

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

More efforts to be made for regional development realizing genuine goodwill of the State taking measures for raising living conditions of storm survivors

Prime Minister General Thein Sein tours Labutta, Bogale Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by committee members ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and officials, arrived in Bogale in Ayeyawady Division through Yangon by helicopter at 8.30 am today.

Accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials, the Prime Minister and party inspected the

building of fishing boats in Bogale under the arrangement of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thien conducted them round. Next, the Prime Minister and party looked into the implementation of rehabilitation work in a motorcade. They then helicoptered to Labutta Township and inspected the repair of Hlinephone Village Basic Education Middle School and construction of a temporary school building.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greeted members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association from Kayin, Rakhine and

Shan (East) States, members of Red Cross Brigade and health staff who were participating in the rehabilitation work in the village. In meeting with the local people of the village, the Prime Minister explained the State's efforts for rehabilitation of the storm-hit regions and their development.

The Prime Minister and party inspected assembling of power-tillers for the village and instructed officials concerned to supervise the work for enabling the farmers to plough and cultivate crops in time in the cultivating season.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects power-tillers in Labutta Township.—MNA

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Relief supplies arrive in Mawlamyinegyun Township

YANGON, 21 June—Kyu Sein Hlaing ship carrying 53 tons of assorted foodstuff, bottled drinking water, mosquito nets, blankets, slippers and personal goods for the storm victims in the affected areas arrived at Athint jetty in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 19 June.

Relief supplies will be distributed to the storm-hit villages.—MNA

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Try to improve living conditions of local people in storm-hit areas

Now, reconstruction tasks are being expedited for providing shelter for the people in the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division and assistance is being rendered for the farmers and fishermen to be able to resume their businesses.

The Irrigation Department is reconstructing the embankments in Labutta Township to protect the region from being flooded by sea water. As a result, nearly 40,000 acres can be put under crops. The department is working hard to complete the reconstruction of the remaining embankments.

The government has distributed 1700 power-tillers, draught cattle and paddy seeds for cultivation to the farmers in the villages of Labutta Township to enable them to resume their agricultural works in time this cultivation season. Now, local farmers are engaged in farming.

Dedaye Township is now in pursuance of the target for cultivating paddy in more than 100,000 acres. In the process, local farmers are ploughing the paddy fields with draught cattle plus over 300 power-tillers.

In like manner, local farmers are ploughing paddy fields with the use of power-tillers to grow monsoon paddy in Gonnyindan and Kyonlatar villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township. In the meantime, paddy seeds are being distributed. Up to now, more than 40,000 baskets of paddy seeds have been provided.

Moreover, farm implements are being provided for farmers, and fishing boats and fishing nets, for fishermen to resume their works. For their comfort and convenience, fishermen have been allowed to catch fish free of charge in the public fishing blocks from June to August.

At a time when the government is speeding up rehabilitation undertakings, the farmers and fishermen in the storm-affected areas should make increased efforts in their businesses to help improve the living conditions of local residents.

Rotary International District-2790 (Masataka Shiratori Governor, Rotar Act Club, Funabashi East Rotary Club) donates US\$ 5,000 and medicines to storm victims through Professor Dr Kyaw Myint Naing, Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association, and CEC members on 21 June.—H



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

Electric Power No. 1 Minister inspects Yenwe hydropower plant

YANGON, 21 June—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min arrived at Yenwe hydropower plant near Myo Chaung village in Kyaukdaga Township, Bago Division yesterday. At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on supply of electricity, storage of water in the dam, maintenance of machines and staff welfare presented by plant manager U Tun Chit. Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Oo of Hydropower Generating Enterprise gave a supplementary report.

Then, the minister asked about the matters related to education and health of the staff’s families and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the minister and party inspected running of machines in the plant. Yenwe hydropower plant was installed with two 12.5 megawatt generators, and the plant generates 123 million kwh yearly.

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Sports Minister attends conclusion of fitness training course

YANGON, 21 June—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address at the ceremony to conclude the fitness training course for trainers jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation at the gymnasium of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) in Kyaikkasan Sports grounds, here, this afternoon.

MWSF Central Working Committee Chairperson Daw Aye Aye presented conclusion certificates to the trainee.

Next, the list of 17 eligible trainees to attend



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents prize to a trainee.

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the fitness training referee ceremony, the athletes Aye Aye presented cash course was announced. demonstrated their skills rewards to them.

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Minister inspects collective ploughing in Dedaye

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min on 14 June inspected the ploughing of farmland with the use of power-tillers by USDA members of Bago (East) and Ayeyawady Divisions, at the farm of farmer U Kyaw Myint in Dedaye Township.

The minister called on members of Bago (East) and Ayeyawady Division USDAs to collectively take part in the timely completion of farm reclamation and rehabilitation work in the township.

At Kyonda Village, the minister paid respects to Sayadaw of Kyaungthit Monastery and inspected the damaged monastery. He donated Buddha images and robes to the Sayadaw and instructed officials to rebuild the damaged monastery.

Next, he inspected dispensary and Basic Education High School (branch) that have been reconstructed by Eden Co Ltd.

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Obama, Hillary to campaign together



**Barack
Obama
and
Hillary
Clinton**

WASHINGTON, 21 June — Presumptive US Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama announced Friday that he and former rival Hillary Clinton would campaign together on 27 June for the first time.

Obama's campaign made the announcement in a e-mail message sent to her supporters.

However, no details were offered, such as

where this might happen, for how long, whether it will be multiple events and days.

The two will also meet in Washington on 26 June to soothe the tensions between Obama and some Hillary supporters.

Obama, a first-term US Senator from Illinois, beat Clinton, a Senator from New York and a former first lady and

clinched the Democratic presidential nomination on 3 June. However, Hillary waited until four days later to concede the race to Obama.

Some Democrats are pushing for a joint Obama-Clinton ticket in the general election to unite the party.— *Internet*

Palestinian demonstrators run to avoid tear gas fired by Israeli border police during a demonstration against Israel's separation barrier in the West Bank village Bilin, near Ramallah, on 20 June, 2008. Israel says the barrier is necessary for security while Palestinians call it a land grab.
INTERNET



Phoenix lander confirms ice present on Mars

PASADENA (California), 21 June — Scientists rejoiced Friday after the Phoenix Mars lander confirmed their long-held belief that ice is hiding under the surface in the Red Planet's northern region.

The lander's robotic arm started digging trenches into Martian soil after touching down near the planet's north pole on 25 May, revealing a white substance that scientists had said could be either salt or ice.

Phoenix flexed its arm again to enlarge a trench Sunday. It then took pictures of eight bright bits of material the size of dice inside the hole, which scientists dubbed "Dodo-Goldilocks."

When the lander took new photographs of the trench four days later on Thursday, the material had vanished, settling the debate about whether it was salt or ice. Scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, concluded the material was frozen water that evaporated when exposed to the sun. Salt would not have reacted that way, scientists said.

Scientists believed a vast sheet of ice was hiding in the planet's north pole after NASA's Mars Odyssey surveyed it in 2002. Besides evidence of water, the three-month Phoenix mission is also hoping to find life-supporting organic minerals in the polar region.— *Internet*

Four Coalition soldiers killed, two others wounded in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 June — Four soldiers of the US-led Coalition forces were killed and two more seriously wounded on Saturday by roadside bombing explosion while conducting operation in southern Afghan province of Kandahar, said a Coalition statement.

The identity and nationality of the soldiers

will be released pending notification of next of kin. The incident came just after the other roadside bombing killing one Coalition soldier and wounding three others in western Afghan province of Farah Friday evening.

There are around 70,000 international troops serving under the flag of the US-led Coalition forces and the NATO-led International

Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan to boost security in the post-Taliban nation. Attacks on international troops are on the rise during past weeks when the Taliban militants continue to demonstrate their strength through suicide and roadside bombings which claimed at least 103 Coalition troops so far in 2008.— *Internet*



An aerial view from inside an Indian Air Force chopper shows the flood affected village of Patashpur, in Midnapore district, about 150 Kilometers (94 miles) west of Kolkata, India, on 20 June, 2008.
INTERNET

17 killed in Philippine typhoon

MANILA 21 June — Flash floods and landslides killed at least 17 people in the southern Philippines on Saturday as heavy rains from Typhoon Fengshen inundated the region, causing widespread damage.

Ten people drowned after the Rifao River overflowed its banks and swept away three houses in a riverside village in South Upi in southern Maguindanao Province, provincial administrator Norie Unas said. Five others were missing.

At least 40 people were trapped on an island in the middle of the river, said town councilor Justina Betita. She appealed to the military to send a helicopter

to rescue them, but there was no immediate response from the air force.

In nearby Cotabato city, a 50-year-old man and his 10-year-old grandson were killed when a landslide buried their hillside shanty, Mayor Muslimin Sema said. Four other people drowned in Maguindanao, while in neighboring Cotabato Province, authorities recovered the body of a farmer, one of three people reported missing, the mayors of two towns reported.

Officials ordered the evacuation of more than 117,000 people from areas prone to floods and landslides in central Albay Province. But many returned home by midday

Saturday after the typhoon missed the area.

The typhoon maintained its strength as it moved toward the southern part of Mindoro island, south of Manila. The weather bureau raised the second highest storm alert for nine provinces in the area.

Internet



The storm has forced thousands of people to flee their homes.—INTERNET

US military deaths toll in Iraq rises to 4,102

WASHINGTON, 20 June — As of Friday, 20 June, 2008, at least 4,102 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,340 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is one fewer than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 am EDT.

The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, South Korea, one death each.

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Obama to forgo public funds for election campaign

WASHINGTON, 21 June — US Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said on Thursday he has decided to forgo public financing of his election campaign against Republican John McCain.

The decision frees

him up to collect money privately, which could be a help to him strategically ahead of November's election. During the Democratic primary, Obama smashed records for fundraising, largely on the success he achieved in raising

money over the Internet. "We've made the decision not to participate in the public financing system for the general election," Obama said in a video statement emailed to reporters.

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Display coordinator takes down Picasso's 'Sylvette' (1954), after it set a new record of 6.1 million US dollar for the most expensive painting ever sold in Australia, at the Deutscher-Menzies auction house in Sydney, on 19 June.—INTERNET

Recovering Fidel Castro meets Uruguayan leader

HAVANA, 21 June — Fidel Castro met on Thursday with Uruguayan President Tabare Vazquez in the third known meeting this week for the 81-year-old former Cuban leader who has been recovering following

surgery almost two years ago. Vazquez, who also is an oncologist, told reporters Castro looked "very good, in very good spirits, very good intellectually" during their two-hour, 20 minute

session in an undisclosed location in the Cuban capital.

He said Castro had gone through a "difficult personal situation that he has now definitely left behind", apparently referring to the ailment that forced him out of sight and finally out of the office he held for 49 years.

Castro has been seen only in videos and photos since the July 2006 intestinal operation, of which little is known but that it prompted him to provisionally cede power to brother Raul Castro.

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"Living fossil of fish" Chinese sturgeons debut in HK

HONG KONG, 21 June — Five pre-historic Chinese sturgeons, presented by the Chinese Mainland, made their first appearance in Hong Kong's Ocean Park on Friday.

Known as "living fossil of fish" or "Giant Panda in the water", the Chinese sturgeons were presented to Ocean Park by the Chinese National Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Association. Ocean Park will be the world's first and only zoological facility to feature human-bred Chinese sturgeons living in sea water. Their

arrival has also been timed to coincide with the upcoming Beijing Olympics, with the five Chinese sturgeons to symbolize the five Olympic rings.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony held Friday, Ocean Park's Chairman Allan Zeman said, Ocean Park is very honoured to be presented with these precious gifts, which enable Ocean Park to forge new relationships with their counterparts in the Chinese Mainland, facilitating greater cooperation and exchanges of knowledge

regarding there animals.

"We also pledge to raise public awareness globally on the urgency of aquatic wildlife preservation," he said.

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Two Indonesian women die of bird flu

JAKARTA, 21 June — Two women have died of avian influenza, bringing the total fatalities of the disease to 110, spokesperson of the country's Health Ministry Lily Sriwahyuni said here Thursday.

A 15-year-old woman from Jakarta and another 34-year-old woman from Tangerang Town, an outskirts city of Jakarta, died

of the disease in May, Sriwahyuni told Xinhua.

However, she did not elaborate.

The deaths were the first cases since Indonesian Health Minister Siti Fadillah Supari said two weeks ago that the ministry had changed its policy on reporting human cases, and would only announce the death toll every six months.

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Fuel prices biggest challenge to airlines

AMMAN, 21 June — Rising fuel prices are the biggest challenge facing the air transport industry, local daily The Jordan Times reported on Thursday, quoting Samer

Majali, new chairman of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) board of governors.

Due to skyrocketing fuel prices to unpre-

cedented levels, the airline industry is now falling into the red, said Majali, who is also president and chief executive officer of Royal Jordanian Airlines (RJ). He commenced his one-

year term as the chairman of IATA board of governors earlier this month.

"For example, RJ's fuel bill accounted for 42 per cent of the company's total operational costs last April compared to 30 per cent during the same period last year," the RJ chief said in an interview on Wednesday.

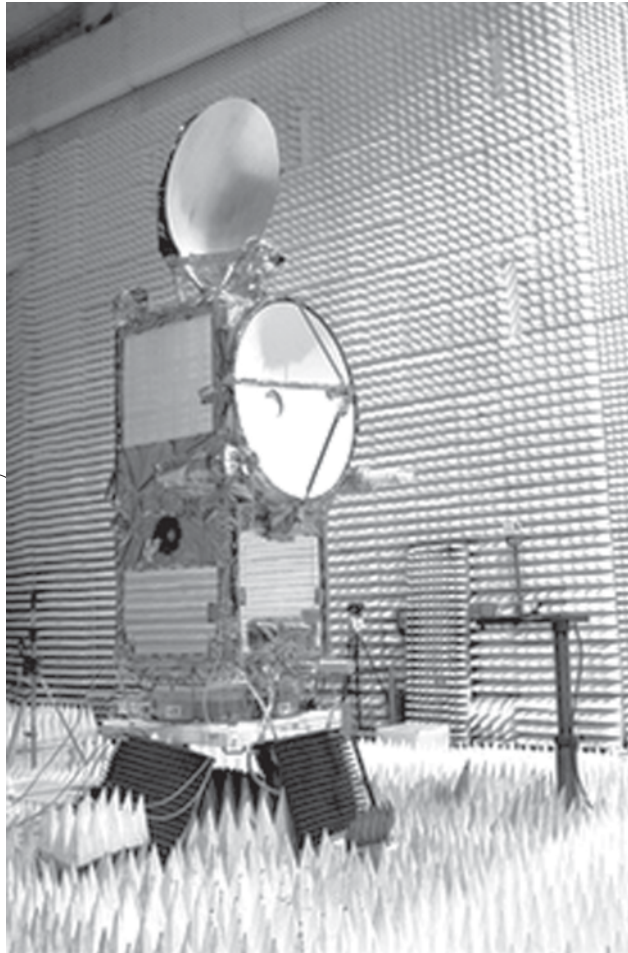
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Afghan policemen examine a suicide bomber's vehicle after an attack in Khost Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 20 June, 2008.—INTERNET

The Jason-2 satellite during testing procedures in Paris, 2007. The French-US satellite Jason-2, which will provide the most accurate monitoring ever of rising sea levels and terck the effects of climate chang, was launched into orbit from California.

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ASEAN plans textile production hub

JAKARTA, 21 June — Textile producers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have come together to create a blueprint for a regional global production hub to compete with China and India during their recent meeting in Jakarta.

The making of the blueprint, under the umbrella of the ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX), is to

be finished by the end of July.

“It would be a step towards improving the region's competitiveness against Asia's rising economies such as China and India,” AFTEX Chairman Lee Quoc An of Vietnam was quoted Thursday by English-language daily *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

Lee said ASEAN must be able to integrate its supply chain links, foster

regional brands and promote its fashion industry.

“We are currently identifying which country is good at what. For example, Vietnam is very good at making garments, but Vietnam doesn't have the fabrics,” Lee said.

“Indonesia on the other hand has excellent fabrics. If we cooperate, both our textile industries will be stronger,” Lee said.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese toymaker Takara Tomy's personal karaoke machine “Hi-kara” is demonstrated at International Tokyo Toy Show in Tokyo on 19 June, 2008. The product, which the company claims is one of the world's smallest karaoke machine, is equipped with a 2.4-inch LCD display, headphone and a microphone and will go on sale in Japan on 18 October with a price tag of 10,500 yen.—INTERNET

Malaysia's car sales up 25.1% in May

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 June — Malaysia's total vehicle sales increased 25 per cent or by 9,604 units to 47,931 units in May this year compared with 38,327 units recorded in May last year, the Malaysian Automotive Association (AAA) said on Wednesday.

However, sales volume was 4.7 per cent or 2,348 units lower than it was in April this year due to reduced consumers' confidence following the rising costs of goods.

As for the vehicles sold in May this year, passenger cars accounted for 43,642 units and commercial vehicles 4,289 units.

In terms of production, total industry production in May increased to 42,558 units from 40,741 units in the same month last year, AAA said.—MNA/Xinhua



Netherlands to invest huge in renewable energy

BRUSSELS, 21 June —The Dutch Government said it will invest 7.5 billion euros in energy supply between now and 2011 with priority given to renewable energy, energy saving and CO2 reduction in order to reduce the country's dependency on oil and gas, Dutch newspapers reported on Thursday.

In its energy policy unveiled on Wednesday the government said the country's energy production should be cleaner and more diversified and it must remain reliable and affordable. — MNA/Xinhua

Bandai Co's employee Reiko Hirai demonstrates the company's latest electronic piggybank ‘ikemenbank’ at the International Tokyo Toy Show in Tokyo on 19 June, 2008.—INTERNET



A Turkish cook cuts meat at a local food stand at a mixed Croatian and Turkish part of Vienna, Austria, on 20 June, 2008, before the quarterfinal game between Croatia and Turkey during the Euro 2008 European Soccer Championships in Austria and Switzerland.—INTERNET

Vietnam Airlines to sell 20% share to foreign partners

HANOI, 21 June — The Vietnamese Government has allowed national flag carrier Vietnam Airlines to sell 10-20 per cent of its share to foreign strategic partners, *Vietnam News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

The state will retain a stake of 70-80 per cent. The airline during its equitization process will maintain the present state capital and issue shares to increase its charter capital.

Vietnam Airlines has been implementing its equitization procedures, including selection of a financial consultant, design of an equitization plan, inventory of assets and auditing. It will soon present the selection of a financial consultant to the government.

The carrier plans to serve nine million passengers this year, up 12.5 per cent against last year, despite the harsh competition in both the domestic and international markets. — MNA/Xinhua

SIA to increase fuel surcharge

SINGAPORE, 21 June — Singapore Airlines (SIA) said on Wednesday that the company and its regional wing SilkAir will increase their fuel surcharge for tickets starting from 24 June due to the sharp increase in jet fuel price.

This was the third time for the carrier to raise fuel

surcharge within three months.

For flights between Singapore and Southeast Asian countries, the fuel surcharge will be increased to 40 US dollars from 35 US dollars per sector, SIA said in a statement.

For flights between Singapore and gateways

in the United States and Canada, the surcharge will be 180 US dollars, up from 150 US dollars per sector, and 15 US dollars more than the current 95 US dollars on all other flights.

SIA said the increase was “a result of a sustained escalation in the price of jet fuel in recent months”.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN agrees on common set-top box for digital TV

SINGAPORE, 21 June — The South-East Asian Nations Thursday agreed on a common set of specifications for Digital TV Standard and High Definition (HD) set-top boxes.

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) reached the agreement at the end of the

ASEAN Digital Broadcasting meeting in Singapore, said a statement by Singapore's Media Development Authority.

This will create economies of scale for equipment manufacturers and help to lower the prices of such set-top boxes for consumers, said the statement.

The ten member countries also agreed to establish an ASEAN HD Centre to facilitate training and co-productions for HD content. A checklist has been developed for ASEAN members to determine their readiness to switch from analogue to digital broadcasting.

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Everyone is sometimes in a dilemma. Although a person happens to make a choice under emotional state, it might be the right choice. However, mostly, the choice can be a wrong one because at the time he is completely under the influence of his emotional feelings and is not in a position to view the prevailing situations correctly. The wrong choice of a person may do harm to him and some persons in his society, whereas the wrong choice of a political organization or force can have adverse effects on the entire nation. The Burma Communist Party (BCP), for instance, wrongly deduced that the independence Myanmar regained in 1948 was just a sham and chose the armed struggle line, ignoring all the offers for leftist unity. In consequence, the people went through the hell for many years. It is a compelling evidence, from which the people should take lessons.

Now, the State constitution (2008) has been approved with the support of 92.48 per cent of the eligible voters. That means the people have endorsed the State's follow-up programmes for forming a people's democracy government according to the constitution. To put it another way, the people have paved the way for the emergence of a new democracy government in accordance with the State constitution (2008).

Anti-government political groups inside and outside the nation including NLD are now in the face of a situation to make a choice—to accept the path to democracy laid down by the people or to blindly continue to rise against the government till they come to power through short cut.

Those political groups are found to stick to politics of hate with negative views, regarding the Tatmadaw government as their enemy.

Except saints such as the Buddha and arahats, no one is perfect or faultless. Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses. If one constantly holds grudge and negative views, one will take others' constructive efforts for destructive ones.

Here, I would like them to think over to find out

whether they will be able to serve the interests of their own, the people and the nation if they continue to refuse to follow the way the people have paved.

The interest of their own is the goal that their party or group will come to power. They should have realized that it is impossible for them to come to power as long as they object to the multi-party general election to be held according to the constitution and try to come to power through a short cut. Up to now, they are demanding realization of expired results. That is like a situation in which a person with an old two-kyat lottery ticket is checking the list of lottery results to find out if his number is picked by chance for a 50 million kyat prize.

They will achieve the most suitable results only when they can find out the most practical way after weighing the situations to know whether their wishes could bear fruits. The referendum has showed who the people support and what they want.

The people want to enjoy democracy as soon as possible in a peaceful way. They do not want the way in which riots are common and democracy is uncertain.

They said that it was required to object to and turn down the constitution because it could not guarantee full fledged democracy. Then, I would like to ask who will work for the people to enjoy full fledged democracy, and how, and when full fledged democracy can be introduced. I have listened a lot to the discussions by internal and international political observers, political activists, democracy activists and spokesman of the party. However, none of them has given a specific answer to the question. In this regard, internal politicians referred to external elements. Politicians abroad referred to local politicians. In the end, they referred to the people, saying that it would be possible only if the people worked themselves. The people have experienced several times, so they have gained knowledge about that. They can enjoy democracy easily in two years. None of them will waste the golden opportunity and wants to be lost in the thorny way.

If they continue to turn a blind eye to the people's

desire and cling on to dogmatism, they will face a similar situation in which an old blind elephant, whose eyes were penetrated by a female oriental skylark, dropped into the ravine, following the sound of a frog for some water to drink. They will not have access to democracy, will lose touch with the public, and their politics will meet its end.

What sort of benefits will that policy bring to the people? I have noticed that they have done nothing good but they detonate bombs and provoke riots to create public panic, spread rumours, and incite mass demonstrations to cause inflation and disturb the people's work hours. Besides, they are calling for economic sanctions against the nation to make the nation fall down to ashes.

Well, should we continue to follow that path? By doing so, do you know how long it will take to reach a modern and developed democratic nation you all aspire? Can you reach that goal by this way? Even though we reach the goal it is sure that our nation would have suffered a lot under alien subjugation like Iraq.

As a matter of fact, democracy practice is not only electoral process. It is also a process of societies development covering social, political and economic matters. A seed, fertilizer, water and sun light are required for a tree to grow well. So also, a country with sound background history and physical and spiritual development of its people are needed for democracy to flourish.

It means that wealth of the nation, socio-economic development of the people, better transport and development of social infrastructures such as energy, communication, education and health sectors are needed for democracy to flourish. In that regard, efforts are to be made to widen the horizons of the people, to equip politicians with constructive attitude in which self-interest is paid less attention, to bring about the essence of democracy in which priority is given to the wishes of the majority rather than those of the minority of the people, to ensure mutual respect and understanding between the ruling party and the opposition party and development of press that is the fourth pillar of the nation and political culture in which the opinion of voter public is respected.

Democracy cannot flourish in a short period of time. As it is a revolutionary process it takes time to flourish. So, democracy cannot be in no way realized by means of exercising confrontation, riot and violence, imposing economic sanctions and undermining the national interest. Such ways can surely lead to anarchy.

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It is time for the entire people to make relentless efforts to keep pace with other nations. At such a time, if we do not strive together but are in disunity and dissension we would lag far behind other countries that are already ahead of us.

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In the same way, hatred, anger, grudge, jealousy, sloth and torpor, pride, conceit and ill-will towards others are totally contrary to democracy. Actually, genuine democracy is solely based on the four cardinal virtues, namely, loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy and equanimity. Hence, it can be realized through the practice of loving-kindness by the ruling party towards the opposition party, the practice of sympathetic joy by the opposition party towards the ruling party and the practice of compassion by politicians towards the people without cheating in the election.

Nowadays, political crisis and unrest are quite common in underdeveloped nations and nations with material development but less spiritual development although they are practising democracy.

In our history, the people had to suffer much during the period from 1948 to 1962 in which multiparty democracy system was practised, for the nation was unfamiliar with such kind of practice. At a time when internal insurgency was at its peak robbery and kidnapping were rampant while pocket army of politicians perpetrated a series of killing over political rivalry. As a result, the county lagged behind in development and the internal insurgency persisted. And the nation was on the verge of disintegration owing to armed conflicts between the ruling party and the opposition party. The entire national people should draw lessons from the past.

In reality, democracy is proper and acceptable. But democracy alone cannot solve all the problems encountered in the nation. The entire people including you should keep calm and thoughtful before marching towards democracy.

We still have much to do in building the nation into a modern and developed one and enabling it to keep abreast of the international community. It is time for the entire people to make relentless efforts to keep pace with other nations. At such a time, if we do not strive together but are in disunity and dissension we would lag far behind other countries that are already ahead of us.

I would like to ask the friends to keep calm and thoughtful when you are now at the crossroads. Sticking to personality cult and ism usually leads to destruction. You need to make a right decision on whether you are to make concerted efforts together with the people for the emergence of a new modern and developed nation or you are to continue following the course of confrontation without thinking the consequences.

(Translation: MS+TS)

Irrigation facilities inspected

YANGON, 21 June— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected Pyu Creek dam project being undertaken by Irrigation Department in Pyu Township, Bago Division yesterday.

He called for completion of the project ahead of schedule so as to supply water and electricity to local farmers.

He also viewed completion of spillway and diversion tunnel.

The irrigation facility is designed to irrigate about 100,000 acres of farm lands and to produce electricity.

The minister and



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Wagadok Dam in Bago Township. —A&I

officials proceeded to Wagadok dam near Taungsat Inn village, Bago. The minister urged

the officials to make efforts for greening tasks and water supply work.

The 3155 foot-

long dam built on Wagadok creek can store 32,600 acres feet of water.

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KOICA and KEPCO of Korea donate cables

YANGON, 21 June —Korea International Cooperation Agency

(KOICA) and Korean Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO)

donated Electrical Wire 60 mm² cables to be used in repair and reconstruction

of power lines which were damaged in the storm at Yangon City Electricity Supply Board (Head Office) this afternoon.

Present were Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong, Director-General Mr Hwang Jong Young of KOICA and KEPCO and party, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board Col Khin Maung Soe and officials.

The Korean Ambassador and the director-general of KOICA and KEPCO handed over the related documents to the minister.

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Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attends donation ceremony of copper conductors for reconstruction of electrical works by KOICA and KEPCO. — EP-2

Health care services stepped up in Kyaiklat, Bogale

YANGON, 21 June— Deputy Director-General of the Health Department under the Ministry of Health Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein and party on 15 June visited the People's Hospital in Kyaiklat where they looked into renovation of the hospital and distribution of medicines provided by the ministry and donors to villages.

During the tour, Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein met with responsible personnel of UN agencies and NGOs and discussed matters cooperation in health care services

and water supply tasks.

In the evening, he met with health teams at People's Hospital in Bogale and discussed matters on providing health care to patients living with chronic diseases.

During the tour, Dr Kyaw Nyunt met with responsible personnel of UN agencies and NGOs and Health Department separately and attended to the needs for providing health care to storm victims.

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More efforts to be made for regional...

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Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented fishing gear, medicines and school uniforms to the chairman of village PDC. They then proceeded to Kyeinchaunggyi Village in Bogale Township by helicopter where they inspected construction of houses by Htoo Trading Co. Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung conducted them round



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views makeshift classrooms at Basic Education Middle School in Hlinephone village of Labutta Township.—MNA

velopment realizing the genuine goodwill of the State taking measures for raising living conditions of the storm survivors. The Prime Minister and party visited the Kyeinchaunggyi Village. The Prime Minister and party inspected basic education primary school in the village and

progress of work at the village on the website for local and foreign donors to know the information. Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw gave a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister inspected the blue plan for building of houses in the village and gave instructions.

The Prime Minister presented fishing equipment for the village to the chairman of Village Peace and Development Council. The Prime Minister and party went to Satsan Village in Bogale Township and inspected construction of houses by Ngwehsin Co.

The Prime Minister and party inspected repair of basic education high school in the village and learning of the students there. The Prime Minister presented stationery to Headmistress Daw Khin Saw Myint and food to the students. Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presented stationery donated by the Ministry of Education to the headmistress. The Prime Minister inspected trading there and greeted the local people and visited the public telephone booth.

The Prime Minister presented relief items including fisheries equipment to the chairman of village PDC.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back in Yangon by helicopter.

The 16 feet x 20 feet houses for storm victims are being built by Htoo Trading Co and Ngwehsin Co with the assistance of the government.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects construction of houses in Kyeinchaunggyi village, Bogale Township.—MNA

the site. In meeting with the villagers, the Prime Minister stressed the need for making more efforts for regional de-

velopment realizing the genuine goodwill of the State taking measures for raising living conditions of the storm survivors. The Prime Minister and party visited the Kyeinchaunggyi Village. The Prime Minister and party inspected basic education primary school in the village and

they presented stationery to Headmaster U Win Naing and schoolchildren. They went to the briefing hall of the vil-

lage where a USDA member reported on putting news regarding

Cash donations continue for storm victims

YANGON, 21 June – Wellwishers at home and from abroad continuously donate cash to storm victims. Chairman of Financial Sub-Committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe accepted cash from wellwishers at the donation centre of Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon branch) under

the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Yankin Township, here, this morning.

Young Young Moi Spring Energy SDN BHD Malaysia (Seremban Quarry) donated K 17,500, Lt-Col Maung Myint (Retd) of UMEHL (Monywa) and familiy K 130,000, Government of Nepal US\$ 40,000,

Government of Sri Lanka US\$ 25,000, Governor Mr Masataka Shiratori of Rotary International District (2790) US\$ 7,500 and Sri Lankan Red Cross Society Euro 4,000.

Today, the sub-committee accepted K147,500, US\$ 72,500 and Euro 4,000 from donors for storm victims.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets schoolchildren at BEHS in Satsan village, Bogale Township.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects houses being built by Ngwehsin Company in Satsan village, Bogale. (News on page 1)—MNA

Model village facilitated with natural clean water, sewage works launched in Inlay Lake

YANGON, 21 June— As part of Inlay Lake environmental conservation campaign, an opening ceremony of a model village, which is equipped for the supply of natural clean water and sewage works was held in Inlay Lake at Kyesar village (North) in Nyaung Shwe Township on 15 June.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and wife, Departmental officials of State/District/Township and residents attended the ceremony.

Director-General of Shan State Development Affairs Committee U Tin Cho cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

Next, the commander inspected the equipment of clean water and sewage works.

At Basic Education High School, officials gave talks on supply of clean water, sewage treatment works, cleaning of water in Inlay Lake and application of mixture of organic and inorganic fertilizers to local farmers.

Next, the commander and officials presented organic fertilizer-used toilet pans to the responsible persons of 30 villages in Inlay region.

Kyesar village (North), the model village, has been equipped with sewage treatment system and supply of natural clean water.

There are 331 households in the model village and natural clean water is being supplied to all the households and of them, 40 households have been equipped with organic fertilizer-used toilet pans. Arrangements are being made to provide the items for the rest of the households.—MNA

Basic Course for Teachers of ECCD announced

YANGON, 21 June — Yangon Division Social Welfare Department will conduct the Basic Course for Teachers of Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 27 June to 10 August.

Those wishing to attend the course dial 552957 and 552927 of Yangon Division SWD at No 247/269, Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township.

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MoU on sale of natural gas signed

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June —Ministry of Energy, Daewoo International Corporation, ONGC Videsh Limited, GAIL (India) Limited, Korea Gas Corporation and China National Petroleum Corporation signed

the ministry, here, yesterday.

It was attended by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Chinese

of Daewoo international Corporation and Chief Executive Officer Mr Young Won Kang and officials and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi made an opening address and Managing Director U Myint Htay of

greetings.

Next, the managing director of MOGE, the Chairman and CEO of Daewoo International Corporation, Director Mr Joeman Thomas of ONGC Videsh Limited, the Vice-Chairman of China National



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi speaks at signing ceremony of MOGE and Daewoo International Corporation, ONGC Videsh Ltd, GAIL (India) Ltd, Korea Gas Corporation and China National Petroleum Corporation.—MNA

Memorandum of Understanding on sale of natural gas extracted from A1 and A3 blocks Offshore Rakhine to the People's Republic of China at Yadana hall of

Ambassador Mr Guan Mu, Korean Ambassador Mr Park Key- Chong, Vice-Chairman Mr Liao Yongyuan of China National Petroleum Corporation, the Chairman

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, the Chairman and CEO of Daewoo International Corporation and the Vice-Chairman of China National Petroleum Corporation extended

Petroleum Corporation and Director-General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department as witness signed the MoU and exchanged the notes.

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World Population Day Commemorative Poster Contest held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June —Ministry of Immigration and Population and United Nations Population Fund held the poster contest to mark the World Population Day 2008 at No. 3 Basic Education High School

(Ywahtaw), here, today.

Chairman of the organizing committee for World Population Day Director-General of Population Department U Maung Myint, committee members and officials

attended the ceremony.

The motto of WPD is designated as "It's a Right, Let's Make It Real" for this year. At the ceremony, total of 133 students from Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana, Nay Pyi

Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon townships took part in the age-wise contests.

Similar contests were also held in States and Divisions today.

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Monsoon tree planting season launched

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June – The monsoon tree planting for greening of the environs of the Minister’s Office at the Ministry of Information, was launched here, this morning.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan grew a star flower plant to mark the monsoon tree planting season for 2008. The minister inspected the collective tree planting by the staff of departments and enterprises under the

ministry. He also inspected the flow of water, breeding of fish and goat farm. The minister went to Nay Pyi Taw newspaper press of News and Periodicals Enterprise in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and

Nay Pyi Taw printing factory of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and inspected cultivation of physic nut and collective tree planting. The minister planted star flower trees in the compound of the

newspaper press and the printing factory and inspected fish breeding and goat farms. He proceeded to Myanmar Radio and Television and inspected cultivation of physic nut and mango and shade and

windbreaker trees grown in 2007. The minister inspected collective monsoon tree planting and grew oil Eugenia. He also inspected teak and plum plantation, breeding of fish, digging of new fish ponds, raising of goat and fencing of MRTV compound.

A total of 6,500 saplings were grown—1,800 saplings of teak, iron wood tree, padauk and mezali, neem and seinban in the compound of the ministry, 2,000 saplings in the Nay Pyi Taw newspaper press, 1,000 saplings in Nay Pyi Taw printing factory and 1,700 saplings in MRTV. A total of 26,500 saplings will be grown this year for greening of the environs.



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views participation of staff of Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper Press and Nay Pyi Taw printing factory in monsoon tree planting ceremony. — MNA

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More relief supplies arrive

YANGON, 21 June —International community has been providing relief aids to storm-hit regions. A total of 34 tons of relief supplies donated by Thailand-based WFP, 32.4 tons of aid by the US arrived at Yangon International Airport today. — MNA

F&R Minister meets EC members of MBA

YANGON, 21 June – Minister for Finance and

Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun looked into progress on repair of damage caused by storm at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) today. After hearing reports on progress of repair works presented by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials, the minister gave necessary instructions.

At the meeting hall of the Myanmar Banks Association, the minister met with EC members of the association. The minister urged them to strive for sustainable development of monetary and financial sector. He stressed the need to carry out the tasks in accord with the rules and regulations, to conduct research and development processes for the development of human resources and to utilize information and communication technology.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin looks into construction of new building at BEPS No 7 in Yangonthis Ward of Thingangyun Township. — YCDC

USDA CEC member inspects construction of new school buildings

YANGON, 21 June –USDA CEC member Yangon Division In-charge Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected construction of new buildings for No. 7 Basic Education Primary School in Yangonthis ward in Thingangyun Township and No. 3 BEMS in Dagon Myothit (South) Township and participation of USDA members in construction works this morning. He gave instructions and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

MWAF donates cash and kind to Shwegondine Nursery

YANGON, 21 June— Leader of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Deputy Leader Daw Khin Myo Myint, leaders of sub-

working groups Daw Khin May Soe, Daw Kyi Kyi Mya, Daw Htay Htay and Daw Po Po Kyi comforted three children who lost their parents in the storm at Shwegondine Nursery of Social Welfare Department in Bahan

Township this afternoon and presented needed aid, foodstuff and toys. Next, they presented K 50,000 and milk powder, ovaltine, snacks and clothes to In-charge of the nursery Daw Khin Mar Lay.—MNA



Leader of Working Group Daw Tin Tin Nwe of MWAF presents foodstuff, clothes and cash for children through officials of Shwegondine Nursery. —SWD

Bush urges Congress to lift offshore oil drilling ban

WASHINGTON, 21 June — US President George W Bush urged on Wednesday Congress to lift a 27-year-old ban on offshore oil drilling off American shores to reduce dependence on foreign imports and curb soaring energy prices.

“Congress must face a hard reality. Unless members are willing to accept gas prices at today’s painful levels or even

higher, our nation must produce more oil, and we must start now,” Bush told a news conference at the White House.

Quoting experts who say access to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) could produce about 18 billion barrels of oil, Bush said the United States should make full use of the OCS resources.

Under the 1981 federal moratorium, American

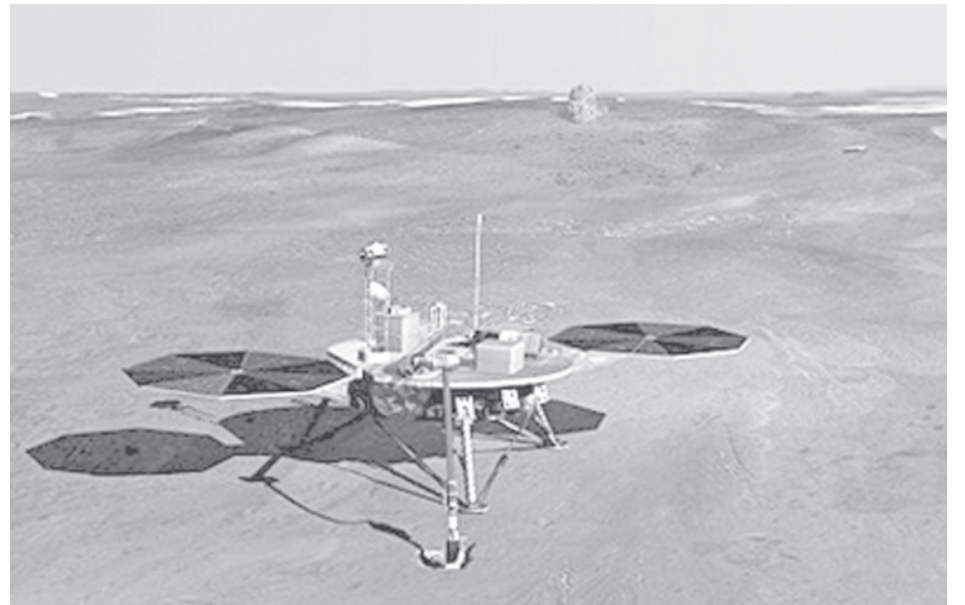
companies are prohibited from doing offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration. It was instituted to protect tourism and lessen the chance of oil spill reaching popular beaches.—Xinhua

Two pilots die in jet crash

BUDAPEST, 21 June — Both pilots in a Hungarian Airforce L39 Albatros fighter trainer jet were killed when it crashed near an airport in eastern Hungary on Friday, a Hungarian Defence Ministry spokesperson said.

Lt Zoltan Ignacz, 31, and his trainer Lieutenant Colonel Andras Janicsek, 47, were on a practice session aboard the Czech-made aircraft when it crashed and burst into flames. They failed in their attempt to eject before the crash, said the spokesperson.

MNA/Xinhua



This handout illustration provided by NASA/JPL shows an artist’s conception of the Phoenix Mars Lander on the Red Planet. An information glitch aboard the Mars Phoenix lander has caused the loss of some non-essential images of the Red Planet and delayed the probe’s work by 24 hours, NASA said on Thursday.—INTERNET

UK petrol pump price rises to \$2.31 per litre

LONDON, 21 June — The price of fuel at British pumps rose by record margins in the last month, with average fuel prices up by 5.61 pence (10.95 US cents) per litre in the past month, while diesel shot up 7.39 pence (14.42 cents), leading automobile service network AA said Wednesday.

The average cost of petrol in Britain between mid-May and mid-June has touched 118.16 pence (230.55 cents) per litre, while diesel stands at 131.56 pence (256.7 cents) per litre, according to AA.

Despite four days of strike action by tanker drivers, the areas worse hit by fuel shortages failed

to show any significant price premium, Sky News said.

“These record prices are affecting the mobility and livelihood of many motorists,” said Edmund King, president of the AA.

The AA called on the government to abandon any prospect of a two pence (3.9 cent) per litre increase, set up a fuel regulator and consider other measures to help low-income motorists.—Xinhua

Niue Parliament elects new premier

WELLINGTON, 21 June — The Parliament of the Pacific island nation Niue elected a new premier Thursday, one month before the country is to host the annual Pacific Island Forum leaders summit.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment Toke Talagi took over leadership from Young Vivian, who has been the premier since 2002 for the past two terms, the Suva-based Pacnews regional news agency reported.

According to Niue local television station BCN, Talagi received 14 out of the 19 votes cast in parliament on Thursday morning. One vote was invalid.

The change in leadership comes 10 days after national elections. Talagi will serve a three-year term.—Xinhua

Colombia smashes drug ring

BOGOTA, 21 June — Colombian authorities have arrested 10 people who allegedly transported drugs to Africa and the United States, the police said Wednesday.

“Borda Gomes, who is considered the chief of the organization, (and another nine people) have been captured for crimes related to drug trafficking,” a police spokesman told a local radio station.

The capture of the gang was made after a two-year investigation, the spokesman added.

Colombia is the largest cocaine producer in the world. President Alvaro Uribe has initiated a security programme financed by the United States to combat drug trafficking.—Xinhua



BMW museum : Visitors use an escalator in the museum of German luxury car maker BMW in Munich, as the museum officially reopens after a two-year-long refurbishment.—INTERNET

News items from Xinhua News Agency

Austria police smash teenager criminal gang

VIENNA, 21 June — The Director of Security in lower Austria Franz Prucher said Thursday a teenager criminal gang had been smashed with all five members arrested.

At a Press conference in St Poelten, a city about 50 kilometres west of Vienna, Prucher said all five members of the gang, who are only 13 to 17 years old, have been arrested. They have committed more than 250 crimes since the beginning of this year.

At least 80 stores burglaries, 20 mobile phones or wallets losses have directly related with the gang.

Prucher said also the teenager gang always committed crimes in the shopping centre or shopping street. The looted clothes or shoes would be resold and the stolen money would be divided among themselves.

Teenager crimes has been a severe problem in Austria. According to the statistics of the Austrian Interior Ministry, the crimes committed by teenagers between 14 to 18 years old has risen 15.3 per cent in 2007, which is 51.2 per cent higher than in 2001.

Xinhua



A woman walks past market stalls destroyed during Tuesday’s bomb attack in Baghdad’s Hurriya district on 20 June, 2008. The death toll from a devastating truck bombing on Tuesday in a Baghdad market reached 63 people. US forces blamed a rogue Shi’ite militia for the attack.—INTERNET

Lao media develops strongly

HANOI, 21 June — Laos has had more news agencies since 1993, some of which have become self-financing in a market economy, Lao newspaper *Vientiane Times* on Thursday quoted a local official as reporting.

During a meeting with Kang Nung Su, president of the Committee for Information of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Vientiane capital on Wednesday, Lao Minister of Information and Culture Mounkeo Oraboun said the number of newspapers and magazines published in Laos has risen from 13 in 1993 to 70 today, including seven daily newspapers. Radio stations have increased from 14 to 35, and television stations from two to 32.

MNA/Xinhua

Four killed in helicopter crash in Bosnia-Herzegovina

MADRID, 21 June — A helicopter crashed Thursday and four militaries died (two Spaniards and two Germans) in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Spanish Defence Ministry said.

To the moment the causes of the accident were unknown. The accident occurred in Banjaluka, north west of Bosnia, the Ministry said.

The Spaniards were piloting the *BO-105* helicopter that was part of the European Union (EU) peacekeeping forces that are stationed in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The helicopter belonged to the Spanish ground Army and was assigned to transport the personal and supplies. The disaster was reported by the helicopter's pilots that were escorting the crashed-helicopter, the Defence Ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua

Ministry of Transport
Myanma Airways

Ground Handling Equipment Tender

Myanma Airways would like to buy new Ground Handling Equipment for Boeing-747 Aircraft For Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw International Airports. The equipments are as follows:-

(a) Conveyor Belt	(b) Low Deck Loader
(c) Lavatory Truck	(d) Water Truck
(e) Baggage Trolley	(f) Forklift
(g) Main Deck Loader	(h) Transporter
(i) Catering Truck	(j) Passenger Step
(k) Pallet Dolly	(l) Container Dolly
(m) Tug Master Type	(n) X-ray Machine
(o) Walky Talky	

- Tender can be submitted to Myanma Airways. The tender closing date and time is (16:30) hours on the 4th July 2008.
- In your tender, payment term, warranty, delivery time, price validity, training, licence and equipment specification must be included.
- You can get the detailed facts and tender form from Myanma Airways.

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Rock-throwers attack convoy of US envoy in Lebanon

WASHINGTON, 21 June — About a dozen people hurled rocks at a top US diplomat's convoy in Lebanon on Wednesday but there were no serious injuries, the US State Department said.

US Charge d’Affaires Michele Sison had stopped at the town of Nabatiyeh and lunched there and was about to get back into her car when a crowd of about 100 people gathered.

Some of them began chanting and throwing rocks, said State Department spokesman Tom Casey. He said it was believed they were linked to the Iranian-backed Hizbollah group, although there was no proof of that. “At one point approximately a dozen individuals, I understand basically young men, started throwing some stones at the vehicles,” Casey said.

Sison was able to get into her car and leave, he said. He said there were “two or three” cars in the convoy but he was not aware of any damage to the vehicles.

MNA/Reuters

Russian rocket sends six US satellites into orbit

Moscow, 21 June — Russia launched a carrier rocket Thursday to send six US commercial satellites into space, Russian news agencies reported.

The *Kosmos-3M* carrier rocket boosted off at 10:36 Moscow time (0636 GMT) from the Kapustin Yar military testing site in southern Russia. It carried into space five Orbcomm satellites and one concept demonstration satellite. The satellites weigh 1,070 kilogrammes in all.

“According to the ground monitoring services, the launch was successful and the tasks assigned have been fulfilled,” spokesman for the Russian Strategic Rocket Forces was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

The Orbcomm system provides two-way global data exchange in a digital format, as well as coordinate defining services. The concept demonstration satellite has become part of the Orbcomm system as well.

MNA/Xinhua

US panel backs wider use of Amgen drug for kids

SILVER SPRING (Maryland), 21 June — US health officials should approve wider use of Amgen Inc’s drug Enbrel to treat psoriasis in children, a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel said on Wednesday.

But the panel was divided over whether to fully support Amgen’s request to market the drug for youth with moderate to severe forms of the skin disease, saying it should be reserved for only the worst cases given the drug's potentially life-threatening side effects, such as cancer.

“This is a serious drug for a serious condition,” said panelist Lynn Drake, a dermatologist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

MNA/Reuters

Brazil’s Japanese mark 100 years of immigration

SANTOS (Brazil), 21 June — Waving flags and sharing memories, Japanese immigrants and their descendants gathered near a Brazilian beach on Wednesday to remember the arrival of a steamship 100 years ago that heralded a wave of immigration that has

marked both countries' identities.

Three Japanese Navy ships sailed into the port city of Santos, cheered by a small group of mostly elderly Japanese who waved to the sailors standing smartly to attention.

MNA/Reuters



An HP Color LaserJet CM6030 with booklet maker in an undated photo. Hewlett-Packard will reorganize its printer operations, trimming its five business units to three in a bid to become more efficient, the Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday.—INTERNET



Ladies Day : A woman wearing a butterfly-covered hat arrives at Ascot racecourse during ‘Ladies Day’ at Royal Ascot, in southern England on 19 June,2008.—INTERNET

Sea changes threat to whales, Pacific coral

WELLINGTON, 21 June — A new report released Thursday warned that a critical foraging ground for thousands of whales near Antarctica is losing its ice cover faster than many had thought.

The ice melt poses a major challenge for whale species, which travel huge distances to feed in the Southern Ocean every year. The report commissioned by animal rights organization World Wildlife Fund (WWF) modeled its predictions on a two degrees Celsius increase in temperature, according to the Suva-based *Pacnews* regional news agency.

What it found was sea ice in the Southern Ocean

will decline by up to 30 per cent within 40 years and key habitats in the Antarctic will change as a result.

Foraging zones are expected to move further south, reducing the overall habitat available.

The species at risk include the humpback, the minke, and the blue whale. Scientists were warning of another danger from climate change, which could pose a serious threat to the Pacific region.

MNA/Xinhua

School hires foreign teachers to teach English

SURAT, 21 June — In order to brush up poor English language skills of Gujarati students, a school in the district has hired foreign teachers.

Four teachers from the US have been brought in to teach English to students of Kadod High School at Kadod Village of Bardoli taluk here.

They have been here since for 10 days and have already got accustomed to the new environment which is quite different from that in the US.

Kathreen Viddle, Melissa Ivins, Venissa Gandhi and Priya Garg, all aged between 22-25 years, have been hired by the Nanubhai Foundation of US to teach English to students of Kadod High School. The plan to hire foreign teachers was mooted by the principal of Kadod High School

who believes that not knowing English language affects the progress of students, especially when they go abroad.

“For many years, Gujaratis have excelled in business and other sectors and left their mark in the global market. But when it comes to speaking English, I find them lagging behind,” said Principal of Kadod High School Vikramsinh Mahida.

MNA/PTI

Dutch teens happiest among developed world kids

BRISSELS, 21 June — Dutch teenagers are the happiest in the Western world, according to a new World Health Organization (WHO) survey of 41 European and North American countries, Dutch daily *Trouw* reported Wednesday.

Children in the Netherlands are happy with their lives because they have a good relationship with their parents, a large social network, little stress at school and above-average prosperity, the WHO study found.

Turkish children are the least satisfied with their lives, according to the survey of around 200,000 children aged between 11 and 15 in almost all European countries, plus the United States, Canada and Israel.

The WHO study confirms the impression put forward by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) last year based on 2002 figures. The UNICEF report also found that Dutch teenagers were the happiest in the developed world.

MNA/Xinhua

Vitamin D helps colorectal cancer patients

WASHINGTON, 21 June — Vitamin D may extend the lives of people with colon and rectal cancer, according to a study published on Wednesday suggesting another health benefit from the so-called sunshine vitamin.

Previous research has indicated that people with higher levels of vitamin D may be less likely to develop colon and rectal cancer, also called colorectal cancer.

The new study led by Dr Kimmie Ng of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston involved 304 men and women diagnosed with colorectal cancer from 1991 to 2002, to see if higher levels of vitamin D in the patients affected their survival chances.

In fact, that turned out to be the case.

The researchers in the study, published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, used blood samples to determine vitamin D levels of the patients, and they were tracked for an average of about 6-1/2 years.

MNA/Reuters

Miss Universe 2007 Riyo Mori poses for photos during an official welcoming ceremony of her and Miss Universe 2008 contestants in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on 20 June, 2008. The 2008 Miss Universe Pageant will be held in Nha Trang, Vietnam in July.—INTERNET



Austria to become leading country in environmental technology in Europe

VIENNA, 21 June — Austrian Environment Minister Josef Proell and President of Austrian Federal Economy Chamber Christoph Leitl said here on Wednesday Austria should be developed as the European champion in the field of environmental technology.

At a joint press conference both Proell and Leitl emphasized that the “ecological target and the economic development are not

contradictory.”

Proell said the energy and environmental technology in Austria is so far one of the fastest growing sectors, which possessed a worldwide demand. The annually growth rate of this sector has reached 7.7 percent and exporting grows about 9 per cent each year.

Leitl mentioned Austria’s middle-term goal in this field for the year 2020, when the proportion of those technologies in the GDP could have a rise from 4 percent to eight per cent and employees in those fields could also increase from the current 17,200 to 40,000. The sales sum of this branch could rise from current 3.8 billion euros to 8 billion euros in the year 2020, said Leitl.

MNA/Xinhua

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(休業日 / 土・日・祝・12/25/3~5/5)

Japan’s Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp is close to a deal to invest 100 billion yen (930 million dollars) in the British bank Barclays, which has been hit by the credit crisis, a report said on Friday.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Turks takes to streets after victory

ISTANBUL, 21 June — Turkey fans took to the streets in force on Friday night in Istanbul, lighting fireworks and chanting through back alleys as they celebrated their team's dramatic victory over Croatia at Euro 2008.

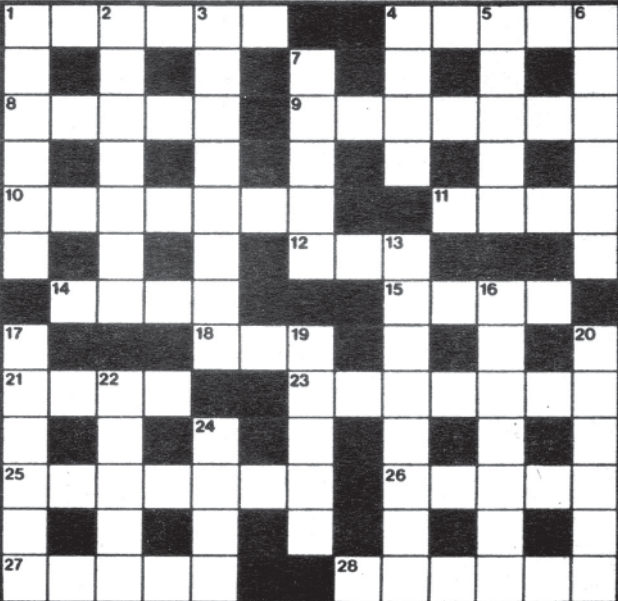
Turkey scored with the last kick of extra time in their quarter-final to make it 1-1 and line up a penalty shootout which they won 3-1 -- sparking celebrations back home and in the Turkish community in Germany, their semi-final opponents.

"We knew we were going to win. It's no surprise. Turkey can't be beat, because even if you score against us we will come back," said Ahmet Turk, 22, a communications student in Istanbul, waving a large flag through downtown Istanbul.—MNA/Reuters



Hongkong's Wang Chen holds the shuttlecock during her match against China's Zhu Lin at the Djarum Indonesia Super Series 2008 badminton championships in Jakarta on 20 June, 2008.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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8 Reverse of coin
9 Sicilian wine
10 Mean
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12 Edge
14 Venerable historian
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25 Calendar
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7 Warning light
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19 Location
20 Confectionery
22 Pardon
24 Merely

Turkey beat Croatia in shootout thriller

VIENNA, 21 June — Turkey equalized in dramatic style with the last kick of extra time before beating Croatia on penalties after their breathtaking Euro 2008 quarter-final ended 1-1 on Friday.

Turkey, who also reached the semifinals of the 2002 World Cup, now meet Germany in Basel on Wednesday. Extra time had finished in heart-stopping fashion after an absorbing encounter with two goals in the last three minutes.

Ivan Klasnic headed Croatia in front at the near post after a good run and cross by Luka Modric in the 119th minute.

But there was still time for comeback kings Turkey, who twice rallied from behind to win in the group stages, to equalise in nerve-tingling style as Semih Senturk's left-foot shot took a deflection past keeper Stipe Pletikosa. Croatia then made a mess of the penalty shootout, with Luka Modric and Ivan Rakitic missing the target before Turkey's 3-1 shootout victory was clinched when Rustu Recber saved from Mladen Petric.

MNA/Reuters

Cink soars into lead with pair of eagles

NEW YORK, 21 June — American Stewart Cink, boosted by two eagles, soared into a one-shot lead in Friday's second round at the Travellers Championship in Cromwell, Connecticut.

Seeking his fifth PGA Tour title, Cink shrugged off bogeys on his first two holes to fire a six-under-par 64 on an overcast day at the TPC River Highlands.

Eagles at the par-five sixth and 13th helped him post a 10-under total of 130, a stroke in front of compatriots Ken Duke (66), defending champion Hunter Mahan (63) and Lucas Glover (66). —MNA/Reuters

A Ferrari car is reflected on a firefighter's helmet during the second practice session at the Magny Cours racetrack, central France, on 20 June, 2008. The French Formula One Grand Prix will take place on Sunday.

INTERNET



Russia coach Hiddink aims to be Dutch "traitor"

BASEL, 21 June — Dutch coach Guus Hiddink vowed on Friday to be a "traitor" to his country by steering Russia to victory over Netherlands in their Euro 2008 quarter-final but admitted he was "scared as hell" of facing such a good team.

"Yes, I hope to be a big traitor tomorrow," he told a news conference ahead of Saturday's match in Basel.

Hiddink, who coached his native Netherlands for four years from 1994 and took them to the 1998 World Cup semi-finals in France, said he would even take his betrayal as far as humming along to the Russian national anthem.

"I don't know verbally the Russian anthem but I like the melody very much ... so I will do that of course," he said. —MNA/Reuters



(21 June 2008)

Quarterfinal

Netherlands 1 - 3 Russia



Russia's Roman Pavlyuchenko, right, and Netherlands's Joris Mathijsen go for a header as Netherlands's Nigel de Jong, left, looks on during the quarterfinal match between the Netherlands and Russia in Basel, Switzerland, on 21 June, 2008.—INTERNET



Russia's Roman Pavlyuchenko, left, scores the opening goal during the quarterfinal match between the Netherlands and Russia in Basel, Switzerland, on 21 June, 2008.—INTERNET



Cuban boxer Erislandy Lara spars during a training session in Cologne on 20 June, 2008. Lara, 25, one of Cuba's top boxers defected to Germany to fight professionally after trying unsuccessfully to defect last year in Brazil. The 2005 world amateur welterweight champion, fled in a speedboat from Cuba to Mexico and is now in Germany, where he is preparing for his first professional fight in Istanbul on 4 July.—INTERNET

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုရာသီကာလသည် ဝမ်းပျက် ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား တတ်သည့် အချိန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ မသန့်ရှင်းသောရေ သောက်သုံးခြင်းနှင့် မသန့်ရှင်းသော အစားအသောက်များ စားသုံးခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ဝမ်းလျှော ဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍-

- * ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အတွက် - ကလိုရင်းဆေးခပ်ထားသောရေ (သို့) ကျိုချက်ထားသော ရေကိုသာလျှင်သောက်သုံးကြရန်၊
- သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သောပူနွေးသည့်အစားအသောက်များကိုသာ စားသုံးကြရန်၊
- ယင်နားစားရန်နှင့်အစားအသောက်ကိုယင်မနားအောင် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားကြရန်၊
- ကလေး၊ လူကြီးအားလုံး သန့်ရှင်းသော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကို သုံးစွဲကြရန်၊
- အစာမစားမီနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးကိုင်တွယ်ပြီးတိုင်း လက်ကို စင်ကြယ်အောင်ဆေးကြောကြရန်၊
- အညစ်အကြေးများကို စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ကြရန်၊

(ထုံးဖြူးခြင်း၊ မြေဖုံးခြင်း၊ မီးရှို့ခြင်းများကို ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်)

* ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက အနီးဆုံး ကျန်းမာရေး ဌာနသို့အမြန်ဆုံးပြသရန်နှင့် လူနာများတွေ့ရှိက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပေးပို့ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

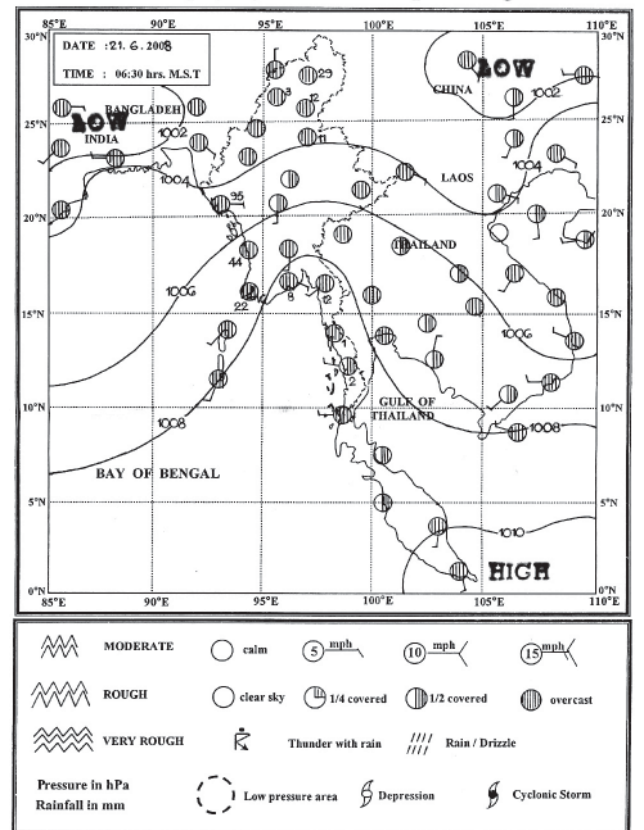
သောက်သုံးရေနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- * မသန့်ရှင်းသောသောက်ရေ၊ သုံးရေများကြောင့် ပြည်သူအများ ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါ အန္တရာယ် ကျရောက်နိုင်ပါသည်။
- * သောက်ရေ၊ သုံးရေမှန်သမျှကို ကျိုချက်၍ ဖြစ်စေ၊ ကလိုရင်းဆေးခပ်ပြီးမှဖြစ်စေ သောက်သုံးပါ။
- * ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ သောက်သုံးရန်မသင့်ဟု ကြေညာထားသော သောက်ရေသန့်များကို မသောက်သုံးသင့်ပါ။
- * ရေသန့်ပင်ဖြစ်လင့်ကစား မသင်္ကာပါက ရေကို ကျိုချက်ပြီးမှ သောက်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 21 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, wather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Kayah States and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Kayain States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Phyarpon (5.75) inches, Sittway (4.25) inches, Myitkyina (2.56) inches, Kyaukpuyu (1.97) inches, Thandwe (1.74) inches, and Putao (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-6-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 21-6-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-6-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 20-6-2008 was (2.9) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 21-6-2008 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.31) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.48) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (37.95) inches at Mingaladon, (47.12) inches at Kaba-Aye and (57.64) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (00:30) hours MST on 21-6-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening 22-6-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Shan States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-6-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-6-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 22 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. ဇီဝရေဒဏ်နန်းတံခါး

8:10 pm

6. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ
မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့်
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တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:40 am

7. Musical programme

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Round up of the
week's TV local
news

11:40 am

3. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

12:05 pm

4. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း

“သူဇဉ္ဇန်ရာ—စေ”

(လူမင်း၊ ဂီတဝယ်၊ ထက်ထက်မိုးဦး၊
လှမျိုးသဉ္ဇနွယ်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ—ဟိန်းစိုး)

1:50 pm

5. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ(၃) ရက်နေ့

မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့

အထိမ်းအမှတ်မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ

ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးစံ၊ မူပြုပွဲ

နှင့်ပဒေသာကပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၂)

2:40 pm

6. Dance of National

Races

2:50 pm

7. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. “ညောင်မယ်ချို”

(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊

မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဂွမ်းပုံ)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ—ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:35 pm

4. Song to uphold

National Spirit

4:40 pm

5. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ

မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့်

တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု

တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

5:00 pm

6. ဆိုကြမယ်ပျော်ကြမယ်

6:00 pm

7. Evening news

6:30 pm

8. Weather report

6:40 pm

9. စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်မြင့်မား

မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ

(အပိုင်း-၂)

7:00 pm

10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်”

(အပိုင်း-၇)

8:00 pm

11. News

12. International news

13. Weather report

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မာယာထောင်ချောက်”

(အပိုင်း-၃၂)

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