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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

Mass activities held for 21 years in States, Divisions in addition to Yangon to enable people to avoid danger of narcotic drugs

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Nay Pyi Taw

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivers an address at a ceremony to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June — The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, organized by the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, was observed at the hall of Myanmar Police Force, here, this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of CCDAC Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Secretary of CCDAC Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi, departmental heads, Ambassadors of foreign missions, representatives of UN agencies and NGOs, senior police officers, correspondents of foreign news agencies and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said that as today is 26 June, the countries all over the world including Myanmar are commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Not only a single country or a single national race but also the entire mankind are facing the problem of narcotic drugs. The danger of narcotic drug is menacing the developed, developing and less developed countries across the world. Indeed, the narcotic drug is the problem of all the human beings. To enable the people to avoid the danger of narcotic drugs, the mass activities have been held for 21 years in States and Divisions in addition to Yangon in commemoration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Follow traffic rules for road safety

With the socio-economic development, the nation sees a growing number of vehicles. So, it is required to take measures for safety of commuters and pedestrians in busy areas of the cities.

Now, roads inside and outside cities have been upgraded to better facilities, and road accidents occur often owing to some drivers' violation of traffic rules and reckless driving.

In particular, drivers of passenger buses and ferry buses have to drive carefully in order to avert possible accidents. In this regard, bus drivers should not violate traffic rules such as trying to overtake each other, taking too long at bus stops, and using wrong routes or lanes to overtake other buses.

Pedestrians are sometimes involved in road accidents due to the fact that they fail to take zebra crossings, walking on roads rather than on pavements, and crossing roads in undisciplined ways.

Each year, road accidents are mainly due to reckless driving and so also are negligence of some pedestrians and mechanical problems.

Those responsible are to constantly deal with traffic jams and congestions along main roads in addition to giving educative talks to ensure that drivers abide by traffic rules and pedestrians take zebra crossings and overpasses in crossing roads.

Therefore, drivers, pedestrians and slow-moving vehicles should know well and follow the traffic rules for ensuring road safety.

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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**

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June — The State Peace and Development Council has transferred the following persons to the service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

	Name	Organization
(a)	Dr Aye Myint Director-General Myanma Science and Technology Research Department Ministry of Science and Technology	Rector Technological University (Hmawby) Ministry of Science and Technology
(b)	Dr Khin Maung Aye Director-General Technical and Vocational Education Department Ministry of Science and Technology	Rector Yangon West Technological University Ministry of Science and Technology

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

	Name	Appointment
(a)	Dr Tin Tun Deputy Director-General Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education	Rector Yangon University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(b)	Dr Aung Thu Deputy Director-General Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education	Rector Toungoo University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(c)	Dr Maung Thin Deputy Director-General Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education	Rector Meiktila University Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(d)	Dr Aung Aung Min Pro-Rector Yangon West University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education	Rector Yangon West University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(e)	Dr San Lwin Pro-Rector Meiktila Institute of Economics Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education	Rector Meiktila Institute of Economics Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(f)	Dr Myint Swe Principal National Management College Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education	Rector Myeik University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education

MNA

Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua hands over airport ground handling equipment to Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Transport, on 26 June. — H

Siemens to cut up to 15,000 jobs

BERLIN, 26 June—German industrial group Siemens is to cut up to 15,000 jobs worldwide as it restructures administrative services, according to a Press report to be published on Thursday.

A Siemens spokesman contacted by *AFP* declined to comment on the report, which was released in advance by the business daily *Handelsblatt*, and which said that both administrative and management posts would be affected by the cuts. Siemens wants to reduce costs by 1.2 billion euros (1.9 billion euros) by 2010 and bring them below 11 billion euros per year, chief executive Peter Loescher said in late April.

The German conglomerate is carrying out a broad revamp of its operations and already announced 3,800 jobs cuts at its SEN telecommunications systems unit and 1,000 posts at Osram, its lighting systems division.—*Internet*

Earthquake jolts northern Japan

TOKYO, 26 June—A moderate 5.3-magnitude earthquake shook northern Japan on Thursday, the Meteorological Agency said, nearly two weeks after a powerful tremor killed 12 people in the country.

The tremor, which struck at 8:41 am (2341 GMT Wednesday), jolted areas in the northern island of Hokkaido, the agency said. There was no threat of a tsunami and no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

Internet

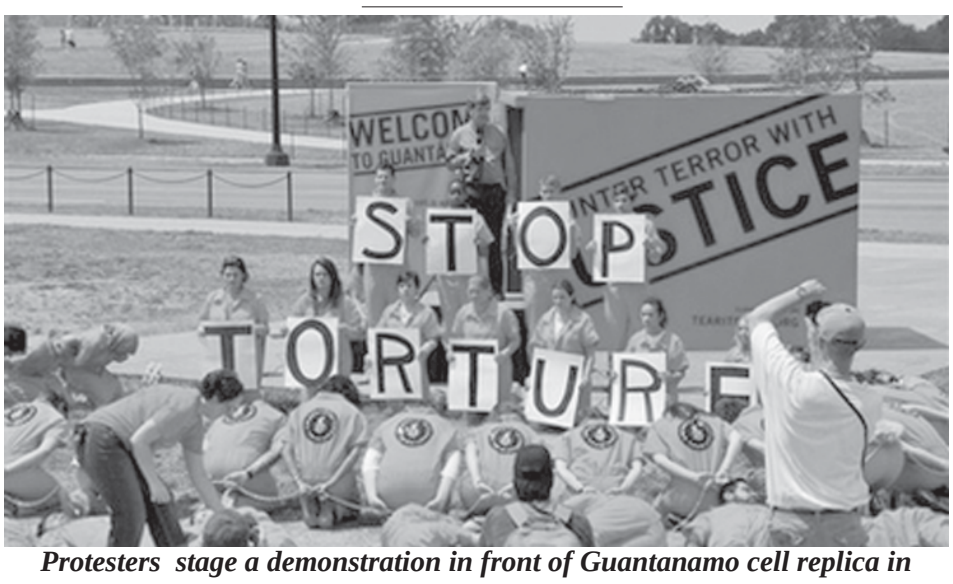
A Cambodian man and his child sit on a motorbike adorned National flags and Cambodian People's Party (CPP) flags as they rally along a street during the first day of the General Election Campaign in Phnom Penh on 26 June. Cambodian political parties kicked off the country's month-long campaigning for a general election that the ruling CPP is expected to dominate.—INTERNET

Canadian judge criticizes Guantanamo tactics

TORONTO, 26 June—A Canadian judge said in a ruling Wednesday that the US military's treatment of a teenage detainee at Guantanamo Bay violated international laws against torture. The Federal Court judge, Richard Mosley, said efforts to prime Toronto-born detainee Omar Khadr for interrogation sessions with visiting Canadian agents, described in a 2004 document, broke human rights laws including the Geneva Conventions.

Mosley did not disclose the technique but said the document should be made public because it is relevant to Khadr's allegations that he was mistreated in US custody.

"While it may cause some harm to Canada-US relations, that effect will be minimized by the fact that the use of such interrogation techniques by the US military at Guantanamo is now a matter of public record and debate," the judge wrote.—*Internet*



Protesters stage a demonstration in front of Guantanamo cell replica in Washington.—INTERNET

Israeli 'suicide cop': family refute claims that he killed himself

TEL AVIV, 26 June—The death of an Israeli guard who was shot in the head during a farewell ceremony for President Sarkozy of France continued to provoke debate yesterday as the family disputed claims that he committed suicide.

Raed Ghanan's death created a security scare at the airport where Mr Sarkozy and his wife, Carla Bruni, were saying their farewells to the Israeli Prime Minister and President. Officials at the French Embassy said they were sorry that the incident had overshadowed an otherwise productive visit by Mr Sarkozy.

Police said that Mr Ghanan, 32, was from the northern Israeli town of Beit Dajan and was a member of the Druze community, a minority group whose religion includes an eclectic mix of beliefs rooted initially in Islam.

Internet

US forces face spike in deadly violence in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 June—Roadside bombs killed four US soldiers in northern Iraq, the military said Wednesday, in a spike of violence that pushed to at least 10 the number of Americans who have died here this week.

In the latest attack, one soldier was killed by an explosively formed penetrator, or EFP, about 9 am Wednesday in the predominantly Shiite eastern half of Baghdad, the military said. The armour piercing bombs are believed to come from Iran and have been used by Shiite extremists to kill hundreds of American forces. The US military said three other US soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter were killed late Tuesday by a roadside bomb in the northern Ninevah province, where al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni extremist groups remain active.

In all, at least 4,110 US military service members have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.—*Internet*

Iraq authorities say US soldiers killed nine civilians

BAGHDAD, 26 June—Nine Iraqi civilians were killed Wednesday in two armed clashes involving US soldiers, local authorities reported. The military said US soldiers were fired upon first in both incidents.

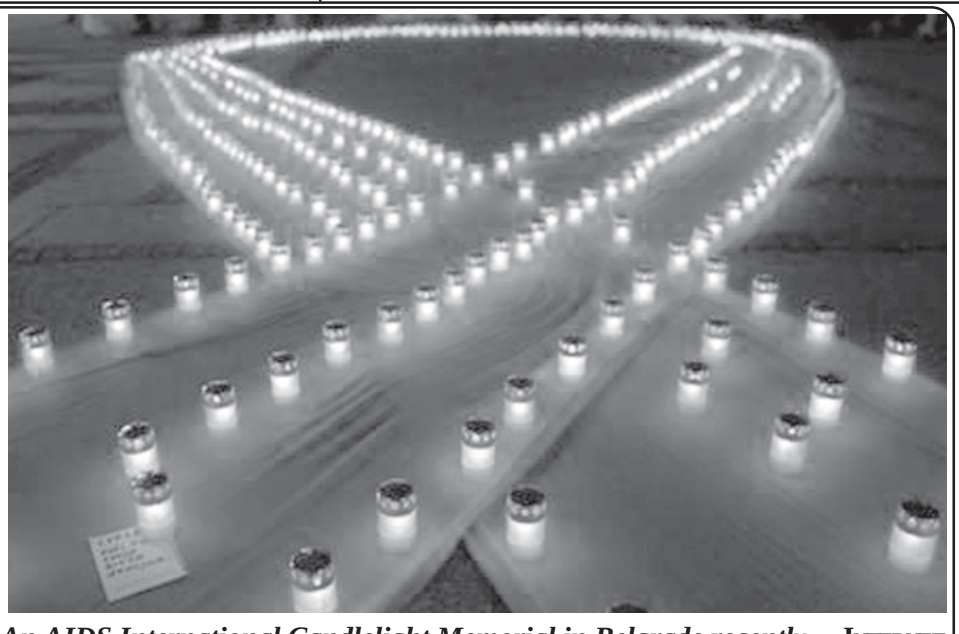
In the capital, three people were killed in a fiery crash after gunfire erupted as their vehicle passed US soldiers with a convoy stopped near the Baghdad international airport to recover a stalled vehicle.

In east Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed one American soldier on Wednesday, the US military announced today. At least 4,110 US service members have died since the war began in 2003, according to icasualties.org.—*Internet*

Global AIDS rates up for drug users, gay men

GENEVA, 26 June— HIV/AIDS infection rates are growing among intravenous drug users, prostitutes and gay men around the globe but they are often viewed as outcasts and refused treatment, according to a report issued on Thursday.

The report, from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, also called on governments and humanitarian agencies to pay more attention to AIDS in their response to natural disasters and armed conflicts. "HIV is a long-term and complex disaster on many levels ... For marginalised groups across the world — injecting drug users, sex workers and men who have sex with men—rates are on the increase," said the Geneva-based humanitarian agency.—*Internet*



An AIDS International Candlelight Memorial in Belgrade recently.—INTERNET

South Korean riot police confront protesters during the anti-US-beef rally in Seoul early 26 June. South Korea announced it will resume US beef imports from 26 June after negotiating extra safeguards against mad cow disease, despite protests by tens of thousands over recent weeks.—INTERNET

Beijing Zoo enriches environment before Olympics

BEIJING, 26 June — You travelled all the way, queued to get a ticket and elbowed through the crowds, and finally, there are the pandas, lying still and asleep.

To better enliven the animals and satisfy its visitors, Beijing Zoo has recently launched a campaign to enrich the living environment in animal enclosures by making changes to structures, presenting novel objects and smells for them to investigate and explore and changing the ways of feeding.

The project was aimed at creating a more nature-like environment for the animals, according to the zoo. "For example, we would play hide-and-seek with some animals at mealtime to stimulate them to explore for potential food and fun and to interact with their surroundings," said Zhang Yizhuo, a zoo official in charge of the enrichment.

"It is good for visitors to see them moving around. More importantly, it's good for the animals themselves, both physically and psychologically, because in wild, most of them move to hunt for food all the time."

In the newly-erected Panda Hall, the eight "Olympic pandas" transported from the south-western Sichuan Province, now had to bother to pluck the bamboo branches at mealtime which had been replanted into the earth.

MNA/Xinhua

DPRK rebukes US attempt to increase nuclear forces

PYONGYANG , 26 June — The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Tuesday blasted US Defence Secretary Robert Gates' comment on bolstering US nuclear forces.

Gates vowed to bolster nuclear forces in order to "deter potential enemies' provocations" during a speech at an Air Force base in Virginia, said a commentary carried by the official *Rodong Sinmun* daily.

The United States has been advocating "peace" and "disarmament" to other countries while beefing up its nuclear forces and stepping up the arms race, said the commentary. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Afghan military plane makes emergency landing

KABUL, 26 June — A transport plane of Afghanistan Air Corps made an emergency landing on Tuesday and all aboard are safe, said the Defence Ministry.

"One *N-32* plane with five crew and 45 personnel of national Army was on flight from Kandahar to Kabul at an altitude of 6,650 metres when it developed engine problem and made emergency landing at Kabul airport," said the ministry in a Press release. All on board are safe and sound.

The plane was bought by the United States from Ukraine and handed over to the fledgling Afghan Air Corps in Kabul, said the ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

In this 9 April, 1989 file photo, crude oil from the tanker Exxon Valdez, top, swirls on the surface of Alaska's Prince William Sound near Naked Island, 16 days after the tanker ran aground, spilling millions of gallons of oil and causing widespread environmental damage. The Supreme Court on 25 June, 2008 slashed the $2.5 billion punitive damages award in the Exxon Valdez disaster to $500 million.

INTERNET

UK infrastructure still at risk from floods

LONDON, 26 June — Britain's power stations, water plants and transport network are still far too vulnerable to flooding, engineers said on Wednesday.

In a report published on the anniversary of last year's devastating floods, the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) said spare capacity urgently needed building into the national infrastructure.

"Last summer's floods showed us how vulnerable the UK's infrastructure networks are, and little is being done to rectify the situation," said David Balmforth, chairman of ICE's Flooding Group.

"If we want to prevent blackouts, water shortages and transportation failures, we need to ensure we have enough spare capacity in the system to deal with disaster."

Gloucestershire, the southwest, the Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside suffered severe flooding during June and July, costing the economy an estimated three billion pounds. — *MNA/Reuters*

An Iraqi woman looks on as US soldiers raid inside her house looking for weapons, explosives and information about militants in the area in a neighbourhood of Mosul on 26 June, 2008.

INTERNET

Suicide bomber kills twelve at meeting of sheiks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 June—At least 12 people were killed in Iraq today after a suicide bomber detonated an explosive belt during a meeting of tribal sheiks near Baghdad.

Police said the town's administrator and some sheiks died in the blast in the town of Karmah, 30 miles west of Baghdad.

The bomber is thought to have entered the building, in Karmah, through a back door to avoid security.

It was the third attack this week against municipal government meetings. Two Americans were killed and four were wounded in Salman Pak, near Baghdad, and ten people, including four Americans, were killed in the capital's Sadr City.

Internet

*Policemen put the drugs to flame during a drug-ban publicity activity in the Wuhan Botanic Garden of the Chinese Academy of Sciences(CAS), in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, on 25 June, 2008. Some 90 kg of confiscated drugs, including the ice sculpture, Ketamine, dancing outreach, etc, were burned at the activity there on Wednesday.—*XINHUA

Gaza rockets hit Israeli Sderot area despite truce

JERUSALEM, 26 June — Three *Qassam* rockets fired Tuesday afternoon from the Gaza Strip landed in the Sderot area, five days after a ceasefire enacted between Israel and Palestinian militant groups last week.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert responded in a statement that the *Qassam* attack was "a clear violation of the ceasefire under-standings".

The Prime Minister's office added that Olmert "warned that the truce may be short-lived. ...Israel has warned against such breaches and will now consider the counter measures at its disposal".

Among the three rockets, one struck a garden in Sderot and two others hit the open area of the western Negev, causing minor property damage, a spokesman of Israeli police Micky Rosenfeld told *Xinhua.*

One person was lightly wounded in the barrage, and two others were treated for shock, Rosenfeld added.

Islamic Jihad's al-Quds Brigades claimed responsibility for firing the *Qassam* rockets, according to the website of Israeli daily *Yedioth Ahronoth.*

Xinhua

Lebanese differences reach "suicide" level

BEIRUT, 26 June — Lebanese President Michel Suleiman warned Tuesday that the differences in the country have reached the level of suicide.

Suleiman made the remarks during a meeting of spiritual leaders which he called at the Presidential Palace.

"The government should be formed soon to express our will for national unity and coexistence," Suleiman told the spiritual leaders representing Lebanon's main religious factions.

Calling for more political concessions, the President said that "this summit is an opportunity to launch comprehensive and national dialogue".

The final statement of the spiritual summit condemned radicalism and violence, urging all factions to facilitate the government's formation. It also reiterated commitment to ban the use of weapons as outlined in the Doha accord reached on 21 May. The national unity government which is the second phase in the Doha accord, which has led to the election of Michel Suleiman after six months of presidential vacancy, is still facing a deadlock. Meanwhile, the security situation is vulnerable, as violent clashes raged the northern city of Tripoli during the past two days, amid reported tension in other areas of the country.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Beijing tells taxi drivers to tidy up as Olympics nears

BEIJING, 26 June — Beijing has started a month-long inspection of its 66,000 taxis. While citizens are generally satisfied with the improvement of taxi drivers' attitude and tidiness of the vehicles, some drivers complain the checks are too strict.

Although he could find more customers at the Beijing Railway Station, Zhao Shengli (pseudonym) of the Jinjian taxi company said he would try to avoid going there.

"There are inspectors," he said. " If they give me a notice for punishment, I would have to pay 200 yuan (about 28.6 US dollars) as a fine — I can only gross 400 yuan a day."

He said one of his colleague was fined after an inspector found a hair on a seat. To ensure the taxi was clean enough, inspectors wear white gloves.

Started on 12 June , the inspection was aimed at polishing Beijing's image as the August Olympiad approached, said Yue Xiujun of the Beijing Municipal Transportation Law Enforcement General Team.

More than 200 traffic supervisors will carry out surprise checks once a week. —*Xinhua*

A fire-fighting airplane unloads water during a forest fire at the mountain of Hymettus, near Athens on 25 June, 2008.

XINHUA

Angola to train 256,000 people to work for elections

LUANDA, 26 June — Angola is to train about 256,000 people to work at the polling stations across the country in the 5 September parliamentary elections, a senior electoral official has said.

Caetano de Sousa, chairman of the National Electoral Commission (CNE), made the remarks at the opening of a training programme for electoral trainers on Monday in the Angolan capital Luanda. According to him, the training course will focus on debating such themes as "Role of Electoral Actors," "Competences of the CNE, " "Candidacies" and "Elections Observers."

The official said the training course aims to prepare these trainees that will have the mission of going to train about 256, 000 people who will work at polling stations through the country.

Xinhua

Two German nationals die in plane crash in Slovenia

BELGRADE, 26 June — Two German nationals were killed on Monday when a small airplane in where they took crashed in central Slovenia.

The airplane crashed on Monday near Rakitnik, 50 kilometres south of the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, just 200 metres from the small sports airport Rakitnik where the plane was scheduled to land, the Slovenian news agency *STA* reported. — *Xinhua*

*Inspired by this year's Olympic theme of "One World, One Dream", artists from Hong Kong and Macao are taking an artistic perspective on the Olympic spirit.—*XINHUA

Please accept an invitation with affection

An Observer

Lord Buddha once delivered, "Vivadobhayam Avivadokhemam", which meant variety of faiths caused harm. The only and correct faith led to ultimate peace.

Myanmar has encountered upheavals and havocs stemming from variety of ideologies. So far, some persons are trying to get the nation into crises.

More or less, a nation sees disputes and disagreements between its people. That is just a contradiction, but that should not grow into a conflict. Here, the essence of democracy is to respect the wishes of the majority of the people, without showing disregard for others.

The people believe and accept that the way of handing over power after the approval of the State constitution is peaceful transition to democracy in Myanmar, reflecting that the only and correct concept for Myanmar is based on the State constitution.

The concept is that the goal can be achieved only if the Tatmadaw and political parties and servicemen and politicians work hard joining hands for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national unity, perpetuation of sovereignty and emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

This concept is stipulated in the Chapter "State Fundamental Principles" of the State constitution that has been approved unanimously through a referendum. Moreover, Chapter (7) "The Tatmadaw" and Chapter (10) "Political Parties" are enumerated.

Indeed, as for Myanmar, Tatmadaw members and politicians are inseparable like the heads and tails of a coin, as evidenced by the history of the nation. The politicians, who played a leading role with political awareness in national-liberation and anti-colonialist movements, formed the Tatmadaw. The nation managed to regain independence due to the strength of the national force made up of the Tatmadaw and politicians. In the post-independence period, the Tatmadaw was put aside the national political leadership role according to the plots of the British in the periods of building the nation and introducing democracy.

The Tatmadaw tried to build a new nation in collaboration with political parties and national race armed groups.

That point made the history of the nation. Experienced war veterans and veteran politicians know that point best. Here, I would like to present a profound evidence. Governor Sir Dorman Smith sent a message to Major-General Pearce on 25 May 1945.

The letter said that Myanmar Tatmadaw came into existence according to the political necessity. It was standing with the political concept at present and would do with the same concept in future. And it would continue to stand as powerful Tatmadaw that had power to make decisions in the Myanmar's politics. The British would face nothing but problems if they did not control it strictly at the time, he said.

So, the British relegated the Tatmadaw from the national political leadership role and sent it back to the barracks through Kandy agreement, and Letya-Freeman agreement. In other words, they separated Myanmar's political trend and the Tatmadaw. So, there followed evil consequences. In the period of the parliamentary democracy in which the Tatmadaw did not participate in the politics, the Union was on the edge of collapse. In the end of the Myanma Socialist Programme in which political parties did not have the rights to participate in, the nation was on the edge of the abyss. These are the historic lessons Myanmar took from the two periods.

According to those lessons, the Tatmadaw tried to build a new nation in collaboration with political parties and national race armed groups. It invited representatives of national races, representatives of the people from all walks of life, representatives of service personnel, representatives of intellectuals and intelligentsia, representatives of political parties and Tatmadaw member representatives to the National Convention held to draw a constitution. That indicates that the Tatmadaw focused on national reconsolidation and emergence of a national force.

However, NLD deduced that wrongly. It approached the Myanma political affairs according to the policy of the British colonialists and that in the parliamentary period. The Tatmadaw managed to put an end to the one-party system and introduced the multi-party democracy system. As is known to all that it paved the way for emergence of a constitution that will be in conformity with the new system, putting an end to the two constitutions that represented the old policies.

Understanding and accepting the way, all the 10 political parties including NLD attended the National Convention for three years. Nonetheless, after the lifting of the restrictions on Daw Suu Kyi in July 1995, NLD split into two factions — moderate group and hard-liners.

In the competition, the hard-liners gained domination. Then, NLD turned its back on the National Convention and came to oppose the State constitution. As a result, many members broke away from it and resigned.

The person who thoroughly analyzed and disclosed the two political attitudes, hard-line and moderate ones existing in the NLD, is Moenyo Township NLD Hluttaw Representative Advocate U Tun Shwe. He wrote a news article titled "Two Political Attitudes Still Competitive in History" in 2000. For its members themselves to make a review of NLD's acts, I will mention the main factors included in the article.

As there were two hard-line and moderate attitudes in the Myanmar political history of the past, the two attitudes self-contradicted within NLD.

The hard-line political attitudes are as follows: —

- The democracy being exercised in western countries must be copied directly in Myanmar's political arena.
- The role of national politics of the Myanma Tatmadaw must not be taken into account.
- The Tatmadaw must go back to barracks.
- The State power must be unconditionally handed over to the people's representatives.
- There is no need to attend the undemocratic National Convention.

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Tatmadaw members and politicians are inseparable like the heads and tails of a coin, as evidenced by the history of the nation. The politicians, who played a leading role with political awareness in national-liberation and anti-colonialist movements, formed the Tatmadaw.

Please accept an invitation…

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- There is no need to elect Hluttaw representatives in accord with the constitution to be drawn by the National Convention.
- Pyithu Hluttaw (Parliament) must be called as soon as possible.
- If Pyithu Hluttaw is not to be called, the formation of the the Hluttaw representative committee is right.
- Economic sanctions from abroad must be imposed on Myanmar until State power is handed over to NLD.
- According to the mandate of NLD, any talks with the SPDC not to be held without Daw Suu Kyi.

Moderate political attitudes are as follows:-

- The national political role of the Myanmar Tatmadaw must be taken into account.
- There should be no negative attitudes towards the tasks of the Myanmar Tatmadaw.
- Peace and prosperity of the State must be accepted and welcomed.
- Western-style democracy should not be copied in the present Myanmar political situation.
- In the present situation, the Myanmar Tatmadaw should not be sidelined or criticized.
- NLD should cooperate with the Tatmadaw for a certain period.
- In the present situation, nothing can be done without cooperation of the Myanmar Tatmadaw.
- According to the study of the present political situation, the role of the Tatmadaw, which has been participating in Myanmar's political affairs, is to be considered. Only then, will national unity be forged with peace and stability of the State.
- According to the geopolitics, the situation of the People's Republic of China with a population of over 1000 million, situated to the north of Myanmar, needs to be considered.
- The formation of Hluttaw Representative Committee may not work and may clash with the ruling SPDC causing tremendous political upheaval.
- Economic sanctions will cause adverse effects on the people only.
- Political activities linked to the exiled underground groups of NLD should not be carried out.
- For the confidence building to hold talks with the SPDC, Daw Suu Kyi should avoid harshly criticizing the government.
- NLD should not be arrogant of the election results, the internal issue should be addressed only inside the nation.

Out of the two political opinions, which one is in conformity with the prevailing objective conditions of Myanmar? What caused NLD to shatter due to the hardline political attitude? What attitude did the people accept and adopt? At last, the people have unanimously approved that the constitution is only the solution to the general problems of Myanmar.

Let bygones be bygones. The role of political parties is not sidelined in the provisions of the approved constitution.

There is a saying that goes "To err is human, to forgive is divine". All in all, NLD is welcomed and invited; just show a moderate attitude towards the State.

Translation: MS+ST

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13th Annual Meeting of Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank Ltd held

YANGON, 26 June— Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank Ltd held its 13th Annual Meeting for 2007-2008 financial year at the ballroom in Yuzana Hotel, Shwegondaing, here on 23 June.

Patron of the Bank Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivered a speech. Managing Director U Aung Myint of the Bank read out the report of the Board of Directors and U Maung Maung Aung on annual budget statement and report of Auditors, share of profits and election of the directors and formation of Auditors.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented K 3 million for U Hla Tun Hospice Cancer Foundation. *MNA*

***Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects sub-power station in Insein.*—MNA**

Minister looks into construction of new roads in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 26 June – Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun accompanied by officials on 22 June inspected maintenance works of Hlinethaya-Twantay-Kawhmu-Kungyangon-Dedaye-Pyapon road and durability of Twantay, Dedaye and Pyapon bridges.

At the briefing hall of Pyapon District Public Works, the minister met with departmental officials and gave instructions on implementation of development of road network project in Ayeyawady delta region and progress of construction of roads.

Next, the minister and party looked into maintenance works of road and bridge along Pyapon-Bogale road. At the office of Bogale Township Public Works, the minister heard reports on construction of new Bogale-Thabaung-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road, progress of works and works to be done presented by officials and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister oversaw road work of Thabaung-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road in a motorcade. —*MNA*

EP No. 2 Minister inspects installation of power lines, erecting of lamp-posts

YANGON, 26 June – Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected supply of electricity at Mawtin (Seikkan) sub-power station on 24 June and urged officials to carry out installation of power lines and distribution of electricity systematically.

Next, the minister and party went to Thitdaw Computerized sub-power station on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township and inspected transformers, supply of electricity, condition of tension tower of Hlawga-Hlinethaya-Seikkyikhanaungto 33 KV Hline river crossing power line in Shwelinban Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township and gave instructions on durability of towers, installation of power lines and matters related to supply of electricity.

The minister and party also inspected installation of 33 KV power line from Hlinethaya main power station to Seikkyi-Khanaungto and progress on installation of power lines in Shwelinban Industrial Zone and erecting of lamp posts in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone (4) and gave instructions on timely completion of works.

Next, they oversaw installation of power lines from Hlinethaya main power station to Khanaungto-Kawhmu-Kungyangon 33 KV power line.

At airport sub-power station, the minister inspected condition of transformers and supply of electricity and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister and party also looked into condition of dry type transformers being installed at Sule Centre Point sub-power station in Pabedan Township, installation of transformers at sub-power station in Dagon Township, power connections and supply of electricity and fulfilled the requirements. *MNA*

Costume Show marks Myanmar Women's Day

MWAF President Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and party view Myanmar Costume Show.—MNA

YANGON, 26 June — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3rd July 2008, the Costume Show, organized by Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and with the supervision of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, was staged at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon.

It was attended by President Daw Khin Khin Win of MWAF, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, members of the secretariat, heads of department, leaders of working group, responsible persons of the federation, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai and party, university and basic education students and the people.

Vocalist Chaw Su Khin sang the song of composer Shan Tun (Myanmarsar) at the opening of the show. Next, other vocalists sang songs.

Afterwards, movie and video stars, vocalists, models from Stars and Models Agency led by John Lwin and the winners in the Comedian's Gold Cup Contest from Myawady TV performed entertainment concerning traditional costumes, seasonal festivals and songs.

Vocalist Kar Kar sang the closing song of the show. Yangon Division WAO Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai presented a flower basket to MWAF President Daw Khin Khin Win.

President Daw Khin Khin Win gave K 500,000 to Daw Mar Mar Wai in honour of the show.

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MWAF President Daw Khin Khin Win accepts flower basket presented by Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai.

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Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, ASEAN Secretary-General, UN Under Secretary-General, members of TCG, representatives of UN agencies and INGOs observe reconstruction works in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 26 June – An excursion group comprising Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force Secretary-General of ASEAN Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Under Secretary-General of the United Nations Executive Secretary of UN-ESCAP Ms Noeleen Heyzer, members of ASEAN-HTF, members of Tripartite Core Group, representatives of UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations arrived in Bogale in Ayeyawady Division by helicopter to study reconstruction tasks of the township this morning.

At the office of the township Relief Control Camp, Chairman of Bogale Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Thein explained progress in relief and resettlement tasks and reconstruction tasks which are being taken and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and UN Under Secretary-General Ms Noeleen Heyzer raised questions.

Next, the excursion group observed giving medical treatment to patients by a specialist team of the Ministry of Health at out-patient department and patient wards in Bogale Township People's Hospital.

Afterwards, the group viewed teaching of school children at Bogale Township Basic Education High School No. 1 and repaired buildings in Bogale in a motorcade.

The group proceeded to Sethsan village in the township and viewed teaching of students at make-shift shelters in damaged village Basic Education High School and construction of houses for storm victim families with the contributions of national entrepreneurs under the leadership of the State.

Next, the group arrived at Kyeinchaunggyi village in Bogale Township by helicopter and observed houses for storm victim families and giving education to the school children at make-shift classrooms.

Afterwards, the group viewed over progress in reconstruction of storm-affected towns and villages, ploughing and growing of monsoon paddy and running of fisheries along the route and arrived back in Yangon this afternoon.—*MNA*

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, UN Under Secretary-General Ms Noeleen Heyzer and party observe teaching of school children at make-shift shelters of Sethsan village BEHS in Bogale Township.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu, ASEAN-HTF Chairman Dr Surin Pitsuwan, UN Under Secretary-General Ms Noeleen Heyzer and party view teaching of school children at make-shift shelters of Kyeinchaunggyi village BEPS in Bogale Township.—MNA

Winners of competitions to mark Int'l Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking honoured

YANGON, 26 June — The prize-presentation ceremony for winners participated in the short story, article, song, poem, cartoon, painting, poster, computer art and computer digital poster and photo competitions was held at Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office here today.

The competitions were organized to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered an address.

Next, Yangon Division Police Commander Police Col Win Naing read the message sent by Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

After that Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials awarded winners in the central and division level competitions.

The commander and party browsed the works of winners.

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Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents prize to a winner.

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Mass activities held for 21 years in States, Divisions…

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"No individual, family or community is safe where illicit drugs take control" was designated as the motto for this year. With regard to the theme of the motto, the danger of narcotic drugs is penetrating among the youth. Due to the danger of narcotic drugs, some of the drug addict youth lost their goals. As such, all the entire people are to make concerted efforts in their attempts to guard against the grave dangers of the narcotic drugs. In this regard, it is necessary to disseminate knowledge about the danger of narcotic drugs to all the people. Trying the drugs will push not only the abuser but also his relatives into miseries. If one uses the drugs through injection one will infect with dangerous diseases such as HIV/AIDS. The narcotic drugs can destroy any person or any region. Therefore, the entire people hand in hand with the State/Division/District and Township Committees for Drug Abuse Control are to take part in the tasks to render assistance to drug addicts in their respective regions by giving knowledge about the danger of narcotic drugs.

Steps for enabling the people to raise awareness of the danger of narcotic drugs are to be taken and the school children are also to be educated on the dangers of narcotic drugs.

In this regards, literature, music, painting, cartoon and poster contests are being held across the nation to enable the people to raise awareness of the danger of narcotic drugs and prize winners are awarded handsomely. Today's ceremony is the 11th of its kind and similar ceremonies will be held in states and divisions, he added.

He said, he would briefly put forward Myanmar's efforts for eradication of narcotic drugs. To effectively carry out the tasks for eradication of narcotic drugs, Law on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances was enacted in 1993. More effective steps have been taken for the elimination of narcotic drugs. On 2 January 2007, CCDAC was reconstituted and state/division/district/township level Drug Control Committees were reformed and they had committed themselves to elimination of narcotic drugs. Two strategies and three tactics for dealing with eradication of narcotic drugs had been developed. In addition, the 15-Year Narcotics Elimination Plan has been laid down and implemented since 1999-2000, he noted.

Thanks to these projects, opium and heroin production has dramatically decreased in the country. However, efforts have to step up to prevent and eliminate modern drugs such as ATS tablets, Ketamine, ICE, Ecstasy which have replaced the opium and heroin. As part of the efforts for combating drug trafficking, neighbouring countries and Myanmar shared information and arrested members of drug trafficking gangs at home and abroad. Meanwhile, rehabilitation centres have been set up and educative talks on danger of narcotic drugs have been conducted to educate the people and students with the aim of eliminating drugs now and in the future.

Realising that cooperation of international communities is necessary to eliminate drugs, Myanmar signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with regional and neighbouring countries. Six Mekong regional countries inked the MoU in 1993. Since 1995, Myanmar has actively participated in the drug control project in the region with the technical assistance of UNODC. Myanmar became a member of ASEAN in 1997, and since then, the country has cooperated with ASEAN nations.

Myanmar has making efforts for meeting the targets of reducing drug production and drug abuser, prevention of narcotic drug and increasing cooperation in combating the drug laid down at the 20th United Nations General Assembly in 1998. Moreover, Myanmar, joining hands with China, signed an MoU to survey opium cultivation in northern Myanmar using satellite photos on 27 May, 2006, and destroyed the cultivation, he concluded.

Afterwards, Secretary of the CCDAC Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi accepted K 2.5 million — K 2.25 million donated by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, K 250,000 donated by Asia Harm Reduction Network — handed over by Mr Giorgl Pkhakacize, Programme Specialist of UNODC, to be spent on awarding the winners in the competitions to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

After the ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Chief Justice U Aung Toe and guests browsed the works of the winners.

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***Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo and party view documentary photos and works of winners.* —MNA**

MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi accepts cash donation of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

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Tobacco-Free Youth

Dr Nyo Nyo Kyaing

World No Tobacco Day has been observed since 1989. The theme of this year's World No-Tobacco Day is "Tobacco Free Youth". Approximately 1.8 billion young people (aged 10-24) live in our world today with more than 85% found in developing countries. Having survived the vulnerable childhood period, these young people are generally healthy. However, as tobacco industry intensifies its efforts to hook new, young and potentially life-long tobacco users, the health of a significant percentage of the world's youth is seriously threatened by their deadly products. Nicotine is a highly addictive substance and child and adolescent experimentation can easily lead to a lifetime of tobacco dependence. This year's World No Tobacco Day theme calls to policy makers to adopt and implement comprehensive ban on all forms of advertising, promotion and sponsorship of tobacco products. It urges policy makers to implement policies and programmes that do not target youth in isolation but to implement interventions that target the population as a whole, such as banning all forms of tobacco advertising, raising tobacco taxes and creating 100% smoke-free environments that have the greatest success in reducing youth tobacco use.

Myanmar, like other Member Countries of the Region is a fertile ground for the tobacco habit. Socio-cultural acceptance of smoking and chewing tobacco as a social norm has been a major challenging factor in tobacco control. Cheroots and cigarettes are regarded as well-wishing gifts to guests attending donation ceremonies and other religious affairs. Studies show that nearly one-fifth of women smoke in the rural areas; children tend to initiate smoking at an early age due to their parents' habit of asking them to light cheroots.

The Ministry of Health is seriously concerned about the increasing trends in tobacco use among the youth globally and had enhanced its health education activities on dangers of tobacco with the launching of National Tobacco Control programme in the year 2000. The National Tobacco Control Committee was formed in March 2002, headed by the Minister for Health and included heads of related departments and chairpersons of several national NGOs as members. The Committee set guidelines for the tobacco control measures to be implemented in the country.

The Ministry of Information prohibited advertisement of tobacco on television and radio and from all electronic media in the year 2000. Tobacco advertising billboards were banned from the vicinity of schools, hospitals, health facilities, sports stadiums and maternity homes in May 2002 and from other places in April 2003. Tobacco advertisement were also banned from the newspapers, journals and magazines in early 2003. Smoking was prohibited at all hospitals and health departments, at all basic education schools, all sports stadiums and sports fields and at some workplaces.

Counter-marketing measures are also implemented by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education, Myanmar Music Association and Myanmar Film Association, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Red-Cross Society and the community.

Ministry of Education and the School Health Project of the Department of Health, Ministry of Health worked together to establish "Tobacco-Free Schools". Schools set policies that prohibit smoking and chewing within school compounds. For awareness of the danger of narcotic drugs, tobacco, HIV/AIDS and Amphetamine Type Stimulants, teachers, parents and officials from the Health Department & Myanmar Anti-narcotics Association join hand in hand and give lectures in schools at least once a month. Competitions of elocution, singing, role play, composition, posters, cartoons, paintings, essays, poems on drug prevention in schools are conducted yearly.

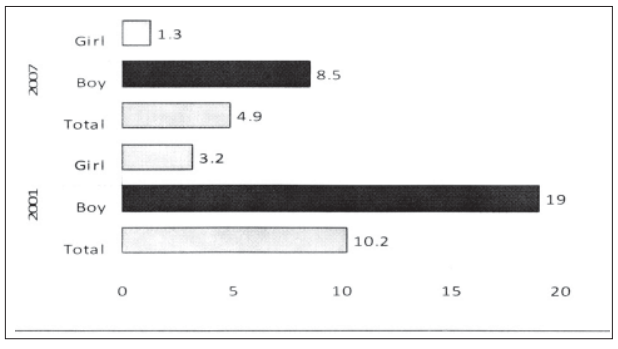
Dangers of tobacco are included in the "Life-skills" curriculum. TFI/WHO had also supported for the translation and publication of "Manual on Tobacco Control in Schools".

For propagation of knowledge on substance abuse including use of tobacco, teacher's manual hand books, pamphlets, posters, post cards, 'Request to Parents' & 'Smoking is Gate Way Drugs' were compiled and published by Education Sector.

The "Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product Law" was enacted in May, 2006 and came into effect in May, 2007. This comprehensive law prohibits all forms of advertisement, promotion and sponsorship of tobacco products. It also prohibits smoking at public places, public transport, health facilities and educational institutions and ban sale to and by minors under the age of 18 years. It also prohibits sale of cigarettes in packages less than 20s. In accordance with this law, cigarette advertising billboards had totally disappeared. Sponsorship by cigarette industry was no more permitted. Many public places had put up No-smoking signs and people can now breathe easily.

Due to these efforts, the Global Youth Tobacco Studies (MOH/WHO/CDC) conducted in 2001 and 2007, at basic education schools, reported significant declines in prevalence of smoking among 13-15 students.

Ministry of Health will continue its tobacco control efforts for the youth in collaboration with related ministries and the civil society. I would like to urge to join hands in our efforts to enable our children and youth to grow up without tobacco.



Prevalence of Current cigarette smoker (%) among 13-15 year students, 2001 and 2007.

Yangon-Polaung-Pyinsalu run resumes

YANGON, 26 June — As of 20 June, passenger vessel Shwe Pyi Aung resumed running of the up and down route of Yangon-Polaung-Pyinsalu once every 15 days.

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Monywa Township NLD Secretary resigns

No wish to participate in NLD

YANGON, 26 June — Secretary U Aung Soe of Monywa Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division sent letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities of his own accord on 24 May and resigned from the party as he no longer wished to serve the party. — *MNA*

More relief aids get to Ygn Int'l Airport

YANGON, 26 June — Relief aids weighing 73.19 tons arrived in Yangon International Airport here today.

The provisions were donated by the World Food Programme based in Thailand.

International communities have been providing relief items to the areas hit and destroyed by the storm.

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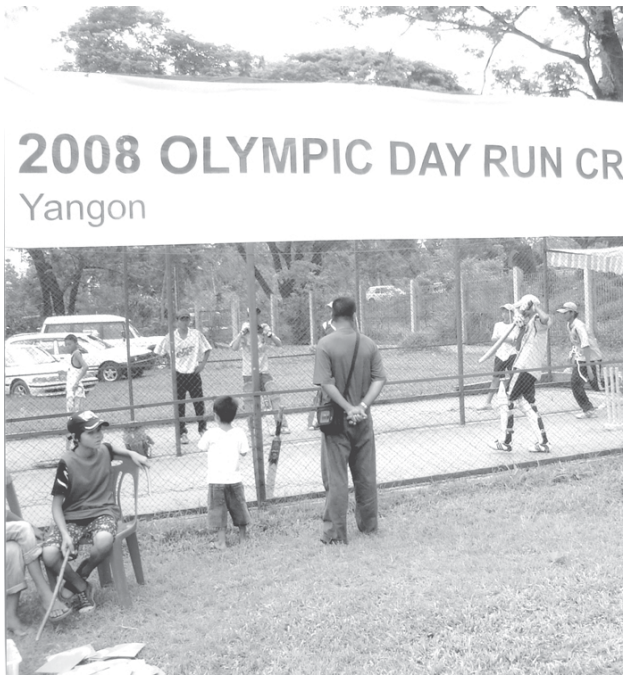
Run Cricket Movement marks Olympic Day-2008



***Selected student team (A) plays against selected student team (B).*—MCF**

YANGON, 26 June —Myanmar Cricket Federation organized a 2008 Olympic Day run cricket movement at Bahan Cricket Grounds here on 22 June.

In the men's team event, selected student team (A) stood first followed by selected student team (B) runner-up.

In the women's group event, the (A) group got first and the (B) group, second.

President of MCF U Nyunt Win presented prizes to the winners.

MNA

Croatia company starts oil exploration in Iran

TEHERAN, 26 June — The Croatian state-owned INA oil and gas company has begun exploration activities in an oil block in northwestern Iran, Iran's English-language Press TV reported on Monday.

"The Croatian firm started work in the Moghan-2 Block on 21 June," Hossein Roshandel, director for exploration affairs of Iran's National Iranian Oil Company was quoted as saying.

The Croatian company signed a deal with NIOC on 9 April to carry out exploration in the 3,230-square-kilometre area, Roshandel said, adding that the 142-million-dollar project aims to discover new hydrocarbon reserves in the block located in the Caspian region near Iran's border with Azerbaijan.

The company which must drill an exploration well and appraise the seismological data of the block within a span of four to five years, will be in charge of exploration and development activities in the block for a 25-year period in case of a commercial discovery, he said.

In the 1960s, four exploration wells were drilled in the area, two of which contained signifi-cant amounts of oil.

INA currently conducts exploration and drilling projects in Croatia, Angola, Egypt and Syria.

MNA/Xinhua

***An aerial view shows the damage of national highway near Balasore, about 220 km (139 miles) west from the eastern Indian city of Kolkata, in this 22 June, 2008 picture.—*INTERNET**

Refugees who fled the conflict in Sudan's western Darfur region carry water at Djabal camp near Gos Beida in eastern Chad on 20 June, 2008. Friday marks UN World Refugee Day.

INTERNET

Obama criticizes McCain's nuclear power plan

LAS VEGAS, 26 June — US presidential candidate Barack Obama on Tuesday criticized his rival John McCain's proposal to encourage the building of 45 new nuclear reactors by 2030.

Obama, a Democrat, said the Republican candidate lacked a plan for storage of the waste. It was among several energy-strategy ideas that Obama said were "not serious energy policies".

Obama was speaking in Nevada, a state where proposals to build a nuclear waste disposal site at Yucca Mountain have generated strong opposition.

He also took aim at McCain's plan to allow more offshore US oil drilling.

"It doesn't make sense for America," Obama said.

"In fact, it makes about as much sense as his proposal to build 45 new nuclear reactors without a plan to store the waste some place other than right here at Yucca Mountain," the Illinois Senator said.

MNA/Reuters

Lebanese troops deploy in north to stop clashes

TRIPOLI (Lebanon), 26 June— Lebanese troops deployed in Lebanon's second largest city on Monday to try to end two days of sectarian fighting that has killed at least nine people and dented a deal to end the country's political crisis. Witnesses said soldiers and policemen in armoured troop carriers entered the outskirts of the northern city of Tripoli, scene of fighting between Sunni Muslim Government supporters and Alawite gunmen close to the Hizbollah-led opposition.

The clashes subsided as the forces deployed on the frontline between the Sunni Bab Tibbaneh area and Alawite Jabal Mohsen.

The Army said in a statement it would start implementing measures to restore calm and warned that it would use force if necessary to end the bloodshed.

MNA/Reuters

***A Sunni fighter responds to a source of fire during clashes in Bab al-Tebbaneh neighbourhood in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli. Army and police moved into areas of north Lebanon on Monday where two days of fierce sectarian battles killed eight people, threatening to derail an accord to end the country's political crisis.—*INTERNET**

Brazilian former first lady Ruth Cardoso dies

SAO PAULO, 26 June — The wife of Brazil's former president, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, died at their Sao Paulo home on Tuesday, after being released from a hospital where she had been treated for chest pains, Brazilian TV reported.

Ruth Cardoso, 77, an anthropology professor and author, helped found the Communidade Solidaria which brings Brazil's government together with entrepreneurs and private groups to fight poverty in a country marked by great inequality.

MNA/Xinhua

Australian population sees fastest rise since 1988

CANBERRA, 26 June— The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) said on Tuesday that a mini baby boom and high immigration had seen Australia record its fastest population increase in two decades.

In 2007, the population grew by 1.6 per cent, or 331,900 people, pushing past the 21 million mark. It was the most rapid rise since 1988, the statistics showed.

The Australian National University's head demographer, Professor Peter Macdonald, said the baby bonus introduced by the previous government had helped achieve the increase, but not directly because of the financial incentive.

He said the increase in babies born in 2007 was also due to timing, with more women having waited until their 40s to have children. Despite increases in the cost of living, Professor Macdonald said he was confident the birthrate would stay at 1.9 or above.

While natural increase accounted for 44 per cent of overall population growth in 2007, the remaining 56 per cent came from increased immigration.

MNA/Xinhua

Pilots in India often fail alcohol tests

NEW DELHI, 26 June — Around 50 pilots each year in India are being grounded because they had consumed alcohol before taking a flight, the country's civil aviation authorities said on Tuesday.

The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), a body controlling airline operations in India, said dozens of pilots are found to have consumed alcohol during routine pre-medical tests every year.

India is one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world with dozens of new airlines competing with each other everyday, often resulting in pilots forced to fly at short notices.

MNA/Reuters

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70 (I) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township
Yangon, Myanmar (Tel: (95) 1-514194 to 7/ Fax: (95) 1 514208/ Email: miccl@miccl.com.mm)

Six killed in road accident in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 June—Six people were killed on Tuesday in a traffic accident involving six vehicles in Sao Goncalo do Rio Abaixo, Minas Gerais state, in southeastern Brazil.

One car was split into two in the accident. Witnesses said a Fiat Palio was hit by a truck loaded with corn from the opposite direction, and the car then collided with three other trucks and another car. The truck fell into a ravine, and its driver, the 62-year-old Joilde Jose de Souza, was trapped in the truck and died. The drivers and passengers of the car also died on the spot.

MNA/Xinhua

EC provides funds to WFP's food programme in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, 26 June—The European Commission (EC), the executive arm of the Euro-pean Union (EU), on Tuesday announced six million euros (9 million US dollars) in support to WFP's supplementary food programme in Ethiopia.

The aim is to rehabilitate moderate and acutely malnourished children under 5 as well as pregnant and lactating women in food insecure villages and to enhance basic knowledge on nutrition- related issues for mothers in targeted communities, the commission said in a statement.

Since 2005, the commission has provided humanitarian aid to vulnerable people in Ethiopia for a total of 14.5 million euros (21.75 million dollars). In addition, 15 million euros (22.5 million dollars) have been allocated for food aid in 2007. Moreover, Ethiopia is also one of the seven countries which benefit from 10 million euros (15 million dollars) in humanitarian aid to improve drought preparedness in the horn of Africa, said the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Niger rebels say air raids threaten French hostages

NIAMEY, 26 June—Tuareg-led rebels in Niger accused the government on Tuesday of trying to bombard their bases and endangering the lives of four French uranium workers they took hostage at the weekend.

Niger Justice Movement (MNJ) rebels kidnapped the employees of French state-controlled nuclear group Areva at Arlit in the north of the West African country on Sunday. "Early this morning, for the first time in 17 months, the army used the combat helicopters it recently bought to try to bombard our bases," the MNJ said in a statement, published on the rebels' website http://m-n-j.blogspot.com/. —*MNA/Reuters*

A mini metro train runs inside the new Red Star Macalline mall on Shanghai's Zhenbei Road.
INTERNET

In this image released by the Mexico City District Attorney's office, police are seen blocking the exit of the News Divine nightclub in Mexico City, on 20 June, 2008. Nine club patrons and three police officers died in the raid that sparked a stampede.—INTERNET

17 Mexican police officers fired for nightclub tragedy

MEXICO CITY, 26 June—Seventeen high-ranking police officers have been dismissed for being responsible for 12 deaths in a Mexico City nightclub raid, municipal police said on Tuesday.

The officers were fired due to their "technical and operational" mistakes during the raid on some 800 teenagers in a nightclub on 20 June, said the department's internal affairs chief, Alberto Peralta.

"Proper action was not taken," which caused the death by suffocation of nine youngsters and three policemen, he said.

Peralta showed the media photographs in which police could be seen impeding the exit of the youngsters from the nightclub, thus causing their deaths.

He said the general prosecutor of Mexico City will continue its investigation into the incident.

The police raid was conducted to verify reports of underage drinking and drug usage in the Mexico City nightclub, leading to a stampede as people attempted to flee.

Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard expressed outrage the next day that youths as young as 13 were among the dozen people killed in the nightclub stampede, and called for the suspension of the officials involved in the raid. President Felipe Calderon has expressed condolences to the victims' families and said he would follow the investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

Drive with care

UN chief to focus on global food crisis at G-8 summit

UNITED NATIONS, 26 June—UN Secretary-General Ban Kimoon said Tuesday that he will focus his attention on raising the issue of food security at the G-8 summit of major industrialized nations in Japan early next month, as well as the challenges of climate change and the anti-poverty targets known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

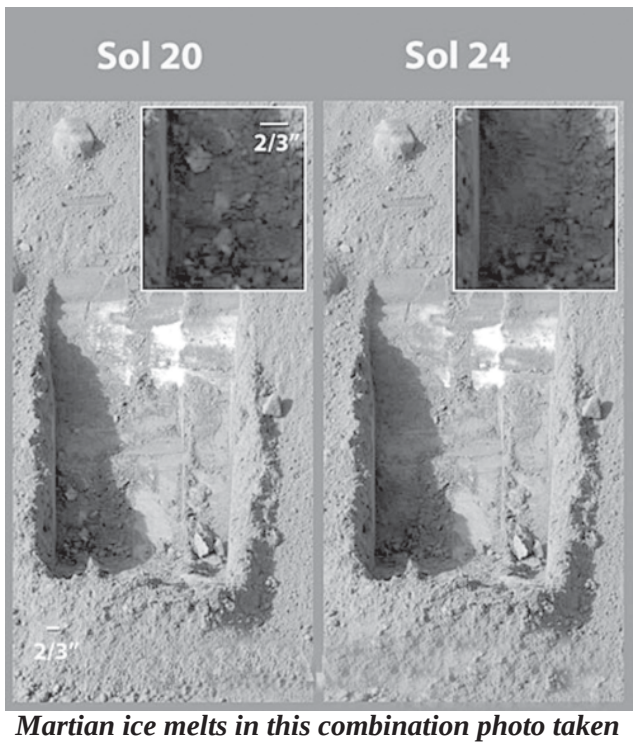
Chairing the third session of the High Level Global Task Force on the world's food crisis, Ban said the international community needed to build on the momentum generated by the High Level Conference on Food Security held in Rome earlier this month.

The Secretary-General stressed the need for the task force—which brings together the heads of key UN agencies, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank—to engage all necessary stakeholders, including states, civil society organizations and the private sector.

Upcoming meetings at the General Assembly would also be critical occasions to build on the foundations built in Rome to confront global challenges effectively and in a coherent way, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Two people observe the supercomputer Shuguang 5000A in Beijing, on 24 June, 2008. "Shuguang 5000A", with a capability of 200 trillions of computing operations per second, is signed to be installed in the Shanghai Supercomputer Centre (SSC) which specializes in super computing outsourcing services for daunting jobs such as genome mapping, quake appraisal, precise weather forecast, mining survey and huge stock exchange data. —XINHUA



Martian ice melts in this combination photo taken by NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander's Surface Stereo Imager on 15 and 18 June, 2008, in this handout image released by NASA on 20 June, 2008.
XINHUA

Pharmaceutical drug abuse increasing in India

NEW DELHI, 26 June — Pharmaceutical drug abuse is increasing in India, a trend the United Nations says will raise the risk of diseases like HIV/AIDS, the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported on Tuesday.

"Many youngsters as young as 18-20 years start using pharmaceutical drugs. Injecting drugs inside the body is very common in India," said Ashita Mittal, senior programme officer in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (South Asia).

"Injecting pharmaceutical drugs is escalating in the region. A survey by us has found that injectable drug users (IDUs) are prone to diseases like HIV/AIDS," Mittal said.

She said a fresh UNODC study with a sample size of 5,800 drug users in India has found that over 25 per cent are using pharmaceuticals like buprenorphine and 30 per cent have injected proxyphene at least once in their addiction career.

The study also found that at least 28 per cent of the drug users have injected heroin at least once in their life and 62 per cent are users of pharmaceutical drugs.

"The trend of pharmaceutical abuse is increasing as youngsters think that purchasing them from a chemist's counter is easier, less costly," Mittal said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Wen urges more science, technology achievements

BEIJING, 26 June — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has called on the country's top scientists to make more contributions to the social and economic development with more science and technology achievements.

Wen made the remark while attending a meeting Tuesday for both the 14th Congress of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Ninth Congress of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. He highlighted the importance of science and technology for the reconstruction in quake-ravaged areas when he reported the latest situation of the relief work to the attending scientists.

Scientists and experts specializing in various of disciplines and fields of research should work closely and provide more scientific evidence and consultations to decision-making, Wen said. He said after China experienced major disasters and incidents this year the social and economic development had been better than predicted due to Party and government endeavours.

However, he admitted there were still problems in the current economic situation that would challenge the economy's long-term, steady growth, adding the general level of the country's science and technology had not met the needs of the social and economic development.

Wen outlined science and technology research should make more achievements to reduce more energy consumption, safeguard agricultural production, prevent serious diseases and deal with climate change and disasters.—*MNA/Xinhua*

EU's high-tech research policy criticized

BRUSSELS, 26 June — A panel of experts has warned that the European Union (EU) needs to revamp its policy on information society research if it wants to see tangible results.

"I believe a systemic change in the EU's research policy is needed to avoid that EU research spending is not more than a mere drop in the ocean," said Esko Aho, head of the expert panel, which was tasked to evaluate the EU's information society research policy in 2003-06.

"I call on the EU member states and on the European Parliament to equip the EU with the right, flexible tools to better focus European high-tech research and to open it up to more risk and to new international partners," said Aho, who is also former Finnish prime minister.

The panel handed over its final report to Viviane Reding, EU commissioner for information society and media, on Tuesday.

The EU has invested over 4 billion euros (6.2 billion US dollars) in information society research between 2003 and 2006, complementing the 100 billion euros (155 billion dollars) invested by member states and private companies.

MNA/Xinhua

Two netizens browse online through the wireless broadband Internet access service in Beijing, on 25 June, 2008. —XINHUA

EU's new digital solutions for serving elderly people

BRUSSELS, 26 June — European Union (EU) member states on Monday agreed to develop innovative digital products and services to improve the lives of older people at home, in the workplace and in society in general.

The plan foresees smart devices for improving security at home, mobile solutions for vital sign monitoring and user friendly interfaces for those with impaired vision or hearing.

The plan, proposed by the European Commission in June 2007, had already been approved by the European Parliament in March 2008 in a first reading.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Annika Sorenstam hits off the first hole tee box during a practice round at the US Women's Open golf championship at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minnesota on 25 June, 2008.

INTERNET

Germans celebrate peacefully in Berlin after win

BERLIN, 26 June — Berlin police reported no serious trouble immediately after Germany's thrilling 3-2 Euro 2008 semi-final win over Turkey on Wednesday in a match watched by hundreds of thousands of Germans and Turks around the city.

A police spokeswoman said there had been 11 arrests for minor offences at the 'fan mile' in the centre of the city, where an estimated 500,000 people had gathered to watch the eagerly-anticipated game on three giant screens.

Minor scuffles broke out after Turkey took the lead in the first half of the match being played in Basel, Switzerland, but police quickly calmed the situation, *Reuters* Television pictures showed.

Jubilant Germans took to the streets on foot and in cars after the final whistle, waving black, red and gold flags and celebrating Germany's place in Sunday's final in Vienna against Spain or Russia, who play on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

Sharapova dons white tuxedo top for Wimbledon

LONDON, 26 June — First came Serena's raincoat and Roger's cardigan. On Tuesday it was time for Maria Sharapova's white tuxedo and shorts as she upped the fashion stakes at the world's most famous tournament.

The 21-year-old Russian said she wanted to do something classy for Wimbledon so she decided to step up a gear in the tennis fashion parade when appearing on court for the first time in 2008.

"It's the tuxedo look. I was very inspired by menswear this year and every time at Wimbledon I want to do something classy and elegant," she said after seeing off French qualifier Stephanie Foretz 6-1, 6-4.

"This year I said why don't we do shorts and I have never worn shorts before at a grand slam.

MNA/Reuters

Late Turkey goal but Germany reach final

BASEL, 26 June — Germany beat Turkey 3-2 in another Euro 2008 thriller on Wednesday to line up a final on Sunday against either Russia or Spain and end their opponents' roller-coaster ride through the tournament.

Turkey, who saved themselves with late goals in three previous matches, appeared to have repeated the feat when Semih Senturk equalized to make it 2-2 in the 86th minute and seemingly force extra time.

But Germany, who had been second best for most of the match against a side ravaged by suspensions and injury, took a leaf out of Turkey's book and came back themselves in the final minute of normal time to snatch victory at St Jakob Park.

Defender Philipp Lahm, who had failed to stop the cross that led to Turkey's equalizer, emerged as the match-winner after playing a one-two with Thomas Hitzlsperger and lashing the ball high into the net past goalkeeper Rustu Recber. —*MNA/Reuters*

Russia's Marat Safin celebrates after defeating his Serbian opponent Novak Djokovic during his 2008 Wimbledon championships tennis match in southwest London. Safin won 6-4 ,7-6, 6-2.—INTERNET

Loew says Germany lucky to reach final

BASEL, 26 June — Germany coach Joachim Loew said his side were lucky to book a place in the Euro 2008 final with their last-gasp 3-2 semifinal win against Turkey on Wednesday.

"Turkey were very strong technically and there were sections of the game when we couldn't get a grip," Loew said after watching his team fight back from conceding an early goal before securing victory with a 90th-minute Philipp Lahm goal.

"We saw how Turkey had come back three times at this tournament to turn games completely on their head, so we knew what was coming. In the last few minutes we were trembling but we were lucky enough to score in the 90th minute.

"We were pretty convinced then that they wouldn't be able to come back for a fourth match."

Loew said he had considered bringing on a second striker and reducing his five-man midfield in an atttempt to reverse Turkey's early domination.

"Turkey were combining excellently in midfield, though, so I thought it was the right choice to stick with one forward and not sacrifice our strength in midfield," the coach added.

Germany will now face the winners of Thursday's second semifinal between Spain and Russia in Vienna. "We've got a winner's mentality and want to win the title," said Loew. "There's a lot of joy and happiness tonight.

"Tomorrow we've got to start getting ready for the final. We've got to do a lot better. "We've had some great matches in this tournament, one or two that weren't so good, but we've made it into the final.

MNA/Reuters

(26 June 2008)

SEMI-FINAL

Russia 0 - 3 Spain

Russia's goalie Igor Akinfeev, second right, saves a ball from Spain's Fernando Torres, third left, during the semifinal match between Russia and Spain in Vienna, Austria, on 26 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Spain's Daniel Guiza, center, scores his side's 2nd goal past Russia's Igor Akinfeev, left, during the semifinal match between Russia and Spain in Vienna, Austria, on 26 June, 2008. Right is Russia's Sergei Ignashevich.

INTERNET

Becker ousts fourth seed Davydenko

LONDON, 26 June— Germany's Benjamin Becker caused the biggest upset at Wimbledon so far on Tuesday by knocking out fourth-seeded Russian Nikolay Davydenko 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Davydenko has never shown any liking for grass and has lost in the first round in five of his last seven appearances. In a match dominated by baseline play it was Becker's greater accuracy that was the difference and while Davydenko toiled diligently, he could not find the shots to counter Becker's power.

"Losing my serve in first, second and the third sets... it doesn't matter against who I play, I need to play well. I need to have my serve going well and the return also needs to be as good as possible but today my return was really bad," Davydenko said.

Becker, who will next play the winner of the match between Swedish veteran Jonas Bjorkman and Arnaud Clement of France, was happy with his achievement.

MNA/Reuters

Five killed in powerful storm in W Ukraine

KIEV, 26 June— A powerful storm swept through western Ukraine, killing five people and injuring dozens, the *Interfax-Ukraine* news agency reported Tuesday.

The storm hit the western Lviv region on Monday afternoon, five persons were killed in separate incidents, local emergency officials said, adding that seven people are currently in hospital and 35 were treated for injuries as a result of the storm.

More than 900 towns and villages were still without electricity after gusts exceeding 120 kilometres an hour tore down power lines.

Lightning sparked four fires, and "the majority of the city's roofs were damaged to some extent by the storm," according to *Interfax-Ukraine.*

Ukraine's authorities said they were scrambling to clean up the city, restore power supply and provide aid to victims.

MNA/Xinhua

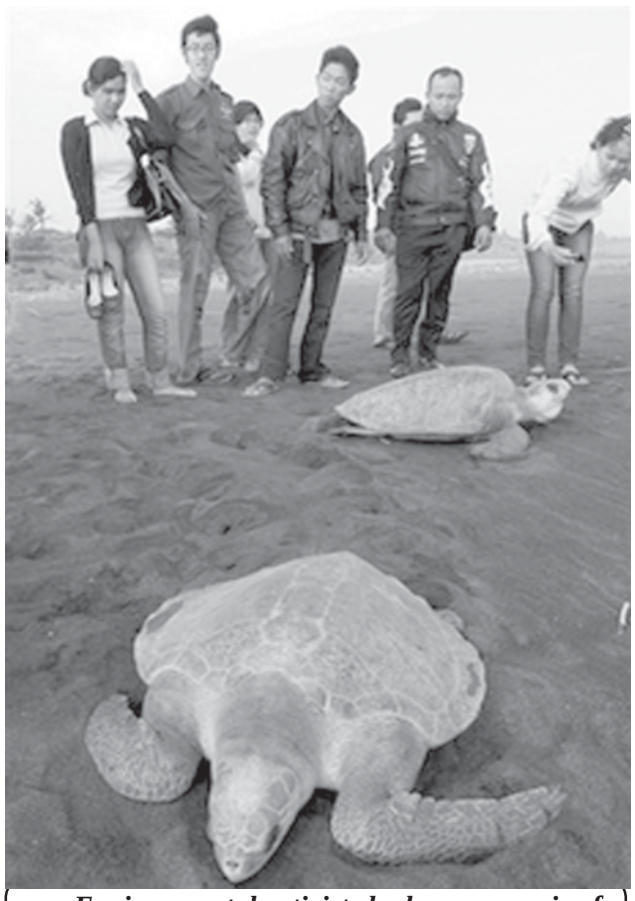
British soldier killed in southern Afghanistan

LONDON, 26 June— A British solider has been killed by an explosion while checking for mines in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence said on Wednesday.

The soldier, from the 4th Battalion of the Parachute Regiment, was thrown from his vehicle by an explosion on Tuesday in the Upper Sangin valley, a region in the south of the country that is the focus of intense fighting.

"He was killed by a suspected IED (improvised explosive device) explosion," the ministry said in a statement. "No one else was injured in the incident."

Another British soldier was killed in the same area of the country, also on Tuesday, during a firefight with the Taleban. — *MNA/Reuters*



Environmental activists look on as a pair of Olive Ridley turtles make their way to the ocean upon their release at Trisik beach in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 23 June, 2008. The turtles were released by the activists after they were caught by fishermen on the previous day.

INTERNET

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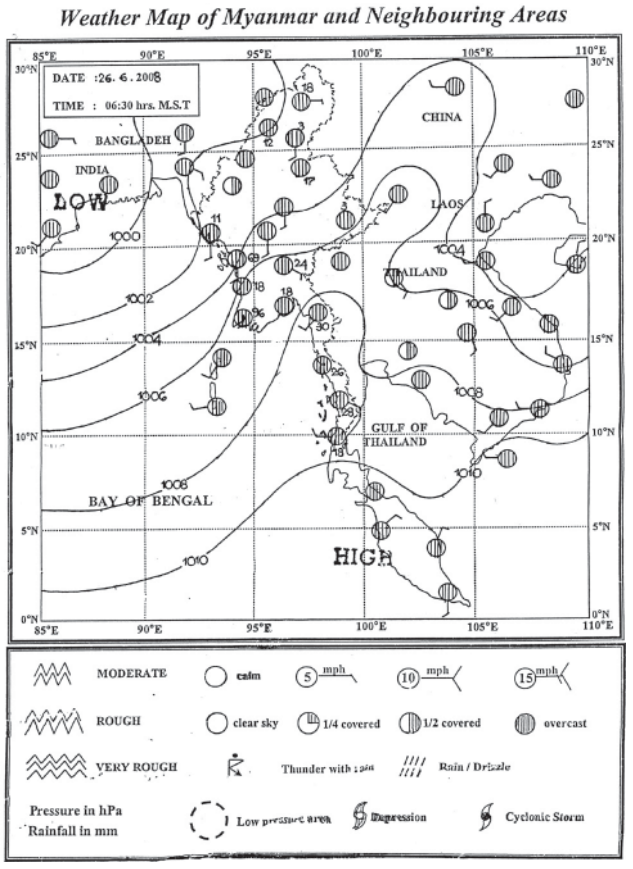

WEATHER

Thursday, 26 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan State, Magway and upper Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Ye (4.68) inches, Kyaukpyu (3.27) inches, Myeik (3.07) inches, Hpa-an (2.44) inches, Nyaunglebin (2.40) inches, Thaton (1.97) inches, Dawei (1.73) inches, Yangon (Central) (1.65) inches, Mawlamyine (1.41) inches and Hkamti (1.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-6-2008 was 92ºF. Minimum temperature on 26-6-2008 was 70ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-6-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 25-6-2008 was (5.2) hour (approx).

Rainfall on 26-6-2008 was (0.83) inch at Mingaladon, (0.71) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.65) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (38.90) inches at Mingaladon, (48.03)inches at Kaba-Aye and (59.76) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 25-6-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27-6-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. 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: Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-6-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-6-2008: Partly cloudy.

TV Myanmar

Friday, 27 June
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
7:55 am
5. Song of yesteryears
8:10 am
6. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
8:30 am
7. International news
8:40 am
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:50 am
9. Musical programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:20 pm
2. Musical programme
4:30 pm
3. Dance of national races
4:40 pm
4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:50 pm
5. Song to uphold National Spirit
5:00 pm
6. "လာအတူသွားကြစို့" (ဝင်းထွဋ်အောင်၊ ထိုက်ထိုက်သင်း၊ ကျော်သက်လင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–စိန်သန်းဦး)
5:15 pm
7. Musical programme
5:25 pm
8. "ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါးတို့မစား" (ဇရာ၊ခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊မေပိုးအိ၊ ညိုညိုစိမ့်၊မြသက်ထား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ရဲဝင်းနီ)
5:35 pm
9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
5:45 pm
10. မြန်မာမလေးတွေ မြန်မာလိုလှစေချင်
6:00 pm
11. Evening news
6:30 pm
12. Weather report
6:35 pm
13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဥဏှ်ရင်
7:05 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကော်ဖီချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း–၈)
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား" (အပိုင်း–၆)

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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**

Social, health services inspected in Labutta, Myaungmya Tsps

YANGON, 26 June — President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe met with local authorities in Labbuta Township on 20 June.

He gave an account of MRCS's participation in relief and reconstruction tasks.

He also inspected operation of the water purifier equipped by MRCS at Yadanadipa Sport Ground in the township and work activities. Afterwards, he presented provisions, relief items, T-shirts, rubber boots, and Singaporean RCS-donated RC rain coats to 42 Red Cross volunteers.

The professor next inspected distribution of relief supplies provided by MRCS on the precinct of Aung Taw Mu Pagoda before encouraging Red Cross members who were carrying out relief tasks.

Likewise, he presented provisions for 82 Red Cross members through officials concerned in Myaungmya Township.—*MNA*

Dr Tha Hla Shwe, President of MRCS, presents cash assistance and relief aids to Red Cross members of Labutta Township. — MRCS