

Prime Minister inspects construction of houses for storm victims in Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, members of NDPCC ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of Government Office and officials arrived in Pyapon by helicopter from Yangon this morning.

The Prime Minister and party, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers and officials went on to Ahmar by helicopter. They inspected conditions of towns and villages along the road and land preparation for cultivation of monsoon paddy.

The Prime Minister and party arrived in Ahmar at 9.30 am and greeted departmental officials. The Prime Minister met them and gave instructions on administration, agriculture, education, communications and measures taken for regional development.

The Prime Minister also met members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Auxiliary Fire Brigade. He called for active participation in the community welfare services in accord with the lofty aims of the social organizations.

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Tripartite Core Group Workshop on Medical Missions Feedback in Post Nargis Relief Response and Early Recovery held

YANGON, 23 June—Tripartite Core Group Workshop on Medical Missions Feedback in Post Nargis Relief Response and Early Recovery organized by the government of the Union of Myanmar, ASEAN and the UN was held at Chattrian Hotel on Natmauk Road here this morning.

Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered a speech.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of TCG Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Senior ASEAN member to the TCG Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert H.K Chua, ambassadors, UN/IASC Humanitarian Coordinator Professor Adik

Wibowo, diplomats, medical teams from Indonesia, Laos, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Bangladesh, China, India, Japan and

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Ngapudaw Township gets new station hospital

YANGON, 23 June — Panhlaing Hospital owned by First Myanmar Investment Co Ltd and Singapore Red Cross Society today handed over a new building for Magyipin Sta-

tion Hospital which was constructed at a cost of US\$ 25,000 in Magyipin Village, Ngapudaw Township to Ministry of Health.

The ceremony to hand over the hospital held at

Yangon General Hospital. Director of Panhlaing Hospital U Kyaw Paing handed over the related documents to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

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Fish and prawn purchasing depots opened in Labutta

YANGON, 22 June — Fish and prawn purchasing depots are being opened in Uyingon Village in HsincHEYA village-tract, Labutta Township.

Moreover, the farmers of the village-tract started putting 2,010 acres under monsoon paddy as they have been provided with altogether 900 baskets of rice seeds and 15 power tillers by Myanmar Agriculture Service.

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Tripartite Core Group Workshop on Medical Missions Feedback in Post Nargis Relief Response and Early Recovery at Chattrian Hotel in progress.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Boost production of mills and factories

At present, the government is building factories and mills that produce new items and import-substitute factories. Meanwhile, it is placing emphasis on the establishment of industrial zones and industrial regions, thereby contributing much to development of the industrial sector.

With the industrial development, mills and factories with high technology and production have emerged in different industrial regions. This has resulted in bringing about new production methods and job opportunities for local people.

And efforts are being made to meet the demand of power supply necessary for running mills and factories in the industrial zone and industrial regions at full capacity. At the same time, steps are being taken for the welfare and safety of blue-collar and white-collar workers of mills and factories.

In the meantime, efforts are being made for running over 2,000 mills and factories in the industrial zones of Yangon Division at full capacity. A lens factory capable of manufacturing a variety of lens has emerged in Mingaladon Industrial Zone and it has gone into commercial operation since 2004. The factory is providing training courses to its workers for uplift of their efficiency.

In like manner, with the assistance of some companies, the finished wood products and furniture are being produced in the Wood Based Industrial Zone in Shwepyitha Township in order to build durable houses for storm victims.

With huge investment in new mills and factories, systematic measures are to be taken for boosting production. Only then, will the tasks for national development and uplift of the living standard of the people be possible.

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

Culture Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint attends paper reading session on History of Myanmar Culture



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint addresses the paper reading session on History of Myanmar Culture.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Ministry of Culture organized a paper reading session on History of Myanmar Culture at the ministry here yesterday, with the opening speech of Chairman of Myanmar Historical Commission Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Hotel and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Vice-chairman-2 of Myanmar Historical Commission U Tun Aung Chein and members, resource persons, guests and responsible persons.

In his opening speech, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint said that history is the record of the past and it refers to vast fields such as societies, administrative systems, customs and tradition, beliefs and socio-economic lives. In recording the culture of a certain period, all sectors such as history of economy, politics, literature, music, art, philosophy, religion and science are to be collectively recorded, that culture means way of life. So, research works on history that is the record of way of life of the citizens in the past is an important sector of the Ministry of Culture. Myanmar is a country with cultural evidences

of Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and cultural buildings of Pyu-period which reflects high standard of living of people of that time. It is our duty to record the historical events starting from 40 millions years ago.

Next, Vice-chairman-2 of Myanmar Historical Commission extended greetings and Director-General of Historical Research Department Dr Ba Maung explained objectives of the paper reading session.

Member of Myanmar Historical Commission Dr Khin Maung Nyunt read the paper on Historic Places around Nay Pyi Taw, Secretary of the Commission Dr Hla Toe on History of Poewin hill told by inscription and artistic works, lecturer Daw Aye Aye Than of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) on Studying wall paintings of Konbaung-period, assistant lecturer of History Department of Yangon University on Votive Tablets of Srikhestra and resource persons replied to the queries raised by those present. The paper reading session then concluded.

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Sale promotion lucky draw for Provimin held

YANGON, 23 June — Kyaw Tha Company held its sale promotion lucky draw for Provimin 500mg Medicine with a dinner at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road in Dagon Township yesterday evening.

Managing Director U Win Lwin of the company gave an opening speech.

Dr Min Thein and Dr Mi Mi Ko explained research work on the tonic, its potency, and writer and journalist U Tha Ga Doe also did usefulness and effectiveness of Provimin

and soy bean.

Prizes were presented to sale representatives and

guests through the lucky draw programme.

The singers and

models entertained the guests who were hosted to a dinner.—MNA



Dr Mi Mi Ko explains Provimin 500mg medicine at the dinner.—MNA



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Russian film takes top prize in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 23 June—A Russian film about a teenager surprised by the sudden appearance of the father she thought to be dead won the top prize at the 11th Shanghai International Film Festival. Vladimir Kott's directorial debut "Mukha" was named best feature film in the Jin Jue Awards announced late Sunday at the conclusion of the nine-day festival.

The Chinese movie "Old Fish," about a bomb dismantling expert in

northeastern China, won the Jury Grand Prix prize.

The Lithuanian movie "Loss," a drama set in Ireland and Lithuania, won best director honours for Latvian Maris Martinsons.

Ma Guowei from "Old Fish" won best actor, and Emilia Vasaryova from the Czech movie "Vaclav" took best actress honours. "Vaclav," which follows events revolving around a village outcast, also won best screenplay for Marek Epstein. Florian Schilling

won best cinematography for the German movie "My Mother's Tears."

Hong Kong art-house director Wong Kar-wai headed this year's jury for the Jin Jue Awards.

Other members of the jury included veteran Chinese actress Joan Chen, German producer Ulrich Felsberg, Danish director Bille August, Israeli writer Gila Almagor, Japanese director Kaori Momoi and Chinese director Huo Jianqi.—*Internet*

Hundreds missing in typhoon ferry horror

MANILA, 23 JUNE—More than 800 people are still missing after a ferry sank in the Philippines typhoon—so far just 32 people have found alive.

The latest group of survivors made it to a small coastal village after drifting at sea for more than 24 hours in a rubber boat, according to radio reports in the country.

Two others originally on board the life raft drowned in large swells. The owner of the *MV Princess of Stars* has confirmed that 845 people were on board when it sank two miles from Sibuyan Island in the central Philippines as Typhoon Fengshen roared past.

Coastguard boats battling winds and high waves are scouring the area around the 23,824-gross-ton ferry and divers are expected to enter the vessel later.

Typhoon Fengshen,

with maximum gusts of 120mph, has killed at least 229 people in central and southern Philippines, with the western Visayas region, famed for its sandy beaches and sugar plantations, the worst affected.—*Internet*



The hull of the upturned MV Princess of Stars off the coast of Sibuyan Island in the central Philippines.—INTERNET

Obama proposes new tax on oil companies

WASHINGTON, 23 June—US Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama outlined his new tax on oil company on Sunday should he be elected president, as a way to strengthen government oversight of energy traders.

"My plan fully closes the Enron loophole and restores commonsense regulation as part of my broader plan to ease the burden for struggling families today while investing in a better

future," the Illinois Senator said in a statement.

The Enron, a Houston-based energy trading giant, collapsed in 2001 after it was discovered having vastly overstated its income.

"Enron loophole" was referred to a 2000 legislation that allowed unfettered oil trading on electronic markets, which was blamed for allowing speculators to run up the fuel cost by operating outside federal regulations

and the skyrocketing oil prices as a result that reached 135 US dollars a barrel on Friday.

Obama blamed former Republican Senator from Texas Phil Gramm, who serves as an economic adviser of his presidential rival, John McCain, for inserting a provision into the bill in 2000 "at the behest of Enron lobbyists" that exempted some energy traders from government oversight.

Internet

Aussie combat troops home from Iraq

BRIANE, 23 June—Eighty members of Australia's Overwatch Battle Group—the last of that nation's troops serving in combat roles in southern Iraq—returned home yesterday, fulfilling a campaign promise by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to bring home all of Australia's combat troops from that Iraq.

Family and friends cheered the "Diggers" at Brisbane Airport.

About 300 Australian troops remain in Iraq in non-combat roles.

The Aussies were based in southern provinces of al-Muthanna and Dhi Qar, which were the first to transfer control to Iraqi security forces.

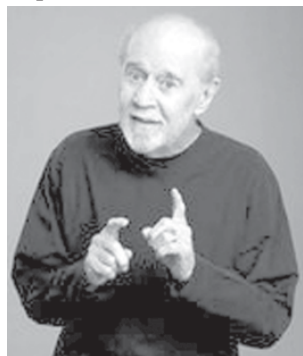
US troops now provide backup security for the Iraqis in that region.—*Internet*

Comedian George Carlin dies in Los Angeles at 71

SANTA MONICA, 23 June—Comedian George Carlin, a counter-culture hero famed for his routines about drugs and dirty words, died of heart failure at a Los Angeles-area hospital on Sunday, a spokesman said. He was 71.

Carlin, who had a history of heart problems, died at St John's Health Center in Santa Monica about 6 pm PDT (9 pm EDT) after being admitted earlier in the afternoon for chest pains, spokesman Jeff Abraham told *Reuters*. Known for his edgy, provocative material, Carlin achiev-

ed status as an anti-Establishment icon in the 1970s with stand-up bits full of drug references and a routine about seven dirty words you could not say on television. A regulatory battle over a radio broadcast of his "Filthy Words" routine ultimately reached the US Supreme Court.—*Internet*



George Carlin

Mississippi River expected to reach high point

LOUISIANA, 23 June—The faithful gathered for church services Sunday in towns hard-hit by flooding along the Mississippi River, and many found comfort in word that the swollen waterway had apparently started to hit its high point.

Dozens of parishioners filled the dry Centenary United Methodist Church in Louisiana, a few blocks from floodwaters that still cover about 15 percent of the town's neighbourhoods.

They prayed for aid and gave thanks for the volunteers, National Guard soldiers and prison inmates who helped the community of nearly 4,000 in recent days.

"And they all worked,"



the Rev Jeanne Webdell said of the volunteers. "They worked for a cause bigger than themselves, worked to help people that most didn't even know."

It appeared Sunday the flooding in the town and elsewhere in Missouri and Illinois could soon give way to recovery. The

National Weather Service said the Mississippi was cresting Sunday at Canton, Mo, not far from the Iowa state line, through the lock and dam near Saverton, about 100 miles north of St Louis. Crests were forecast for Monday in Louisiana and Clarksville.

Internet

Mortar attack kills 10 US-allied Sunnis

BAGHDAD, 23 June—Iraqi officials say a mortar attack north of Baghdad has killed 10 members of a US allied Sunni group that has joined forces with the Americans against al-Qaida in Iraq.

Maj Mohammed Thawra says about 10 mortar shells slammed into the group's headquarters and a checkpoint late Sunday in Udaim, a Sunni town 70 miles north of Baghdad.

Thawra, an Iraqi army battalion commander in Udaim, said Monday that 24 members of the so-called awakening council also were wounded in the attack.

Internet

Gaza ceasefire marks third day

GAZA, 23 June—Ceasefire between Hamas and Israel entered its third day on Saturday in the Gaza Strip with some minor violations from the Israeli side.

Two violations were registered Friday when soldiers, stationed on Gaza borders, opened fire towards farmers who ventured and approached their land close to the security fence that separates between Israel

and Gaza, according to Palestinian security sources.

Palestinian fishermen also tried to take advantage of the six-month lull to sail deeper in the sea but Israeli marine vessels opened fire against them in two occasions.

The Egyptian-brokered ceasefire eventually took hold after months of indirect talks between Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, and

Israel.

The agreement is intended to halt Israeli military operations, which increased when Hamas seized control of the coastal Strip by force last June, and to ease the blockade Israel imposed when forces of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas lost Gaza for the favour of Hamas.

Xinhua



Lebanese singer Carole Samaha (L), Lebanese singer Sabah (2nd L), Syrian singer Asala (2ndR) and Emirati singer Hussein al- Jasmi (R) perform during the annual Murex d’or award ceremony held in Casino du Liban, north of Beirut on 20 June, 2008.—XINHUA

China Mobile’s subscribers break 400 million

BEIJING, 23 June—The number of China Mobile’s subscribers increased 7.491 million in May to reach an all-time high of 407 million.

In contrast, China’s leading fixed-line operator, China Telecom, suffered a net subscriber loss of 820,000 in May, which was also the 10th consecutive month of net subscriber loss, according to monthly industrial figures published on Friday.

By the end of May, China Telecom’s total subscribers stood at 215

million.

China carried out a massive scheme in May to restructure its telecommunications sector, which involves the country’s top five telecom companies, all state-owned, including mobile operators China Mobile and China Unicom, and fixed-line service providers China Tietong, China Telecom and China Netcom.

They will be restructured into three groups, each able to provide both mobile and fixed-line services.

Xinhua



The Polaroid PoGo printer is shown next to a cell phone on 19 June, 2008, in New York. The printer spits out 2-by-3 inch colour photos that can be peeled apart to reveal a sticky back. It can receive photos wirelessly from some cell phones, or via a USB cable from a digital camera.

XINHUA

S Korean public fear of US beef not completely eased

SEOUL, 23 June— The Republic of Korea has been promised with extra health safeguards from the United States on beef imports, but it is still not clear whether the latest deal will completely eliminate public fear of American beef.

The weeks of mass protests have rocked President Lee Myung-bak’s government, the Yonhap news agency quoted local observers as saying on Saturday.

Earlier in the day, South Korean Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon said an age verification system will ensure that US beef from cattle aged more than 30 months will not be exported to South Korea, and the system will be in place until South Korean concerns over American beef ease.

South Korea has been seeking to maintain the 30-month age limit for over a year to relieve public concerns about safety, while Washington wants to keep the age restriction for 120 days.

South Korea, once the world’s third-largest buyer of US beef, banned imports of the American meat in 2003 after a case of mad cow disease was found in the state of Washington.

Xinhua

Moderate quake jolts Sumatra

JAKARTA, 23 June— A moderate earthquake with magnitude of 5.3 rocked Sumatra Island in western parts of Indonesia on Friday, no report of damage or casualty, according to Indonesia’s meteorology agency.

The quake struck at 17:01 Jakarta time 1001 GMT with epicentre at 56 km

southwest Mukomuko town of Bengkulu Province and at 15 kilometres in depth, an official of the agency said.

Indonesia sits at a vulnerable zone called “the Pacific Ring of Fire” where two continental plates meet that cause frequent volcanic movements.

Xinhua



Iraqi police detain men and a boy as their vehicle is searched in Amara, 185 miles southeast of Baghdad, on 20 June, 2008. The men were released later after the police did not find any weapons or explosives in their vehicle.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 June — An American soldier was killed and five others were injured in three roadside bomb attacks hit US patrols in Diyala Province in northeast of Baghdad, the US military said on Saturday.

The attacks occurred

on Friday in the mixed Sunni-Shiite province which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border in eastern the country, a military statement said.

The statement did not give further details about the attacks but said all

victims were transported to a military medical facility.

The latest death brings the number of US troops killed in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion to about 4,102, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.—Xinhua

Singapore urged to move faster to develop clean energy

SINGAPORE, 23 June—The International Advisory Panel on Clean Energy Friday urged the Singaporean Government to speed up on clean energy initiatives.

According to a statement by Singapore’s Economic Development Board (EDB), the panel gave two reasons, including to gain a head start in knowledge and expertise; to engage the public on the use of Clean Energy in the light of global concerns over the environment and climate change.

The panel noted that in the coming years, conventional energy prices will rise while technology and process improvements will bring the cost of clean energy down.

This means an escalating world demand in clean technology and renewable energy to enhance energy security, environmental security and security of cost. New technologies will have to be developed and commercialized.—Xinhua

Jordan returns stolen antiquities to Iraq

AMMAN, 23 June—Iraq took delivery on Sunday of more than 2,000 ancient artefacts seized by Jordanian border officials after being looted from archaeological sites and Baghdad's national museum during the US-led invasion in 2003.

At a ceremony, Jordan's Tourism Minister Maha al-Khatib, who presented the pieces to Iraq's Antiquities Minister Mohammed al-

Uraibi, said the handover showed the effective measures to prevent its borders being used as a conduit for smugglers. Amira Iidan, head of Iraq's antiquities and heritage office, said the archaeological items recovered were rich in "human and cultural value" and belonged to periods from 7,000 to 200 BC.

The most prized was an ivory relief stolen from the national museum

that dates to the first millennium and came from the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrod. Uraibi told reporters that improved security conditions in Iraq, referred to as the cradle of civilization, would allow authorities to better protect the country's heritage. Uraibi said 15,000 items had been stolen during the wholesale looting of the national museum in 2003, of which 5,000 to 6,000 items had been returned.

MNA/Reuters



Mountaineers near the advance base camp of the world's tallest 8,848 metre (29,198 feet) high Mount Everest at 6,400 metres above sea level. China wants to restrict the number of climbers on Mount Everest in a bid to protect the fragile environment on the world's highest mountain, state media said on 23 June, 2008.—INTERNET



Indian customers ride an escalator at Mani Square, a mall which opened in Kolkata on 17 June. Consultancies say they are doing big business helping foreigners who want to set up shop in India find their way through its infamous bureaucratic maze.—INTERNET

India floods push people onto trees, alligators flee

BHUBANESWAR (India), 23 June—Flood victims in eastern India took refuge on treetops as monsoon rains swamped homes and continued to spread misery among millions.

Swelling rivers continued to break through mud embankments in the country's east and north-east on Friday, killing at least 50 people in the past 10 days and affecting more than three million.

Air force helicopters dropped food packets in the eastern state of Orissa, as hundreds of villagers climbed trees, hoping to be rescued as their homes got washed away, officials said. "I have seen hundreds of people living on trees and pleading to be rescued," Jayanarayan Mohanty, a community leader, said.

In the eastern city of

Jamshedpur, three alligators and a crocodile slipped out of a zoo after heavy rains flooded the park, officials said.

The crocodile was later caught, but a park official said the missing alligators were a danger to the people.

Heavy monsoon rains also had an impact on coal mining in eastern Jharkhand state, with

production at the state-run Central Coalfield Limited down by over 50 per cent.

MNA/Reuters

In this photo provided by Miss Universe, Ziya Wei, Miss China 2008, competes in her National Costume at the Lions Theatre in the Saigon Outlet Mall in Ho Chi Minh City on 22 June, 2008. Wei will compete in the 57th annual Miss Universe competition in Nha Trang, Vietnam in July. —INTERNET



Panama incinerates over 6,000 kilos of cocaine

PANAMA CITY, 23 June—Panamanian authorities incinerated 6,351 kilos of cocaine Friday in eastern Panama City, said the national police.

The drug haul was transferred from the police headquarters to the Cerro Patacon dump under strict security measures by agents of the Judicial

Investigation Directorate (DIJ).

"The burning of drugs will be performed more often due to the large quantity of illegal substances seized in recent weeks in different parts of the country," assistant manager of the DIJ Javier Carrillo said.

Carrillo said the drugs burned were seized in an

operation jointly launched by the police, the National Air Force Service and the National Marine Service as well as the Drugs Prosecutor Offices on 9-10 June.

The police also seized two speed-boats during the operation carried out on the island of Coiba in the Pacific Ocean.

MNA/Xinhua

Gun teen jailed after father tips off police

LONDON, 23 June—A teenager was jailed on Friday for possessing a gun after his father handed him in to police when he found the weapon and bullets in his home.

Paul Metcalfe, 19, of

Nelson, in Lancashire, was jailed for three years after his father, Neil, 45, turned him over to the authorities. He had faced a maximum five-year term after he pleaded guilty to firearm offences at an earlier hearing.

The teenager hid the weapon—a reactivated semi-automatic pistol with 11 live bullets—for some older men because

he was frightened of them.

After sentencing, his father said he had no regrets, although he did think the sentence was too long. "I think I did the right thing," he told reporters outside court. "I don't think he should have walked out of court, but 18 months or two years maybe—people get less for GBH."

MNA/Reuters

At least 12 dead in Mexico nightclub crush

MEXICO CITY, 23 June—At least 12 people died and 18 were injured on Friday when hundreds of young party-goers rushed to get out of a crowded nightclub in the Mexican capital during a raid on under-age drinkers, police said.

Nine youths, including several minors, and three police officers were asphyxiated in a scramble to leave the News Divine disco after a tip-off from its owner that police were in the building, police and the city's top prosecutors said. "More than 1,000 people left in a stampede ... for the emergency exit. The exit is very small ... and that's why people were asphyxiated," Mexico City police chief Joel Ortega told the Televisa network.

The emergency exit was partly blocked by boxes, Ortega said. —MNA/Reuters



Delegates attend the opening session of an international oil summit in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Saudi King Abdullah launched an offensive against “speculators” at a summit on Sunday on the soaring price of crude that called for greater transparency in oil market dealings.—INTERNET

Poll shows Obama widens lead over McCain

WASHINGTON, 23 June — Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama has opened up a double-digit lead over Republican John McCain two weeks after he clinched the nomination, a new poll published on Friday showed.

The nationwide poll conducted by *Newsweek* showed Obama leading McCain by a margin of 51-36 per cent, indicating that he might have got a

bounce from his recent primary victory over Hillary Clinton.

Newsweek said the survey of 1,010 adults nationwide on 18 and 19 June and, 2008 has a margin of error of 4 points.

Obama’s edge in the latest poll is larger than in other recent surveys.

A *Reuters/Zogby* poll released on Wednesday found Obama had a only a five-point lead.

Obama was tied at 46

per cent with McCain in a previous *Newsweek* poll completed in late May, when he was still battling Clinton for the nomination, *Newsweek* said.

Obama triumphed in early June in a grueling five-month Democratic nomination fight with Clinton. McCain clinched the Republican race in March. McCain and Obama have clashed sharply on economic and security issues in the campaign’s early stages.

MNA/Reuters

Iran says continues nuclear enrichment “non-stop”

TEHERAN, 23 June — Iran is pressing on with nuclear enrichment “non-stop”, its envoy to the UN nuclear agency was quoted as saying on Saturday, despite a world powers’ offer of economic incentives if it halts such work.

Diplomats said on Friday six major powers had offered Teheran preliminary talks on its nuclear work, on condition it limits uranium enrichment to current levels for six weeks in exchange for a freeze on moves towards harsher sanctions.

They said European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana conveyed the proposal during talks in Teheran on 14 June in which he presented a revised batch of incentives for Iran to stop pursuing technology that could yield atomic bombs.—MNA/Reuters



Girls play near a checkpoint in Baghdad’s Sadr City on 22 June, 2008. Residents of the Sadr City suburb are being trained to man checkpoints in their neighbourhood as part of a new strategy to combat Shi’ite militias.—INTERNET

US Salmonella outbreak illnesses climb to 552

WASHINGTON, 23 June — US food safety inspectors will head to Florida and Mexico this weekend to examine tomato farms and distribution chains, hoping to pinpoint the source of a widening Salmonella outbreak that has sickened more than 550 people, officials said on Friday.

At least 552 people in 32 states and the District of Columbia have become sick in a outbreak linked to certain kinds of tomatoes, according to the US Centres for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC).

That marked a big increase from the more than 350 illnesses in 30 states that the CDC reported on Wednesday.

Investigators believe the numbers could go higher because the outbreak is probably still underway, David Acheson, director of food safety for the US Food and Drug Administration, told reporters.

Some 53 people have been hospitalized, CDC officials said.

No deaths have been blamed on the outbreak, although one elderly man who died of cancer was infected at the time of his death. Officials said the infection may have played a role in his death.

A new cluster of illnesses was reported in Texas, with 265 identified cases there, the CDC said on Friday. None have been reported in Mexico.

Officials said this may be the largest US outbreak of Salmonella infections from tomatoes.

MNA/Reuters

WTO adopts cotton ruling, Brazil ponders sanctions

GENEVA, 23 June — The World Trade Organization (WTO) adopted a final ruling in a dispute over US cotton subsidies on Friday, clearing the way for Brazil to seek up to four billion US dollars in sanctions on US imports.

In a statement, Brazil said it hoped the decision

in the case dating to 2002 “provides sufficient incentive for the United States to amend its legislation and ensure compliance with the rulings of the (WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body)”. Without full compliance, “Brazil will pursue the established procedures in order to obtain from the

(Dispute Settlement Body) authorization to take counter-measures vis-a-vis the United States”, it added. Brazil argues that US subsidies to cotton farmers unfairly boost American production and depress world prices, squeezing developing-country farmers out of the market.—MNA/Reuters



The damage to a vehicle and a house caused by a rocket allegedly fired from Pakistan is seen in Kundai village southeast of Kabul on 22 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Shells from Pakistan hit Afghan bases, NATO fires back

KBAUL, 23 June — Artillery shells fired from Pakistan landed in an Afghan Army compound and close to an international military base in Afghanistan on Saturday and NATO forces returned fire, the alliance said.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, an improvised explosive device (IED) killed four US-led coalition soldiers in the southern province of Kandahar, the scene of a

large anti-Taleban offensive and an insurgent jail break.

Tension has mounted between Afghanistan and Pakistan in the last week after Afghan President Hamid Karzai threatened to send troops across the frontier to hunt down Taleban militants based in Pakistan’s lawless border region.— MNA/Reuters

Loving-kindness, essential for security of storm-victims

Kyaw Soe (Kyaikmaraw)

The people of some areas in Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions came under the strike of the storm Nargis, which was the most destructive natural disaster of its kind in the course of Myanmar history.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein held a meeting while the natural disaster was raging to carry out rescue and rehabilitation tasks in the storm-affected areas. Chairman of the Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein and ministers made trips to respective areas on 3 May 2008. Since then, they have been carrying out the rescue and resettlement tasks with added momentum.

The government, well-wishers from states and divisions, industrialists, companies, servicemen, social organizations and religious associations are making generous donations of kitchen provisions including rice, edible oil and salt, vegetables, purified water, clothes, and relief supplies such as household utensils to the storm victims.

Witnesses are full of admiration for individuals who are donating supplies right in the hands of the victims, and artistes, athletes, members of Red Cross, Union Solidarity and Development Association and Fire Brigade and servicemen who are contributing voluntary services. At the same time, specialists, physicians, doctors and nurses from states and divisions are providing health care to the victims. The United Nations, donor countries and INGOs are donating rehabilitation aid including relief supplies and medicines and are sending rescue workers and medical teams.

Local and international donors and well-wishers are making generous contributions to fulfil the basic needs of the victims. Nevertheless, internal and external stooges with negative views are making accusations for political gains such as storm victims are in desperate need of food, clothing and shelter and are suffering infectious diseases on account of the fact that the government has failed to carry out rescue works effectively.

Besides, anti-government groups inside and outside the country in complicity with certain foreign radio stations are making accusations such as the Myanmar government is accepting through restrictions and prohibiting international assistance, preventing foreign rescue workers from entering the nation, preventing donors from making donations of relief aid freely and blocking donation of relief supplies, and forcing the storm victims to go back to their native places that are in contrary with the prevailing situations.

It is believed that everyone can weigh the accusations and find out the true conditions if the firsthand experiences of those who made trips to the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions are stated with profound evidence.

I am neither a politician nor a government employee. I am just a public member who earns his right livelihood freely and who devotes his life to the religious faith he professes. The committee for providing assistance to cyclone “Nargis” victims to which I am a member was formed on 8 May 2008 to provide supplies to victims, irrespective of race and religion with the participation of entrepreneurs under the supervision of the four major Islam religious organizations.

Kurbani Supervisory Central Committee (2007) handed over K 100 million to the committee to provide the storm victims and K 5 million to the State to set up trust funds.

The committee for providing assistance to cyclone “Nargis” victims collected more than K 300 million including the donations of well-wishers. So far, the committee has donated about K 200 million including the cash donations for rice, edible oil, clothes and rehabilitation tasks right in the hands of the victims in the seven natural disaster-hit townships in Ayeyawady Division.

The committee planned to donate five water purifiers in Yangon Division. It has planned to donate four of them—two to Dalla Township, one to Kungyangon Township and one to Kayan Township. It is now coordinating with local authorities concerned to designate the most appropriate place to donate the last water purifier.

In donating supplies for rescue and rehabilitation of the storm victims, we committee members did not face any prohibition or restrictions. During our trip to the rural areas in the storm-hit township, we witnessed that schools, hospitals, dispensaries, markets and buildings were being reconstructed. Farmers were making arrangements to resume their businesses with the use of power-tillers and draught cattle, while fishermen, with the use of fishing boats and fishing nets.

Likewise, the authorities concerned gave a helping hand to the storm victims in going back to their native villages when the task to help them go back to their native regions has come into shape, and there was no forced relocation but they were sent back to their regions according to their own wishes.

Meantime, the authorities concerned are providing all the necessary assistance to the organizations and individuals to the most possible degree so that they can

make donations to storm victims of their own accord.

However, some individuals made unsystematic donations with ulterior motives to tarnish the nation’s image by dropping foods from the moving vehicles to the ground. Consequently, the authorities concerned had to deter them from doing such an improper and unacceptable act. Without knowing about it, some were making accusations and criticizing that there were impediments of the government over the donation of relief items to storm victims. Such accusations should not be made at all.

Here also, the accusations that the government imposed restrictions over and banned the flow of relief items into the nation should not be made at all. Such an undesirable act should be avoided out of consideration. Committing the undesirable act amounts to accusing the government of refusing the relief aid provided by the international community and of being unkind to the people and misleading the international community so that their generosity toward the nation may diminish.

As a matter of fact, the government only refused such kind of donations of international community that it was with strings attached and could harm sovereignty and territory of the nation. It is safe to say that such kind of donations that were brought into the country by military aircraft and warship is unusual. This being so, Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein disclosed frankly that the government thanked any aid provided by the international community with the exception of those carried by military planes and warships.

In the meantime, the prayer saying ceremonies dedicated to the persons who perished in the storm and storm survivors were held by Buddhists on Kaba Aye Hill at 10 am, by Christians at a church at the corner of Shwedagon Pagoda Road and Bogyoke Aung San Street in Pabedan Township at 11 am, by Muslims at Cholia Jarmay Mosque on Bo Sunpet Street in Pabedan Township at 1.15 pm and by Hindus at a temple on Bo Aung Kyaw Street at 2 pm on 14 May 2008. Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung himself attended the ceremonies. This has reflected the great loving-kindness and compassion of the government toward the storm victims.

Furthermore, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye themselves made field trips right down to villages where relief camps were set up and consoled the storm victims and fulfilled the requirements of officials who were engaged in relief and rehabilitation endeavours. This has highlighted the goodwill of the government toward the people.

To sum up, the storm victims in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions have now been able to enjoy the food, clothing and shelter needs through the contributions of the government, national people of various strata and the international community including the United Nations and they will be able to enhance their socio-economic life in the very near future.

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Prime Minister inspects construction...

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The Prime Minister paid obeisance to members of the Sangha from Waiponlacayi Tawya Monastery and fulfilled the requirements.

The Prime Minister and party cordially greeted the local people and enquired conditions in the areas and their livelihood. They inspected construction of 16-bed hospital and treatment there.

The Prime Minister and party observed hospital and medical equipment donated by Sitagu missionary group. The Prime Minister gave instructions on arrangements for handling of the equipment and met hospital in-charge Dr Nyan Min and nurses.

The Prime Minister and party went to Kadonkani Village in Pyapon Township and inspected construction of houses for the storm victims by Dagon Construction Group.

The houses are donated by Chairman of CB Bank U Khin Maung Aye.

The Prime Minister met the storm victims and

told them to work hard for improvement of their socio-economic life based on the government's assistance. The Prime Minister greeted members of social organizations of the village.

They went to Polaung Village in Labutta Township and met departmental officials and members of social organizations. They inspected construction of village, preparation for their livelihood and village market.

The Prime Minister inspected pre-primary school and gave food to the school children. They visited the patients at the temporary clinic of the village.

The Prime Minister met the university students and provided cash assistance to them and supplies to the chairman of village peace and development council.

The commander presented clothes for the village to a member of USDA. The Prime Minister and party went to the 3rd mile relief station and greeted departmental personnel and USDA members.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut reported on allotment of land for construction of 1,000 houses near the 5th and 7th mile stations in Labutta Township.

Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Win Tun reported on arrangements for distribution of timber and Chairman of Kanbawza Group Co Ltd U Aung Ko Win on construction of houses for the storm victims.

Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut and officials reported on construction of houses with the aids of the blue print. The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements. The Prime Minister and party went to 7th mile station and inspected arrangements for construction of houses for the victims by Max (Myanmar) Co and Wah Wah Win Co.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back in Patheingyi in the afternoon.

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Machinery equipped at a lake to purify its water in Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



Rehabilitation works in Kungyangon inspected

YANGON, 23 June— CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay met members of rehabilitation and reconstruction committee in Kungyangon Township yesterday. They discussed delivery of food, construction of houses, providing paddy strains, agricultural machinery

and cattle to farmers, ploughing and growing paddy in time.

Next, the deputy minister examined the shops opened by the Ministry of Industry-1 in the township. He also examined the site chosen to build new village at Warmyetsankye field of Wagauktaw village in the township.

On 21 June, the deputy minister met the

Korean medical team led by Mr Anh Il Nam at the dispensary of Dedanaw Village in the township.

Next, the deputy minister inspected construction of houses in the southern ward in the township provided by the State to the victims. He also inspected rice to be delivered to the victims that was contributed by the State and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA.

Relief aids shipped to Mawlamyinegyun Township

YANGON, 23 June — Relief aids and food have been shipped to Mawlamyinegyun to distribute to storm-hit villages in the township.

Myatmyomaung Ship loaded with 47 tons of relief aids and food

including blankets, drinking water bottles, clothes, provisions, etc arrived in Mawlamyinegyun today.

Hla Toe Maung Ship loaded with 100 tarpaulin sheets, clothes, 100 mattocks, 24 knives, medicines, lamps, plates, clothes and other relief aids also arrived at the town and those goods will be distributed to storm-hit villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

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No. 1 Basic Education High School seen after being repaired in Dedaye Township. — MNA

Minister receives PRC Ambassador and Vice-president of CNPC

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mr Guan Mu and Vice-president of China National Petroleum Corporation Mr Liao Yongyuan and party at the ministry here on 20 June.

They frankly discussed matters concerning cooperation of the two countries in the energy sector. Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Aung and Vice-president of the CNPC signed agreement on Feasibility Study on Oil Pipe Line for installation works of oil pipe lines from Rakhine offshore to PRC which will be jointly implemented by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy and CNPC and they exchanged the documents.

Also present were Deputy minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Directors-General and Managing-Directors of Departments and Corporations under Ministry of Energy and responsible personnel.—MNA

F&R holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Ministry of Finance and Revenue held a work coordination meeting here today.

In his address at the meeting, Minister for Finance and Revenue, Maj-Gen Hla Tun stressed the need for assessing the tasks which have been carried out in the 2008-2009 fiscal year and called for providing effective services of the banks and departments under the ministry.

After hearing reports on tasks which have been carried out by officials concerned, the minister attended to the needs. The

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint speaks at Tripartite Core Group Workshop on Medical Missions Feedback in Post Nargis Relief Response and Early Recovery at Chattrian Hotel.—MNA

meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

Tripartite Core Group Workshop on Medical...

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the Republic of Korea, Myanmar delegates and guests.

First, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu, Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert H.K Chua and UN/ IASC Humanitarian Coordinator Professor Adik Wibowo extended greetings.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee led by the Prime Minister was formed in 2005. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the Health Sub-committees went to the storm-hit townships and carried out health care services for the victims beginning 4 May. Emergency patients were

sent to Yangon and they were given medical treatment.

Seven medical teams formed with specialists and doctors made field trips to the most-hit areas for health care services of the victims. Twenty one medical stations were opened in the areas and health care services were undertaken.

Similarly, traditional medicine practitioners started providing public health care in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions on 6 May. Starting from 11 June, they are giving treatment to storm victims. The minister said he thanked various health care associations, INGOs and private clinics for participation in the health

care services.

Beginning 6 May, specialist groups are being sent to Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Twantay and Kyauktan townships. Central level hospitals, universities of medicine, University of Public Health, University of Nursing, Medical Research Department and voluntary associations also provided health care and Yangon Division Health Department is also giving health care services.

The minister said he also expressed thanks to ASEAN and international health teams for their participation in the health care services. Their visit to Myanmar for medical purposes could enhance cooperation between

ASEAN and international-Myanmar, contribute a lot to the Ministry of Health, promote understanding between the global nations and exchange knowledge and experiences between the nations, he noted.

Next, Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein, Prof Dr Munir Lubis of Indonesia, Dr Vanlem Bouravong of Laos, Dr Arif Tyebally of Singapore, WHO Resident Representative to Myanmar Prof Adik Wibowo, Dr Pitchit Siriwan of Thailand, Dr Luong Ngoc Khve of Vietnam and Dr Arnel Rivera of Philippines recounted their experiences gained during

their trips to the storm-hit regions for medical purposes.

At the afternoon session, UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha, Mr Kwang Geoi Cho of Korea International Cooperation Agency, Councilor of Chinese Embassy Mr Dai Yugae, Mr Mitsuji Suzuka and Dr Seietsu Nyui of Japanese Embassy and Consul of Bangladeshi Embassy Mr Mohamed Golam Mostafa recounted their experiences gained during their trips to the storm-affected regions.

Then, Merlin Emergency Response Director Mr Yves-Kim Greach explained matters related to international health care assistance and cooperation. Dr Richarg Garfield of WHO also took part in the discussions and the workshop came to a close.

A ceremony to donate medicines for the storm victims took place at the same hotel and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint accepted medicines worth K 23937396 donated by Gati & Naresh Kumar of Vimpex Ltd.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence examines display of jade lots at MCC.

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Sales of jade, gems and pearl slated 24 June - 4 July

YANGON, 23 June —Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and officials today inspected display of special sales for jade, gems and pearl in June-July 2008 to be held from 24 June to 4 July at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party examined high-quality jade lots and pearl lots displayed on the first floor of MCC. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe also examined high-quality jade lots and raw jade lots displayed in front of MCC and he fulfilled the needs.—MNA



Minister inspects cable installation in Yangon South District

YANGON, 23 June — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen KhinMaung Myint visited the sub-power station in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township in Yangon South District today and called on officials concerned for cooperative efforts for sufficient supply of power to the people.

At the township development affairs office in the township, Assistant Director U Htet Naing of the office reported to the minister on tasks for improvement of the power supply system in the township.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the installation of 33 KV



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint observes installation of cables from Kanbe junction to Dalla Township.—EP NO. 2

cables in Dalla Township and fulfilled the requirements for the installation of cables.

During his tour, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also

inspected installation of 33 KV cables in Dalla Township and near Yangon-pauk Village in Twantay Township.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Khin

Maung Win reported to the minister on tasks for installation of cables from Dalla Township to Kanbe Village and efforts for timely completion of works.

Afterwards, the minister and party also inspected installation of 33 KV cables from Kanbe Village to Twantay.

After hearing reports on tasks which

have been carried out and future tasks presented by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Kyaw, the minister fulfilled the requirements.—MNA



A repaired basic education primary school at Botilote Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

Tun Foundation Bank seminar on 29 June

YANGON, 23 June— Under the education programme of Tun Foundation Bank, Governor of First Private Bank Dr Sein Maung will

give talk on Subprime Mortgage Crisis—An international Experience in Credit Risk Management subject at the building of Myanmar Banks’

Association on No 2 Sibin Street Yankin Township here at 1pm on 29 June. Those interested are invited to attend the seminar.

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International relief supplies keeps flowing to Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 23 June— The international community has been presenting relief supplies to regions severely hit by the storm. Relief supplies

weighing 19.987 tons donated by French-based Doctors without Borders, 77.279 tons of relief supplies donated by Thai-based WFP and

relief aids weighing 18 tons donated by the USA arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

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Health care services conducted in Pathein

YANGON, 22 June—As a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women’s Day, which falls on 3 July, Women’s Affairs Organization of Ayeyawady Division carried out the tasks of prevention against Dengue

Haemorrhage Fever and health care services at Ward-3 in Pathein today.

Altogether 500 members including President of Ayeyawady Division WAO, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Social

organizations collectively participated in the sanitation works, pesticide and chlorination at Myainghamar Ward in Pathein. Next, the educative talk on DHF was held in the Maha Ordination—MNA



Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe accepts K 2.5 million for storm victims donated by Cholia muslim religious association on 23 June.—F & R



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Castro says ruling party has no internal struggle

HAVANA, 23 June—Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro said Saturday that there was no internal struggle within the ruling party.

In an article published on the Cuban official website Cubadebate, Castro said he could not make a conclusion that the island nation's Communist Party has an internal struggle, as he is not and will not be the head of any faction or group.

Castro said his remarks on the European Union (EU)'s decision to lift sanctions against Cuba did not cause divergence among the leadership.

In a previous article published on the Internet Friday, he accused the 27-nation bloc of "enormous hypocrisy" and called its actions "disparaging".

"I wrote the article because I am

still fighting. I did this in the name of the faith for which I have defended in my lifetime," Castro said.

The EU agreed Thursday to lift its five-year-old sanctions against Cuba, which include limits on high-level official visits and the role of EU diplomats in Cuba's cultural events. But the bloc also demanded the country improve its human rights record.

Castro, 81, has not been seen in public since he was ill two years ago. He resigned as president in February this year, leaving the post to Raul Castro.

MNA/Xinhua

Microsoft targets engineers at Yahoo

LOS ANGELES, 23 June—Microsoft intensified its recruitment campaign on Saturday to woo Yahoo's technical talent as turmoil in Yahoo intensified with a stream of new reports about departing executives.

"There is just great search talent here," said Doug Free, a Microsoft spokesman, who noted that the company has been expanding in the Silicon Valley for years.

Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer may have given up on the idea of acquiring all of Yahoo, but he still wants Yahoo's technical talent and is fighting hard to get it, sources at Microsoft said.

Free said Microsoft currently controls about one million square feet of office space in the San Francisco Bay Area. He said Microsoft plans to keep adding both square feet and employees. Nearly 2,000 people work for Microsoft in Silicon Valley.

Acquiring Yahoo would have given Microsoft about 5,000 engineers and about two million square feet in additional Bay Area real estate.

Microsoft withdrew its offer for Yahoo on 3 May, after raising its bid to around 47.5 billion dollars. Yahoo said the bid undervalued its business and subsequently rejected a follow-up proposal by Microsoft to buy Yahoo's search business. Instead, Yahoo announced last week it would outsource some search advertising to Google.

Recruiting experts said Yahoo's decision sent the wrong message to its search engineers and created an opportunity for Microsoft.—MNA/Xinhua



China's giant pandas are facing severe food shortages after last month's magnitude-8.0 earthquake which devastated large swathes of bamboo forest in the nation's southwest.
INTERNET

Expert says world not fully prepared for flu pandemic

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 June — The world is far from being fully prepared for a flu pandemic, a leading US infectious diseases expert said on Saturday, warning there were big gaps in surveillance and basic knowledge.

Experts have long warned that the H5N1 bird flu virus could trigger the next pandemic and kill millions of people if it becomes easily transmissible among humans.

"We are a long way from being fully prepared. We do not have a vaccine that will provide universal protection.

We don't have surveillance in every country. We don't have control of the virus in animal reservoirs," said Julie Gerberding, director of the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We have huge gaps in our basic understanding of influenza and what will be the trigger that allows it to move onto its next host and potentially become more transmissible to humans,"

she told a news conference in Kuala Lumpur on the sidelines of an infectious diseases conference.

H5N1 remains essentially a disease among birds. But while it has infected only 385 people around the world since late 2003, it has killed 243 of them, World Health Organization (WHO) figures show.

Humans have no natural immunity against it and any pandemic caused by this virus is widely expected to be catastrophic.

MNA/Reuters

Garuda Indonesia, SIA start sharing journeys

JAKARTA, 23 June— Flag carrier Garuda Indonesia and Singapore Airlines (SIA) have signed an agreement under which the carriers will benefit from joint marketing and promotion, code sharing and special rate agreements.

The two airlines will begin the code sharing with an additional daily flight between Denpasar and Singapore starting 2 August.

Initially, the SIA will assume the role of operator by providing the flight, while Garuda will act as marketer and sell the seats. In the future, the companies will share the services, the English-language daily *The Jakarta Post* reported Saturday.

The memorandum of understanding was signed Friday in Jakarta by Garuda Indonesia president Emirsyah Satar and SIA chief executive officer Chew Choon Seng. "The industry has become more competitive and the increasing fuel price has put extra pressure on us, so we have to cooperate to increase efficiency and service (quality)," Emirsyah said.

The new flight will increase Garuda's capacity, as passengers from Saigon or Beijing can go directly to Bali from Singapore.

Currently, Garuda operates 11 flights per week for the Denpasar-Singapore route, while SIA operates eight per week.—MNA/Xinhua

Actors of the National Center for Korean Traditional Performing Arts (NCKTPA) play traditional Korean dance on stage in Tianjin China Theatre in north China's Tianjin Municipality on 21 June, 2008.—INTERNET



More Swedish students eye Asia for studying overseas

STOCKHOLM, 23 June— An increasing number of Swedish students have travelled to Asia to pursue their studies overseas in the past five years, local media reported Friday.

According to Torbjorn Lindqvist, an inspector with Sweden's Higher Education Bureau, only 400 students from the Nordic country went to Asia to further their studies during the 2001-2002 school year.

But the number more than quadrupled during 2006-2007, reaching 1,700 and accounting for one seventh of the Swedish students studying abroad.

Lindqvist said Asia's fast economic growth led by China and India is the main reason for many Swedish students to choose it for their further studies overseas, Lindqvist said, adding that Asia has become an important market for Sweden.

MNA/Xinhua

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Hamas says smuggling to carry on
despite Gaza truce

GAZA, 23 June—Hamas's leader in the Gaza Strip Ismail Haniyeh said on Friday the Islamist group would not stop smuggling activities in the territory.

Stopping smuggling is a central Israeli demand in an Egyptian-brokered Gaza ceasefire agreed between Israel and Hamas that came into force on Thursday.

Militant groups smuggle arms and ammunitions into Gaza through tunnels across the border with Egypt and on boats along the coast. Israel has also demanded Egypt step up efforts stop the flow of arms into Gaza.

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Hizbollah says not to disarm
even if Israel quits Shebaa

BEIRUT, 23 June—A Hizbollah-allied lawmaker said the Shiite militant group will not give up its arms even if Israel pulls out of the disputed Shebaa Farms in south Lebanon, local daily *Al-Akhbar* reported Friday.

Sudan grounds national airline

KHARTOUM, 23 June—Sudan is grounding its national carrier Sudan Airways from Monday for breaking civil aviation rules, mainly over administration, a Sudanese official said on Saturday.

Mohamed Hassan Al-Mujammar, head of safety and flight operations in Sudan's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), said the suspension had nothing to do with a Sudan Airways crash earlier this month which killed 30 people at Khartoum airport.

"The air operator certificate is hereby suspended from Monday," he told *Reuters*.

He cited violations such as the general manager doing two jobs and a failure to revise operations manuals as required.

Ahmadinejad says "enemies"
tried to kill him in Iraq

TEHERAN, 23 June—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused the United States and its allies of plotting to assassinate him during a visit to neighbouring Iraq in March, state radio reported on Friday.

"Based on reliable intelligence, our enemies had plans to kidnap and kill your servant (Ahmadinejad). But we intentionally made last minute changes in our schedule," the radio quoted Ahmadinejad telling a meeting of clerics in the Shiite holy city of Qom on Thursday.

Although he did not identify the United States by name, he used the usual term "enemies" to refer to Washington.

A senior US military official in Baghdad said: "The Coalition is unaware of any threats to President Ahmadinejad's life during his visit to Iraq."

During the first visit by an Iranian leader to Iraq since the neighbours fought an eight-year war in the 1980s, Ahmadinejad cancelled his

scheduled visit to Shiite holy cities of Karbala and Najaf in southern Iraq.

The presidential office said at the time the trip was cancelled for security reasons. "The enemies learned about the changes when we already had left Iraq. They were shocked," the radio quoted him as saying.—MNA/Reuters

French PM hails
"transformation"
in Algeria ties

ALGIERS, 23 June—France and former colony Algeria signed defence and civil nuclear power accords on Saturday in a move described by Paris as a sign of a "trans-

formation" in the countries' ties.

Making the first visit by a French premier in 22 years, Prime Minister Francois Fillon declared French firms would not be driven out of the north African country by armed groups, following the death of a Frenchman in a bombing this month.

"We will not give in to threats," *El Watan* newspaper quoted him as saying in an interview marking his two-day visit to France's largest trading partner in Africa, which still suffers sporadic attacks by rebels fighting for purist Islamic rule.

Al-Qaeda's north Africa wings said it was behind twin bombings that killed a French engineer in Algeria on 8 June east of Algiers and vowed more attacks against "Crusaders".

MNA/Xinhua

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This photograph taken on 12 June, 2008 shows Sun Dinguo, one of China's so-called Olympic 'madmen', as he pushes his rickshaw after an interview outside the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest in Beijing.—INTERNET



Participants destroy a car with sledge-hammers during an anti-stress session or “Destruction Therapy” before town’s fiestas in Castejon, northern Spain, on 21 June, 2008. The therapy was aimed to relieve stress at the workplace and this was the first time the general public had participated, the events organizers, Stop Stress Navarra said. —XINHUA

Smokers offered food money if they quit

LONDON, 23 June—Smokers in deprived parts of one of Scotland’s biggest cities are being offered food vouchers worth 50 pounds a month if they give up smoking, the National Health Service said on Saturday.

They will have to pass weekly carbon monoxide breath tests at their local chemist to prove that they have kicked the habit, NHS Tayside said. During the three month trial, they will receive money credited to a card that can be used to buy groceries. However, they won’t be able to use it to buy cigarettes or alcohol.

Paul Ballard, deputy director of public health with NHS Tayside, said he hoped the cash

incentive would help persuade more people to try to stop smoking.

“After Glasgow, Dundee probably has proportionately the biggest smoking problem in Scotland,” he told the Scotsman.

“It is going to cost around

1,200 pounds per person, but when you compare that to the cost of treating them for smoking-related diseases, then it is a drop in the ocean.” A similar scheme arranged for pregnant women in the area last year was a success, he added. —MNA/Reuters



A model displays a creation from the Cavallera Spring/Summer collection during Sao Paulo fashion week in Sao Paulo on 20 June, 2008.

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Britain promises “green revolution” with energy plan

LONDON, 23 June—As many as a quarter of British homes could be fitted with solar heating systems and thousands of wind turbines erected across the country under government plans for a “green revolution” to be set out next week.

Energy Minister Malcolm Wicks said the plans, which may include measures to force homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, were aimed at dramatically increasing Britain’s energy supplies from renewables by 2020.

“You will see this week a real determination by the government to move towards 15 per cent of all of our energy from renewables by 2020,” he said. “That is a green revolution.”

Britain gets less than 5 per cent of its electricity from renewables, mainly wind. The government has committed Britain to getting 10 per cent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2010, and under a European Union deal last year it is also committed to quadrupling that a decade later.

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51st session of COPUOS ends in Vienna

VIENNA, 23 June — United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) ended its 10-day-long 51st Session in Vienna Friday.

The session focused on the special theme “Space and Education”. The committee heard a number of reports about distance education with satellite technology. It emphasized the Space Education Programme of UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which was to lead UN for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014.

The committee elected also Suvit Vibulsresth of Thailand as first vice-

chairman and Portuguese Filipe Duarte Santos as second vice-chairman for the two year term 2008-2009. The next session of COPUOS will be held in 2009. It will evaluate the

activities undertaken within the UN system which were directly related to the use of space-derived geospatial information for sustainable development.

MNA/Xinhua

Medvedev says Russia must act now on environment

Moscow, 23 June—Parts of Russia will be uninhabitable within the next three decades if the country does not take better care of the environment, Russian news agencies quoted President Dmitry Medvedev as saying on Saturday. Medvedev, addressing law students in his home city of St Petersburg, said Russians had been more concerned about survival than the environment in the 1990s.

“As a result, there are now many places in Russia on the brink of an adverse ecological situation,” agencies quoted Medvedev as saying in response to a question. “If we fail to deal with the ecological situation now, then in 10, 20, 30 years large parts of Russia will be unfit for living,” he said. —MNA/Reuters

In this photo provided by the Lincoln Park Zoo, Rolie, an Emperor Tamarin monkey is seen at Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo. The Golden Years have arrived at the nation’s zoos and aquariums, and that is taking veterinarians and keepers into a zone of unknowns.

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California to unveil ambitious plan to battle global warming

LOS ANGELES, 23 June—California’s air board, for years an obscure state agency, will take centre stage this week when it unveils a blueprint

for the nation’s most aggressive fight against global warming, a newspaper report said on Sunday.

The plan is expected

to affect every resident, industry and government agency in the state in the coming decade, the San Francisco Chronicle said.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Casillas thanks lucky stars after shootout victory

VIENNA, 23 June — Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas has suffered the pain of a quarter-final penalty shootout defeat and he admitted that being on the winning side against Italy on Sunday was more a question of luck than judgement.

"I've had good and bad experiences with penalty shootouts," the Spain captain told reporters after his side's Euro 2008 quarter-final victory over the world champions. "We knocked out Ireland and lost to South Korea in the 2002 World Cup and this time we were lucky to go through. They are a complete lottery."

A cagey, tactical duel at the Ernst Happel stadium

went to penalties after extra-time ended 0-0.

Casillas saved spot kicks from Daniele De Rossi and Antonio Di Natale and although Spain striker Daniel Guiza missed his, Luis Aragonés's side went through 4-2 with Cesc Fabregas netting the final penalty. —MNA/Reuters



Gergely Palagyi of Hungary (L), Sweden's Robert Kronberg (C) and Croatia's Juraj Grabusic compete during the men's 110 metre hurdles at the European Cup First League athletics meeting in Istanbul on 21 June, 2008. —INTERNET

Spain win shootout to reach semis at last

VIENNA, 23 June — Spain beat Italy 4-2 on penalties after a goalless Euro 2008 quarter-final on Sunday to end their shootout hoodoo and reach the last four of a major tournament for the first time in 24 years.

They will now face Russia, who they thrashed 4-1 in their opening group game, thanks to substitute midfielder Cesc Fabregas who scored the decisive spot

kick after Iker Casillas had saved two of Italy's penalties. It is the first time Spain have reached the last four since they got to the European Championship final in 1984 and came after they had lost three previous quarter-final shootouts in major tournaments, all on 22 June.

The victory was also their first over Italy at a major tournament outside the Olympic Games. —MNA/Reuters



German golfer Martin Kaymer holds the trophy during the winner ceremony of the 20. BMW International Open tournament in Munich Eichenried, southern Germany, on 22 June, 2008. Kaymer won the tournament. —INTERNET

Decisive late goals' send UAE, Qatar through

BANGKOK, 23 June — Qatar and the United Arab Emirates grabbed the remaining places in the final round of World Cup qualifiers with late goals in their decisive matches on Sunday.

Qatar kept alive their dreams of reaching the finals and buried those of Iraq when Sayd Ali Bechir scored with a header 13 minutes from time to clinch the second qualifying spot behind Australia, with Iraq needing only a draw to advance.

The UAE's passage to the final round also went right to the wire, with Ismail Matar's 80th-minute spot kick putting them through on goal difference

at the expense of part-timers Syria. "We didn't take the chances that came our way and nearly paid for it," said UAE's French coach Bruno Metsu.

MNA/Reuters

Russia's Maria Sharapova trains on the practice courts at Wimbledon, ahead of the 2008 Championships in south London on 22 June, 2008. INTERNET



Turkey still have 50-50 chance of making final

VIENNA, 23 June — Injury and suspensions may have wreaked havoc on Turkey's squad but they still have a 50-50 chance of beating Germany in Wednesday's semi-final in Basel, midfielder Hamit Altintop said on Sunday.

"Germany are the favourites but we have a good team and if we continue as we started we have a lot of self-belief," he told reporters at a training session.

"We are not worried about the injuries and suspensions. We have other good players who will give their all and, let's be frank, when you are in the semi-final of course you want to play in the final. I think the chances are 50/50."

The Turks' never-say-die attitude has brought some thrilling finales to their matches. They beat Croatia on penalties in their quarter-final on Friday after equalising with the last kick in extra time following a late Croatian goal. —MNA/Reuters

Donadoni's future to be discussed soon

VIENNA, 23 June — Roberto Donadoni's position as Italy coach will be discussed in the coming days after the world champions were eliminated in the Euro 2008 quarter-finals on Sunday, Italian soccer federation chief Giancarlo Abete said.

Italy stuttered throughout the tournament and lost 4-2 on penalties to Spain after a 0-0 draw. Donadoni, who took over from Marcello Lippi after the 2006 World Cup triumph, signed a two-year contract extension just before the tournament but an escape clause allows the coach or the federation to terminate the deal now. "After the game, not right after the game, we will assess the Euro campaign and decide what will happen," Abete told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters



The referees for the semifinals and final of Euro 2008 pose for photographs during a referee's media session for the Euro 2008 European Soccer Championships in Austria and Switzerland in Regensdorf, Switzerland, on 23 June, 2008. From left, referee for the Vienna semifinal between Russia and Spain Belgium's Frank De Bleeckere, referee for the final in Vienna Italy's Roberto Rosetti and referee for the Basel semifinal between Germany and Turkey Switzerland's Massimo Busacca. —INTERNET



Coach Joachim Loew (C) stands between players during a training session of the German national soccer team during the Euro 2008 in Tenero on 23 June, 2008. —INTERNET



Spain players take part in a soccer training session during Euro 2008 in Neustift im Stubaital, near Innsbruck on 23 June, 2008. —INTERNET



Turkish players are seen during a training session of the national soccer team of Turkey at Franz Horr Stadion in Vienna, on 22 June, 2008. Turkey has reached the semi-final stage of the Euro 2008 European Soccer Championships. —INTERNET

Woman killed in Manchester police van crash

LONDON, 23 June — A woman died and a child was injured when their car collided with a police van answering an emergency call in Manchester, police said on Saturday.

The woman, who has not been named, died in hospital after the collision between a Seat Ibiza and the van at a junction in the Salford area of the city on Friday afternoon.

The child and the male driver of the car were taken to hospital for treatment for minor injuries. Greater Manchester Police said

the Independent Police Complaints Commission would investigate the incident.

The victim, believed to be in her thirties, and the child, thought to be her five-year-old niece, were sitting in the back of the car, according to a report on the Manchester Evening News website. The girl's father was driving.

It said two police officers also suffered minor injuries. Roads were closed while investigators checked the scene of the crash.

MNA/Reuters

Briton quizzed over burning body-in-suitcase murder

LONDON, 23 June — Detectives were questioning a man on suspicion of murder on Saturday after a woman's body was found dumped in a blazing suitcase by the side of a main road, police said.

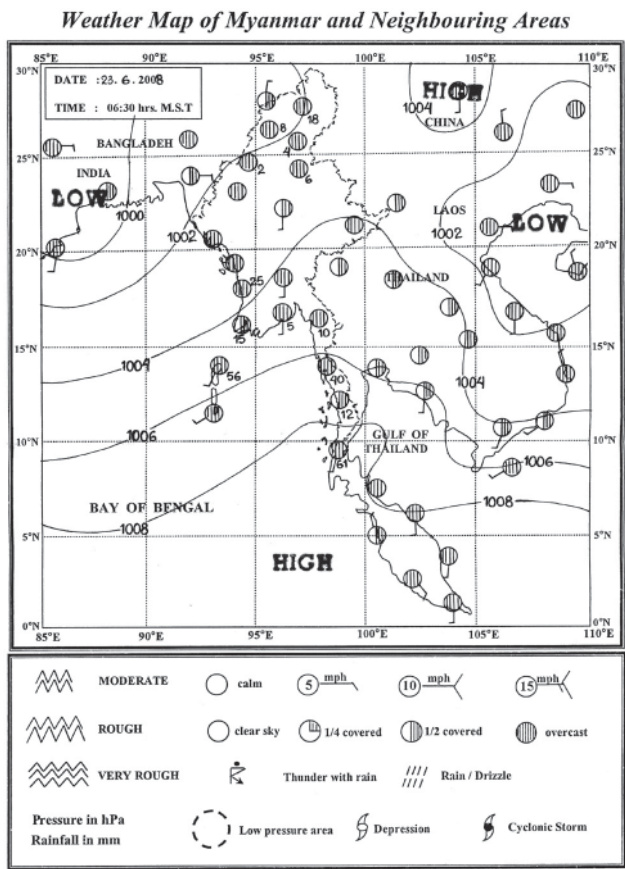
A truck driver rang 999 after spotting flames coming from a lay-by on the A1301 near the village of Hinxton in south Cambridgeshire, about 40 miles northeast of London.

Police named the

victim as Rahmona Ahmedin, 23, a Swedish national who lived in London. She was reported missing last Saturday.

"She had been placed in a suitcase which was then set alight," a police spokesman said. A post mortem examination found she had died from a stab wound to the chest. The Metropolitan Police said a 24-year-old man was arrested on Friday after walking into a south London police station.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Monday, 23 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, fairly widespread in Shan State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Kayin State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Hpa-an (4.34) inches, Mogok (4.21) inches, Kawthoung (3.30) inches, Co Co Island (2.80) inches, Hinthada (2.64) inches, Loilen (2.36) inches and Ye (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2008 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 23-6-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-6-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 22-6-2008 was (2.5) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 23-6-2008 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.39) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (38.07) inches at Mingaladon, (47.32) inches at Kaba-Aye and (58.03) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 22-6-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24-6-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah and Chin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

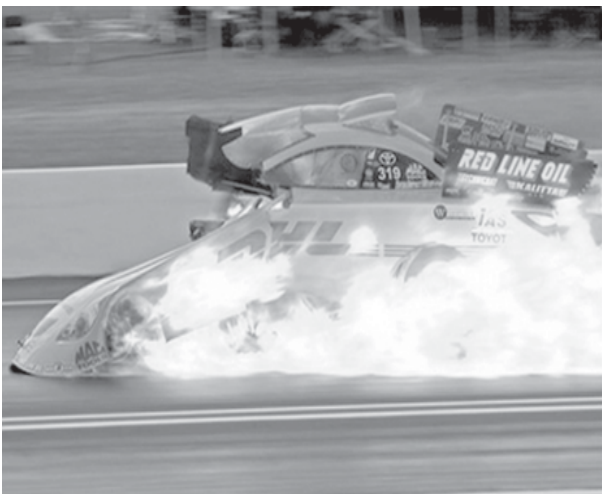
State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea and South Bay.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-6-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-6-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Scott Kalitta's Funny Car burns as it heads down the track during qualifying on 21 June, 2008, for the Lucas Oil NHRA SuperNationals at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park in Englishtown, NJ. Kalitta died after the car burst into flames and crashed at the end of the track.

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Drive with care

သောက်သုံးရေနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍ သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Tuesday, 24 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. အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ

7:55 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:20 pm

6. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

8:30 am

7. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Song of yesteryears

4:15 pm

3. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:20 pm

4. Dance of national races

4:35 pm

5. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ

4:45 pm

6. Song & Enjoy

5:15 pm

7. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ အထိမ်းအမှတ် ကျပန်းစကားပြောဖြိုင်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:55 pm

11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်

7:20 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မာယာများနှင့်လှည့်ကွက်” (အပိုင်း-6)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့” (အပိုင်း-6)

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**

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Loving-kindness, essential for security of storm-victims

The government, well-wishers from states and divisions, industrialists, companies, servicemen, social organizations and religious associations are making generous donations of kitchen provisions including rice, edible oil and salt, vegetables, purified water, clothes, and relief supplies such as household utensils to the storm victims.