are a result of bat bites, Thompson said. She said bat bites might go undetected at first because bats have very small teeth.

Xinhua

A worker holds a piece of asbestos. Several countries blocked moves to add chrysotile asbestos to a list of dangerous substances subject to export restrictions under the Rotterdam Convention, a UN spokesman said.

INTERNET



Glastonbury reveller : A festival-goer smiles at the annual Glastonbury festival near Glastonbury, Somerset.

INTERNET

Exporters in Macao face manpower shortages

MACAO, 26 June—Over 60 percent of Macao's manufacturers faced the challenge of insufficient workers, although they were optimistic about the territory's exports in the coming six months, the *Macao Daily Times* reported on Saturday.

The newspaper quoted a latest survey by the city's Economic Services Bureau as saying that 78.6 percent of the interviewed manufacturers faced the challenge of surging prices of materials and 73.7 percent faced increasing international competition in the first quarter of 2011.

Aside from prices, there have been other issues

that have raised concern for local manufacturers. According to the survey, 64.9 percent said they were affected by issues of insufficient workers.

The lack of workers is something that has been raised not only by the manufacturing industry, but also by local businessmen who blame new rules for foreign worker employment they believe restrains the development of the economy, the report said. Meanwhile, 38.2 percent of respondents expect exports to "slightly increase", while only 8.6 percent believe exports will "strongly increase" in the next six months, according to the survey.—Xinhua



Union Minister for Labour and for SWRR inspects departmental tasks

YANGON, 26 June—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi yesterday met members of Shan State Fire Services Department in Taunggyi and gave instructions on maintenance of fire engines and enhancement of fire fighting skills.

He inspected the Shan State Social Welfare Department and Pre-Primary School in Myoma

Ward.

Today, the Union Minister looked into functions of Shan State Relief and Resettlement Department and storage of six relief items at its warehouse in Ayethaya.

He viewed the dispensary of the ministry and sites for construction of new dispensary at Ayethaya Industrial Zone.—MNA

Dy Border Affairs Minister arrives back from Vietnam

YANGON, 26 June—Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, at the invitation of Mr Be Truong Thanh, Vice Standing Chairman of Committee for Ethnic Minorities Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, went on an observation trip to Vietnam from 19 to 25 June and arrived back here yesterday evening.

MNA

Timor-Leste delegation on visit to Myanmar

YANGON, 26 June—A Timor-Leste goodwill delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Dr Zacarias Albano Da Costa arrived at Yangon by air this afternoon.

The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Director-General of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Daw Yin Yin Myint and officials.

Members of the delegation made a pilgrimage to the



Shwedagon Pagoda this evening.

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Deputy Sports Minister enjoys bowling final

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Bowling competition held by Myanmar Bowling Federation in commemoration of Olympic Day 2011 reached final this afternoon. Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu enjoyed the final at bowling stadium of Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee in Zabuthiri Township here and awarded the winners.

Zaw Lin Tun and Aye Aye Maw from Nay Pyi Taw DAC stood first in men's and women's open event.—MNA

Timor-Leste goodwill delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Dr Zacarias Albano Da Costa receives warm welcome by officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe speaks at the prize-presentation of short story, article, song, poem, cartoon, painting, poster, computer aided painting, computer digital poster and photo contest held in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26, June in Yangon.—MNA



Chinese vice premier warns of worldwide inflation risk

BEIJING, 26 June—Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang on Saturday warned the risk of a worldwide inflation while the world strives for an economic recovery. Li made the remarks at the Second Global Think Tank Summit currently held in Beijing.

Facing a common challenge of inflation, all countries should increase the coordination of their macroeconomic policies to ensure economic growth while reining in inflation, he said.

Within China, inflation has remained stubbornly high despite the government's efforts to cap price rises. The country's inflation rate reached a 34-month high of 5.5 percent in May, and is expected to accelerate to 6 percent in June, which will be well above the government's 2011 inflation target of 4 percent.

Li also said countries should work

together to fight trade and investment protectionism, improve and innovate the international economic governance and promote the establishment of a fair, just, inclusive, and orderly international financial system.

He called for efforts to increase the representation and say of emerging economies and developing countries, and bridge the "south-north development gap" between the poor countries and rich nations, which he believed is crucial to the long-term prosperity of the world.

Li said during the coming five years, China will accelerate the transformation of its economic development pattern and strike a balance between maintaining a stable and relatively fast economic growth, restructuring the economy and regulating inflationary expectations.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 22 June, 2011 shows a clay furnace of the Han Dynasty (202 BC-220 AD) during a Heluo Civilization Exhibition at Luoyang museum in Luoyang, central China's Henan Province. More than 2,000 cultural relics were displayed on the exhibition.

XINHUA

Why cesarean births are on the rise

WASHINGTON, 26 June —US researchers have pinpointed reasons as to why a rising number of women are delivering their babies by cesarean section.

Yale School of Medicine researchers found that while half of the increase was attributable to a rise in repeat cesarean delivery in women with a prior cesarean birth, an equal proportion was due to a rise in first time cesarean delivery.

Among these deliveries, factors such as slowly progressing labor and fetal heart rate concerns were the largest contributors.

Yale researcher Jessica Illuzzi, MD, of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences and her co-authors analyzed indications for cesarean delivery on prospectively collected data from over 30,000 births at Yale-New Haven Hospital from 2003 to 2009.

"We found that more objective reasons, such as the baby being in a breech position and placenta previa, remained stable over time, while less objective reasons, such as slow progress in labor and concerns about fetal heart tracings contributed large proportions (>50 percent) to the increasing primary cesarean delivery rate," said Illuzzi.

Internet



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses work coordination meeting for sustainability of Inlay Lake and conservation of environment.—MNA

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Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vepullabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

The Vice-President and wife offered robes and alms, rice and edible oil to the Sayadaw.

Kanbawza Bank Ltd donated K 110 million to the pagoda board of trustees for construction of Sasana Beikman in Inlay Heya Ywama Village with the purpose of accommodating members of the Sangha who will sit for Inlay Region Religious Examination.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vepullabhivamsa of Inlay Shwebontha Monastery delivered a sermon, and congregation shared merits gained.

The Vice-President attended the coordination meeting on durability of Inlay Lake and conservation of environment.

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun reported on salient points of Inlay Lake, purpose of ensuring durability of Inlay Lake and environmental conservation, biodiversities at Inlay Lake and its environs, creeks flowing into Inlay Lake and natural springs, coverage of forests and land utilization, environmental degradation in Inlay Lake, conversation tasks and findings for the lake before 2010, and progress of tasks.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw reported on inflow of water at Inlay Lake and feasibility studies for construction of a dam upstream of the silt retaining dam of Namlat Creek.

Director U Win Kyi of Shan State Irrigation Department and Deputy General Manager U Khin Maung Yin of Myanmar Agriculture Service submitted reports on progress of environmental conservation at Inlay Lake and its surrounding regions.

After reviewing the reports, the Vice-President delivered an address, saying that Inlay Lake, an ancient cultural heritage of Myanmar, is a natural lake regarded as ASEAN cultural heritage. According to the statistics of 2010, Inlay Lake and its surrounding areas have 36 village-tracts and 34272 households with 173,099 people. There live Inntha, PaO, Shan, Palaung, Danu and Bamar nationals, and they depend mainly on productivity and services for their livelihood.

With global climate change, Myanmar also experienced draught and scarcity of water due to little rainfall in 2009 and significantly increased temperature and late monsoon in 2010. As a consequence, the water in Inlay Lake decreased at the lowest level, causing water scarcity and difficult transportation.

The water flow of Inlay Lake contributes towards the socio-economic life of the local people and Lawpita hydroelectricity generated from Inlay Lake-Bilu Creek is a key contributing factor in socio-economic growth of Myanmar. So, it can be forecast that the decreasing

water flow to Inlay Lake can lead to decreased productivity for the country.

Originally, the water surface area of the lake was 100 square miles. However, according to data of 2007, its area is only 24 square miles and watershed area is 2166.8 square miles.

There are 29 creeks flowing to Inlay Lake and out of them, four feed the larger amount of water. These four creeks flow into the lake in all seasons but the remaining creeks flow only in the rainy season. Yet, the amount of water flowing from the four main creeks will decrease with the passage of time, it is estimated. In the lake there are natural floating islands and cultivated floating islands. Therefore, cultivation acreage has increased and the water storage capacity of the lake is waning.

It is necessary to take measures for the greening of Inlay Lake and its 20-mile radius surrounding areas and conservation of forests, land and water resources and wildlife. Such measures are being taken by Myanmar Agriculture Service and Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry. Related departments are to work according to the drawn-up plans.

For sustainable protection of biodiversities in Inlay Lake, Taunggyi University is to do subject-wise research on a constant basis and submit papers. It is necessary for officials concerned to take points included in the papers seriously and take measures.

For long-term durability and greening of Inlay Lake, it is required to implement the following tasks:

- Not to build new villages and houses and establish new floating islands at Inlay Lake.

- To dredge the Inlay to get rid of unnecessary floating islands, flotsams, algae and silt.

- Carry out maintenance and repair work for proper drainage.

- To ban logging and farming in 20-mile radius of Inlay Lake.

- To ban transforming from floating islands to cultivation areas.

- To establish evergreen forests in watershed areas to ensure temperate climate and increase in the amount of rainfall.

- To build embankments to prevent slit slides.

- To seek water resources for supply of drinking water.

- To educate the local people to know that environmental conservation and Inlay Lake are a national need.

- To establish a fund foundation for long-term conservation of Inlay Lake with the capital of the State and contributions of entrepreneurs.

A supervisory committee has been formed for the durability of Inlay Lake. The committee itself is to coordinate matters with related departments.

Entrepreneurs of timber companies in Shan State

(South) presented K 10 million for sustainable development and greening of Inlay Lake to Secretary of the committee Director of the Forest Department U Win Maung.

The Vice-President and party left Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Image for Taunggyi Sao San Tun Hospital through Inlay Khaungdaing.

He consoled and presented supplies to the patients. Medical Superintendent Dr Nyan Lin conducted the Vice-President around the hospital. The Vice-President held a meeting with the doctors at the assembly hall of the hospital. The medical superintendent reported on the background history, organizational set-up, medical units, staff strength, health care and renovation of the hospital, the number of the patients the hospital has given free treatment, field trips of specialists, and requirements.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that Russia built Sao San Tun Hospital in commemoration of Russia-Myanmar friendship and it was opened in June 1961. Previously, it was called Russia Hospital as it had been built with the assistance of Russia. But it was renamed "Sao San Tun Hospital" in honour of Sao San Tun, one of the nation's martyrs. It is well-known in and around the region.

It is about 50 years old, and has changed to some extent, but is still a reliable medical institution for not only Taunggyi but also surrounding townships due to hard work of the medical staff. Medical staff should handle with the patients in a warm and kind atmosphere in order that the hospital will win more public trust and reliance. He urged the medical staff to care the patients with the same kindness and treatment as that about 50 years ago.

The previous government built as many hospitals, dispensaries and health centres as it could. Now, the number of the hospitals around the nation has toughed 929 with better health care. The gap of health care between urban and rural areas is getting narrow thanks to better transport covering the entire nation.

Now, priority should be given to improvement of general hospitals in terms of health care. The government will try its best to keep balance between the workload and strength of the staff of a hospital so as to improve the health care. Today, the people enjoy better and quick health care due to the fact that necessary laws have been promulgated to give green light to running private hospitals and clinics to help improve public health care.

Hospitals show warm treatment and make sacrifices in caring for patients, but misbehaviors of a handful of unscrupulous medical staff are damaging good reputation of medical professionals. The relationship between patients and medical staff is still in good condition. However, there may be lawsuits filed against each other in future unless such fine traditions are preserved. So, medical staff should have goodwill,

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loving-kindness, mindfulness and perseverance in giving treatment.

The cost-sharing system has been in practice in hospitals in accordance with the National Health Policy adopted in 1993 and the guidelines of the National Health Committee. The system is that half of the proceedings from health care given to affordable patients go to the State funds, and the other half, to replenishing medical supplies and renovation of medical buildings.

The system covers only non-poor patients, and

free treatment is given to needy patients. However, some patients who do not understand well the system claim that government-owned hospitals charge them fees for treatment. So, medical staff need to make repeated clarification to the system for the knowledge of such patients.

There need more funds for establishment of more specialists hospitals, general hospitals, Region/State hospitals and rural health centres, more medical supplies for a growing number of patients and maintenance of hospital equipment.

Estimated amount of the fund needed for medical supplies and maintenance of medical equipment for 2011-2012 fiscal year is K 8844 million, but the fund the government has approved is only about K 1568 million. That accounts for about K 7300

million, and that indicates how much the State makes contribution to the cost-sharing system.

As the saying that goes "Prevention is better than cure", medical staff should give relevant health education to patients as much as they can.

The Vice-President urged the medical staff of the hospital to give educative talks on health as much as they can in addition to health care. Health staff have the rights to submit what they need to give treatment to patients. The government will render as much assistance it can.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint presented medicines donated by the Ministry of Health to Sao San Tun Hospital through the medical superintendent.

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He credited the cooperation of UNODC in surveying opium coverage in northern Myanmar and border areas in 2011 as Myanmar and China did so in 2006 as these international cooperation helped cut the opium cultivation and production.

Myanmar is taking measures for drug elimination through its own strength plus international cooperation by signing MoU among six countries in Greater Mekong Sub-region, making efforts on mutual basis, and drafting plan to realize "Drug Free ASEAN", he said.

He revealed that synthetic drugs — ATS, ICE, Ecstasy and Ketamine — were found in markets distributed in various ways and urged the public to

join the State in warding off avaricious businessmen.

United Nations Acting Resident Representative Mr Jason Eligh read out message sent by the UN Secretary General.

The MPF Chief accepted cash donation made by donors for awarding winners in commemorative contests. The donation amounted for K 7.85 million.

The Union ministers, deputy ministers and guests then observed commemorative booth.

The drugs worthy K 40,622 million were incinerated in Myitkyina, Taunggyi, Kengtung and Lashio, marking International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.—MNA

United Nations Acting Resident Representative Mr Jason Eligh reads out UNSG's message.—MNA



Shwebo College upgraded to university

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, accompanied by the speaker of Sagaing Region Hluttaw, Sagaing Region ministers and departmental officials, attended the upgrading of Shwebo College to Shwebo University yesterday.

The chief minister

inspected Maha Nanda Lake in Shwebo, the model summer paddy field of farmer Daw Hla Yi in Kanthit Village, KhinU Township, and the digging of the drain in No. 1 Basic Education High School in YeU.

He inspected Moksi Bridge and the harvesting of the 120-day paddy field of farmer U Win Aung at plot No. 2181 and held a meeting



with local farmers. He rendered assistance for building a production

road, establishment of more model paddy fields, systematic use of

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye unveil signboard of Shwebo University.—MNA



inorganic fertilizers, reduction of costs, and formation of an

agricultural production society.

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Taninthayi Region observes International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Khin Zaw addresses ceremony to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June — International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2011 commemorative ceremony was held at Town Hall in Dawei of Taninthayi Region this morning, with the attendance of Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Khin Zaw, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Htin Aung Kyaw, Region ministers, departmental officials, teachers, students, students and guests. The chief minister in his address credited the attention of youths in elimination of drugs.

Head of Region Police Force Police Col Myint Toe read out message sent by Chairman of Myanmar Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control.

Region Law Officer U Zaw Lin Maung and Dr Yin Moe Khine gave talks on disadvantages of drugs and drug addiction.

Winners in commemorative contests were awarded.

The chief minister, the speaker, the Region ministers and guests viewed paintings and documentary photos at commemorative booth.

MNA

China to test clothes for cancer-causing chemicals

SHANGHAI, 26 June—Children's clothes in Shanghai will now be tested for cancer-causing chemicals, after parents showed concern about the quality of clothes currently on sale.

Textile experts said heavy metals may be found in buttons and dyes of such items.

Now, a new standard would regulate the levels of five types of heavy metal—antimony, cadmium, chromium, cobalt and nickel in children's clothes.

The regulation has been drafted

by the National Garments Quality Inspection and Supervision Centre, the Shanghai Daily reported.

Authorities said once the new standard becomes valid, tests will be included in their regular inspections.

The regulation was ordered after parents became worried about the quality of baby clothes sold in the city.

"I suspect clothes I bought for my son from online stores contain heavy metals, as the government never tested for these items before," said Zhang Qian, a mother of a two-year-old boy.

Internet



Workers inspect a flooded pedestrian walk way, as debris is trapped by the structure in Minot, North Dakota, on 24 June, 2011.—INTERNET

Strong winds, heavy rains predicted along East China coast as tropical storm Meari approaches

BEIJING, 26 June—Strong winds and heavy rains are forecast to hit China's eastern coast as tropical storm Meari is moving northwest from the southern



Stranded citizens are seen in a waterlogged road in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 25 June, 2011. Influenced by the tropical storm Haima, torrential rain hit the city on Saturday, causing severe waterlogging in some urban areas.

XINHUA

Yellow Sea waters, according to a statement issued by the nation's meteorological authority Sunday.

The tropical storm Meari will shave off the eastern coasts of Shandong Peninsula or may make a landfall around the region between Sunday afternoon and evening before shifting to head northeastward to the border areas between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China, said the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) of China Meteorological Administration in the statement.

NMC also predicted that between 8 am Sunday through 8 am Monday, the eye of the tropical storm would pack gusts of winds and strong breeze of force 6 to 10 in a vast east China sea waters starting eastern and northern Taiwan in the south, coupled with heavy rains in parts of southeastern Liaoning Province and of northeastern Shand-ong Peninsula in the north.

The statement urged local government agencies to closely monitor the movement of the tropical storm and issue early warnings to the public in a timely manner.

As a precaution, NMC suggested that ships should return to harbors to avoid damage, outdoor gatherings be canceled, dangerous buildings be fixed or removed, and local government departments be on guard and well prepared for response in case of emergencies.—Xinhua

Teen basketball player survives 2nd plane crash

CHICAGO, 26 June—A 16-year-old University of Michigan basketball recruit remained in critical condition after a single-engine plane crashed Friday evening near Michigan's Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

Austin Hatch, a junior who had made a commitment last week to the University of Michigan to play basketball, survived the crash which has killed his father and stepmother, according to a Saturday report in the *Chicago Tribune*.

The family was heading to their summer house in northern Michigan for the weekend, a trip they often took in the summer, according to Dan Kline, Hatch's basketball coach at school.

This is the second fatal plane crash for the Hatch family. Nearly eight years ago, Hatch and his pilot father had survived a crash that killed his mother and two siblings.

Xinhua



15 dead in bus accident in Indonesia's Sumatra

JAKARTA, 26 June—Fifteen people were killed and dozens others injured after a bus plunged into a river in South Tapanuli District of North Sumatra Province on Sunday, local police said.

The bus plunged into the river around 2 pm due to brake failure, local police officer at Sipirok sub-district Yusuf Sisindra told *Xinhua* by phone.

A local television footage showed the bus was under water and rescue operation was underway.

There were around 65 passengers on board when the accident happened.

Xinhua



A model poses next to a car on display at the 12th Kunming Pan-Asia International Automobile Exhibition in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 24 June, 2011. The five-day auto show opened here Friday.

XINHUA

Flooded Canadian homes being looted

REGINA, 26 June—Residents of flooded areas in Saskatchewan are returning to find their homes looted, officials said.

While making a trip to his flooded home Wednesday to grab some family photos three days after being evacuated, Roche Percee Mayor Reg Jahn found his home had been ransacked, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

"They're taking my stuff and destroying my stuff and my friends

and neighbours' stuff," Jahn said.

Unlike the United States, where the Coast Guard watches over homes in flooded areas, Canada has no security system in place for flood zones, and with so many people affected by the flooding, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would not be able to provide adequate support.

"I know my wife was totally devastated," Jahn said. "It's a bad, bad feeling — kick you when you're down, eh?"—Internet

A kid plays in a water fountain in Madrid, Spain, on 25 June, 2011. The temperature in some parts of Spain soared to 40 degrees Celsius as a heat wave hit the country.

XINHUA

Sunflowers to clean radioactive soil in Japan

TOKYO, 26 June—Campaigners in Japan are asking people to grow sunflowers, said to help decontaminate radioactive soil, in response to the Fukushima nuclear disaster that followed March's massive quake and tsunami.

Volunteers are being asked to grow sunflowers this year, then send the seeds to the stricken area where they will be planted next year to help get rid of radioactive contaminants in the plant's fallout zone.

The campaign,

launched by young entrepreneurs and civil servants in Fukushima Prefecture last month, aims to cover large areas in yellow blossoms as a symbol of hope and reconstruction and to lure back tourists.

"We will give the seeds sent back by people for free to farmers, the public sector and other groups next year," said project leader Shinji Handa. The goal is a landscape so yellow that "it will surprise NASA", he said.

Internet



People stroll through a flower garden filled with sunflowers swinging in the wind on the outskirts of Tokyo. Campaigners in Japan are asking people to grow sunflowers — said to help decontaminate radioactive soil — in response to the Fukushima nuclear disaster that followed March's massive quake and tsunami.

INTERNET

Shanghai braces for tropical storm Meari

SHANGHAI, 26 June—Shanghai Municipality is bracing for high gales and torrential rains as tropical storm Meari swirls northward, battering the country's coastal areas.

The full force of Meari, still gaining in strength and likely to soon become a typhoon, will reach the sea off Shanghai around late night of Saturday, according to the Shanghai Municipal Meteorological Station. Shanghai has emptied its reservoirs in preparation for the heavy rain Meari is likely to bring, said Zhang Zhenyu, spokesman for the Shanghai Flood Control Headquarters.

Shanghai has inspected subway stations, underground parking lots and other places at risk of flooding to ease concerns heightened by torrential rains that drenched Beijing and paralyzed parts of the city's transport system on Thursday, Zhang said.

In addition, the authorities have canceled a gathering of some 3,500 people and closed a beach resort and a wetland park for safety concerns.

Xinhua



Global warming could shrink the habitat of Australia's iconic duck-billed platypus by a third, researchers warned in Melbourne, with hotter drier temperatures threatening its survival.—INTERNET

Danger heats up for Australia's platypus

SYDNEY, 26 June—Global warming could shrink the habitat of Australia's duck-billed platypus by a third, researchers warned Friday, with hotter, drier temperatures threatening its survival. A confusion of bird, mammal and reptile characteristics, the timid platypus is one of Australia's most cryptic creatures, feeding at night and living in deep waterside burrows to dodge predators such as foxes and eagles.

But its thick, watertight fur coat — one of the key tools to ensuring its survival in

the cool depths of rivers and waterholes — could spell disaster in a warming climate, according to a new study from Melbourne's Monash University.

Using weather and platypus habitat data stretching back more than 100 years, researchers were able to map declines in particular populations in connection with droughts and heat events. The team then extrapolated their findings across a range of climate change scenarios laid out by the government's science research agency, CSIRO, to model how global

warming would affect the unusual native species. "Our worst case scenario at the moment suggested a one-third reduction in their suitable habitat," researcher Jenny Davis told AFP of the work published in the journal *Global Change Biology*.

Internet

Cars are covered in debris after a concrete wall collapsed due to a mild tornado brought by Tropical Storm Meari in Quezon City, the Philippines on 24 June, 2011.

INTERNET



Vietnam storms kill ten, seven struck by lightning

HANOI, 26 June—At least 10 people have been killed, seven of them struck by lightning, during several days of storms and heavy rain in northern Vietnam, according to the disaster authorities. Those killed by lightning were hit as they worked in rice fields, while flash floods on Wednesday swept away at least one more person. Three people were missing, said the national flood and storm control committee in Hanoi.

A further two were

killed and 60 were injured when a whirlwind hit the northern port city of Haiphong on Thursday night, damaging almost 1,000 houses. Authorities have warned people of the danger of landslides in mountainous areas, with parts of the north receiving up to 200 millimetres (almost eight inches) of rain since Wednesday.

Vietnam's flood and storm season, which can last until late October, claims hundreds of lives every year.—Internet



90,000 flee storm in Philippines

MANILA, 26 June— Nearly 90,000 people have been forced to flee their homes in the Philippines due to floods caused by Tropical Storm Meari, with 15 people listed as missing, the civil defence office said.

In Marikina, a low-lying suburb of Manila, 25,000 people were in evacuation centres after waters reached dangerous levels, the office added on Saturday. Authorities indicated it was too early to say when people would be able to return home.

Seas were still too rough for small craft, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said.

Water Lilies float on the swollen Marikina River in Marikina city, east of Manila, Philippines, on 24 June, 2011, after heavy rains inundated the capital overnight.

INTERNET

One of 10 fishermen who were listed as missing at sea on Thursday had been rescued but the nine others had still not been found. A further three fishermen had failed to return to port by Saturday.

While Meari only brushed the eastern side of the country, it still brought torrential rain for most of the week.

Even though the storm was about 600 kilometres (350 miles) north of Manila and moving further away towards China on Saturday, it continued to add to seasonal monsoon rains, the government weather station said.

Meari had strengthened and was packing maximum gusts of 135 kilometres per hour (85 miles per hour) and was forecast to continue moving north at 24 kilometres per hour, the weather station said.

An average of 20 storms and typhoons, some of them deadly, hit the Philippines every year.

Over the past six weeks, more than 50 people have been killed in a series of storms, one of which became a typhoon.

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Invitation To Tender

Sr No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	Spare Parts for Crusher	9 Items	27.6.2011	11.7.2011
	Raw Mill & Cement Mill			
2.	Raw Materials for Tile Plant	5 Items	27.6.2011	11.7.2011
3.	Diamond Circular Saw Blade	4 Items	27.6.2011	11.7.2011

Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanma Ceramic Enterprise, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender Documents officially. (For further details, contact telephone number 067-408298)

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Dancers from Indonesia perform on a stage in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24 June, 2011. The 11th International Yesilkoy Folk Dance Festival kicked off here on Friday with the participation of dancers from 9 countries and regions. —XINHUA

China's largest inland port to open air route to Russia

HOHHOT, 26 June—Manzhouli, a major land port in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, will start hosting international flights when it opens an air route to Russia Thursday.

The route, between Manzhouli and Chita of Russia, will be run by Hainan Airlines Co, Ltd, with flights scheduled on every Thursday and Sunday, a source of Manzhouli airport told Xinhua on Sunday.

The city of Manzhouli, located in the northeastern part of Inner Mongolia, borders Russia to the north and sits close to Mongolia to the west. More than 70 percent of the trade between China and Russia passes through Manzhouli.

It takes seven hours to travel between Manzhouli and Chita by car, and a dozen by train, while the flight will only take an hour, said the spokesman.

Manzhouli airport, covering an area of 212 hectares, came into use in 2005. About 76,000 passengers and 1,100 tonnes of cargo has arrived at or departed from the airport in 2011 to date.—Internet



Sand sculptor Zhang Weikang solidifies his works in a park in Changsha, central China's Hunan Province, on 25 June, 2011. The 40-meter-long, 15-meter-wide and 10-meter-high sand sculpture of Chinese legendary figure Chiyow was completed by sculptor Zhang Weikang, Zhang Yongkang and their creative group on Saturday.—XINHUA



Bird flu discovered in Dutch farm

THE HAGUE, 26 June—Bird flu was discovered at a poultry farm in the central Dutch province of Flevoland, the Ministry of Agriculture said on Friday. It said the virus discovered was a mild variant. The farm's 47,000 chickens were slaughtered to prevent the virus turning into a contagious and deadly variant.

It remains uncertain whether the chickens were infected with the high or low pathogenic H7 variant. The low pathogenic version can mutate into a high pathogen, which is extremely transmissible. Poultry from other farms in a zone of three kilometres of the contaminated farm will be tested. A prohibition of transport for poultry, eggs and poultry manure has been set.—Xinhua

Acrobats from southwestern China's Sichuan Province performs in Panama City, Panama, on 23 June, 2011. The acrobatic troupe from Sichuan Province will offer a four-day performance in Panama City. XINHUA

China's West Lake Cultural Landscape inscribed on World Heritage List

PARIS, 26 June—The World Heritage Committee on Friday inscribed the West Lake Cultural Landscape of Hangzhou in eastern China on UNESCO's World Heritage List as a cultural property.

The 35th session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee made the decision in recognition of the West Lake surroundings as an extraordinary model of cultural landscape, which clearly reflects Chinese philosophy and aesthetics and inspires park designing art profoundly in China and abroad. Surrounded by mountains on three sides, the 3,322-hectare landscape is a national cultural icon enriched with beautiful scenarios and dramatic legends. After centuries of human efforts in



The photo shows lotus in West Lake in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province. The World Heritage Committee on 24 June, 2011 inscribed the West Lake Cultural Land.—XINHUA

shaping it, the area is appreciated as a marvelous combination of natural and artificial beauty.

Covered with luxuriant vegetation, the area is composed of a water surface of 5.66 square kilometers, and five territorial zones divided by causeways, dotted with numerous halls, towers, terraces, pavilions, pago-

das, grottoes and temples. According to the Chinese State Bureau of Cultural Relics, the preparatory work for the West Lake Cultural Landscape to apply for World Heritage inscription kicked off in 1990 by the Hangzhou municipality, and has been further promoted by the State Bureau since 2008.—Xinhua

Building collapse leaves seven workers dead in NW China

XI'AN, 26 June—Local authority in northwest China's Shanxi Province confirmed Sunday that seven construction workers were killed when a building collapsed late Saturday.

Twelve workers were adding one more floor to an existing 5-storey residence when the accident happened at 4:30 pm Saturday in Weiyang district of the

provincial capital of Xi'an, burying seven of the workers working on the site, said an official with the municipal government who required anonymity. The seven workers were later declared dead.

Initial investigation shows that the residence belonged to a farmer identified as Zhang Shuangquan, who hired the workers to do the

construction on the existing building as he got wind that the structure would be demolished and with one more floor, he could squeeze more compensation from the government.

The construction is claimed to be illegal. Further investigation is still underway, according to the official.

Xinhua

Palm oil ship sinks off Kalimantan, Indonesia

KALIMANTAN, 26 June—An Indonesian palm oil ship sunk off the island of Kalimantan, but authorities have received no official word regarding the incident or reports of casualties, officials said Friday.

The incident occurred on Thursday when a speedboat operated by North Shell in Kotabaru, Kalimantan spotted only the ship's rooftop in the surface of the Tanjung Dewa waters just off Kotabaru, Gatra reported, adding that the vessel

was believed to have sailed from Pamukan Selatan and heading toward Sampanahan.

The ship was reportedly carrying some 15 tons of palm oil as well as fresh fruit bunches, according to Farid, the speedboat operator, explaining that high waves and rough waters probably caused the ship to sink.

However, Kotabaru's Port Administration Office chief, Jhony Lintang, said the administration had not

received any reports of a palm oil tanker sinking in the area. The office's chief added that upon receiving information, search and rescue teams are usually deployed quickly.

On Monday, at least 23 people died while 73 others survived the sinking of freight vessel PM Martasiah B II in the same Tanjung Dewa waters, as it was carrying at least 100 passengers from the port of Panjang Geronggang in Kotabaru.

Internet

Blue lobsters named for Will and Kate

Two blue lobsters caught off Canada's Prince Edward Island have been dubbed Will and Kate in honour of an upcoming visit by the royal couple.

Norm Peters, the curator of the Rustico Harbour Fishing Museum in North Rustico, said a blue lobster caught 2 June and a half blue, half orange lobster caught about the same time were named after Prince William and Princess Kate on a suggestion from a tourist from Philadelphia, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported Friday.

"Well, I said, 'What an idea.' They are both females. This is it, they are both females, but Kate and William will have to just go along with that," Peters said.

About one in 4 million lobsters are blue as a result of a genetic mutation, he said.



A gay couple (C Front) pose for a group photo with their relatives and friends during a wedding ceremony held by the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues, in Chicago, the United States, on 2 June, 2011.

News Album



A man enjoys food during an outdoor food festival in Chicago, the United States, on 24 June, 2011. More than 300 kinds of foods will be provided during the 10-day festival which kicked off on Friday.

Golfers use garden hose to fight fire

Las Vegas fire investigators said golfers used a garden hose to fight a blaze that broke out at a house on a golf course.

Las Vegas Fire and Rescue said the fire, which was reported at 7:06 pm Wednesday, broke out at the house at the Painted Desert Country Club when debris collected inside an air conditioner ignited, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported Thursday.

The Fire Department said some golfers used a garden hose to fight the fire while another called 911. Firefighters said they extinguished the flames in less than 5 minutes.

No one was home at the time of the blaze, and damage to the house was estimated at \$10,000.

Snake escapes at Michigan park

A snake owner said he is trying to find Hudini, the 5-foot boa constrictor that escaped from his backpack while he was napping in a Michigan park.

Richard Baumgardt said Hudini lived up to her name, which evokes escape artist Harry Houdini, when she slithered out of his backpack while he was camping at Addison Oaks County Park in Leonard 6 June, the *Detroit Free Press* reported Friday.

"It totally slipped my mind. I just forgot to zip up the pack," Baumgardt said. "Believe me, I want to find her. She's a totally awesome snake."

Baumgardt was issued a ticket for having an animal at-large and authorities said he could be forced to pay restitution for the search effort, which was unsuccessful.

"It's not a cheap endeavor," said Sgt Kelly Sexton of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office parks division.

'Colombo' star Peter Michael Falk dies at 83

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—Actor Peter Falk, who played detective Lt Columbo in the long-running television series "Columbo," has died at his Beverly Hills home, his family announced Friday. He was 83. A family representative did not provide details regarding the cause of the well-known actor's death.



Peter Michael Falk

The New York City native received two Academy Award nominations for supporting roles in "Murder, Inc" (1960) and "Pocketful of Miracles" (1961) as he appeared in numerous films and television series in guest roles. For his portrayal of the bumbling, trenchcoat-wearing detective, Falk won four Emmys in addition to one for a lead role in an episode of "The Dick Powell Theater." He also received eight other Emmy nominations and won a Golden Globe Award.—Xinhua



Participants with well-preserved long hair present during a rehearsal in Myanmar's Yangon on 24 June, 2011.—XINHUA

Justin Bieber injured

NEW YORK, 26 June—Teen pop sensation Justin Bieber was hurt after a man jumped over him in New York. Bieber was signing autographs for fans outside Macy's department store, 23 June, when the man

vaulted the barricade and knocked him to the ground. His injuries were said to be "minor" by local news teams. The 17-year-old's security team quickly tackled the man and handed him to the police.

"When he was grabbed, his security grabbed the person. Bieber came inside looking very shaken up and holding his arm. While inside, he was comforted by his dad and his security guard Kenny. Scooter Braun, his manager, was also on the scene," femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.—Internet

Barry Manilow says some of his best songs came to him in dreams

LONDON, 26 June—American singer-songwriter Barry Manilow has revealed that some of his best-loved songs came to him while he was sleeping.

The 68-year-old singer claimed that he would get up in the middle of the night and record tunes on a cassette player after they came to him in his dreams.

One of the songs Manilow wrote this way was the 1979 hit number

'One Voice'.

"This one woke me up. It really woke me up - the whole song, the rhymes, everything," the *Daily Mail* quoted Manilow as saying in an interview with Piers



Barry Manilow

Morgan.

"I ran to the cassette machine and I whispered it into the cassette machine. All done.

"I still have the cassette, singing in the dark, the whole thing. Then I turned it off and went back to sleep.

"I went back in the morning, played it, there it was. Hava Nagila," he added.

Internet

No plea deal for Jackson doctor

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—Dr Conrad Murray won't cop a plea to settle charges in Los Angeles for his alleged role in the death of Michael Jackson two years ago, sources told TMZ.com.

Saturday marked the two-year anniversary of the pop star's death, which prosecutors said was result of prescription drugs supplied by Murray.

Murray faces a manslaughter charge; however, he denies administering the lethal injection of Propofol that caused Jackson's heart to stop. He also won't plead guilty to a lesser charge in order to reduce his prison exposure, sources told TMZ. Murray's defence contends Jackson himself administered the shot in order to get back to sleep.—Internet



Justin Bieber

Gay out of 100 at US nationals

EUGENE, 26 June — Anyone who saw the way he slowly uncoiled from his crouch and lumbered down the track during his first race at nationals could tell — something was wrong with Tyson Gay. It turned out to be something big — a hip injury that forced one of the world's top sprinters and one of the top challengers to Usain Bolt out of the meet, off the U.S. team for worlds and into rehab mode with the London Olympics only 13 months away.



Tyson Gay sprints past spectators during his preliminary heat of the 100-meter race during the US track and field championships in Eugene, Ore.— INTERNET

Gay said he made the decision on Friday as he was talking to his agent's assistant while trying, without much success, to warm up before the 100-meter semifinals. "He pulled me to the side and said, 'I can't take it, seeing your face keep grimacing,'" Gay told The Associated Press. "He said, 'I know you do it because you love it and it's all you know.' I decided to try to get ready and take care of it." The hip has been bothering Gay for most of the year, and after a lackluster run in Thursday's prelims — a major effort in a race he can usually coast through — he said it was, in fact, still bothering him.— *Internet*

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Galaxy fined \$5,000 for injury report omission

NEW YORK, 26 June — The Los Angeles Galaxy was fined \$5,000 by the league Friday for omitting David Beckham's name from an injury report before its June 18 match against the Colorado Rapids.

The league said in a release that the Galaxy knew Beckham would miss the game because of back spasms and deliberately left his name off the report. Major League Soccer requires its clubs to submit an injury report twice a week during the regular season.

Internet

Williams sisters to attend Rogers Cup tennis in Toronto

TORONTO, 26 June — The 2011 tennis female elite will grace the courts of Toronto from August 6 to 14 in 2011 for Rogers Cup and the player lineup will include Venus and Serena Williams, who confirmed the participation at Wimbledon the week.

"Venus and I are thrilled to come to Toronto this summer to play at Rogers Cup," said 13-time Grand Slam singles champion, Serena Williams, at Wimbledon this week. "I am excited to compete for the Rogers Cup championship."

There is a great deal of anticipation for the Williams sisters, espe-

cially considering both ladies have missed almost all of the 2011 tournaments due to injuries.

Wimbledon marks Serena's first Grand Slam event of the year and Venus' first Grand Slam since the 2011 Australian Open. The sisters are all enjoying progress at the Wimbledon Championship.

Venus Williams, seeded 23rd, breezed past Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain 6-0, 6-2 on Friday, reaching the last 16. Seventh seed Serena, who is well on the way of recovering form, is slated to play Russian Maria Kirilenko, seeded 26th in her third round match.

Xinhua

Yani Tseng leads LPGA Championship

PITTSFORD, 26 June — After seeing her lead disappear in the morning session, Yani Tseng fought her way back into a place where she's been plenty comfortable this year.

The top-ranked Tseng overcame a double bogey on her ninth hole to shoot a 2-under 70 on Friday for a one-stroke lead over Pat Hurst after the second round of the LPGA Championship, the tour's second major of the year. Hurst had a 67. Morgan Pressel, Minea Blomqvist, and Hee Young Park were 6 under after 69s.

Battling a torrential downpour then a steady drizzle for nearly half her first nine holes, Tseng followed her first-round-best 66 with a gritty performance that put her at 8 under overall.

She won the LPGA State Farm

Classic two weeks ago for her second LPGA Tour victory of the year, and could become the first player since Lorena Ochoa in 2008 to follow a regular tournament victory with a win in a major.— *Internet*



Yani Tseng, of Taipei, watches her shot on the 15th hole during the second round of the Wegmans LPGA Championship golf tournament in Pittsford, NY, on Friday.— INTERNET

Ipswich want Swansea transfer embargo

LONDON, 26 June — Ipswich Town said on Friday they wanted an immediate transfer ban imposed on Swansea City by the English Premier League over alleged non-payments relating to Tamas Priskin's loan last season. Swansea and Ipswich were Championship rivals last term before Swansea won promotion to the Premier League via the play-offs.

Ipswich loaned Priskin to Swansea but believe Swansea chairman Huw

Jenkins has reneged on an agreement struck with Town chief executive Simon Clegg regarding payment of Priskin's wages and in particular sums due as a result of the Welsh club's play-off



Hungarian Tamas Priskin

success.

East Anglian side Ipswich say the loan agreement made provision for Swansea to pay for Priskin's wages up to May 31, 2011 even though he became injured whilst at Swansea on 22 April.

Internet

Website problems for London 2012 ticket bidders

LONDON, 26 June — The second round of ticket sales for the 2012 London Olympics drew fresh public criticism within hours of its launch on Friday for the slowness of the website. Thousands of people across Britain rose at dawn to get online for an early start in bidding, and discovered the site was working — but very sluggishly. Olympic organizers urged ticket hopefuls to be patient — and to not hit the refresh button too often.

"This frantic on Friday has created the biggest rush ever in UK history," said Edward Parkinson, the director of Viagogo, an online ticket marketplace. "It's even bigger than Michael Jackson's comeback tour." The latest chapter in a ticketing mess that has drawn criticism nationwide because of its complexity and perceived lack of fairness, comes after two-thirds of ticket seekers failed to earn any in a first round that ended in April.

Internet

Roddick's Wimbledon dream fades

LONDON, 26 June — Andy Roddick concedes he may never win Wimbledon after crashing out along with women's second seed Vera Zvonareva crashed out of Wimbledon as Maria Sharapova survived a gutsy challenge from British 17-year-old Laura Robson.

Eighth seed Roddick, beloved by the Wimbledon crowd after his epic 2009 final defeat by Roger Federer, looked a shadow of his former self in a 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 loss to Spanish serve-and-volleyer Feliciano Lopez. With age no longer on the 28-year-old's side, he concedes it has occurred to him that he may never get to lift the championship trophy.

"Well, sure. You're human. I mean, of course it does. You may never get your favourite job either," Roddick said. "I haven't played well this year for sure. I don't think I've played my best since probably April of last year. 'You keep moving forward until you decide to stop. At this point I've not decided to stop so I'll keep moving forward.'" — *Internet*



Andy Roddick returns against Spain's Feliciano Lopez in a Men's Singles match at the 2011 Wimbledon Tennis Championships at the All England Tennis Club.— INTERNET

S P O R T S

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



WEATHER**Sunday, 26th 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 Magway Regions, scattered in Mandalay Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Bago Region and Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Ayeyawady Region, Rakhine and Kayin States, isolated heavyfalls in Yangon Region and Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkaireik (9.17) inches, Maungtaw (8.27) inches, Bilin (7.48) inches, Gwa (7.24) inches, Hpa-an (5.16) inches, Ngathaingchaung (4.49) inches, Hmawby (4.09) inches, Myawady (4.02) inches, Nyaungdon (3.70) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 25-6-2011 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 26-6-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-6-2011 was (93%). Rainfall on 26-6-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 25-6-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 26-6-2011 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 26-6-2011 was (0.08) inch.

Rainfall on 26-6-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.47) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.78) inch at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (20.87) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (47.32) inches at Yangon (Kaba-

Aye) and (16.06) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (3) mph from South at (12:30) hours MST on 26-6-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 27th June

2011: Rain will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and fairly widespread in Bago Region and Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Bago and Yangon Regions, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the Sea: Occasionally Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of Increase of rain in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27th June 2011: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27th June 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

China's Peng Shuai reaches last 16 at Wimbledon

Peng Shuai of China serves during her third round match of women's singles against Melinda Czink of Hungary in 2011 Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

LONDON, 26 June—China's Peng Shuai defeated Melinda Czink from Hungary 6-2, 7-6(5) on Saturday to reach the women's singles last 16 at Wimbledon Championships for the first time.

Peng, the 20th seed,

is the only Chinese player still in the draw in the women's singles, as French Open champion Li Na and former Wimbledon semifinalist Zheng Jie were both ousted from the second round. The 25-year-old Peng will meet three-time

Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova in the next round as the Russian star knocked out Klara Zakopalova from the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-3.—Xinhua

Peng Shuai of China greets Melinda Czink of Hungary after their third round match of women's singles in 2011 Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL****Programme Schedule (27-6-2011) (Monday)****Transmissions**

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (27-6-11 09:30 am ~ 28-6-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
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- * The 6th Shwe Amute Tay Literature Award Giving Ceremony
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- * News
- * The Light of World Peace
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Miss Enat 2011 & Miss Enat Working Lady 2011
- * News
- * 48th Myanma Gems Emporium Sets Highest Record
- * Myanmar Movies "Shwe Nanthar House"



**Monday,
27 June**

View on today
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7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

7:55 am

7. Song of National Races

8:00 am

8. Cute Little Dancer

8:10 am

9. Teleplay (Forest)

8:30 am

10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. One village and one Product

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:40 pm

5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Psychology)

4:55 pm

6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:15 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:30 pm

9. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. World's Stars

18. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking marked in Nay Pyi Taw



*Chairman of Central Committee
for Drug Abuse Control Union
Minister for Home Affairs
Lt-Gen Ko Ko delivering speech
at the ceremony to mark
International Day against Drug
Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
2011. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June — International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2011 was celebrated at Areindama Hall of Myanmar Police Force Headquarters here this morning, with this year's motto "Think Health, Not Drugs," depicting the drugs bring no good to mankind, spoiling health, education and living standard and causing poverty.

The commemorative ceremony was attended by Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanma Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, MPF Chief Kyaw Kyaw Tun, officials from CCDAC and its

working committee, departmental heads, ambassadors, chargé d'affaires and military attaches of foreign missions in Yangon, representatives from UN agencies and INGOs, donors and other guests.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said this year is second of third five years of 15-year project for drug elimination in Myanmar which started in 1999 and will end in 2014.

As ASEAN has targeted to become "Drug Free ASEAN" in 2015, drug elimination was to be speeded up, he said. The Union Minister highlighted the collaborative efforts of international and local NGOs, students and the people in realizing the achievement of 15-year project as the efforts are to be made for elimination of drug production and abuse with added momentum.

The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has vowed to root out the drug abuse and illicit trafficking as these are the facts deterring all

round development of the country, he said.

He continued to say that CCDAC was reformed on 27 May 2011 to cope with today's challenges.

He underlined the need to pace up the regional development, encouraging the cultivation of opium-substitute crops.

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Moderate earthquake hits Tamu

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar near Dathwekyauk Atet Village, Tamu township (about 10 miles northwest of Mawlaik about (170) miles northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (06) hrs (11) min (30) sec M.S.T today.—MNA