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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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress of Mandalay downtown, Mandalay Industrial Zone



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of a 500,000-gallon-capacity water tank and No 4 booster station in Aungmyethazan Township. — MNA

NAY P YI T AW, 22 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and departmental officials, viewed thriving physic nut plants in Nanmyo of Mandalay on 20 June morning.

They inspected construction of the 500,000-gallon-capacity water tank and No 4 booster station on 60th Street between 22nd and 25th streets. The pump station will supply two million gallons of water to the public daily.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party paid homage and offered Waso robes to Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Viçarindabhivamsa of Maha Wizitayon Pariyatti Mon-

astery in Chanayethazan Township, Chairman of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Myataung Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sasanabhivamsa of Maha Aungmye Township, State Ovadaçariya Shwegyin Sasanabaing Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Agghiya of Maha Withokdayon Taikthit of Maha Aungmye Township, and Masoeysin (Old)

Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Paññasamibhivamsa of Maha Aungmye Township.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected repaving of the road section measuring 4,284 feet long and 30 feet wide between 65th and 73rd streets being undertaken by MCDC in Chanmyathazi Township.

They oversaw upgrading of roads in Chanmyathazi and Pyigyidagun Townships.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint views tasks of Byanhlwar Textile Factory in Mandalay Industrial Zone.

INSIDE

In introducing democracy to a nation, it is required to abide by the rules and regulations but to refrain from mobocracy and anarchism. Looking forward to the progress of the future nation with peace and stability, the government is therefore building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline that is not associated with mobocracy and anarchism.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Grow more monsoon paddy for food sufficiency

As the Union of Myanmar is an agricultural country, working for the development of all the economic sectors with the development of agriculture as the base is a practical approach. Therefore, virgin and vacant land is being reclaimed to increase the acreage of arable land and priority is being given to per-acre yields of various crops.

To boost the production of the agriculture sector, irrigation facilities are being constructed wherever possible to supply sufficient water to farmland. With the emergence of dams, sluice gates and river water pumping stations, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, beans and pulses and other crops can now be extended.

As Bago Division is a region where farming industry flourishes, it is one of the regions that can contribute to national economy. Efforts are being made to put more than 3 million acres of farmland under monsoon paddy and extend the cultivation of other crops suitable to the region. In addition to paddy, priority should also be given to the cultivation of rubber, pepper and physic nut from which bio diesel can be extracted.

Regiments and units, departments and farmers in Shwegyin Township, Bago Division, are growing these major crops on a manageable scale as well as on a commercial scale. Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 is taking care of rubber trees on 2,000 out of 6,000 acres of rubber it has grown and will grow more in this rainy season.

With reclamation of more arable land, supply of more water to farmland, use of quality strains and new farming methods, more monsoon and summer paddy can be grown. In this way, yields of various crops will increase, thus contributing to food sufficiency.

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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

Commander, ministers inspect power plants in Kayah, Shan States

YANGON, 22 June — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min and Loikaw Station Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint Shwe, accompanied by the deputy minister, the director-general of Hydro-Electric Power Implementation Department and officials, inspected storage of water, functions of the water intake building, valves of the sluice gate and supply of water to the No 1 Power Plant at Dawtacha Dam near Loikaw on 18 June.

Biluchaung No 1 Power Plant equipped with two 14-megawatt generators generates 200 million kwh yearly and supply to Toungoo, Yangon, Kalaw, Thazi and Mandalay through No 2 Power Plant (Lawpita).

The commander, the minister and party also inspected tasks of Biluchaung No 2 Power Plant.

Biluchaung No 2 Power Plant is installed with six 28-megawatt generators to produce 1,200 million kwh annually. The electricity is being supplied to Yangon, Kalaw, Thazi, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Loikaw, Moebye, Dimawhso, Prusho and other townships through Toungoo and Hlawga sub-power stations.

The commander and party viewed Moebye Lake, valves and supply of water to the Lawpita Power Station.

At Tikiyit Coal-Fired Power Plant in Pinlaung Township, they inspected the test-running of the plant. On 19 June, Minister Col Zaw Min and party inspected tasks of Shan Yoma Naga Coal Mine.

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200 acres in oil field put under physic nut



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi views growing of physic nut plants at Chauk Oil Field. — ENERGY

YANGON, 22 June — After the physic nut cultivation ceremony in Chauk and Yenangyoung Oil Field on 19 June, the number of physic nut acres reached nearly 200 in the region.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi participated in the ceremony held in Chauk on 19 June, Magway Division, together with employees of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the ministry and members of Union Solidarity and Development Association.

A total of 2,000 people volunteered for the cultivation of 200 acres of physic nut plants — 106 acres in Chauk and 93 acres in Yenangyoung.

So far, 224,000 physic nut plants have been grown on 200 acres in Chauk and Yenangyoung Oil

Field.

During his tour of Chauk, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected drilling of the oil well No 1157 in Chauk.

Yenangyoung Oil Field produces over 1,700 barrels and Chauk Oil Field over 500 barrels of crude oil daily. — MNA



Member of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board Daw Khin Than Cho recently accepted K 100,000 donated by Ko Kyaw Swa Myint, Ma Bauk Mai and friends of Archer Company Ltd of 45-B, Masoeysin Lane-1, 9th mile, Mayangon Township. — H

4th Conference of MWJA on 1, 2 July

YANGON, 22 June — The 4th Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will be held at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds on 1 and 2 July 2006.

Delegates from the States and Divisions are to contact the office of Management Committee on 30 June and a preliminary meeting is to be held at the same venue at 7 pm on 30 June. So, the delegates are to arrive in time, it is learnt.

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Cuba tells EU end "complicity" on CIA flights

GENEVA, 21 June — Cuba on Tuesday called on the European Union (EU) to end a "silent complicity" under which it said the bloc had allowed secret CIA flights to transport terror suspects to detention centres in Europe for interrogation.

Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, in a speech to the United Nations Human Rights Council, also accused the United States of running a "concentration camp" at its Guantanamo naval base on Cuba, where some 460 people are being held.

The new Geneva forum, which replaces the widely-discredited UN Human

Rights Commission, opened its first session on Monday amid calls by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and others to avoid the finger-pointing and political point-scoring of old.

Cuba awaited a "rectification to the silent complicity" with which it said the EU had allowed hundreds of secret flights

by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) carrying "kidnapped people and the establishment of clandestine prisons right on European soil, where prisoners are tortured and harassed", Perez said.

"So far, the European Union has hypocritically hindered the investigation and the clarification of

these events," he added.

A Council of Europe investigator, Swiss Dick Marty, said earlier this month that more than 20 mostly European nations had colluded in a "global spider's web" of secret CIA jails and flight transfers of terrorist suspects stretching from Asia to Guantanamo Bay.

The United States — which has maintained a stance of neither denying nor confirming the allegations — chose not to stand last month for election to the new UN rights watchdog, but has said it may do so next year. Perez also accused the EU of having lobbied unsuccessfully at Washington's behest against Havana winning a seat on the new 47-member body.

"The absence of the United States is the defeat of lies; it is the moral punishment for the haughtiness of an empire," Perez said.

MNA/Reuters



Paramedics remove a woman from the Federal Correctional Institute in Tallahassee, Florida, on 21 June, 2006. A federal agent and a prison guard were shot dead and another worker was injured in a gunfight during an arrest attempt at a federal detention centre in north Florida on Wednesday, the FBI said — INTERNET

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King Albert II of Belgium gives his coat to Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands as they start a tourist cruise in Ghent on 21 June, 2006. — INTERNET

20 June another good day for Singaporeans to get married

SINGAPORE, 21 June — A total of 171 couples in Singapore chose to get married Tuesday because the date is written as "20-06-2006", Channel NewsAsia report said at night.

The number is more than three times the daily average of 50 couples.

The double date, which happens to be in the World Cup season, is special and interesting to some Singaporeans and a

couple even flew back from the United States to tie the knot on the day, the report said. On 6 June this year, an 11-year record number of 310 couples went through their marriage registration in Singapore because the date is written as "060606".

Many Chinese believe that the number "6" stands for good luck and doing things smoothly.

MNA/Xinhua

Giant panda numbers surprise scientists

BEIJING, 20 June — Scientists say giant pandas may not be in as much danger of extinction as feared, with a new British-Chinese study finding there could be twice as many living in the wild as previously thought.

"This finding indicates that the species may have a significantly better chance of long-term viability than recently anticipated, and that this beautiful animal may have a brighter future," the scientists said in a statement.

Until now scientists thought there were about 1,590 giant pandas living in reserves in the mountains of China. Pandas, one of the world's most

endangered and elusive animals, are dependent on bamboo found in that area.

But scientists from Cardiff University and the Chinese Academy of

Sciences now think there could be as many as 3,000 there after a survey using a new method to profile DNA from panda faeces revealed there was more than double the number of estimated pandas in one reserve. "This was surprising and exciting. In our opinion, the same parameters can be applied across the whole mountain range," Mike Bruford, professor of biodiversity at Cardiff University's School of Biosciences, said.

Internet



Scientists now think there could be as many as 3,000 wild pandas. INTERNET

Landslides kill 24 in Indonesia, 23 missing

JAKARTA, 21 June — Landslides caused by heavy rain on Indonesia's eastern Sulawesi Island have killed 24 people, while another 23 are missing, an official said on Tuesday.

Two days of rain had caused landslides and floods in several areas in South Sulawesi Province. Sinjai regency was the worst-hit area after major flooding hit the area early on Tuesday, rescuers and police said.

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Romanian soldier killed in Afghan blast

KABUL, 21 June — A roadside bomb hit a convoy of Romanian troops in Afghanistan's southern province of Kandahar on Tuesday, killing a Romanian soldier and wounding four others, a spokesman for the US-led coalition said.

Major Quentin Innes said the blast struck a car in the convoy on the road from Kandahar City to the airport, a coalition base.

"A Romanian patrol convoy was hit... resulting in the death of one Romanian soldier and wounding four others," he said.

In another incident, US forces on Tuesday shot dead three Afghan police who were on their way to disperse a group of residents who had blocked a main road in Wata Pur of eastern Kunar Province to protest

the shooting of two women by US soldiers, provincial police chief said.

One of the two later died in a US military hospital, Abdul Jalal Jalal told reporters. The women were wounded two days ago after US soldiers fired at homes in Wata Pur when a vehicle of the convoy they were in was hit by a roadside bomb.

MNA/Reuters

Two more Filipino journalists shot dead by gunmen

MANILA, 21 June — Two Filipino journalists were shot dead on late Monday by unknown gunmen in Kidapawan City, the capital of Cotabato Province in the southern island of Mindanao, police said on Tuesday.

The victims were a husband-and-wife

team of local radio news commentators, an ABS-CBN TV report quoted a police official as saying.

George Vigo and his wife Mazel were on way home late on Monday when the gunmen on a motorcycle shot them, said Kidapawan police chief Danny Reyes.

"They died on the way to the hospital from several bullet wounds in the head and body," Reyes told reporters.

The local police were trying to determine if the murders were related to their work at a local radio station, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 21 June, 2006 shows the bridge under construction spanning Zhanjiang Gulf in Zhanjiang, south China's Guangdong Province. The two sections of the main bridge were joined on the morning of Wednesday. The length of the bridge is 3,981 metres and its main tower is 155.11 metres high.—INTERNET

Number of global millionaires grows

DUBAI, 20 June—United Arab Emirates — The increasing ease of becoming a millionaire became clear on Tuesday, with the announcement that the ranks of world millionaires had swelled to 8.7 million last year — half a million more than the population of New York City.

Millionaires also invested more aggressively, pouring cash into emerging markets and pulling it out of fixed income holdings, as their wealth reached \$33.3 trillion, more than double US economic output, a study by Merrill Lynch and consultancy Capgemini found. The red-hot Middle East saw nearly 10 percent growth in millionaires — the world's fastest rate — with record oil revenues and soaring stock markets pushing 300,000 people over the million-dollar mark.

"This is becoming a very attractive place to invest," said Mones R Bazzy, Merrill Lynch's head of Middle East private banking, based in the Gulf boomtown of Dubai. One factor in the Middle East's growth in millionaires was the stock markets that spiked by more than 100 percent in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates last year.

Worldwide, the number of millionaires has nearly doubled since Merrill Lynch found 4.5 million of them in 1996. Last year's 6.5 percent growth in millionaires slowed slightly over last year's 6.6 percent, with the US and Europe slowing most alongside their cooling economies.

But the ranks of the ultra-rich — those worth more than \$30 million — climbed by more than 10 percent to 85,400.—Internet

Poorest countries see some growth but poverty rates persist

UNITED NATIONS, 21 June — An increase in development aid since 2002 has raised health and education standards and hastened gender equality among the world's poorest nations, but overall poverty conditions are not improving, a new United Nations report said on Monday.

The 2006 annual progress report of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) said that domestic reforms and a revival of commodity prices have underpinned strong economic growth in many of those States. A number of them also benefited from a steep rise in oil prices.

But despite signs of progress, extreme poverty has deepened, and overall social indicators remain cause for concern, the report warned.

Chronic poverty continues to be aggravated by diseases such as HIV/AIDS and by environmental degradation, said the report, which Annan submitted to the Economic and Social Council.—MNA/Xinhua

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Vietnam consistently adheres to friendly ties with China

HANOI, 21 June—Vietnam treasures the development of relations and clings to the unchangeable friendship with China, hoping to ceaselessly promote exchange and cooperation between the two parties, states, peoples as well as among organizations and localities, a local official

said here Tuesday.

Pham The Duyet, Chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front, made the statement when meeting with Hu Qianwen, Chinese Ambassador to Vietnam.

Duyet said he hoped the two sides will unceasingly reinforce and deepen the mutual understanding and

traditional friendship between the two peoples, and strengthen the publicity and education about the Vietnam-China traditional friendship among the peoples, especially youths, to inherit the friendship looked after by leaders of the two countries, facilitating the bilateral ties to enter a new period.

Duyet expressed thanks to the Chinese Government and people for having actively searched for Vietnamese fishermen missing in the Typhoon Chanchu, saying that it shows the fraternal friendly relations between the two countries and their close ties in misfortune. Vietnam will never forget China's help, he stated.

Hu stressed China attaches importance to developing the friendly and cooperative relations with Vietnam.—MNA/Xinhua

Fish oil supplements ease ADHD symptoms

AUSTALIA, 21 June—Research by Adelaide scientists suggests that fish oil could be as effective at treating hyperactive children as conventional medicines.

A University of South Australia study gave more

than 130 children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder a combination of fish oil and evening primrose oil for up to seven months.

At the end of the trial almost half the children showed a reduction in their

symptoms.

The head scientist, Natalie Sinn, says the results suggest that an inadequate diet could cause ADHD.

"[It] could be deficient diet, could be an inherited metabolic problem that is making them deficient in the omega-3 fatty acids and hence creating a greater requirement for supplementation," she said.—Internet



A man walks past a poster featuring jewellery at the Hong Kong Jewellery and Watch Fair on 22 June, 2006. 1,051 exhibitors from 30 countries and regions attend the Asia's biggest mid-year jewelry fair.—INTERNET

Brazilian company starts biodiesel project

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 June — Brazilian biodiesel producer BSBios on Tuesday started constructing the country's first biodiesel plant, which is expected to produce fuel from vegetable oils and reduce diesel fuel imports.

To be located in Passo Fundo, in the Rio Grande do Sul State, the plant will be able to produce 100 million litres of biodiesel annually when it starts production in 2007, said Minister of

Rural Development Guilherme Cassel.

Using soy, canola and sunflower seeds to produce biodiesel, the plant will process around 90 tons of grains per year. It is expected to create over 1,100 jobs and around 4,100 families who produce grains in 100 towns near Passo Fundo will be benefited, said Cassel.

BSBios invested 40.9 million reais (17.7 million US dollars) in the project. The company's commercial director Erasmo Carlos Battistella said the plant is near major fuel distributors, who are future possible clients.

The project also received the Social Fuel Stamp from Brazil's Ministry of Rural Development, enabling it to buy cheaper raw materials from local producers.

MNA/Xinhua



Brian Short from Norwich, England, views sand sculptures inspired by stories from ancient Greece, on a beach in Great Yarmouth, England, on 21 June, 2006. The World's Largest Sand Sculpture Festival runs until September with over 200 giant sand sculptures telling the story of ancient Greece.—INTERNET

Hydrogen-powered buses debut in China

BEIJING, 21 June—Three hydrogen-powered buses appeared in streets of Beijing on Tuesday, bringing emission-free public transport to China for the first time.

"This marks the first public operation of fuel-cell buses in Beijing, it is the first ever in China, and one of the first in a developing country," said Renaud Meyer, Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in China. "The hydrogen refuelling

station will be fully operational this summer." The buses will run 18.2 kilometres from the North Gate of the Summer Palace to the university district at Wudaokou.

Thirty-three fuel-cell buses have been released onto the streets in eight European countries including Britain, Germany and Spain. "It is our hope that through this project, we can build the foundation towards full-scale commercialization of hydrogen fuel-cell buses to promote sustainable transport, the use of renewable energy,

and cleaner air," Meyer said.

In Beijing and Shanghai, public buses are among one of the major contributors to air pollution. Later this year, three more fuel-cell buses will be launched in Shanghai and a hydrogen refuelling station will be built. Beijing will expand the hydrogen refuelling station, and use data from the operation of the three buses to support efforts to commercialize fuel-cell technology.

MNA/Xinhua



Three Daimler Chrysler fuel cell buses have begun to run from the North Gate of the Summer Palace to Wudaokou in Beijing on 20 June, 2006. This is the first public operation of fuel cell buses in Beijing and in China. The fuel cell bus doesn't discharge any pollutants.—INTERNET

GAID vows to narrow digital divides in the world

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 June—The newly-born Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (GAID) Tuesday vowed to narrow the digital divides between the rich and the poor around the world. "The Alliance will strive to overcome the social and digital divides by promoting policies and partnerships...." GAID said in a statement issued at the end of its inaugural meeting at Putrajaya, the administrative centre of the Malaysian Government.

Translation of the commitments made at the World Summit of the Information Society into action would really make a tangible and sustained difference in the lives of billions of people who currently do not share the benefits of the information revolution, GAID said.

"The irony of the present situation is that those who are currently with the least access to technology are precisely the ones

who would benefit the most if wonders of modern information and communication technologies become indeed accessible and relevant to all of humanity," it said. The Alliance vowed to put the problems and needs of the majority of humanity onto the "radar screens" of thinkers, business executives and government decision makers by supporting and initiating ICT for Development (ICT4D) activities. —MNA/Xinhua



A two-legged robot called Jaldee takes a penalty during a football game recently in Bremen, northern Germany, during the robot World Cup "Robocup". Microsoft showed off a software kit for robot builders that it said will free inventors to make creations limited only by their imaginations.—INTERNET

Mobile TV service attracts more industry players in S'pore

SINGAPORE, 21 June — Channel NewsAsia, Singapore's sole news television (TV) channel, has begun providing third-generation (3G) mobile service subscribers in the city state with mobile TV news reports. Singapore Telecommunications' (SingTel) subscribers can watch "video clips compacted into one-minute news" on their 3G mobile phones, according to a report by the channel on Tuesday.

This service is available in English and Mandarin twice a day from Monday to Friday at present and is expected to be extended to weekends later this year.

Meanwhile, world's leading mobile phone maker Nokia regards Singapore as the next potential market to expand its multimedia business including mobile TV, a separate news report said Tuesday.



The photo shows the main building of the Lhasa Railway Station. The construction of the terminal station of Qinghai-Tibet Railway-Lhasa Station was completed on 20 June, 2006, Xinhua reported. It was the largest railway station alongside Qinghai-Tibet Railway. With its location in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet Autonomous Region, the station was built with an altitude of 3,600 metres.—INTERNET

Diabetes rate doubles in 30 years

UNITED NATIONS, 21 June—The occurrence of new cases of type-II diabetes has doubled over the past three decades, a report in the American Heart Association's journal *Circulation* says.

"Most, but not all, of the increase in diabetes occurred in people who were obese - those with a body mass index of 30 or more," lead author Dr Caroline S Fox said.

The findings are based on a study of 3104 subjects, with an average

age of 47 years, who were free from diabetes when they enrolled in the 1970s, 1980s or 1990s.

After an initial examination, the subjects were followed to document the occurrence of diabetes over eight-year periods. In the 1970s, the incidence of diabetes was the lowest, at 2 per cent among women and 2.7 per cent among men.

By the 1990s, the corresponding rates had climbed to their highest points: 3.7 per cent and 5.8 per cent.

Compared with the 1970s, the risk of developing diabetes in the 1980s and 1990s increased by 40 per cent and 105 per cent, respectively.

As noted, obese individuals accounted for the bulk of the increase in the incidence of diabetes, the report says.

However, the researchers found that weight did not account for all of the increase in the odds of developing diabetes. They suggest that "changes in dietary and physical activity patterns that are independent of changes in body weight may also contribute to the present findings".

For example, the team says another study shows "consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages is an independent risk factor for diabetes, even after adjustment for weight gain". —Internet

New bird flu outbreak in China's Shaanxi Province

BEIJING, 21 June — A new bird flu outbreak has been reported in north China's Shaanxi Province, said sources with the Ministry of Agriculture here Monday. The outbreak was identified after chickens died in poultry farms in Changzi

County of Changzhi City.

Samples of the dead poultry were sent to the national bird flu laboratory and the H5N1 virus was identified in them, said the ministry.

The local government has launched an emergency response and quarantined the infected area. Experts and veterinarians have started disinfection and culling poultry in the area to prevent possible new outbreaks. The local veterinarian department has stepped up publicity campaigns to teach residents how to protect themselves against the virus. The Ministry of Agriculture has also sent a team of experts to Changzi and reported the case to international organizations.

MNA/Xinhua



Thousands of revellers gathered at Stonehenge, near Salisbury, England, to celebrate the Summer Solstice, on 21 June, 2006. The Summer Solstice is the time at which the sun is at its northernmost point in the sky in the Northern hemisphere. —INTERNET

Over 25 Indian children die of suspected encephalitis

NEW DELHI, 21 June — More than 25 children have died of suspected encephalitis in Bihar, India in the past few days, the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Monday.

The dead in the Muzaffarpur District of Bihar reported sudden light fever in the early morning and then bouts of unconsciousness and convulsion before their death.

The Muzaffarpur District administration has sounded a high alert to check the spread of the killer disease after

doctors confirmed the deaths of the children due to suspected encephalitis.

Muzaffarpur-based SK Medical College and Hospital superintendent GK Thakur has urged health experts to visit Muzaffarpur to study the cause of spread of the disease and preventive measures.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has also expressed serious concern over the recurrence of encephalitis in Muzaffarpur.

This is the third time in seven years that encephalitis has hit Muzaffarpur. Last year over 30 children died of the disease in the district.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepali villagers rush to collect "Himalayan Gold"

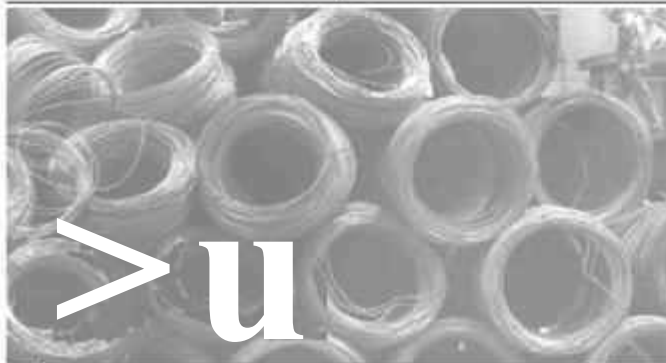
KATHMANDU, 21 June — Villages in far western region of Nepal bear a deserted look as most of their residents are out collecting the prized herb yarsagumba, *The Himalayan Times* reported on Tuesday.

The yarsagumba, an aphrodisiac, half-caterpillar yarsagumba, also known as the "Himalayan Gold" for its high commercial value and a treatment for impotency.

Work in the government offices has almost stopped in the region after most of the people of all age groups left their homes to collect the half-mushroom-

Some two dozen schools have been closed for 45 days after students, too, are out on the yarsagumba collecting spree, the report said.

Collection of yarsagumba starts in the last week of May and continues up to the second week of July every year. It is stated that some eight to 10 quintals of yarsagumba is collected in Darchula every year. —MNA/Xinhua



A Labourer walks past piles of steel at a market in Nanjing, capital of China's Jiangsu Province on 21 June, 2006. Chinese shares dropped 0.81 per cent on Wednesday morning as investors sold steel counters after Chinese mills accepted a 19 percent increase in prices in iron ore, the key raw material for steel manufacturing. —INTERNET

Lao Govt determined to deal with poverty issues

HANOI, 21 June — The Lao Government is planning strategies to reduce poverty in the next five years, Laos' news agency *KPL* reported Monday.

Laos will focus on creating more permanent jobs for local people, especially those in rural and mountainous areas, while upgrading infrastructure and promoting agricultural production in the areas, according to a recent statement released by Prime Minister Bouasone Bouphavan.

The government will encourage local people to abandon the outdated slash-and-burn cultivation, and

focus more on using advanced techniques in agricultural production, animal raising and marketing. After surveying real living conditions of poor people in northern and southern regions, it will move some of them to less disadvantaged areas.

The government will offer 49,500 US dollars to each of 47 poorest districts nationwide to support agricultural production. It

will also provide money to renovate revolutionary bases, mainly in remote areas with poor residents.

The government will keep on using a poverty reduction fund supported by the World Bank to developing infrastructure, including bridges and roads, in more remote areas. Half of the fund totalling 25 million dollars has been disbursed so far.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman works in a farm on the outskirts in Yinchuan, capital of China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 22 June, 2006. —INTERNET

UNESCO awards literacy prize to Cuban agency

HAVANA, 21 June — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has awarded Cuba's Latin American and Caribbean Educational Agency the 2006 Rey Sejong Literacy Prize for its *Yo Si Puedo* (Yes I can) literacy programme, Cuba's official newspaper *Granma* said on Tuesday.

The UNESCO committee which includes judges from the United States, Ecuador, South Korea, China, Senegale and Syria, described the Cuban programme as innovative, flexible and

applicable.

The programme has been tested in both rural and urban areas, and Cuban teachers have managed to design a model that contains measures which allow

teachers to see the impact of developing literacy in the family and the community as well as the individual.

Hecto Hernandez Pardo, Cuba's representative to UNESCO, said that the award was for a programme that was specifically designed to help teach literacy overseas.

It has already received awards from Pakistan's National Human Development Commission, Turkey's Mother and Child Education Foundation, Morocco's Education Ministry, and the Permanent Education and Literacy Agency of the Indian state of Rajasthan, Pardo added.

The prize will be presented on September 8 as part of the United Nations' International Literacy Day.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela plans to produce own rocket launcher

CARACAS, 21 June — Venezuela will begin producing its own rocket launcher in four months in a bid to reduce its reliance on imported military equipment, Army Colonel Ender Galvis said on Tuesday.

Galvis told the state-run *Bolivarian News Agency* that the plan was part of a campaign by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to reduce military dependence and boost defence capacity.

The rocket launcher weighing nine kilograms has a range of two kilometres, and "the materials used in manufacturing this weapon are 100 per cent Venezuelan", Galvis said.

He did not say how many of the weapons Venezuela would produce.

Chavez has signed defence deals worth about 2.7 billion US dollars to modernize the Venezuelan military. —MNA/Xinhua

Yangon Division Police Force holds work coord meeting



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win addresses the work coordination meeting for 2006 of Yangon Division Police Force. — MNA

YANGON, 22 June — A work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Police Force for 2006 took place at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council this morning with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win. The commander said that the officials of Yangon Division PF were to strive for reduction of crimes, to commit themselves to the elimination of gambling as a national duty and to cooperate with the

relevant forces in exposing the destructive elements within and without nation.

At the meeting, Police Col Hla Min, commander of Yangon Division PF, clarified measures to be taken and Police Lt-Col Se Maung discussed matters related to taking punishment. Heads of District and Township Police Forces also took part in the discussions.

Secretary of Yangon Division PDC Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, departmental officials and others were present at the meeting. — MNA

Commander, Minister inspect fish breeding tasks in Pyinmana District

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein yesterday afternoon explained cooperation between Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries for boosting production of fisheries at Yezin Fishery Camp in Pyinmana District.



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspect fish breeding in Pyinmana. — MNA

The commander and the minister inspected tasks of the camp to sell 56

million fingerlings yearly and breeding of fish at the net cage in dams, rivers

and creeks.

The plan is underway to breed fish at

the water area in Pyinmana District.

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232 drug-related cases exposed in May

YANGON, 22 June — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department managed to expose 232 drug-related cases during May 2006.

The drug-related cases exposed were 178,0036 kilos of opium in 42 cases, 24,8139 kilos of heroin in 79 cases, 343 kilos of morphine in one case, 6,5401 kilos of opium oil in 13 cases, 2,8238 kilos of low grade opium in 12 cases, 2,0176 kilos of marijuana in 16 cases, 714,630 stimulant tablets in 42 cases, 38,6415 kilos of opium speciosa in 18 cases, 75 ampoules of morphine injection in one case, 1035 litre of chemical liquid, 600 kilos of chemical powder, 2 cases

for failure to register and other 6 cases.

Action was taken against 374 persons—304 men and 70 women in 232 drug-related cases in May. One of the remarkable cases, acting on information, a combined team searched Kyaw Guest House in No 4 Ward of

PyinOoLwin on 17 May and seized 7,920 stimulant tablets bearing WY letters inside the plastic bag of Myo Win (a) Sha Ku. Action was taken against Myo Win (a) Sha Ku by PyinOoLwin police station.

A combined team, acting on information,

stopped and searched a red van with a number plate 4 Ka/4769 driven by Hon Chin Yan and Lotar Myint in Muse and seized eight heroin blocks weighing 2.64 kilo. Action was taken against Hon Chin Yan and Lotar Myint by Muse police station.

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International Day Against
Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

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DRUGS ARE NOT CHILD'S PLAY

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects ...

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They viewed foundry tasks, manufacturing of machine spare parts at Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd at Mandalay Industrial Zone. In Pyigyidagun Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited Aung Naing Thu Family Padamya Pump Factory and Agricultural Water Pump Factory, K T S U Kyaw Than and Sons Automobile Factory and Byanhlar Textile Factory of C T Y Industrial Ltd.

At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on progress of factories by responsible persons and gave necessary instructions. On 21 June, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party left Mandalay Nanmyo and arrived back Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon. — MNA

Deputy minister inspects BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 22 June — Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, accompanied by Director U Khin Maung Aye of No 2 Basic Education Department and officials, on 20 June inspected the learning of students at No 1 BEHS, No 2 BEHS and No 3 BEHS in Pynmana and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, the deputy minister urged the students to work hard from the beginning of the academic year to be able to do well in the matriculation examination.

Then, the deputy minister and party visited No 6 BEHS and No 5 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday and held discussions on child-centered teaching methods and higher qualification of students. — MNA

Arrival of gems merchants up

YANGON, 22 June — The arrival of merchants to the Jade, gems and pearl special sales for 2006 is spiralling up and so far 2,157 have arrived.

A total of 757 local merchants from 330 companies and 1,400 merchants from 372 companies abroad examined gems and jade and pearl lots today.

The sales of gems and pearl lots will be held at Myanmar Gems Emporium on KabaAye Pagoda Road and the sales of jade lots at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township from 24 June to 4 July. — MNA

Yadanabon Arts Gallery to be opened

YANGON, 22 June — Yadanabon Arts Gallery of Mandalay Association (Yangon) will be opened at No 628/632 at the corner of 30th Street and Merchant Street in Pabedan Township.

According to the association, an arts exhibition will be staged at the new place under the title of "Classical & Fine Arts" from 25 June to 8 July to mark the gallery's first opening and famous artists will exhibit their works. — NLM

Victory In Combating Drugs

- * If children get
Whatever they want
They are wrongly pampered.
- * What's ought and not
What's wrong and right
What's good and bad
If they're not corrected with reasoning
Wrong is not righted, fall into wrong path.
- * Wrong path leads to wrong acts
With wrongful company
Start with smoking
Then start on drugs
White powder gives new feeling
The elevation leads to
White injection into vein
Would that take straight to heaven
Committing wrong after wrong
Hell on earth that's bad end.
- * Life will be at a loss...
Human existence will be wasted
Life will end...
Be always on careful watch
Because dangers are enormous
Let's wage and fight
On a national stance
For Myanmar's victory
Wage with fervour.

Cheint Naing (Trs)

The plots of saboteurs inside and outside the nation and the truth that should be realized —3

Soe Mya Kyaw and Saw Mya Aung



Government Computer College in Hpa-an opened on 10.6.2006.

It is common knowledge that alien powers regard the nations like Myanmar that do not accept alien domination as their enemy nations or the target of their political warfare. The people are therefore to be well vigilant against the ongoing political warfare operation of the alien powers through which they are persuading Myanmar's friendly nations and the nations that support Myanmar to marginalize the country, and to bring forward Myanmar affairs to the UN Security Council to take action against it.

In the book "Political Warfare" by American mediaman John Scott, tactics of the political warfare are stated such as to weaken the strength of the enemy, if possible to apply diplomatic means, to impose economic sanction, to issue correct news stories mixed with false ones, and to incite mass demonstrations and commit terrorist acts.

The intention of the economic sanction imposed against Myanmar by the Western powers is to subdue the country and then to knock it down. Their attitude is indeed to crush Myanmar, and that is totally against the national solidarity, democracy movement and interests of the people.

Certainly, foreigners, expatriates, and anti-government politicians and insurgents at home have no sympathy for Myanmar and its people because major requirements and prospects of the nation and the people are not their concerns. Hence, the government and the people are to make harmonious efforts in exerting the strength of the nation to create a brighter future of the nation.

The people should be able to distinguish between true friends and fair weather friends and between constructive efforts and destructive acts, crush the enemies, ward off destructive acts but accept constructive efforts, and take necessary steps effectively. Only then, will we be able to hand down fine traditions to new generation youths.

The progress rate of a human society rests on the intellectual improvement of each citizen. If each citizen can enhance their individual personality, they will achieve the social life to which they are aspiring.

In the world history, the parliamentary democracy system also known as political democracy is economic democracy system that depends on the market-oriented economic system. With the proper evolution of the market-oriented

economic system, there will be an increase in the number of productive forces in the nation such as national entrepreneurs, intellectuals and intelligentsia, middle social class, and modern factories and workers. In reality, democracy is the political system that comes into existence with the leading role played by entrepreneurs and intellectuals and intelligentsia, and support of workers, farmers and the people. That is the fruit of the proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system.

Nevertheless, today, the Western powers and their lackeys and internal and external anti-government groups still regard as military junta the Tatmadaw Government that is taking all possible steps practically for the proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system. Furthermore, they are misleading the people into their misconception that democracy can be introduced to the nation only after the downfall of the ruling government after mass protests resulting from economic crisis caused by economic sanction imposed against the nation and the NLD's coming to power. However, in the pragmatic world, all of their acts are found to be just a clever

deception to help the NLD come to power at the expense of the nation and the people.

Democracy exists very close to mobocracy and anarchism. So, they are plotting clandestine schemes to enable the subversives at home and abroad to change over from one system to another easily. Not only the world but also Myanmar has witnessed a number of incidents in which decisions are made under the mob rule shouting democracy and such mob rules are closely followed by anarchism.

In introducing democracy to a nation, it is required to abide by the rules and regulations but to refrain from mobocracy and anarchism. Looking forward to the progress of the future nation with peace

mass demonstrations featured in the pamphlets being distributed in line with the well-organized plots masterminded by certain alien powers. In the general review stated in the pamphlet, mass demonstration is labeled as revolution. So, it is obvious that they are advocating defiance of authority and violence. It says that democracy movement will be brought to fruition if people play an active role in the revolution. It also says their ultimate goal is to bestow power upon the NLD through Pyithu Hluttaw (legislative body) after putting an end to the administrative machinery of the government by translating the 1990 election results into reality without fail.

Among their tactics is



Twantay Bridge across Twantay Canal in Twantay Township, Yangon South District commissioned into service on 25.5.2006.

and stability, the government is therefore building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline that is not associated with mobocracy and anarchism.

In other words, in accord with the desire of the people, the government is pursuing the national goal through ways and means.

However, it is disheartening to learn the tactics designed to incite

a programme intended to break up the Tatmadaw that is safeguarding and defending the mother country from dangers.

It says armed conflicts will come to an end if there is collapse of the Tatmadaw. It calls for taking over of wards and villages and steps for dissolution of the administrative machinery. It also says that people should not worry about the hunger in the period of the revolution because unlike in 1988, basic foods such as rice, edible oil and salt and personal goods are abundant everywhere even in countryside.

It says that the root cause of their democracy revolution is that the government has made the country poverty-stricken in various sectors. Supposing

their excuse is logical that the entire Myanmar is impoverished, it is out of the question that basic foods and personal goods are abundant in the nation.

The report requests people to stay away from committing crimes such as gang-bullying, revenge, violence and looting, and also urges them not to worry about those crimes. It says that if the people can present a secret list of violators, severe actions will be taken against the criminals according to the law as the persons disturbing and destroying the revolution, after the revolution. What it really means is that there can be victims as well as crimes including looting, arson, beatings, murders etc, and that the people should exercise tolerance during

the revolution. As the victims can file law suits against the criminals only after the revolution, it's like telling them to prosecute the violators from their grave.

The report also says that unlike the 1988 unrest, the democracy revolution will end within days as everything is ready for the formation of a new government and its goal is to materialize the 1990 election result. But who will descend from the heaven to save Myanmar from bloodbath and inferno resulting from the brainwork of the national traitors and reckless persons? In the conclusion part, the instigative letter urges experienced politicians, all the political parties, all the Pyithu

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The plots of saboteurs inside and outside the nation and the truth that should be realized —3

Soe Mya Kyaw and Saw Mya Aung

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Hluttaw members and NLD youths to make preparations and coordination to be able to take part in the phase two and phase three of the revolution. When I read the two phases, I came to know that the phase two was concerned with the task of temporarily governing the country, and the phase three, immediate formation of a government led by Daw Suu Kyi after the speedily convening the Hluttaw.

In brief, the so-called general review for the people being distributed by internal and external saboteurs under the management of foreign powers urges the people to sacrifice their lives and blood for the NLD to grab power according to the 1990 election results, face famine, and crown the NLD as the king on the throne made through public sacrifices even though the country is reduced to ashes.

It is common knowledge that peace, modernization and development and discipline-flourishing democratic state are indivisible as they always come together. The duty of all citizens who want democracy is to participate in strengthening national peace and progress, the foundation of democracy.

It is an internationally accepted principle that democratic rights and the responsibilities are closely intertwined. All the democracy activists have the duty to observe the law and the rules and regulations of the state and communal and social codes of conduct and principles. The act of

enjoying socio-economic rights within the framework of the law while striving to ensure peace and stability, the rule of law, and development of the nation is the right as well as the duty of the people.

The gentle and smooth transition to a public-desired peaceful and modern democratic state requires public cooperation based on intellect and knowledge.

The people will be able to overcome with caution all kinds of disturbances, various forms of deceptions, and the many attempts to divide the nation and walk properly on the correct road to the national cause.

Since 1988, the government has been striving to achieve marked progress in the entire nation despite internal and external disturbances and hardships. Progress is being made, but democracy transition has yet to be completed. The government has already proclaimed the laying down and implementation of the seven-step Road Map for smooth and gentle transition to democracy.

Democracy cannot be established with words or mantras overnight. Failure to introduce democracy systematically will be followed by national fragmentation resulting from the rule of gangland crimes and anarchy. That is why democracy is described as a discipline-flourishing democracy. What we need to do during the transitional period is to build and protect the sound foundations for flourishing and everlasting democracy.

Of the sound foundations, the foremost need is the prevalence of peace and stability and the rule of law in the whole nation including border

areas. All have witnessed that nothing can be done without community peace and stability in this regard.

Thanks to the national reconsolidation after ensuring peace and stability in the entire nation, 17 major armed groups and small groups returned to the legal fold and some other groups unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. Except a few places in the border where SSA-S and KNU are holed up under the guise of refugees, peace and stability is prevailing in the whole nation. Peace and stability is followed by emergence of development infrastructures everywhere.

The government has been striving in all sectors to strengthen the economy and extend economic foundations. The national economy was in the doldrums beginning 1986, the nation's GDP is a record low reaching K 4,714 million in 1988-89 when the Tatmadaw government started to assume the State duties.

As the Tatmadaw Government adopted the market economy as part of its national economic policy promoting the private sector, there has been yearly improvement in GDP. The GDP increased from K 4,714 million in 1988-89 to K 219,552 million in 2005-2006 fiscal year, according to provisional figures of the year. This constitutes the growth of 47 times. The population of Myanmar in 1988-89 stood at more than 41 million and today it is more than 54 million or nearly 55 million.

In 1988, Myanmar produced a total of 654 million baskets of paddy. Now the country is able to produce nearly 1,200



Foundry in Monywa Industrial Zone.

million baskets or almost double the amount of 1988. The present population of over 54 million people will require 810 million baskets. Productive capacity in the agriculture, livestock, forestry and other economic sectors also rose, resulting in the increased export amounting to over US \$ 2,770 million in 2005. The goods imported were valued at US \$ 1,600 million only. So, there was trade surplus of nearly US \$ 1,200 million.

Meanwhile, Gross National Product (GNP) was also on gradual increase; the growth was 12 per cent in 2004 and 12.2 per cent in 2005. Inflation rate remained at 9 per cent and efforts are being made to bring down this to 5 per cent. Trade surplus, the growth in GDP and the fall in the inflation rate indicate economic development of the nation.

As the government in every way has encouraged and enabled the private sector to play an active role in the national economic development drive, the sector's involvement at present is 90 per cent. Out of the export value of US \$ 2.4 billion in 2003-2004, the private sector exported

US \$ 1.3 billion or 55.5 per cent.

The private sector has established 32,534 small-scale industries, 26,149 medium-scale industries and 3,194 major industries. Efforts are being made to increase the role of the private sector by 25 per cent during the five-year period starting from this year, 2006, to 2010.

Up to 31-1-2006, domestic investments accounted for K 122,730.68 million and foreign investments amounted to US \$ 7,785.86 million. There are 27 nations and regions that have invested in Myanmar. They are: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, China, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Macao, Malaysia, Panama, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, the Netherlands, England and the United States. Domestic and foreign economic enterprises that were registered up to 2005-2006 were 17,162.

While laying economic foundations and infrastructures conducive to national progress, the government has concentrated on intellectual development and enhanced thinking power of the people.

The adult literacy rate rose to 94.1 per cent in 2005-2006 academic year. The number of Internet users also increased in the country and the growth rate was the highest in South-East Asia during the period

of five years. These indicate the momentum of progress in the human resources development.

It may be observed that the parliamentary democracy practised between 1948 and 1962 did not last long due to lack of peace and the favourable economic and education conditions that are in existence today.

Such favourable conditions have been realized through the concerted efforts day in, day out for 17 years in one mind by the government, the people, government employees, the entrepreneurs and peace groups.

There has been a guidance given by the Head of State, that, if taken for granted, independence can be lost all of a sudden to alien subjugation and that the struggle to gain it, however, may cost dearly and take time. All need to be cautious of the conspiracies of the internal and external destructive elements to undermine the favourable conditions in a short time.

Hence, one and all will have to carry on strengthening and safeguarding the favourable conditions conducive to the emergence of discipline-flourishing democracy and ensuring the success of the seven-step Road Map, which promises smooth transition to democracy, through the collective strength of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw and guard against the dangers of destructive elements.

Translation: MS, TMT, AK

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Minister meets with service personnel, hoteliers in Muse, PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Minister for Hotel and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, together with Director-General of Hotel and Tourism Service U Htay Aung, arrived at Lashio on 16 June. And the minister met with responsible personnel and hoteliers of Lashio, Muse and Hsibaw. Next, the minister gave instructions on strenuous efforts to be made for cooperation with the ministry for ensuring more tourists arrival at Lashio region as the hotel and tourism service help contribute towards the economic development of the State. Afterwards, Director-General U Htay Aung reported to the minister on measures taken by hoteliers. After hearing the reports, the minister attended to the needs.

Upon arrival at Muse,

the minister met with service personnel of Myanmar Tourism Service and hoteliers and travel agents in Muse.

The following day the minister met with service personnel of Myanmar Hotel and Tourism Services in PyinOoLwin and gave instructions on strenuous efforts to be made for development of hotel services.

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Commander Brig-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister Col Zaw Min inspect Biluchaung No 2 Power Plant. (News on Page 2)— **ELECTRIC POWER NO 1**

2nd ASEAN+3 Health Ministers' Meeting, 1st ASEAN+China Health Ministers' Meeting commence



The opening of the Second ASEAN+3 Health Ministers' Meeting in progress at Sedona Hotel. — **MNA**

YANGON, 22 June — The Second ASEAN+3 Health Ministers' Meeting was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Cambodian Minister for Health Dr Nuth Sokhom, Singaporean Minister for Health Dr Khaw Boon Wan, Brunei Minister for Health Mr Pehin Dato Suyoi Osman, Malaysian Minister for Health Dato'

Chua Soi Lek, Laotian Minister for Health Dr Ponmek Dalalay, Thai Deputy Minister for Health Mr Anutin Charnvirakul, Vietnamese Deputy Minister for Health Dr Tran Chi Liem, Philippines Under Secretary of Health Dr Ethelya P Nieto, Indonesian Director-General of the Ministry of Health I Nyoman Kandun, Chinese Deputy Minister Dr Wang Longde, Japanese Assistant Minister for Technical Affairs Dr

Takashi Toguchi, Korean Director-General Dr Dukhyoung Lee of the Ministry of Health, and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Dr Wilfrido V Villacorta and senior officials.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Japanese Assistant Minister for Technical Affairs Dr Takashi Toguchi presided over the meeting.

They discussed matters related to the ASEAN Unity in Health Emergencies and the

ASEAN+3 Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Programme Phase II workplan.

Next, the meeting issued a joint statement.

At 11 am, the First ASEAN+China

Health Ministers' Meeting followed at the same venue, presided over by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Participants of the meeting discussed matters related to

the ASEAN+China Public Health Fund, control and combating HIV, and regional cooperation in prevention against bird flu and emerging diseases.

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Health Ministers of Second ASEAN+3 Health Ministers' Meeting pose for documentary photo. — **MNA**



The first ASEAN+China Health Ministers Meeting in progress at Sedona Hotel. — **MNA**

ASEAN to establish free trade area with Australia, Newzeland

YANGON, 22 June — High ranking officials of ASEAN nations and ASEAN Secretariat today held a meeting on establishment of a free

trade area among ASEAN, Australia and Newzeland.

The meeting was held at Sedona Hotel here and they discussed rules

and regulations of tax, principles, trade and investment and cooperation in the free trade area. The meeting will continue tomorrow. — **MNA**

CEC member meets USDA members in Toungoo, Thantaung

YANGON, 22 June — CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min arrived at the USDA office in Toungoo on 18 June and met with Joint-Secretary of Bago Division (East) USDA U Nyi Nyi Myint and the secretary and members of Toungoo Township USDA and held discussions with them on regional development matters.

Next, the CEC member arrived at Thantaung Township USDA office and met with the chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council and the secretary



CEC member of USDA Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min meets USDA members. — RAILWAYS

and members of the township USDA and held discussions with them on rural develop-

ment tasks. The following day he met with local people and USDA members in Kanyoe Vil-

lage in Toungoo and held discussions with them on agriculture and rural development tasks. —MNA

LBVD issues reminder to restructure and restock bird flu-affected poultry farms

YANGON, 22 June — The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department today issued an announcement with regard to reconstructing and restocking of poultry farming in the areas where bird flu broke out.

In 13 townships of Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, H5N1 bird flu disease broke out from the second week of March to the end of first week in April 2006. Therefore, 0.342 million of chickens, 0.32 million of quail, 0.18 million eggs and 1.3 tons of feedstuff were destroyed at 545 poultry farms. Now, the disease had been under control since 8 April.

Two experts from FAO and veterinarians of LBVD tested sample of disease of chickens and ducks from the destroyed farms.

However, they did not find any virus of the disease. Though they took measures of regular diagnosis in Taikkyi, Hlegu, Hmawby, Insein and Mingala Taungnyunt, Thanlyin, Kayan and Thongwa Townships, any virus of bird flu was not found. At present, some experts are performing the test of samples of chickens and ducks in Bago, Thanatpin, Toungoo, DaikU and Pyay Townships. In addition, they have been taking measures of regular diagnosis at laboratories by collecting plasma of the poultry and wild birds from townships in Shan State (South) since 19 June.

Spraying pesticides in poultry farms has been conducted in 13 townships of Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions according to schedules since the occurrences of the bird flu.

Due to breaking out of bird flu, transport of

chickens and eggs was controlled during March and April. Local authorities, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Ministry of Health, Development Committees and Myanmar Fisheries Federation coordinated to open flow of commodities among States and Divisions beginning 1 May.

LBVD speeded up its capacity and capability of prevention against bird flu, in cooperation with FAO, OIE, WHO, UNICEF, JICA, AUSAID, ACIAR, USAID, and DLD of Thailand.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries will perform restocking and restructuring tasks such as surveillance of bird flu at poultry farms for three months, breeding of 50-100 chickens as sentinel bird at the farms, and construction of the saved bio-security poultry farm, allotment of the land for building chicken breeding zone outside Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, distribution of quality chicken pedigrees, supply of feedstuff, establishment of new network among the breeders, and talks on prevention against bird flu.

Staff of LBVD, Health Department and UNICEF will make field trips to townships of Shwebo District where bird flu broke out and townships of Patheingyi District where the bird flu did not break out and will disseminate knowledge on bird flu control functions to the local people.

The LBVD has issued a reminder to breeders that they need to systematically trade poultry farming products.

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Notice to Mariners

YANGON, 22 June — The PCM II Company in cooperation with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise will carry out the oil exploration at Block No M-16, M-17 and M-18 in offshore Taninthayi from 23 June to 31 October.

A notice to mariners has announced that no vessels small and large are allowed to pass and lie at anchor in the above-mentioned areas to avoid damages during the tasks. — MNA

The 1st ASEAN+China Health Ministers Meeting (23-6-2006)

Cash, kind donated in honour of 4th Conference of MWJA

YANGON, 22 June — Hailing the 4th Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Dawbon Township WJA donated 250 pieces of publication worth K 100,000, Tin Shwe Sarpay K 100,000, Mohnyin Township WJA K 20,000, Daw Swe Myint of Patheingyi K 15,000, U Bo Kyin (Dr Bo Thanmani) K 11,700, U Kyaw Swa-Daw San San Myint K 10,000, Writer Nay Aung Aung (Jain Phaw Myay) K 10,000, Writer (Aung Lan -Soe Pay) K 5,000 and Taikkyi Township WJA K 5,000.

Vice-Chairman of MWJA U Than Maung (Than Maung) and officials accepted the donation.

Cash or kind may be donated at Sarpay Beikman (first floor) at the corner of No 529 Merchant Street and 37th Street, Tel: 252417, 254173. — MNA



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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3rd July 2006

Winners in colour photo contest announced

YANGON, 22 June —The winners in the colour photo contest hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2006 was announced today.

Hlaing Than Tint (Shwe Pagyi) secured the first prize, Ko Oo the second and U Myint Thein the third. Works of Ko Oo, AK Moe (Zoology), Ko Kyaw Kyaw Win (MPS), Zaw Yan (Taunggyi), Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi), Ko Kyaw Kyaw Win (MPS) and Saw Thein Win (City News) won the consolation prizes.

The first, second and third prize winners will be awarded prizes at the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day to be organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation on 3 July. State and Division WAOs will presented consolation prizes to respective winners at the respective ceremonies.

The winners are to report to MWAF, 132, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, Tel: 01-511773 or Colour Photo Contest Organizing Committee, 22/24, Pansodan Street, Tel: 01-371340, not later than 30 June. — MNA

Winners in article contest announced

YANGON, 22 June —The winners in the article contest hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2006 was announced today.

Dr Cho Cho Tint (Ma Tint-Myanmar) won the first prize, Daw Nilar Myint (Nilar Myint) the second and Dr Kyaw Min Aung and Ma Saw Einda Thet Maung the joint third. Consolation prize winners were Daw Myat Myat Kyaw (Myat Myat Kyaw-Law), Daw Thin Thin Oo (Shein Mya Thin), Daw Su Khin Lay Oo (Su Khin Lay Oo), Daw Than Than Soe (Thwe Htar Nyo-Thakkala), Ma Zin Mar Htwe (Lay Thitsa-Magway), Daw Nan Saw Nyunt (Saw Nge Nge-Mohnyin), Daw Thida Swe (Khin Thida Swe) and Ma Thin Nu Swe (Thin Nu Swe).

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Educative talks on health held at Thakayta's school

YANGON, 22 June — Health Sub-working Group of the Social and Cultural Working Group under Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation yesterday organized the educative talks on health at No 2 Basic Education High School in Thakayta Township.

Dr Khin Mar Aye of the Heal Sub-working Group gave talks on the dengue fever and diarrhoea and personnel hygiene and the prevention against infectious diseases. — MNA

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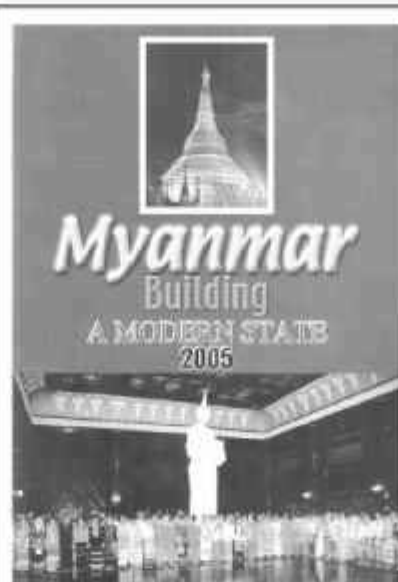
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Vietnam's pharmaceutical industry meets 39% of local demand

HANOI, 21 June— Vietnam's pharmaceutical industry meets only 39 per cent of the domestic demand for the products, mainly common ones, local newspaper *Youth* reported Tuesday.

The rest of the demand, especially those for special-use medicines, is met mainly by imports from South Korea, India, China, England, France and the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



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Singapore launches Intelligent Nation 2015 masterplan

SINGAPORE, 21 June— Singapore launched an infocomm masterplan called Intelligent Nation 2015 (iN2015) Tuesday, aiming to transform itself into an intelligent nation and a global city powered by infocomm.

Announcing the iN2015 masterplan at the opening of the annual Infocomm Media Business Exchange event, Singapore's Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts Lee Boon Yang unveiled

the country's infocomm strategies for the years ahead.

"The building of the next generation national infocomm infrastructure is the first key initiative under the iN2015 masterplan," Lee said, explaining that the infrastructure will comprise a wired network and a wireless network nation-wide to provide users with broadband connectivity anywhere, anytime and on any device.

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Australia updates

10-year arms spending plans

CANBERRA, 21 June— Australia has updated plans to spend more than 51 billion Australian dollars (38 billion US dollars) to build up its military in a move Defence Minister Brendan Nelson said on Tuesday would match defence capabilities with potential threats. The 10-year Defence Capability Plan, last updated in 2004, outlines spending on new ships, planes and weapons.

It is the first review since Australia last December updated its strategic outlook to focus more on threats from terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

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WORLD CUP FIXTURES

Friday, 23 June 2006

Saudi Arabia v Spain (20:30) MST

Ukraine v Tunisia (20:30) MST

Saturday, 24 June 2006

Togo v France (1:30) MST

Switzerland v South Korea (1:30) MST

Argentina, Dutch in Frankfurt stalemate

FRANKFURT, 22 June — Argentina and Netherlands cancelled each other out in a 0-0 draw in World Cup Group C on Wednesday.

Twice former champions Argentina finished top on goal difference and will meet Mexico in Leipzig in the second round on Saturday. The Dutch, who also collected seven points, face Portugal in Nuremberg the day after.

A tight, tactical battle only sprung to life on isolated occasions, mainly when Argentina threatened to score,



Argentina's Lionel Messi controls the ball against Netherlands' Andre Ooijer during the World Cup Group C soccer match between the Netherlands and Argentina in the World Cup stadium in Frankfurt, Germany, on Wednesday, 21 June, 2006. Other teams in Group C are Ivory Coast and Serbia and Montenegro. —INTERNET

having created the more chances.

After the two finalists from 1978 had weighed each other up for the opening quarter of an hour, the first shot on target came from the Dutch.

An error by right back Nicolas Burdisso let in winger Dirk Kuijt, who forced a leaping save from goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri with the unmarked Rafael van der Vaart screaming for a pass in the middle.

Minutes later Argentina strung together a long passing movement which ended with Carlos Tevez shooting narrowly wide of Edwin van der Sar's right-hand post.

The keeper, equalling the Dutch caps record of 112 held by Frank de Boer, had to act sharply to turn over Juan Roman Riquelme's inswinging corner.

Tevez then chased a low Riquelme free kick to the near post, forcing a quick intervention from defender Khalid Boulahrouz whose attempted clearance came back off the post.

With Argentina being forced back in the latter stages of the first half, Maxi Rodriguez had a shot from outside the box that shaved the diving van der Sar's right-hand post. Argentina's teenage winger Lionel Messi, in his first start in the finals, was restricted by close marking although he got in a shot in first-half stoppage time that went straight to van der Sar. —MNA/Reuters

Angola tie Iran 1-1

LEIPZIG, 22 June — World Cup debutants Angola were held a 1-1 tie with Iran in their last Group D match here on Wednesday. Thus, both teams were eliminated while Portugal and Mexico cruised into the last 16 from the group.

Despite the elimination, Angola, one of the weakest teams viewed by experts at the 2006 World Cup, stunned the world by earning a goalless tie with soccer giants Mexico after losing to powerhouse Portugal 1-0. They won respect from the fans around the world.

Iran also showed their great skills on the World Cup pitch, playing attacking football with Mexico and Portugal and even dominating the matches for quite some time. Despite the two losses, no one could look down upon such an Asian team.

In today's Angola-Iran clash, the two goals all came in the second half.

Angola had their goal in the 60th minute. A right-wing cross from Figueiredo found substitute Flavio alone at the far post, and Flavio placed his header beyond the reach of keeper Ebrahim Mirzapour.

This was the first goal scored by Angola in the 2006 World Cup in Germany. Flavio said in excitement at the mixed zone, "I am very very happy to score that goal."

"It is very difficult to score at World Cup and I made it," he added.

The substitute forward said that he was not a regular substitute before.

"That's nothing. I proved my value today and I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude towards my family who always support me," he said.

The Iranians got the equalizer in the 75th when defender Sohrab Bakhtiarzadeh headed home a corner.

Angola coach Luis Oliveira Goncalves said after the match that his players had made him proud despite bowing out of the World Cup.

And Goncalves said: "We were not intelligent enough to defend our 1-0 lead but I'm still proud of my players."

Angola would have hopes of advancement, though their fate was not entirely in their hands.

With a win, they would match Mexico on four points although they trailed Mexico by three on goal difference before today's duel. That means Angola would have to beat Iran and Mexico would have to lose to Portugal by a wide margin.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico lose last round robin match 2-1 to Portugal

GELSENKIRCHEN, 22 June — Mexico paid the price for doing silly things on pitch, losing their third and last round robin match 2-1 to World Cup Group D leaders Portugal in an out-of-style way here on Wednesday.

Luis Perez was sent off at 61 with a second yellow for diving, while a first-half handball by Rafa Marquez led to a penalty score which helped grant Portugal the

2-1 victory earlier in the clash.

It seemed as though La Volpe's side had been given their second penalty in four minutes after Perez was brought down in the Portuguese's box on the 61st minute, but the referee refused to give a penalty and booked the midfielder for diving instead.

Just four minutes earlier, the Mexicans missed their best chance of leveling the scores in the half as Perez forced Miguel into a needless handball right in the sight of the referee at 57. Omar Bravo came to the spot but his powerful strike flew high into the stands without ever looking likely to trouble Ricardo.

It is not the only time that Mexico had been turning down with silly commitments, with an in-box handball from skipper

Rafael Marquez handing the Portuguese a penalty in the first half.

Luis Figo's free-kick from 20 metres on the 22nd minute hit the wall before the ball went out for another corner, Marquez handballed it to concede a penalty, and Sabrosa Simao stepped up to confidently convert from the spot at 24.

Earlier in the half, Maniche had opened the scoring with a super strike for Portugal in just 6

minutes. The former Chelsea midfielder fed Simao on the left and followed up to collect the winger's square pass to fire into the top corner from 16 metres.

Mexico managed to pull back one goal five minutes later as Jose Fonseca, just being recalled to the starting line-up for Wednesday's match, scored at 29 a fine glancing header from a corner to punish some slack Portugal defending.

MNA/Xinhua



Maniche (18) of Portugal shoots and scores the first goal of the game past Mexican goalkeeper Oswaldo Sanchez. —INTERNET

Ivory Coast fight back to beat Serbs 3-2

MUNICH, 22 June — Ivory Coast fought back from two goals down to beat Serbia & Montenegro 3-2 and secure their first World Cup win in an entertaining and fiercely fought battle on Wednesday to avoid ending bottom of Group C.

Substitute Bonaventure Kalou struck the winner from the penalty spot after Serbia defender Milan Djuric handled the ball in the area for the second time, having given away a blatant first-half penalty that let Ivory Coast back into the match.

The theoretically meaningless game was played in continual rain, torrential at first, but there was nothing damp about the action on the pitch which was an exciting spectacle.

The crunching tackles and repeated



Serbia & Montenegro's Milan Djuric, right, and Ivory Coast's Aruna Dindane in a tackle for the ball during the Ivory Coast v Serbia & Montenegro Group C soccer match at the World Cup stadium, Munich, Germany, on 21 June, 2006. The match ended 3-2 for Ivory Coast. The other teams in Group C are Argentina and Netherlands. —INTERNET

yellow cards, seven in the first half alone, showed neither side wanted to end fourth in a group generally regarded as the toughest at this World Cup.

The result left Serbia & Montenegro, playing in their last match as one team after Montenegro's vote for independence, without a point. Both sides had already lost to Argentina and Netherlands and had no chance to qualify for the last 16.

The West Africans followed their now familiar pattern of letting in two early goals, before halving the advantage -- they lost 2-1 to Argentina and Netherlands -- showing they continue to suffer defensive lapses despite their efforts to solve them.

The Serbs, seeking self-respect after a 6-0 drubbing by Argentina in their last game, again had a man sent off as substitute stand-in left back Albert Nadj was shown a second yellow just before the break. Striker Mateja Kezman had received a red card against Argentina.

Serbia took the lead in the 10th minute when striker Nikola Zigic controlled a long ball from Dejan Stankovic, rounded the keeper and slotted home.

They doubled their advantage in the 19th minute when Sasa Ilc pounced on a fumbled clearance by Ivory Coast stand-in captain Cyrille Domoraud from a Predag Djordjevic cross. Only a minute earlier, the Ivorians missed a golden chance when Arune Dindane shot against the keeper from close range before Kanga Akale missed an easy rebound. Coach Henri Michel, in his last match in charge, had his head in his hands.

However, their pressure eventually paid off when Dindane tucked away a twice-taken penalty in the 36th minute following a needless handball by Djuric.

MNA/Reuters

Town near central Philippines declared under state of calamity

MANILA, 22 June — Local officials placed Irosin Town in Sorsogon Province, the central Philippines, under a state of calamity after a series of ash explosions from the active volcano Mount Bulusan, a TV report said here on Tuesday.

Everything in Irosin Town, a populated area near Mount Bulusan, is covered with a thick layer of ash spewed by the volcano, updating TV footage from the

ABS-CBN news channel showed.

The report said government troops have cordoned off the four-kilometre permanent danger zone around the active volcano to keep people out.

Residents living around the volcano have started building temporary shelters in anticipation of the major eruption, while trucks were ready for a massive evacuation.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian tail monkey man in search of healing powers

KOLKATA, 22 June — Thousands of people are flocking to an impoverished Indian village in eastern West Bengal state to worship a man they believe possesses divine powers because he climbs up trees in seconds, gobbles up bananas and has a "tail".

Devotees say 27-year-old villager Chandre Oraon is an incarnation of the Hindu monkey god Hanuman — worshipped by millions as a symbol of physical strength, perse-

verance and devotion.

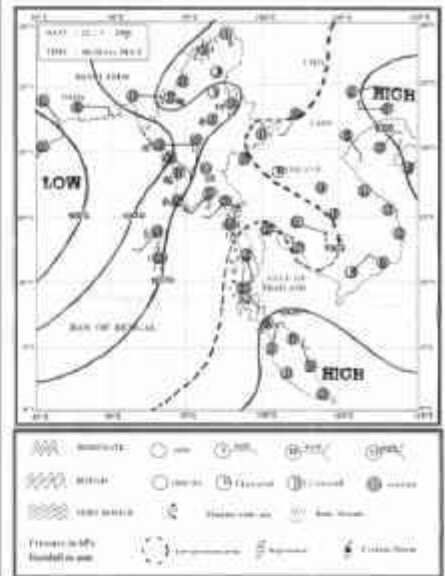
"He climbs up trees, behaves like a monkey and is a strict vegetarian, but he is no god and his condition is just a congenital defect," says Bhushan Chakraborty, the local medical officer.

Tucked away in a hamlet in Banarhat, over 650 kilometres (400 miles) north of Kolkata, the state capital, devotees wait for hours to see or touch Oraon's 13-inch (35-centimetre) tail, believing that it has healing powers.

Doctors said the "tail" — made up of some flesh but mostly of dark hair — was simply a rare physical attribute. "It is a congenital anomaly, but very rarely do we find such cases," B Ramana, a Kolkata-based surgeon, told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar atd fr?ighnfrtiitg Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 22 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thunder-showers have been scattered in Shan State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kanbalu (2.08) inches, Hpa-an (1.96) inches, PyiOoLwin (1.66) inches, Kalay (1.38) inches, Machanbaw (1.22) inches, Mawlamyine (1.10) inches, Myingyan and Katha (1.02) inches each, NyaungU, Pakokku and Kawthoung (0.94) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 21-6-2006 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 22-6-2006 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-6-2006 was (85%). Total sunshine hours on 21-6-2006 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 22-6-2006 were (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (22.52) inches at Mingaladon, (30.47) inches at Kaba-Aye and (35.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 21-6-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the north and east central Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea.

Forecast valid until evening of 23-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar Waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in Rakhine State.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Cast member actress

Kate Bosworth

smiles at the world

premiere of "Super-

man Returns" at the

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in Los Angeles on 21

June, 2006. The

movie opens in the

US on 28 June.

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Friday, 23 June
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

-Travelling band
...CCR

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:

-Tumbling Dice...Linda
Ronstadt

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:

-Wake me up
before you go...
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9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:

-Anyway you
want me...Bread

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40pm Lunch time music

-Love so right...
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9:00pm WOM

-Germany, Japan,
Spain, China

9:15 pm Article

9:25 pm Music at your request

-You've got a
friend... Jane
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-Without you...
Hamy Nelson

9:45 pm News & Slogan

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3. Morning news

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4. Nice and sweet song

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7. The mirror images of
the musical oldies

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8. **Ak'pccp**

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10. International news

8:45 am

11. English for Everyday
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1. Martial song

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2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit

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3. Musical programme

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Press conference on 8th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting held



The press conference on 8th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting, 2nd ASEAN+3 Health Ministers' Meeting, and 1st ASEAN+China Health Ministers' Meeting in progress. — MNA

YANGON, 22 June — A press conference on the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting, the Second ASEAN+Three Health Ministers' Meeting and the First ASEAN+China Health Ministers' Meeting hosted by Myanmar was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Health Ministers, Deputy Ministers and senior officials from ASEAN member countries, China, Japan and Republic of Korea, the Deputy Secretary-General and officials of the ASEAN Secretariat, officials from the Ministry of Information, the President of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and members.

In his address, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw

Myint said at the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting, participants from ASEAN member countries discussed to take cooperative measures in prevention and combating health emergency problems regarding new diseases occurring in ASEAN region. He added that they discussed international health rules and regulations, and trade and security measures which need to be carried out together with health care services, experiences and lessons gained from natural disasters and consolidation of ASEAN countries. He noted that at the 2nd ASEAN+3 Health Ministers' Meeting, the ministers held discussions on harmonious performances in combating infectious diseases including HIV/AIDS, enhancement of human resources of health

sector, wider health care services and improvement of traditional medicine and health and nutrition tasks.

The minister continued to say that at the First ASEAN+China Health Ministers' Meeting, the ministers discussed setting up for the ASEAN+China Public Health Fund and participation of China in ASEAN+3 EID programme. ASEAN member countries are taking part in the international health care services. The minister asserted that the participants of the meeting agreed to exchange experiences in traditional medicine between China and other countries.

The Health Ministers from ASEAN member countries, China, Japan and Korea and the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN replied to the queries raised by local and foreign journalists.

MNA

Minister for Mines visits Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2006

YANGON, 22 June — Patron of Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint this afternoon viewed sales of pearl lots through tender and competitive bidding system at the Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales 2006 at the hall of Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here.

Next, he cordially greeted local and foreign gem merchants who were observing jade lots displayed at the compound of Myanmar Convention Centre, and

left there.

A total of 250 lots of pearl were sold today through tender.

A total of 47 local gem merchants attended the special sales and purchased 213 pearl lots worth K 684,382,350.

Tomorrow, pearl and gem lots will be sold in euro to foreign merchants through tender and competitive bidding system. — MNA



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint cordially converses with local and foreign gem merchants. — MNA

Six quit ChaungU Township NLD as they lost interest in party and its functions

YANGON, 22 June — Youth in-charge U Myo Nyunt Aung (a) U Maung Oo and party member U Thant Naing of ChaungU Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division quit the party of own volition on 2 February and 6 March after sending letters of resignation to NLD headquarters and the local authorities.

In the letter they submitted to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said that as they lost interest in the NLD and had no more desire to serve the party they of own volition quit the party.

Member U Than Mya, treasurer U Chit Waing, member U Kyaw Sein (Kalagyi Village) and organizer U Than Mya of the township NLD had already quit the party of own volition. — MNA

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