

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

Navy-built fiber boats to replace damaged fishing boats



Lt-Gen Myint Swe views fiber boats innovated by the CNED to be used in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.—MNA

YANGON, 29 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence yesterday evening viewed fiber boats to be used as a replacement of fishing boats destroyed in the storm in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe arrived at Central Naval Engineering Depot in Thanlyetsoon, here at 3 pm. They inspected new types of fiber boats innovated by the CNED to be substituted with damaged fishing boats in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.

Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein and Commandant of CNED Cmdr Thant Sin Lay reported on matters related to the new boats.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe oversaw raw materials used in building the boats.

After giving necessary instructions, they left the CNED later in the evening.

Work is well under way to improve the fiber boats in accord with the requirements and suggestions of the users.

MNA

Medical teams of house surgeons leave for storm-hit townships in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divs

YANGON, 29 June—Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Health, two medical teams comprising house surgeons left here for storm-hit regions in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions this morning.

Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha and officials greeted them and provided them with medicines and medical equipment.

The team comprising 59 house surgeons of University of Medicine-1 (Yangon) led by four super-

visors went to Kyauktan, Twantay, Kawhmu and Kungyangon townships in Yangon Division and the team comprising 40 house surgeons of University of Medicine-2 (Yangon) along with their four supervisors went to Myaungmya, Kyaiklat, Maubin and Wakhema townships in Ayeyawady Division. They will perform diseases control, medical treatment and health education task in respective townships till 12 July.—MNA

Paddy seeds transported to Mawlamyinegyun

YANGON, 29 June—Relief supplies are being continuously transported to storm-hit villages of Mawlamyinegyun Township.

A total of 1,000 baskets of paddy seeds were transported to Mawlamyinegyun Township to distribute them to villages of Myattha villag-tract by Than Win Shwe vessel on 28 June.—MNA

Weather Forecast for 30-6-2008

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area
One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring area
Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area
One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 30 June, 2008

Soonest completion of house construction calls for public cooperation

After the cyclone that hit Myanmar in early May causing a great loss of lives and property, the State hand in hand with public wellwishers and national entrepreneurs had been able to carry out relief and resettlement tasks successfully in a short time.

So, it is necessary to build durable houses for the homeless storm survivors and help them regenerate their livelihoods.

With the assistance of the State, national entrepreneurs are building houses in the hardest hit regions. In doing so, plans are under way to build durable houses measuring 16 ft x 20 ft with post shoes, zinc roofing and wood.

As the task of rehabilitation in the country is very challenging, only through the participation of the State, public wellwishers and timber and construction entrepreneurs, can those houses be built most speedily.

As the first phase, more than 6,000 houses will be built and the State will distribute construction materials at a reasonable price so that the public donors can make generous contributions.

Nation-building tasks including relief work have met with success due to the consolidated cooperation of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

The rehabilitation work is being done on lists of priorities. So, with the goodwill effort and cooperation of the State, public wellwishers and national entrepreneurs, the construction of durable houses will be completed in a short time and socio-economy of the local people will improve.



MMPE Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint presents prize to a staff.—MNA

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

Information Minister attends prize presentation ceremony to mark 38th Anniversary of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise

YANGON, 29 June— The prize presentation ceremony to mark the 38th Anniversary of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information was held in conjunction with providing stipends to offspring of the staff at the Feature Film (Studio) of MMPE (Head Office) in Bahan Township here this morning with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information and officials, CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, chairmen of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon and officials, members of Panel of Judges of Myanma Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutinizing Board, Motion Picture and Video Censor Boards, departmental officials and staff of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise.

In his address, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the MMPE together with four main work groups is striving for development of video field, adding that the Myanmar movie standard promotion committee is seeking means and ways for development of both films and actors. The MMPE in judging the academy awards was able to make right decisions in line with the set rules and regulations, he said.

The task of Video Censor Board is being carried out daily as it is huge and extensive. The Video Censor Board is to carry out tasks in accord with rules and regulations as well as the set standards in promoting the standard of Myanmar video features. And the Motion Picture Censor Board is to follow suit, he said.

The task of Video Supervisory Committee is enormous as it covers not only the states and divisions but also townships and villages. This being so, it is required to supervise the tasks in line with rules and regulations as well as in the framework of law. Only then, will it gain taxes properly for the State and the department.

In that regard, the Central Supervisory Committee needs to make a field trip right down to supervisory committees at different levels in order to constantly keep in touch with them so that tasks can be carried out effectively, he disclosed.

It is found that artists, producers, actors and mechanical technicians actively participated in the successful realization of the seven-step Road Map and the national referendum for approval of the draft constitution by doing their bit, he said.

At present, the entire people have been able to unanimously approve the draft constitution. Moreover, those from the movie and video world contributed their services in reconstruction of storm-hit regions and were able to win the hearts of international donors who made donations to storm victims.



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents award to a staff.—MNA

In striving for development of the movie and video world, efforts are to be made for promoting the standard of acting, the quality of machines used in the film production and the status of cinematography, only then, Myanmar films of high quality will be able to penetrate the film market of other nations, he said. And he stressed the need for those from the movie world to try their utmost making better use of mechanical assistance provided by the State.

Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented prize to a staff who was awarded Excellent Performance in Administrative Field (Third Class) for 2007 and nine personnel who were awarded Good Public Service Medal.

Next, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise presented cash assistance and exercise books for school children of the personnel through Director (Admin) U Thein Tun Aung, staff uniforms to Deputy Director U Khin Maung Kyaw and rewards to deputy supervisors (Maintenance) U Hla Kyaw and U Mya Than who made efforts to save foreign exchange.

Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relations Department presented first, second and third prizes to officials of video censor board, upper Myanmar Branch and branches of feature film, which earned more income in fiscal year 2007-08.

Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise gave prizes to officials of Hpa-an branch, Kengtung branch and Sittway branch.

Next, those present and personnel of MMPE were presented gifts, and lucky draw winners were announced.

MNA

Israel reopens Gaza border, Hamas looks to truce

JERUSALEM, 29 June — Israel reopened at least three of its border crossings with the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Sunday after a halt to Palestinian cross-border attacks that had strained an Egyptian-brokered truce, officials said.

An Israeli military spokesman said Sufa commercial crossing, the Nahal Oz fuel transfer depot and the Erez border terminal for travellers resumed operations at 8 am (1 am EDT), with some restrictions still in force.

Peter Lerner, a liaison official with Israel's Defence Ministry, said earlier that another commercial crossing, Karni, would also be reopened, but this could not immediately be confirmed.

Israel closed the crossings on Wednesday after an Islamic Jihad rocket attack which the Palestinian faction called retaliation for the killing of one of its West Bank leaders. The truce, which came into effect on 19 June, calls for Hamas to stop cross-border rocket fire and for Israel to gradually ease its embargo on Gaza. It does not apply to the West Bank.

Hamas called last week for smaller Palestinian factions to abide by the ceasefire and said it would take "necessary measures" against violators.

Israel on Friday allowed fuel to reach Gaza's sole power station through Nahal Oz.—*Internet*



Trucks carrying food supplies wait to cross into the Gaza Strip through the Sufa border crossing on 19 June, 2008. Israel will reopen its border crossings with the Gaza Strip on Sunday because there has been a halt to Palestinian cross-border attacks that had strained an Egyptian-brokered truce, officials said.—INTERNET



South Korean activists hold placards during an anti-US rally outside the Foreign Ministry in Seoul while US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrives at the ministry. Rice urged South Koreans Saturday to trust official assurances that US beef is safe, following weeks of sometimes violent protests against the resumption of imports.—INTERNET

Police defuse crude bomb in southern Philippines

MANILA, 29 June — Philippine police detonated on Sunday a crude bomb planted near a petrol station on the troubled southern island of Mindanao, where Muslim guerrillas have been attacking army positions.

The deputy police chief of Midsayap town in Cotabato province blamed members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the country's main Muslim rebel group, for the bomb.

The explosive was found inside a shoebox and was meant to be detonated by mobile phone.

"We're lucky because we got to the bomb before it could cause death and destruction," said Lucas Dicapay.—*Internet*

Truck bomb kills 7 people north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 June—A truck bomb detonated by remote control north of Baghdad killed six policemen and a member of a local group of Sunni volunteers who have turned against the insurgents, police said.

The truck was parked along the side of a road in Duluiyah, some 45 miles north of Baghdad, and exploded as police entered the vehicle to search it, said police Col Mohammed Khalid.

In other violence, gunmen killed the head of Basra's intelligence department Saturday night in a drive-by shooting in eastern Baghdad, local police said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. In separate violence near Baqouba, mortars killed two women and a child on Sunday 40 miles north of the city in al-Udaim, said the Iraqi military.

Internet

43 killed in fresh Sri Lanka fighting: ministry

COLOMBO, 29 June — At least 41 Tamil Tiger rebels and two government soldiers have been killed in fresh fighting in Sri Lanka's embattled north, the defence ministry said Sunday.

Troops shot dead 20 guerrillas in the district of Vavuniya on Saturday

while 14 were killed in neighbouring Weli Oya region, the ministry said, adding that another seven Tigers were killed in the coastal district of Mannar.

The ministry said 33 members of the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were also

wounded in Saturday's clashes with security forces. Two soldiers were killed and seven more wounded in the fighting, the ministry said.

There was no immediate word from the Tigers on the latest violence.

Internet

Pakistan launches strike at Taliban hideouts

KHYBER AGENCY (Pakistan), 29 June — Pakistan's newly elected government launched the first major assault against militants in the country's volatile northwest on Saturday, destroying a militant leader's headquarters and shelling suspected hideouts of other fighters.

The offensive in the Khyber tribal region appeared to mark a refinement in strategy by

the new government, backing its calls for peace deals in the tribal areas along the Afghan border with the threat of forceful action against militants who get out of line.

The United States said such deals were giving militants the freedom to regroup for attacks on US and NATO forces in Afghanistan. With growing militant threats to the nearby Pakistani city of Peshawar —and to the

key Khyber supply route for US forces in Afghanistan— Pakistan took action.

Late Friday, 700 troops from the paramilitary Frontier Corps moved into Kyber in preparation for the offensive, a round-the-clock curfew was imposed in the Bara area, and heavy contingents of troops blocked the main road from Peshawar into Kyber, local officials said.

Internet



Rescue workers inspect the site of a helicopter crash in which Guatemala's Interior Minister Vinicio Gomez and Deputy Interior Minister Edgar Umana were killed, in Pacayal, Guatemala, on 28 June, 2008. Gomez and Umana died together with the pilot and co-pilot when the helicopter they were in crashed on Friday in bad weather north of the Guatemalan capital, officials said.—INTERNET

Iranian MP protests against Britain’s “illegal act”

TEHERAN, 29 June — An Iranian parliament member (MP) on Saturday protested against Britain’s “illegal act”, saying Iran will give necessary responses.

“Britain’s move on imposing further sanctions against Iran beyond the UN Security Council resolutions is an illegal act against the Iranian nation,” head of the National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of the Iranian Parliament

Alaeddin Boroujerdi said in a meeting with British Ambassador to Teheran Geoffrey Adams.

He said Iran will give necessary responses to unfriendly and illegal actions, Iran’s English-language Press TV reported. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown had earlier said that Britain would take action to freeze the assets of the Iranian biggest bank, the Melli bank, in Britain and would start a new phase of

sanctions on Iran’s oil and gas accordingly.

Boroujerdi pointed out that “Iran is ready to hold serious talks aimed at reaching an understanding in line with international regulations”. The MP also strongly protested against British lawmakers’ recent decision to remove the People’s Mujahedin Organization of Iran (MKO) from its list of terrorist groups following a court decision.

MNA/Xinhua



A file photo of Israel’s top secret Dimona nuclear facility, which is located in the Negev desert, in southern Israel. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty celebrates its 40th birthday this week.—INTERNET



Chilean fishermen with torches walk next to a figure of San Pedro during an annual celebration and pilgrimage in Valparaíso city, about 75 miles (120 km) northwest of Santiago on 28 June, 2008. Thousands of devotees of San Pedro, the saint of fishermen, took part in the celebrations in multi-coloured caravans in the streets of Valparaíso.—INTERNET

Schwarzenegger wants Bush to declare emergency for Calif

LOS ANGELES, 29 June — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Friday urged President George W Bush to make a federal emergency declaration to help Californians cope with unprecedented wildfires.

In a letter to Bush, Schwarzenegger said such a declaration is necessary as California is reeling under more than 1,000 fires which have burned 265,000 acres (about 107,325 hectares) of land.

California “is requesting direct federal assistance, debris removal and emergency protective measures, including air and ground firefighting resources, evacuation operations and sheltering of displaced people and

animals” for the affected counties. “I request that you expeditiously declare an emergency for the State of California as a result of wildfires, exacerbated by drought conditions, high winds and lightning strikes beginning on or about 22 May, 2008 and continuing throughout Northern California,” said the governor.

“I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and affected local governments, and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary to save lives, protect property, public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster.” —MNA/Xinhua

Somali gunmen kidnap 2 UN workers

MOGADISHU, 29 June — Somali gunmen kidnapped two United Nations workers from Sweden and Denmark in the Bakool region of southern Somalia on Saturday, a UN source said, and local residents said a translator had been abducted as well.

Earlier reports had said two men had been kidnapped. “One was Danish, Noefolk Nelson, and the other Swedish, Ulf Felink,” a UN Department of Security and Safety worker who asked not to be named told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters



Afghan Niurkhan, 11, stands next to his tent in Afshar refugee camp in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 28 June, 2008. Niurkhan who lost his parents two months ago during fighting between coalition forces and Taliban militants fled his village in Helmand province to seek shelter in the refugee camp in southern Kabul. Thousands of Afghans have been displaced by the fighting in the last months.—INTERNET

Obama to visit Middle East, Europe this summer

WASHINGTON, 29 June — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, looking to bolster his expertise in foreign policy, will travel to Europe and the Middle East to consult on issues like terrorism and nuclear proliferation, his campaign said on Saturday.

The trip to France, Germany, Great Britain, Jordan and Israel will take place before the Democratic convention in late August, when Obama

will be nominated to face Republican John McCain in November’s presidential election. Obama also plans to visit Iraq and Afghanistan this summer as part of a congressional delegation, but the campaign would not confirm those visits would be part of the same trip

and would not give the exact dates of any foreign trips.

Obama, a first-term Senator from Illinois, will meet with foreign leaders in an effort to build up his foreign policy credentials after attacks on the issue from rival McCain.

MNA/Reuters

Hamas slams factions for firing rockets into Israel

GAZA, 29 June — A senior Hamas leader on Saturday slammed two Palestinian factions for violating an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire and launching rockets into Israel. Since the six-month ceasefire took effect on 19 June, three rocket attacks took place by Islamic Jihad and a group affiliated with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah movement.

Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas leader who par-

ticipated in the ceasefire talks, said his movement held a meeting with the other Palestinian parties to urge them to commit to the lull which aims to end the Israeli economic sanctions on the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

“We agreed with the Islamic Jihad that anyone violates the ceasefire would be arrested and disarmed even if he is from Hamas”, Zahar told reporters in Gaza.

MNA/Xinhua

China, Cambodia hold exhibition on Eco, trade coop

PHNOM PENH, 29 June — China and Cambodia jointly launched here Friday an exhibition on the achievements of economic and trade cooperation between the two countries.

The exhibition, Exhibition of Economic and Trade Cooperation Achievements in Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of China-Cambodia Diplomatic Ties, which will last for

three days.

Co-organized by the Chinese Embassy in Cambodia, the Cambodian Ministry of Commerce and the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC), this exhibition will show the economic and trade cooperation achievements between China and Cambodia at both governmental and non-governmental levels, Cambodian Commerce Minister Cham Prasidh

said at the opening ceremony of the exhibition.

The Chinese Government and people have provided a lot of aids and preferential loans to Cambodia for its economic and social developments, especially for its infrastructure construction, said Hor Nam Hong, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

MNA/Xinhua



Singapore Airlines has taken delivery of its fifth Airbus A380 superjumbo which will be used for its Singapore-London service starting on 16 July, the carrier said.—INTERNET

Survey says consumer confidence sinking in Asia-Pacific

SINGAPORE, 29 June — Consumer confidence in several Asia-Pacific countries and regions has fallen to levels similar to those seen during a regional financial crisis 10 years ago, a MasterCard survey said on Thursday.

The six-monthly survey of 13 markets in the region found six are as pessimistic or even marginally more so than they were during the last financial crisis between 1997-98. These countries are South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines and Thailand, said the survey.

The MasterCard Index of Consumer Confidence measures consumer confidence on a scale from zero to 100, with 100 being

most optimistic.

The MasterCard Index of Consumer Confidence measures consumer confidence on prevailing expectation in the market for the next six months, based upon a scale from zero to 100, with 100 being most optimistic.

The Index measures consumers' outlook toward employment, the economy, regular income, stock market and quality of life.

The survey said Indonesia and Japan were above their crisis average but had low sentiments on the six months ahead. Indonesia was at 36.7 on the scale and Japan at 29.90.

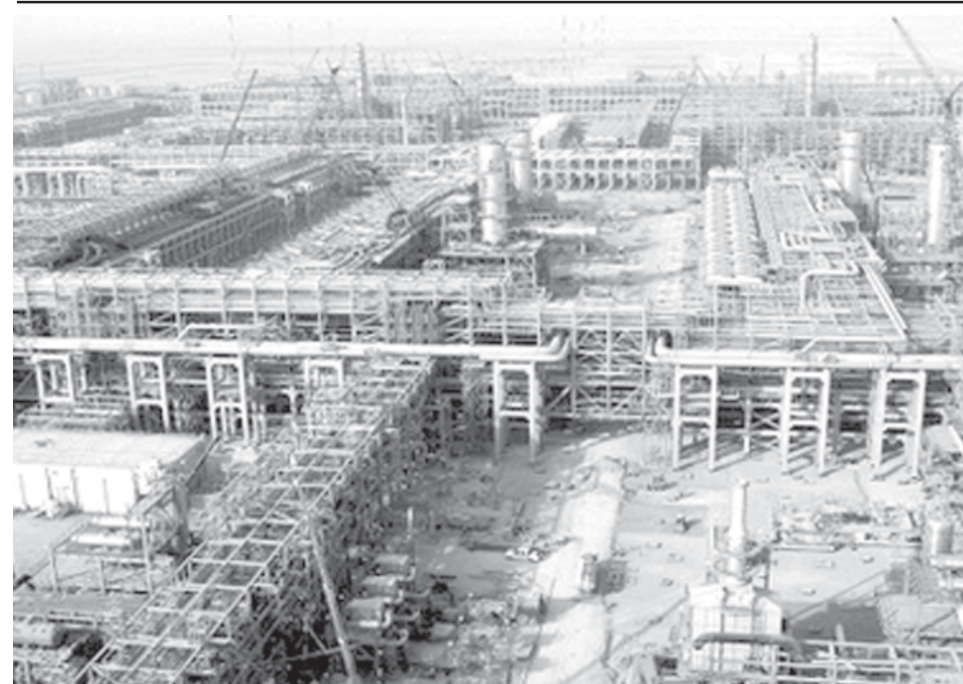
Overall, consumers in

the region are only slightly optimistic about the second half year, with a score of 56.0, down from 69.3 reported six months ago.

“The decline in optimism can be attributed to the continuing global credit crunch and associated volatility in financial markets, rising inflation, mounting food and fuel prices, and slower economic growth in many of the markets surveyed,” said the survey.

With a score of 87.3, Singapore finds itself the most optimistic, followed by Vietnam, Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland and China's Taiwan, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



The al-Khuraib oil facility belonging to the Saudi national oil company Aramco in the desert. A week after failing to deflate record oil prices at a summit in Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest crude producers and consumers will get another chance to tackle the problem at a meeting this week.—INTERNET

India's inflation sets another record at 11.42%

NEW DELHI, 29 June — India's inflation rate surged to a record 11.42 per cent for the week ended 14 June, up from 11.05 per cent recorded in the previous week, the government released Friday.

The rise has been mainly on account of higher prices of food items like tea, milk and cereals. The other commodities, whose prices went up during the week were lubricants and manufactured items, according to the NDTV.

India's inflation touched a 13-year high of 11.05 per cent as on 7 June. — MNA/Xinhua

Inflation close to double digits in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 29 June — Nepali inflation is picking up pace and inching close to double-digit figures, threatening to make some serious dent in the household budget of consumers, *The Kathmandu Post* reported on Friday.

Fresh data released by the Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), central bank of the country, showed that the inflation based on the consumer price index rose to 9.2 per cent in mid-May, the 10th month of the current fiscal year, up from 4.6 per cent of the same time last year.

MNA/Xinhua

A dog participates at the 3rd Annual Loews Coronado Bay Resort surf dog competition at Imperial Beach, south of San Diego, California.—INTERNET



EU to cap airline emissions as of 2012

BRUSSELS, 29 June — The European Union (EU) will cap airline emissions as of 2012, according to a provisional deal agreed by EU lawmakers and member states on Thursday.

This will add the airline industry in 2012 to the EU's Emission Trading Scheme (ETS), which sets a cap on carbon-dioxide emissions and requires those exceeding their limits to buy permits from companies that emit less. Under the deal, the total number of permits will be initially capped at 97 per cent of the average airline emissions between 2004 and 2006, and 95 per cent from 2013.

At the beginning, 85 per cent of the airlines' permits will be handed out for free, while 15 per cent will be sold at auction.

All flights taking off and landing in the EU will be affected, which was strongly opposed by the United States. The European Commission proposed in December 2006 to cap airline emissions, but the legislative process was deadlocked due to differences between the European Parliament and member states.

MNA/Xinhua

China awards little heros in quake rescue

BEIJING, 29 June — China awarded 50 youngsters Friday evening for their bravery in the rescue after the May 12 earthquake that jolted the southwestern Sichuan Province.

Li Changchun, member of the Political Bureau Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, attended the

ceremony and conferred awards to the young ethic models chosen by more than 50 million votes via telephone calls, fax and e-mails since the nationwide selection campaign was launched on 6 June.

Lin Hao, a nine-year-old boy in Yingxiu Township, Wenchuan County who pulled out two classmates from the rubble, and other 19

students were awarded the honour of “heroic children” in quake rescue and relief, while the other 30 were titled “exemplary children”.

At the ceremony, Li Changchun said the heroic and touching deeds of these children have provided “vivid” models for ethic education and values shaping in the country.

Xinhua



Would-be immigrants arrive on a make-shift boat at the port of Los Cristianos on Spain's Canary island of Tenerife on 29 June, 2008. Some 179 would-be immigrants were intercepted aboard a make-shift boat on their way to European soil from northern Africa, according to authorities.

INTERNET

Cvetkovic appointed new Serbian PM

BELGRADE, 29 June — Outgoing Serbian Finance Minister Mirko Cvetkovic was appointed on Friday the new Prime Minister for the formation of the new government following the general elections in May, Serbian President Boris Tadic's office said.

President Tadic made the decision as the parliamentary majority was formed following the consultations with the representatives of all parliamentary parties, Tadic's office said.

Cvetkovic, 58, is a seasoned economist and has worked for the World Bank in India, Pakistan and Turkey.

The Parliament is expected to vote on Cvetkovic and his government next week.

The new Serbian Government will be constituted by the pro-European alliance led by the Democratic Party of President Tadic, the coalition gathered around the Socialists, the Muslim Sandzak coalition and an ethnic Hungarian party.

Earlier on Friday, Tadic's pro-European alliance and the coalition led by the Socialists signed an agreement on a ruling majority.

The two groups —formerly bitter rivals — promised the new government will seek to speed up Serbia's integration into the European Union.—Xinhua



File photo shows the Louis Vuitton store on the Champs Elysees in Paris. A Paris court is to decide Monday whether to make eBay pay 51 million euros (80 million dollars) in damages to Louis Vuitton and other French luxury groups for letting fake copies of their goods be auctioned on its website.—INTERNET

Missing Indonesian aircraft found

JAKARTA, 29 June — Indonesian Air Force deputy chief of staff Vice Marshal I Gusti Made Oka confirmed Friday that a missing aircraft had been found but rescue workers had not reached the area.

“The location is at a deep gorge as reported

by some residents,” Metro TV station quoted Oka as saying. Residents reported to have seen the ruins of the ill-fated NC-212-200 light transport airplane at Tegal Lilin hamlet of Pasir Gaok village in Tenjolaya district, West Java Province. He added that

his pilots cannot land near the location as the weather was bad and the terrain was difficult.

However, he said, all the victims would be evacuated as soon as possible as the Air Force had prepared a makeshift helipad near the location. Okasaidhecannot confirmed whether the people onboard were dead. “We are not sure of that yet although villagers said they sawbodies scattered around the airplane. Let's hope there is a miracle,” he said.

Xinhua

Turkish security forces seize 208.6 kilos of heroin

ANKARA, 29 June — Turkish security forces have impounded 208.6 kilos of heroin in the eastern Turkey, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Friday.

Acting on a tip-off, the security forces stopped and searched a van in the town of Gurpinar of Van province, according to the report.

It said that they seized 208.6 kilos of heroin, stashed in 408 packages, and detained two suspected people, adding that a full investigation into illicit drug trafficking is under way.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe. —Xinhua

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A car splashes through a flooded road in the rainstorm in Fuzhou, capital of southeast China's Fujian Province, on 28 June, 2008. Fujian's provincial meteorological station issued on Saturday an orange alert warning against thunder and heavy rainstorm. —XINHUA

80m voters registered for B'desh general election

DHAKA, 29 June — Bangladesh's Election Commission (EC) Wednesday achieved its target of registering 80 million voters with their photographs taken before the general election in December this year.

Hundreds of thousand voters might still be added to the list by the 30 June deadline stipulated in the EC's electoral roadmap announced last year, leading English newspaper *The Daily Star* reported Thursday quoting EC officials.

The commission also has the electronic database of the 80 million voters ready, officials said.

Xinhua

Myanmar Women's Day for All Myanmar Women

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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3rd July 2008

Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July every year is an auspicious day for all Myanmar Women. It designated the day, 3 July of 1996 to be exact, on which the first ever Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs (MNCWA) was formed with the main objective of taking the initiative in organizing the mass of Myanmar women to become one in line with the commitment made at Beijing's Fourth World Women's Conference in 1995 in the area of women empowerment and advancement.

The limitations of the Committee in undertaking various issues for the entire Myanmar women mass, eventually led to the formation of a greater organization for the promotion of the women sector in the country. Accordingly the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAF) was established on 20 December 2003 for the benefit of the Myanmar Women from all walks of life, to

stand as the body representing and responsible for the women sector. It became easier, more efficient and more practical to carry out all the related issues regarding the entire Myanmar Women Mass on a wider scale and with extended perspectives.

Since its formation in 2003, MWAF has been trying its utmost to successfully implement, through its various working groups, its grand and noble objective laid down as:

- to enhance the role of women in the reconstruction of a peaceful, modern and developed nation
- to protect the rights of women
- to ensure the economic, health, education and general welfare of women and to provide measures for their security
- to instill and foster in Myanmar women a greater appreciation of their national,

cultural heritage and customs

- to systematically protect women from violence and provide means for rehabilitation where necessary
- to diminish and finally eliminate trafficking in women and children as a national task
- to collaborate with international as well as local organizations, in ensuring the right of women in accordance with the national traditions and customs

All Myanmar women, while paying due respect and recognition to the International Women's Day, the 8th of March every year, should attach great significance to Myanmar Women's Day of 3 July, as it is the date of birth of MNCWA, the fore-runner of MWAF, following the Beijing-Declaration stressing on the betterment of women and

their empowerment.

MWAF, as a Civil Society Organization, has been engaged in a variety of tasks in the women sector for all-round development of Myanmar women for their protection, for their rights, for their empowerment and betterment in life, while collaborating with other international women organizations and other social organizations, MWAF tailors its programmes to the needs of Myanmar women so as to keep up with the international trends, at the same time safeguarding the national interest at all times.

The theme for International Women's Day 2008 is "Investing in Women and Girls". In his remarks at the inter-agency event to mark this special Day, the UN Secretary-General has stated that "Investing in women is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do. I am deeply convinced that, in women, the world has at its disposal the most significant and yet largely untapped potential for development and peace.....".

The investment strategies proposed by him include:..... to create a transparent, stable and predictable investment climate to promote women's employment and productivity, to increase the mainstream financial services available to women, and other proposals aiming at the

Hailing Myanmar Women's Day

Myanmar Women— Our nation's Strength

Women from all walks of life
Never secondary nor subservient
With privileges and equal rights
A special custom to hold to our hearts tight

Again in married life
Partners with equal rights
Family burden carried by man, on his shoulder
And by woman, on her head, well and proper

At work in various jobs
Contributing quite a lot
Keeping abreast of fellow men
Many times marching hand-in-hand

The whole women force
For the nation, to be a great resource
Capacity building and empowerment schemes
Awareness raising and materializing dreams

Ignorance driven away
From life's challenges, we never sway
With heads up and looking ahead
We are, in deed, our nation's strength!

Aye Phyu

reduction of gender inequality. In a way Myanmar women are lucky in that we enjoy equal rights as men and have kept ourselves abreast of men in the efforts for the progress of our own families, community and of the state, MWAF encourages us to keep up with this tradition.

In line with the theme for the International Women's Day 2008, MWAF has long committed itself to contributing in every possible way towards the investment in women and girls throughout the whole

country (various training and empowering programmes for women and girls, educative talks on multiple topics, micro credit and loan scheme,—just to name a few.)

After all, with its notable objectives and credit-worthy activities, MWAF stands as true pillar, a source of inspiration and strength for us. We should all be proud of the Organization and take pride in its numerous endeavours. To all Myanmar Women across the nation, let's all hail the auspicious "Myanmar Women's Day!"

Yangon Division Industrial Zone Management Committee holds work coordination meeting



Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address at coord meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zone Management Committee.—MNA

YANGON, 29 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended a work coordination meeting organized by Yangon Division Industrial Zone Management Committee at the meeting hall of Yangon Command on Konmyinthath, here at 12 noon today.

In his speech, he said departments concerned coordinated a wide range of measures for re-supplying power and water to industrial zones as soon as possible in the aftermath of cyclonic storm. With the close supervision of the Prime Minister, supplying of water and power has already returned to normal in time. It is necessary to try hard to improve industrial services

as Yangon is a commercial city. Electricity overload in Yangon city can be avoided by moving smelting plants in the city into Myaungdaka industrial zone. Regarding the export and communication services, it is necessary to coordinate with departments concerned. Entrepreneurs are to openly present reports on requirements of the industrial zones.

Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presented reports on industrial sector, repairing of road sections and water supply.

Afterwards, those present briefed on general matters of industrial zones. Regarding the reports, officials concerned replied to the queries raised by those present and fulfilled the needs.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe made arrangements to fulfill the requirements and made concluding remarks and the meeting came to an end.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads, chairmen of Industrial Zone Management Committees, secretaries and members, entrepreneurs and guests.

MNA

Minister inspects packaging of fishing gear for storm-hit regions

YANGON, 29 June—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein went on inspection tour of Myanmar Fisheries Federation, here on 27 June.

At Marine Industry Rehabilitation Office, the minister inspected packaging of fishing gear and fishing nets. The minister was conducted by president of MFF U Htay Myint and officials of Fisheries Department.

At the meeting hall-

1 of MFF, the minister discussed matters on distribution of fishing gear and fishing nets to storm-hit regions by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries with officials concerned.

MNA

Extempore contest to mark Myanmar Women’s Day held

YANGON, 29 June—Hailing the Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3 July, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation organized an extempore contest at the hall of University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Road, here, yesterday.

It was attended by

Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Thet Htay and CEC members, Patron of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Kyin Myaing and members, members of the Board of Judge, the Rector of the University of Nursing (Yangon), professors faculty members and

students.

First, MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay delivered an opening address.

Professor Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint (Retd) of Myanmar Department presided over the contest and made an address.

Professor Daw Mya Win (Retd) of Myanmar Department, Professor Daw Khin Thein of Oriental Studies Head of History Department Professor Dr Daw Moh Moh Thant of University of Distance Education, Professor Dr Daw Win Win

Mya and Rector (Retd) Professor Dr Daw Than Nu Shwe of University of Medicine-2 (Yangon) acted as members of the Board of Judge.

Next, the extempore contest followed.

Afterward, MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Kyin Myaing and MWAFF CEC members Daw Ni Ni Win and Daw Nilar Thaw presented prizes to first, second, third and consolation prizes winners.

MNA

Relief aid from international community arrives

YANGON, 29 June—Relief supplies donated by international community to storm-hit regions are

being flown to the nation. Altogether 61.43 tons of relief aid donated by Thailand-based World

Food Programme (WFP) arrived at Yangon International Airport today.—MNA



MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay makes an address at extempore contest to mark Myanmar Women’s Day.—MNA

Training Course No. 7 of National Races Youth Resources Development Degree College (Yangon) concludes

YANGON, 29 June— A ceremony to conclude the Training Course No. 7 of National Races Youth Resources Development Degree College (Yangon) was held at the degree college on Sittoung Street in Ward 61, Dagon Seikkan Township here yesterday afternoon and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, on behalf of the Secretary of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, made a speech on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, Deputy

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myo Myint, member of Supervisory Committee for National Races Youth Resources Development Degree College (Yangon) Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and heads of departments, the principal of the college and professors, faculty members, students and their parents.

In his address, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt said that students who graduated from the college will soon discharge duties of regional development after arriving back to their regions. He added that as the entire national people

have already been equipped with the habit of striving together for national development and community peace and tranquility, peace and stability prevailed the length and breadth of the nation including border areas, thereby contributing much to development of socio-economic life of the people.

As a result, the entire national people are now enjoying the fruits of peace and development, he noted. And it is incumbent upon all the graduated students to make concerted efforts in implementing the lofty objectives of the college, he concluded.

Next, the minister presented awards and certificates of honour to Kayah national Maung Aye Kyaw of Pekhon

Township, Shan State who is outstanding in arts subject, Danu national Maung Kyaw Naing of Pindaya Township, Shan State who is outstanding in science subject and Mon national Maung Khine Lin Aung of Thanbyuzayat Township, Mon State who is outstanding in engineering subject, and the ceremony came to an end.

There are 122 graduated students in 2007-2008 academic year of the college. Of them, there are three Kayah nationals, seven Kayan nationals, 15 Kayin nationals, 24 Chin nationals, two Khami nationals, seven Naga nationals, two PaO nationals, 13 Mon



Minister Col Thein Nyunt presents prize and certificate to an outstanding student.—MNA

nationals, 23 Shan nationals, five Kachin nationals, one Taungyo national, one Dinnet national, one Danu national, six Palaung

nationals, six Rakhine nationals, one Wa national, four Ahkhar nationals and one Intha national numbering 122.

MNA

HQ brand HDMI system DVD players introduced to market

YANGON, 29 June— OK Myanmar Co Ltd introduced HQ brand HDMI system DVD player at Excel Treasure Tower in Bahan Township here yesterday evening.

OK Myanmar Co Ltd, one of the leading distributors of electronic goods, is now trying to penetrate the market with HQ brand electronic goods in addition to its popular Daewoo and Sanyo brands.

Director U Zaw Weik gave an account of market condition of the electronic goods the company is dealing and services offered by the company.

Director U Win Myint Hlaing elaborated on the quality and

capabilities of HDMI system DVD player. Next, those present observed the HQ DVD players.

DVD players are widely used not only in urban but in rural areas. With the improvement of technology, the manufacturers are upgrading their products to be used with computers and digital cameras though DVD players although they were intended for recreation only in the past. In marketing DVD players, emphasis is put on accessibility of people from all walks of life. HQ brand DVD players, being installed with HDMI system, can produce vivid pictures. Being USB system

installed DVD player, it can read memory stick of computers and cameras. As the DVD player can function between 90 and 240 volt, it can be used despite low voltage. The model which will be marketed in rural areas can be used with battery due to its AC/DC system. The DVD player can be installed in cars, because of its Anti Shake system. The DVD players are available at reasonable price during introduction period and maintenance is provided without service charges if any defaults occur in one year guarantee period, the company stated.

OK Myanmar Co Ltd has planned to offer special price to those who will purchase both TV and DVD with 21" Flat TV and HQ DVD package.

Details can be enquired at Daewoo Showroom (Ph: 392986, 392987, 392997, 377627), HQ-1-376997, HQ-2-241077, 387644, Daewoo Showroom(Mandalay) 02-31582, Nay Pyi Taw Daewoo Show Room (Ph: 067-420813) and Service Center (299401, 298491).

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Kayah national Maung Aye Kyaw of Pekhon Township.



Danu national Maung Kyaw Naing of Pindaya Township.



Mon national Maung Khine Lin Aung of Thanbyuzayat Township.



HQ brand HDMI system DVD players of OK Myanmar Co Ltd.—MNA



Director U Win Myint Hlaing introduces new HDMI system DVD player of OK Myanmar Co Ltd.—MNA



MPT realizing better telecommunications in storm-hit Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions

Article & Photos: Thet San



Workers repairing telephone post and cables in Maunghtawlay area on 13-5-2008.

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Furthermore, efforts were made for ensuring smooth communications in Ayeyawady Division

telephones and MPT Satellite Terminals were installed for emergency communications.
The Tatmadaw fiber

surrounding areas. On 5 May, repair of the Mayangon-Htaukkyant-Mingaladon fiber linkage and the Htaukkyant-



Workers repairing damaged cables in Mayangon area on 11-5-2008.

with added momentum. New camps for Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 were urgently opened at three places such as Bogale, Myaungmya and Ngapudaw to be able to contribute much to carrying out the relief work. In the areas where Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 could not be used, mobile satellite

linkage was connected among Hinthada, Zalun, Ingapu, Thayawady and Taikkyi on Yangon-Mandalay linkage via Pyay. As the Yangon-Point 49 (Kungyangon) linkage was reopened on 4 May 2008, the communication system could be restored in Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Dedaye and their

Taikkyi microwave linkage were completed. Hence, the communication condition of the Yangon-Mandalay microwave linkage recovered. Due to restoring the Bahan-Thanlyin fiber linkage, the communication system could be restored in Thanlyin on 6 May. The Thanlyin-Kayan-

Thongwa microwave linkage was repaired on 6 May for resumption of the communications facilities in these townships. In Kayan, Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 was opened for enabling the local people to enjoy communication facilities. Kyonmange-Bogale

gyun regions were provided with better communication facilities. On 13 May, the 62-metre Labutta tower was broken down on Pathein-Ngapudaw-Labutta-Hainggyi microwave linkage. To restore the communication system, the Pathein-Ngapudaw-

CDMA 450 telephones. On 16 May, Twantay was provided with communications facilities as usual by repairing the Yangon-Twantay microwave linkage. Likewise, the Hlegu-Indaing fiber linkage was repaired. For ensuring good conditions of com-



The completed overhead fiber cables on 20-5-2008.

new digital microwave linkage was launched on 6 May. By opening Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 in Bogale, the surrounding areas of Bogale-Mawlamyine-

Hainggyi direct microwave linkage was opened. In Hainggyikyun and its environs, the communication facilities were restored with the use of Vehicle mounted

munication system in Labutta and its surrounding areas, the Labutta-Hainggyikyun linkage was reopened through the tower of the (See page 11)



Telephone posts being re-erected in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone with the use of heavy machinery on 15-5-2008.

MPT realizing better telecommunications...

(from page 10)

Ministry of Information on 17 May. Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 telephones were opened through the Labutta-Hainggyi-Ngapudaw-Pathein linkage to take relief and rehabilitation measures in Labutta and its surrounding areas.

New communication towers were erected in Pyapon, Kyaiklat, Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta townships.

In addition, maintenance of the tilted towers and substitution of cables were completed by 100%, and over 90% of telephone lines have been reconditioned there.

To be able to undertake relief and rehabilitation tasks, a total of 3,470 Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 telephones have been issued to departmental officials and entrepreneurs in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

Moreover, installation of PCO telephones



The photo shows renovated microwave building and tower in Mawlamyinegyun on 3-6-2008.

villages in Kangyidaunt Township, 19 villages in Thabaung Township, 11 villages in Pantanaw Township, 21 villages in Nyaungdon Township, nine villages in Danubyu

Communications, Posts and Telegraphs had set up 22 auto-telephone exchanges installed with 25,240 telephone lines, three GSM mobile stations installed with 25,000 telephone lines and two auto-radio stations and six CDMA mobile stations installed with 18,000 CDMA lines to give the local and foreign communication services.

The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, on its part, launched the Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 communication system in early 2008 to enable the local people residing along Myanmar coastal areas and entrepreneurs

working their business at sea to carry out security, economic and social tasks and to guard against natural disasters.

The plan is under way to install 71,500 telephone lines in 48 townships of Rakhine State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions, Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division. As the first phase, 57,000 lines were opened as test on 1 May, and more 20,000 lines were opened in Pathein, Myaungmya, Maubin, Pyapon, Bogale, Labutta, Kyonmange, Kyaunggon, Yekyi, Hinthada, Hainggyi and Ngwehsaung regions of Ayeyawady Division.

Furthermore, the fiber cable linkages had been set up in Pyapon, Kyaiklat, Maubin, Mezali, Nyaungdon, Pantanaw, Kyaunggon, Ngwe-

hsaung, Chaungtha, Myanaung, Kyangin, Yekyi, Kyonpyaw and Hinthada. Moreover, the digital microwave linkages were linked among Maubin, Wakema, Myaungmya, Pathein, Ngapudaw, Labutta, Hainggyi, Kyonmange, Pyapon, Bogale, Danubyu, Hinthada, Zalun, Ingapu, Thayawady, Kyangin and Zigon for local and overseas use.

In addition, the people in Ayeyawady Division have access to Dedaye, Pyapon, Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun, Pathein, Kangyidaunt, Yekyi, Hinthada and Thabaung through the communications linkages. By applying the fiber linkages, microwave linkages and others, the local people in Ayeyawady Division can use 25,240 auto-



The photo shows the CDMA tower rebuilt in Pyapon on 24-5-2008.

were undertaken at 360 villages in Ayeyawady Division to enable the local people to enjoy better communication facilities in social and economic sectors.

In this regard, PCO telephones had been installed in 18 villages of Pathein Township, 21

Township, 30 villages in Pyapon Township, 23 villages in Bogale Township and three villages in Kyaiklat Township.

Before the days of the storm that hit Ayeyawady Division, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of



Substitution of new telephone post and installation of cables in Mawlamyinegyun on 13-6-2008.

telephone lines, 18,000 GSM mobile lines and 20,000 Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 lines for local and overseas calls.

Nowadays, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is striving for better telecommunications in storm-hit Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions than the facilities before the storm-hit period.

Translation: TTA



Completion of overhead fiber cable posts seen on Yangon-Maubin linkage on 23-5-2008.

INVITATION TO SEALED TENDERS

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems

Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems is inviting tenders from those who are interested to supply the following commodities.

Item No	Quotation No	Description	Quantity	Payment
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3.	3(Q)DWIR 2008-2009	Canon Color Laster Printer (All in One)	1 No	Local Currency
4.	4(Q)DWIR 2008-2009	HP Laster Printer	1 No	Local Currency
5.	5(Q)DWIR 2008-2009	Backhoe with Spare Arms (135Hp to 200HP)	2 Nos	Foreign Currency

Tender Closing date **Thursday, (24) July, 2008, 12:00 noon.**

Tender forms can be collected on (27.6.2008) during office hours at Store Department, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, Lower Pazundaung Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon.

For more details contact: Deputy Director (Procurement Division)
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Corrigendum

In the trademark cautionary notice appearing in the issue dated 16 May,2008 Page 12, **MK & Device-** Reg. Nos. 4/6517/2007 for Int'l Class 09 and 4/6518/2007 for Int'l Class 11, punctuation in column 2, line 19 should be noted as **socket outlets**, line 26 as **terminal blocks**, in line 28 as **and apparatus therefor** and in line 35 as **apparatus therefor; electrical switches**.

Singapore, India sign MoU on water cooperation

SINGAPORE, 29 June — Singapore and India Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on projects that minimize water wastage

and improve infrastructure in Indian cities and towns.

The MoU was inked by Singapore's national water agency PUB and the Indian Maharashtra Water Supply and Sanitation Board at the Singapore International Water Week, a global gathering for the water industry. The agreement will facilitate collaboration between two sides and promote participation by Singapore-based companies in urban water management in Maharashtra, the second most populous state in India, with major cities such as Mumbai and Pune, said a joint statement.

Areas of cooperation will include leak detection and reduction in unaccounted-for water; water and wastewater treatment and recycling; emerging technologies and

best practices in water reuse; the management of urban runoff; management of water supply and demand; and institutional capacity building.

One of the first projects identified under the MoU will transform the intermittent water supply in the town of Ambernath, near Mumbai.

Ambernath's population of 270,000 has water for only three to four hours a day, and there is 21 per cent of unaccounted-for water. The plan is to introduce a round-the-clock water supply and reduce unaccounted-for water, with the PUB sharing its capabilities in integrated water resource and demand management.

Singapore-based companies such as pipeline rehabilitation specialists Teacly (S) Pte Ltd will work with the Indian government and partner companies on MoU projects. — MNA/Xinhua

Sudan cargo plane crashes killing seven crew

KHARTOUM, 29 June — A Sudanese cargo plane crashed in bad weather on Friday killing seven of the eight crew north of the southern town of Malakal, an aviation official said.

The survivor was recovering in hospital, said Abu Bakr Jaafar, head of the Civil Aviation Authority. Earlier this month a Sudan Airways passenger plane caught fire in Khartoum killing 30 people.

"The crew were three Sudanese, four Ukranian and one Armenian," Jaafar said. The plane was travelling from Khartoum to the southern capital Juba.

The cause was unclear but Jaafar said the survivor told them all four engines of the *Antonov 12* plane failed after being hit twice by what appeared to be lightning. The plane belonged to the Juba Cargo Company, he added.

MNA/Reuters

Pakistan says gas project offers South Asia peace hope

NEW DELHI, 29 June — Pakistan's Foreign Minister on Friday touted a cross-border deal bringing gas from Iran to India as a "pipeline of peace".

India and Pakistan, which have gone to war three times since independence in 1947, are trying to re-invigorate a sluggish four-year-old peace process.

Both are also desperate to tie up future energy supplies to fuel their fast-growing economies, but the United States has tried to discourage any deal with Iran because it suspects Teheran is trying to build nuclear arms.

"It can be a pipeline of peace and new bondage," Shah Mehmood Qureshi, on a three-day visit to India, told a news

conference.

"The IPI (Iran-Pakistan-India) gas pipeline is to our mutual benefit. Both sides stand to gain."

India has been cautious about the 7.6-billion-US-dollar pipeline project, triggering a pledge from Iran and Pakistan to press ahead without Indian participation.

MNA/Reuters

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E Timor truth commission to submit report in July

JAKARTA, 29 June—A truth commission set up by Indonesia and East Timor to look into violence during the tiny nation's 1999 independence vote will submit its report in the first week of July, a Timorese official said.

The two nations set up the Commission of Truth and Friendship (CTF) in 2005 to investigate the bloody events in East Timor before, during and after a UN-sponsored ballot for independence from Indonesia in 1999.

Manuel Serrano, East Timor consul in Bali, said on Friday the

commission will submit its report to the leaders of the two countries in Bali in the first week of July, but did not give a precise date.

The body, modelled on South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, has no power to prosecute, prompting criticism from rights groups that it serves to whitewash atrocities.

Several Indonesian military officials were tried in Indonesian human rights courts following the 1999 violence, but none was ultimately convicted.

MNA/Reuters

Human error blamed for oil tank blast in N-W China

URUMQI, 29 June— Human error has been blamed for an oil tank blast that killed five workers in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, a local official said on Friday.

Investigators found the workers had violated

rules by starting fire on a 2,000 cubic metre tank holding coal tar, triggering an explosion at the Fukang Iron Coke Co Ltd in Fukang City on Wednesday afternoon, said Mao Chuntang, a Xinjiang work safety administration official. Rescuers were continuing

to search for two workers missing after the explosion, which also left another person injured, he said. Local authorities have launched a general overhaul of the safety operation at businesses involving dangerous chemicals, Mao said.

MNA/Xinhua

India to launch satellite for young generation

NEW DELHI, 29 June — India is to launch a dedicated satellite for youth next year carrying scientific instruments developed by students from Indian and foreign universities, according to Indo-Asian News Service Thursday.

“The mini-spacecraft will be launched in 2009 as a piggyback on board a polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV), carrying a remote sensing satellite, from the Satish Dhawan

space centre at Sriharikota (India),” Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chairman G Madhavan Nair said.

The various instruments, developed by graduate and postgraduate students of universities from India, Russia and other countries, will study and share data on earth imaging, atmospheric applications, solar emission and galactic observations.

“The less than 100-

kilogramme spacecraft is being built at our satellite development centre in Bangalore. The dedicated youth satellite is the brain-child of former president APJ Abdul Kalam, who proposed such a mission during his visit to Russia two years ago,” Nair said on the sidelines of an international conference on Indian aerospace science and technology in Bangalore Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua



File photo shows a call centre office in Bangalore where many western companies are outsourcing IT-related work. A new breed of US company is using the Internet to find someone else to take on the difficult and tedious tasks in life, like ending a relationship.—INTERNET



Gauchos take a lunch break during a yerra in a ranch near the town of Casupa, 150 km (93 miles) northeast of Montevideo, on 28 June, 2008. Yerra is an activity in cattle ranches dating back to colonial times and consists of castrating, branding and cutting the horns of young cattle at the beginning of winter.—INTERNET

US Salmonella outbreak illnesses rise to 756

WASHINGTON, 29 June — More than 750 people have become ill in an outbreak of Salmonella linked to certain types of tomatoes, US food safety officials said on Thursday.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said 756 people

in 34 states and the District of Columbia have been infected with a rare strain of bacteria known as Salmonella Saintpaul. Of them, 95 people have been hospitalized.

The Centres for Disease Control said in a statement that no deaths have been

attributed to the illness.

“However, a man in his sixties who died in Texas from cancer had an infection with the outbreak strain of Salmonella Saintpaul at the time of his death. The infection may have contributed to his death,” the CDC said.

Investigators are still trying to find the source of the contamination. Health officials said last Friday they expected more people to become ill because the outbreak is probably still under way.

Texas has been the hardest hit with 330 people becoming ill, followed by New Mexico with 80 cases.

Officials linked the outbreak to raw plum, Roma and round tomatoes. They have said this may be the largest US outbreak of Salmonella infections from tomatoes.

MNA/Reuters

Two Indonesians admit selling kidneys in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 29 June — Two Indonesians admitted in court here on Friday selling their kidneys to two Singaporeans for valuable consideration, which is the first case of its kind in Singapore.

Singapore’s Health Ministry said in a statement that with the help of the police, the ministry has been conducting this investigation into suspected organ trading in contravention of the Human Organ Transplant Act.

The two Indonesian men were arrested and charged with organ trading and making false declarations to the hospital Transplant Ethics Committee, said the ministry.

Both men pleaded guilty in a district court on Friday afternoon and due to be sentenced next Wednesday. — MNA/Xinhua

US doctor to face Australia manslaughter charges

PORTLAND, 29 June — A surgeon dubbed “Dr Death” by some and charged with killing three patients in Australia, signed papers in US District Court in Portland on Thursday agreeing to be sent to Australia.

Australia wants to try Indian-born doctor Jayant Patel for the deaths of three patients at the Bundaberg Base Hospital in Brisbane in 2003 and 2004. He could be sentenced to life in prison on each of the three manslaughter charges if convicted.

Patel has said he is innocent.

Patel, 58, a US citizen, ended his fight against extradition on Thursday and asked to be released from jail until he is taken back to Australia. He has been in custody in Oregon since

March.

Federal judge Dennis Hubel said he expected to rule on Patel’s release on Friday. Patel’s activities would be restricted and he would be electronically monitored under the proposed release. The courts have held his

passport for several years.

Government attorneys spoke against his release in court on Thursday.

US court documents reveal Patel has a checkered history of botched surgeries and negligent care going back decades.

MNA/Reuters

Greece to ban indoor smoking in public from 2010

ATHENS, 29 June — Greece, Europe’s heaviest smoking nation, plans to ban tobacco from all indoor public places from 2010 and prohibit under-18s from purchasing it, the Health Ministry said on Thursday.

Greece has already banned smoking in hospitals, offices and taxis and requires restaurant and bar owners to designate smoking and non-smoking areas to protect public health, but the measures have been widely ignored.

A Health Ministry official said the new law, to be brought before Parliament in the coming days, was aimed at saving the lives of an estimated 600 people who die every year from passive smoking in Greece.

MNA/Reuters



File photo shows leatherback turtle hatchlings make their way into the sea after being released from a sanctuary in the eastern Malaysian state of Terengganu. The endangered leatherback turtle has made a surprise return to nest in Malaysia where they were feared to have been wiped out, but experts are still worried their precious eggs will not hatch.—INTERNET

SPORTS



In a photo provided by Benoit Photo, Dearest Trickski and jockey Mike Smith, right center, lead the pack to victory in the Grade II \$150,000 A Gleam Handicap horse race on 28 June, 2008, at Hollywood Park in Inglewood, Calif.—INTERNET

Spain ready to rain on Germany’s parade

VIENNA, 29 June — Germany risked upsetting the soccer gods on Friday by announcing plans to celebrate their Euro 2008 success next week whatever the result in the final against Spain.

Joachim Loew’s side will head to Berlin on Monday to party with supporters following Sunday’s showpiece in Vienna.

The three-times champions hope the decision does not backfire and give Spain the idea that Germany either think they have already won or see reaching the final as a satisfactory achievement in itself.

German defender Christoph Metzelder did little to placate the Spanish or believers in fate, saying Spain’s many failures in World Cups and European Championships gave the Germans a psychological edge.

Spain have only won one major tournament, the European Championship of 1964.

“I think they have a bit of a complex about these tournaments. It has taken them decades just to get beyond the quarterfinals,” Metzelder told a news conference. —MNA/Reuters

Future of soccer lies in the fanzone

VIENNA, 29 June — Spanish and Russian fans braving rainstorms on Thursday night to cheer their teams playing kilometres away bore witness to a phenomenon that has

now become a fixture for any major tournament: the fanzone.

Undeterred by thunder and lightning, and with her team battling Russia in the stadium in the Aus-

Chinese astronauts take part in Olympic torch relay

JIUQUAN (Northwest China), 29 June — Fei Junlong and Nie Haisheng, the crew of Shenzhou spacecraft 6, carried the Olympic flame Saturday in the torch relay at the "Dongfeng Space City" in northwest China’s Gansu Province.

A total of 22 bearers took part in the relay in the satellite launch base as most of which were top experts in China’s spaceflight programme.

Fei, 43, and Nie, 44, had been the crew of Shenzhou 6, the second human spaceflight of China, which was launched three days before the second anniversary of China’s first human spaceflight, Shenzhou 5, and took flight for five days in low Earth orbit.

The opening ceremony was staged on the movable launch complex within the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre as Fei ran down the first leg from the launch rack at 8:10 am local time in the day’s relay.

MNA/Reuters



WBC lightweight champion David Diaz (L) of the US takes a punch from Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines during their WBC lightweight title fight at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas, Nevada on 28 June, 2008. Pacquiao took the title with a ninth round knockout.—INTERNET

Nadal sails through in fine style

LONDON, 29 June — Number two seed Rafael Nadal ran out an impressive 7-6,6-2,6-3 winner against Germany’s Nicolas Kiefer on Saturday to reach Wimbledon’s fourth round in fine style.

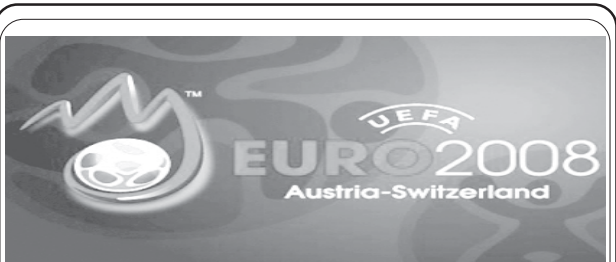
Reflecting on a first week where he consistently upped his game, four-times French Open champion Nadal said “I am doing well, only losing one set. From now on, I know that I am going to have a tough time.” It was level-pegging all the way in the first set against Kiefer until the tiebreak when one precious early break by Nadal was all that was needed to give him the lead.

MNA/Reuters

Gasquet avoids cull to lead French

LONDON, 29 June — Richard Gasquet survived the cull of seeds at this year’s Wimbledon to reach the fourth round with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 win over fellow Frenchman Gilles Simon on Saturday. Following the exit of five of the top eight men’s seeds, Gasquet overcame a third set blip to join Roger Federer in the second week of the grasscourt championships.

The eighth seed, who lost to Federer in the semi-finals 12 months ago, will be hoping to continue his run next week but will have to battle the crowd as well as his opponent on Monday since he will be up against Britain’s 12th seed Andy Murray. —MNA/Reuters



(29 June 2008)

FINAL

Spain 1 - 0 Germany



Spain’s Fernando Torres, center, scores during the Euro 2008 final between Germany and Spain in the Ernst-Happel stadium in Vienna, Austria, Sunday, June 29, 2008, the last day of the European Soccer Championships in Austria and Switzerland.—INTERNET



Germany’s Michael Ballack, right, receives a yellow card by Italian referee Roberto Rosetti during the Euro 2008 final between Germany and Spain in the Ernst-Happel stadium in Vienna, Austria, Sunday, June 29, 2008, the last day of the European Soccer Championships in Austria and Switzerland.—INTERNET

Pressure mounts on Laporta as former aide steps into ring

MADRID, 29 June — Barcelona President Joan Laporta’s former right-hand man Sandro Rosell has said he will stand at the next presidential election, increasing the pressure on Laporta ahead of a confidence vote in his administration.

Rosell was responsible for bringing Ronaldinho and Deco to the club when he was Laporta’s vice-president for sport, before resigning in 2005 saying he was unhappy with his boss’ domineering style.

The announcement came ahead of the confidence vote in Laporta and his board by club members on 6 July. The referendum was forced by member Oriol Giralte after he collected more than 9,000 signatures in favour of the motion.

The Barcelona president has been heavily criticized for the way he has run the club in the past two seasons, with fans staging several protests calling for his resignation after the team failed to win any silverware for a second year running.—MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

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Strong earthquake jolts in Indian Ocean

NEW DELHI, 29 June — A strong earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter Scale struck the Andaman islands in the Indian Ocean at Saturday afternoon, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The epicentre was initially determined to be 10.8 degrees north latitude and 91.8 degrees east longitude, about 140 kilometres southwest of Port Blair of the Andaman Islands, India. It struck at a depth of 35 kilometres, USGS said.

A preliminary quake report of the Indian Meteorological Department said the earthquake's magnitude was 6.1. A 5.4-magnitude quake shook the same area in the morning. A 6.7-magnitude earthquake jolted in the same area on Friday.— MNA/Xinhua

Shots fired at pavilion after Portugal PM leaves

LISBON, 29 June— Gun shots were fired at a pavilion after Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates had left the building on Friday but there were no casualties, Portugal's Lusa news agency reported.

Police were investigating the incident, said Lusa, adding that some of the shots hit the roof of the pavilion.

Socrates had attended a dinner in the pavilion, situated in the Portimao Town area in the Algarve Region. The dinner was organized by the regional leadership of his ruling Socialists.

No comment was immediately available from police or government officials on the Lusa report.

MNA/Reuters

India's ex-army chief, 94-year-old war hero dies

NEW DELHI, 29 June— India's former Army chief Sam Manekshaw, considered one of the country's greatest war heroes whose victory over Pakistan in 1971 helped created Bangladesh, has died in hospital, officials said on Friday. He was 94. Manekshaw fought for the British forces in the Second World War in Burma (now Myanmar), where he survived serious injuries while battling Japanese forces as a young captain.

His military career spanned four decades and through five wars and he was conferred the highest rank of "field marshal" of the India's Army.—MNA/Reuters



A model presents a creation by Belgian designer Kris Van Assche for fashion house Dior as part of his Spring/Summer 2009 men's fashion collection during Paris fashion week on 29 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Earthquake jolts Aceh, Indonesia

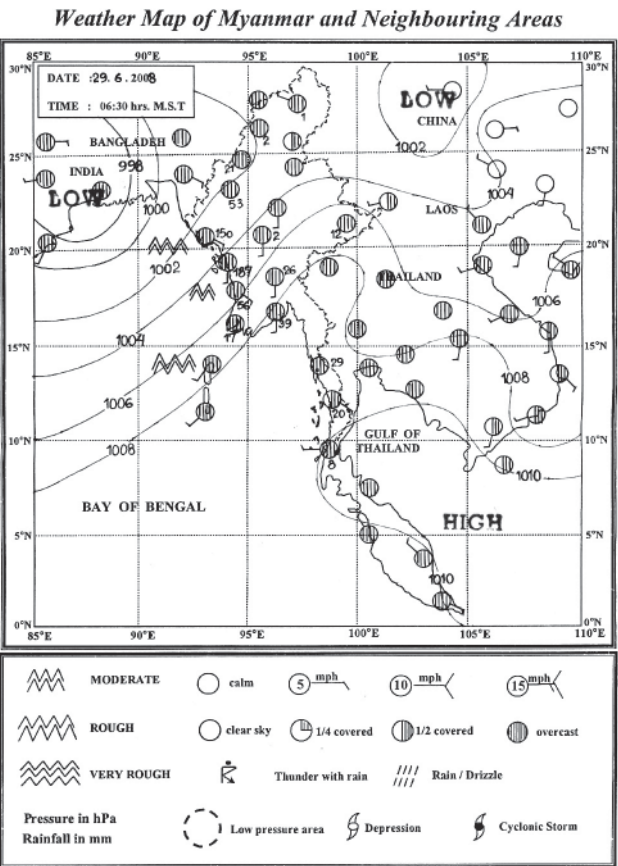
JAKARTA, 29 June— An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.6 struck Aceh province in the northern tip of Sumatra Island on Friday evening. There is no immediate report of damage or casualty, the local meteorology agency said here.

The quake occurred at 21:15 Jakarta time (1415 GMT) with the epicentre at

387 kilometres southwest Sinabang town of the province and at 30 kilometres under ocean floor, an official of the agency Ali Imron told Xinhua.

Indonesia lies in a vulnerable zone called "the Pacific Ring of Fire" where two continental plates meet that cause frequent volcanic movements.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 29 June, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kayin State and Magway Division, scattered in Kachin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfalls in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.75) inch, Kyaukpyu (7.83) inches, Maungtaw (7.40) inches, Sittway (6.10) inches, Gwa (3.50) inches, Bago (3.26) inches, Kalay and Theinzayat (2.56) inches each, Mingin (2.52) inches, Thandwe (2.44) inches, Kalewa (2.09) inches, Machanbaw (1.77) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.54) inches and Mogok and Yamethin (1.42) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 28-6-2008 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 29-6-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-6-2008 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 28-6-2008 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-6-2008 was (0.71) inch at Mingaladon, (1.54) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.31) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (40.35) inches at Mingaladon, (50.63) inches at Kaba-Aye and (60.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at 17:30 hours MST on 28-6-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 30-6-2008: Rain will be scattered in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayah and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-6-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-6-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-6-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



- Monday, 30 June View on today**
- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:55 am**
5. မဲဆောင်းတံတား

- 8:10 am**
6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:40 am**
9. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Cute little dancers
- 4:25 pm**
3. မြန်မာ့အသံခေတ်ပေါ်တေးဂီတ အဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း
- 4:35 pm**
4. Song of national races

- 5:45 pm**
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:55 pm**
6. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**
7. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
- 5:10 pm**
8. Musical programme
- 5:25 pm**
9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:30 pm**
10. "အား---နာတယ်" (ခန့်စည်သူမိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဧရာ၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 5:45 pm**
11. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

- 6:00 pm**
12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
14. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm**
15. ထူးချွန်ထင်ရှားမြန်မာ အမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:15 pm**
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မာယာများနှင့်လှည့်ကွက်" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေးကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့" (အပိုင်း-၇)

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

MPT realizing better telecommunications in storm-hit Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions

The towers for communication linkage such as Pyapon Tower, Dedaye Tower, Labutta Tower and Hainggyikyun Tower in Ayeyawady Division were broken due to Cyclone Nargis that hit on 2 and 3 May. Moreover, the communication linkages were out of order because the fiber optic route linking Pyapon and Yangon was also ravaged.

Due to the ravaged towers, the Pyapon-Bogale-Ngapudaw-Hainggyi digital microwave linkages and the Dedaye-Pyapon, Pyapon-Bogale, and Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun analog microwave linkages were

cut off. Therefore, trunk calls were suspended at auto-telephone exchanges in Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta townships.

Fortunately, the communication system recovered within few hours due to the fact that Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 system mobile telephones were being tested commencing 1 May. As a result, the above telephones could be used in relief tasks effectively. Beginning 3 May, the Vehicle mounted CDMA 450 were distributed to all relief and rehabilitation teams.

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A worker linking cables in Pyapon on 12-6-2008.