

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 Kyaw Win inspects crops plantations in Mongkhat, Kengtung Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence yesterday inspected the thriving maize plantations of farmer U Aik Seik in Konseik Plot at the en-

trance to Wunkhok in Mongkhat Township and gave necessary instructions.

Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Devel-

opment Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and officials, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attended the collective monsoon paddy cultiva-

tion for 2008-2009 held at No. 24 Plantation of Kattaung Village-tract in Kengtung Township and heard a report presented by the Manager of Shan State Myanmar Agriculture Service on cultivation of monsoon paddy and arrangement for extended cultivation of paddy.

After giving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win looked into the collective paddy cultivation and presented cash award to female paddy

transplanters.

After that, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party attended the growing of physic nut conducted by Kengtung Station of the command and presented saplings to officials of the battalions and units.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and officials planted physic nut at the designated location and viewed the growing of physic nut by families of Tatmadawmen.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party pro-

ceeded to Yanhla Rubber Plantation of the command and heard reports presented by Lt-Col Aye Lin on cultivation of rubber, orange, Thitseint and maize and by the Manager of Kengtung District MAS on arrangements for cultivation of rubber in Kachin, Shan and Chin hillocks and extended cultivation of rubber.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party looked into hybridization of rubber and arrived back in Kengtung.—MNA

Volunteer teams leave for storm-hit villages in Mawlamyinegyun Tsp

YANGON, 13 June—Rehabilitation of storm-hit villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township in Ayeyawady Division is being undertaken with added momentum. A total of 10 volunteer teams yesterday left for the storm-hit villages to collect the data on rehabilitation tasks there.

The teams comprising personnel from Myanmar Agriculture Service, the Education Department, the Agricultural Mechanization Department and the Settlement and Land Records Department left for Bowtelut, Myattharuto, Myatthatzepu, Myattharywama, Meikthalingon, Thayechaung,

Gonnyindan, Kyarchaung, Myattharywawo and Mezali villages by boat. They will collect data on reconstruction and rehabili-

tation of houses and schools, supply of drinking water and maintenance of roads and bridges.

MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends the collective monsoon paddy cultivation for 2008-2009 held at No. 24 Plantation of Kattaung Village-tract in Kengtung Township.—MNA

Killers with use of words and swords

Presenting compelling evidence that Ywet Sit-led SSA-S group had risen against the State and tortured the people repeatedly, the government released an announcement on 25 August 2006 to declare the group and its members, terrorists.

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Strive for socio-economic development of the people

Community peace and stability, better transport and abundant natural resources are a prerequisite for the socio-economic development.

Myanmar with favourable weather is rich in natural resources such as forests, minerals and meat and fish. It is also blessed with vast areas of arable land. Therefore, concerted efforts are to be exerted for national development making better use of the qualities of man.

To bring about equitable development the length and breadth of the nation the government has laid down and is implementing development projects. As a result, most of the regions that lagged behind in development in the past have now enjoyed better transport as well as development in agriculture, livestock breeding and marketing.

Situated in the north of Myanmar Kachin State is dotted with forests and mountain ranges. Owing to fulfillment of the government in the transport sector it is now enjoying economic development including the development of eco-tourism.

Likewise, with the emergence of a number of large and small bridges Rakhine State has also seen better transport and it is now accessible to different regions. With offshore natural gas deposits and thriving fish and prawn breeding it is making progress in economy.

With peace and stability and prevalence of law and order in both urban and rural regions the entire people are now enjoying the fruits of development. At such a time, the entire national people are to try their best for national development making better use of abundant natural resources. Only then, will the living standard of the people improve.

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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

More wellwishers donate cash to storm victims

YANGON, 13 June — Chairman of Financial Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe accepted cash donation of the wellwishers at home and from abroad for storm victims at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) in Yankin Township, here, today.

Ko Chin Shwe-Ma Ye Ye Cho family of Mandalay donated K 1 million; staff of Myanma Economic Bank (Taninthayi Division) K 100,000; Pa-O Literature and Culture Group of Thaton K 300,000; Mr Sc Woong Oh of A&C Value Co Ltd of Thailand US\$ 500; the wellwisher through the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo 90,901 euro; Thai-Myanmar Association



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe accepts cash donation from Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag.—MNA

for Friendship through Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag US\$ 8,700; and Mr Takagi Nobuo & staff of Shi Koo Tsu Kyo Ku, Japan US\$ 311.

The sub-committee accepted K 1.4 million, US\$ 9,511 and 90,901 euro today.—MNA

Deputy Minister receives UNFPA Official

YANGON, 13 June — Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker and party called on Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo at Yangon General Hospital here on 11 June.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in reproductive health and medical services in the storm-hit areas. UNFPA has provided aids to storm-victims and has a plan to donate medicines. — MNA

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and Dr Samlee Plianbangchang of WHO meet storm-victims at a relief camp in Kyauktan Township.—HEALTH



SEA Regional Director of WHO visits relief camps in Kyauktan Township

YANGON, 13 June — South-East Asian Regional Director Dr Samlee Plianbangchang of World Health Organization yesterday morning arrived here by air. He was welcomed at the airport by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and officials, WHO Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo and party.

At Public Health University on Lanmadaw Road, here, at 3 pm, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and SEA Regional Director Dr Samlee Plianbangchang held discussions on providing of teaching aid for

development of human resources of Public Health University and the plans for uplift of the efficiency of faculty members.

This morning, they observed voluntary health care services of house surgeons given to storm victims at the relief camp in Tadar of Kyauktan Township.

The Deputy Minister and party comforted the victims and viewed chlorinating the drinking water and use of fly-proof latrines there.

The WHO SEA Regional Director and party donated medicines to be used at the relief camps to Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein of Health Department and Head of Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint accepted the donations.

At Tadar People's Hospital, the Deputy Minister and party observed health care services to storm victims, patient wards and other rooms. Later, the Deputy Minister replied to the queries raised by the SEA Regional Director.

MNA

No outbreak of diseases or famine in Ayeyawady Delta

NEW YORK, 10 June—Under Secretary-General of UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Mr John Holmes said that there were no outbreak of diseases or famine in Ayeyawady delta of Myanmar during the period of one month after the cyclone Nargis. The UN official remarked it at the meeting of relief experts held in New York by Asia Sociality recently. Relief workers have reached most of the storm-hit villages and in overall view, the situation is getting better, he noted. Moreover, distribution of relief supplies forcefully without the consent of Myanmar Government would not bear fruit for the victims, he remarked.

Internet

“It was more of a feeling that you’re brothers and sisters working together”:Filipino mission leader

MANILA, 13 June—The 30-member Philippine humanitarian mission arrived back home on 9 June. The team arrived at Labutta in Ayeyawady Division on May 30. It was the first destination in a 15-day tour that took them through 4 towns around Myanmar – 2 in the Ayeyawady and 2 in Yangon.

“It was more of a feeling that you’re brothers and sisters working together. It was a very nice coordinated activity ... and even when we arrived, you’d see how prepared they were, you can see the way the briefing was carried out, civilians and military working together,” said Dr Amel Rivera, the mission chief.

The Filipino aid mission was the first group to enter Myanmar as the country grappled with its worst humanitarian crisis in years. The government opened up sponsored a donors conference initiated by the United Nations and backed by the Association of South-East Asian Nations of which Myanmar was a member. “What others say that there were many soldiers around, we never felt like that.” said the team leader. As they described it, the Filipino contingent was feted to a reception fit for dignitaries as soon as they touched down aboard a military plane in Yangon. “They greeted with the presence of representatives of the Myanmar government, from the uniformed services, the ministers of foreign affairs and health,” said Rivera.

The team was provided transport for their mission and a cargo truck for their load of close to 13 tons of medicine and relief goods. Myanmar civilian officials were with them throughout the mission but there was no feeling of being watched. “We were accompanied ... We didn’t find any problem, they were already well organized, the system was already in place and we were there augmenting them. We never implied that we were doing something other than assisting,” Rivera said.

Once in Ayeyawady, the impact of Nargis devastation met with eye to eye. For Sabater, a native of disaster-prone Bicol, ground zero was nothing like any disaster area he had seen before. “Look to the right, to the left, to the front and back, there was not a single mountain. The area was like one major river with many branches and terrain was so flat, said Sabater. Social worker Jing Guerrero, one of those who gave psycho-social treatment to refugees said that the people of Ayeyawady delta had never seen such a severe cyclone.

There was even technology transfer, said Sabater as the team taught locals an improvised water filtration system used in Philippine villages. The system uses the Myanmar version of the tapayan (clay tar) and sand and gravel for the natural filtration, Sabater said.

The medical team flew back from Myanmar through a commercial flight that arrived at 7:30 pm Monday.

Internet



A wooden pallet floats down a flooded street on 12 June, 2008, in downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Officials estimated that 100 blocks in Cedar Rapids were under water forcing the evacuation of nearly 4,000 homes and leaving cars underwater on downtown streets.—INTERNET

Israeli envoy returns without Gaza truce deal

BEIT LAHIYA, (Gaza Strip) 13 June—An Israeli envoy engaging in Gaza ceasefire talks returned without a deal late Thursday, after another day of bloodshed in the

coastal territory that included seven Palestinians being killed in an explosion that Hamas indicated was an accident. When the explosion flattened a house in the

Gaza Strip, killing the seven, Hamas blamed Israel and unleashed rockets and mortar shells at southern Israel. But the militant group, which has controlled Gaza the past year, later suggested the blast was accidental. Dozens of gunmen have been killed while handing explosives in recent years.

By then Israel had carried out an airstrike aimed at a Gaza rocket squad, killing a Palestinian. Two other Israeli military operations in Gaza killed five more militants. Clashes in and around Gaza are putting a strain on Egypt’s effort to arrange a truce by acting as a go-between because Israel has no contacts with Hamas, which has killed more than 250 Israelis in suicide attacks and rejects the Jewish state’s right to exist.

Internet

Top US court deals Bush blow on Guantanamo prisoners

WASHINGTON, 13 June— The US Supreme Court has ruled prisoners at the Guantanamo military base have a right to challenge their detention in US civilian courts, dealing a stiff rebuke to the Bush administration.

“The laws and constitution are designed to survive, and remain in force, in extraordinary times,” the court said in its historic ruling Thursday, the third blow in four years to the government’s case for trying “war on terror” suspects in military tribunals.

“Liberty and security can be reconciled; and in our system they are reconciled within the framework of the law,” the court added.

The court ruled by five to four that prisoners in the US military prison in southeastern Cuba “have the constitutional privilege of habeas corpus.”

Internet

EU probes US biodiesel subsidies in new trade row

BRUSSELS, 13 June — The European Union, opening up a new transatlantic trade spat, will investigate whether soaring imports of US biodiesel break

global trade rules because of subsidies, the EU’s executive Commission said on Friday.

“We have always said that the EU will not tolerate unfair trade practices and will pursue vigorously any well-founded complaint,” said Peter Power, a spokesman for EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson.

“The Commission will leave no stone unturned in this investigation and will act in accordance with its findings.”

Internet

A file photo shows Police officers on patrol in London’s Waterloo Station. The government has said that a civil servant who mislaid high-level intelligence documents on Al-Qaeda and Iraq, triggering a frantic police search, was in “clear breach” of security rules.—INTERNET



Pakistan should reconsider its ties to US

ISLAMABAD, 13 June— The top elected official in northwest Pakistan said Thursday the country should rethink its relationship with America after a US airstrike that reportedly killed 11 Pakistani soldiers.

The US and Pakistan remained at odds in their versions of a Tuesday night clash on the Afghan border that led to American planes dropping bombs on insurgents who

had staged an attack inside Afghanistan.

President Bush’s national security adviser said it was not clear exactly what happened and American officials “have not been able to corroborate” Pakistani troops died.

The US “would be very saddened” if that were true, Stephen Hadley told reporters traveling with Bush in Europe.

The incident is presenting a stiff test for an

already-strained alliance, a partnership many here say has cost many Pakistani lives with limited recognition for their cooperation in the US campaign against international extremist groups.

Haider Khan Hoti, chief minister of North West Frontier Province, a restive region next to Afghanistan where Islamic militants are strong, said the airstrike was “absolutely naked aggression.”—Internet



Relatives of a Pakistani victim of a US air strike shift him to a hospital room on 11 June, 2008. The US-led coalition in Afghanistan on Thursday deflected accusations that it killed 11 Pakistani soldiers in an air strike, releasing video footage which it says shows its forces targeting insurgents.

INTERNET

Gaza militants bombard Israel after deadly blast

GAZA CITY, 13 June— Palestinian militants bombarded southern Israel on Thursday after a Hamas commander’s house in northern Gaza was blown up in a blast which killed seven people, including a four-month-old baby.

The attacks started immediately after the explosion which Palestinian medics said also wounded 51 people, among them women and children, in and around the two-storey building.

The Israeli military said nearly 50 rockets and mortar rounds were fired from Gaza following the explosion, which Hamas blamed on the Jewish state



Palestinian police officers at the site where an explosion destroyed a building in the town of Beit Lahiya, northern Gaza Strip, on 12 June, 2008.

INTERNET

despite its denial of involvement.

“Only yesterday, Israel decided to give a chance to the Egyptian initiative which could have brought calm to the south,” the Israeli prime minister’s

spokesman Mark Regev told AFP.

“The barrage of rockets today shows that Hamas has no interest in calm and is committed to violence, terror and murder.”

Internet

Iraqi lawmakers reject security draft pact

BAGHDAD, 13 June— New US proposals have failed to overcome Iraqi opposition to a proposed security pact, two lawmakers said Thursday, and a senior government official expressed doubt an agreement could be reached before the US presidential election in November.

Iraqi reinforcements, meanwhile, arrived in the oil-producing southern city of Amarah on Thursday as the military geared up for another crackdown against Shiite militia fighters, officials said.

The security agreement would provide a legal basis for the presence

of US forces in Iraq after the UN mandate expires at the end of this year.

Failure to strike a deal would leave the future of the American military presence here to the next administration.

US negotiators offered new proposals this week after Iraqi lawmakers expressed outrage over the direction of the negotiations, claiming that accepting the US position would cement American military, political and economic domination of this country.

Iman al-Asadi, a Shiite member of the parliamentary committee on

legal affairs, said the latest American version “wasn’t satisfactory to say the least.”

She said the American proposals contained “some good points but they were not up to what we had expected.”

Al-Asadi said the committee had recommended to the negotiators that they reject the latest draft, the fourth since the talks began last March.

Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman confirmed al-Asadi’s comments, adding that “we will not sign” the agreement as proposed by Washington.

Internet

Armed robbers steal Picasso prints in Brazil

SAO PAULO, 13 June— Three armed robbers stole two Pablo Picasso prints from an art museum in downtown Sao Paulo on Thursday, the city’s second high-profile art theft in less than a year.

The bandits also took two oil paintings by well-known Brazilian artists Emiliano Di Cavalcanti and Lasar Segall, said Carla Regina, a spokeswoman for the Pinacoteca do Estado museum.

The Picasso prints stolen were “The Painter and the Model” from 1963 and “Minotaur, Drinker and Women” from 1933, according to a statement from the Sao Paulo Secretary of State for Culture, which oversees the museum. The prints and paintings have a combined value of \$612,000, the statement and a museum official said. About noon, three armed men paid the \$2.45 entrance fee and immediately went to the second-floor gallery where the works were being exhibited, by passing more valuable pieces, authorities said.

“This indicates to us that they probably received an order” to take those specific works, Youssef Abou Chain, head of Sao Paulo’s organized crime unit, told reporters at a news conference.—Internet



Two UK soldiers killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 13 June— Britain’s Ministry of Defence says two British soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan.

A spokesman says the two men were hit by enemy fire while patrolling the area around their base in the Upper Gereskh Valley. He says a third soldier was also injured in Thursday’s attack.

The men served in the 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment. On Sunday, three soldiers serving in the same unit were killed in an attack in the Upper Sangin Valley. At least 102 British soldiers have now died in Afghanistan since the 2001 invasion by the US and its allies.—Internet

This undated image released by Pinacoteca do Estado museum, shows the painting ‘Mulheres na janela’ by Emiliano Di Cavalcanti. Heavily armed robbers stole two engravings by Pablo Picasso and two oil paintings by well-known Brazilian artists Emiliano Di Cavalcanti and Lasar Segall from the Pinacoteca do Estado museum in downtown Sao Paulo on 12 June, 2008, a museum official said.

INTERNET



The Gorch Fock sails on the Baltic Sea off the German coast on 12 June, 2008. The sailing school ship of the German Navy celebrates its 50th anniversary of going into operation this year.—INTERNET

Vietnam raises prime interest rate

HANOI, 13 June—The State Bank of Vietnam, the country’s Central Bank, decided Tuesday to increase the prime interest rate, the basic rate for commercial banks to form trading interest rates, including both deposit and lending rates, to 14 per

cent from 12 per cent, in a move to curb inflation.

The central bank also decided to raise the refinancing rate to 15 per cent from 13 per cent, and the re-discount rate to 13 per cent from 11 per cent, according to the bank’s Monetary Policy

Department. The three new rates take effect on 11 June.

With the higher prime rate, commercial banks, which currently offer annual deposit interest rates of around 14 per cent and lending rates of up to 18 per cent, will raise deposit rates by several percentage points, and lending rates to 21 per cent at maximum.

This is the third time that the Central Bank has raised the three key interest rates since 1 February. Before February, it kept the rates unchanged for over three years.

MNA/Xinhua

BP chairman rejects “apocalyptic” talk of \$250 oil

BRUSSELS, 13 June—The chairman of British oil major BP <BP.L> rejected as “apocalyptic” a prediction by the head of Russian gas giant Gazprom <GAZP.MM> of oil prices soaring to 250 US dollars a barrel. BP chairman Peter Sutherland told the European Policy Centre on Wednesday there was no problem with available supplies of fossil fuels in the medium term, but there was a need for more investment to develop those resources. “Personally don’t believe in some of the more apocalyptic predictions,” Sutherland said when asked about Tuesday’s forecast by Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller. “I don’t believe we’re in for a spike to 250 US dollars as suggested in price per barrel.” — MNA/Reuters



China’s oil imports up by double digits in first five months

BEIJING, 13 June—China’s oil imports posted double-digit growth in the first five months of 2008 as global crude prices more than doubled from a year earlier, the General Administration of Customs said on Wednesday.

The country imported 75.97 million tons of crude oil, up 12.7 per cent from a year earlier, with average prices rising 64.1 per cent to 689.9 US dollars per ton.

Imports of oil products jumped 17.3 per cent to 17.34 million tons. Prices soared 66.9 per cent to average 709.6 US dollars per ton.

Analysts said booming domestic demand, notably from the severe winter and quake reconstruction, fueled imports. Crude oil exports totaled 950,000 tons, valued at 570 million US dollars, while exports of refined oil stood at 6.48 million tons worth 4.85 billion US dollars.— MNA/Xinhua

A file photo shows artist Filemon Trevino, 38, poses with part of his 411-meter-long (1,350-foot) drawing called ‘Electrocardiograma Artístico 411’ at the Regiomontana University in Monterrey, Mexico. Trevino accomplished his lifelong dream of entering the Guinness Book of World Records on 11 June, when he was presented a Guinness certificate declaring his drawing as the world’s largest.

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Indonesia, Iran promise to strengthen trade coop

JAKARTA, 13 June—In the 10th Joint Commission Meeting in Economy and Trade between Indonesia and Iran ended here on Wednesday, senior officials of the two countries signed a series of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to boost their trade and economic cooperation.

“This meeting was the

further step for agreements which have achieved when Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudoyono visited Iran on March 2008. We want to intensify our trade and economic relationships throughout MOUs,” Mari Elka Pangestu, Minister of Trade of Indonesia told reporters, with Mohammad Solaimani, Minister of Information and Technology of

Iran, sitting beside her.

Indonesia and Iran signed MoUs on Environment, International Exhibition and establishment of Iran-Indonesia Business council, and also discussed the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) as advancement of Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Trade and Economic Partnership signed on 2005.

“Our final purpose is Free Trade Agreement (FTA), but to form PTA before it. About the issue of PTA, our focus are on the establishment of Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) and cut down tariff.” —MNA/Xinhua



Verizon Wireless and Palm, Inc (Nasdaq: PALM), today announced that the Palm(R) Centro(TM) smartphone will be available online at www.verizonwireless.com and in Verizon Wireless Communications Stores beginning on 13 June.

INTERNET

Bank shares up on report Russian tycoon buys stakes

MOSCOW, 13 June—Bank shares rose on Wednesday after a report that Russian billionaire Suleiman Kerimov is buying stakes in major Western banks and wants other tycoons to join him.

Kerimov has been selling his Russian assets, including stakes in the country’s biggest bank Sberbank and gas giant Gazprom, to buy stakes in Deutsche, UBS, Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse, *Kommersant* business daily said, quoting sources.

Deutsche shares rose 1.7 per cent to 62.99 euros by 0846 GMT, UBS was up

0.8 per cent and Credit Suisse gained 0.6 per cent.

One source in a major investment bank told *Kommersant* that Kerimov, Russia’s 8th richest man and a member of the Upper House of the Russian Parliament, owned 3 per cent of Deutsche at the end of last year. “Kerimov now continues to increase his stake in Deutsche Bank and plans to take it to 9 per cent,” a source familiar with Kerimov’s plans told *Kommersant*. Other sources said Kerimov’s holdings in other banks amount to about 1 per cent.— MNA/Reuters



Workers stand with crates of tomatoes at the Central de Abastos market in Mexico City, on 12 June, 2008. Export-quality tomatoes labeled 'Ready to Eat' in English flooded Mexico City markets on Thursday after a salmonella scare in the US stopped them from crossing the border.

INTERNET

Vietnamese PM calls for price control over staples

HANOI, 13 June — Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung called for provinces to tighten market management over the prices of food, medicines and other daily essentials, *Vietnam News* reported Wednesday.

Dung made the call in a on-line meeting with leaders from the nation's rice bowl Can Tho Province, three coastal provinces Binh Thuan, Bac Lieu and Ca Mau and Kon Tum Province. He asked the provincial leaders to focus on agricultural production and fisheries industries, and help local businesses boost output and export. He urged market watch officials and police in these provinces to increase inspection and strictly handle speculation.

Success in these tasks would not only make a great contribution to GDP growth, but also help ensure social stability, the Prime Minister said. —Xinhua

US chopper fired at in S Philippines

MANILA, 13 June — The Philippine military on Tuesday said unidentified attackers fired shots at a US helicopter flying over the sky of southern Philippine city of Cotabato on Monday.

Lieutenant Colonel Julieto Ando, spokesman of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, told on-line edition of *Philippine Daily Inquirer* that the helicopter was ferrying patients and doctors from a port in Cotabato to the US Navy hospital ship *USNS Mercy* docked outside Cotabato.

The chopper landed safely and there were no casualties, the military said.

The *USNS Mercy* is docked one kilometre off the Polloc Port in Cotabato City.

The US Navy ship is

on its second visit to the Philippines with a mission to treat around 15,000 patients and to help with local construction projects. —Xinhua



A date palm grown from a 2,000-year-old seed is seen in this undated handout photograph, made available in London on 12 June, 2008. Israeli researchers who grew a sapling from a date seed found at the ancient fortress Masada said on Thursday the seed was about 2,000 years old and may help restore a species of biblical trees. —XINHUA

IFC, Morgan Stanley invest \$100m in China's nature

BEIJING, 13 June — The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, announced Tuesday it had invested 100 million US dollars with Morgan Stanley in Nature, one of the largest flooring manufacturers in China.

IFC's investment included a 20-million-US-dollar equity investment and 30 million US dollars long-term loan. Morgan Stanley made the other 50

million US dollars equity investment. Both companies did not disclose its equity share of the investment.

The money would be used to develop plantation forests in east China's Jiangxi Province and establish a steady supply of certified wood to the floor maker.

Nature plans to increase the use of such independently certified wood gradually to 100 per cent. The China Forest

Trade Network, the national body of the World Wildlife Fund's Global Forest and Trade Network, will regularly assess the company's progress on this target, according to the IFC.

The Chinese Government promotes both ecological conservation and forestry development, as the two are interdependent of each other, said Jia Zhibang, administrator of the State Forestry Administration. —Xinhua

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Indonesia's general election to be held April 2009

JAKARTA, 13 June — The General Election Commission (KPU) of Indonesia said here Wednesday that the KPU was planning to change the election date from 5 April to either 8 or 9 April, 2009.

The government and the House of Representatives (DPR) have left the schedule of next year's general election to KPU to

decide, KPU chairman Hafiz Anshari said.

Earlier, the KPU had decided at a plenary meeting to conduct the general election on Sunday, 5 April, 2009, but several parties had raised objections to the date and asked for a change.

According to Hafiz, the objections were discussed with the House Com-

mission II and the government, and the discussion ended with their agreement to leave the poll's schedule fully to the KPU to decide. Some 51 political parties have passed verification tests to join next year's general election, General Election Commission (KPU) chairman Hafiz Anshari said earlier. —Xinhua

Ecuador revokes over 1,000 mining concessions

QUITO, 13 June — Ecuador has revoked 1,138 mining concessions in efforts to boost government control over the industry, the country's Mines and Petroleum Ministry announced on Tuesday.

The order covers over 992,350 hectares of mining area in the provinces of Guayas, Azuay, Chimborazo, Pichincha, Zamora, Loja and El Oro, the ministry said in a statement.

The government is trying to control the activities of the concerned mining companies in order to protect the environment and local communities, said Mines and Petroleum Minister Galo Chiriboga.

The affected companies include All Metals Mineria, Atlas Moly SA, Arias Eguiguren, Carlos Arturo, Dai Zhou Xiaohui, Ecuadorgold, Cia Minera Mariana, Sierramin, Chanel Mining Resources, Elipe SA, and Santa Barnara Copper and Gold.

The nation's constituent assembly approved the so-called Miner Order on 18 April, allowing for greater control over the country's natural resources.

Xinhua



Mexican dancers perform at the first China Xinjiang International Folk Dance Festival in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 11 June, 2008. A special performance for Mexican dancing was held on Wednesday evening. —XINHUA

Reconstruction scene of Dedaye Township

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

Our media group arrived at storm-hit Dedaye Township of Ayeyawady Division on 7 June to cover the news on endeavours of three strengths such as the government, the people and the Tatmadaw in harmoniously carrying out reconstruction and development tasks.

At the entrance to Dedaye, we saw the grand Dedaye Bridge that contributes much to development and socio-economic progress of Kungyangon Township of Yangon South District and Dedaye, Pyapon, Kyaiklat and Bogale townships of Ayeyawady Division.

In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, a milestone was laid in the history of



Chairman of Dedaye Township Peace and Development Council U Myo Aung explains reconstruction and development of villages in the township.

already-roofed Sasana Beikman and religious buildings, offices, schools, hospitals and houses in town.

In an interview, Chairman of Dedaye Township Peace and Development Council U Myo Aung said, "The township is located on 401.714 square miles of land, and three wards and 190 village-tracts in the

and one relief camp for the village-tracts. Relief supplies were provided to 4,720 victims. On 3 June, there remained only two relief camps — one in the urban area and another in Kyonda Village, where a total of 258 storm victims were being accommodated. Beginning 20 May, reconstruction and development of the town are being undertaken

Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min."

He continued to say, "Out of 499.20 tons of rice and 764 tons of other items have been delivered to the storm victims. Out of 34,202

houses have also been repaired. In addition, the plans are under way to build 5,950 low-cost houses in the township."

"A total of 20 ravaged rice mills have been repaired cent per

various sizes of boats and fishing nets for ensuring development of the fishing industry," he explained.

He added, "Companies of national entrepreneurs including



A low-cost house for storm victims in villages of Dedaye Township.



Farming equipment to be used in storm-hit villages of Dedaye Township.

the State in implementing the development plans to link the northern and the southern regions of the country as well as the eastern and the western parts of the nation.

Reconstruction and development measures have been taken in respective storm-hit townships in a short time, due to unprecedented development of roads and bridges in Ayeyawady Division. We witnessed the

township are home to 211,353 people. A total of 18 relief camps are being opened for storm victims in the urban areas

under the supervision of Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Rail

ravaged houses in the township, 28,435 houses have been repaired. Furthermore, a total of 8,593 roof-blown off

cent. A total of 125 hullers of 259 have also been repaired, and the remaining hullers are under repair. At present, the target was set to put 182,143 acres of land under monsoon paddy in 2008-2009. In addition to one-wheeled Leyar-22 power-tillers, Leyar-16 power-tillers and Eya-1 power-tillers, paddy strains and draught cattle have been provided to the local farmers. Moreover, the arrangements are being made to deliver

Eden Company and Farmer Phoyarzar Co Ltd are also participating in the repair of schools, offices and religious buildings."

During the trip, we witnessed the progress of reconstruction tasks for the victims in storm-hit regions of Ayeyawady Division through the concerted efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

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The photo shows the already-repaired No 1 Basic Education High School in Dedaye.

Killers with use of words and swords

An Observer

The government hand in hand with the people and Tatmadawmen speedily carried out relief and rescue work for the survivors in the disaster-affected regions that were hit by cyclone Nargis in early May to continue to survive.

In the same month, SSA-S insurgent groups ruthlessly murdered innocent civilians earning their living in an honest way with various weapons such as sticks and swords.

During the storm, a private from the military service lost his life while he was alerting the people of a village in the Ayeyawady Delta to evacuate. From a delta town, motorized boats with rescue teams were sent to nearby villages and 597 storm victims were saved in time. Up to 14 May, 637 victims were saved and evacuated with the use of helicopters and 51 emergency patients were sent to specialist hospitals. Although helicopters could not touch down as some regions were flooded, they dropped relief supplies to nearest places. So, the victims were able to survive and reach the relief camps.

Such news was carried in both State-run newspapers and private journals. Some of the



Members of Tatmadaw giving helping hands to the injured man, U Thar Ngin, 23, to take him to hospital.

scenes were seen on TV screen. As an experienced journalist, I felt such news scenes were not exaggerated. I even analyzed them thoroughly whether there was any blackout. Like the roots of a tree, the southern Delta is teeming with streams, creeks and rivers. As almost all the ships, boats and motor boats in the region were sunk, it was not possible to rush to the affected areas for a certain period. That was why helicopters flew over transporting relief goods, evacuating the victims and sending patients to hospital. We did understand that. At such a time, we noticed some broadcasting stations manufactured fabricated news stories to the liking of internal and external

anti-government groups without considering how the government, private mediamen and donors would reach out to the storm victims and how they would carry out their relief work to cover the whole affected areas.

This is a great opportunity for anti-government groups. Ignoring sympathy and understanding, those expressing the wish to help Myanmar with humanitarian aid made a political trick changing the title of the Myanmar issue into a crime against humans. They exacerbated the problem. With skyful of lies, they launched a psychological warfare.

Those who exaggerated some weaknesses of Myanmar in implementing relief and

rescue work for the storm victims that occurred due to difficulties turned a blind eye to the news about the

thousands of victims with negative view and they are seeing the insurgents killing about a dozen of innocent civilians with positive view. It is because all the stories the internal and external groups created showed this direction.

Don't think that those creating make-up stories are not expert in the job. Indeed, they are expert at tracking news. As they seem to be blind or are pretending to be blind, I will reveal what the SSA-S Ywet Sit group is.

The group is made up of insurgent drug dealers. Since a neo-colonialist nation attempted to stab in the back of Myanmar, U Khun Sa-led MTA group

Some might already hear that there are machines issuing fake money. As the article can be so long, I will mention mainly about the Ywet Sit group committing crimes such as massacre, arson and rapes practising anti-Bamar sentiment and chauvinism.

On 9 February, 1993, they attacked the Tatmadaw camp in Pantawi village and set fire to the whole village as they retreated. A total of 60 villagers were killed and 30 injured.

On 18 January, 1997, they set fire to Meethwaygon (Bamar village) and raped the women of the village. Altogether 13 men and



U Thar Ngin, who escaped from SSA-S insurgents, undergoing surgery at Maukmai People's Hospital.

massacre committed by SSA-S Ywet Sit's group in Konlaymok village in Maukmai Township, Shan State (South). They blacked out this news. Although I was waiting for foreign news agencies how they would comment about this, nothing was heard except that BBC announced SSA-S blamed the government for the killings.

Why is it so? Is it their policy that everything the government does is to blame and everything the insurgents do is to be praised? Otherwise, they are seeing the government rescuing on a self-help basis hundreds of

unconditionally exchanged arms for peace and returned to the legal fold in January 1996. But Ywet Sit went underground again to continue engaging in the heroin business as he wanted to get back the money owed. He contacted the remnant Shan insurgent group of Khun Kya Nu and committed subversive acts. Later, their group was called SSA-S. The headquarters is based in Lwetailyan, Mongna. As it is all open to foreigners and foreign mediamen, news hunters also have been there. Near the region there are opium refineries.

children were killed and eight injured.

Altogether 21 local people from ward-6 of Namsan were captured and hit without any reason while they went to the village for making charcoal on 28 January of the same year.

On 13 June, 50 passenger-buses were robbed and the women were raped at a place on Kunhing-Kengtung motorway. They separated the Bamar national from the passengers and opened fire to them. So 26 people died and five injured.

(See page 9)



A wood cutter murdered by SSA-S insurgent group.

Killers with use of words and swords

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(from page 8)

They detonated a time bomb inside Myoma cinema in Mandalay on 21 May 1998, and the explosion left one dead and 11 injured. On 18 October the same year, they hit six workers to death with sticks and swords at the quarry on Panglong-Leikha road near Kyauktaung village.

On 24 March 2003, they fired small arms at the Gu monastery in Loikon village, Kunhein, and one monk was killed and a novice injured in the incident.

On 26 March 2005, they set fire to Hti-takhu, Naungde, Monglut and Panming villages, the majority of whose populations were Pa-O national people, in Hongpong Township. More than 100 houses were burnt down and 446 villagers left homeless. They also set fire to the primary school and the middle school of Hti-takhu village.

They are only some of the terrorist acts SSA-S Ywet Sit group has committed. They also committed many crimes in which one or two victims were shot dead. They have been recruiting new members.

In that regard, they did not spare even minors. So, many parents had to send their boys to the monasteries in nearby towns and had them initiated into novices there.

Those incidents have been published into publications with documentary photos. They are compelling evidence news hunters should keep for good references.

I would like to present one more profound event. Deputy commander-in-chief of the forces commander of Brigade No (758) U Mein Sin and 848 troop members whose objection did not work and who had lost their patience with those terrorist acts returned to the legal fold bringing together with them arms and ammunition on 6 July 2006.

Diplomats, representatives from UN agencies and local and foreign journalists covered the news at the ceremony in which U Mein Sin and party relinquished their armed insurgency line and entered the legal fold. The news hunters out of worry about possible collapse of Ywet Sit group aired special broadcasts to

maintain the group.

Deputy commander of Brigade No (758) U Sai Ta in his speech said, "Ywet Sit practises anti-Bamar policy. A large number of villagers of Meethwaygon village, workers and passengers were killed under his command. They robbed passenger buses, killed Bamar people, raped women and took the money from the victims. Moreover, they set fire to houses and schools in the villages of Pa-O nationals and forced them out of Shan State, accusing Pa-O people of giving information to the Tatmadaw. They stick to racism and theirs are terrorist acts. It is a long time we have been desperate to break away from his group".

Presenting compelling evidence that Ywet Sit-led SSA-S group had risen against the State and tortured the people repeatedly, the government released an announcement on 25 August 2006 to declare the group and its members, terrorists.

However, certain elements are turning a blind eye to their terrorist acts, covering the news about terrorist acts, and keeping them as lackeys. So, Ywet Sit group

**U Than
Zaw, 33,
son of
U Than
Maung
seen after
undergoing
surgery.**



members are still committing slaughters of innocent people audaciously.

It was very cruel of Ywet Sit troops to slaughter 11 workers of the sawmill near Konlemok village in Maukmai Township on 28 May 2008. News about this cruelty was carried in 31 May issue of the newspapers. The victims were all Bamar and Pa-O national people. They said, "We'll kill all of you" and cut their throats to death. Before doing so, they hit the victims with sticks. It is fair to say that they are far crueller than BCP members and '88' terrorists. In the policy of "Dismiss, remove and kill", BCP members used solid bamboo sticks in killing the victims. The "88" terrorists used swords to behead the victims. SSA-S troops used both sticks and swords. One of the 11 victims with injuries managed to escape. He recounted the atrocities in detail. The 10 victims were killed and thrown away into a ravine. When the Tatmadaw column arrived, one of the 10 victims was still alive, so he was rushed to hospital. The victims were buried. If all the 11 victims were dead, the news hunters would have covered up the fact and accused the Tatmadaw of killing the victims.

It might be in the

middle of last year. After a foreign media group had interviewed the SSA-S spokeswoman, SSA-S said that it had sent a message for tripartite talks and there had been no reply yet, with the intention of sounding out for information. Some members of the terrorist group were from NCUB. They were also terrorists. The government had declared NCGUB, FTUB, ABSDF and NLD (LA), unlawful groups and terrorists.

Members of the ABSDF (North) brashly committed atrocities under the "Dismiss, remove and kill" policy in which they killed fellow members. The group was then split into small groups. The group broke up and Than Gyaung and followers joined SSA-S Ywet Sit. Than Gyaung then continued to kill innocent people. He claimed himself to be Sao Khun Kyaw. In the end, he surrendered when the insurgent groups were surrounded by the Tatmadaw columns and the people in Nankham Township.

ABSDF, in collusion with Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB and expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB, detonated bombs many times and killed many people. Their bomb attacks included the bomb explosion that took

place at the ceremony to temporarily keep Buddha Tooth Relic for public homage in Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, letter bomb explosion, and a series of bomb explosions in three busy places in Yangon. SSA-S group massacred people in the jungles, while terrorist groups such as NCGUB, FTUB and ABSDF killed many people in urban areas.

Are they the ones who engage in a revolution, or democracy activists, or freedom fighters? Anti-government elements at home and abroad are supporting the terrorist groups to conceal the terrorist acts. However, the terrorist groups will be punished one day. I do not want the foreign radio stations to be put blame in those cases. They hunt news, whereas SSA-S, FTUB and ABSDF hunt human victims. If they continue to help the terrorist groups with atrocities, they will have to suffer evil consequences like hunter Sonutthora in King Elephant Chaddan Jataka. Writer Salay U Ponnnya named those who killed others with the use of words or arms, stupid persons or heretical slaves.

Translation: ST + MS



Nine bodies ferociously killed by SSA-S insurgent group.



Haji U Khin Maung Than of 32nd Street hands over 50 bags of rice to Chairman of Myaungmya Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panna Siha on 11 June.
The wellwisher donated 50 bags of rice to monks in storm-hit areas.—H

More int’l supplies arrive

YANGON, 13 June — More relief supplies are being provided by the international community. The three IL-76 flights and one AN-12 aircraft carrying 62.356 tons of food, plastic sheets, pillows, blankets and mosquito nets, computer accessories, plastic mats, construction materials and various kinds of medicines donated by Thailand-based WFP, the three C-130 aircraft carrying 18.89 tons of relief aid including bottled drinking water and milk donated by the USA and two C-130 aircraft carrying 23.66 tons of aid including bags of rice and medicines sent by Thai government and people arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

MNA



Relief aids from WFP based in Thailand arrive at Yangon International Airport.
MNA

US, British diplomats visited NLD HQ for 17 times in May

YANGON, 13 June —As National League for Democracy (NLD) has kept in contact with embassies of the United States of America and Britain and has carried out their instructions, people have criticised the party for its actions and have kept a watchful eye on it. Diplomats of the embassies of the US and Britain in Yangon visited the headquarters of the party on West Shwegondaing Road in Yangon for 17 times in May 2008. They met with CEC members of the NLD and presented small and big envelopes to them. — MNA

Monk of Golden Pagoda Buddhist Temple makes contribution

YANGON, 13 June — Monk Venerable Shi Fazho of Golden Pagoda Buddhist Temple in Singapore donated K 20 million to the storm victims and K5 million to the fund of Women Care Centre of Social Welfare Department in Twantay Township at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen MaungMaung Swe accepted the donations and presented



certificate of honour to the donor.
MNA

Ven Shi Fazho from Golden Pagoda Buddhist Temple of Singapore presents K 20 million to Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe. —SWRR

NDPCC member inspects rehabilitation tasks in Ngapudaw Township

YANGON, 13 June — Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met with commanding officer of local battalion and those

in-charge of construction companies, officials and USDA members at the control office of Pyinkhayein village, Ayeyawady Division in Ngapudaw Township on 9 June and gave instructions

on rehabilitation tasks of storm-hit villages, progress in repairing schools, arrival of power-tillers and agricultural equipment and health matter. The minister presented clothes to storm victims of Hlelangwin (north) village in Pyinkhayein village-tract. Next, the minister went to Oaktwin village and inspected progress on construction of make-shift village, land allotments and sample of low-cost housing complex of Shwe Thanlwin Co and left

necessary instructions. Next, the minister greeted the local people who will resettle in new Phonedawpyae village from Phonedawpyae and Khongyi villages. At control office of Pyinkhayein village on 10 June, the minister heard reports on progress of rehabilitation tasks presented by officials and urged them to accelerate the tasks. Next, the minister visited station hospital in Pyinkhayein village and comforted the patients.
MNA

Ministry of Forestry distributes sawn timber and logs to Yangon, Ayeyawady Divisions

YANGON, 13 June—The Ministry of Forestry distributed 100 tons of sawn timber and 2000 tons of log to Kungyangon Township and 3701 tons of sawn timber to 42 townships in Yangon Division up to 8 June. So far, 626 tons of sawn timber and 500 tons of log had been distributed to Pyapon Township, 443 tons of sawn timber, to Kyaiklat Township, 466 tons of sawn timber, to Dedaye Township, 565 tons of sawn timber and 2500 tons of log, to Bogale Township, 385 tons of sawn timber, to Labutta Township, 289 tons of sawn timber, to Ngapudaw Township, 252 tons of sawn timber, to Mawlamyinegyun Township and 200 tons of sawn timber, to Hainggyikyun Township. Similarly, the ministry provided 3176 tons of sawn timber and 2414.946 tons of log for reconstruction of damaged departmental buildings and low-cost housing complex. A total of 17617.946 tons of sawn timber and log were transported to storm-hit townships in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.—MNA

Eleven die in landslide in Mogok

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June — Torrential rains caused landslide leaving eleven dead in Mogok. The torrential rain from mid-night on 11 June to 6 am the next day reached record rainfall of 8.07 inches in Mogok, PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Division, and Yeni Creek flooded Shawliwaing, Myoma, Sipinthaya and Peikswe wards. The floodwater rose from two to three feet and caused landslide that destroyed three houses leaving seven men and four women dead. Local authority, Tatmadawmen, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Fire Brigade, Red Cross Society and social organizations had carried out rescue and relief efforts and medical care services at the scenes immediately.—MNA

UK security official suspended over lost file

LONDON, 13 June—The government said on Thursday it had suspended a senior intelligence official who left a file with top secret documents about Iraq and al-Qaeda on a train as MPs called for an inquiry.

A passenger found the orange folder on a London commuter train and handed it over to the BBC, which said it contained top secret documents on

Iraq's security forces and the government's latest assessment on al-Qaeda.

The sensitive papers had been in the possession of an unnamed official who worked in the Cabinet Office, the central government department that supports the work of Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

MNA/Reuters

Roof of Cyprus' largest theatre collapses

NICOSIA, 13 June—The roof of Cyprus' largest theatre caved in on Wednesday night while it was closed, police said on Thursday.

The Nicosia municipal theatre, with a

capacity of 1,200, had been scheduled to host hundreds of schoolchildren for an end of term play on Thursday evening.

Last week the neo-classical building hosted

members of Russia's Bolshoi Ballet. The theatre was extensively refurbished in 2004, though concerns were expressed at the time over the structural integrity of some areas of the building.

MNA/Reuters

Brazil starts clinical test on esophagus cancer vaccine

RIODE JANEIRO, 13 June—The Brazilian lab Eurofarma said Wednesday it will carry out clinical tests of a biological vaccine developed in Cuba against esophagus cancer.

The project of the lab, the fifth biggest in Brazil, will be supported by the Brazilian National Bank of Economic and Social Development (BNDES).

The BNDES announced Wednesday that it has approved a credit of 2.2 million reais (about 1.3 million US dollars) to

fund the project. If the results of clinical test is satisfactory, the vaccine will be produced in Brazil.

Eurofarma will contribute 1.3 million more dollars to prove the efficiency of the medicine that combats esophagus cancer. It is also being tested in treatments on head, neck, brain and lung malignant tumors.

The vaccine, Nimotuzumab, is a monoclonal antibody developed from biological molecules by the Centre of Molecular Immunology (CIM) in

Havana, Cuba. It is synthesized protein that acts over structures of specific proteins of the surface of tumour cells.

The medicine complements treatments against cancer like chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

The tests made till now with vaccine in Cuba have proved that the medicine has the same clinical benefits with other drugs used against cancer but without producing collateral effects.

MNA/Xinhua

Nine survive weekend air crash in Chile

SANTIAGO, 13 June — The wreckage of a plane, which disappeared four days ago with 10 people on board, was found Wednesday in southern Chile, local authorities said. Pilot Nelson Bahamondes, 60, was the only person killed in the accident, a Chilean Air Force colonel said. The small plane, a Cessna 208, went missing after taking off from an airport in the southern city of Puerto Montt en route to La Junta. The Air Force and military police then began a large-scale search operation, with a helicopter spotting the survivors late Wednesday.

The survivors, all Chilean nationals, suffered only minor injuries as the pilot had reduced the impact by crashing the plane into treetops.—MNA/Xinhua



Residents look over tornado damage in Chapman, Kan, on 12 June, 2008, after the violent storm cut a six-block path through the small Kansas town on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Patients “not benefiting” from British NHS reforms

LONDON, 13 June — Patients have yet to see any significant benefits from the government's billion-pound overhaul to the National Health Service, two independent watchdogs said on Thursday.

NHS officials have underestimated the complexity of overhauling the health system,

they said, although in the long run they expected the reforms to pay off.

While general NHS standards had improved considerably in the past few years, patients were still failing to feel any significant benefits because the reforms were not “delivering the desired changes.” The conclusions were reached in a joint

report from the Healthcare Commission—which oversees health-care in England—and the Audit Commission, which monitors other public bodies.

Officials from the two bodies estimated the reforms, unveiled almost a decade ago by Tony Blair, have cost taxpayers close to one billion pounds.—MNA/Reuters

Then there were 8: Pluto loses planet status



Two years after Pluto was struck from the planetary A-list and downgraded to “dwarf-planet” status, the ninth rock from the Sun regained some dignity by lending its name to new category of celestial bodies.

INTERNET

Pluto gets a new name

WASHINGTON, 13 June— Pluto, demoted from planet status in 2006, got a consolation prize on Wednesday—it and other dwarf planets like it will be called plutoids.

The International Astronomical Union said in a statement that its executive committee meeting in Oslo, Norway, decided on the term.

Plutoids will be defined as celestial bodies in orbit around the Sun farther away than Neptune. They must have near-spherical shape, and must

not have swept up other, smaller objects in their orbits, said the organization, which names newly discovered planets and other celestial bodies.

The two known and named plutoids are Pluto and Eris, but astronomers expect to find more.

Another dwarf planet, Ceres, does not merit the plutoid designation because it is in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

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Wildfires hit
homes in
California town

SAN FRANCISCO, 13
June—Four wildfires
fanned by high winds
destroyed seven houses,
20 condominium units
and a small apartment
building in Stockton,
California, a city already
reeling from one of the
highest US rates of
mortgage foreclosures.

Two firefighters suf-
fered minor injuries but
returned to battling the
blaze amid gusting winds
and high temperatures,
Stockton Police spokes-
man Pete Smith said.

Smith said authorities
did not yet have a count
for the number of people
displaced by the fires and
have yet to determine how
they started.

MNA/Reuters

US-led forces say kill four
Afghan civilians in raid

KABUL, 13 June—US-
led forces killed four
Afghan civilians, in-
cluding two women and a
boy, in an operation
against the insurgents in
the southeastern province
of Paktika, the US military
said in a statement on
Wednesday.

But some people who
introduced themselves by
phone as residents told
reporters that dozens of
civilians were killed in late
Tuesday's air attacks in
Mata Khan District of the
province which lies near
the border with Pakistan.

Afghan provincial
officials declined to
confirm or deny the
accounts. The operation,
in which several militants
were killed, was aimed
at two insurgent leaders,
the US military said in
its statement, without
identifying the pair.

"The operation also
resulted in four civilian
deaths and one civilian
injury," it said, adding the
fatalities included two
women and a boy.

The soldiers detained 12
insurgents in the operation,
it said. The Taleban, who
lead the insurgency against
the government and
foreign troops under the
command of NATO as
well as the US military,
could not be reached
immediately for com-
ment.—MNA/Reuters

Panama seizes 4,423
kilos of cocaine

PANAMA CITY, 13 June—Panama seized 4,423 kilos
of cocaine on Tuesday on three speed boats around the
Coiba Island in the Panamanian Pacific.

Interior and Justice Vice Minister Severino Mejia
said that the seizures were a hard blow to drug
traffickers. Panamanian Drug Prosecutor Gilberto
Armuelles said that no arrest has been made so far, but
the police were stationed in the island searching for the
suspects.

"The drugs were to be smuggled into the United
States," said Armuelles.

Police and prosecutor authorities said that one of the
boats had four outboard motors and the other boat had
various communication radios, fuel and provisions.

During the last three months, the Panamanian anti-
drug agents have seized 12 tons of illegal substances.

MNA/Xinhua

WFP resumes school feeding
programme in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 13 June
—The UN World Food
Programme (WFP) has
resumed to provide free
meals for some 450,000
primary school children
across Cambodia, after
obtaining new contri-
bution to ease its financial
strain, said a WFP Press
release Wednesday.

"The last minute
contribution of 5.4 million
US dollars came at a time
when WFP was forced
to suspend its School
Feeding Programme
(recently) in Cambodia
because of rising food
prices and lack of
corresponding funds," it
said.

The contribution was
part of a WFP corporate
fund established to help
the organization's Country
Programmes continue to
provide food assistance
despite higher food
procurement costs, it
added.

MNA/Xinhua



One of nature's helicopters a large bee hovers around the flowers on 12 June, 2008 in Washington.—INTERNET

Cameroon seeks measures to boost agri production

YAOUNDE, 13 June —
Officials of departments
and agencies under the
Cameroonian Agriculture
Ministry are holding a
three-day conference to
discuss the imple-
mentation of a series of
measures aimed at
boosting agricultural
production in the country.

During the annual
conference, whose theme
is "The grand ambitions
of the Cameroonian
agriculture" this year, the
participants are expected
to confirm the importance
of the agricultural sector
and rural economy,
identify bottlenecks

hampering growth in the
sector and propose
solutions, the Agriculture
Ministry announced on
Tuesday.

Further, they will
attempt to exercise the
lethargy that has been
the hallmark of the

Agriculture Ministry in
order to give an
operational content that is
likely to strengthen the
sector and enhance the
position of "agronomists
who spend more time in
offices than on the
ground".—MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb hits Iraqi police
patrol in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 13 June— A car bomb went off near a
police commando patrol in central Baghdad on
Thursday, killing three people and wounding 15 others,
an Interior Ministry source said.

The attack occurred in the afternoon in the Allawi
district when the patrol was travelling on the main busy
road, the source told Xinhua on condition of
anonymity.—MNA/Xinhua

"Flower Girl" boosts cultural
exchange between DPRK, China

PYONGYANG, 13 June—
The performing tour in
China of the famous opera
"Flower Girl" of the
Democratic People's
Republic of Korea (DPRK)
was very successful, a
DPRK newspaper said
Tuesday. "The un-
precedented performance
was extremely successful
and will be a landmark
in the DPRK-China

traditional friendship," the
newspaper *Minju Joson*
quoted the head of the
opera delegation Choe
Chang Il as saying. It will
boost the exchange of
culture and art between the
two countries, Choe added.

The Chinese audience
were deeply attracted by
the ideological content and
exquisite art of "Flower
Girl", said the director

O Kyong Chol. The
scenery, unique vocal
accompaniment and
beautiful dances were
extremely new to the ear
and the eye of the people,
O said. "Flower Girl," one
of the "Five DPRK
Revolutionary Operas,"
made a performing tour in
more than 10 Chinese cities
from 15 April to 31 May .

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese workers move into a makeshift tent near the ongoing construction of the China Central Television tower in Beijing on 11 June.

INTERNET

End to discrimination urged against HIV-infected people

UNITED NATIONS, 13 June — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appealed on Tuesday for an end to the discrimination against HIV-infected people, calling it “an affront to our common humanity”.

Six decades after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, “it is shocking that there should still be discrimination against those at high risk, such stigma attached to individuals living with HIV,” Ban told a high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS which opened Tuesday at the General

Assembly.

“This not only drives the virus underground, where it can spread in the dark; as important, it is an affront to our common humanity,” he said.

Citing his meetings with the UN’s group of HIV-positive staff, UN Plus, the UN Chief described such encounters as “one of my most moving experiences as Secretary-General”. “They are wonderfully courageous and motivated people,” he said. “I am determined to make the UN a model workplace in embracing them, and all our staff living with HIV.”

Ban also called on the international community to change laws that “uphold stigma and discrimination — including restrictions on travel for people living with HIV”.

The United Nations began on Tuesday the two-day high-level event to review progress made in implementing the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS.

MNA/Xinhua



A file photo shows biologist examines cells infected with the chikungunya virus at a Marseille laboratory. EU health experts have warned that Europe could face an increase in outbreaks of diseases carried by insects and rodents — such as chikungunya fever — as the climate on the continent becomes hotter and wetter.—INTERNET

Greek industrialist’s abductors demand 50 mln euros

ATHENS, 13 June — The kidnappers of a prominent Greek industrialist are asking for 50 million euros to release him, police said on Wednesday. George Milonas, 49, chairman of the Federation of Industries of Northern Greece and CEO of aluminium company Alumil, was snatched at gunpoint late on Monday outside his home in the northern city of Thessaloniki by unknown assailants.

“A person claiming to know Milonas’ whereabouts contacted his wife early this morning demanding 50 million euros for his release,” a police official who declined to be named told Reuters.

Although the abduction of Milonas is not

considered to be the work of urban guerillas, authorities have not ruled it out. Road blocks have been set up throughout the city and across northern Greece.

MNA/Reuters

A performer on stilts, dressed as a vine, entertains at the 28th Auction Napa Valley in St Helena, California recently.
INTERNET



New-style bird flu vaccine shows promise

WASHINGTON, 13 June — A new-style bird flu vaccine made using monkey cells instead of chicken eggs appears to be safe and effective, corporate researchers reported on Wednesday.

The vaccine against H5N1 avian influenza, made by Baxter International, is the first bird flu vaccine to be made using cells in a lab dish instead of chicken eggs. This is important because the right type of chicken eggs are difficult to obtain — and because H5N1 kills chickens rapidly.

The trial of more than 250 people was a phase I/II safety trial, but the report, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, showed the vaccine produced a strong immune response in people who received two doses.— MNA/Reuters

Cashew nuts may cut greenhouse gas from belching

TOKYO, 13 June — The cast offs from snacking on cashews may help fight global warming caused by animals that belch methane. Tests in Japan have shown that oil produced from the shell of the cashew nut may slash by 90 per cent the methane emissions from belching cattle when mixed as an additive to feed, a spokesman for oil refiner Idemitsu Kosan Co. said on Wednesday.

The firm’s research division is working with Hokkaido University on Japan’s northernmost island, on the project, with the aim of launching sales within four years, the spokesman said.

“We are in the process of applying for a patent,” he said, although the research has so far been only in the laboratory with the treatment yet to be fed to cattle.

Methane emissions from livestock in the field are a major factor in climate change. In New Zealand the two main gases from agriculture, methane from livestock and nitrous oxide from fertilisers, make up close to half of the country’s emissions.

MNA/Reuters

Mediterranean shark numbers down 97%

ROME, 13 June — The number of sharks in the Mediterranean has fallen by 97 per cent in the last 200 years, putting the sea’s ecological balance at risk, a report released on Wednesday said.

The report, by the Washington-based Lenfest Ocean Programme, used records such as fishermen’s logs, shark landings, museum specimens and visual sightings to estimate the number and size of the Mediterranean sharks over the last two centuries.

There was only enough data on five of the 20 big shark species

present in the Mediterranean to be useful to the study — the hammerhead, thresher, blue and two species of mackerel shark, which averaged a decline of 97 per cent.

“It will have a major impact on the ecosystem because large predatory sharks are at the top of the food chain,” said Francesco Ferretti, the report’s lead author.

A report last month by the International Union for Conservation of Nature found 11 kinds of shark faced extinction due to overfishing, partly caused by booming demand for shark fin soup in Asia.

MNA/Reuters



A woman, right, gets help from a man after her car stalled in a flooded street on 12 June, 2008, in Iowa City, Iowa. Thousands of people had evacuated their homes in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City and Cedar Rapids by Thursday as thunderstorms brought more heavy rain to flood-ravaged Iowa.
INTERNET

SPORTS



Tiger Woods watches his shot from the rough on the first hole during the first round of the 108th U. Open golf tournament at Torrey Pines in San Diego on 12 June, 2008.—INTERNET

France coach secretive but not superstitious

BERNE, 13 June— France coach Raymond Domenech remained tight-lipped about his starting lineup to face Netherlands in their second match at Euro 2008 although he said that playing on Friday the 13th was not a problem.

Domenech, who is known to be interested in astrology and other mysterious matters, was asked about the date of the Group C match in Berne, the second clash of heavyweights in the tournament.

“I’m not superstitious,” a relaxed Domenech told a news conference on Thursday. “It brings bad luck.”

He said his 23-man squad were all fit, meaning striker Thierry Henry and midfielder Patrick Vieira, who missed the opening 0-0 draw against Romania with thigh injuries, should both take some part in the game. —MNA/Reuters

German FM turns airport into soccer lounge

HELSINKI , 13 June — German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier unexpectedly took over a VIP lounge at Helsinki airport on Thursday to see Germany take on Croatia in the Euro 2008 soccer tournament.

Just before the end of the first half of the match, Steinmeier’s plane stopped just 10 metres away from the lounge and his 100-strong delegation hastily took their seats to watch the remainder of the game on a wide screen television.

Officials said the plane had to refuel on its way to China, where Steinmeier is headed for an official visit. MNA/Reuters

Sagnol says France can still win the title

BERNE, 13 June — France are still contenders to win Euro 2008 despite a dismal start against Romania that produced no goals, fullback Willy Sagnol said on Thursday.

“It would have been better to beat Romania but we have a goal which is to go all the way and that still stands,” Sagnol told a news conference the day before France face Netherlands.

The confident Dutch started with a 3-0 demolition of world champions Italy and Sagnol .

“It will be difficult but we knew that from the start,” he added.

France, now facing a struggle to survive a tough Group C, can turn to recent history for inspiration, having started their 2006 World Cup campaign with a dull 0-0 draw with Switzerland.

“We’re used to sluggish starts at major tournaments,” Sagnol said, without mentioning that in Germany, France next faced South Korea and Togo rather than Netherlands and Italy here.

He also believes the other two heavyweights in the group would find it hard against Romania, who played defensively against France. —MNA/Reuters

Argentina coach Basile unimpressed by Euro 2008

BUENOS AIRES, 13 June — Argentina coach Alfio Basile has not been impressed by Euro 2008.

“I don’t like the European championship,” he told a news conference on Thursday.

“As always, the Europeans play firstly to qualify. I don’t have a favourite but I always believe in the major powers.

“Spain had a good win but they don’t have the history which Germany and Italy have.”

Basile, whose team face Ecuador in a World Cup qualifier on Sunday and visit Brazil three days later, said he would not be fooled by Brazil’s 2-0 friendly defeat to Venezuela last Friday.

“It’s not usual for Brazil to play like that, and it was a day when everything went well for Venezuela,” said Basile, who has been on the wrong end of two 3-0 defeats against Brazil since taking over as coach after the 2006 World Cup. —MNA/Reuters



India’s Sunitha Rao, hits a shot, during her third-round match against Alona Bondarenko of Ukraine, at the Birmingham DFS Classic women’s tennis tournament, Birmingham, England, on 12 June, 2008.—INTERNET



(13 June 2008)

Italy	1	-	1	Romania
Holland	4	-	1	France



Italy’s goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon saves a penalty from Romania’s Adrian Mutu during their Group C Euro 2008 soccer match at the Letzigrund Stadium in Zurich, on 13 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Romania holds Italy to 1-1 draw

Zurich,(Switzerland), 13 June—Gianluigi Buffon saved a late penalty kick by Adrian Mutu, giving Italy a 1-1 draw with Romania on Friday at the European Championship. Daniel Niculae was dragged down in the area by Christian Panucci in the 80th minute. Buffon, a star for Italy’s World Cup champions two years ago, dived left

and reached back with his hand to stop Mutu’s shot, and the ball then deflected away off the goalkeeper’s leg.

Mutu had given Romania the lead in the 55th minute off a defensive mistake by Gianluca Zambrotta. Panucci equalized a minute later for Italy following a scramble off a corner kick.—Internet

Players insist Torres incident gone and forgotten

NEUSTIFT (Austria), 13 June — Fernando Torres’s angry reaction after being substituted during Spain’s 4-1 win over Russia will do nothing to undermine morale in the Spain camp, players said on Thursday.

Spain coach Luis Aragones went to shake Torres’s hand after taking him off early in the second half of the Group D game in Innsbruck on Tuesday, but the striker ignored him as he walked off to be replaced by Cesc Fabregas. “Why destroy everything we’ve done by worrying about a small detail,” defender Joan Capdevila told a news conference. It is past now and we have to look ahead. We need to look at positive things not the negative. —MNA/Reuters

သဘာဝဘေးအန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်သောဒေသများရှိ ပြည်သူများအတွက် ကျန်းမာရေးသတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

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 - 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၊
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 - ၁၂။ သဘာဝဘေးအန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်ပြီးသည့်အခါ အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါ၊ ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါ၊ မြွေဆိုးကိုက်အန္တရာယ်၊ ထိခိုက်မှုအန္တရာယ်နှင့် အခြားကျန်းမာရေးပြဿနာများ ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပါသည်။ ဖြစ်ပွားပါက အနီးဆုံးကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံးသွားရောက်ပြသကြပါရန် သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်အပ် ပါသည်။
- ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုရာသီကာလသည် ဝမ်းပျက် ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သည့် အချိန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ မသန့်ရှင်းသောရေ သောက်သုံးခြင်းနှင့် မသန့်ရှင်းသော အစားအသောက်များ စားသုံးခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ဝမ်းလျှောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။

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- * ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အတွက်
 - ကလိုရင်းဆေးခတ်ထားသောရေ (သို့) ကျိုချက်ထားသောရေကိုသာလျှင်သောက်သုံးကြရန်၊
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 - ကလေး၊ လူကြီးအားလုံး သန့်ရှင်းသော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကို သုံးစွဲကြရန်၊
 - အစာမစားမီနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးကိုင်တွယ်ပြီးတိုင်း လက်ကို စင်ကြယ်အောင်ဆေးကြောကြရန်၊
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 - (ထုံးဖြူးခြင်း၊ မြေဖုံးခြင်း၊ မီးရှို့ခြင်းများကို ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်)

* ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက အနီးဆုံး ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့အမြန်ဆုံးပြသရန်နှင့် လူနာများတွေ့ရှိက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာန သို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပေးပို့ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

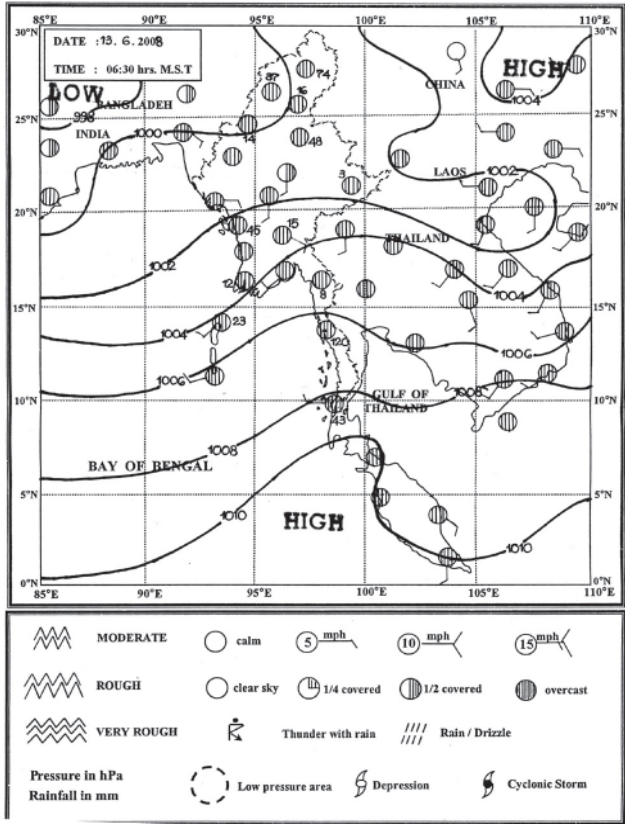
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- * မသန့်ရှင်းသောသောက်ရေ၊ သုံးရေများကြောင့် ပြည်သူ အများ ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါ အန္တရာယ် ကျရောက် နိုင်ပါသည်။
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- * ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ သောက်သုံးရန်မသင့်ဟု ကြေညာထားသော သောက်ရေသန့်များကို မသောက်သုံး သင့်ပါ။
- * ရေသန့်ပင်ဖြစ်လင့်ကစား မသင်္ကာပါက ရေကိုကျိုချက် ပြီးမှ သောက်ပါ။

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 13 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Kayah States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.31) inches, Dawei (4.88) inches, Myeik (4.49) inches, Putao (3.63) inches, Minbu (2.36) inches, Bhamo (2.21) inches, Kawthoung (2.09) inches and Magway and Kyaukpadaung (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-6-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 13-6-2008 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-6-2008 was 80%. Total sunshine hours on 12-6-2008 was (3.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-6-2008 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.24) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.32) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (34.80) inches at Mingaladon, (41.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (53.31) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (16:25) hours MST on 12-6-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 14-6-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Chin, Kayin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-6-2008:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-6-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of June 2008: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be in fairly widespread in Yagon Division, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 14 June
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

- The golden triangle past the present

8:15 am

- International news

11:00 am

- Martial song

11:15 am

- မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

11:25 am

- Games for children

12:00 noon

- Round up of the week's TV local news

1:00 pm

- Japan video topics

1:10 pm

- ပြည်သူ့နီတိ“ကိုယ်ချင်းစာ” (ပြတိုဦး၊ ခင်စာခြည်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးခင်ဇော်)

2:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက် ထုတ်ကုန်များ

2:10 pm

- Dance of national races

2:20 pm

- မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

2:40 pm

- Musical programme

2:50 pm

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- Musical programme

4:30 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:35 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:45 pm

- “မီးမီးရဲ့ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်” (နေအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မေဇူဦး၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ ဇာဇာမင်းထက်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး -ပဲရစ်)

4:55 pm

- မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

5:15 pm

- ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- အလှူရာမယ်လှူခွာဝယ်

6:50 pm

- Musical programme

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm

- News
- International news
- Weather report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မာယာထောင်ချောက်” (အပိုင်း-၂၉)

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-centred persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies 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-centred persons and unscrupulous elements.

- ☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ☆ BBC lying
- VOA deceiving
- RFA setting up hostilities
- ☆ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

Head of Office Ph: 067 404021 and 067 404022
Deputy Head of Office Ph: 09 860 1002