

Senior General Than Shwe sees off Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein on his departure for PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein who left here for Beijing, the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC, at Nay Pyi

Taw Airport at 10 am on 5 June.

Also present at the airport to see off the Secretary-1 were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Members of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin



Senior General Than Shwe sees off Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport on his departure for People's Republic of China. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein prior to his departure for the PRC.—MNA

Maung Than, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments 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
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Conservation of forests for long-term use

There occurs forest depletion in the world due to the deterioration of natural surroundings. It is necessary to conserve natural forests for existence of living and non-living things. Trees are to be grown for making the world green and pleasant.

In Myanmar the government has been launching forest and environment conservation activities. Beginning 1994, the nine-district greening project was implemented in some regions in central Myanmar, which had faced the situation that may cause desertification. Later, the project was extended up to 13 districts. The regions in central Myanmar have now become green and pleasant.

Green forests regulate climate conditions and improve the environment in accord with the slogan “climate depends on forests”. This is why the government is making continuous arrangements for growing of trees and conservation of the forests.

The Ministry of Forestry and local organizations undertake environment conservation systematically for protection of forest resources. It is the duty of all the entire people to conserve the forests and trees.

Cash donated to Mittayeik Free Clinic in Pathein

YANGON, 10 June — A ceremony to donate cash to the Mittayeik Free Clinic was held at Myaungmya Pariyatti Monastery on Shinpin Phonepwin Street in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division on 3 June.

U Aung Kyi (Kantkaw Longyi Shop) presented K 1 million and Daw Tin Tin Nwe and family K 100,000 for the clinic.

The clinic opens every day from 7 am to 9 am except Sundays. Everyone can receive treatment free of charge. Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact Sayadaw U Teza of Myaungmya Myazeyon Monastery, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vannita of Myaungmya Pariyatti Monastery and Pathein Mittayeik health care association.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and delegation members visit the Great Hall of People in Beijing.—MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall, Great Hall of People

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thein Sein and delegation members visited Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall in Beijing at 3.30 pm on 6 June.

They were welcomed by In-charge of the hall Mrs Zhaoli and officials.

At the briefing hall, Mrs Zhaoli explained that construction of the hall started in September 2003 and it was opened in September 2004. During two-year period after opening, over 1 million guests including leaders of the People's Republic of China and 80 foreign countries visited the hall. She compared condition of ancient Beijing city with the modern and developed Beijing city with the use

of video documents.

On the fourth floor of the hall, the Secretary-1 and party viewed picture of Beijing in 1949, the scale model of the stadium where the Summer Olympic Games will be held in Beijing in 2008, developing new Beijing, sports grounds and buildings for the Olympic Games, the scale model of the 91,000-spectator-capacity stadium where the opening and closing ceremonies and final match of the football tournament will be held, the scale model of 17,000-fan-capacity swimming pool and the underground railroad, the views on longterm plan for development of Beijing and buildings, e-book, the scale model of Beijing International Airport, the scale model of the Great

Wall displayed on the ground floor and the lay-out plan of Beijing.

Next, the Secretary-1 signed in the visitors' book of the hall.

At the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Head of Reception Department Ms

Wang Li and officials.

Ms Wang Li explained construction of the Great Hall of the People. Next, the Secretary-1 and party visited the halls representing the States where leaders of the State were born. Officials conducted them round the hall.

MNA

One resigns from Madaya Township NLD as he no longer trusts in party and leaders

YANGON, 10 June—A member of the Madaya Township National League for Democracy of Mandalay Division, U Maung Maung Aye, resigned from the party of his own volition on 4 June, sending letter of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In his letter of resignation sent to the Madaya Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommittee, he said that he resigned from the NLD party as he was dissatisfied with the party's activities and no longer trusted in the party and its leaders.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia asks US to stop work on Europe shield

Moscow, 9 June — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Saturday called on the United States to freeze work on the planned deployment of a missile defence system in Europe until President Vladimir Putin's alternative proposal for joint use of the Gabala radar base in Azerbaijan is fully negotiated.

"There must be a freeze on US deployment of missile defence facilities in Europe for the period of analysis and negotiations," Lavrov said at news conference here.

"We invite the US to jointly and competently assess everything and also to sort things out and achieve universal understanding," he added. He warned that if Washington wanted to achieve stable security, then it should refrain from any action that affect the security of its partners.

Lavrov also expressed confidence that the information provided by the

Gabala radar station in Azerbaijan will allow the US to drop its plans for deployment of missile defence components in Europe. The Foreign Minister stressed US plans to deploy elements of its missile defence system in Europe will seriously hamper efforts to solve the Iranian nuclear problem. Lavrov said experts were actively working to clarify all aspects of Iran's nuclear programme, including the UN. "Nobody has provided proof that the Iranian nuclear programme has a military dimension," he said.

During his talks with

US President George W Bush on the sidelines of the G8 summit in Heiligendamm, Putin had proposed the joint use of the Gabala radar base in the former Soviet republic, which Russia currently leases from Azerbaijan.

But in an interview on Friday, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice appeared to throw cold water on Putin's proposal, saying Washington would continue its talks with Poland and the Czech Republic on its missile shield plans regardless of whether negotiations begin on the Russian offer.

Internet

Six detainees killed in attack on US-run prison in S Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 June — Six civilian detainees were killed and at least 50 wounded in rocket or mortar attack on a US-run detention facility on Saturday in southern Iraq, the military said.

The six were killed when the Multi-National Force-Iraq Theatre Internment Facility at Camp Bucca near the city of Basra was attacked by

"indirect fire," which usually refers to rocket or mortar attack, according to a brief statement. The statement said that no US service members

were killed or injured in the attack.

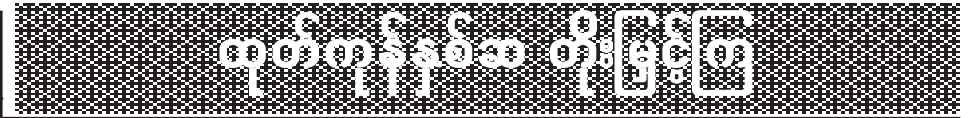
The names of those killed are being withheld until families have been notified. — Xinhua

Big fire occurs in central Thailand factory

BANGKOK, 9 June — A factory in Thailand's central province of Samut Prakan was caught in big fire resulted from short circuit of one engine on Friday

afternoon, causing hundreds of gas tanks to explode.

The synthetic fibre factory in Samut Prakan's Bang Bu District, located some 40 kilometres from



A poster of newly-weds Brunei's Princess Majeedah Nuurul Bulqiah and her bridegroom Pengiran Khairul Khalil is on display at a street in Bandar Seri Begawan on 9 June, 2007. The royal wedding ceremony held at the Nurul Iman Palace in the Brunei's capital on Sunday. — INTERNET

Japan's elderly are urged to work

TOKYO, 8 June — Japan's government says the nation has to work harder to encourage elderly people to remain in the workforce.

They need to see them as a resource not a burden — invaluable manpower instead of people who just need support and care.

In a White Paper published on Friday, the government says the transformation to an ageing society is unprecedented.

In 50 years time, more

than two-fifths of the population will be over 65, twice the current figure.

Issues such as pensions and care for the elderly are becoming more important for politicians as a result.

At the moment, there are more than three people of working age to support each person over 65. In 2055, that figure will have fallen significantly.

Roughly speaking, there will just be one younger person to support each pensioner.

The government plans specific measures to try to

ease the hardship caused by such demographic challenges.

These include promoting employment among the elderly and helping people in their 50s to shape post-retirement life plans. — Internet

French actress Carole Bouquet watches Belgium's Justine Henin and Serbia's Ana Ivanovic play their women's finals match at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 9 June, 2007.

INTERNET



Apple Computer Inc Chief Executive Officer Steve Jobs holds the new iPhone in San Francisco, California on 9 Jan, 2007 file photo. — INTERNET

the capital Bangkok, was totally damaged by the fire. By Press time, hundreds of gas tanks stored in the yard of the factory are still exploding one after another.

Local media reports said at about 4:00 pm (0900 GMT), an engine in one of the factory's workshops was caught in fire because of short circuit. The blaze quickly spread to other workshops and the gas tanks warehouse. Black thick smoke from the factory could be clearly seen from Bangkok. No injuries were reported immediately. Local radio FM 100 said all the 200 workers in the factory have been evacuated from the scene and nearby residents are also being moved to safe places. — MNA/Xinhua

CIA ran secret prisons in Europe, report claims

PARIS, 10 June — The CIA ran secret prisons in Poland and Romania from 2003 to 2005 to interrogate terror suspects under a programme authorized by the countries’ presidents, a report by a European investigator said Friday.

The prisons in northeast Poland and southeast Romania were part of a “global spider’s web” of detentions and illegal transfers spun out around the world by the United States and its allies after

the 11 September, 2001 attacks, said the report by Council of Europe investigator Dick Marty.

He claimed that NATO and the United States reached a secret framework deal in 2001 allowing the

Central Intelligence Agency to run the covert prisons. “There is now enough evidence to state that secret detention facilities run by the CIA did exist in Europe from 2003 to 2005, in particular in Poland and Romania,” Marty said in the report.

“There were no secret bases in Poland,” said Polish foreign ministry spokesman Robert Szaniawski. Romania’s foreign ministry said the report “provided no proof to confirm the allegations with the exception of unidentified sources whose

credibility cannot be judged.”

In Brussels, the European Commission called on EU countries accused of taking part in the covert CIA programme to conduct impartial investigations “as quickly as possible” to establish responsibility. The 72-page report, which followed a first probe last year into CIA transfers of terror suspects, said a 2001 NATO agreement to support Washington’s “war on terror” contained secret annexes that allowed for the detentions. —Internet

Canada requests WTO to solve US agri subsidies

OTTAWA, 10 June — Canada has requested that a World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement panel be established to solve the issue of US agricultural subsidies, Minister of International Trade David Emerson announced Friday.

“We remain concerned that the US is providing agricultural subsidies in breach of its WTO commitments,” Emerson said in a statement.

Canada considers that US subsidies exceed its annual WTO commitments of 19.1 billion US dollars in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005, said the statement.

The United States also provides export credit guarantees that subsidize the exportation of certain agricultural products, it said.

The request comes as US lawmakers draft the next farm bill, and Emerson urged Washington to ensure that its next farm bill complies with WTO rules.

MNA/Xinhua

A labourer works at the construction site of the Siduhe High-way Bridge, connecting Yichang with Enshi, in central China’s Hubei Province on 7 June, 2007.

INTERNET



New human case of bird flu detected in Egypt

CAIRO, 8 June — Egyptian Health Ministry spokesman Abdel-Rahman Shahin confirmed Friday evening that a new human bird flu case was detected in Egypt, the official MENA news agency reported. A 10-year-old girl from the town of Naqada in the Upper Egyptian governorate of Qena, about 450 km south of Cairo, was admitted to hospital after developing bird flu-like symptoms, Shahin said, without disclosing her name. The victim, who is believed to have contacted infected birds, brought to 35 the number of human bird flu cases in Egypt, according to the spokesman. Among the previous 34 human cases, 14 of them died and 20 recovered, said the official. Egypt reported its first case of the H5N1 strain of bird flu in dead poultry in February 2006 and the first human case in March of the same year. — Xinhua

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Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met with Indonesian Vice President Yusuf Kalla in Beijing on 8 June, 2007, calling for expanding cooperation between the two countries. — XINHUA

Bomb kills one, wounds 23 in Thai south

YALA (Thailand), 9 June — A bomb exploded at a tea shop packed with Buddhist customers in Thailand’s Muslim-majority south on Friday, killing one woman and wounding 23, police said.

The remote-controlled three-kilo (6.6-pound) bomb was placed in a public phone booth near the shop popular with security forces and civil servants in the city of Yala, one of the three provinces hit by daily violence, police said.

Leaflets were left at

the site saying the “Independent Warriors for Patani Darusalam” were responsible for the blast, and that it was meant to retaliate for attacks by security forces on innocent Muslims.

“As long as security troops hurt our innocent people, we will do the same

to yours,” said the leaflet seen by Reuters.

Muslim militants, who have conducted a separatist insurgency in which more than 2,300 people were killed in the past 41 months, have rarely claimed responsibility in their attacks.

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen hold 23 Egyptian fishermen off Eritrea coast

SUEZ (Egypt), 9 June — Gunmen are holding 23 Egyptian fishermen after attacking their boat in international waters off

Eritrea’s Red Sea coast, an official with Egypt’s fishing syndicate said on Friday.

Bakri Aboul Hassan, head of the syndicate’s office in Suez where the captured boat is registered, said the fishermen were taken captive on their boat after coming under heavy gunfire a week ago while fishing near the Horn of Africa nation.

He said attackers on speedboats had forced the Egyptian fishing vessel into Eritrean territorial waters before boarding the boat and taking the crew captive.

“The captain of the captured boat, Abu Zakaria, called us and confirmed that they were taken captive a week ago by unknown armed Eritreans,” Aboul Hassan told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters



A man tries out the new PlayStation 3 video game console at a Sony showroom in Tokyo in this 6 Nov, 2006 file photo. Sony Corp’s game unit said on Thursday it plans to cut jobs in the United States, but the scale and timing of the cut have not been decided. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Vietnam's automobile sales soar in first five months

HANOI, 9 June — Automobile joint ventures in Vietnam posted total sales of 22,445 vehicles in the first five months of this year, up 85 per cent over the same period last year, according to a local industrial association on Friday.

In May alone, the country's automobile sales stood at 5,580 units, increasing 59 per cent over last May, said the Vietnam Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Between January and May, Toyota Vietnam and local bus and truck

maker Truong Hai held the biggest local market share.

Automobile joint ventures in Vietnam, sole producers of cars and main makers of other kinds of automobiles in the country, sold 39,876 vehicles in 2006, down from 40,853 in 2005, said the association.

Vietnam with a population of over 83

million currently houses 13 automobile joint ventures with total registered capital of nearly 700 million US dollars and combined annual capacity of 173,000 units.

Besides, the country has dozens of local enterprises specializing in producing automobile parts and assembling simple vehicles.

MNA/Xinhua



The Dell XPS 700 is displayed during a Dell product launch in Hollywood in this 31 May, 2006 file photo. Dell Inc said on Friday it will start selling consumer notebook computers at more than 500 of Wal-Mart Stores Inc's Sam's Club stores starting next week, its latest move to sell computers in retail chains.— INTERNET



A residential building is flooded as a rainstorm hits Lianzhou, south China's Guangdong province, on 7 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Chinese communications giant to increase investment in Russia

ST PETERSBURG, 9 June — China's leading telecom provider, Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, will increase investment in Russia, senior management officials said here on Saturday.

"We will increase investment in Russia, enhancing local research and development, as well as providing better service for Russian clients and consumers," said Sun Yafang, chairwoman of board of directors at a ceremony marking the company's 10th anniversary of operations in Russia. She did not give further details, only pledging that Huawei will insist on the localization of the industry. Huawei has set up jointly-funded factories and labs in Russia with a total sales volume of 1.2 billion US dollars till 2006 and some 1,000 local employees.

Chinese Vice Premier

Wu Yi and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov were present at the occasion.

"Chinese companies, typically Huawei, have contributed to the Sino-Russia cooperation in the telecommunication sector by providing quality products, solutions and back-up service," said Xi Guohua, Chinese vice minister of Information Industry. Huawei has established more than 100

branches worldwide, including research and development centers in Russia. It has more than 1 billion customers and top telecommunications service providers as clients in more than 100 countries. The company's annual sales income totaled 11 billion US dollars last year, of which, some 70 percent were from the international market.

Internet



Huawei Technologies Co Ltd. — XINHUA

Minister welcomes increase in NT tourism

MELBOURNE, 10 June — Northern Territory Tourism Minister Paul Henderson says a \$10 million investment by the Territory Government in international tourism marketing has paid off. The latest figures from Tourism Research Australia show tourist numbers have increased by 3.7 per cent for the year to March. International holiday-makers are also staying longer and are spending more money.

Mr Henderson says the statistics are good news for local businesses.

"A very happy \$10 million investment because we can really see tourism numbers significantly increasing across the Northern Territory," he said. "\$372 million into our economy, that's a lot of jobs, that's a lot of business for Territory operators."

Internet

ILO says one-fifth of world's workers work excessive hours

GENEVA, 9 June — One in five workers around the world are still working excessively long hours, often merely to make ends meet, the International Labour Organization (ILO) said on Thursday.

In a new report, the ILO said an estimated 22 per cent of the global workforce, or 614.2 million workers, are still working over 48 hours a week.

It added that progress toward a maximum 48-hour week is still uneven around the world, nearly a century after the standard was adopted by ILO member states.

"The good news is that progress has been made in regulating normal working hours in developing and transition countries, but overall the findings of this study are definitely worrying, especially the prevalence of excessively long hours," said Jon C Messenger, a co-author of the study. The study spotlighted working time in over 50 countries. In terms of those countries with the highest incidence of long working hours for 2004-2005 (defined as more than 48 hours per week), Peru topped the list at 50.9 per cent of workers. — MNA/Xinhua



China's central bank said on 8 June, 2007 it had agreed in principle that foreign banks operating in China could be enrolled as members of the Shanghai Gold Exchange (SGE). — INTERNET

To national traitors under the name of students

Ko Ke

Another school year has started.

I was always happy when schools reopened. I loved my school days. It was a joy for me to attend classes wearing a new uniform and slinging a bag when the earth was cool under the early monsoon showers. Now the schools have reopened, and there come students wearing white and green uniforms together with the early monsoon showers.

Student youths are always clean and fresh like the blossoming flowers in the early rainy season. They are moving forward with vigorous steps towards the future, while enhancing their intellectual and physical abilities, health and fitness, moral conduct, and morale. But all my pleasures and joys of seeing those students were gone when I heard about the disgusting news of a group of bad adults under the name of students. So evil and wicked that they are too mean to be compared with today's students. They are the so-called '88' generation students the whole nation is regarding them as too loathsome.

See, Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi and their group of so-called '88' generation students were said to have sent letters to President Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China and President Vladimir Putin of Russian Federation through the respective embassies in Yangon on 4 June 2007. In the letters, they reportedly said that they were so regretful for the veto used by both countries to reject the plan to put Myanmar on the agenda at the UN Security Council on 12 January 2007; that due to the veto, ways of solving the Myanmar issue through the UN were lost; that the use of veto amounted to letting Myanmar military junta go against the world community; that violent responses and unjust arrests against activists demanding democracy through peaceful means are increasing. They have made a lot of exaggerations and lies. The letters also demanded China and Russia to join hands with the international community if they had the real wish to see prosperity and stability in Myanmar. So

shameful and disgusting that those so-called '88' generation students are like the persons trying to attack their own village and even their own army.

I also learned that they distributed a news release demanding China and Russia to render assistance in Myanmar's transition to democracy to foreign embassies and diplomats. My anger reached to the degree beyond tolerance, when I heard this. They are so thickheaded to the degree beyond imagination. They are dim-witted enough to understand nothing. Their intelligence is too low when compared with their age. Those old bat bogus students had disturbed my mind that was calm and peaceful because of the students.

On 18 September 1988, the Tatmadaw had to take over all the duties of the State as the danger of national disintegration loomed large then. From that time on, the government has been giving priority to the rule of law and regional peace and security. It then laid down the four political objectives and has been paying attention to stability of State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law. We all have witnessed the government's endeavours.

Stability of State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law are essential for national development, ensuring security for public lives and property and a peaceful working environment and perpetuation of sovereignty.

In this regard, the government will have to stop, investigate, arrest and take actions against all persons trying to ruin stability of State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law. It is only the normal duty of every government of the world to ensure peace, stability and security for the public. The Tatmadaw government is just performing its task well. I honestly accept that it is the duty of every government to take preventive measures to protect its citizens against all forms of terrorist acts.

In reality, Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi and

group have become well-known for their misdeed to muddle up student affairs and politics. But there are little known facts behind the scene. So, I would like to present about them a little. Those bogus students received financial assistance from certain embassies, with U Ye Tun as a contact person. They committed conspiracies together with Moe Thee Zun raised by the BCP. They formed unlawful associations — All Burma Students Union (ABSU) and All Myanmar Students Union (AMSU), and fuelled the 1988 unrest through instigative acts.

When the Tatmadaw controlled the national situation and took over the State duties on 18 September 1988, ABSU founded and led by Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi and Moe Thee Zun laid down three strategies — to launch semi underground activities, to form a political party and carry out activities, and to resort to the armed struggle line — with the hope of continued opposing and attacking the State.

According to the strategy, they formed the ABSDF terrorist insurgent group for underground activities, and Moe Thee Zun-led Lubaung Thit Democratic Party for aboveground activities. Since then, Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi and Aung Din have been trying to arouse public ire with the intention of creating another unrest. The group led by Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi has its roots in the perpetration to oppose the State and the people.

Authorities concerned took legal action against Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Aung Din, Sit Ko Naing and Soe Thein as they were giving anti-government and anti-Tatmadaw talks at some township NLD offices from 16 to 21 March 1989 and attempting to incite unrest in the nation. The Moe Thee Zun-led Lubaung Thit Democratic Party was proclaimed unlawful on 6-12-1991 as it although existing as a legally formed organization previously was making contacts with insurgent groups and cooperating with underground BCPs in accord with their strategy.

Aung Din who plotted conspiracies together with Min Ko Naing and others in the ABSU was arrested for his offences. He was released from prison on 7-7-1993. Now, he is serving as a director of US Campaign for Burma formed with Myanmar expatriates in US and is still opposing and attacking the government. It is common knowledge that Bo Kyi, who worked together with Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi as ABSU members in 1988-89 is active in Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma)-AAPP.

The government also declared ABSDF unlawful association on 28-8-2005 for threatening the rule of law and the stability of the State. ABSDF and those perpetrators are on the same band wagon.

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ABSU members including Moe Thee Zun, Aung Din, Bo Kyi, Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Htay Kywe and Min Zeya made instigative acts to fan the 1988 unrest. A review of the events and facts I have presented in this article have spotlighted the conspiracies inside and outside the nation of those former ABSU members to put the entire nation in harms way while working as terrorists, expatriate opponents and semi-UG hard cores all acting hand in glove.

Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi were released from the prison in 2005. Then, they joined fellow ex-convicts Htay Kywe, Pyone Cho and Min Zeya and called themselves “88” generation student group. They are now in their early forties, and do not deserve at all the prestige of students who are honest and loyal to the nation and the people. Indeed, they are, like Maung Ba Than, just national traitors working as servants of and having themselves exploited by external elements, and betraying the motherland and the people. Almost all the adults have passed their schooldays and pine for the student life. Min Ko Naing and party’s naming themselves students is aimed to exploit the students, while betraying the mother country. Any parents of the students including me cannot ignore such an improper and self-centred act that is harmful to the education of the students.

It has come to the knowledge of the people that Min Ko Naing and party are taking part in the programmes of certain foreign broadcasting stations with the intention of winning local and international attention and regaining contact with their old partners, visiting the embassies of some western countries, keeping in touch with anti-government underground groups, and forming a students union like All Burma Students Union. We still remember that they sent a letter to the secretary general of the United Nations through the US embassy calling for direct handling of Myanmar affairs by himself and the UN Security Council.

Getting involved in political movements to the liking of their alien masters, Min Ko Naing and party are leading an easy life with foreign assistance. Many news stories were unbearable to my ears that Bo Kyi of AAPP was providing Min Ko Naing and party with cash donations he collected from Myanmar old students and NGOs in foreign countries, through the embassy of a certain country; that in the second week of April 2006, he was said to have sent 25 million kyats to them; that he would continue to provide cash assistance so that all members of the group would get a mobile phone each and the group would get a car; that Min Ko Naing and party were collecting cash donations to provide the so-called political prisoners in various jails in the nation; that on 14 August 2006, an NGO in the US provided 30,000 US dollars for Htay Kywe through the US embassy; and that Myanmar old students and NLD member Khin Ohnmar in the US sent K 2.5 million to Min Zeya.

Member Ne Tin Myint of the “88” generation student group illegally left for Maesok last month.

It is apparent to the entire people that the members are too subservient to alien countries and organizations instead of crushing various attacks on the mother country to denigrate the image of their country due to their dishonest purposes. Recent incidents also showed that their traitorous way with too much reliance on external elements is similar to that of NLD leaders, on which they rely much.

His illegal trip revealed his performance of a wolf in the sheep’s clothing, as evidenced by the information that he would have to hold a meeting to discuss follow-up programmes of the “88” generation student group with Moe Thee Zun, Aung Din and Bo Kyi in exile; and that he was making arrangements for establishment of a liberation zone of the “88” generation student group in foreign countries and in border areas.

It can be deduced from the above-mentioned facts that the group of Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi are receiving cash assistance from the embassies of some western countries, and they have contact with expatriate Myanmar old students and are doing activities in the country with the support of the latter. I want to warn them that all Myanmar people equipped with patriotic fervour including me will not remain indifferent from the attempts to seize power of the guys receiving the assistance of and dancing to the tune of foreign countries and directly copying western democracy.

Now, the people have understood well the real intention of their movements such as signature campaign, white expression campaign, letter campaign and white Sunday campaign. The group members serving as slaves and supporting the activities of certain foreign countries and constantly making attempts to obstruct the interests of the motherland and the people sent letters to China and the Russian Federation. I do not think those stupid persons noticed such a brazen act tarnished the image of the nation and the people and declared them as national traitors. The letter written to the liking of their foreign masters put them on record as national traitors.

It is apparent to the entire people that the members are too subservient to alien countries and organizations instead of crushing various attacks on the mother country to denigrate the image of their country due to their dishonest purposes. Recent incidents also showed that their traitorous way with too much reliance on external elements is similar to that of NLD leaders, on which they rely much.

It is still in my mind that around 1988-89 NLD Chairman U Tin Oo sent letters to the then US President, the US State Secretary, the Indian Prime Minister, the Thai Foreign Minister, the Japanese Foreign Minister, the chairman of the Japanese Socialist Party, the Amnesty International in the UK

and the International Human Rights associations in Switzerland. In general, the letters said that the Myanmar junta brutally suppressed pro-democracy activists; that so they would like the countries to reject the offers if Myanmar government proposed to export its products to them; and they would also like them to deter the plan for sending back Myanmar students in border areas into Myanmar. The traitorous acts indeed.

In like manner, Daw Suu Kyi, General Secretary of the NLD, irresponsibly blemished the reputation of Myanmar and its people by sending letters to the London-based Amnesty International, the head of the UNDP in New York and ambassadors of foreign embassies in Yangon. They should have realized that their disgracing the nation and the people by sending letters in desperation to seize power is pushing the nation into an abyss of diverse hardships. Ordinary people like me do not get such an abysmal idea even incidentally, and I did not know why they showed no consideration in that regard.

Whatever it may be, NLD, Daw Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo did betray the nation and the people by dishonouring the nation on account of their desperation to come to power. The “88” new generation student group has also betrayed the national cause by sending letters. Those who have betrayed the nation and the people will have to face the punishment meted out by the nation and the people and action will be taken according to the law.

I would also like to warn that it is high time so-called students of the “88” generation student group stopped manufacturing rumours and exaggerated news stories in complicity with internal and external anti-government elements and foreign media, levelling groundless accusations to destroy the people’s admiration for the government, committing terrorist acts, and inciting mass protests to jeopardize stability and peace of the State. Otherwise, they will get punitive punishment imposed by the people soon. I think the punishment to be inflicted by the people on them may be much more severe than legal action they will face if they continue to commit such acts, and they even may meet their end. I wish so-called students would accept my advice.

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Senior General Than Shwe sees off...

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Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, senior military officers, departmental heads and officials, Ambassador of the PRC to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and embassy staff.

The Secretary-1 was accompanied by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office and departmental officials. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets PRC State Councillor Mr Tang Jiaxuan

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thein Sein called on Mr Tang Jiaxuan, State Councillor of the People's Republic of China, at the Building (5) of Diao Yu Tai State Guest House in Beijing at 6 pm on 5 June.

Together with the Secretary-1 at the call were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce, Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for

Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials.

Together with Mr Tang Jiaxuan at the call were Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Cui Tiankai, member of China's National People's Congress Legislative Committee Mr Zhang Chunsheng, Deputy Director-General of China's National People's Congress Political Bureau Mr Hu Xiaoli and high-ranking officials.

After extending greetings, Mr Tang Jiaxuan said mutual friendship between China and Myanmar is cementing. So, China will continue to place emphasis on pro-

moting all-round economic cooperation. Moreover, the two countries will continue to cooperate in combating narcotic drugs at China-Myanmar border. Rice will be provided for expoppy growers and China will also continue to make cooperation in other economic affairs, he added.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, after expressing thanks, explained the purpose of visiting China and political and economic cooperation between the two nations. He also explained opportunities for generation of hydropower and producing of oil and gas and invited economic investments in Myanmar. He then briefed then on transformation of border trade to normal trade, combating production of narcotics at the boarder between the two countries, matters related to alternative development, Shweli-Lashio railroad construction, speedy implementation of the in Ternational Convention Centre construction project in Nay Pyi Taw, arrangements for reconvening of the National Convention and State's developments. Then, he conveyed a message of greetings by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe to President Hu Jintao and invited the Chinese President and leaders to visit Myanmar.

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Myanmar thanks China...

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Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of SPDC Office, departmental heads and officials.

Together with the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC were Vice-Chief Mr Ji Peiding of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the NPC, Deputy General Secretary Mr Cao Weizhou of the Standing Committee of the NPC, Deputy General Secretary Mr Sun Wei of the Standing Committee of the NPC, member of the Law Committee of the NPC Mr Zhang Chun Sheng, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the PRC Mr Wu Dawei, Deputy Director Mr Hu Xiao Li of the Foreign Affairs Department of NPC Office and senior officials.

At the discussions, Mr WuBangguo, Chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC) extended greetings to the Secretary-1 and party.

The Secretary-1 explained the purpose of his visit to the PRC to Mr WuBangguo. He said the Head of State conveyed his best wishes to him and

the Chinese leaders. He said he remembered Mr Wu's visit in 1997 and the Head of State invited him to pay a visit to Myanmar.

He said Myanmar government and the people thanked China for its stand and support on Myanmar in the fields of international relations.

Mr Wu Bangguo told the Secretary-1 that China highly values the ties with Myanmar and bilateral relations have improved due to close cooperation and mutual trust and understanding.

He expressed China's appreciation of Myanmar's support to one-China policy adding that China thanked Myanmar for its stand as a good neighbour.

He said China always opposes every action that interferes in internal affairs of one nation. Only the people of that country have rights to make a decision on internal affairs. The volume of bilateral trade reached US \$ 1.4 billion in the previous year. China wishes to boost its cooperation in the fields of energy, mining and other economic sectors, he added.

He said bilateral cooperation in drug elimination is gaining a success, and China will continue to fight against drug trafficking.

He said China is the most populous nation. After studying international experience and reviewing the events, China laid down own policies in conformity with its people, character and customs for peace, stability and national development. That

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with Mr Tang Jiaxuan, State Councillor of PRC, at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House.—MNA

was why the country found the suitable development path, he said.

Chinese government and its people support Myanmar's endeavours for national development on its own way, he added.

Next, the Secretary-1 expressed thanks for explanation of political, economic and social developments and adding that he was proud of Chinese leaders who lead the nation for gaining success in the fields of economic, social and science and technology.

He said the government is making efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The National Convention adopted detailed basic principles for drafting the State Constitution and it will be completed soon. The remaining future programmes will be implemented.

He said that Head of State Senior General Than Shwe wished him and the President of the PRC health and happiness and he invited latter to pay a visit to Myanmar at the appropriate time. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein pays homage to Sacred Buddha's Tooth Relic at Ba Da Chu Park.—MNA

Secretary-1 pays homage to Sacred Buddha's Tooth Relic, visits Forbidden City



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts Buddha image donated by Patron Sayadaw of Chinese Buddhist Association Yi Cheng.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June —Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party arrived Ling Guang Si Buddhist Temple where the Sacred Buddha's Tooth Relic is being kept in Ba Da Chu Park in Beijing at 9 am on 6 June.

The Sayadaw of Lin Guang Si Buddhist Temple who is also Vice-Chairman of Chinese Buddhist Association, responsible persons of the association and members welcomed the Secretary-1 and party.

They paid homage to

the Sacred Buddha's Tooth Relic and the Jade Buddha Image donated by Myanmar at Gandakuti Building.

The Sayadaw explained the history of the sacred tooth relic, the visit of the sacred tooth relic to Myanmar for further cementing relationship between Myanmar and China, journeys of the sacred tooth relic from China to Sri Lanka, Thailand and Hong Kong and keeping of the Jade Buddha Image donated by Myanmar.

The Secretary-1 and party paid homage to Patron Sayadaw of Chinese

Buddhist Association Yi Cheng. The Secretary-1 offered alms including eight requisites and donations to the Patron Sayadaw for the Chinese Buddhist Association and Ling Guang Si Temple.

The Secretary-1 accepted a Buddha image donated by the Patron Sayadaw for Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of De-

fence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing. The Sayadaw also presented a Buddha image to the Secretary-1.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party viewed the stone plaque of the temple and left there.

Accompanied by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, the Secretary-1 and party visited the Forbidden City

in Beijing. They entered the ancient palace through Meridian Gate (Wu Men). After visiting ancient buildings, they left the Forbidden City through Shen Wa Men (Gate of Devine Might).

The area of Forbidden City of the PRC is 720,000 square metres. The palace includes 8,700 rooms. The ancient palace is enclosed with a 3,400-metre red wall.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and delegation members visit Forbidden City in Beijing.—MNA

PRC State Councillor hosts dinner in honour of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June— State Councillor Mr Tang Jiaxuan of the People's Republic of China hosted dinner in honour of members of the goodwill delegation led by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein of the State Peace and Development Council at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House at 6.30 pm on 5 June.

The dinner was

attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministers, Attorney-General, Deputy Chief Justice, Deputy Attorney-General, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC, Director-General of SPDC Office, departmental heads and officials.

After the dinner, the delegation went to Grand Hotel Beijing.—MNA



Mr Tang Jiaxuan, State Councillor of PRC, hosts dinner in honour of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House.— MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein arrives in Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — At the invitation of the National People's Congress Standing Committee of the People's Republic of China, a Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein left here on 5 June for the PRC on goodwill visit.

They arrived at Beijing International Airport at 3.40 pm.

Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin boarded the plane and greeted the Secretary-1.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by member of Legislative Work Committee of China's NPC Mr Zhang Chunsheng, Deputy Director-General of

Foreign Relations Office of China's NPC Mr Hu Xiaoli and officials.

A Chinese girl and a Myanmar girl presented bouquets to the Secretary-1.

The Secretary-1 and members of Myanmar goodwill delegation were welcomed by Daw Nwe Nwe Han, wife of Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and wife Dr Daw Nwe Ni Win, embassy staff and family members.

The Secretary-1 cordially met member of Legislative Work Committee of China's NPC Mr Zhang Chunsheng.

Members of Myanmar goodwill delegation went to Grand Hotel Beijing.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 10 — Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar met Vice-Chairman Mr Li Tieying of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China at the Shanghai hall on the second floor of Great Hall of the People at 6 pm on 6 June.

Together with the Secretary-1 at the call were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min,

Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office, departmental heads and officials.

Together with the Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC were Deputy Director Mr Kui Fulin, member of Nationalities Committee of the NPC, Deputy Director Mr Shi Xiushi, member of Finance and Economic Committee of the NPC, Deputy Director Mr Ji Peiding, member of Foreign Affairs Committee of the NPC, Deputy General-Secretary Mr Cao Weizhou of the Standing Committee of the NPC and member of Law Committee of the NPC Mr Zhang Chun Sheng.

Mr Li Tieying said the visit of Myanmar delegation will help strengthen the mutual friendship between the two countries and economic cooperation. He said being the good neighbourly nations since

yore, the friendship has been cemented more and more. Economic and social cooperation between the two countries is improving and they will continue to maintain such cooperation.

After expressing gratitude, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein explained the purpose of goodwill visit. He said that his goodwill visit will contribute towards promotion of friendly relationship between the two countries and further cementing of five principles of peaceful co-existence. He reiterated gratitude to the People's Republic of China for its standing by Myanmar as a good neighbour whenever Myanmar affairs occurred. He said that the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China are promoting economic cooperation. At present, he added that the trade volume of the two countries is rising year after year. The PRC increased economic investment in Myanmar, he said. Therefore, he said that everybody can witness good conditions for boosting more trade and investment in Myanmar in coming years. Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Vice-Chairman Mr Li Tieying exchanged gifts.

Next, the Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding on Myanmar-China Natural Gas Cooperation and Memorandum of Understanding For Feasibility Study of Joint Development of Crude oil Pipeline in Myanmar was held at the Taiwan hall on the first floor of the Great Hall of the People.

It was attended by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party, Vice-Chairman Mr Li Tieying and members, Vice-Chairman Mr Liao Yongyuan of Petrochina Company Limited and officials.

Firstly, The Secretary-1, the Vice-Chairman and those present had a documentary photo taken. Next, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of SPDC Office and Vice-Chairman Mr Liao Yongyuan signed the MoU. After the signing ceremony, Vice-Chairman Li Tieying hosted a dinner in honour of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party at the Beijing hall of the Great Hall of the People.

After having dinner, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted the Vice-Chairman and party and left for Grand Hotel Beijing. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein being welcomed by member of Legislative Work Committee of NPC Mr Zhang Chunsheng at Beijing International Airport.—MNA

Rising lightning strikes raise concern in China

BEIJING, 9 June — The State Meteorological Administration (SMA) is stepping up lightning prevention education after a series of lightning strikes across the nation.

The country reported 19,982 lightning disasters in 2006, way up on the 11,026 disasters in 2005, 8,892 in 2004 and 7,625 in 2003. Lightning disasters caused direct losses of more than 600 million yuan last year.

This year has also started badly. Over the past fifteen days, China has reported two severe lightning strikes. Seven children were killed and 44 injured on 23 May in Xingye Village of Kaixian County, Chongqing Municipality.

A week later, lightning struck in the area again, killing one and injuring another in Chongqing's Xinghe Township.

Lightning strikes claimed 717 lives in China last year and 619 in 2005. But when all lightning-related disasters are taken into account — including lightning-triggered fires and explosion accidents — the annual death toll is over 1,000.

Of the total, about 10 per cent of the victims are under 18 years old, according to SMA figures.

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Three young men shot dead in Brooklyn

NEW YORK, 9 June — Three young men were found shot dead in Brooklyn, New York, overnight, local media reported on Thursday.

Police say they were called out to a home on Lott Avenue in Brownsville just before midnight. When they arrived on the scene, they found three men with multiple gunshot wounds.

The victims, all friends, were taken to Brookdale Hospital where they all later died.

The victims' families expressed shock over the slayings because the victims were neither troublemakers nor in a gang.

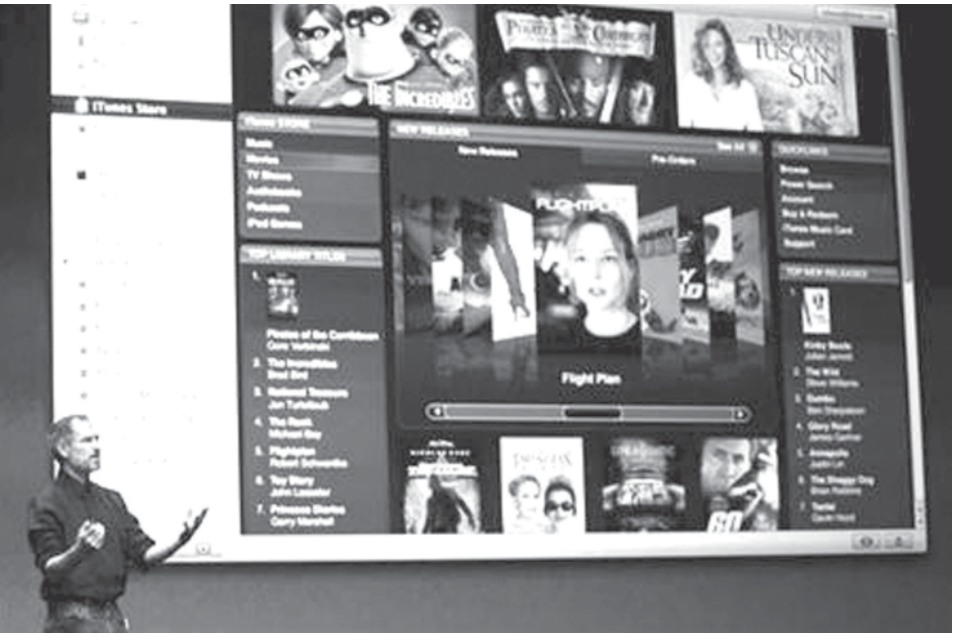
Police were srching for suspects on Thursday. But so far, no leads have been found.

New York City was the safest big city in the United States last year, according to a report released by the Federal Bureau of Intelligence

earlier this week.

The report, released Monday, says the Big Apple continues to see its crime rate drop from year to year. Violent crime rose 1.3 per cent nationwide last year, but in the city, violent crime fell 4.6 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs introduces full-length, high resolution movie downloads from the iTunes website to an audience in San Francisco, California, on 12 Sept, 2006 file photo. Melodeo Inc said on Tuesday it plans to help music fans expand use of their iTunes digital music collections beyond their desktop computer and iPod by streaming songs in personal libraries to mobile phones. — INTERNET

Dengue fever outbreak kills 14 across Thailand

BANGKOK, 9 June — Thailand's Ministry of Public Health announced on Thursday that the number of dengue fever patients nationwide has risen to over 10,000 and 14 people have been killed by the dangerous disease this year.

Until 7 June, a total of 11,574 dengue fever patients, most of them between 10-24, have been found across the country, especially in the central, northeastern and southern Thailand, a public health official said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese green tea growers become world's oldest balloonists

CHENGDU, 10 June — A 104-year-old tea grower and her 99-year-old colleague from southwest China's Sichuan Province have been named the world's oldest hot air balloonists.

The two elderly women, Yang Zhangshi and her younger companion Nie Qinglian, received certificates from the Shanghai office of the Guinness Book of World Records on Saturday in their home village on a remote mountain in Sichuan after taking a 30-minute flight ten weeks ago.

"I've been growing tea on the mountains since I was a little girl — I never even dreamed of flying," said Yang.

Yang and Nie were deemed the healthiest of all the 1,300 tea growers aged over 85 working on the tea plantations on Mount Heibao, on the famous Chinese Buddhist mountain of Emei Shan.

They were offered a free hot air balloon flight in a cleverly designed PR stunt by Emeishan Xianzhi Tea Products Co. Ltd., a local trader that buys green tea from the growers and sells it to worldwide dealers and tea drinkers.

The two balloonists did not travel far — the balloon hung 50 metres above a central square in Chengdu on March 31 next to a huge company logo. — MNA/Xinhua



A monkey sits in an enclosure in a primate station in Sukhumi, the capital of the Georgian break-away region of Abkhazia, on 8 June, 2007. — INTERNET



An undated photo of people trying computers at an IT fair. Singapore's Spam Control Act will take effect next week as the city-state seeks to control unsolicited advertising, the government said on Friday. — INTERNET

Study finds some parents pass pain to their teenagers

BEIJING, 8 June — A recent study found teenagers whose parents suffer from chronic pain feel their pain from migraine headaches is more disabling than teens whose parents are free from reoccurring pain.

Although migraine headaches are thought to be inherited, the degree of associated pain varies widely among individuals.

The scientists who headed up the new research suggest some of the variability is because teens model their parents' responses to their own pain. "We want to know how much of a child's response to migraine pain is learned and how much is hereditary," said lead author Ann Pakalnis, a neurologist

at Columbus Children's Hospital and a professor at Ohio State University College of Medicine.

The researchers surveyed 20 teens, 12 to 17 years old, who suffered from one to 15 migraines each month, as well as their parents. More than 90 per cent of parents in the study reported at least one chronic-pain condition, including migraines and fibromyalgia, which is characterized by wide-spread pain in a

person's muscles and other tissues.

Preliminary data, presented this week at a meeting of the American Headache Society in Chicago, found parents who reported greater disabilities due to chronic pain also had adolescents who rated their migraines as more disabling than teens with no chronic-pain parents. can develop individual treatments that are best for them."

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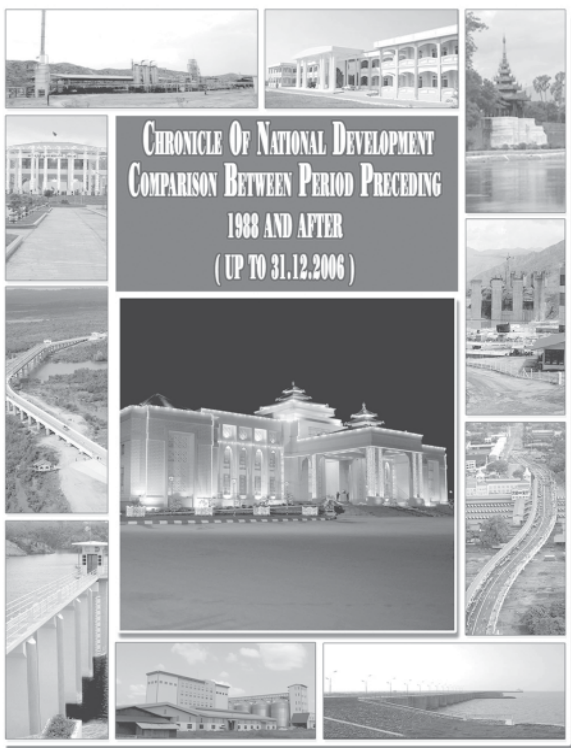
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Armed forces in Asia mull concerted efforts in disaster relief

SHIJIAZHANG, 9 June — The Armed Forces of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) have voiced their intention of better cooperation in international disaster relief operations. Military officials from the ten ASEAN nations and three East Asian countries exchanged views and offered suggestions on the cooperation this week at a seminar held in the capital of north China's Hebei Province. It was the first dialogue on disaster relief by Armed Forces within the ASEAN plus three (10+3) framework, with participants suggesting mutual trust, better coordination and effective information sharing.— MNA/Xinhua



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Thai Army chief calls for solidarity for national peace

BANGKOK, 9 June — Thailand's Council for National Security (CNS) chairman Sonthi Boonyaratkalin on Friday called on all Thai people to "join hands" to address national conflicts for the sake of

the country's peace and order.

"Whether the country's peace and order will exist depends on all people's good intentions to create it," Sonthi was quoted by the state-run Thai News

Agency as saying.

In response to news reports that 60 former House representatives of the now-defunct Thai Rak Thai Party (TRT) would join then anti-CNS movement at Sanam

Luang, the coup leader reminded the public that whatever the ex-TRT wanted to do must be under the framework of the law.

As the general election nears, Sonthi warned the politicians of the former ruling party must be careful what they plan to do.

"Now, we must help denounce people without good intentions and love for their country," Sonthi said. "We cannot appreciate bad behaviour."

The CNS chairman said he believed "the problems can be resolved if we all cooperate to do that".

MNA/Xinhua

China rejects US capsules, raisins for bacteria

BEIJING, 9 June — China said on Friday it had destroyed or returned nutritional supplement capsules and raisins imported from the United States after detecting a higher-than-normal amount of bacteria.

The move comes as China itself faces international criticism, especially in the United States, over a series of scandals that have plagued Chinese food, drugs and other products from poisoned cough syrup to tainted toothpaste and pet food.

Health capsules imported from K-Max Health Products and CMO Distribution Centres of America Inc were detected

to have high coliform and other bacteria, the quarantine bureau said.

Raisins from Supervalu International also exceeded the Chinese standard, it said in a statement posted on its website.

It did not give any value or volume of the goods.

The companies were not immediately available for

comment.

"The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine asks all local departments to increase quarantine examinations of foods imported from the United States," said the administration.

MNA/Reuters

Cambodian PM doubts service pattern of foreign experts

PHNOM PENH, 9 June — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen expressed doubt on Thursday about the service pattern of some foreign consultants working for donor countries' development projects in Cambodia.

These experts used to be paid dearly, but unable to contribute original initiative to the kingdom, he told a symposium about the partnership between the government and the Asian Develop-

ment Bank (ADB).

"We can't accept this. They should have shame for these affairs," he said.

When donor countries provide technical assistance to Cambodia, they request the government to hire foreign experts at high expences (to carry out relevant projects), thus collecting their money back and making Cambodia receive nothing, he said.

Some consultants just stay at five-star hotels, hire Cambodian students to

conduct survey for them, compose their reports on basis of the survey and finally tell the government that this is their achievement, said the Premier.

"They steal Cambodian initiatives...This is a corruption of intellectual property rights," he said, adding that this should be changed.

Cambodia also needs to strengthen its capacity to finish such projects with its own national staff, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

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Air Force pilots stand beside UH-1H helicopters during a ceremony at Villamor Air Base in Pasay City, Metro Manila, on 9 June, 2007. The Philippine Air Force received nine Huey helicopters from the United States and refurbished them through the Armed Forces of the Philippines modernization programme. — INTERNET

Heritage of four Indian towns among 100 most endangered

NEW DELHI, 9 June — The cultural and architectural heritage of four Indian towns figure on a list of 100 most endangered sites in the world, *Indo-Asian News Service* (IANS) reported here Friday.

They are Srinagar, the summer capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir, the town of Leh in north India, Amber in west India and Chettinade in south India.

Besides the cities, also endangered is a site, Jantar Mantar observatory in Jaipur in west India, *IANS* said, quoting the latest ranking released by World Monument Fund (WMF) this week.

WMF is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of endangered architectural and cultural sites around the world.

Through Watch Listings, selected by a panel of experts and announced every two years, WMF encourages community support and highlights the need for technical and financial resources to assist in the rescue of endangered sites.

There might be hope for the five Indian places. *IANS* quoted the WMF notes as saying “Since the launch of the Watch in 1996, more than 75 per cent of the sites have been saved or are well on their way, thanks to timely intervention.” Calling Srinagar a heritage zone, the WMF says it is facing developmental pressures.

The city was founded between the river Jhelum and Dal Lake in the mid-third century BC. Its most famous monuments, including the Shalimar and

Nishat Gardens, were built after Mughal emperor Akbar captured Kashmir in the 16th Century.

MNA/Xinhua

Lincoln letter on Gettysburg found at US archives

WASHINGTON, 9 June — An optimistic two-sentence note that Abraham Lincoln penned to his top general after the Civil War’s decisive battle was unveiled on Thursday at the National Archives where it was undetected for nearly 70 years.

The note from Lincoln to Major-General Henry Halleck was written on 7 July, 1863, four days after the defeat of Confederate General Robert E Lee at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and three days after the city of Vicksburg on the

Mississippi River fell to Union forces.

A misspelling showed the rudimentary education of the 16th US President, who was largely self-taught.

The brief missive to Halleck, the commanding general of the Union Army, remarked on the two major victories after a series of crushing Union losses in the four-year war fought to prevent the then-fledgling union from splitting apart. Lincoln had repeatedly replaced his generals for failing to

be aggressive enough.

General George Meade, who led Union forces at Gettysburg, had taken control of Lincoln’s Army of the Potomac just a week before the battle, which came to be seen as the turning point of the Civil War.

The note was found three weeks ago at the archives among documents long open to researchers and was known to have existed because Halleck cited it in a telegram, said archivist Trevor Plante, the Civil War specialist who found it.

MNA/Reuters

Sean Connery says no to next “Indiana Jones” film

LOS ANGELES, 9 June — Retirement has been good to actor Sean Connery.

So good, in fact, the 76-year-old Scottish actor has decided against appearing in the upcoming “Indiana Jones” movie, the fourth in the series, Connery said in a web posting on Wednesday.

“In the end, retirement is just too damned much fun,” Connery wrote on website indianajones.com.

Fans had hoped the actor might be lured from retirement to reprise his role as Jones’ dad, Professor Henry Jones. Harrison Ford previously announced he would again star in the title role as the daring treasure hunter who battles exotic animals, jumps off cliffs and wields a whip with extreme precision.

The film’s backers, who include famed director/producers Steven Spielberg and George Lucas, said Oscar-winning actress Cate Blanchett and veteran actors John Hurt and Ray Winstone will join the fourth movie.

It is expected to land in theatres in May 2008, but the title and story are being kept under close wraps.

Actor Sean Connery and wife Micheline Roquebrune pose at the taping of the American Film Institute’s Life Achievement Award gala honouring Al Pacino in Hollywood, California, on 7 June, 2007.

INTERNET



Spielberg will direct and Lucas will co-write and produce. Connery’s participation was the subject of much speculation among fans of the blockbuster series that has earned nearly 1.2 billion US dollars at global box offices. — MNA/Reuters

Coal ship beached in Australia storm

SYDNEY, 9 June — Stormy seas beached a 40,000-ton coal ship with 21 aboard in Australia on Friday, sparking a major

rescue operation which saw crew members airlifted off the stricken vessel in gale force winds.

The *Pasha Bulker* had

been anchored off the coal port of Newcastle on Australia’s east coast awaiting entry when waves as high as four metres (12 feet) and gale force winds swept it onto a reef and Nobbys Beach.

“It’s getting absolutely belted at the moment, it’s an amazing sight, the spray coming right over the top of this huge tanker,” one eyewitness told local media.

Plans for tugs to pull the ship out to sea were abandoned due to the rough seas. With winds over 100 kilometres per hour (62 miles per hour),

two rescue helicopters airlifted crew off the stricken ship.

“We have two helicopters hoisting the crew off the vessel and taking them to shore. They are being dropped on the beach,” said Peter Cummings, a spokesman for the rescue helicopters.

“We have got 10 crew off at the moment,” said Cummings, adding the crew had not suffered any injuries.

Waterfront unions said the crew were Filipino and feared the ship would break up.

MNA/Reuters



The 40,000 tonne coal ship Pasha Bulker sits about 100 metres (330 feet) off Nobbys Beach after running aground on Friday near the coal port of Newcastle on Australia’s east coast on 9 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Indonesia expects to see 122m mobile phone subscribers

JAKARTA, 9 June — The number of mobile phone users in Indonesia would reach 122.1 million, up from 66.5 million in 2006 and 46 million in 2005, an executive has said.

Hasnul Suhaimi, president—director of cellular operator Excelcomindo Pratama, was quoted Friday by English daily *The Jakarta Post* as saying that the mobile tele-communication spene trationrate would reach its peak at around

50 per cent within the next two or three years as the market was already beginning to consolidate.

The current penetration rate stands at between 32 per cent and 35 per cent, with a total of 75 million subscribers. “Thus, the industry will continue to be attractive for the next two or three years,” Hasnul said.

Excelcomindo is currently the No. 3 player in the local mobile phone industry, with a total of 10.1 million subscribers at the end of March.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Tanzania, Zambia 1-1 in soccer friendly

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 10 June — The Tanzanian national eleven on Saturday were held to a one-all draw by their visiting Zambian counterparts in a friendly match. The match, held in Morogoro some 260 kilometres west of here, was held as a tune-up for the Tanzanians, known locally as the Taifa Stars, for their 2008 African Cup of Nations Group Seven qualifier with Bukina Faso slated for Saturday next week.

The visitors are champions of two regional soccer tournaments as they won both the COSAFA Cup and the CECAFA Senior Challenge Cup.

The hosts played the tune-up match without its starting captain and key defender, Mecky Mexime and Victor Costa, because of injuries.— MNA/Reuters



The All Black's Jerry Collins beats France's defence to score a try in the second rugby union test match at Westpac Stadium in Wellington, on 9 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Real on verge of title after night of high drama

MADRID, 10 June — Real Madrid were left on the verge of winning the Spanish title on Saturday after staging yet another dramatic comeback to grab a 2-2 draw at Real Zaragoza while Barcelona surrendered a lead to draw 2-2 with Espanyol.

Real's title hopes looked to have gone up in smoke as they trailed Zaragoza 2-1 with just over

a minute to go, while Barca led 2-1 at home against city rivals Espanyol. But a late scrambled goal from Ruud van Nistelrooy earned Real their 2-2 draw and at almost exactly the same moment, Raul Tamudo scored his second to equalize against Barcelona.

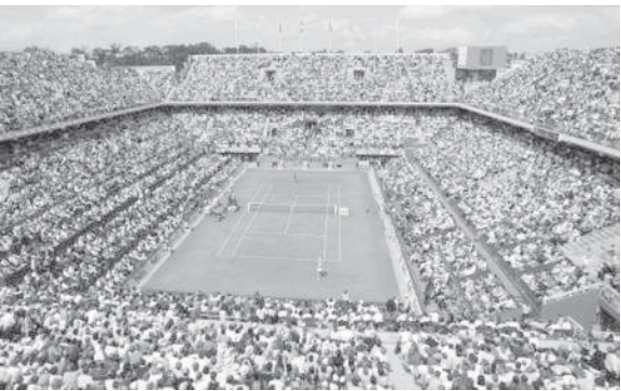
The results mean that Real will win their first league title in four years if they beat mid-table Real

Mallorca at home in the final game of the season next weekend.

With one game left to play Real and Barcelona are both on 73 points, but the nine-times European champions lead because of their better head-to-head record. Sevilla are two points behind on 71.

Juande Ramos' side were held 0-0 at Real Mallorca, but still have an outside chance of taking the title if they win their final match at home to Villarreal and both Barca and Real slip up. If all three sides finish level on points Real will take the title, if Real and Sevilla have the same total then the Andalusians will be champions and if Barca and Sevilla are tied at the top then the Catalans will win through.

In an evening of high drama, Real drew first blood when Barcelona fell behind after Tamudo stroked the ball into the top corner following a deft through pass from Ivan de la Pena on the half hour.— MNA/Reuters



A capacity crowd watches the women's finals on center court between Serbia's Ana Ivanovic and Belgium's Justine Henin at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris on 9 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Green races three shots clear at Austrian Open

BADEN (Austria), 10 June — Australian left-hander Richard Green, seeking his second European Tour title 10 years after his first, took a three-shot lead over Briton Richard McEvoy after the Austrian Open third round on Saturday.

The 36-year-old from Melbourne again showed his liking for the Fontana course, producing a flawless four-under 67 for a 15-under tally of 198.

Green, one of the course record holders after shooting a 63 last year, was four strokes better than

former Ryder Cup man Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain (69) and Swede Steven Jeppesen (69).

"I feel comfortable on the course, it suits the way I like to putt," Green told reporters.

"I'll be fairly anxious to win because it's been a long time but I won't be

Scott retains Memphis lead after second round

NEW ORLEANS, 10 June — Australia's Adam Scott retained his one-shot lead when the thunderstorm-hit second round of the St Jude Championship was completed in Memphis, Tennessee on Saturday.

The world number four had taken control by firing a four-under-par 66

on Friday but 26 golfers were still out on the course when play was suspended in fading light.

Of those yet to finish, Australia's Andrew Buckle trailed Scott by one shot with three holes remaining but he slipped further behind when he double-bogeyed the last on Saturday morning.

That gave Buckle a 66 and third place at four-under 136.

Compatriot Scott, bidding for his sixth PGA Tour title, set the pace at seven under with American Brian Gay (66) alone in second spot.

The cut fell at five over with 81 players qualifying for the last two rounds.

desperate because I'm not going to put any undue pressure on myself. It's hard to put a finger on why I've not won again but I do now have more self-belief."

Green's maiden tour victory came at the 1997 Dubai Desert Classic.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

Henin completes French Open hat-trick

PARIS, 10 June — World number one Justine Henin completed a rare French Open hat-trick by crushing Serbia's Ana Ivanovic 6-1, 6-2 in the women's final on Saturday.

Belgian Henin totally dominated her

19-year-old opponent, seeded seventh, to become the first woman to win three successive Roland Garros titles since Monica Seles in 1992. Ivanovic, the first player representing Serbia to feature in the final of a Grand Slam tournament, challenged the top seed in the first couple of games but then collapsed.

The 25-year-old Henin, who also won here in 2003, soon took control and stayed on top until sealing victory with a fore-hand volley on the first match point after 65 minutes of a one-sided contest.

Back at her best after the breakdown of her marriage and her subsequent withdrawal from this year's Australian Open, Henin looked far too strong for Ivanovic, who crushed world number two Maria Sharapova in the semifinals.

MNA/Reuters



Belgium's Justine Henin poses with her trophy after defeating Serbia's Ana Ivanovic in the women's final match at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 9 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Uruguayan Markarian appointed coach of Cruz Azul

MEXICO CITY, 10 June — Former Paraguay World Cup coach Sergio Markarian has been named as trainer of Cruz Azul, the Mexican club said.

"Mr Sergio Markarian was appointed today as the new coach of the Cruz Azul team for the 2007 Apertura Championship," Friday's statement said.

The 62-year-old Uruguayan replaces Isaac Mizrahi, who left the club on Thursday by mutual agreement.

"The new trainer has a wide curriculum and vast experience, so we are confident his signing will lead to many sporting achievements," the statement added.

MNA/Reuters



Serbia's Ana Ivanovic hits a return to Belgium's Justine Henin during the women's finals of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 9 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Robben cleared rumors of leaving Chelsea

LONDON, 9 June — Arjen Robben’s father and agent Hans dismissed speculation about the Dutch winger’s move from Chelsea to Real Madrid. “I did not speak to (Real president Ramon) Calderon, I never met him or anyone from Real Madrid and did not speak

to them,” said Hans after the Real boss told media on Thursday that he was in talks with Chelsea and Robben about a transfer. Hans said, however, his son will rather than leaving Chelsea, but is close to sign a five-year new deal with the former England champions.

“We are nearly finished negotiating with Chelsea and Arjen will stay another five years with the

club,” he was quoted as telling the Evening Standard.

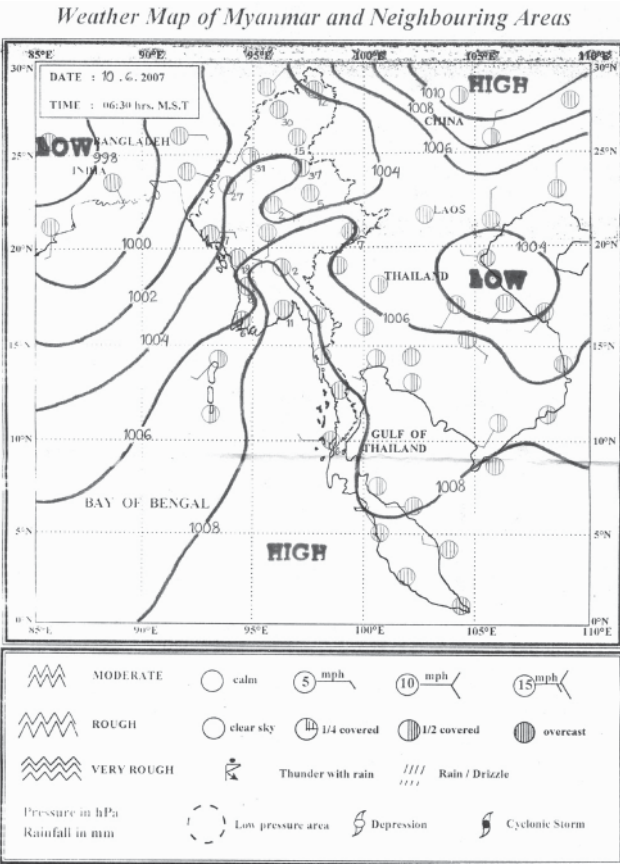
Xinhua



Actor Robert De Niro (R) boards a water taxi before the start of the Arts Biennale in Venice on 8 June , 2007. XINHUA

French Open women’s singles winners since 1993

- PARIS, 9 June — Following is the list of past women’s singles winners at the French Open since 1993:
- 2007- Justine Henin, Belgium
 - 2006- Justine Henin
 - 2005- Justine Henin
 - 2004- Anastasia Myskina, Russia
 - 2003- Justine Henin
 - 2002- Serena Williams, United States
 - 2001- Jennifer Capriati, United States
 - 2000- Mary Pierce, France
 - 1999- Steffi Graf, Germany
 - 1998- Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Spain
 - 1997- Iva Majoli, Croatia
 - 1996- Steffi Graf, Germany
 - 1995- Steffi Graf
 - 1994- Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Spain
 - 1993- Steffi Graf
- Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 10 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Chin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.52) inch, Bhamo (1.53) inches, Homalin and Yangon (Central) (1.23) inches each, Hkamati, Kyaukphya and Bago (1.18) inches each, Shwebo and Monywa (1.14) inches each, Aunglan (0.94) inch, Pyinmana (0.79) inch and Kyaukpadaung (0.42) inch.

Maximum temperature on 9-6-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 10-6-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-6-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 9-6-2007 was (4.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-6-2007 was (0.51) inch at Mingaladon, (0.44) inch at Kaba-Aye, (1.23) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (33.54) inches at Mingaladon, (38.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (36.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (17:15) hours MST on 9-6-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Mon and Kayin States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 11-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 11-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 11-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree or certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Monday, 11 June View on today

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercises

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. Song of national races

8:10 am

6. Cute little of dancers

8:20 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Grammer made easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in reading

4:40 pm

4. Musical programme

4:55 pm

5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:10 pm

6. Dance variety

5:20 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:45 pm

9. Song and dance of national races

5:50 pm

10. “ချောင်းကမ်းဘေးက ရွာကလေး”(နွဲ့နွဲ့စနိုး၊ မြင့်မြင့်နိုင်၊ ထင်ထင်၊ သခင်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်စိုး (ဝ/ သရန်ကုန်)

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm

14. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သန်းတစ်ရာရွှေအိမ်မက်” (အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

17. The next day’s programme

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Secretary-1 on his return from China

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party, who had paid a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport, here, at 1.35 pm today.

Also present at the airport were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Members of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief

(Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, senior military officers, departmental heads and officials.

Members of the delegation Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office and departmental officials arrived back on the same flight. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. —MNA

Myanmar thanks China for stand, support China wishes to boost cooperation with Myanmar

Lt-Gen Thein Sein

Mr Wu Bangguo

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets Mr Wu Bangguo



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein calls on Mr Wu Bangguo in Beijing. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thein Sein called on Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Mr Wu Bangguo of the People's Republic of China at the hall on the first floor of Great Hall of the People in Beijing at 5 pm on 6 June.

Together with the Secretary-1 at the call were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, (See page 8)

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To national traitors under the name of students

Stability of State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law are essential for national development, ensuring security for public lives and property and a peaceful working environment and perpetuation of sovereignty.

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