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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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 1 July, 2008

Strive for exceeding target of crop output

The government is building dams and reservoirs throughout the nation. Meanwhile, it is building more lakes and embankments while implementing river water pumping and underground water tapping projects. As a result, the entire nation is now enjoying an adequate supply of irrigation and drinking water.

Khabaung Diversion Weir was constructed with the aim of irrigating farmlands nearby. Situated near Shwelaung Village, Ottwin Township, Bago Division, the diversion wire was opened on 28 June.

The diversion weir, which is the 46th of its kind in Bago Division, will be able to benefit 100,000 acres of farmland in Toungoo and Ottwin Townships. Nowadays, three million acres have been put under monsoon paddy, thereby contributing to meeting the target of cultivating 400,000 acres of summer paddy.

With the emergence of 212 dams and reservoirs including Khabaung Diversion Weir, farmers are now able to engage in extended cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy as well as in double and mixed cropping.

The increase in the irrigated areas has resulted in the boost in the yield of crops. Of the net sown acreage of over 28 million in the nation, the irrigated acreage is over 5 million.

The agriculture sector has been able to produce over 1,500 million baskets of paddy making better use of irrigation water.

Recently, some farmlands in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions were damaged in the storm. Farmers in the storm-hit regions are to strive for boosting production and ensuring food security making the most of land and water resources.

At a time when more irrigation projects are being implemented across the nation farmers are to try their utmost for boosting production of monsoon and summer paddy as well as edible oil crops. Only then, will they be able to exceed the target of crop production.



Dr Khin Shwe (Zay Kaba) and wife Daw San San Kywe donate provisions to Kyaikhtihsaung Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Pannadipa.—NLM

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

Permanent houses for storm victims being built

YANGON, 30 June —Under the arrangement of the government, permanent houses measuring 16 feet x 20 feet are being built for homeless storm-victims in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

The houses with CI sheet-roofing will be built of wood. The government is also making arrangements for the victims to resume their business.

Htoo Trading Co will build 116 houses in Kyeinchaunggyi Village in Bogale Township, Ngwe Hsin Co 108 houses in Sethsan Village in the same township, CB Bank 124 houses in Kadonkani Village in Pyapon Township, Eden Group Co 130 houses in Kyonda and Toe Villages in Dedaye Township, Royal Family Co 80 houses in Zinye Village in Labutta Township. The companies have already started building houses. Kanbawza Group Co will also build 1,000 houses in Labutta Township.

Moreover, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) will build 200 houses, Myanmar Bank Association 200 houses, FMI, Shwethanlwin and Aryon Oo Co 616 houses, Yuzana Co 385 houses, Asia World Co 356 houses, Zay Kaba Co and Max Myanmar 200 houses each, Tet Lan Construction 130 houses, Golden Flower 100 houses, Original Group 90 houses, Royal Family Co 320 houses and Aung Chantha Co 50 houses. Other companies are also joining in the project.—MNA

Advice sought for renovation of religious buildings

YANGON, 30 June — A ceremony to seek advice for renovation of storm-hit religious buildings in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions was held at Hsandawkyo Pagoda in Kawhmu Township yesterday morning.

Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maa Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadha-bhivamsa, Joint Secretary Naga Cave Kalewa Tawya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Dvipitaka Dvipitakakovida Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa gave advice.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wellwishers offered alms to members of the Sangha.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious matters, and wellwisher Dr Khin Shwe (Zay Kaba) supplicated on renovation of religious edifices.

Kyaikhtihsaung Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Pannadipa delivered a sermon.—MNA



Power-tillers arrive at storm-affected areas.—MNA

Donations may be made for storm survivors

YANGON, 30 June—Rehabilitation is under way for local people in storm-hit regions who have lost their property in the storm. In that regard, well-wishers may make donations for the following items individually or in groups or in cooperation with the government at the donations accepting supervisory committee at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) here.

Items	Value per unit (in kyat)
1. House	K 600,000
2. 21-foot fishing boat (with engine)	K 400,000
3. 21-foot fishing boat (without engine)	K 200,000
4. Power tiller	
(a) Leya-16	K 1,090,000
(b) Leya-22	K 1,550,000
(c) Ayeya-1	K 1,128,600
5. Bag of fertilizer	K 18,000

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Houses being built by donors at Kadonkani Village in Pyapon Township.—MNA

Blast destroys militant compound in Pakistan

KARACHI, 30 June—A resident says a powerful explosion has destroyed a militant compound in northwestern Pakistan’s tribal region, killing eight people.

The cause of the explosion early Monday in Bar Qambarkhel village is unclear. A militant spokesman claims it was a missile strike launched from neighboring Afghanistan.

It comes three days after Pakistani paramilitary forces launched a major offensive against pro-Taliban militants in Khyber.

Resident Nawaz Khan Afridi says he was woken by a loud explosion and joined dozens of villagers is rescuing survivors. He says he saw eight bodies.

Militant spokesman Munsif Khan claims it was a missile strike which had killed at least six supporters of the Vice and Virtue Movement and wounded 20.

Internet



A house was bombed at a troubled area of Bara Akakheil in Pakistan’s tribal area of Khyber on 29 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Six killed as two helicopters crash in Arizona

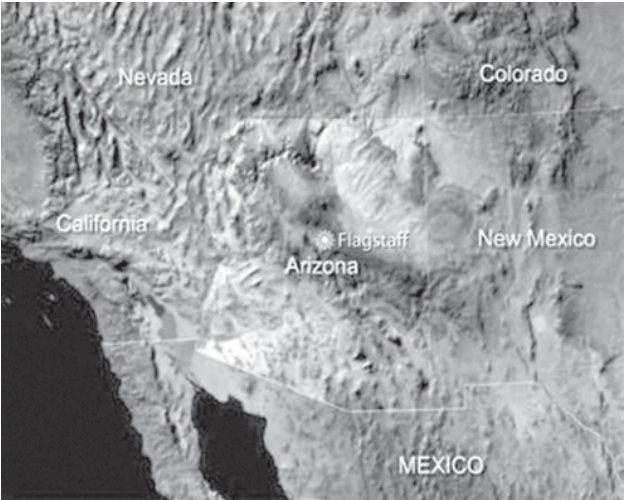
WASHINGTON, 30 June—Six people were killed and one was seriously injured on Sunday when two medical helicopters collided on their way to a hospital in Flagstaff, Arizona, air officials said.

The helicopters crashed near Flagstaff at about 3.45 pm PDT (6:45 pm EDT), said Ian Gregor, a spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration in Los Angeles.

Preliminary reports indicated at least one patient was among the three people killed in a helicopter operated by Air Methods Corp, Gregor said. The other four fatalities, as well as the injury, occurred aboard a helicopter operated by Classic Helicopter of Utah, he added.

Nobody on the ground was killed, Gregor said.

A spokesman with the Flagstaff Police Dept said the crash caused a brushfire of about 10 to 15 acres, which was quickly contained.—Internet



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Philippine landslide kills four, injures 26

MANILA, 30 June—Officials say heavy rains have triggered a landslide that killed at least four people and injured 26 others in the central Philippines.

Estrellita Escanan, the Office of Civil Defense’s provincial coordinator, says a woman and her 1-year-old daughter were among those killed when the houses of six families were buried late Sunday in mountainous Samboan township, in Cebu province. Two young boys died in a nearby house. Many of the people were sleeping when the earth crashed down.

Escanan said Monday it had been raining heavily and villagers reported a squall that whipped up winds in the area before the landslide.—Internet

West Nile virus hits Colorado, first cases confirmed

BOSTON, 30 June —The West Nile Virus has hit the state of Colorado. This comes as the first West Nile Virus cases of the season have been confirmed in the state.

The Colorado State Department of Public Health has confirmed that there have been 2 cases reported thus far.

One of the cases is from Boulder county, while the other is from Logan county.

The two patients who have been hit by the West Nile Virus are said to be recovering.

This is the first time this summer that there have been any reported human cases within the state.

They continue to try to gauge to see how severe it will be throughout the summer months.—Internet

Daewoo shipbuilding wins \$2.3 bln in orders in June

SEOUL, 30 June—Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co, the world’s third-largest shipyard, said Sunday that it won orders to build 12 ships worth of 2.3 billion US dollars this month, Yonhap reported..

The company said in the statement that nine very large oil tankers, one drill ship and two bulk carriers are to be built. However, the shipbuilder did not provide comparable figures from previous years.

In the first six months of this year, Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering has won orders valued at 7.56 billion dollars to build 43 ships, which accounts for 43.2 percent of its yearly target of 17.5 billion dollars worth of orders.—Internet

KABUL, 30 June — Civilian deaths in Afghanistan have risen sharply in the past year, largely due to more Taliban attacks and roadside bombings, UN officials said Sunday.

Afghan civilian deaths jumped from 430 in the first six months of 2007 to 698 so far this year, an increase of 60 percent, said John Holmes, the United Nations under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs.

Taliban insurgents forces have shifted from direct attacks on international troops toward the use of “civilianblind” measures such as road-side bombings and suicide attacks, said Aleem Siddique, a spokesman for the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

About 60 percent of civilian deaths in 2008 are blamed on antigovernment forces, up from less than half in 2007.

A total of 565 aid convoys came under attack in 2007, with hundreds of tons of food hijacked.

As recently as Sunday, a convoy of 100 tons of food aid came under attack outside Kandahar, with several trucks burned and looted, he said.

Internet

Fish fade away, crabs take over

NARRAGANSETT BAY, 30 June—Global warming has caused dramatic shifts in some aquatic communities in which fish populations die off and lobsters, crabs and squid move in.

The finding comes from a new analysis of 50 years worth of fish-trawling data collected in Narragansett Bay and adjacent Rhode Island Sound but may apply elsewhere, researchers said.

Resident fish communities have progressively shifted from vertebrate species (fish) to the invertebrates (lobsters and crabs); from bottom-feeders to species that find their food higher up in the water column; and from larger, cool-water species

to smaller, warm-water dwellers.

“This is a pretty dramatic change, and it’s a pattern that is being seen in other ecosystems ... but we’re in the relatively unique position of being able to document it,” said Jeremy Collie of the University of Rhode Island, leader of the new study.—Internet



A whale shark off the coast of Donsol island in the Philippines.—INTERNET

Palestinian factions argue about ceasefire

GAZA, 30 June — Palestinian factions on Saturday argued that they have the right to respond to Israeli violations of an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire which took hold in the Gaza Strip since 19 June. The argument intensified after Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, criticized two other groups for firing rockets into Israel despite the

calmness.

A small armed group the Islamic Jihad and al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, the armed wing of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement, fired the rockets in three occasions over the past days to retaliate for an Israeli military action in the West Bank though the latter territory is out of the ceasefire deal.

Khaled al-Batsh, a senior Islamic Jihad leader, said "the Israeli occupation violates the

lull on daily basis" and so his movement "preserves the right to retaliate for all Israeli crimes regardless where they take place".

Moreover, al-Batsh said his movement "calls on everyone to fight against the occupation." Referring to Hamas demands that the factions should consult before responding to the violation, al-Batsh said there were Israeli violations "require immediate retaliation without coordinating the responses with Hamas". — *Xinhua*

Abducted foreign aid workers released

MOGADISHU, 30 June — Two foreign aid workers and a Somali national abducted by Islamist insurgents were released hours after their abduction following the intervention of local elders, senior official confirmed to *Xinhua* on Saturday.

Maollin Isaq Nur Isaq, mayor of Wajid town in Bakool region where the aid workers were released, told *Xinhua* that the three men kidnapped early Saturday by insurgents who seized control of the provincial capital of Bakool, were released.

"Elders contacted the leaders of the Islamic Courts Union and secured their release," Isaq told *Xinhua* by phone from Wajid, 90 kilometres northwest of Baidoa, the seat of the Somali transitional Parliament.

Xinhua

Foreign visitors (L) select necklace at the Hongqiao market in Beijing, China, on 28 June, 2008. The Second Beijing Hongqiao International Pearl Culture Festival, opened recently, will last for three months. —XINHUA



Cargo ship capsizes off E China coast killing five, five missing

SHANGHAI, 30 June — A Chinese cargo ship capsized off the country's east coast on Saturday morning, killing five and leaving five others missing, the local authority said.

The ship *Haoping*, with 14 sailors and 4,000 tons of refined iron ore on

board, overturned at 3:27 am in the southern Yellow Sea.

Ships and a helicopter were sent to the area where rescuers saved four and found five bodies of crew members. The search for others continued.

Xinhua

Children watch from their village as black smoke rises during heavy fighting in the eastern Chadian town of Gos Beida in this on 14 June, 2008 file photo. To match Reuters Witness story CHAD-REBELS/ in which, Reuters chief photographer for West and Central Africa Finbarr O'Reilly, describes a recent encounter with rebels in eastern Chad.

INTERNET



A visitor looks at a piece of woodcarving at the Pablo Picasso's private gifts exhibition in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 28 June, 2008.

XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Greek passenger ship runs aground in Aegean Sea

ATHENS, 30 June — A Greek Passenger ship *Theofilos*, en route from Mytilene to Chios in east Aegean sea, ran aground off the island of Oinousses Saturday.

According to Greek TV, the ship was carrying 475 passengers and has suffered a crack on its left side, after hitting an unmapped reef.

The Ministries of Mercantile Marine said the ship was slightly damaged but was able to continue to Oinousses, which is around two kilometres away

Promptly responding to the emergency, the rescue teams consisting of two *Super Puma* helicopters and three warships to rush to the site, and a *C-130* aircraft is on standby. — *Xinhua*

British airports "vulnerable" to attack

LONDON, 30 June — British airports are vulnerable one year after the attack on Glasgow Airport, warned a terrorism expert.

Security consultant Chris Yates said many of the changes put in place at Glasgow, northern Britain, after a jeep was driven into Glasgow's main terminal building and set on fire on 30 June, had been copied at other airports around the world, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported on Friday.

Although some "weak points" in airport security have been addressed, others have remained.

Xinhua

Coalition chopper makes hard landing in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 June — A helicopter belonging to the US-led Coalition forces made a hard landing in the eastern Afghan province of Paktya on Saturday, said a Coalition statement.

The helicopter made hard landing due to mechanical issues leading to no casualties, said the statement.

There were no reports of enemy fire and the helicopter has been secured, it added.

A total of 70,000 multi-national troops are deployed across Afghanistan under the flags of the NATO-led ISAF and the US-led Coalition forces respectively for maintaining stability and helping in reconstruction of the country.

Xinhua

Obama criticizes McCain on immigration

WASHINGTON, 30 June—Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain courted Hispanic support on Saturday, and Obama accused his White House rival of backing away from comprehensive US immigration reform under pressure from his party. In separate appearances before a group of Latino public officials, the two presidential contenders portrayed themselves as dedicated champions for Hispanics—a fast-growing and critical swing voting

bloc in November's election.

Obama took aim at McCain's approach to comprehensive immigration reform and his change of emphasis on legislation to offer a pathway to citizenship for the country's 12 million illegal immigrants.

McCain, an Arizona senator, broke with his party and worked for the plan, which ultimately failed in Congress amid heavy Republican opposition.

But he shifted his approach during the fight

for the party's presidential nomination to emphasize the need to secure US borders before addressing the status of illegal immigrants.

"One place where Senator McCain used to offer change was on immigration. He was a champion of comprehensive reform, and I admired him for it," Obama, an Illinois senator who supported the proposal, told the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.—MNA/Reuters



Passengers receive security check at the Andingmen Subway Station in downtown Beijing, China, on 29 June, 2008. —XINHUA

NZ migrants concern about growing safety fears

WELLINGTON, 30 June—The head of the New Zealand Federation of Ethnic Councils said here on Saturday that fears about personal safety were growing among members of ethnic and migrant communities in New Zealand, Radio New Zealand reported.

Federation president

Pancha Narayanan said new multicultural legislation could have prevented members of ethnic communities being the targets of recent violent crime and would have prompted better handling of the incidents.

He was referring to the killings of a liquor store owner, a pensioner and a

woman in South Auckland earlier this month. All were Asian, including two Chinese origin women.

He told the federation's annual general meeting in Wellington on Saturday that he knew there was racism when he came to New Zealand in 1986, but he felt safe then.

MNA/Xinhua

Blast kills two in N Lebanon city of Tripoli

TRIPOLI (Lebanon), 30 June—An explosion ripped through an apartment block in Lebanon's northern city of Tripoli on Saturday, killing two people and wounding 17, medical sources said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the blast in the city's Bab Tibbaneh area, where nine people were killed in clashes

that erupted on Sunday between Sunni supporters of the government and Allawite followers of the opposition.

Tripoli is dominated by Lebanon's anti-Syrian, Sunni-led majority coalition. The Allawites, whose faith is an offshoot of Shiite Islam, have close ties to Syria and the Lebanese opposition, which is led by

the Shiite Hizbollah group.

A Qatari-mediated accord in May ended 18 months of political conflict between the governing coalition and the opposition.

The standoff led to a violent showdown that threatened a new civil war. Since then there have been frequent minor security incidents.—MNA/Reuters

UN urges for common solutions to guide AU development

SHARMEL-SHEIKH, (Egypt), 30 June — African countries should make use of common solutions and regional and international cooperation to guide and drive national actions for development, a top UN official said here on Friday.

Abdulie Janneh, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa, made the remarks when addressing the opening ceremony of the foreign ministerial meeting of the African Union (AU) Executive Council in the Egyptian Red Sea resort Sharm el-Sheikh.

He said the best way to spur Africa's wide-ranging and complex development is unity of purpose, policy coherence

and effective use of limited resources to build more stable, integrated, competitive and diversified economies.

MNA/Xinhua

Anti-G8 protesters scuffle with riot police during a rally against next month's G8 summit in Hokkaido, northern Japan, in Tokyo on 29 June, 2008.—INTERNET



32 militants killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 June—Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and the US-led Coalition forces in two separate operations have killed 32 insurgents in southern Afghan province of Uruzgan, said a Coalition statement released here on Saturday.

The first engagement occurred when the combined forces was on a security patrol in the Khas Uruzagan district and received fire from insurgents in a heavily vegetated area, the statement said. The ANSF and Coalition soldiers returned

fire and moved to an area from which they could direct air strikes, killing three militants, it added.

However, the militants came again soon later attacking the patrol using small arms and ANSF and Coalition forces defeated the attack, killing 29 insurgents, the statement said. During this engagement, insurgents attempted to disguise themselves in women's clothing in order to escape, it noted.

MNA/Xinhua

People pass a plastic toy model at the Bandai booth during the Singapore Toy & Comic Convention on 29 June, 2008. The event, which features a host of toys, comics, animation, gaming, design, licensing, and Cosplay from all over the world, is the first of its kind in Singapore, event organizers said.—INTERNET

Might of loving-kindness

Khin Oo



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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3rd July 2008

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“Well, my dear, we are a couple who had been married since we were young. When we started to lead a married life, we had no paddy fields or cattle. Ko Aye Pe earned his living as a farm labourer his whole life. When the storm started to take place, I did not think it was a storm. I thought it were just a strong wind and a low tide. Our hut was situated in a lower ground. Then, the storm got stronger and stronger. The sound of the storm was like a long siren to my ear.

“Daughter, my husband was paralyzed from the waist down the year before last year because he had been under excessive load of poverty since his youth. He had poor eyesight, too. The midwife in our village said that he had cataracts in both of his eyes. Our hut was washed away in the very first strong blow. He was thrown off the bamboo bedstead, and said, ‘What happened to us, Ma Mya May?’, and tried to sit up. Both of us got completely wet. At that time, the tidal wave was as high as my thigh. I was over 70. I thought I got stronger than. I held him on my back and carried him to the public rest-house on a higher ground.

“Daughter, I got very frightened, depressed and tired. My husband was too weak to talk. The hill was the site of our village’s

cemetery. When we got on the public rest-house, his whole body was icy cold. So, I gave him a massage on his whole body, especially on the centre of the soles of his feet the whole night. He was shivering, so I tried to keep him warm. The sole of the foot is the centre of nerves, isn’t it? I had been reciting the verses of the Supreme Attributes of the Three Gems and saying prayers for his recovering from the illness the whole night. The following morning, I plucked the sprouts of nearby watercress and *kanaphawt* and chewed them, and then I put the paste into his mouth to put him right.

“I even didn’t take a wink. If I fell asleep, or if I wasn’t resilient enough, that would cost my husband’s life. We had earned our living together since our marriage. We had a son, but he died of snakebite. Our family had only two members—he and me. So, I had to take care of him. You know, there is a saying that goes ‘Treat son as master, and husband as God’. My concept was that if we could not survive, I wanted to be the one who would die first. I wanted to see him survive as a result of my treatment to him. I was desperate to continue to treat and take care of him. I tended cattle. I also plucked fruit and vegetables and sold them. The medical team put him on a drip, and now, as you see he is able to speak well.

“I’m very encouraged to see him recover from his illness. I don’t think I would be that happy even if I won the highest lottery prize.”

(B)

“You mean my husband? He went out to sea to catch fish at that time. But, the fishing net was not ours, we hired it. What happened to us when the storm started? We lived by the sea. Our business was catching fish. At first, I thought it was just a heavy rain and high tide. My daughter was at the age of more than one year at that time. We caught fish as our business throughout the whole life. I know how to swim and set fishing nets. I did not accompany my husband because our child was still young. I don’t know whether he was dead or not. We haven’t got informed about him up to now. That night, the tide was in roughly. When our little house shook, I picked up my daughter from the cradle. My daughter and I were carried by the tidal waves. I waded, holding up my daughter over my head in case my daughter would drown. When I found a mangrove, I made a great effort to get to that tree. My daughter and I were close to drowning. When we reached the tree, I held the tree tight with one of my hands and climbed it up. I got many scrapes on my body. When we got in the fork of the tree, I noticed that my daughter’s face had turned dull blue because she got some water in her lungs.

So, I put her on my shoulder prostrate and pressed her back gently several times. By good fortune, the blouse I wore at that time was a flannel one. I took it off and wrapped my daughter with it. The wind and the rain were striking my back as though I were beaten with a whip. I had to show resilience the whole night and the whole morning. In the meantime, I was breastfeeding her. I took great care in case I didn’t drop her.

“I had to try my best for my daughter’s survival. I might die, but it didn’t matter. What was the most important was that my daughter was not injured and she continued to survive. My daughter is my whole life. The injuries in my back were not serious at all if compared with the case for her survival. I dared to make sacrifice my life if necessary.”

(C)

“Hi, friend, come on and take a seat. I’m getting better. The doctor said that my leg will turn to normal. I can translate your look at me. Now, my mind is still in normal conditions, Khin Lay. I have a word with you when we are alone. When I witnessed my husband’s tragic end, I felt as though I were deranged. I wished to sacrifice my life if that would save the lives of my family members. As you know, I am a teacher and my husband and I lived in different townships. During summer vacation, I was helping him with his work at the factory. We did not go back home. At the night the storm took place, there was no one but our family members in the factory. I heard a lot of noise because the storm was blowing the corrugated iron sheets off the roof and downing the trees outside the factory. I suggested Ko Kyaw Maung that we go back home. He was worried about the factory, and said that there was no difference between staying at home and staying in the factory. I heard the snap of the factory’s roof,

Hailing Myanmar Women’s Day

Proud To Be A Myanmar Woman

- * Myanmar Culture
One that’s unique and grand
From birth till life’s end
No Discrimination of sex nor brand
To oppress or look down on women
- * We don’t have ...
Birth of a boy, from Gods, a gift
That of a girl, a curse, some may think
Leading to selective abortion
Infanticide or female babies elimination
- * We do have ...
Education for all
Young boys and girls equally called
To attend school
For long-term poverty break-through
- * We don’t have ...
Forced marriages for young brides
Missing a chance to meet with Mr Rights
Who coincide with their tastes and likes
And big ‘dowry’ for everyone’s plight
- * Myanmar Women ...
Skill and power embedded in most of us
Traditionally being the focus
Key persons in the families
Pulling all strings to make everyone grow and happy
- * Along with our men, together we march
With mutual respect and trust
Yet common to find the reverse of ‘Ladies-first’
Not because of status but because of affection and love.

Aye Phyu

but I did not think the roof would collapse to the ground. As soon as I heard the sound of the roof dropping to the ground, I rushed to my two daughters and covered them. Then, one of my legs was under the cross beams. Ko Kyaw Maung and my younger brother faced grave danger. I had to harden my heart and hug my elder daughter. She was shivering out of fear. My younger daughter was brave. I explained the situations to her. I asked her to run to the village and ask whoever she would meet first for help. I said that the cross beams on her father could be removed to rescue him only when she got help.

Khin Lay, my daughter, ran as fast as she could to the village. But, I realized

that it was late to rescue my husband. When my daughter arrived back together with some people, she was too tired to speak. I have not received any treatment for my injured legs. But, I am pleased because I carried out funeral services for my husband and younger brother. Do you think I have no feelings about their deaths? No, my heart is completely filled with sorrows for their deaths. I have to show resilience because I have to take care of the future of my two daughters. What I will do all must be for them, not for me.

(This article is written in honour of Myanmar Women’s Day.)

Translation: MS



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F&R Minister meets officers and staff in Magway Div

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun went on an inspection tour of Myanmar Economic Bank in Taungdwingyi of

Magway Division on 27 June.

Upon his arrival, Managing Director U Myat Maw of MEB and the manager of Branch Bank briefed on banking

services. Next, the minister gave instructions on dealing with financial matters speedily.

The following day the minister met with officers and staff of

respective departments of the ministry and made a speech on the occasion. At the meeting division level departmental officials briefed on the target during the fiscal year, accomplishment of the tasks and future plans.

In his meeting he said that the departments of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue play the leading role in the regional economic development, adding that it is necessary to carry out the tasks in accord with the law, bylaws, rules and regulations and it is required to make efforts



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting with staff of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of Magway.—MNA



The old students of Marine Biology pay respects to their teachers at the get together held at M3 Food Centre in Yangon on 28 June.—H

for the development of the socio-economic life of the local people while performing the tasks for finance, monetary and tax. Next, the minister inspected Myanmar Insurance, Myanmar

Economic Bank, Myanmar Small Loans Enterprise, Pension Department and Internal Revenue Department in Magway and MEBs in Yenanchaung and Chauk. MNA

Participation of Defence Services (Navy) servicemen
in relief and rehabilitation of Delta region

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe

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A single person would not be able to carry out relief and rehabilitation tasks. That was why the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are harmoniously undertaking the above tasks. In doing so, officers and other ranks and vessels of Defence Services (Navy) have been

people. The Tatmadawmen of the Defence Services (Navy) had repaired 36 wells and lakes in Hainggyikyun region, 20 wells and lakes in Bogale Township and 24 wells and lakes in Labutta Township. Moreover, they had repaired 10 village schools in Ngapudaw Township, 10 village schools in Labutta Township and six

stretching altogether 3,990 feet long in Hainggyikyun, Labutta and Bogale townships by undertaking repair of earth roads and construction of new ones. Furthermore, they had repaired houses of storm victims — 1,812 houses in Hainggyikyun region, 104 houses in Labutta Township and 98 houses in Bogale



Officers and other ranks of Defence Services (Navy) carrying out sanitation in Kyeinchaunggyi Village of Bogale Township.



Servicemen of Defence Services (Navy) remove fallen trees in Bogale Township.

running up and down the routes to participate in relief and rehabilitation tasks along the many rivers and creeks of Ayeyawady Division from 5 May to date. In taking rehabilitation measures in Labutta, Bogale and Hainggyikyun, the Defence Services (Navy) mobilized the rank and file and naval vessels to repair wells and lakes for supply of potable water to the local

village schools in Bogale Township. Likewise, the Tatmadawmen of the Defence Services (Navy) had renovated 22 monasteries in Hainggyikyun, six monasteries in Labutta Township and 19 monasteries in Bogale Township. Indeed, relief and rehabilitation tasks have been carried out in all aspects. The Tatmadawmen constructed earth roads

Township. Tidal waves affected the vast areas in the division. Therefore, efforts were made for prevention against outbreak of infectious diseases. Members of the

medical teams under control of the Defence Services (Navy) made field trips to the grass-root level to provide health care to 98 patients in Hainggyikyun region, (See page 9)

Naval servicemen undertaking rehabilitation of Thabye (Tahse) Village of Kyeinchaunggyi Village.



Participation of Defence Services (Navy) servicemen...

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73 patients in Labutta Township and 518 patients in Bogale Township. Moreover, the Tatmadawmen participated in the farming work of local farmers. With a view to running the agriculture sector as usual, officers and other ranks of the Defence Services (Navy) together with local farmers ploughed 70 acres of farmland in Hainggyi-kyun region, 115 acres in

hit townships in Ayeyawady Division. As part of contributions, the Defence Services (Navy) distributed 1,000 gallons of diesel, 55 fishing boats and 31 fibre fishing boats measuring 21 feet by four feet to storm victim fishermen of Bogale and Labutta townships.

In addition, the Defence Services (Navy) undertook rehabilitation tasks of the storm-hit regions with might and main. Up to 25 June, naval

including salty water resistant paddy strains to the storm-hit regions. The naval vessels could serve the transport duty along a lot of rivers and creeks in undertaking rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks effectively.

In Aukpyunwa Village of Labutta Township, all the houses were destroyed in the storm. Therefore, the officers and other ranks of Danyawady Naval Region Command built



Servicemen of Defence Services (Navy) cutting hair of local people in Kyeinchaunggyi Village of Bogale Township.



Naval officers and other ranks participating in rebuilding of houses in villages of Labutta Township.

Labutta Township and 38 acres in Bogale Township. As a result, the naval officers and other ranks were in one with the local farmers in the agriculture sector.

Damage and losses were also caused in the fishery industry of storm-

vessels transported 972.23 tons of foodstuffs, 260.99 tons of personal goods and 697.15 tons of construction materials totalling 2,555.84 tons to necessary areas. Moreover, the vessels transported 7,624.475 tons of agricultural inputs

huts for 120 families of the village. Actually, they performed the tasks to fulfil the shelter needs of 120 households by moving them from the tarpaulin tents to the huts before the rainy season. Likewise, construction of huts for 240 survivor families in Ohnchaung Village of Labutta reflected the efforts and goodwill of naval officers

and other ranks.

All in all, I wrote the article to honour the industrious efforts of over 1,500 officers and other ranks of the Defence Services (Navy) who have been taking part in the rehabilitation of storm-hit regions up to date with the use of 30 naval vessels.

Translation: TTA



Naval officers and other ranks removing fallen trees in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in Labutta and Ngapudaw Tsps



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects skilled workers building fishing boats for storm victims in Kyaungpangon, Patheingyi Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of Government Office and heads of departments arrived at Patheingyi in Ayeyawady Division by helicopter this morning.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed in Patheingyi by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Deputy Commander Brig-

Gen Khin Maung Aye, Patheingyi Air Base Commander Brig-Gen Zin Yaw and departmental officials.

Accompanied by Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party went on an inspection of a fishing boat building workshop being carried out by the Fisheries Department in support of rehabilitation for storm-hit fishermen in Kyaungpangon village of Patheingyi.

First, Deputy Head of Ayeyawady Division Fisheries Department U Min Naung briefed the Prime Minister on progress in building

fishing boats while Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented a supplementary report.

At the fishing boat building workshop, the Prime Minister looked into progress in building fishing boats by skilled boat builders and gave guidance to take speedy measures for the construction of fishing boats adding that the ministry is to provide assistance to meet the requirements as the task is being carried out by the State for the improvement of socio-economic life of the storm-hit fishermen.

The Fisheries Department is in charge of the fishing boat building workshop locating in Kyaungpangon village of

Patheingyi. A total of 60 skilled fishing boat builders are constructing 15 boats with the length of 21 feet per day at

and party left Patheingyi by helicopter and landed at 3rd mile relief camp of Labutta Township at 12.30 pm and they were



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents cash donation to Headmaster U Tun Myint to build a two-storey school building in Chaungwa village, Ngapudaw Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views fishing gear at Kyaukhmaw village, Labutta Township.—MNA

present and there is a plan to have finished 500 boats at the end of July.

The Fisheries Department is building fishing boats for the fishermen in the 7 storm-hit townships in Ayeyawady Division and opening 16 fishing boat building workshops—one in Pyapon, two in Bogale, four in Mawlamyinegyun, two in Labutta, one in Einme and two each in Myaungmya, Hinthada and Patheingyi Townships—. So far a total of 644 fishing boats have been built and plans are under way to continue to build fishing boats to meet the requirement.

The Prime Minister

welcomed by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut who was supervising rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in Labutta Township and departmental officials.

Upon arrival at Labutta, the Prime Minister attended a ceremony to hand over fishing boats and fishing gear to be used at rehabilitation works.

First, the Prime Minister watched the test run of fishing boats to be handed over and demonstration of fishing with the use of fishing gear.

Then followed the ceremony to hand over (See page 11)

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects...

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fishing boats and fishing equipment. Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein handed over 226 fishing boats, 250 pieces of fishing nets and 1270 pieces of other accessories to Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut.

Next, Managing Director U Tun Tun of Tun Yadana Sein Jade Mining Co donated K 100 million and 4000 pieces of clothing for the resumption of salt industry and reconstruction work in Labutta and Ngapudaw townships. Labutta Township Incharge Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Hinegyikyun Region Incharge Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint accepted the donations.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein addresses ceremony to donate cash for construction of a new school building and desks at Chaungwa Village Basic Education High School.—MNA



Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected the fishing boats, engines and fishing gear handed over by the

Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. They then left the camp by helicopter and

Prime Minister General Thein Sein converses with local people.—MNA

Prime Minister and party were welcomed by members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association and local people. The Prime Minister attended a ceremony to donate cash for construction of a new school building and desks at Chaungwa Village Basic Education High School (Branch). Addressing the ceremony, the Prime Minister said he witnessed that there was difficulty in pursuing education in the past as he himself used to pursue his

comfortable life being able to distinguish between right and wrong. The damaged school would be reconstructed into the durable two-storey building for the students to learn education peacefully. The students are urged to try to become brilliant ones on whom the State can rely. Next, the Prime Minister donated cash for the school building to the headmaster.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented exercise books and stationery to the students and General Manager U Kyaw Naing of Shwe



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects fishing boats in Kyaukhmaw village. —MNA



Fishing gear for fishermen of storm-hit regions.—MNA

inspected ploughing of land and cultivation of paddy in Labutta Township from aerial view.

At 2 pm, the Prime Minister and party went to Pyin Khayine Village in Ngapudaw Township and inspected ploughing of land and arrangements for cultivation of rice and developments in the village and nearby villages by car.

On arrival at the Chaungwa Village in Ngapudaw Township, the

education in this region.

However, as the government has placed special attention to promotion of education in the villages of remote areas including this region, those regions no longer have any difficulties in learning education. Therefore, parents themselves need to encourage their children to try to become educated, he said. When they become educated people, they will be able to lead peaceful and

Thanlwin Co donated 300 sets of desks and 750 raincoats. After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Thein Sein greeted those present. The school building is 60 feet long, 30 feet wide and 14 feet high.

Leaving Chaungwa Village by helicopter, the Prime Minister and party viewed condition of villages and arrangements for growing rice. In the afternoon, they arrived back in Patheingyi.

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WB, Togo launch infrastructure rehabilitation project

LOME, 30 June—The Togolese Government and the World Bank have launched a long delayed project with the aim of rehabilitating and promoting the maintenance of basic infrastructure in the Togolese capital Lome, according to official sources.

Dubbed as Project for the Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Infrastructure in Lome, the main objective of the World Bank- funded project is to help the Togolese Government improve in the areas such as roads and other dilapidated amenities in the capital, the government announced in a statement on Thursday.

Funded through World Bank’s specialized Low Income Countries Under Stress mechanism, the project is estimated to cost up to over 600 million FCFA (1.6 million US dollars), according to government sources.

“The project is intended to assist the Togolese Government to improve access to critical urban infrastructure and services through the rapid rehabilitation of roads and enhancement of access to urban transportation,” said the World Bank in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan, US, Australia pledge close strategic partnership

KYOTO (Japan), 30 June—Top diplomats of Japan, the United States and Australia undertook Friday to work in close strategic partnership to boost stability and security in the Asia-Pacific Region as well as the world at large.

The decision was unveiled in a joint statement released after Masahiko Komura, Stephen Smith, foreign ministers of Japan, Australia respectively, and US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice held talks at the third ministerial meeting of the Trilateral Strategic Dialogue Friday, following the conclusion of the G-8 foreign ministers meeting.

During the talks, the three ministers underscored the importance of

promoting trilateral cooperation to ensure peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific Region as it is faced with a wide range of challenges, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, and natural disasters.

Noting that their cooperation should be forward-looking and responsive to emerging security issues, the three nations vowed to further strengthen trilateral initiatives in various areas, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief as well as counter-terrorism, security and defense cooperation.

With distinguished performance in response to natural disasters and other humanitarian emer-

gencies, Japan, the United States and Australia highlighted strengthened cooperation on disaster management and emergency response.

MNA/Xinhua

Britons face higher bills for Queen Elizabeth

LONDON, 30 June—Another item to add to the list of rising expenses faced by Britons: the royal family.

Queen Elizabeth and her family cost Britain 40 million pounds (nearly 80 million US dollars) in the past fiscal year, about 66 pence per person and a rise of two million pounds, or 5.3 per cent.

Palace officials said a drive to conserve energy at palaces had helped to keep cost rises in check.

The Queen used 7.3 per cent less electricity in 2007-08, helped by the introduction of low-energy light bulbs. Water from a borehole in Buckingham Palace was used to cool the wine cellars and water the gardens. But maintenance, utility bills and travel costs went up in a year in which she made state visits to the United States, Uganda, Belgium, France and the Netherlands, had 440 engagements across Britain and entertained 38,000 guests at garden parties.

MNA/Reuters

British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 30 June—A British soldier was killed and two others injured when a vehicle they were travelling in rolled over while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, Britain’s Ministry of Defence said on Saturday.

“The vehicle had been part of a patrol, conducting force protection when the incident occurred. The incident was not combat-related,” said the MOD in

statement.

The three soldiers, who were from the 13 Air Assault Support Regiment Royal Logistic Corps, were evacuated to NATO’s International Security Assistance Force’s medical facilities at Camp Bastion.

“Sadly, despite the best efforts of the medical team, one soldier died of his wounds,” the MOD statement added. “The

remaining two casualties are receiving treatment for their injuries which are not life threatening.”

The death in Helmand Province brings to 109 the number of British troops killed since US-led forces invaded Afghanistan to drive out the Taleban government and al-Qaeda militants after the 11 September, 2001, attacks on the United States.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese Navy warship leaves southern China port

ZHANJIANG (Guangdong), 30 June —After a five-day visit to China, Japan’s Maritime Self-Defence Force destroyer *Sazanami* left the southern Guangdong Province port city of Zhanjiang on Saturday morning.

Sazanami, with its 240-member crew, is the first Japanese warship to visit China since World War II.

A farewell ceremony

was held at the port before its departure. “Please send the love and friendship of the Chinese navy and people back to Japan,” Lieutenant-General Su Shiliang, commander of the South Sea Fleet, said to Major-General Shinichi Tokumaru of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force.

Su added the reciprocal visits symbolized an important step in the

communication between the China and Japan defence forces. Before heading back to Japan, the destroyer will have a drill with the Chinese Navy in the sea area near Zhanjiang. It will focus on communication and formation.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Drive with
care

Tokyo forum calls for measures, against global warming

TOKYO, 30 June — A forum participated by Parliament members from the Group of Eight (G-8) and other rising countries on Saturday called for tangible measures and prompt steps to check the global warming.

At the opening session, British former Prime Minister Tony Blair said the global warming is a problem challenging the entire humankind, and the phase for realizing the problem has concluded.

He called on leaders around the world to work out countermeasures against it as soon as possible.

While acknowledging the hardness of the problem, Blair said it's time for developing nations to care about prosperity and environment protection at the same time. He emphasized the necessity of developing nuclear energy, energy saving and carbon dioxide solidification technologies, and

the importance of protecting forests.

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda said at the opening the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions could only be achieved with participation of all nations, instead of some of them. He expressed Japan's expectation to propose discussions over a new international framework at the upcoming G-8 summit.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at a displayed electric vehicle during the 4th China International Electric, Leisure and Sport Vehicles Exhibition opened in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 June, 2008. —INTERNET

Jordan, Canada sign MoU on nuclear cooperation

AMMAN, 30 June — Jordan and Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) here on Saturday, creating a framework for nuclear collaboration between the two countries, officials said. The MoU was signed by Jordan Nuclear Energy Commission and visiting officials with Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) and SNC-Lavalin International, one of the world's largest engineering and construction firms.

According to Chairman of Jordan Nuclear Energy Commission Khalid Touqan, the MoU aims to help Jordan assess the feasibility of the intro-

duction of a Canada Deuterium Uranium (CANDU) nuclear power programme in Jordan. It will pave the way for setting up joint ventures and signing a nuclear cooperation agreement between the two countries by the end of 2008.

The MoU includes engineering and economic studies on a possible Enhanced CANDU 6 reactor, along with assessment on infrastructure development, site selection, fuel fabrication facilities, technology transfer, manpower training and the potential use of Jordan's uranium resources in the programme.

MNA/Xinhua



A man uses a computer at an Internet cafe in Moscow. Russia will be able to create its first Internet addresses using the Cyrillic alphabet next year, communications ministry official Vladimir Vassiliev told Interfax news agency on 29 June, 2008. —INTERNET

Hu urges enhanced efforts to cope with climate change

BEIJING, 30 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao is urging the country to contribute further efforts to the global fight against climate change.

Hu, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remarks here on Friday at a group study for the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee. The study focused on global climate change and the country's ability to tackle the issue.

"How we cope with climate change is related to the country's economic development and people's practical benefits. It's in line with the country's basic interests," he said.

He stressed, as a developing country, China should stick to the responsibilities and principles listed in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol. He hoped developed countries could step up efforts on emission reduction and provide financial and technical support for developing countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Two students carrying dynamite arrested in Bolivia

LIMA, 30 June — Bolivian police on Sunday arrested two students for carrying dynamite in a state where voters were lining up in a key election to choose a governor.

The two students, arrested in Chuquisaca's capital of Sucre, were carrying 27 cartridges of dynamite in their backpacks.

Local authorities have not said if they were involved in the attack on local TV stations Saturday, which left the TV tower without electricity.

The Chuquisaca election has been marked by tension as the state holds great significance in the struggle between Bolivian President Evo Morales and the autonomist opposition. — MNA/Xinhua

Damaged Royal Navy sub returns to Britain

LONDON, 30 June — A Royal Navy nuclear-powered submarine that hit a rock last month in the Red Sea, damaging its sonar equipment, has returned to Britain, the Ministry of Defence said on Saturday.

After hitting a submerged pinnacle after passing through the Suez Canal, HMS Superb underwent repairs at the NATO facility in Souda Bay, Crete, before returning to Devonport naval base in Plymouth, southwest England, under

its own power.

An assessment will now be made before a decision is made on the future of the 272ft long Swiftsure-class attack submarine that was about 80 miles south of Suez when it struck the rock.

No other vessel was involved and an investigation is now being carried out into the incident by the Royal Navy.

It is not the first time a Royal Navy vessel has run aground.

A recent report

described how the nuclear-powered submarine HMS Trafalgar struck the bottom of the sea at more than 14 knots off the Isle of Skye in 2002 after basic navigational errors during a training exercise.

The destroyer HMS Nottingham hit rocks off the Australian coast, also in 2002, smashing open its hull, while two years earlier, the frigate HMS Grafton ran aground after striking rocks off the coast of Norway.

MNA/Reuters

Emergency declared in California as wildfires rage

LOS ANGELES, 30 June — US President George W. Bush declared a state of emergency Saturday in California, as the coastal state was grappling with more than 1,000 wildfires.

According to Cheri Patterson, a spokeswoman for the state's fire department, more than 12,000 firefighters have been battling the fires in northern California for more than a week now and the firefighting force has been stretched too thin by

the sheer number of blazes.

She said the situation would become even grimmer as more dry thunderstorms, lightning from which sparked many of the wildfires in California, are expected this weekend. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said Friday in a letter to President Bush that the fires have already burned 265,000 acres (107,325 hectares) of land since they erupted on 20 June. — MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Torres ends the pain as Spain win 1-0

VIENNA, 30 June — Spain finally ended their 44-year wait for a trophy when Fernando Torres’s exquisite first-half goal gave them a deserved 1-0 victory over Germany in a fast and furious Euro 2008 final on Sunday.

Spain, appearing in their first final since 1984 and seeking only their second trophy following their 1964 Euro success on home soil, were worthy winners as their crisp passing, wonderful technique and defensive discipline left Germany flailing.

Torres’s goal after 33 minutes was also fit for a final as he showed all the speed, determination and quality of finish that summed up his team’s whole campaign.

“It’s a dream come true,” he said. “It’s our first title (together) and we hope it will be the first of many. We’ve still got the World Cup to come, we have to be ambitious.

“At last justice has been done because the team that played the best football won the tournament.”

Germany, as always, never gave up but their willing running could not bridge the gulf in class and they will have to wait for another shot at a fourth European title.

MNA/Reuters

Final triumph just the start for Spain says Aragonés

VIENNA, 30 June — Spain coach Luis Aragonés said their 1-0 victory over Germany in Sunday’s Euro 2008 final was just the beginning for a talented young side which he believed could win the World Cup.

Aragonés, speaking after his last match in charge of the national team, told a news conference: “Lots of people have looked at this Spain as a model of how football should be played.” I have often thought that if I could manage this team relatively well then we would be champions, because we have got so many quality players.

“I think this team can continue along this path and win more titles.

Aragonés, who will turn 70 in July and was the oldest coach at Euro 2008, has made it clear he will step down after the tournament.

He is expected to take up a lucrative offer from Turkish club Fenerbahçe to coach the team for the next two seasons.

MNA/Reuters



Inbee Park of Korea holds her US Women’s Open Championship Cup after winning the championship at the Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minnesota, on 29 June, 2008.

INTERNET

Success will take time to sink in, say Spain players

VIENNA, 30 June — The enormity of Spain’s achievement in breaking a 44-year trophy drought with their stylish 1-0 victory over Germany in Sunday’s Euro 2008 final will take some time to sink in according to the players.

“At last we’ve done it,” captain Iker Casillas told reporters. “I’m not sure we’re yet conscious of what we’ve achieved. I’ve fulfilled one of my dreams and one of the goals I wanted to achieve before I retired from the national team.

“I was overwhelmed when the referee blew the final whistle but now I feel a little calmer. It’s a huge feeling of happiness for all Spanish fans. They deserve it because we were all sick and tired of failing at the quarterfinals.”

Spain won their only previous title when they beat the Soviet Union 2-1 on home soil in the final of the European Championship in 1964. They reached the final again 20 years later, but lost 2-0 to a far more talented France side.

They went out at the quarterfinal stage at five major tournaments before breaking the jinx with a penalty shootout victory over world champions Italy at Euro 2008. “Winning this tournament is an incredible achievement, there aren’t words to describe it,” said midfielder Andres Iniesta.

“We have fought really hard for this but this team has always played well and given a good impression. “We the players, and the fans as well, were so keen to win a title one day and now we’ve done it. Now we need to try and win more.” Fellow midfielder Cesc Fabregas, who was in the team for the final in place of injured striker David Villa, agreed. —MNA/Reuters



In-Kyung Kim, of South Korea, watches her shot from the fourth tee on 29 June, 2008, during the final round of the US Women’s Open golf championship at the Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn.

INTERNET

Torres jubilant after ending Spain’s trophy wait

VIENNA, 30 June — Fernando Torres described Spain’s 1-0 victory over Germany in the Euro 2008 final on Sunday as a dream come true after scoring the winner. The 24-year-old striker set Spain on the way to their first major title in 44 years with a well-taken goal in the first half after a mix-up in the Germany defence.

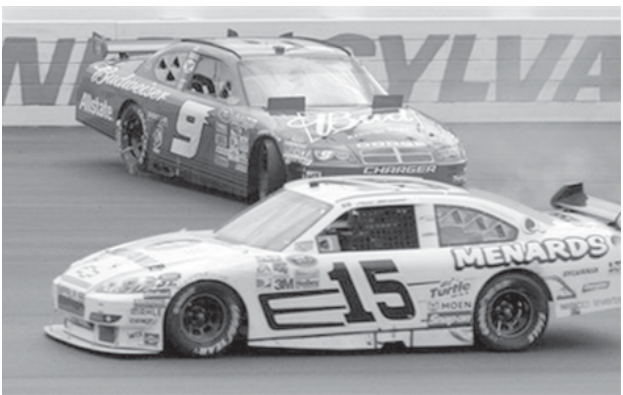
Summing up the achievement, Torres said: “This is the most important title after the World Cup.” I am going to enjoy this...this victory is good for football.

“It is a dream come true. It is our first title and we hope it is the first of many. We have to be ambitious as we still have the World Cup to come.

“At last justice has been done and the team that played the best football won the tournament.”

Though this was his first winner in a major tournament final for the senior team, Torres is no stranger to scoring them for Spain in finals at youth level. He struck a penalty to give Spain a 1-0 win over France in the final of the European Under-16 championship final in 2001 and 12 months later he scored the only goal in the 1-0 victory over Germany in the European Under-19 championship final.

MNA/Reuters



NASCAR driver Kasey Kahne (9) spins out as NASCAR driver Paul Menard (15) passes by Sunday, on 29 June, 2008, during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Lenox Industrial Tools 301 auto race at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H.—INTERNET

Loew satisfied with Germany’s tournament

VIENNA, 30 June — Coach Joachim Loew said he was satisfied with Germany’s showing at Euro 2008 after they lost the final 1-0 to Spain on Sunday.

Fernando Torres netted in the first half after taking advantage of a mistake by defender Philipp Lahm, who had scored the last-minute winner in their fortunate 3-2 win over Turkey in the semifinals.

“I think we can be satisfied with the tournament as a whole. The team performed very well over the 45 days we’ve spent together. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed everything, but we were very ambitious,” Loew told a news conference.

“We have to acknowledge our defeat and for us it is going to be an incentive to work hard in the next two years. For us, it is a great performance to reach the final, it has been something extraordinary and we are proud of that.”

The Germany coach, who will stay in charge for the qualifying campaign for the 2010 World Cup, said Spain fully deserved their first major title in 44 years.

“I think we have to recognize the high quality of the Spanish players,” he said.—MNA/Reuters

China hails Ouyang ban as beacon for clean Olympics

BEIJING, 30 June — Chinese officials say a life-time ban on top swimmer Ouyang Kunpeng for a doping offence demonstrates the country’s determination to present a clean Beijing Olympics in August.

China’s top backstroker tested positive for the anabolic agent clenbuterol last month, dealing the country an embarrassing setback before the August 8-24 Games.

“Ouyang’s ban proves nothing but our determination to weed out dope cheats among Chinese athletes,” Yuan Hong, head of the Chinese Olympic Committee’s anti-doping commission, told the Xinhua news agency.

“No matter how excellent an athlete is, he or she will be severely punished if they test positive. We will continue our zero-tolerance policy in the fight against doping in order to send a clean team to the Olympic Games.”

Chinese officials announced Ouyang’s ban on Friday. First-time offenders usually receive a two-year ban but Ouyang’s tough sentence sent a clear warning to other would-be Chinese offenders.

Chinese swimmers were embroiled in a series of doping scandals in the 1990s and the country’s sporting authorities have pledged to crack down on drug cheats before the Beijing Games.

Ouyang is the biggest-name Chinese swimmer to fail a dope test for several years. —MNA/Reuters

Accidental fungus leads to promising cancer drug

WASHINGTON, 30 June—A drug developed using nanotechnology and a fungus that contaminated a lab experiment may be broadly effective against a range of cancers, US researchers reported on Sunday.

The drug, called lodamin, was improved in one of the last experiments overseen by Dr. Judah Folkman, a cancer researcher who died in January. Folkman pioneered the idea of angiogenesis therapy —

starving tumors by preventing them from growing blood supplies.

Lodamin is an angiogenesis inhibitor that Folkman’s team has been working to perfect for 20 years. Writing in the journal *Nature Biotechnology*, his colleagues say they developed a formulation that works as a pill, without side-effects.

They have licensed it to SynDevRx, Inc, a privately held Cambridge, Massachusetts biotechnology company that

has recruited several prominent cancer experts to its board.

Tests in mice showed it worked against a range of tumors, including breast cancer, neuroblastoma, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumors known as glioblastomas and uterine tumors.

It helped stop so-called primary tumors and also prevented their spread, Ofra Benny of Children’s Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School and colleagues reported.

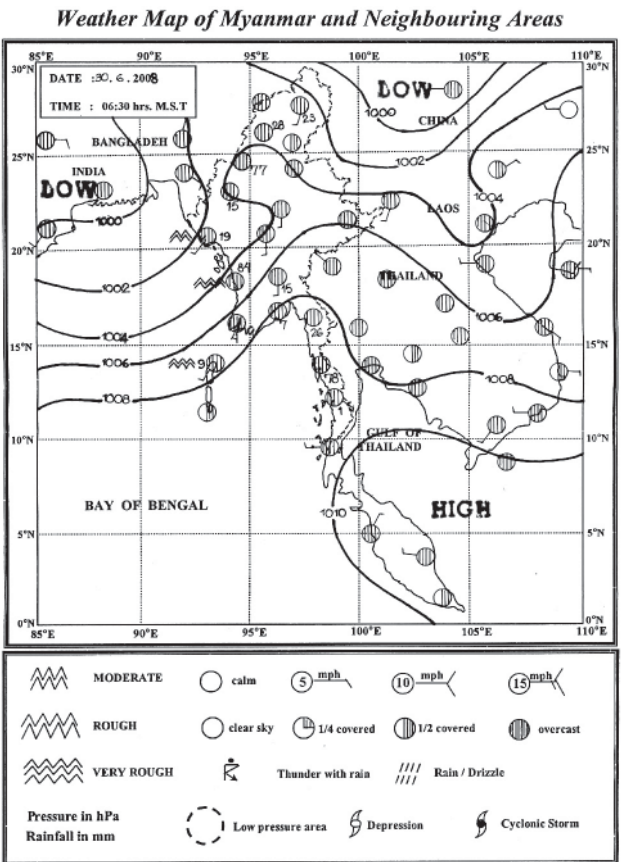
MNA/Reuters

Suicide bomber kills 7 policemen in N Iraq

TIKRIT, 30 June—A suicide car bomber killed seven policemen and wounded three in an attack on a patrol in northern Iraq’s Salahuddin Province on Sunday, police said.

The explosion in the town of Dhuluiya, 70 kilometres (45 miles) north of Baghdad, was the latest in a series of attacks by militants on Iraqi forces trying gradually to take over responsibility for Iraq’s security from the US military.

MNA/Reuters



Nine killed, 16 wounded in traffic accident in Russia

MOSCOW, 30 June — Nine people were killed and another 16 wounded in a vital traffic accident near Russia’s city of St Petersburg, *ITAR-TASS* reported on Sunday.

A truck and a passenger bus crashed early Sunday on the Moscow- Petersburg Pskov highway, some 60 kilometres from St Petersburg, said the Interior Ministry’s road traffic department.

Local official has started investigation on the accident, *ITAR-TASS* said.

MNA/Xinhua

US teen killed by roller coaster at Six Flags park

NEW YORK, 30 June—A 17-year-old boy was killed by a roller coaster at a Six Flags Inc amusement park in Georgia on Saturday after entering a restricted area, park officials said.

The teen, visiting from Springfield, South Carolina, with his church group, was struck and

killed instantly by the Batman roller coaster after scaling 6-foot fences marked by danger signs with another boy, Six Flags spokeswoman Hela Sheth said in a statement.

“The areas where the individuals entered were clearly marked with signs that stated ‘Restricted area/ Authorized personnel only’

and a sign on a locked gate that read ‘Danger zone. Do not enter,’” Sheth said in the statement.

The teen’s family was at the park, and Six Flags has been working with local police officials to investigate the death.

MNA/Reuters

Cargo plane crashes near Khartoum airport

KHARTOUM, 30 June—A cargo plane crashed near the airport in Sudan’s capital Khartoum on Monday, witnesses said. It was not immediately known how many people were on board the aircraft and whether they had survived or been killed.

“The plane crashed in an empty area about one or two kilometres from the airport,” said one witness, asking not to be named. “Parts of the plane are lying everywhere. There are huge patches of dark engine oil.”

Another witness said a large explosion was heard when the plane crashed and that flames had billowed from the area. Aviation officials could not be reached immediately for comment. — MNA/Reuters



Tuesday, 1 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:45 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

5. The mirror image of the musical oldies

8:15 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:40 am

8. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့, ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Dance of national races

4:30 pm

4. Musical programme

4:45 pm

5. Song to uphold national spirit

4:55 pm

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:00 pm

7. Song & enjoy

5:40 pm

8. စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်မြင့်မား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ(အပိုင်း-၁)

4:50 pm

6. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့, ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မာယာများနှင့်လူညံ့ကွက်” (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေးကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့” (အပိုင်း-၈)

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

Participation of Defence Services (Navy) servicemen in relief and rehabilitation of Delta region

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe

Ayeyawady Division is a granary of the Union of Myanmar.

The division produces a large amount of paddy yearly. The division is teeming with rivers, creeks and lakes. Due to the recent storm Nargis, the tidal waves that overflowed the rivers, creeks and lakes caused damage

and loss of lives in Ayeyawady Division.

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Servicemen of naval medical team giving treatment to a patient in Kyeinchaunggyi Village of Bogale Township.

