

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Portuguese Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Anibal Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2008.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jose Socrates Carvalho Pinto De Sousa, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2008.— MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets USDA reconstruction volunteers to Ayeyawady Division



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects items that USDA members will bring along to storm-hit regions.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein met with members of State and Division Union Solidarity and Development Associations who are going to help in reconstruction of storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division at the meeting hall of the association on New University Avenue, Yangon, this afternoon.

In his meeting with members of State and Division USDAs, the Prime Minister said that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw managed to successfully undertake rescue works in the storm-hit regions of Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions in a short time. Continued rehabilitation tasks are being carried out.

The USDA was set up with the aims of protecting and safeguarding the interests of the people.

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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

USDA youth members to take part in tasks of reconstruction in villages of Labutta, Bogale Tsp

YANGON, 9 June — A team comprising 264 youth members of State/Division Union Solidarity and Development Associations will leave for Labutta and Bogale Townships on 10 June to take part in the tasks of sanitation, health and reconstruction.

The programme was arranged under the leadership of Youth Affairs Group of USDA and the tasks will be carried out in Hlaingphone, Pyinsalu, Sinchayyar and Saluseik villages in Labutta Township and Kyeingyaung and Setsan villages in Bogale Township.

In the time of fostering help and aid to the storm-hit regions, USDA Headquarters will see to the general expenses of the members and will furnish them with pots, plates, and food in addition to canvas tents enough for their accommodation.

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Cooperate with national spirit in speedy implementation of reconstruction tasks

The State will not only fulfil the basic needs of the storm victims such as food and temporary shelters but also provide permanent accommodation for them. Moreover, the storm victims of Kyunthaya Village at Kadonkani Relief Camp in Pyapon Township will have the chance to resettle in their own place as they have wished to.

Necessary equipment and technical help are also being provided for their village reconstruction and for resumption of their businesses like agriculture, fishery and salt industry.

With power tillers, paddy strains, fertilizers and fuel oil the State has provided, farmers are to strive to boost crop yields by operating their power tillers at full capacity and employing advanced agricultural methods.

Likewise, those engaging in fishery and salt industry are to try to rerun their businesses to return to normal with their fishing gear and accessories the State has provided.

Arrangements have been made for the students to pursue education at make-shift classrooms and they will be provided with exercise books and stationery. All those responsible with goodwill are to train the students to raise their morale so that they can learn their education healthily and peacefully.

As reconstruction tasks for the storm-stricken regions are so vast, the government is striving not only for the reconstruction but for their development by laying down plans on lists priorities.

In doing so, the people, wellwishers and national entrepreneurs are to cooperate with national spirit in the drive so as to complete the reconstruction works in a short time.

Kachin State donates over K 690 million

YANGON, 9 June—Departments, social organizations, Tatmadaw families and wellwishers at districts and townships in Kachin State donated K 695,224,610 to Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Sub-committee in Yangon for the second time today.

Kachin State has already donated a total of K 1,702,129,610 including cash and supplies up to 9 June.—MNA

People's Desire

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



Writers, journalists and artistes distribute relief aids to storm victims in the village of Natsingon in Kawhmu Township. — MNA

Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Luis Amado, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2008.— MNA

Private media donate cash and kind to storm victims in Kawhmu, Twantay townships

YANGON, 8 June—Under the leadership of the Ministry of Information and under the supervision of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, publishers of private media this afternoon donated cash and relief items to the storm victims of Kawhmu and Twantay townships.

First, MWJA Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Takkatho Tin Kha) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo and CEC members, chief editors of private journals and magazines and artistes arrived at the office of Kawhmu Township Administrative Department where Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Myint Swe explained relief and reconstruction works.

Next, MWJA Vice-Chairman-1 U Tin Kha and Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo explained matters related to the donation. Then they presented K 500,000 and stationery to the township PDC chairman.

The MWJA group proceeded to the basic education schools in Natsingon and Painhnegon villages in Kawhmu Township and Phayagyi and Kyaikkale villages in Twantay Township. CEC members U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and U Kyaw Win (Manoktha Kyaw Win) cordially greeted the students and the local people and donated exercise books and stationery. The writer-cum-

doctors gave free medical treatment to the locals and artistes personally donated food gifts and household items to the storm victims.

The private media group donated relief supplies and medicines worth K 8.5 million and K 0.5 million in cash to four storm-affected villages in Kawhmu and Twantay townships. In addition, the group will set up a fund of K 5 million for the affected areas in Yangon Division through Yangon Division PDC. The donations totaled K 14 million including cash and kind.

Today's donations were K 750,000 and relief items worth K 450,000 by MWJA; relief items worth K 1200000 by Kyaw Nyunt Ye Sarpay; relief items worth K 1200000 by Sweson Media Group; relief items worth K 1000000 by Myanmar Times; relief items worth K

850,000 by Yangon Media Group; relief items worth K 2 million by Snap Shot Journal; K 500,000 by Weekly Eleven Journal; K 500,000 each by Popular; Rati and Angel media groups; K 500,000 by Kyaunghankaung Sarpay; K 100,000 and relief items worth K 300,000 by palmist Dr San Tin Aung (Shwebo); K 300,000 each by 90:00 Minutes Journal, Health Digest Journal and 7 Day News Journal; K 261,000 by Press Scrutiny and Registration; K 200,000 each by Shwe Parami Sarpay, Action Times Journal, Connect Journal and Shwesin Printing House, K 150,000 by Aung Myin Sarpay; K 109,000 by Shwehti Printing House; K 100,000 each by other journals and book shops such as Today, Nanatkhin, Seikku Cho Cho, Modern, Opportunities, Quality, Crown, Natkhata, Innwa,

Ever Win Media, 24/7 News, In-er, Cetana, Soe Moe, Wunna Tun, Shwethamin, Pyinnya Shwetaung, Putat, Ayawin and Seinnaga; clothes worth K 100,000 by Nyeinchanyay Billboard; household items worth K 100,000 by Current News Magazine; household items worth K 70,000 by Football Planet; K 50,000 each by Forever, Marketing and Reporter Journals and Pandaing Sarpay and Thein Min Sarpay; K 30,000 each by Grand, Shesaung and Po Pyae printing houses; K 20,000 by Thazin Printing House and Shwe Pon Printing House and K 10,000 by Takkatho Sein Tin (Seint Education); and medicines and medical equipment worth K 700,000 by Dr Moe Nyan Kyaw of Bumrungrad International Hospital based in Thailand.

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Writers, journalists and artistes donate relief aids to storm victims in the village of Phayagyi in Twantay Township. — MNA



A car is buried in debris after an earthquake in Kato Achaia, about 240km west of Athens on 8 June, 2008. —XINHUA

Greek quake kills two people, injures 125

KATO ACHAIA, (GREECE), 9 June—An earthquake struck southern Greece on Sunday, killing two villagers, injuring 125 people and damaging dozens of homes, authorities said. Panicked residents ran into the streets and some jumped from balconies when the quake, measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale, struck at 1525 local time (1225 GMT), 54 km (33 miles) south of the western port

city of Patras.

The village of Kato Achaia near the epicenter appeared to be hardest hit by the tremor, which was felt as far away as Italy.

One man was found dead under a collapsed wall and an 80-year-old woman from a nearby village died in hospital of a heart attack after being injured.

A Reuters witness said about half a dozen old houses at the entrance of

the village had collapsed and one church had visible damage.

Aftershocks were continuing, with many residents in the region set to spend the night outdoors and in cars, too scared to return to their residences.

“Everyone is out, sitting in the village squares, while firefighters and emergency services are everywhere,” said Reuters photographer Yiorgos Karahalidis.—Internet

Two quakes hit Southern California

LOS ANGELES, 9 June—A pair of small earthquakes rattled the Imperial Valley and eastern San Diego County in Southern California on Sunday, but there was no immediate reports of casualties or damage, according to local media reports.

Automated seismographs placed the epicenter of the quakes at a jiggling section of desert about 128 kilometers southeast of downtown San Diego, and 64 kilometers southwest of Mexicali, both bordering the Mexican border.—Internet

Severe weather kills eight; water rises in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, 9 June—Wicked weekend storms pounded the country from the Midwest to the East Coast, forcing hundreds of people to flee flooded communities, spawning tornadoes that tore up houses and killing at least eight people.

Rescuers in boats continued to pluck people from rising waters in Indiana on Sunday, a day after more than 10 inches of rain deluged much of the state.

In Iowa, pumps and thousands of sandbags were sent to the Iowa City area, where officials fear a reservoir could top a spillway and flood the city of about 63,000 by Tuesday.

Internet

UK loses 100th soldier in Afghanistan since 2001



KABUL, 9 June— Three British soldiers were killed in a suicide attack in the south of Afghanistan, the British defence ministry has said.

This incident brings the death toll of British soldiers in Afghanistan to 100 since the 2001 invasion.

The trio who were killed were on a routine foot patrol about one kilometre (0.6 miles) west of their base in the restive Helmand Province, when they suffered a “suicide explosive device”. Their deaths raised the overall number of fatalities among British troops since the 2001 US-led invasion to 100.

A fourth soldier was also wounded in the attack, which occurred at about 11:00 am (0630 GMT) on Sunday. Britain has about 7,800 soldiers stationed in Afghanistan, most of whom are in Helmand, where the Taliban have been waging a bloody insurgency since being ousted from power after the 2001 invasion.—Internet

Gasoline rises above \$4 a gallon for first time

LOS ANGELES, 9 June—The US average price for a gallon of regular gasoline topped \$4 for the first time, a survey issued on Sunday by the travel group AAA showed. AAA’s survey showed a national average price of \$4.005 per gallon, up from \$3.67 a month ago and \$3.10 a year ago. Average national gasoline prices had stabilized last week before Thursday and Friday’s spike of US crude oil futures by \$16 to a record above \$139 a barrel. Friday’s one-day gain of \$10.75 for crude oil was the biggest daily gain in history, and Thursday’s gain was the second biggest.—Internet

Iraq suicide bomber kills US soldier, wounds 18

BAGHDAD, 9 June—A vehicle driven by a suicide bomber blew up near a patrol base in Iraq on Sunday, killing one US soldier and wounding 18 others, US forces said. Two Iraqi contractors were also wounded in the attack in Kirkuk province, about 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, the US military said in a statement.

The casualties were taken to a military hospital, it said. Iraqi police and medical sources said five civilians were wounded in the attack, which they said was by a suicide truck bomb against a joint Iraqi and US base at al-Rashad, 25 km (15 miles) southwest of the city of Kirkuk.—Internet

Astronauts end final spacewalk of shuttle mission

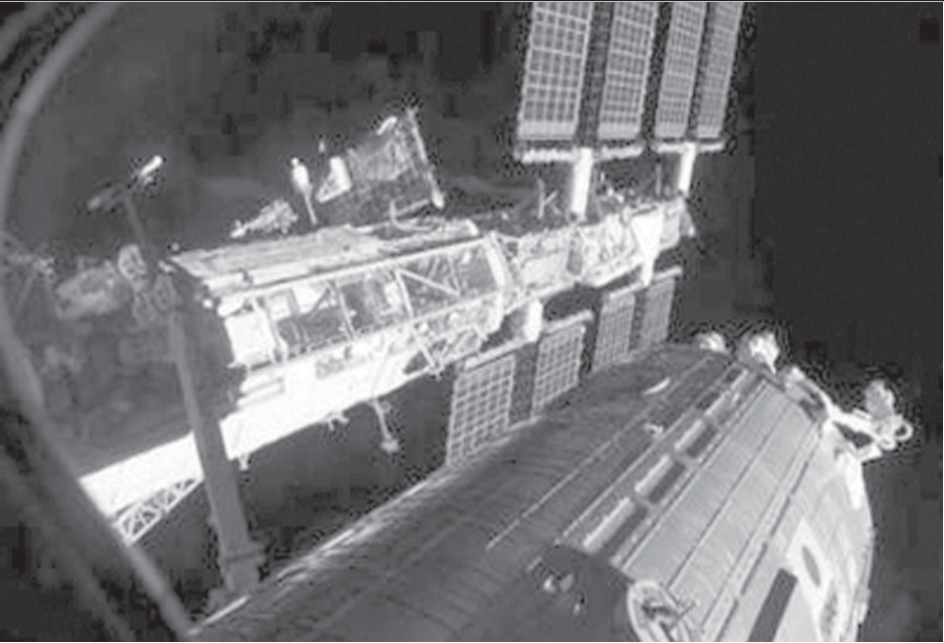
HOUSTON, 9 June—Spacewalking astronauts from US shuttle Discovery finished outfitting Japan’s newly arrived Kibo research laboratory and carried out other tasks during 6 1/2 hours of work outside the International Space Station on Sunday.

Astronauts Michael Fossum and Ronald Garan also did preventive maintenance on the station’s air conditioner, which NASA wants in the best shape possible before the shuttle fleet’s retirement in 2010.

Sunday’s work was the latest in an ambitious schedule to complete construction of the \$100 billion station over the next two years. Nine more shuttle flights to the station are planned by the US space agency, along with a single flight to upgrade the Hubble Space Telescope. Soaring 210 miles over Earth, Fossum and Garan floated back inside and closed the station’s airlock by 4:28 pm EDT (2028 GMT). Their main job was to replace a 550-pound (249-kg) tank of nitrogen

used to pressurize the outpost’s ammonia cooling system. Riding on the station’s 58-foot (18-metre) Canadian-built robot arm, Garan removed the old tank and picked up the new tank from a storage platform on the other side of the outpost. “Enjoy the ride,” said Karen Nyberg, who operated the crane from inside the station’s Destiny laboratory. She maneuvered the robot arm after remarking earlier Garan would be riding “on top of the world.”

Internet



The Japanese Experiment Module, or JEM, also called Kibo, is seen in its new home on the International Space Station in this photo released by NASA on 7 June, 2008. This view depicts Kibo’s exterior, backdropped by solar array panels for the orbital outpost and one of its trusses.—INTERNET



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (R) speaks with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki during a meeting in Tehran on 9 June, 2008.

INTERNET

Iranian leader says US military is Iraq's top problem

TEHRAN, 9 June— Iran's supreme leader told the visiting Iraqi prime minister Monday that the US military presence is the main cause of Iraq's problems, according to Iranian state television, making clear his opposition to a US-Iraqi security pact.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's talks with Iranian leaders during his three-day visit here have focused on the proposed security agreement that Iran fears will keep the American military in neighboring Iraq for years.

Iran, which has repeatedly said the way to end instability in Iraq is for US forces to withdraw, believes the proposed pact could lead to permanent US bases on its doorstep amid fears of an eventual

American attack.

"Occupiers who interfere in Iraq's affairs through their military and security might ... are the main problems," Iran's state television quoted Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as saying on Monday.

Khamenei said Iraqis have to "think of a solution to free" themselves from the U.S. military. Though he did not explicitly mention the security agreement, he said Iraqis — not Americans — must decide the fate of their country. "We are certain that the Iraqi people, through unity and effort, will get past these difficult conditions. For sure, America's dream for Iraq will not come true," Khamenei was quoted as telling al-Maliki.—Internet

IAEA chief warns against attacks on nuclear plants

BERLIN, 9 June— Threats to attack nuclear plants on suspicion they would one day make bombs could undermine the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the chief of the UN nuclear watchdog said.

"Unilateral military action undermines the international treaty framework. We're standing at an historic turning point," Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, told Der Spiegel magazine.

A senior Israeli official said on Friday an attack

on Iran looked "unavoidable" because UN sanctions seemed unable to prevent Teheran developing nuclear technology with bomb-making potential.

ElBaradei said a growing threat to peace was coming from proliferation and an increasing readiness to consider military action against

nuclear targets regarded as suspicious.

Israel and the United States have not ruled out a last resort attack on Iran to smash its atomic programme, something critics including ElBaradei say could ignite the Middle East. The Israeli official's warning was the most explicit yet.

MNA/Reuters

Participants compete during a kite surfing competition in Aruba on 7 June, 2008. The extreme sport of kite surfing involves massive wind-powered kites propelling a surfer on a small board.—INTERNET



Ukrainian coal miners found

YENAKIYEVO, 9 June— Twenty-three miners have been found alive in a Ukrainian coal mine more than 24 hours after they were trapped deep underground by a huge explosion.

Two hundred rescuers are searching through the dust and rubble while flood waters inside the mine continue to rise because water pumps were damaged by the blast.

Around a dozen miners are still missing.

The mine was closed on Saturday due to safety breaches and only a skeleton staff was working at the time of the blast, according to the emergency situations ministry.

But some miners told Ukraine's Kanal 5 television that work continued as usual into Sunday morning in spite of the closure.

Work had been suspended at 20 mines in the region following an explosion on 23 May that killed 11 people.

In November last year, a gas explosion at the Zasiadko mine in Donetsk killed 101 miners — the worst accident of its kind in the former Soviet republic.

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German SPD leader breaks with Customs, backs Obama

BERLIN, 9 June — The leader of Germany's Social Democrats (SPD) and the centre-left party's putative chancellor candidate broke with German political Custom on Saturday and said he hoped the United States elects Barack Obama in November.

SPD chairman Kurt

Beck said the whole world would be better off with a President Obama instead of another Republican administration.

By endorsing the Democrats, Beck broke a tacit rule to refrain from any intervention in foreign elections.

"I'd like to say very openly that I really do hope that he wins," Beck told

journalists after a speech in the eastern town of Erfurt.

"It would be good for the whole world if there is an America that doesn't close itself off to the environmental challenges we face, an America that doesn't veto social and ecological programmes or does not support them.

MNA/Reuters

Chavez mocks critics with 'atomic bicycle'

CARACAS, 9 June — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is mocking critics who question his close relationship with Iran by showing off what he calls an "atomic bicycle."

The bicycles are produced in Venezuela under a joint venture with an Iranian company.

Chavez rode one of the bikes during his Sunday TV program and joked about what he called the bicycle's "radioactivity" and offered one to US President George W Bush.

Chavez says there is no cause for concern and says the new bicycle factory will eventually be able to manufacture 100,000 bikes a year.—Internet



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez drives a bike during his weekly television programme in Santa Ana de Coro, Venezuela, on 8 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Security breaches continue in Beirut

BEIRUT, 9 June—Security breaches and tension continued between al-Mustaqbal Movement supporters from the one hand and Hizbollah and AMAL Movement partisans from the other, local Naharnet news website reported on Friday.

Residents from Beirut's predominantly-Sunni Tariq Jedideh neighbourhood and nearby Qasqas took to the streets late Thursday, burning

rubber tires and blocking roads, said the report.

It added that these activities were against the backdrop of an attack targeting Beirut citizen Imad Zaghloul who lays in critical condition in the hospital after being shot and wounded earlier this week.

Local Press said that Imad Zaghloul, supporter of Future movement, was shot by armed men in Parliament police uni-

forms.

Also on Thursday evening, unknown assailants shot and wounded a florist shop owner in the mountainous town of Bshamoun, southeast of Beirut, said the report.

Similar breaches were reported in west Beirut districts of Ras al-Nabaa and Sabra.

Assailants also tossed stones at civilian cars in Qasqas and nearby Barbir, it added. —Xinhua



Photo taken on 7 June, 2008 shows the beautiful scenery of Mountain Table under white cloud like velour table cloth, in Cape Town, South Africa, on 7 June, 2008. With a height of 1,067 metres above sea level, Mountain Table is a flat-topped mountain forming a prominent landmark overlooking the city of Cape Town.—XINHUA

French urges offensive against English domination

PARIS, 9 June—Besieged by English and threatened with domination from the Anglo-Saxon culture, France is not doing enough to promote its language and the much touted Francophonie is in a deep crisis, French experts have said, urging the government to "increase efforts".

The damning revelation is contained in a new report that was submitted to the French Government earlier this week, calling for the launch of a large-scale offensive to promote and demystify the language.

"The Francophonie is very little known. There is a general lack of visibility in France because we do not believe in the Francophonie and the country has failed to

promote its language," Herve Bourges said Wednesday while submitting the report to France's Secretary of State for Cooperation and Francophony Alain Joyandet.

"In France itself, the concept of Francophonie

appears retrogressive, obsolete and unheard especially among the younger generations," said Bourges, one of the authors of the report that was commissioned by the government.

Xinhua



Performers present traditional drum dance during the 7th Folk Culture Festival of the Korean Ethnic Group, opened Sunday at Beishan Park in Jilin city, northeast China's Jilin Province, on 8 June, 2008. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

UNSG receives letter requesting probe into Bhutto killing

UNITED NATIONS, 9 June—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has received a letter from the Pakistani Government asking the world body to investigate the assassi-

nation of the country's former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, a UN spokesperson said Friday.

The letter from Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood was formally handed over to the UN chief on Friday morning when he met with

the South Asian country's UN ambassador, UN spokesperson Michele Montas said.

"The Secretary-General received the letter. Indeed, I can confirm that," Montas told reporters.

Xinhua

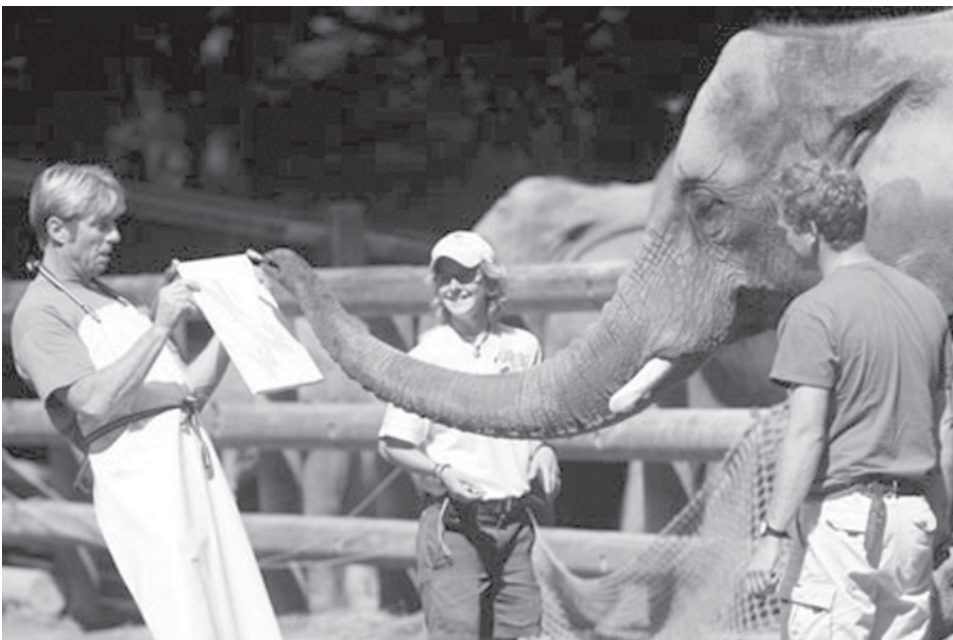
Five missing European divers found in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 9 June — Five European divers missing for two days were found off remote islands off the West Nusa Tenggara archipelago, Indonesia, by local fishermen, police said on Saturday.

A police official of the Manggarai Barat District said, fishermen who joined the search after the divers went missing late Thursday finally found them drifting in waters south off the tiny island of Rinca.

It is said the divers were apparently swept away by strong current when diving, and at least one of them was dehydrated but they are all safe without life danger when rescued.

Xinhua



Zoo keepers watch African elephant "Sweni", as she paints a picture during a presentation for photographers at Wuppertal zoo on 6 June, 2008. —XINHUA

Israel, Shanghai building database for refugees in WWII

SHANGHAI, 9 June — The Israeli consulate in Shanghai and Shanghai's Hongkou District, a place where many Jewish refugees dwelled in World War II, are building a database of basic information on those refugees.

This is a first ever efforts to collect information, including name, gender, birthplace, career, biography, whereabouts and contact of the former refugees in Shanghai, a

Hongkou District official said. Historical records showed more than 30,000 Jewish people from Europe stayed in a Shanghai enclave from 1933 to 1941, fleeing the Nazi persecution. After the United States declared a war to Japan in December 1941, more than 25,000 Jewish refugees remained in Shanghai.

Thousands of Jewish runaways gained visa from a Chinese consul general based in Vienna,

history said.

Chen Jian, curator of a Jewish history museum in Shanghai, said both Jewish and Chinese communities and historians hoped to find whereabouts of those refugees.

Chen said traces for tracking those temporary Shanghai residents would be from the Shanghai Archives, the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, foreign archives and global Jewish organizations. —Xinhua

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets...

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In such a situation of encountering the natural disaster, members of USDAs in cooperation with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to help solve the problems the people have faced. As the project sites of Ayeyawady Division are located in coastal areas, members of USDAs may encounter some difficulties during their travel and others. It is known that the USDA Headquarters has already fulfilled all the needs of the members who are going there. The members are to help the storm victims with basic needs such as accommodation, food and health out of goodwill. The community welfare is the foundation of social sector. The members are to



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meeting with members of State/Division USDAs to participate in reconstruction task.—MNA

make all-out efforts to undertake welfare of the community in accord with the basic principles of the association.

The meeting was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla

Htay Win, Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min, Secretaries U Aung Thaung and U Thein Zaw, CEC Members, Ministers, officials concerned of the SPDC Office and USDA Headquarters and members of State and Division USDAs.

Next, the Prime Minister cordially greeted members of USDAs. Af-

terwards, officials concerned explained the items the members will bring along to the storm-hit regions to the Prime Minister.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister inspected the sample of a tent at which the members can temporarily camp in the storm-hit regions and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Items to be taken to storm-hit regions by the USDA members. —MNA



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Minister gives instructions on rehabilitation tasks in Kungyangon

YANGON, 9 June — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with members of the rehabilitation committee, sub-committee and officials concerned in Kungyangon on 7 June and gave instructions on rehabilitation tasks in the town.

Deputy Minister

for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay also attended the meeting. After the meeting, the minister and party visited Myoma Market in Kungyangon and briefed vendors and owners of shops of the market on renovation tasks of the market.

The minister inspected removal of

fallen trees and debris on the entrance to the town by volunteers including Tatmadawmen and members of Myanmar Police Force the next day. Afterwards, the minister viewed the ploughing in Kamapar Village in the township with the use of power-tillers and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspecting cleaning of debris and rubbish in Kungyangon.—ENERGY

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects construction of runway of Kengtung Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by officials of SPDC Office and heads of departments arrived in Kengtung by air yesterday.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, senior military officers, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

At the briefing hall of the airport, Shan State



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win looks into construction of runway of Kengtung Airport. — MNA

Superintending Engineer U Thaung Htay and senior engineer U Thein Zaw reported on extension of the 4,700 feet long runway

to 8,000 feet one, cooperation with special groups 1 and 3 and Thawda Win Construction Group and

progress of work.

The commander gave a supplementary report and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on filling

of earth in the low ground.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected extension of the runway which is 150 feet wide and can withstand

62 tons of loads. The total cost of the construction of the runway is K 4,039.009 million.

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Industrial zones management committee holds coord meeting



Lt-Gen Myint Swe addressing Industrial zones management committee meeting. — MNA

YANGON, 9 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the work coordination meeting organized by Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command in Konmyinthar, here this afternoon and delivered an address.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech saying that there were a lot of losses and damages caused by the storm. However, much success has been achieved in the drive to turn the condition into normal as soon as possible due to all-out efforts made by the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. In the drive for carrying out rehabilitation and reconstruction, he thanked

entrepreneurs and companies for contributing much towards the speedy measures for regenerating of businesses. Factories are to boost their production of

construction materials to assist the reconstruction work, he said. Officials concerned are to coordinate each other to fulfill the requirements of the entrepreneurs. Private

entrepreneurs on their part are to make more efforts to improve their production for the development of industrial sector.

Next, Chairman of

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on efforts being

made and assistance provided for the development of the industrial sector in Yangon Division.

Afterwards, chairmen of the industrial zones management committee, officials and entrepreneurs briefed on sector-wise measures and requirements. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin fulfilled the needs.

It was also attended by heads of departments, chairmen of Yangon Division industrial zones management committees, secretaries and members, entrepreneurs and guests.

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Post-Nargis Joint Assessment teams to make field trips to storm-affected areas

YANGON, 9 June — Under the cooperation of the Myanmar Government, ASEAN and the UN, a ceremony to send off PONJA teams (Post Nargis Joint Assessment) to undertake field assessments in the Ayeyawady Delta and Yangon Division for the rescue and resettlement works took place at the Grand Ballroom of the Chatrium Hotel here this

afternoon.

The Tripartite Core Group (TCG) chaired by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and members attended the ceremony.

The PONJA teams comprising the VTA teams (Village Tract Assessment) and the DaLA teams (Damage and Loss Assessment) will start assessment for the 30

selected townships including 11 in the Ayeyawady Delta and 19 in Yangon Division. The assessment that lasts 10 days will be carried out by six separate groups and will be compiled as a report.

The sending off ceremony for the PONJA teams was also attended by the Ambassador of Singapore and TCG members.—MNA



A man carrying relief supplies in a storm-hit region. —MNA

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Kyaw Ye Min



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects fishing gear for storm victim fishermen.

(Continued from yesterday)

On 3 June, 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 and party left Patheingyi for Oktwin Village in Ngapudaw Township by helicopter and inspected the damages to the storm-hit village and surrounding villages and reconstruction work in the region by helicopter. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted the storm victims of Oktwin, Phonedawpyi and Theyoung Villages at the relief camp at Oktwin. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party went to Hainggyikyun in Ngapudaw Township where Commodore Myo Myint Than of the local station reported on damages in Ngapudaw and Hainggyikyun Townships, rehabilitation tasks, measures to be taken and requirements. On hearing the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said reconstruction works have to be carried out. He spoke of the need to make efforts for making more progress than before, to make arrangements without decreasing the previous

sown acreage through mechanized farming, to provide types of fishing gear and boats usually used in the region and to undertake the tasks for food and accommodation and improvement of economic enterprises.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party proceeded to Pyinsalu by helicopter. They inspected opening of department offices in the temporary tents and greeted the service personnel. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected accommodation of the storm victims in the temporary tents and comforted the victims. He said the storm victims are our own people and the government will fulfill their requirements for rehabilitation tasks and raising their living standard. His words encouraged and refreshed the local people.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party went to Third Mile camp in Labutta Township and greeted the Japanese medical team. He then inspected fishing gear provided by Myanmar Fisheries Federation and the entrepreneurs for the fishermen. They left for Labutta. Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut reported on requirements for relief and rehabilitation tasks. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions on

arrangements for reconstruction of the storm-hit areas. He proceeded to Township People's Hospital and inspected roofing and repair of the hospital. He also visited the patients. They arrived back in Patheingyi in the afternoon.

In the evening, a meeting on rehabilitation of the areas in Ngapudaw and Labutta Townships was held at Mya E-ya Hall in Patheingyi. At the meeting Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave guidelines. He said in reconstructing the storm-hit regions, it was necessary to render assistance to change conventional farming to mechanized one, which is one of the objectives of the State in agriculture sector. He stressed the need to grow the crops on the full sown acreage and to make the plans for increasing per acre yield in the fertile regions. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe had given guidance that arrangements are to be made for ensuring sufficiency of the staple food such as rice, edible oil and salt in the respective regions and for ensuring some regions to become the basic food producing regions of the State. As the all-round arrangements had been made for the long-term in accord with the guidance, the regions facing the emergency had

been able to overcome the anxiety. Regarding the agriculture sector, total acreage of summer and monsoon paddy reached 19.99 million acres nationwide last year including 4.95 million acres in Ayeyawady Division. The number of acres destroyed by the storm in the Ayeyawady Division was just 0.18 million. It is equivalent to 0.009 per cent of the cultivation acreage of the whole country and 0.36 per cent of the cultivation acreage of Ayeyawady Division. He said he believes that if the government fulfills the requirements and local people make efforts for cultivation of paddy, the acreage in the division will

reach nearly the previous level. Therefore, there is no need to worry about the food in the division and efforts should be focused on provision of equipment such as power tillers, fertilizers, fuel, powered boats and fishing nets which are important for rehabilitation of the storm-hit regions.

The life of sons and daughters will be peaceful and beautiful due to the goodwill and correct deeds of good parents for the good of their offspring in the future.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived in Yangon from Patheingyi by helicopter on 4 June. They went to Kungyangon by car. At the relief camp control office there, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on reconstruction and development tasks of Kungyangon. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions. They toured the township in a motorcade and went to Dedaye Township. At the meeting hall of Township Peace and Development Council Office, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on reconstruction and development tasks of Dedaye. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye then gave necessary instructions.

They toured the township in a motorcade and went to Township People's Hospital where Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted the patients, doctors and

nurses. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived back in Yangon in the afternoon.

In the evening, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye discussed rehabilitation of regions in Kungyangon and Dedaye Townships at the meeting held at Yangon Command.

He said in reconstruction of towns and villages it is necessary to build hospitals that can provide better health care and to construct offices and schools with strong foundation. He also said that it is required to take preparedness and preventive measures against natural disasters by constructing stronger combined offices, schools and other government buildings with high level of foundation and by building roads leading to the coastal regions and by rebuilding 25 feet to 30 feet high roads. Concerted efforts are to be made for focusing on more development of the storm-hit regions, uplift of the social economic status of the local people to shape the brighter future of the State in accord with the expression, replacing earth bricks with the stone ones. The exhortations of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye are precise work guidelines for successful implementation of the tasks in practical field.

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Storm victims accepting relief supplies with pleasure.

We have to replace earth bricks with stone ones (2)

Kyaw Ye Min

(from page 8)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye himself comforted storm victims and fulfilled their requirements in his trips to the storm-affected areas, thereby shaping the better future of the regions and local people. Without any doubt, those regions and local residents will enjoy better living conditions with development in the near future. Not only that, he also gave instructions and encouraged those responsible in a bid to pursue the objective "We must replace earth bricks with stone ones" to improve the living conditions and the socio-economic life of the storm-hit areas. In compliance with the instructions of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, national entrepreneurs have been assigned duties to build temporary huts, and the government will provide construction materials such as timber, corrugated iron sheets and nails for them. In the process, the entrepreneurs will have to pay 3 per cent as taxes and enjoy 7 per cent as profits.

The government has granted permission to import CI sheets through the six-month tax exemption pattern to reconstruct private-owned buildings. The exporters in return will have to make a profit margin of only 10 per cent in distributing the imported CI sheets to the

storm victims. And they will have to complete the reconstruction of schools, hospitals, government offices and religious buildings in one month and to upgrade them to better ones in six months. So, the areas will be able to enjoy development at an unprecedented level by then. Concerning the agriculture sector, plans are under way to meet the sown acreage prior to the natural disaster. In order to achieve the target, various brands of power-tillers will be provided, agricultural loans will be disbursed and paddy seeds for cultivation and fertilizers will be distributed on credit. The Ministry of Energy will provide sufficient amount of fuel oil, and will take measures to replace fuel-oil engines with bio-fuel ones in the long run. Moreover, interested local people will be granted permission to cultivate crops as tenant farmers in the ownerless farmlands.

Exemptions will also be granted to import suitable brands of fishing nets with the funds to be rendered by the government, and trawlers, fishing boats and fishing gear will be distributed to the victim fishermen on credit. Those who have received assistance from the government to run agriculture and fishery will have to pay 10 per cent when their businesses return to normal. It is because the government will render the collected



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets storm victims in Oktwin village, Ngapudaw Township.

funds in a proper time, not because they will have to settle the debts. The storm victims will continue to be provided with food supplies for some time till their businesses return to normal. So, the programmes reflect the government's goodwill towards the people.

In compliance with the instructions of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, a 200-bed hospital is under construction in Pyapon District. Like the layout of the hospital in Nay Pyi Taw, each hospital will be a one-storey building with at least six operation theatres with higher plinth level. Along with the constructions basic education schools will be furnished. It has been allowed to postpone the

school reopening day for one month, but measures will have to be taken to reopen the schools as soon as possible. Before completion of the construction of schools, hospitals and clinics, temporary tents and buildings are being used.

Setsan town will be reconstructed by demarcating the land into plots. Labutta will be shifted to a suitable place. Schools, offices and hospitals will be built in the new town. A training centre will be built for the orphanage near the high school. Those who want to live in original places will be granted permission to do so there. The government will allocate plots for those victims to resettle with the government funds and those who want to move to the new town. Schools, hospitals and offices will be built substantially in Hlinephone, Pyinsalu and Setsan within an about 40-foot-high embankment for the people to take shelter in case there would be floods in future.

In the storm-hit areas in Yangon Division, reasonable houses will be built for those victims who have difficulties with having own houses, and they will be provided with rice systematically for a certain period in moving to the home places from the

relief camps. The uprooted trees will be removed within one month on the roads and streets in Yangon. In that regard, the fallen trees in schools, hospitals, government offices, public areas, and religious sites will be cleared away as the first priority. Large trunks and branches of the downed trees will be sawn into timber and the bases of the trees carved into handicrafts with tax exemptions.

During the catastrophe, the majority of large trees in the storm-affected areas were uprooted, thus blocking the roads and streets, destroying the cable wires and phone lines, and damaging buildings. Taking lessons from those events, trees such as star flower, seinban (gold mohur), mahogany, pyinma (lagerstroemia speciosa), tamarind, and Yaytamar (cedrela febrifuga) will be grown instead of large-grown trees with momentum this tree-growing season.

During the trip, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye made a tour of two townships a day, and went to the far-flung areas. In the afternoon and evening, he held meetings to assess the relief and resettlement tasks in the two townships and gave instructions on the tasks. He had lunch at

about 2 pm or 2.30 pm, indicating how much he was dedicating himself to the tasks in the interests of the nation and the people. Due to his loving-kindness, goodwill and attachments, local people in the storm-affected areas will be in a position to enjoy better social-economic life with regional development. The trip will be put on record as one that reflects Vice-Senior General Maung Aye's goodwill and loving-kindness for the storm-hit areas and local populace.

Overall, the trip of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye will bring great benefits to the areas. If efforts are made to systematically materialize the reconstruction tasks, development undertakings, works for improving the living conditions of locals, and natural disaster preparedness measures in accordance with the instructions of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, the storm-hit areas and the dwellers will enjoy a significant development in the near future. And if the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will continue to work hard in harness, the earth bricks can be replaced with stone ones.

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The seawater in the lake in Sukalat village-tract, Dedaye Township, has been drained, and the lake has been filled with rain water again.



A bird's eye view of Kadonkani relief camp in Pyapon Township where storm victims are systematically accommodated.—MNA

International Relief Supplies continue to arrive at Yangon Airport

YANGON, 9 June—As the international community has been donating relief supplies to the storm-hit regions, IL-76 and An-12 aircraft carrying 19.54 tons of mosquito-nets, medicines, water purification materials, disposable cups donated by Thai-based

WFP, two C-130 aircraft carrying blankets, grains, medicines, clothing, purified water, soft drinks, rice, milk powder weighing 24.46 tons donated by Thai Red Cross Society, two C-130 aircraft carrying 14.68 tons of longyis, blankets, tarpaulins, fibre cups

donated by the USA, PG-710 aircraft carrying 280 packages of clothing, purified water donated by Bangkok Airways of Thailand, C-130 aircraft carrying water proof tents weighing 7 tons donated by UNICEF arrived at Yangon International Airport today.—MNA

Minister receives ICRC official

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Director of ICRC in Geneva Mr Krahenbuhl and party at the ministry here today. Also present were Director-General of General administration Department U Myat Ko, Director-General of Bureau of Special

Investigation U Aung Saw Win, Deputy Director-General of Correctional Department U Zaw Tun, Police Brig-

Gen of Myanmar Police Forces Khin Maung Si and head of the office U Nay Myo.

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Staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd take part in reconstruction works

YANGON, 9 June—As the repair of Bogale People's Hospital in Bogale Township Ayeyawady Division had been completed, staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd donated medical equipment to Bogale People's Hospital on 8 June. Staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd donated 20 beds, 2 Air-cons and an oxygen machine through Superintendent Dr Daw Hla Hla Kyi (Head of Bogale Township Health Department). Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd has donated compressor, water pumps, fibre tank, batteries and medicines and is donating new building for the hospital. Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd has rebuilt 7 BEPS, 7 government offices, 17 religious buildings so far and is presenting the storm-hit villages with power tillers and paddy strains. They are also repairing Sadhamahidakari monastery, Myoma market, 88 village schools. Staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd, based in Bogale, are giving a helpful hand in relief and rehabilitation tasks and also providing health care to the storm victims.

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Relief supplies donated by WFP arrive at Yangon International Airport. —MNA



Health staff providing medical treatment at the relief camp of Labutta Township.—HEALTH



Staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan donate relief aid to the victims through officials concerned.—NLM



Austin firefighters take a break after extinguishing a fire at the historic Texas Governor's Mansion early on 8 June, 2008, in Austin, Texas. The fire left much of the 150-year-old home charred and inflicted damage that state officials described as 'bordering on catastrophic.' No one was inside at the time and the cause of the blaze is unknown.—INTERNET

Indonesia expresses interest in learning Asia-Pacific bloc

JAKARTA, 9 June—Indonesia is eager to get first hand information about Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's idea of creating an Asia-Pacific bloc similar to the European Union when he visits Jakarta next week.

"The Indonesian government pays interest in Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's idea about the future regional architecture of the Asia and the Pacific, and in learning deeper the idea," the

Foreign Affairs Ministry said in a statement Friday on its official website.

"In this regard, the Indonesian Government is looking forward to getting further briefing directly from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd during his visit to Indonesia next week," the ministry said. The ministry's spokesman, Teuku Faizasyah, has confirmed that Rudd is set to visit Indonesia from 12 to 14 June.

"It will be Rudd's first official visit to Indonesia," Faizasyah said.

Rudd is scheduled to meet with President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to discuss bilateral relations between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Workers build temporary houses for residents affected by the recent earthquake in Dujiangyan, Sichuan Province on 8 June, 2008.—INTERNET



Japan, US agree to cooperate on methane hydrates

AOMORI (Japan), 9 June—Japan and the United States agreed on Saturday to conduct cooperation on joint development of methane hydrates, a promising alternative energy. The agreement was signed by Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Akira Amari and US Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman during their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the five-party meeting of energy ministers of China, Japan, India, South Korea and the United States.

According to the agreement effective for three years, Japan and the United States will enhance the understanding of, and accelerate research into, the geologic occurrence, distribution, exploration and production of methane

hydrates. The two sides agreed to exchange scientific personnel and technical information, and have extensive research with respect to methane hydrate exploration and resource assessment.

MNA/Xinhua



Roma Gypsy protesters dance in front of the Colosseum during a nation-wide demonstration against the discrimination of Gypsies in Rome on 8 June, 2008.—INTERNET

EU treaty in peril as Irish "No" camp surges ahead

DUBLIN, 9 June—Prime Minister Brian Cowen warned on Friday of dire consequences if Ireland's resurgent "No" camp derails the European Union reform treaty in a referendum next week.

A "No" vote in the only EU country holding a referendum would mean a state accounting for less than one per cent of the bloc's 490 million population could sink a pact that EU leaders are anxious to implement after years of diplomatic

wrangling.

"A "No" vote will not be understood (by EU partners), there will be dire consequences to all political actions," Cowen said after a new opinion poll showed treaty opponents had doubled their support and overtaken the "Yes" camp for the first time before the 12 June vote.

The Irish vote is critical because all EU member states need to ratify the treaty for it to come into force. The "No" coalition

say the treaty will dilute Ireland's control over tax, trade and abortion and compromise its neutrality.

Cowen said he was confident of a "Yes" vote and would spend the next week extolling the treaty's virtues. "Too much of the tactics of the opposition have been about... bringing in extraneous issues which have nothing to do with the treaty whatever," Cowen told RTE radio. "They are raising fears, they are creating suspicions."

MNA/Reuters

18th World Eco Forum on Africa closes in South Africa

CAPE TOWN, 9 June—The 18th World Economic Forum on Africa concluded here in Cape Town, South Africa on Friday.

During the forum discussions, participants, who are aware of many challenges facing Africa, remained optimistic over the future of Africa.

Wendy Luhabe, chairperson of Industrial Development Corporation in South Africa and the co-chair of the forum, said the benefit of the forum was exchange of views.

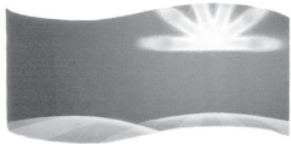
She said the forum gave people an opportunity to broaden their perception about what the reality and their aspirations were on the ground of the continent.

She added that she felt encouraged to witness a new generation of leadership that seems to have the capacity and the courage to build the bridge between the challenges and shortcoming of the 21st Century.

"I felt excited seeing this enthusiasm at so many levels being expressed," said another co-chair, Sadako Ogata, President of Japan International Co-operation Agency.

She believed that Africa was on a right direction of growth not only economically but also in confidence and other aspects.—MNA/Xinhua

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White House says jobless rate too high

WASHINGTON, 9 June—The sharp jump in the US unemployment rate in May to its highest in 3-1/2 years is “too high for our liking” but represents slow growth, not a recession, White House spokesman Scott Stanzel said on Friday.

“This isn’t a report that we wanted to see today,” Stanzel told reporters after the Labour Department said the jobless rate rose to 5.5 per cent last month from 5 per cent in April, to its highest since October 2004.

“5.5 is a number that is too high in our view, but it is lower than the average in the last three decades,” Stanzel said. He said Bush Administration economists said May’s jobless rate rose due to new job seekers, including teenagers, and “not from a broad increase in layoffs”.

The US economy was growing, albeit slowly, and therefore the situation could not be defined as a recession, he said. — MNA/Reuters

Pakistani engineer abducted in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 June—Taleban militants abducted a Pakistani employee of an Afghan company working in Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar Province on Saturday, provincial police chief Syed Aqa Saqib said.

“The Pakistani national was a road engineer and worked for an Afghan road construction company to reconstruct the Kandahar-Gereshk road when armed Taleban militants after injuring his Afghan driver took him away,” Saqib told *Xinhua*.

But he did not give more details.

However, Saqib added that a mine planted by militants struck a vehicle of the same company in the same area Saturday killing one Afghan guard and wounding another.

MNA/Xinhua

India plans to increase ambulances to 10,000

NEW DELHI, 8 June—The Indian Government planned to have 10,000 high-end ambulances by 2010 which would reach emergency spots within 25 minutes of a call, according to the *Times of India* Saturday.

Meanwhile, India planned to create emergency trauma care facilities along 13,000 kilometres/ of national highways, covering the Golden Quadri-lateral and the north-south and east-west corridors.

The government had already identified 140 health centres to serve as apex comprehensive trauma centres. It would

provide ambulances, carrying trained paramedical staff, every 50 kilometres. At present, 80 per cent of the so-called ambulances in the country were more of transport vehicles incapable of providing any ambulatory care. The 10,000 ambulances would attend to 30 million emergencies annually—maternal emergencies, accidents, respiratory distress calls and cardiac arrests. India accounted for one per cent of the motor vehicles in the world, but bore the burden of 10 per cent of the global vehicular accidents.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 8% of Brazil’s Amazon region illegally owned

RIODE JANEIRO, 9 June—More than 8 per cent of Brazil’s Amazon rainforest region, totalling some 42 million hectares, is not legally owned, says a study released in the Brazilian Press on Friday. According to the Amazon Institute of People and the Environ-

ment (Imazon), a non-governmental organization which carried out the study at the request of the World Bank, the owners of these areas either hold informal titles to property, have acquired false documents or simply have taken over unoccupied land.

Despite the efforts of federal governments, the situation does not seem to have improved, says Imazon. It amounts to a free privatization of forestland, as the owners did not pay for the land or pay taxes, said Paulo Barreto, a forester who coordinated the study.

The illegally-owned forestland includes 16 million hectares in the northern state of Para and 9.6 million hectares in the midwestern Mata Grosso state, which registered the largest such area.

MNA/Xinhua



Egyptian fishermen work at their boat in the coastal town of Burullus at the Nile Delta town of Kafr Al-Sheikh, 300km (186 miles) north of Cairo on 8 June, 2008.—INTERNET



Two girls walk next to a line of pizzas during the Italian Festival in Sydney on 8 June, 2008. The line, made with more than 840 pizzas, measured 221 metres long and is the world's longest line of pizzas according to the Guinness World Records.—INTERNET

China vows severe punishment for cheating in exam

BEIJING, 9 June — Students found cheating in the national College Entrance Examination (CEE) may be disqualified from next year's registration, as well as losing all the marks this year, a Ministry of Education (MOE) official said on Thursday.

Students with "severe cheating behaviour," including cheating with telecom instruments and asking someone else to take the exam, will receive punishment.

The MOE, together with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and the Ministry of Public

Security, will strengthen patrolling around exam rooms to prevent people from using radio transmitters and receivers to aid in cheating.

College students taking the exam for others may be expelled from school.

The MOE ordered a safety check over examination rooms, dormitories and dining halls for students in quake-hit areas. The CEE will be postponed in the 62 counties worst hit by the 12 May 8.0-magnitude earthquake in Sichuan and Gansu provinces.

The new date for the exam has yet to be set.

MNA/Xinhua

UNDP to build "green offices" to protect natural environment

QUITO, 9 June — The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Thursday announced a plan to launch a programme to build "green offices" to promote environmental protection.

With the celebration of World Environment Day, the UNDP's officer Cecilia Falconi said everybody has to compromise with nature.

The programme, called "Green Office," is aimed at minimizing the impact of the operation of governmental and business facilities on the environment, she said.

The programme also seeks to save energy. It will regulate air conditioning and ventilation systems to reduce electrical consumption and

avoid using incandescent bulbs and other high-energy-consuming electrical fittings, Falconi added.

She also stressed water conservation. "Maintenance is rarely carried out in offices to avoid water waste from the toilets, or to fix leaking faucets, and drop by drop, a lot of water can be wasted," she said.

Moreover, the programme will promote savings by recycling and reducing packaging and waste.

"Governments have so much to do, legislating policies to promote the care of the environment that do not promote contamination and the improper use of resources," Falconi said.

MNA/Xinhua

India awards national prize to Chinese linguist

BEIJING, 9 June — Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee awarded a national prize to Chinese linguist Ji Xianlin on Friday to honour his outstanding contribution to China-India cultural exchanges. Ji, born in 1911, has contributed significantly to the research on ancient Indian aboriginal languages, primeval Buddhist languages and Sanskrit literature. He also translated works on ancient Indian and primeval Buddhist languages.

"I am greatly honoured to award the prize to you on behalf of our president," Mukherjee told Ji at the Beijing-based General

Hospital of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, where Ji has resided for five years. He praised Ji's research over the years on Indian literature and his great contribution to strengthening India-China friendship. The Padma Award is the highest award of the Indian Government for those who make remarkable achievements in the areas of science, arts, literature and learning.

Mukherjee pinned the prize medal on Ji's shirt and gave him a prize scroll. "I'll be 100 years old in two years, but I believe it is a starting point rather than an ending," Ji told Mukherjee.

MNA/Xinhua

UK's top cop calls for trials for drug-taking stars

LONDON, 9 June — Britain's most senior police officer said on Friday that pop stars and celebrities who are pictured apparently taking drugs should be put on trial to prove they were snorting talcum powder and not cocaine.

Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen 2008 Alicia Clifton reacts while being crowned by the 2007 winner, Jamie Butemeyer, during the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen pageant in Tulsa, Okla, on 7 June, 2008.

INTERNET

London Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ian Blair said he wanted juries to decide whether famous figures caught on film were indeed taking illegal drugs even if it was impossible for police to prove what the substance actually was.

A number of well-known stars such as supermodel Kate Moss and Grammy-winning soul singer Amy Winehouse, have been pictured in national newspapers allegedly taking drugs, prompting police investigations that led to no charges.

MNA/Reuters

Kurdish forces order out Iraq oil workers

BAGHDAD, 9 June — A drilling team exploring in an Iraqi oilfield briefly withdrew this week after being warned off by Kurdish security forces, oil industry sources said on Friday.

Engineers familiar with the incident said it had no impact on production.

But it underlines rivalries between Baghdad and the Kurdish regional government over territory and rights to Iraq's huge oil reserves, which lie mostly in the Kurdish north or the Shi'ite south of the country.

An Iraqi Government oil official, who declined to be identified, said members of the Kurdish Peshmerga security force had taken over the Khurmala oil field on Thursday and sent away employees working there.

The field, which produces about 35,000 barrels per day of oil, lies 65 kilometres (40 miles) northwest of Kirkuk in northern Iraq, close to the border of Iraq's largely autonomous Kurdish region.

The Iraqi Oil Ministry quickly took the employees back to the field and they resumed working, the official said. By Friday, Kurdish forces had left the area, he said.

"We consider this an irresponsible act against the Iraqi oil facilities," the official said.

MNA/Reuters



Atlantic City police Sgt Daryl Hall stands next to a motorized wheelchair in an elevator shaft, on 7 June, 2008 in Atlantic City, NJ. A woman in a motorized wheelchair fell about 30 feet down a casino hotel elevator shaft early Saturday, a city fire official said.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Japan's Homare Sawa (2nd L) receives the best player award from Vietnam Football Federation General Secretary Tran Quoc Tuan at an award ceremony of the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2008 in Ho Chi Minh City on 8 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Russia's Pogrebnyak ruled out of finals

VIENNA, 9 June — Russia striker Pavel Pogrebnyak has been ruled out of Euro 2008 by a knee injury, tournament organizers UEFA said on Saturday.

Pogrebnyak sustained the injury after opening the scoring in Russia's 2-1 friendly win over Serbia on 28 May. Russia's Dutch coach Guus Hiddink has asked for UEFA's permission to call up uncapped midfielder Oleg Ivanov in his place, organizers said on www.uefa.com.

Pogrebnyak was quoted as telling a news conference: "There is no point in keeping an injured player here. Life goes on, it doesn't end here. I must

Police arrest 7 German fans in Klagenfurt

KLAGENFURT, 9 June — Austrian police arrested seven German fans on Saturday night in Euro 2008 host city Klagenfurt after the mood between a group of German and Polish fans turned hostile, police said in a statement.

Germany play Poland in a much anticipated game in Group B on Sunday, and police are braced for a possible repeat of the trouble seen in the German city of Dortmund, which led to some 400 arrests, when the teams met at the 2006 World Cup.

Klagenfurt police said the fans, drinking in the town centre, had first traded verbal insults.

MNA/Reuters

Romania coach says win over France would be no shock

ZURICH, 9 June — Coach Victor Piturca said it would be no shock if outsiders Romania overcame World Cup runners-up France in their Euro 2008 opener on Monday.

"It will be no surprise if we win," Piturca told a news conference on Sunday. "My strategy is that Romania win."

"Of course if we draw that will be good for us because we have to play three great opponents (in Group C). A draw is possible but a win is also probable tomorrow"

Netherlands and world champions Italy are the other sides in the section. Football is merely a game played on a pitch where the most valuable, most inspired, but sometimes the most lucky team wins," added Piturca.

Romania, who last featured in a major competition at Euro 2008, are widely viewed as the weakest team in the group.

piturca said he had not finalised his side for the opening game in Zurich.

"I still have to make a decision on one or two players," he said "But one thing is clear (Cristian) Chivu will play.

"Whether that is in defence or more attacking (in midfield) I will think about that nearer the game."—MNA/Reuters

Saudis beat Lebanon 2-1 to close in on round four

RIYADH, 9 June — Saudi Arabia moved in on a place in the fourth round of Asian World Cup qualifying after beating Lebanon 2-1 on Saturday.

A second-half double from Redha Tukur kept the Saudis in second place in the Group Four standings and one point away from joining Uzbekistan in the fourth and final round.

With the match shifted to the Saudi capital because of security concerns in Lebanon, the Saudis took full advantage and went ahead two minutes after the break. Tukur struck again at the hour mark and Mohamad Ghaddar pulled one back for bottom side Lebanon in stoppage time. —MNA/Reuters



F1 powerboat driver Guido Cappellini of Italy competes in the F1 Powerboat GP in Lahti on 8 June, 2008. Cappellini won the race. INTERNET

Turkey coach says we will correct mistakes next time

GENEVA, 9 June — Coach Fatih Terim is confident Turkey will avoid a repeat of their opening-match errors when they meet Euro 2008 co-hosts Switzerland on Wednesday.

"The Swiss match in Basel is obviously very important for us now," Terim told reporters after his side lost 2-0 to Group A favourites Portugal on Saturday.

"We will correct our mistakes and play better. There were times when I liked the way we played tonight but other times when there was obvious room for improvement."

Turkey held Portugal at bay at the Stade de Geneve until the 61st minute when defender Pepe played a neat one-two with Nuno Gomes and burst through to score.

Terim's team pressed for an equalizer but conceded again in injury time after a sweeping move was finished by substitute Raul Meireles.

"We tried to attack and keep the match on an equal footing and I think we achieved that initially," Terim said. "But the first goal was the turning point."

MNA/Reuters



Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates after defeating Switzerland's Roger Federer in the men's final at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 8 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Sverkos savours goal even though it was not perfect

BASEL, 9 June — Czech Republic striker Vaclav Sverkos may have scored his first international goal on Saturday but he still managed to find fault with it.

"It wasn't exactly how I wanted to do it... well, it was because it went it, but I wanted to shoot higher," he told reporters after clinching a 1-0 win over Euro 2008 co-hosts Switzerland in the Group A opener to the tournament.

The 24-year-old, winning only his third cap, said scoring 15 minutes after coming on as a substitute for the experienced Jan Koller had been the best moment of his career.

"It was even better because our fans were right behind the goal... it was my best moment in my footballing life," he said with a big smile. Koller, the country's all-time leading scorer, had high praise for his young replacement. —MNA/Reuters



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(9 June 2008)				
Romania	0	-	0	France
Holland	3	-	0	Italy

France draws 0-0 with Romania

ZURICH, 9 June — Romania's conservative approach against World Cup finalist France worked Monday in a 0-0 draw in Group C, considered the toughest in the European Championship.

The undermanned French, without captain Patrick Vieira and leading scorer Thierry Henry, dominated possession, but failed to penetrate a stiff Romania defense devised by coach Victor Piturca. France showed little flair on attack.—Internet



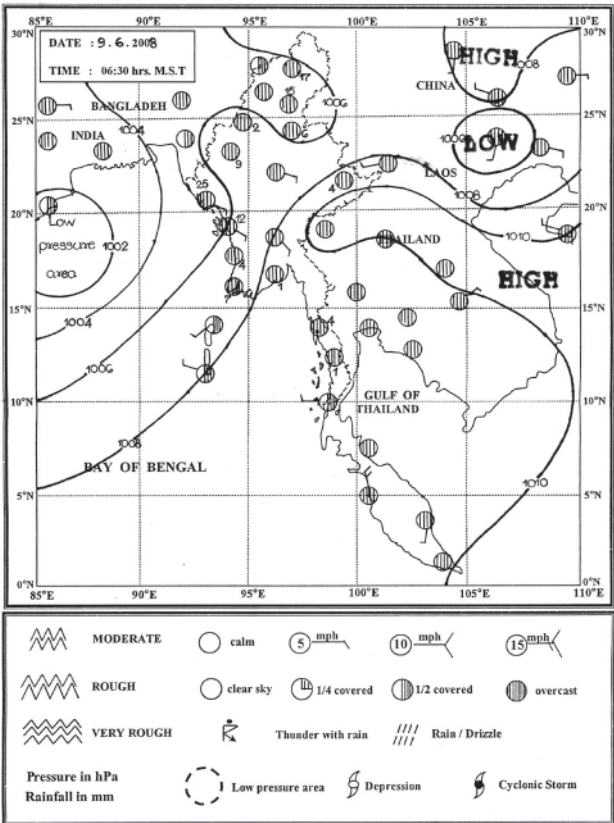
Romania's Daniel Niculae (R) is challenged by France's Lilian Thuram (C) as France's Jeremy Toulalan watches during their Group C Euro 2008 soccer match at the Letzigrund Stadium in Zurich, on 9 June, 2008.—INTERNET

သဘာဝဘေးအန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်သောဒေသများရှိ ပြည်သူများအတွက် ကျန်းမာရေးသတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ ရာသီဥတုဒဏ်ခံနိုင်သည့် အမိုးအကာအောက်တွင် နေထိုင်ကြရန်၊
- ၂။ အအေးမမိစေရန် နွေးထွေးသော အဝတ်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်နေထိုင်ကြရန်၊
- ၃။ ရေကိုကျိုချက်သောက်ရန် (သို့မဟုတ်) ကလိုရင်းဆေးခတ်ထားသော ရေကိုသာ သောက်သုံးရန်၊
- ၄။ အစားအစာများကို ယင်မနားအောင် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားကြရန်၊
- ၅။ သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော၊ ပူနွေးသည့် အစာများကိုသာ စားသုံးကြရန်၊
- ၆။ အတတ်နိုင်ဆုံး သန့်ရှင်းသော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကို သုံးစွဲကြရန်၊
- ၇။ ကူးစက်ရောဂါများ မဖြစ်ပွားစေရေးအတွက် မိလ္လာနှင့် အမှိုက်သရိုက်၊ အညစ်အကြေးများကို စနစ်တကျစွန့်ပစ်ကြရန်၊
- ၈။ ထိခိုက်မှုအန္တရာယ်မဖြစ်စေရေးအတွက် သတိပြုဆောင်ရွက်ကြရန်၊
- ၉။ ရေကြီးပါက မြေအန္တရာယ်တွေ့ကြုံရတတ်သဖြင့် သတိပြုကြရန်၊
- ၁၀။ ခြင်္သေ့ကန်မခံရအောင် သတိပြုနေထိုင်ကြရန်၊
- ၁၁။ တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းရေး ဂရုပြုဆောင်ရွက်ရန်၊ အစာမစားမီနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးကိုင်တွယ်ပြီးတိုင်း လက်ဆေးကြရန်၊
- ၁၂။ သဘာဝဘေးအန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်ပြီးသည့်အခါ အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါ၊ ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါ၊ မြွေဆိုးကိုက်အန္တရာယ်၊ ထိခိုက်မှုအန္တရာယ်နှင့် အခြားကျန်းမာရေးပြဿနာများ ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပါသည်။ ဖြစ်ပွားပါက အနီးဆုံးကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံးသွားရောက်ပြသကြပါရန် သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 9 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Kayin State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogaung (3.48) inches, Kanbalu (1.92) inches, Myitkyina (1.69) inches, Mohnyin (1.34) inches, Pyay (1.30) inches, Maungtau and Sittway (1.07) inches each and Pyapon (1.03) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-6-2008 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 9-6-2008 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-6-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 8-6-2008 was (0.4) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 9-6-2008 was (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (0.27) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.27) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (33.03) inches at Mingaladon, (39.80) inches at Kaba-Aye and (52.28) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (8:30) hours MST on 9-6-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10-6-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-6-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-6-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

သောက်သုံးရေနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍ သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- * မသန့်ရှင်းသောသောက်ရေ၊ သုံးရေများကြောင့် ပြည်သူ့အများ ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါ အန္တရာယ် ကျရောက်နိုင်ပါသည်။
- * သောက်ရေ၊ သုံးရေမှန်သမျှကို ကျိုချက်၍ဖြစ်စေ၊ ကလိုရင်းဆေးခပ်ပြီးမှဖြစ်စေ သောက်သုံးပါ။
- * ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ သောက်သုံးရန်မသင့်ဟု ကြေငြာထားသော သောက်ရေသန့်များကို မသောက်သုံး သင့်ပါ။
- * ရေသန့်ပင်ဖြစ်လင့်ကစား မသက်သာပါက ရေကိုကျိုချက်ပြီးမှ သောက်ပါ။

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သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုရာသီကာလသည် ဝမ်းလျှောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သည့် အချိန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ မသန့်ရှင်းသောရေ သောက်သုံးခြင်းနှင့် မသန့်ရှင်းသော အစားအသောက်များ စားသုံးခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ဝမ်းလျှောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍-

- * ဝမ်းလျှောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အတွက် - ကလိုရင်းဆေးခပ်ထားသောရေ(သို့) ကျိုချက်ထားသော ရေကိုသာလျှင် သောက်သုံးကြရန်၊
- သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော ပူနွေးသည့်အစာများကိုသာ စားသုံးကြရန်၊
- ယင်နားစာမစားရန်နှင့် အစာများကို ယင်မနားအောင် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားကြရန်၊
- ကလေး၊ လူကြီးအားလုံး သန့်ရှင်းသော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကို သုံးစွဲကြရန်၊
- အစာမစားမီနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးကိုင်တွယ်ပြီးတိုင်း လက်ကို စင်ကြယ်အောင်ဆေးကြောကြရန်၊
- အညစ်အကြေးများကို စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ကြရန်၊ (ထုံးဖြူးခြင်း၊ မြေပွဲခြင်း၊ မီးရှို့ခြင်းများကို ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်)
- * ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက အနီးဆုံး ကျန်းမာရေး ဌာနသို့အမြန်ဆုံးပြသရန်နှင့် လူနာများတွေ့ရှိက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာန သို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပေးပို့ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Tuesday, 10 June
View on today

7:00 am

- 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- 2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- 3. Morning news

7:40 am

- 4. Cute little dancers

7:55 am

- 5. Musical programme

8:05 am

- 6. နားဝင်ပီယံသူလက်သံ

8:15 am

- 7. Song of yesteryears

8:30 am

- 8. International news

8:45 am

- 9. “ဒီဆိုတီအက်စ်”

(ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊

နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ ကြူကြူသင်း)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်)

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial song

4:15 pm

- 2. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

4:30 pm

- 3. Song of national races

4:55 pm

- 4. Songs to uphold

National Spirit

5:00 pm

- 5. “တန်ဖိုး”

(ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ လှိုင်ဖြူဖြူထွန်း)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

5:10 pm

- 6. The mirror images of

the musical oldies

5:20 pm

- 7. ဆိုကြမယ်ပျော်ကြမယ်

6:00 pm

- 8. Evening news

6:30 pm

- 9. Weather report

6:35 pm

- 10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

- 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညက်ရှင်

7:30 pm

- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မာယာများနှင့်လှည့်ကွက်”

(အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

- 13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး

ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့”

(အပိုင်း-၂)

Make donations to the storm victims

- ☐ Everybody may make donations freely.
- ☐ Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

- Certain internal and external anti-government elements, self-centered persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies the stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video.
- Storm victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of the self-centered persons and unscrupulous elements.

Fallen trees removed, power supply tasks under way in Dedaye

YANGON, 9 June — Fallen trees in Dedaye have been cleared by Tatmadawmen and volunteers. Officers and other ranks of the No. 66 Light Infantry Division, members of Myanmar Police Force and social organizations have removed fallen trees from religious buildings, offices, hospital, schools and roads in Dedaye. They had also carried out rescue efforts in Dedaye and villages after the storm hit the areas.

Similarly, 176 staff of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise have repaired the 33KV cable linking Kungyangon and Dedaye. They re-erected 20 pylons for

connection of 11-KV cables between the two towns. The 100-KV generators have been used to supply power to religious buildings, offices and hospitals.

Concerning the reconstruction tasks in Dedaye, Farmer Phoyazar Co Ltd have renovated the Sasana Beikman Religious Building, No. 2 Basic Education High School and the primary school in the village of Tawkyaik. Schools in the town and villages in Dedaye Township will be renovated by Farmer Phoyazar Co Ltd. The company donated K 10 million to storm victims in Kungyangon Township. — MNA



Relief aids are seen before transported to storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division by members of state/division USDAs.—MNA

Medical team leaves for Bogale, Labutta and Pyapon Townships

YANGON, 9 June—Specialists and health workers left for Ayeyawady Division on 7 June. They will give health care services in Bogale, Labutta and Pyapon Townships. They were seen off by Deputy Director-General Dr Mya Win and officials on 7 June.

The specialists team includes ophthalmologists, paediatricians, psychiatrists, dentists, assistant surgeons and nurses led by specialists Dr Min Zaw Oo, Dr Moe Naing and Dr Kaung Myat.

The members of the specialists of the floating hospital will provide health care services to the people in the township and villages nearby. —MNA

A rice mill in Sukalat Village, Dedaye Township.—MNA

