

Fifth Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee on 10-11 July

YANGON, 25 June — The Fifth Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee will be held on 10 and 11 July. The Religious Affairs Department has invited the Sayadaws of the Committee to arrive at Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon on 6 July to attend the meeting. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe looks into completion in repairing jetties, running of vessels along Yangon River

YANGON, 25 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected repair of jetties along Yangon River, smooth and speedy flow of commodities from the delta region to Yangon and other regions and running of vessels in the river as usual, this afternoon.

Together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on damages of jetties at Yangon River due to the storm, repairing of the jetties by engineers of Myanma Port Authority, repaired six jetties, removal of two damaged jetties and salvage of 73 vessels that sank or were grounded in Yangon and Bago rivers presented by Managing

Director U Thein Htay of MPA at Myanmar Mann General Trading Co Ltd at Central Sanpya Fish Market in Kyimyindine Township.

Chairman U Ti Toe of the company and fish brokers of the market reported on trawlers at work, daily arrival of 150,000 tons of fresh water fish from the delta region and fresh water fish, lobsters and various sizes of prawns from storm-hit Labutta and Bogale.

After hearing the reports on the works, Lt-Gen Myint Swe instructed officials to repair the remaining ravaged jetties for ensuring speedy flow of commodities and fulfilled the requirements.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party inspected preparations for re-installation of the jetty at No. 5 Wharf of MPA in

Kyimyindine Township, progress in repair of the jetty at No. 3 Wharf, arrival of trawlers carrying fresh water fish from the delta region, completion of the jetty at the market in Kyimyindine Township, transport of rice and commodities from the delta region to Yangon by boat, erection of a new 120-foot-long jetty at Warden Port and completion of No. 1 Hledan Jetty.

The Myanma Port Authority is repairing the ravaged jetties sunk in Yangon River promptly. At present, the jetty of Kyimyindine Market, Warden No. 6 Jetty, Hledan No. 1 and No. 2 jetties, Dalla jetty and Minye Kyawthu Jetty have been repaired. Efforts are being made for timely completion of the remaining jetties.

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

INSIDE

The people have paved the way to the Myanmar democracy. The most democratic way is to respect and fulfil the wishes of the majority of the people. Therefore, no one should disregard the people's desire. Their opposing and disrupting the people's desire means designating themselves to be the common enemy of the people.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects repair of jetty in Kyimyindine Township.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 26 June, 2008

Prevent danger of narcotic drugs and stimulant tablets

The people in the world are facing a lot of social problems related with illicit trafficking, drug abusers and drug traffickers. Abuse of stimulant tablets in various forms is spreading among the youth worldwide and the danger of narcotic drugs still threatens the world greatly. Educational talks and discussions regarding disadvantages and danger of the narcotic drugs are to be held widely as the spread of stimulant tablets among the youths is very delicate.

They abuse stimulant tablets because they think that they can work more with fresh mind and less sleep. Those who work day and night without sleep and those who think that they can sing and act well give a try at narcotic drugs. That is why they begin to abuse the drugs.

The symptoms of those who abuse stimulant tablets include thinking highly of themselves, talking too much, impatience and harsh behaviour. If they suddenly stop the abuse of drugs, they feel depressed and they even commit suicide.

It is known that in some big countries the majority of stimulant tablet-users often become mad and commit serious crimes. Major crimes among the educated youths are related with the abuse of the stimulant tablets.

In Myanmar, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law has been promulgated. Severe actions are being taken against the abusers and traffickers. Anti-narcotic drugs activities will be a success through the participation of the entire people hand in hand with the government in cracking down the danger of the stimulant tablets.

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People's Desire

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

U Phae Thann Oo appointed as Ambassador to Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Phae Thann Oo, Director-General of the Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh. —MNA

U Nyan Lynn appointed as Ambassador to Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nyan Lynn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Indonesia. —MNA

New officers assigned duties to Budget Department



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at a ceremony to welcome junior officers of Budget Department. — F&R

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—A ceremony to welcome the junior officers of the Budget Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the ministry here yesterday. Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered an address. It was attended by Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Director-General U Saw Maung Hla of the Budget Department and officials of the departments and enterprises under the ministry.

At the ceremony, the managing directors and the directors-general delivered welcoming speeches. Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun urged new officers to make efforts for implementing the tasks of the department and to try hard to understand rules and regulations of the department and to observe codes of conduct of the service personnel. After the ceremony, the minister greeted new junior officers. —MNA

Olympic Day Run 2008 observed

YANGON, 25 June — The Olympic Day Run 2008 and the centennial movements of hockey sports in Olympic Games was held at Artificial Hockey Turf on Theinbyu Road, here, on 21 and 22 June.

On 21 June morning, two under-16 hockey teams held a tune-up match, and the yellow team beat the blue team 3-1.

As part of realizing the aim entitled “World Hockey Youth Challenge 2008” adopted by the International Hockey Federation, the student youth from basic education schools participated in the basic technique contests.

On 22 June, Vice-President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Maung Maung presented prize to the yellow hockey team; executives of the federation, prizes to the winners in the basic technique contests; and Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing, prize to Maung Hein Si Aung who stood first in the basic technique contests. — MNA



U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing awards a winner of “Live the Dream” competition of World Hockey Youth Challenge 2008. —MHF

Architect hopes new skyscraper keeps us spinning



This artist rendering released by Dynamic Architecture shows a rotating skyscraper that is to be built in Dubai.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 25 June—An Italian architect said he is poised to start construction on a new skyscraper in Dubai that will be “the world’s first building in motion,” an 80-story tower with revolving floors that give it an ever-shifting shape. The spinning floors, hung like rings around an immobile cement core, would offer residents a constantly changing view of the Persian Gulf and the city’s futuristic skyline.

A few penthouse villas would spin on command using a voice-activated computer. The motion of the rest of the building would be choreographed in patterns that could be altered over time.

Speaking at a news conference in New York on Tuesday, the building’s designer, David Fisher, declared that his tower will revolutionize the way skyscrapers are made — a claim that might strike some as excessively bold.—*Internet*

Hundreds of fires sparked by rare lightning storm

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 June — In less than a day, an electrical storm unleashed nearly 8,000 lightning strikes that set more than 800 wildfires across Northern California — a rare example of “dry lightning” that brought little or no rain but plenty of sparks to the state’s parched forests and grasslands.

The weekend storm was unusual not only because it generated so many lightning strikes over a large geographical area, but also because it struck so early in the season and moved in from the Pacific Ocean. Such storms usually don’t arrive until late July or August and typically form southeast of California.

“You’re looking at a pattern that’s climatologically rare. We typically don’t see this happen at this time of summer,” said John Juskie, a science officer with the National Weather Service in Sacramento. “To see 8,000, that’s way up there on the scale.”—*Internet*



Firefighters watch a wildfire burn in Big Sur, Calif, in Monterey County, on 24 June.

INTERNET

Dollar millionaires top 10m

NEW YORK, 25 June—The number of dollar millionaires around the world increased by 6% last year, defying the impact of the credit crunch, with the fastest growth in the emerging economies of India, China and Brazil.

There are now 10.1 million people worth more than \$1m (£508,000) excluding the value of their main homes, according to the latest World Wealth Report from Merrill Lynch and the consultancy Capgemini.

Developed economies in Europe and North America continued to create millionaires, though the rate of growth slowed significantly from 2006 as the credit crunch and inflationary pressures caused the world economy to falter.

Internet

\$2 billion in US aid to Pakistan questioned

WASHINGTON, 25 June—The United States has paid more than \$5 billion to reimburse Pakistan for counter-terrorism expenses that have often been exaggerated, if not fabricated, according to a government audit released Tuesday that blasts the Pentagon for poor management of the program.

The report concluded that the Pentagon could

not properly account for as much as \$2 billion in payments to Pakistan over a three-year period from 2004 to 2007.—*Internet*

Blast in Afghanistan kills NATO soldier

KABUL, 25 June—NATO said Wednesday that an explosion killed one of its soldiers on a patrol in southern Afghanistan, the latest in a string of deadly attacks on foreign troops.

The blast happened Tuesday in Nahri Sarraj district of Helmand province, an alliance statement said. It didn’t provide the soldier’s nationality or any other details.

Fighting between Taliban-led militants and security forces is surging, damping hopes that the six-year, multibillion-dollar effort to stabilize the country will succeed any time soon.—*Internet*

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL’S MESSAGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING (26 June 2008)

YANGON, 26 June—*The following is the message from Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.*

Ten years ago, in response to the seriousness of the world drug problem, Member States of the United Nations convened a Special Session of the General Assembly, where they committed themselves to a vigorous plan of action to reduce both the supply and demand for drugs.

Today, drugs continue to destroy lives, generate crime and threaten sustainable development. But we also have a better understanding of how to confront drug abuse and trafficking. Policymakers can draw on a growing body of evidence about drug dependence and drug-use trends.

International cooperation and technical assistance are improving law enforcement capabilities. Increased development assistance is helping to reduce poverty and the sale of illicit crops by giving farmers sustainable alternatives. A stronger focus on prevention and treatment is putting health at the centre of drug-control strategies and helping to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS. And there is a growing consensus, both within communities and among states, that drug control is a shared responsibility in which we all play a part.

We still have much work to do to reduce our vulnerability to drugs. States with weak criminal justice systems and limited law enforcement capabilities need assistance to reduce illicit drug trafficking, which spreads crime, corruption and instability, and which ultimately endangers the successful realization of the Millennium Development Goals.

As we mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, I remind all Member States of their responsibility to fully respect the rights of prisoners who are drug dependent or are in custody for drug-related crimes, especially their rights to life and a fair trial. I also call on Member States to ensure that people who are struggling with drug addiction be given equal access to health and social services. No one should be stigmatized or discriminated against because of their dependence on drugs.

The combined efforts over the past decade have greatly enhanced our understanding of the drug problem worldwide and strengthened our capacity and resolve to reduce the damage done by drugs to individuals, their loved ones, to communities and states. On this International Day Against Drug Abuse, let us each shoulder our responsibility to prevent and reduce the damage that drugs do, and thereby building a healthier and safer world.—*UNIC*

Tropical storm hits China’s SE coast

SHANGHAI, 25 June—Tropical storm Fengshen lashed southern China on Wednesday with heavy rains and strong winds, bringing new misery to a region already struggling to recover from this month’s deadly floods.

Fengshen, which killed hundreds in the Philippines as a typhoon,

made landfall Wednesday morning with winds of up to 51 miles per hour in the economic zone of Shenzhen, whose meteorological station forecast heavy rains of up to nearly 8 inches Wednesday and Thursday, the official *Xinhua News Agency* reported.

Internet



Prince Walid bin Talal al-Saud, the world’s 19th-richest person, with his jet and cabin crew.—INTERNET

S'pore PM says water security can spark conflicts

SINGAPORE, 25 June — Singapore's Prime Minister said on Tuesday that water security may be a source of conflicts, while launching an institute in the city-state to research Asia's water problems.

Lee Hsien Loong told water industry players at the start of a one-week water summit in Singapore that the provision of safe and cheap water was becoming harder because cities were growing bigger

and global warming was having an effect.

The Asian Development Bank said in November that developing countries in Asia could face an unprecedented water crisis within a decade due to a mismanagement of resources.

"More and more cities and countries see access to water as a security concern and a potential trigger of conflict," Lee said.

Lee blamed the water scarcity on a lack of sound water management practices and called for more research and innovation in the sector.

The Institute of Water Policy (IWP) was launched at the opening of the water summit, and will receive 7.5 million Singapore dollars (5.5 million US dollars) in funding over the next five years from the government.

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A Chinese soldier stands guard near a surface-to-air missile launcher near the Olympic Sports Centre Stadium in Beijing on 24 June, 2008. Missile launchers have been placed just 300 metres (984 feet) from the venue which will host soccer and modern pentathlon at the Olympic Games, which open in Beijing on 8 August.—INTERNET

Thirteen Turkish soldiers hurt in explosion

ISTANBUL, 25 June — Thirteen Turkish soldiers were injured in an explosion that ripped through a military vehicle in southern Turkey on Monday, the state-run *Anatolian* news agency reported.

The vehicle was on patrol during a change of guard duty at an artillery unit in the Islahiye District of Gaziantep Province, near the Syrian border, when the blast occurred.

Deputy Gaziantep Governor Mehmet Okur told *Anatolian* four soldiers were seriously hurt.

The cause of the explosion was not immediately clear. The Turkish military is frequently targeted in southeast Turkey by explosives planted by separatist Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) guerillas. But the Gaziantep Province is outside the usual conflict zone.

MNA/Reuters



Medics transport an injured soldier to the hospital in Gaziantep on 23 June, 2008. Thirteen Turkish soldiers were injured in an explosion that ripped through a military vehicle in southern Turkey on Monday, the state-run *Anatolian* news agency reported. The vehicle was on patrol during a change of guard duty at an artillery unit in the Islahiye district of Gaziantep province, near the Syrian border, when the blast occurred.—INTERNET

Ten wounded in bombing in violence-plagued Thai South

BANGKOK, 25 June— Ten people were wounded when insurgents blasted a market in Thailand's southern province of Yala on Tuesday morning.

The bomb was hidden in a motorcyle parked in the market, which localted near a rail station in Yala's Muang district, according to local newspaper *Bangkok Post's* website. Seven villagers and three soldiers were injured from the blast. they were rushed to Yala provincial hospital.

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Bali conference calls US to ratify toxic treaty

JAKARTA, 25 June— A global toxic trade watchdog, the Basel Action Network, has again called on the United States to ratify the international toxic treaty and stop illegal trafficking of hazardous electronic waste, an Indonesian daily said

Tuesday. The statement was made at the opening of the international conference on the Basel Convention's Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal in the Indonesian resort island of Bali Monday.

"Until the United States changes its position within the Basel Convention and decides to join the rest of the global community in prohibiting

the unscrupulous and environmentally damaging export of hazardous wastes to developing countries, it would be much better for the earth and its inhabitants to keep the United States out of the Basel Convention entirely," the Basel Network said in a statement as quoted by *The Jakarta Post*. Delegations of the United States attended the meeting as observers.

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Hillary Clinton not to seek V-P post

WASHINGTON, 25 June —Former US Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton ruled out the possibility on Tuesday that she would seek the vice presidential post in a Barack Obama administration.

"I am not seeking any other position," the New York senator said during her first public appearance since she suspended her campaign on 7 June.

"You know, it is not something that I think about.

This is totally Senator Obama's decision and that's the way it should be," she told reporters at the Senate.

However, it is a US political tradition for potential VP candidates to deny their intentions to seek the position but most of them would not refuse the nomination.

MNA/Xinhua



People holding umbrellas walk pass a fallen tree in south China's Hong Kong on 25 June, 2008. Hong Kong was affected by heavy rain as the Typhoon Fengshen headed towards the southern Chinese city. The Hong Kong Observatory issued the No 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal on Tuesday and red warning on Wednesday.—Internet

Landslide kills ten family members in Colombia

BOGOTA, 25 June— At least 10 people of the same family were killed early Tuesday in northeastern Colombia as their house collapsed in a landslide triggered by heavy rains, local authorities said.

Giovanni Ortiz, Mayor of the municipality of Acari, expressed his regret

over the death of the members of the family that moved to the house after being displaced by violence in Colombia years ago.

Ortiz said staff of the national disaster office would fly to the affected region to evaluate the damage and to aid the

villagers due to the bad conditions of roads linking to the region.

From January to 11 June, the rains in Colombia have left 83 dead, 171 injured, 11 missing, and some 336,000 homeless, according to the national disaster office.

MNA/Xinhua

Samsung TV sales ranks top in European market in Q1

SEOUL, 25 June—South Korea's electronics company Samsung Electronics out beat its global competitors in terms of television units sold in Europe, a market research agency DisplaySearch said Monday.

According to DisplaySearch, Samsung Electronics accounted for 31 percent of all television units, including liquid-crystal display (LCD) and cathode-ray tube (CRT) types, sold in the European market in the first quarter of 2008. Samsung's

domestic rival LG Electronics Inc ranked second and Royal Philips Electronics NV of the Netherlands rank third, with 13.4 percent and 12.7 per cent, respectively, DisplaySearch said, adding that television sales in Europe accounted for 21.5 per cent of all television units sold in the world.

During the same period, Samsung accounted for 30 per cent of all LCD television sales, followed by Royal Philips and Sony with 15.7 percent and 13.8

percent, respectively, said DisplaySearch.

Meanwhile, Samsung's sales for plasma-display projection (PDP) ranked second, accounting for 27.5 per cent of all PDP units sold in Europe, following behind Japanese Matsushita Electric Industrial Co with a 39.7-percent share in the first quarter, according to DisplaySearch. —Xinhua



Vehicles wait at the toll station of Hymettus ring road as a fire burns Mount Hymettus near Athens. Firefighters battled a major fire Wednesday on Mount Hymettus on the outskirts of Athens that burned through one of the Greek capital's last forests but posed no threat to homes. —Internet

Cambodia marks Int'l anti-drug day

PHNOM PENH, 25 June—Cambodian authorities burned about 200 kilos of drugs here on Monday in a ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which falls on 26 June.

Lou Ramin, secretary general for Cambodia's anti-drug authority, told reporters that they destroyed over 200 kilos of drugs at the ceremony, which is worth millions of US dollars. Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sar Kheng and other government officials set fire on a pile of confiscated drugs during the ceremony.

Drugs affected young Cambodians and the country, too, is facing serious drug issues, Sar Kheng said at the ceremony, adding that methamphetamine and crazy drug were among the most commonly used narcotics in Cambodia.

Cambodia had deeply committed to fights against the production, trafficking and the use of drugs, he said, adding that their main goal was to transform communities to be clean without drugs. —Xinhua



Aloysa Caranoo holds a photo of her brother, who was on board the capsized ferry MV Princess of Stars, while waiting with relatives for the latest information outside the office of Sulpicio Lines in the port area of Manila on 23 June, 2008.

INTERNET

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Illegal alien wins Korean work injury compensation

SEOUL, 25 June—A South Korean court granted workplace accident compensation to an illegal migrant worker for the first time ever on Monday, overturning a lower court's ruling that rejected his request for coverage of medical treatment.

Zhang Shuai, a 22-year-old Chinese, became unable to talk or hear after he accidentally fell from a building during an attempt to escape government inspectors in 2006. His left arm and leg were also paralyzed, South Korean news agency Yonhap reported.

Zhang entered Korea on a student visa in 2005 and took language courses at a university in Gyeongju, South Gyeongsang Province. But a year later, he illegally started working at an electronics manufacturer in a nearby city.

The Busan High Court had overturned the lower court's verdict.

"The plaintiff's escape attempt was to avoid many disadvantages that he would receive after the inspection but, in a way, it is also true that his employers forced him to escape so as to continue their operations because they were not able to find local workers despite its repeated recruitment advertisements," Judge Kim Shin said. —Xinhua



Iraqi civilians inspect damaged cars after a car bomb blast in Karrada neighborhood, central Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday, June 25, 2007. Three civilians died from the blast and 7 other wounded, the police said.

INTERNET

Fiji says Australia, NZ interference prompted talks pullout

WELLINGTON, 25 June—Fiji's interim government said Monday that it has suspended talks with the Pacific Island Forum Joint Working Group on Fiji because of what it sees as a lack of support by Australia and New Zealand, Radio New Zealand International reported.

Australia and New Zealand interference continued to hamper efforts to move Fiji forward, it said. Fiji Ministry of Information's acting deputy secretary, Major Neumi Leweni, said Fiji's interim Prime Minister Commodore Frank Bainimarama felt that the

talks should be suspended because little progress is made. He added that travel bans imposed by Australia and New Zealand were preventing the

involvement of many qualified, skilled and willing non-military individuals who want to contribute to rebuilding Fiji. —Xinhua

Death toll in apartment fire in E Canada rises to five

OTTAWA, 25 June—Two children that were injured in a devastating fire in eastern Canada's Newfoundland and Labrador Province have died, raising the total death toll to five, police said on Monday.

The children, who had been airlifted to a hospital in provincial capital St John's, died Sunday night as a result of injuries they sustained early Sunday in a fire in the town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The fire, which had also killed two adults and a teenager, ripped through an apartment where nine people, including five children between the ages of five and 13, had been sleeping, town Mayor Leo Abbass told reporters. —Xinhua

Let's march forward along the path to democracy paved by the people

U Pyay Kyaw

The English word "democracy" is derived from Greek word "Demo-Karatos". The word "Demo" means the public and the word "Karatos", implementation of the policies and programmes laid down by the majority of the people in the interests of the majority of the people (security, peace, fulfillment of basic needs, national economic growth, and high living standard of the people). So, it says "Democracy of the people, for the people, by the people".

Looking back to the origin of the world democracy, democracy was given birth by "Demo-Kratos" that was exercised initially in three city states namely Athens (Greece), Rome (today Italy) and Sparta over 2600 years (BC 600) ago. At that time, the population of Athens was about 300,000. Of them, about 100,000 were slaves and they were deprived of democracy rights. The remaining 50,000 people were businessmen from other countries (today such people are called those holding FRC), so they were not entitled to participate in the proceedings of Demo-Kratos, either.

Of about 150,000 natives of Athens city state, women did not have the rights to take part in the Demo-Kratos proceedings. Only men aged over 20 were bestowed with the rights to take part in Demo-Kratos process. Men aged above 20 totaled about 40,000 and not everyone could attend the convention (ten times a year). So, it was designated with concession that the meeting was valid if 6000 men were present. A resolution could be passed with the votes of more than 3000 (just over half of the attendees) of over 6000 attendees. A decision could be made with the votes of just over 3000 citizens in Athens state city, whose population stood at 300,000, amounting to the system under which one per cent of the total people could make decisions.

At that time, the majority of the world people were slaves who were under the rule of landlord monarchs, so other political and administrative systems were tried (for instance, the administrative pattern of those who became monarchs through rivalry and ministers). However, it was found in the

end that none of the systems could not bring long-term interests to the people. Therefore, Demo-Kratos or direct democracy was practised. According to that system, the convention had to pass resolutions on State's security, defence, revenue and judicial affairs. In the world, direct democracy won the support of the people because the people had the rights to make self-determination to shape their future (the rights of the people to make decisions freely in their interests).

The exercise of the direct democracy caused a gap of benefits to wealthy persons doing trade with seagoing vessels, merchants who became rich, purchasing, storing and distributing local agricultural produce for profits, and the poor. Later, the direct democracy faded away due to the vying for benefits.

England saw industrial capitalism as a result of the industrial revolution. Factories were mushrooming, so raw materials, fuel, markets and cheap labour were in demand. At the same time, monarchs levied taxes over the capitalists and oppressed them, culminating in the bourgeois revolution in England. Eventually, to the liking of the capitalists, parliamentary bodies were established and representatives-elect to the parliament had the rights to exercise legislative, executive and judicial powers. Similar events took place in Europe. England parliament was made up of MPs from respective constituencies, whereas more than 500 MPs to the House of Lords were directly appointed by the Queen.

English (British) people called their parliamentary system, parliamentary democracy system. Direct democracy was no longer available. The country was heavily populous and each citizen, irrespective of man or woman, having attained 18 years of age was vested with the rights to participate in the proceedings. So, they called it indirect (representing) democracy, rather than direct democracy. That was reasonable. However, British capitalists showed great covetousness by unjustly occupying and colonizing small countries to get raw materials, cheap labour and markets. The British democracy parliament passed a resolution to enslave

many other countries that made up 77 per cent of the surface of the Earth. So, westerners said that democracy was the rights to occupy freely other countries for greater wealth. Colonialists' democracy became absolutely abhorrent to the global community.

World countries came to lay down democracy patterns (branches) in accordance with the conditions of the nation concerned. So, there emerged many forms of democracy such as capitalist democracy, socialist democracy, new democracy, and guide democracy. In Myanmar, today, the entire people have accepted the genuine (as aspired by the majority of the people in the interests of the majority) and discipline-flourishing (rule of the order) free from anarchy, dictatorship, and harming stability of the State for coming to power. Myanmar people have realized that only discipline-flourishing democracy will it be possible to put the national interests in the fore and create a prosperous future of the entire people.

Myanmar will become a golden land soon if the people work hard in alliance in the nation that is blessed with fertile soil and rich natural resources. Despite disruptions created by internal and external saboteurs, internal peace has been regained and the nation is enjoying development in various sectors. There might be no policy better than this national policy and no democracy better than this freedom. So, it has come to the public knowledge that this democracy is the only means that guarantees peace and prosperity. Thus, it is reasonable that Myanmar people aspire to genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy.

In implementing national development projects democratically, the people have to respect the provisions of the State constitution. The constitution prescribes the rules and regulations to be followed by those who, on behalf of the people, will exercise the sovereign power (legislative, executive and judicial powers) that belongs to the entire people.

Legal experts (54 members of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution) have drawn the State constitution (draft) (2008) of the Union of Myanmar based on the principles of the State constitution that more than 1000 representatives to the National Convention laid down, taking time and holding discussions. The 45-member Commission for Holding the Referendum held referendum together with members of the sub-commissions at states and divisions, districts, townships, wards and village-tract levels, polling station officers and members of polling stations on 10 and 24 May 2008. The people showed their trust in the fair and free voting system of

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In implementing national development projects democratically, the people have to respect the provisions of the State constitution. The constitution prescribes the rules and regulations to be followed by those who, on behalf of the people, will exercise the sovereign power (legislative, executive and judicial powers) that belongs to the entire people.

Let's march forward along the path to democracy paved by the people

U Pyay Kyaw

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the referendum and understood well that Myanmar's democracy could be introduced only after the new constitution is approved. So, 92.48 per cent of the eligible voters cast 'yes' vote for the constitution. So, it can be deduced that the entire people are eager to exercise the genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy as soon as possible.

During the periods while the National Convention was in session, the State constitution was being drafted and the referendum was taking place, internal and external destructive elements were trying to disrupt the progress, ignoring the image and desire of the people. On 24 May, the entire people approved the State constitution, overcoming the destructive elements. The percentage of 92.48 is the record both locally and globally.

The people have paved the way to the Myanmar democracy. The most democratic way is to respect and fulfil the wishes of the majority of the people. Therefore, no one should disregard the people's desire. Their opposing and disrupting the people's desire means designating themselves to be the common enemy of the people.

Supporting the Me-tha-yaw-hta announcement written under the domination of the insurgents who have violated the law and betrayed the State means being disloyal to the State and violating the law. Those who were elected in the 1990 elections failed to draw the State constitution. The results of the 27-5-1990 election have passed more than 18 years. The mandate the people gave them at that time has expired since 1994. They should not have nostalgia for the results. They should seek the people's desire in the 2010 multi-party democracy general election. Only then, will they have a chance to become a democracy government. They cannot get the people's mandate by relying on the colonialists' media and creating riots. They will have to exercise the democratic ways prescribed in the State constitution if they want to be proud of being pro-democracy activists.

After Myanmar regained independence in 1948, the ruling AFPFL government was incapable of introducing democracy to the nation. It was shouting slogans designed to ensure its rule for as long as 40 years, and committing inhuman acts. In consequence, the nation saw the multi-coloured insurgency. The people suffered the evil consequence of the insurgency for more than 40 years. The people disliked the parliamentary democracy designed to prolong the rule of the AFPFL government. That was why they showed wholehearted support for the Socialist democracy in the Burma Socialist Programme Party period.

(Altogether 90.19 per cent of the eligible voters cast 'yes' vote for the State constitution based on Myanmar Way to socialism). Nevertheless, in practice the Socialist Economy did not improve the living conditions of the people either. In 1988, the nation saw the political unrest that took place at the instigation of aboveground and underground internal and external destructive elements. Those who gave priority to the coming to power of the anarchists demanded the multi-party democracy.

The 1988 unrest turned anarchic and in consequence, the Union was on the verge of collapse and loss of independence. So, the Tatmadaw had to take over State's duties, and it allowed the people to form political parties, soon after that. Those who unanimously opposed the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party and demanded the multi-party democracy with one voice in 1988 formed 235 parties. Although they claimed democracy with one voice, they split into 235 parties, thereby showing the improper democracy that was given birth by the 1988 unrest.

When the 1990 election took place, the number of 235 parties was reduced to 93 parties. The parties that did not win any seat in the election became defunct. Now, the number of legal political parties was only 10.

In the US, Republican Party and Democratic Party are only two major ones. There are some small parties, but they are not well-known. In Britain, only two parties—Labour Party and Conservative Party are well-known and Liberal Party does not meet the level of standing for election. Political parties, policies and factions were too many that they were not capable of introducing democracy correctly. They focused on coming to power and ignored the public interests. It was very horrible to learn and witness that they engaged in the armed conflicts and vied each other for power.

They were so power-craving that they regarded other parties, and parties with different policies as enemies, and committed slaughters (for example, nine-victim murder in Minhla, six-victim murder in Ngazun, massacres in Myeik Sitaung-aing village and Hsinswe village in Pakokku, and bloodshed committed by Ywet Sit drug trafficking insurgent group). If they claimed themselves to be public party or democracy party although they are committing

such crimes, their policy will be in contrary to that of the people.

According to the trend of party politics, every party has been established with the aim of serving the interests of the people in an honest way. They should consider that the winning party has to form a government. The other parties have to support all community welfare services of the winning party and extend a helping hand. And they will have to point out the mistakes of the winning party in a democratic way, give positive advice and make suggestions, and oppose if necessary. However, the supporting and opposing the acts of the ruling party should not be aimed at seeking the self-interests and coming to power of the party concerned. Only such multi-party system is a genuine multi-party system and can win the support and satisfaction of the people. They will not be in a position to exercise democracy as long as they fail to respect these points.

It is a tradition that people form political parties, they canvass for votes by presenting their policies and programmes, the people cast vote to elect representatives, and steps are taken to hand over power to the winning party. If a party considers that things will go well only if the party comes to power, and it does improper acts, coming to power is first priority, whereas public interests, second priority. The State constitution that has been approved by the people manifests principles with which democracy can be practised correctly. Today's people have gained a lot of knowledge and are mature. It is an opportune time to try to play a leading role on behalf of the people, without attempting to seize power.

Focusing on coming to power does not mean democracy, and interference of colonialist countries is not democracy, either. So, I would say Myanmar democracy is serving the public interests in accordance with the law and the wishes of the majority of the people. Playwright Bernard Shaw once said, "Democracy is not the election by the ignorants for the corrupted few". So, they should have noticed that as he ironically said genuine democracy is not the one by the ignorants.

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Cash donated in hailing Myanmar Women's Day



President of MWAFF Daw Khin Khin Win accepts cash donated by wellwishers to hail Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA

YANGON, 25 June—A ceremony to donate cash to Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation hailing the Myanmar Women's Day was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation this morning. It was attended by President of Myanmar Women's Affairs

Federation Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and CEC members and wellwishers. The donation to the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation by ministries and wellwishers including Yangon City Development Committee, Union Solidarity and

Development Association and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was K 14.65 million. The donations were accepted by President Daw Khin Khin Win and Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay. Next, Daw Khin Khin Win spoke words of thanks. MNA



Billboard to hail Myanmar Women's Day set up in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, a billboard was erected near Thabyaegon round-about here today. On the occasion, CEC member of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Nilar Thaw cut the ribbon to open the ceremony. Next, Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, unveiled the billboard. Chairpersons and members of WAOs of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon townships participated in the ceremony attended by altogether 300 members.—MNA

Billboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day put up in Kamayut Tsp

YANGON, 25 June —A billboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July was erected at Hledan Junction at the corner of Pyay Road and University Avenue in Kamayut Township yesterday. Present were Daw Kyin Myaing, wife of the Commander of Yangon Command, and party, members of Kamayut, Mayangon and Hline Township Women's Affairs Organizations, social organizations and departmental officials numbering 600. Daw Kyin Myaing formally unveiled the signboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day.—MNA



Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, unveils billboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA



Daw Kyin Myaing, wife of commander of Yangon Command, unveils billboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA

Head of Information Department of MWAF and members donate cash, stationery to storm-hit schools, nunnery

YANGON, 25 June — Head of Information Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Regional Organizer (Kachin State) Daw Wai Wai and party this morning donated school equipment, rice, edible oil and cash to storm-hit schools in Hlinethaya Township and Withakha Nunnery in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

At Hlinethaya Basic Education Primary School No. 17, they donated K

100,000 to the school through Township Education Officer U Than Tin and Headmistress Daw Naw Kyin Kaw.

They presented school stationery to students through representatives.

The head of the information department and party presented K 100,000 to Hlinethaya BEPS No. 41 through Assistant Township Education Officer U Myat Wai and Headmistress Daw Nyunt Nyunt Win and school stationery to

students. At Withakha Nunnery, the Information Department of MWAF donated K 150,000 and 100 dozens of exercise books and Head of Information Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win and family, one bag of rice and seven viss of edible oil to Presiding Nun Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Daw Kissaratheri and Nun Daw Jeyanandi.

The Information Department of MWAF donated K 350,000, 300 dozens of exercise books and stationery. — MNA



Daw Kyi Kyi Win and Daw Wai Wai donate K 150,000 and exercise books to Nun Daw Kissaratheri and Nun Daw Jeyanandi.—MNA

MWAF conducts educative talks on legal affairs

YANGON, 25 June — Discipline Enforcement Department and the Working Group for Legal Affairs under Myanmar

Women's Affairs Federation jointly conducted the educative talks on legal affairs at Institute of Marine Technology here today.

It was attended by Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay, Head of Discipline Enforcement Department Daw Mya Theingi, Head of International Relations Department Daw Myint Myint Soe, Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, Head of Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Head

of Finance Department Daw Aye Aye, Head of Information Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Leader of Social and Cultural Group Dr Daw Sandar Aung, CEC member Daw Khin Mi Mi, secretariat members of MWAF, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Kyin Myaing, legal experts and officials concerned.

Legal experts of MWAF gave talks on legal affairs and the talks ended with concluding remarks by Head of the Discipline Enforcement Department Daw Mya Theingi.

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Daw Mya Theingi, Head of the Discipline Enforcement Department, delivers an address at talks on legal affairs to hail Myanmar Women's Day.—TRANSPORT

Third Meeting of ASEAN-HTF held

YANGON, 25 June — The Third Meeting of ASEAN-HTF for cyclone victims was held at Ballroom of Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

It was attended by Secretary-General of ASEAN Chairman of ASEAN-HTF Dr Surin Pitsuwan and members,

Under Secretary-General of UN Executive Secretary of Asia-Pacific Economic and Social Commission Ms Noeleen Heyzen, members of ASEAN-HTF, members of Tripartite Central Committee, officials of task force, foreign diplomats to Myanmar, officials of UN

organizations, International NGOs, the World Bank, the ADB and departmental officials.

Secretary-General of ASEAN and Chairman of ASEAN-HTF Dr Surin Pitsuwan presided over the meeting and made speeches on the occasion.

Next, Chairman of Tripartite Central Com-

mittee Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu read out the report of tripartite central committee. Afterwards, member of tripartite central committee Dr Puji Pujiono presented the report of the PONJA in the aftermath of cyclonic storm.

Those present gave suggestion on the reports and discussed exhortation and results of workshops of medic teams and ASEAN on relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Next, the meeting of ASEAN-HTF continued. After the meeting, the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the Under Secretary-General of UN, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and members posed for a documentary photo.

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Third meeting of ASEAN-HTF in progress at Sedona Hotel in Yangon.—MNA

Winners of Myanmar Women's Day photo competitions announced

YANGON, 25 June — Winners of the color photo competitions organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation to hail Myanmar Women's Day was announced today.

Myint Thein (Physics), Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi) and Ko Ko Soe Nyunt (The New Light of Myanmar) won the first, second and third prizes respectively. Kun Cho Tha Hlaing (Thilawamyay), Sai Khan Lin (Hawk Eyes), U Yin Min Thant (New Asia), Saw Aung Min (New Asia), Ko Oo (Image Hunter), U Soe Lwin and Aung Htay Hlaing (Adventure) won consolation prizes.

A presentation ceremony will be held in conjunction with the celebration to mark the Myanmar Women's Day on 3 July.

Award winners are to contact the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation at No 132, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, Ph 01-501773 and the committee for organizing the colour photo competitions at No 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Ph 01-371342, not later than 29 June. — MNA

Malaysian medical team arrives

YANGON, 25 June — A Malaysian medical team comprising 25 members arrived at Yangon International Airport here this afternoon.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects clearing of debris, dredging of drains for beautifying of downtown Yangon



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects removal of fallen trees from the compound of Pyidaungsu Avenue in Dagon Township. — MNA

YANGON, 25 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence oversaw clearing of debris, dredging of drains, conditions of Tamway tax-free market and construction of the new school building by Yangon Division USDA yesterday morning.

At Pyidaungsu Yeiktha compound on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road

in Dagon Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed clearing of fallen trees and re-growing of trees being undertaken by Tatmadawmen.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe also inspected greening tasks along Shwedagon Pagoda Road and the ring road of Kandawgyi Lake. He also looked into removal of fallen trees being carried out along

Upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township by Tatmadawmen with the use of heavy machinery.

At No. 4 Sawn Timber Shop on Upper Pazundaung Road, he inspected dredging of the 1000 feet long drain being undertaken by Yangon City Development Committee. Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and

party reported on completion of work and future plan.

In Gadohseik Ward in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed dredging of the 5,000 feet long drain and left necessary instructions. In Tamway Township, he inspected clearing of debris in Aungmingala Creek being carried out by Tatmadawmen.

After inspecting Tamway Tax-free Market, he instructed officials to supervise selling and buying at the market in accord with the aims of the tax-free markets.

On Bayintnaung 12th Street in Yangon Thit Ward of Thingangyun Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into construction of a two-storey steel structure

measuring 160 feet by 30 feet and a building measuring 80 feet by 30 feet donated by USDA at No 7 Basic Education Post-Primary School.

In Ward B of Thingangyun Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected participation of USDA members in tarmacking of Mingala Road measuring 1150 feet by 12 feet. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo accepts copies of the book entitled “The National Convention, Sights and Scenes of Nyaungnnapin Camp 2004-2006” presented by U Bo Thein. — MNA

Service charge to be paid for e-D-form to MEB Branch-5

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—The Immigration and National Registration Department has allowed those who will have to pay for service charge K 200 to apply e-D-form by depositing into the current account No (CH-063329)

of Myanma Economic Bank-1 through nearby banks.

As of 1 July, those who apply for e-D-form are to deposit service charge into account No MD-000086 of MEB-5 through nearby banks

stating that the deposit is for the service charge to apply for e-D-Form. Those who have already paid for the charge but have not gone abroad do not need to reapply it, INRD announced.

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More relief supplies arrive at Ygn Int’l Airport

YANGON, 25 June—The international community has been donating relief supplies to regions severely hit by the

storm. Relief supplies weighing 50.46 tons donated by Thai based WFP and relief aids weighing 16.65 tons

donated by Malaysia Medical Team arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

MNA

Writer Taung Twin Bo Thein donates books to USDA

YANGON, 25 June—A ceremony to donate the books of U Bo Thein (Writer Taung Twin Bo Thein), National Convention delegate from Shan State (East), to the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the meeting hall of USDA (Headquarters) on new

University Avenue in Bahan township, here, yesterday morning.

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo gave a speech on the occasion. Afterwards, donor U Bo Thein (writer Taung Twin Bo Thein) explained the purpose of the donation.

Later, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo

accepted 300 copies of the book entitled the National Convention, Sights and Scenes of Nyaungnnapin Camp 2004-2006 donated by writer Taung Twin Bo Thein and presented certificate of honour.

It is his 20th book and published in English version worth K 1.5 million.—MNA

Industry-1 Minister inspects factory projects in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected the textile factory project in Myittha Township yesterday.

During the tour, the minister inspected the construction of buildings and goodsheds of the factory.

The project of Textile Factory (Myittha) has been implemented by Tianjin Universal Machinery Import & Export Co Ltd of People’s Republic of China. Upon completion, the factory is expected to produce 5.472

million pounds of textile per year. Similarly, textile factories in Paleik, Shwedaung, Pwintbyu, Pakokku, Salingyi and Sagaing supply altogether 42 million pounds of textile per year.

Afterwards, the minister went to Pyawbwe Township and inspected the salt making project under Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries near Sartaung Village in the township. Salt has been made by drying underground water in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway.

During his tour of inspection, the minister also went to Pyawbwe Textile Factory Project in Pyawbwe and inspected cultivation and construction of buildings in the compound the factory and machinery to be equipped at the factory. The project being implemented by Tianjin Universal Machinery Import & Export Co Ltd will be completed soon. Upon completion, the factory is expected to produce 5.472 million pounds of textile per year.

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Opium cultivation dramatically decreased from 140,000 hectares to 27,700 hectares in a decade ending 2007, won global praise

Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Home Affairs and Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control sends message

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June — *The following is the message from Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Home Affairs and Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking today.*

As today is the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the countries all over the world are commemorating International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Likewise, States and Divisions of Myanmar will be holding the similar ceremonies with common objectives.

The UNODC chose the motto “No individual, family or community is safe where illicit drugs take control” for 2008.

The theme of the motto was chosen to raise awareness that if the families in any society use the narcotic drugs, the danger of the drugs will destroy life safety and push the drug addicts into the miseries. The abuse of narcotic drugs will invite grave dangers and HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and the drug addict youths will lose their goals. As such, the entire people are to harmoniously participate in the tasks to guard against the danger of narcotic drugs that is menacing not only the lives of the youth but also the human society.

The successive governments in Myanmar made utmost efforts in their attempts to solve the problem of narcotic drugs with own strength. A 15-year narcotic drug eradication plan was laid down, and implementation of it commenced in 1999-2000. At present, the plan reached the fourth year of the second five-year plan. During the above period, the aims of the plan were successfully realized. In addition, the Dangers of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Eradication Organizations were formed in States/Divisions/Districts and Townships on 2 January 2007 and they are carrying out the narcotic drugs eradication tasks with added momentum. The State/Division/District and Township Organizations are also to disseminate educative knowledge and give medical treatment to the drugs addicts to be free from abuse of drugs forever in their respective regions.

In an attempt to create drug-free communities, the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) organized the work group for livestock breeding, the work group for cultivation of opium-substitute crops, the work group for providing medical care, the work group for rehabilitation, the work group for dissemination of knowledge among students and the work group for dissemination of awareness among the people and have implemented projects for ensuring drug free communities.

Educative talks on drug conducted by teachers, participation of students in literary, music, painting, cartoon and poster competitions have helped educate students not to use drugs.

As part of efforts for drug elimination, the Health Department under the Ministry of Health set up 26 treatment centres and 40 treatment clinics. Seven rehabilitation centers were set up in states and divisions by the Social Welfare Department. Under the supervision of the CCDAC, three drug rehabilitation centres namely Shwepyitha, Shwepyiaye and Shwepyithit have provided medical care to drug addicts and helped their rehabilitation.

Thanks to the drug elimination efforts, opium cultivation has dramatically decreased from 140,000 hectares to 27,700 hectares in a decade ending 2007 and won praise from the world.

According to the statistics collected in states and divisions, the number of drug addicts has decreased from 61,455 in 2005 to 54,709 in January, 2008.

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of the law enforcement organizations such as the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department of Myanmar and drug control teams in neighboring Thailand and China, anti-drug activities were met with success. As Myanmar could sign Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs) with regional countries and sub-regional countries, transnational drug dealers were arrested in Myanmar and it was a remarkable achievement of the drug control efforts of the country.

Hence, the people are to continue to make efforts for ensuring drug-free communities in accordance with the motto of the United Nations for 2008 “No individual, family or community is safe where illicit drugs take control”. — MNA

POEM

The Flower of Death

- * Hazardous drugs
Perilous to human race
- * Affecting mind in harmful way
So dreadful are they
- * Trying narcotics
Brings ill health
- * Addiction to them
Ends with death
- * Say no to them
They the drugs of death
- * Addiction to drugs never
Ever see them as
The flower of Death

Pyinnya Thu (Trs)



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No individual, family or community is safe
where illicit drugs take control.

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Office on Drugs and Crime
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Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects reconstruction tasks in Dedaye Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min who is closely supervising rehabilitation tasks in Dedaye Township looked into learning of students in temporary tents in Sakyin village on 22 June.

The Minister inspected repair to embankment between Toe village and Sakyin village with the use of machinery and gave instructions on early completion of the works and timely completion of Tamakaw embankment. Upon completion, it can prevent over 20000 acres of farmlands from seawater.

Next, he went to Toe village and chose the place where permanent building will be built and called for early completion of works. Next, the Minister encouraged the specialists from Yangon who are rendering medical treatment to storm survivors of the village.

Afterwards, he paid homage to the Sayadaw of Thitsa Aungmyay monastery of Sakyin village and donated construction materials and cash for rebuilding of the monastery. The Minister inspected renovation of Myoma market and Dhammayon in Dedaye village and attended to the needs.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects reconstruction of embankment to prevent seawater in Dedaye Township.

RAIL TRANSPORTATION



Ecopetrol closes oil pipeline after guerilla attacks

BOGOTA, 25 June— The Colombian Petroleum Company (Ecopetrol) suspended Monday the oil flow in the border regions with Venezuela, after guerillas attacked the country’s most important Cano Limon-Covenas oil pipeline.

The pipeline was damaged by two explosive attacks by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in Arauca Province and Santander Province Saturday and Sunday, Ecopetrol told reporters.

“The pipeline was transporting 96,000 barrels of oil per day from the east to the west of the country,” an Ecopetrol spokesperson said.

Statistics showed the line had been damaged more than 1,000 times in the past 20 years. It was attacked two months ago near Tibu, which caused an oil spill and cut the water supply to Santander inhabitants for many days.

FARC planted bombs in energy towers and oil pipelines to obstruct the government’s security policies and extort resources from multinationals, said Ecopetrol.—MNA/Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MCP ROTTERDAM VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MCP ROTTERDAM VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.6.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Farmers angry as Australia ends wheat monopoly

CANBERRA, 25 June — Angry wheat farmers disrupted Australia’s Parliament on Monday, jeering and calling out from public galleries as the government passed laws to allow permanent competition for wheat marketing and exports.

The new laws, to start from 1 July, allow ongoing competition to market Australia’s wheat crop, ending the monopoly single desk marketing arrangement previously held by AWB Ltd. “The passing of the bill gives growers certainty for the current wheat crop, which will be harvested from October,” Agriculture Minister Tony Burke said.

The new laws created division among farmers and the conservative side of Australian politics, with many farmers and the rural-based National Party wanting to retain the single desk, saying the monopoly helped maximize prices for Australian wheat.

The Australian Government has forecast a winter wheat crop of 23.68 million tons for 2008/09, an 80-per-cent increase on the drought-hit 13.04 million tons in 2007/08.

MNA/Reuters

Police arrest 75 for smuggling people into EU

AMSTERDAM, 25 June— Police across Europe have broken up an Iraqi-run network that smuggled illegal immigrants into the continent for fees of up to 12,000 euros (18,630 US dollars) per person, European officials said on Monday.

“This was one of the largest coordinated actions against people smugglers ever, involving more than 1,300 police officers,” Europol and Eurojust, the continent’s Hague-based police and prosecution agencies, said in a joint statement.

They said police had arrested 75 people in joint

investigations in Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden and Britain.

“All suspects are said to be involved in the

clandestine smuggling of a large number of illegal immigrants into and within the European Union,” Europol and Eurojust said.

MNA/Reuters



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2.	Bulldozer D155-A (F.E)	2 Units	23.6.2008	21.7.2008
3.	Hydraulic Excavator (F.E)	1 Unit	23.6.2008	21.7.2008
4.	Resistor Bank	2 Sets	23.6.2008	21.7.2008
5.	Gas Flow Meter	1 Set	23.6.2008	21.7.2008
6.	Thermal Imaging System For Kiln Furnace	4 Sets	23.6.2008	21.7.2008

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyat;

Tender No.	Description	Quantity
15(T)1/MR(E)	(1) 60 lb (BS) Fish Plate	7350-Pairs
2008-2009	(2) 60 lb (BS) Fish Bolts & Nuts with Two Spring Washers	29400-Nos

Closing Date/Time - 1.8.2008 (Friday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 23.6.2008 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 01-298583, 291994. Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon

Pet poisoning cases on rise in Canada

OTTAWA, 25 June— Canada has seen increasing cases of pet poisoning in recent years, which happen mostly in parks in big cities, local media reported Tuesday.

At least eight dogs have fallen victim to the poisoning of anti-freeze at a park in Toronto over the weekend, two of them died,

the *Toronto Star* reported.

The anti-freeze was found in a water dispenser in High Park at the city’s west end. The dogs developed symptoms including dizziness, lethargy and frequent urination after drinking the poison.

Toronto police have suggested the poisoning

could be related to a debate over whether dog owners should be allowed to let their pets off-leash in the massive park.

The city has seen dog poisoning sprees in at least two parks in recent years. Pet poisonings have also been reported in other cities as Calgary and Regina.

MNA/Xinhua

Canada reports new case of mad cow disease

OTTAWA, 25 June— Canada has reported a new case of mad cow disease, the 13th in the country, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced on Monday. The disease was discovered in a cow that died on a farm in the western province of British Columbia, said Dr George Luterbach, a

senior veterinarian with CFIA.

The agency said the infection was detected as part of its ongoing surveillance programme for mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). No part of the infected cow has entered the human or animal food chain.

Since 2003, 13 cases of mad cow disease have been found in Canada, including 10 in Alberta and 3 in British Columbia.—MNA/Xinhua

Collapsed fences are seen in Hong Kong on 25 June, 2008. Tropical storm Fengshen brought heavy rains and strong winds to Hong Kong Wednesday, shutting down the city’s financial markets, schools and courts.—INTERNET

48 survive in Philippines sea mishap

MANILA, 25 June—The Philippine Coast Guard said Tuesday the situation of 115 people of the 862 on board of a capsized ferry have been known. Forty-eight survived and 67 have been killed.

Beside them, the conditions of the remaining passengers and crew are still unknown and are considered missing, said Coast Guard spokesman Armand Balilo in a Press briefing.

On its way from Manila to Cebu, the 23,800-ton *M/V Princess of the Stars* sank off the Philippines’ central province of Ramblon at the height of Typhoon Fengshen which lashed the archipelago from east to west over the weekend.—MNA/Xinhua



A youth jumps over a bonfire during the traditional San Juan (Saint John) night on a beach in the southern Spanish city of Malaga.—INTERNET

Philippine ferry survivor swam for his life

SIBUYAN ISLAND (Philippines), 25 June— Jessie Buot swam for five hours through heaving seas and lashing rain to stay alive. “I tried to be brave because I knew if I had succumbed to my fears, I would have died,” the 24-year old farm worker told *Reuters* on Monday.

Buot did not think twice about jumping off the *MV Princess of Stars* when it started to capsize with over 800 people on board during a typhoon 3 km (2 miles) off Sibuyan Island

in the central Philippines on Saturday afternoon. “I held on to my lifevest very tight so I wouldn’t lose it and I did not try to swim with others because I was afraid they might cling to me and we might all drown,” he told *Reuters*.

His determination paid off. Buot is one of only 33 people so far known to have survived the ferry’s sinking, which could be one of the worst shipping disasters in the Philippines in over 20 years. Despite his terrifying experience,

Buot, who works on a mango farm in the central Philippines, said he would have to brave ferry travel again.

MNA/Reuters

Charcoal, rain sustain quake-trapped pig for 36 days

BEIJING, 25 June— A 330-pound hog survived 36 days in the ruins of its sty, destroyed by last month’s Sichuan Province earthquake, by chewing down charcoal and drinking rainwater, local media reported.

The no-longer-big-pig in Pengzhou City was down to one-third of its weight, making it almost unrecognizable. “It is didn’t look like a pig at all when it was saved,” a witness said. “It was as thin as a goat!”.

The pig ate charcoal, which although contains no nutrition, is also non-toxic and filling. The charcoal had been stored on the second story of its collapsed shelter.

A curator from the Jianchuan Museum bought the pig for 3,008 yuan (430

US dollars) and promised to care for it until it died naturally. He named the pig Zhu Jianqiang (Pig Strong), tacked on a nickname: 36-day piggy.

MNA/Xinhua



Staff members disinfect a giant panda upon its arrival at the Fuzhou Giant Panda Protection and Research Center in Fuzhou, Fujian province 24 June, 2008. Ten giant pandas from a breeding base in southwest China’s Sichuan Province were evacuated on Tuesday to avoid threats from possible geological disasters after the May 12 earthquake, Xinhua News Agency reported. Picture taken on 24 June, 2008.—INTERNET



Brian Bain, of Culver, Ore, gets thrown from his horse during the saddle bronco riding competition at the Reno Rodeo at the Reno Livestock Events Center in Reno, Nev, on 24 June, 2008.—INTERNET

US scientist urges carbon tax to help climate

WASHINGTON, 25 June — The US scientist who 20 years ago first told Congress that the Earth’s climate was warming said on Monday that urgent action was needed to cut greenhouse gases and proposed a tax on carbon emissions. James Hansen, the director of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said at a congressional briefing that a carbon tax would be the

most efficient way to cut global warming emissions and encourage non-fossil energy sources.

“We have to level with the public that there has to be a price on carbon emissions,” Hansen said. “That is the only way we are going to begin to move toward a carbon free economy.”

Hansen said urgent action was needed to cut

carbon dioxide emissions that are warming the globe and are already causing arctic ice to melt. He said world leaders had only one or two years to act before the Earth reaches a “tipping point” with major consequences to the global climate and species survival.

“We have reached an emergency situation,” Hansen said.—*MNA/Reuters*

Insurgent attacks in Afghanistan increases 40% in 2008

WASHINGTON, 25 June— The number of insurgent attacks from January to May this year has increased 40 per cent compared to the same period of last year, a US military general said on Tuesday. Army Major

General Jeffrey J Schloesser, commander a US anti- terrorism task force and part of the NATO coalition in the eastern Afghanistan, told reporters through a Pentagon satellite-carried news conference that

fight between Taleban-led insurgents and foreign and Afghanistan Government forces have risen each year since 2002 and there have been nearly 2,000 people killed in insurgency-related violence so far in 2008.

Since the start of April, a total of 40 deaths among uniformed and civilian foreign coalition members in the east part have been recorded, the casualties at the same rate as last year, he said.

Schloesser attributed the increase partly to more enemy attacks and more coalition forces going into the troubled areas.

Although the coalition forces is making progress in training the Afghan local forces and providing help to the Afghan government, Schloesser conceded that he is nowhere near able to say “we’ve reached irreversible momentum.”

MNA/Xinhua

Tanzanian population growth stands at 2.9% per year

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 25 June — A senior government official has warned Tanzanians that the country’s current population growth rate was worrisomely high.

Deputy Tanzanian Finance and Economy Minister Omar Mzee told lawmakers in Dodoma during a parliamentary session over the weekend that the country needed practical measures to normalize the current population growth rate.

The current growth rate of 2.9 per cent was described as a serious challenge against the country’s economic growth in that competition for few resources available, and it would be high if the trend would go on unchecked.

Monday’s edition of the local English broadsheet *The Guardian* quoted a government estimate that had projected the country’s population as to reach 65 million by 2020.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to Andreas Beck of Germany during their match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 24 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Spain not worried about “unlucky” yellow strip

NEUSTIFT, 25 June — Spain are not worried about wearing yellow shirts versus Russia in the Euro 2008 semi-finals despite it being considered an unlucky colour in the country. Spain are nominally the ‘away’ team in Thursday’s match in Vienna and are obliged to wear their second strip which has been switched from traditional white to golden yellow.

The change for the match is necessary to avoid a colour clash because Russia, like Spain, wear red shirts.

“As far as I’m concerned it’s fine, I’m used to playing in yellow,” said midfielder Marcos Senna whose club Villarreal play in an all-yellow strip.

Spain team mate Xavi said he was also unconcerned about the colour change. —MNA/Reuters

Frings fit for Germany’s game against Turkey

TENERO (Switzerland), 25 June — Torsten Frings has recovered sufficiently from a fractured rib and could return to the Germany team to face Turkey in Wednesday’s Euro 2008 semifinal, coach Joachim Loew said on Monday.

“I’m fortunate to be able to say that all 23 players trained today and are fit,” Loew said at a news conference.

“Torsten trained completely normally, but with a protective bandage. He said he had no major problems. He will have to live with a nagging pain but as things stand he could play, yes.” —MNA/Reuters



Well-wishers wave flags as they welcome the Olympic torch relay in Yuncheng, Shanxi Province on 25 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Ukraine breaks with firm for Euro 2012 stadium

KIEV, 25 June — Ukraine has broken off talks with the Taiwanese firm renovating the stadium due to host the final of Euro 2012 days before a visit by UEFA President Michel Platini, the Sports Ministry said on Tuesday.

Delays in renovating the Kiev stadium have been a critical issue as Ukraine fights off Platini’s complaints made in January that preparations have been too slow and rumours abound that Ukraine and joint hosts Poland could losing the right to stage the competition.

News media said Deputy Sports Minister Rostyslav Karandeyev told reporters negotiations had ended with the Archasia Design Group because of difficulties about the company’s legal status in Ukraine.

In an e-mailed response, Archasia President Eric Hsu said “the decision it (the ministry) made is groundless”, and that documents about the company’s status had not been requested in April, when the company won the tender, nor in May.

Kiev’s 84,000-capacity Olympic Stadium, built in the 1920s, is one of four stadiums in Ukraine to be used in the tournament.

Organisers faced a series of problems with the stadium, including a half-built adjacent shopping centre which violated crowd control norms. At the urging of President Viktor Yushchenko, a deal was struck to tear down parts of the centre.

Archasia’s Hsu said UEFA had asked the government to provide a project outline and site survey of the stadium but that neither had been produced, delaying further work.

Karandeyev said a jury assessing competing projects would meet this week to find a replacement firm and present the new proposal to a UEFA executive board meeting in Vienna.—MNA/Reuters

Russia will not roll over for Spain again, says Guus

VIENNA, 25 June – Russia might as well not bother showing up for their Euro 2008 semi-final against Spain if they play anything like they did in their group stage hammering by the Spanish, coach Guus Hiddink said on Tuesday.

The Dutchman, who has found a way of plugging the holes in the defence that leaked so badly in that first match and coaxed the team into playing a stylish attacking game, vowed there would be no repeat of that 4-1 drubbing on Thursday.

“If we play as we did before we don’t even have to start this game. We may as well hand over our wallets to Spain,” he told reporters after a training session in Vienna.

“We have tried, of course, to improve. The team has learnt a lot in a very short time. We hope to continue that.”

He said it would be a test of his inexperienced players whether they could continue riding on the momentum they had built up with their stunning wins over Sweden and Netherlands.

“That’s always the question if the team with not as much experience can continue,” he said.

“It’s always the advantage of more experienced teams like Spain, they are used to playing tough matches every four or five days.” Midfielder Ivan Saenko, who did not train on Monday with an ankle injury, had an individual workout on Tuesday and Hiddink said he still did not know whether he would be fit for the match. “He’s still got a little bit of a problem but we will see tomorrow if he can participate,” the coach said. —MNA/Reuters



(25 June 2008)

SEMI-FINAL

Germany 3 - 2 Turkey



Turkey’s Ugur Boral, center, scores the opening goal past Germany’s Jens Lehmann, left, during the semifinal match between Germany and Turkey in Basel, Switzerland, Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at the Euro 2008 European Soccer Championships in Austria and Switzerland. Right is Germany’s Arne Friedrich.—INTERNET



Germany’s Bastian Schweinsteiger, partially visible, third from left, scores his side’s opening goal past Turkey’s goalie Rustu Recber during the semifinal match between Germany and Turkey in Basel, Switzerland, Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at the Euro 2008 European Soccer Championships in Austria and Switzerland. INTERNET

Maria Sharapova of Russia returns a backhand to Stephanie Foretz of France in the opening round on day two of the 2008 Wimbledon Championships. Sharapova won 6-1, 6-4. INTERNET



Pakistan, India hold anti-terrorism meeting

ISLAMABAD, 25 June — Pakistan and India on Tuesday started their third meeting of Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism (JATM) in Islamabad to discuss counter-terrorism measures and exchange.

The Pakistan delegation is led by Masood Khalid, additional secretary of the Foreign Ministry while the Indian delegation is headed by Vivek Katju, Additional Secretary Ministry of External Affairs. The JATM was set up after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf met on September 16, 2006, on the sidelines of the Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Havana.

The first meeting of the mechanism was held last March and the second meeting was held in New Delhi last October.

MNA/Xinhua



Sumi Jasim, right, cries for his lost friend, next a destroyed house, after a US forces air strike, 15 kilometres (10 miles) north of Tikrit, 130 kilometres (80 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday, on 25 June, 2008. Six members of a family including four children were killed early Wednesday when a US jet destroyed their house the police said.—INTERNET

6 dead in Kentucky plant shooting

HENDERSON, 25 June— An employee got into an argument with a supervisor at a western Kentucky plastics plant early Wednesday, then shot and killed five people before killing himself, police and a company official said.

The shooting happened around midnight at Atlantis Plastics in this Ohio River town of about 28,000 people.

The employee began fighting with a supervisor and was escorted from the building, company CEO Bud Philbrook said.

As he was leaving, he took out a gun, shot the supervisor, then charged back into a break room and shot several employees.

Then, he returned to the floor and shot another employee before killing himself, Philbrook said.

At least one other person was injured, police said. The wounded victim was taken to St Mary's

Hospital and Medical Center in Evansville, Ind., spokeswoman Cheryl Dauble said. That person was undergoing treatment, she said, but declined to release further information.

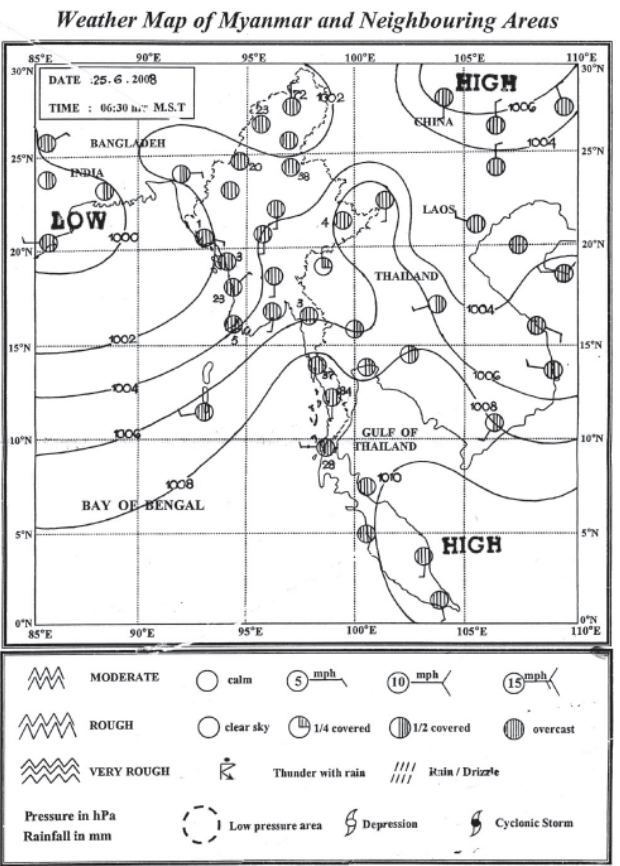
The names of the shooter and the victims were not released, and it was not clear if the supervisor was among the dead.

The Atlanta-based company has 1,300 employees worldwide, and about 150 in Henderson, where workers make parts for refrigerators and plastic siding for homes.

Internet



Atlantis Plastics Plant.



WEATHER

Wednesday, 25 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy fall in Kachin State, isolated heavy falls in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Co Co Island (5.75) inches, Myeik (4.73) inches, Putao and Bhamo (3.62) inches each, Machanbaw (2.40) inches and Dawei (1.73) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-6-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 25-6-2008 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-6-2008 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 24-6-2008 was (7.2) hour (approx).

Rainfall on 25-6-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (38.07) inches at Mingaladon, (47.32) inches at Kaba-Aye and (58.11) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 24-6-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-6-2008: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Moderate to rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-6-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-6-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Thursday, 26 June
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy
exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. ရွှေယံစုံညီမြန်မာပြည်
- 7:50 am
5. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး

- 8:05 pm
6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:30 am
7. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ
မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့်
တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု
တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 8:45 am
8. International news
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
2. Dance variety
- 4:20 pm
3. အတီးဖြူပွဲ
- 4:30 pm
4. Musical programme
- 4:40 pm
5. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား
ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

- 4:50 pm
6. Song to uphold
National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
7. Musical programme
- 5:10 pm
8. ကြွယ်ပွင့်များရဲရင့်ခန့်သံ
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
11. Dance of National
Races
- 6:40 pm
12. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်စုံစေရာ
ဓာပဒေသာ
- 6:45 pm
13. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ

- မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့်
တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု
တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 7:00 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ကော်ဖီချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား”
(အပိုင်း-၅)
19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
ကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ
မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း
တရားတော်

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



Homes for storm survivors seen in Kadonkani Village in Pyapon Township. President of CB Bank U Khin Maung Aye funded construction of the homes for the storm survivors.—MNA

MRCS distributes relief supplies in Mawlamyinegyun Tsp

YANGON, 25 June — Myanmar Red Cross Society is now distributing relief supplies to storm-hit regions. Members of Mawlamyinegyun Township Red Cross Brigade donated kitchen utensils, personal goods and foodstuffs to 122 households and six orphans in Ywalechaung Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township and two sheets of tarpaulins to Village Basic Education Primary School.
MNA

Goods available at Win Thuzar shop in Labutta

YANGON, 25 June — Personal goods are available at Win Thuzar shop under Ministry of Industry-1 at Myoma Market in Labutta Township.
MNA