Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

**True patriotism**

* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

**Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Laotian President**

**NAY PYI TAW, 15 June** — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Choummaly Sayasone who was elected as President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. — MNA

**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of congratulations to LPDR**

**NAY PYI TAW, 15 June** — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Bounnhang Vorachith who was elected as Vice-President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. — MNA

**Development projects under close supervision in Magway Division**

**NAY PYI TAW, 15 June** — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, inspected development tasks and agricultural projects in Magway District on 13 June.

They inspected the five-acre physic nut plantation in Dagundaing model village, Natmauk Township. They attended the growing of physic nut plants by service personnel at Layein village on Natmauk-Ywam-O-Pyawbwe Road. Lt-Gen Ye Myint grew a sapling, and inspected the growing of physic nut saplings by departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people.

Chairman of Magway District PDC Lt-Col Kyi Tun reported on progress in planting physic nut saplings. Departments in Natmauk Township so far has put 25,028 acres out of the target of 40,925 acres under physic nut.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into the seven-acre physic nut plantation on Natmauk-Ywam-O Road in Kywema Village of Sitha Village-tract.

On arrival at Natmauk People’s Hospital, he inspected wards, medical store, X-ray room and new operation theatre and gave instructions.

He inspected the construction of a bridge across the Yin Creek on Taungdwingyi-Myothit-Natmauk Road. On completion, the 300-foot-long facility will link Natmauk and Myothit.

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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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint has a meeting with service personnel from Myothit and Natmauk townships, social organizations and townselders in Myothit Township. — MNA
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**Strive for improvement of women’s lives**

Myanmar people have their own culture, customs and traditions and have been living on their own land with their own dignity. Since the time of their forefathers, they have promoted national prestige and integrity and preserved cultural heritage and national character.

It is very important for Myanmar people to strive for the perpetuation of their nation and safeguard their culture. Therefore, they ought to defend their motherland not only with their sweat and blood but also with the wall of culture. To be able to do so, they must have a strong spirit of loving and cherishing their own race.

As love for care of their own race is related with women’s dignity, strength and value, they should value and preserve their own attributes.

Over half of the population of Myanmar is women. Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation has been formed to ensure the improvement of women’s lives. Now the MWAF is constantly working for security and development of women’s lives, their protection and rehabilitation and enhancement of their social and economic status.

As the Federation is rendering support and assistance for improvement of women’s lives, there have emerged outstanding women entrepreneurs in the political, economic, education and health sectors. And they are shoudering national duties like men.

Myanmar women are a good example related with women’s dignity, strength and value, they should value and preserve their own attributes.

Myanmar women will always strive for improvement of their lives while preserving their dignity and attributes in accordance with the national traditions and customs.

**Foreign Minister sends message of congratulations to LPDR**

**NAV PO TAW, 15 June** — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Dr Thongloun Sisoulith who was appointed as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. — MNA

**Cricket coach calls on Sports Minister**

**YANGON, 15 June** — Bangladesh Senior Coach Mr Fahim who will coach Myanmar selected cricket team which is going to participate in Asian Cricket Council Trophy 2006 to be held in Kuala Lumpur during August called on Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports-Bangladesh Senior Coach Mr Fahim in National Indoor Stadium-1 yesterday.

Also present at the call were President of Myanmar Cricket Federation Actor U Nyunt Win, Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw, the president of tournament organizing and rules enforcement committee and responsible personnel. — MNA

**Doe Kyay Ywa journal appears**

**YANGON, 15 June** — Doe Kyay Ywa journal, Volume 3, No 12, has come out today.

It covers a variety of features ranging from agriculture and poultry rearing to change of global warming and supply of safe drinking water to rural areas. Short story, humour, cartoon, poem and news are also included.

The journal can be purchased at the offices of Information and Public Relations Departments.

Those wishing to put manuscripts and commercials in the journal are to contact No 22-24, Pansodan Street, Tel (371340, 371342).

— MNA

**Sri Lanka, Myanmar to boost bilateral trade**

**YANGON, 15 June** — Sri Lankan commerce delegation met with officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers Commerce and Industry on 12 June here and sought ways for investment opportunities in Myanmar and boosting of bilateral trade and tourism industry.

At the meeting, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry was led by its vice presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin while the 11-member Sri Lankan delegation was headed by Mr Kingsley Bernard of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

They also cordially discussed study tour of industry zones in Myanmar by Sri Lankan businessmen and meetings of businessmen of the two sides. — MNA

**Intellectual property course to be opened**

**YANGON, 15 June** — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will conduct the General Course on Intellectual Property DL-101, an on-line course of WIPO, on every Sunday.

Graduates are eligible to do the course to be held at UMFCCI’s training centre in Pabedan Township from 15 June to 30 September.

Application forms are available at UMFCCI, No 61, in Akyatada Township, Ph 246975, 243151, 381285 and are to be sent to UMFCCI not later than 14 June.

— MNA
Putin hails SCO as new mode of international cooperation

MOSCOW, 14 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin has hailed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as introducing new patterns for successful international cooperation.

Putin made the remarks in an article published on the eve of the SCO’s 2006 summit to be held on Thursday in Shanghai, China. The summit will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the group’s establishment.

Terming the SCO as an “influential regional organization,” Putin said the SCO, which groups Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, has become an important factor for maintaining stability in Eurasia since its establishment five years ago.

Countries in the region have long realized the importance of joining forces to meet new challenges faced by them, Putin said. Only on the basis of multilateral cooperation and through their own efforts, can peace and economic development in the region be guaranteed, he said.

Reviewing the SCO’s achievements in resolving the border problems among members, Putin elaborated on the organization’s successful cooperation in a number of areas, including security, economy and culture.

Facing the menace of “the three evil forces” of terrorism, separatism and extremism, the president said, adding that the next move will be coordination and cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking.

Leaders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states meet representatives of entrepreneurs of SCO countries at the Xijiao State Guesthouse in Shanghai, China on 14 June, 2006. Shown in rear, from left: Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Chinese President Hu Jintao, Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, Tajikistan President Emomali Rakhmonov.—INTERNET

Record heroin seized in southern Sweden

HELSINKI, 14 June — Police in the southern Swedish town of Ljungby seized a record amount of heroin of 15 kilos at weekend, according to a report reaching here Tuesday. Three men — all of them in their 30s and from the former Yugoslavia — were detained during the operation, and the drug haul has an estimated street value of nearly 18 million kronor (2.4 million US dollars). A fourth person, a 33-year-old woman, was released on Monday, but she is still involved in the investigation.

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Dollar, gold fall in Europe

LONDON, 14 June—The US dollar fell against other major currencies in European trading Wednesday. Gold prices also were lower.

The euro was quoted at $1.2589, up from $1.2541 late Tuesday in New York. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro fetched $1.2625.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday, included 114.89 Japanese yen, down from 115.27; 1.2324 Swiss francs, down from 1.2389; and 1.1116 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1124.

The British pound was quoted at $1.8430, up from $1.8335. In midday New York trading, the dollar bought 114.70 yen and 1.2280 Swiss francs, while the pound was worth $1.8475.

Gold traded in London at $567.25 bid per troy ounce, down sharply from $576.30 on Tuesday. The bid price of gold in Zurich was not available.

Silver traded in London at $11.30, unchanged.

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London terrorism raid man “shot without warning”

LONDON, 14 June—A British man shot by anti-terrorist police during a pre-dawn raid on an east London house said on Tuesday the officer gave him no warning before pulling the trigger.

Mohammed Abdul Kahar, 23, who was shot in the shoulder, said he thought he was going to die during the operation.

Police said they had “very specific intelligence” about a chemical device from a tip-off and were left with no choice to mount the 2 June raid.

“We both had eye contact — he shot me straight away,” Kahar told a news conference. “I just saw an orange spark and a big bang. I flew into the wall, slipped down. There was blood coming down my chest, I knew I was shot.” Conflicting reports have emerged about how he was shot, with some newspapers saying there had been a struggle. Police have said only that a shot was fired and an inquiry is under way.

Kahar and his brother Abdul Koyair, 20, said they believed their house in Forest Gate was being burgled, because the police did not identify themselves. “I thought one by one they are going to kill us,” said Kahar, his right arm in a sling. “I thought I was going to die. My whole upper body was just burning. It seemed like I was on fire. I was just screaming, saying ‘please, it’s burning’. The pain was just killing me.”

His brother said he was woken up by the sound of smashing glass and thought he must have been dreaming. “They tried to murder my brother,” Koyair said. “They dragged me away from my brother and they dragged me down the stairs and they were hitting me.” The pair were released without charge last week, after being arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000.

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INTERNET
China refutes Amnesty
International’s slams on arms trade

BEIJING, 14 June—China has been exporting conventional weapons properly in the light of international rules, which is reasonable, legal and unimpeachable, a researcher with the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, told Xinhua that China has always put its limited arms export under strict control and surveillance, denouncing Amnesty International’s slams on China’s arms trade as irresponsible and groundless. “The charge comes out of nowhere, as China always abides by related international conventions and imposes rigid self-control in terms of arms export and transfer of military technologies,” Teng said.

He noted that China adheres to three principles in arms trade: it should help enhance the self-defence capability of import countries, should not impair regional and global peace, security and stability, and should not be used to interfere with other countries’ internal affairs. “China’s attitude has been widely applauded in the world, and its weaponry sales haven’t jeopardized regional peace or caused any human rights disasters,” he said.

Statistics from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute show that from 2000 to 2004, the export by the United States was estimated at 25.9 billion US dollars. Weaponry exported by China in this period valued 1.4 billion US dollars, only 5 per cent of that of the United States, the statistics show.

China approves Andes gold project

C î U L E , 14 June—The Chilean authorities have given approval for a proposed $1.5bn (£800m) gold project in the Andes despite opposition from environmental groups.

International mining company Barrick Gold wants to start extracting gold and silver from the area by 2009.

The company says the project known as Pascua Lama will adhere to strict rules to avoid destruction or contamination of glaciers and water sources.

Opponents say the mine will have a devastating impact on the environment.

“As with all of its other operations around the world, in Chile Barrick will maintain its philosophy of responsible mining,” Barrick’s Chile director Jose Antonio Urrutia said in a statement.

Chile’s National Environmental Commission, Conama, gave final approval on Tuesday, hearing just two of 46 complaints filed against the Pascua Lama project.

The proposed mine is located across the Andes, approximately 150km (93 miles) south-east of Vallenar in Chile and 300km (186 miles) north-west of San Juan in Argentina.

A final decision is still due from the authorities in Argentina, where opposition is much less vocal, correspondents say.

Opponents argue that the Pascua Lama operation will lead to the destruction of glaciers, so contaminating pure water sources and affecting the livelihood of indigenous farmers.

A recent report drawn up by Chile’s Diego Portales University warned that the project could have devastating consequences for community water rights and for indigenous farmers in the area. Barrick argues that the planned mining pit will not lead to the destruction of glaciers as alleged.

India supports basic SCO principles

NEW DELHI, 14 June—India supports the basic objectives of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and is interested in participating in economic and anti-terror cooperation within the SCO framework, an Indian External Affair Ministry official has said.

“India is keenly interested in participating in all activities focused on socio-economic development,” PV Rao, director of the ministry’s External Publicity Division, told Xinhua in an interview by fax.

India was admitted as an observer at the SCO Astana summit on 5 July, 2005. “We have indicated interest to participate in the meeting of the SCO Business Council, the SCO Development Fund, Inter-Banking Agreement, Economic Forum and related bodies,” Rao said. Rao expressed India’s desire for working together with the SCO to fight terrorism and drug trafficking.

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Five blasts kill 16 in Iraq’s Kirkuk City

BAGHDAD, 14 June—At least five bombing attacks in Iraq’s northern oil-rich Kirkuk City on Tuesday killed at least 16 people, including two attackers, and wounded 35 others, local police chief told Xinhua.

A series of bombs, including two suicide car bombings, went off in Kirkuk around 7:30 am (0330 GMT), killing 16 people and wounding 35 others, said Colonel Burhan Saiyd Taha.

Some 11 civilians, three policemen and two suicide bombers were among the killed, he said, adding the police also defused a sixth explosive-packed vehicle in the centre of the city.

Colonel Taha explained in details that an explosive-packed car parking near the house of Police Colonel Taher Salah al-Din, killing one of his bodyguards, wounding him and damaging his house.

Another explosive charge went off in a popular market in the Tisaeen neighborhood, Taha said.

A third car bombing caused no human casualties when exploded near a headquarters of a leading Kurdish party, the Kurdistan Patriotic Union, which is headed by the Iraqi President Jalal al-Talabani, he added.

A suicide bomber drove his explosive car into a police convoy carrying Major General Torhan Abdul Raham, a provincial deputy police chief, while he was heading to his work in the Kirkuk police directorate, according to Taha.

A fifth car bombing went off near a police patrol in the Wasiti neighbourhood.
Bangladesh’s national flag carrier to introduce e-ticketing

Dhaka, 14 June - Biman Bangladesh Airlines, the national flag carrier, will introduce e-ticketing system as part of its modernization process to ensure effective coordination with modern airlines, private news agency UNB reported on Tuesday.

Under the new system, there will be travel schedule, ticket notice and a number on the ticket, which will be preserved in the airlines data system.

An agreement to this effect between Biman and Society D International Telecommunications Aeronautics (SITA) was signed Sunday.

Managing Director (Sales) of Biman Mohammad Sha Newaz and client director of SITA Steve Burnerd signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

The International Air Transport Association, a regulatory organization, made it mandatory for all airlines of the world to introduce e-ticketing before December 2007.

Biman authorities expected that they will be able to introduce the new system by June 2007, six months before the deadline. Biman will experimentally introduce the e-ticketing system on some suitable routes by December 2006. — MNA/Xinhua

Yemeni family disputes Guantanamo son suicide

Sanaa, 14 June - The family of a Yemeni man US officials said killed himself at the military prison camp at Guantanamo Bay denied on Wednesday his death was a suicide, saying he had been murdered.

"This idea of suicide is a lie. My son wouldn’t commit suicide. My son was among those who memorized the Koran and was committed to his religion," said Ali Abdullah, father of a Yemeni detainee found dead at the US prison on 10 June.

"He was assassinated by American soldiers and I call on the Yemeni and American governments for an international investigation," he told Al Jazeera television. The US military has identified the Yemeni who died at Guantnamo as Ali Abdullah Ahmed but the Al Jazeera interview identified the father by that name and the son as Salah Ali.

The US military said two Saudis and a Yemeni hanged themselves with clothes and bedsheets in their cells, the first prisoners to die at the base in Cuba since Washington began sending suspected al-Qaeda and Taliban captives there in 2002.

The deaths renewed criticism of the base, which many human rights groups and some governments say should be closed. Nearly all the prisoners at Guantanamo are being held without charge and some have been detained for more than three years. — MNA/Reuters

Patrick Kennedy pleads guilty to driving on drugs

Washington, 14 June - Representative Patrick Kennedy, a member of one of America’s most famous political dynasties, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to driving under the influence of prescription drugs when he crashed his car near the US Capitol last month.

Kennedy, 38, a Rhode Island Democrat, is the son of Massachusetts Democrat Senator Edward Kennedy and a nephew of former President John F Kennedy.

He has publicly acknowledged a long struggle with drug dependency and bipolar disorder and was treated at the Mayo Clinic last month after the 4 May crash. He returned to work in Congress last week after completing his treatment.

Kennedy pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of prescription drugs before Magistrate Judge Aida Melendez in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

"I’ve always said that I did just that," Kennedy told reporters outside the courthouse, adding that he was looking forward to "moving on to the next chapter of my life." — MNA/Reuters

Thousands of NZ residents still in blackout

Wellington, 14 June - Thousands of residents in South Island of New Zealand are still living without power Tuesday because of storm, as local power companies struggle to deal with the outages problem.

Orion, a major local electricity supplier, said it has restored power to 1,000 people Tuesday, but another 3,000 remain in the cold. — MNA/Xinhua

At least one killed in US traffic accident in Kabul

Kabul, 14 June — At least one Afghan has been killed in a road accident involved by a US military vehicle on Tuesday morning in Kabul, said authorities.

"A US-led coalition vehicle heading from Bargram to Ghazni this morning was involved in a motor vehicle accident approximately seven kilometres north of Kabul," the military in its latest statement. — MNA/Xinhua

Flash floods leave 19 dead, 31 missing in S-W China province

Guiyang, 14 June — Flash floods caused by rainstorms left at least 19 people dead, 31 others missing in an ethnic minority prefecture in southwest China’s Guizhou Province on Tuesday.

Sudden downpours hit Wangmang County, Qianxinan Bouyei and Miao Autonomous Prefecture around 10:00 pm Monday, and continued for four hours, causing several flash floods in the mountainous region. — MNA/Xinhua

Traffic accident kills three in eastern Pakistan

Islamabad, 14 June — Three persons including a couple and their son were killed Tuesday in a traffic mishap in Pakistan’s east Punjab Province, private Geo TV reported.

A Lahore to Pasroor bus hit a motorcycle at Daska road, 80 kilometres northeast of Lahore, on Tuesday crushing three persons to death.

Eight passengers of the bus were also injured as the bus turned turtle after hitting the motorbike.

Three seriously injured passengers were sent to Shialkot Hospital, while other wounded were admitted to Passroor Hospital. — MNA/Xinhua

Gold necklaces are displayed at Ginza Tanaka jewellery store in Tokyo, on 14 June, 2006. Gold slipped below $550 an ounce on Wednesday for the first time since late March on continued selling by investment funds who are shifting out from the yellow metal after a recent widespread commodities sell-off. — Internet
BEIJING, 14 June — China PetroChemical Corporation (Sinopec), China’s second largest oil producer, is in a bid to takeover a Russian petroleum company, a news report said Monday.

The Shanghai Security News reported that Sinopec had joined Rosneft, Russia’s state-owned oil company, to bid for Udmurtneft, a subsidiary of TNK-BP, Russia’s second largest oil company.

The outcome of the sale will be decided in July. If successful, Sinopec would have access to 26 oil fields in Russia with its partner, said Shanghai Securities News. Sinopec, together with Rosneft, proposed their offer in May, according to the newspaper.

TNK-BP’s key production enterprise in the Udmurtia Republic, Udmurtneft produced nearly six million tons of oil annually, accounting for over 60 per cent of production in Udmurtia. The major rival in the bid for Udmurtneft is ONGC, India’s state-owned oil company, said the newspaper. Through its subsidiary ONGC Videsh, ONGC and Itera, a subsidiary of Russian gas giant Gazprom, made a joint bid.

The highest offer to date was 3.5 billion US dollars, but the offer of Sinopec was unavailable, the Shanghai Security News reported.

SCO conducive to maintaining regional, world peace

ISLAMABAD, 14 June — Pakistani Foreign Office spokesperson Tasneem Aslam said that the founding and development of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is conducive to maintaining peace in the region and the world at large.

Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf will represent Pakistan, an observer of the SCO, in the 2006 SCO summit slated for June 15 in Shanghai, China.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Aslam said that Pakistan was “very happy” that the president has been invited to the summit. She said that Musharraf is expected to hold talks with Chinese leaders on the sidelines of the summit.

Aslam said that the SCO has an indispensable role in promoting regional security and fighting terrorism. Aftiya Inayatullah, chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Pakistan’s ruling party Pakistan Muslim League, said that the SCO is playing a unique role in Central and South Asia, an area with rich culture.

Badawi says cheap oil era over

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June — The era of “cheap oil” is over and the oil prices are likely to reach as high as 100 US dollars in the near future, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Monday here.

It is realistic to accept the fact that the period of cheap oil was practically over and the world is unlikely to see the crude oil prices retreating from the current 70 US dollars per barrel to 20-25 US dollars four years ago or even to the 45-50 US dollars two years ago, Badawi said at the opening ceremony of the 11th Asia Oil and Gas Conference.

‘On the contrary, what we have been hearing is not pleasing at all, as some market analysts and observers predict that it is possible for oil prices to reach as high as 100 US dollars per barrel or higher in the near future,” Badawi warned. He attributed the high oil prices to rising global demand, bottlenecks in the supply chain, speculative trading and political uncertainties.

On the global scenario, oil consumption is projected to increase to some 84 million barrels per day from about 45 million barrels in 1990 while consumption of natural gas will increase from 73 trillion cubic feet in 1990 to over 95 cubic feet presently, said Badawi.

Zimbabwe poverty datum line surges

HARARE, 14 June — Zimbabwe’s poverty datum line for the month of May has gone up to 52 million Zimbabwe dollars from 37.9 million dollars in April, local media reported on Tuesday.

The Central Statistical Office announced on Monday the surge represented a 38.17-per-cent increase in the figure. The continued increase in the food basket leaves most families below the poverty datum line. In Zimbabwe, one US dollar equals about 101,000 Zimbabwe dollars at the official exchange rates, but is an equivalent of over 200,000 Zimbabwe dollars in the parallel market, or black market.

The increase of poverty datum line is attributed to low wages and salaries, which the average Zimbabwean takes home per month. While on average prices of basic commodities go up at least twice a month, workers hardly get salary increases, the office said. The lowest paid workers, with the majority of them in the agricultural sector, are being paid less than two million Zimbabwe dollars a month.

Nigeria to invest $254m in power project

ABUJA, 14 June — Nigeria is to invest 33 billion naira (about 254 million US dollars) into the National Integrated Power Project to improve investment environment, a high-ranking official has said.

Speaking at the opening of a stakeholders’ workshop organized by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) on Monday, Minister of State for Power and Steel Alhaji Ahmed Abdulhamid said the investment would increase existing power generation capacity to 10,000 megawatts by 2007.

According to him, seven new power stations will be constructed and 2,811-kilometre-long 330 kilovolts and 132 kilovolts transmission lines before the turn of the decade.

Other facilities to be established are 4,367 kilometres of distribution lines and 15 billion naira (about 115.4 million dollars) gas pipeline as well as associated transmission infrastructure.

He said the 11th phase of the project would be completed in July next year while the second phase would end by November 2007.

Power supply is a big headache in Nigeria’s economic construction and development as its current power generating capacity can only meet one-fourth of the nation’s demands.
MMCWA (Central) holds the educative talks on health

YANGON, 15 June — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) held the educative talks on health yesterday at No 3 Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit North.

CEC Member of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Mya Win and Dr Than Oo gave talks on health. CEC Member of MMCWA Daw Tin Tin Mya awarded students who have general knowledge on personal hygiene and health.

The educative talks were also participated by members of Dagon Myothit North township MCWA and teachers.

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Pyinmana Station grows 36,000 physic nut plants

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — A collective cultivation of physic nut plants at Pyinmana Station of Nay Pyi Taw Command took place on 11 June and a total of 36,000 physic nut plants were grown at the station.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and his wife, Officers and other ranks and families of the station, employees of Pyinmana District General Administration Department, departmental officials and social organizations participated in the physic nut cultivation ceremony. Physic nut oil derived from physic nut seeds can be used as biodiesel. Cultivation of the plants on commercial scale can generate income.

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Congress on Marine Science and Technology concludes

YANGON, 15 June — The 12th Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology PACON 2006 from 12 to 15 June ended with reading of papers at Traders Hotel here.

It was participated by experts and officials of Ministry of Transport, Myanmar Maritime University, PACON in Myanmar, PACON International and universities in Hawaii, resource persons and students.

Rector U Thein Tun of MMU made a speech. And Dr Lorenz Magaard of PACON International, Dr Yoshifusa Yamada, Dr Kenji Hotta, Dr Friedhelm Schroeder and Dr Jerry Comcowich also spoke on the occasion.

The conference concluded with concluding remarks by PACON Past President Dr Kenji. Experts from PACON International also discussed matters related to marine science and technology at the last day session of the workshop.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
Development projects under close …

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He inspected the one-acre physic nut plantation near Kyahthoo Village, Natmauk Township, the 10-acre plantation at mile post No 25/7, and the six-acre plantation near Kanthalay Village.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with officials of Myothit and Natmauk Township PDCs, social organizations, and townsenders at Myothit Township PDC office. The township chairmen reported on economic, social and administrative sectors, and those present, on requirements. Col Phone Maw Shwe gave a supplementary report.

In response, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs, and spotlighted the importance of regional development tasks, and meeting the targeted acreage of monsoon paddy and physic nut.

He inspected the 100-acre paddly cultivated with the water from Pain Dam in Palingyi model village. He looked into Satone Creek Bridge in Taungdwingyi Township.

On arrival at Taungdwingyi, he met with officers and other ranks and their families of Taungdwingyi Station at the local regiment.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint saw over staff quarters, plantations of crops, Manawthukha strain paddly fields, plantations on either side of the road, physic nut plants and nursery.

Next, he inspected the renovation of Aungmyin Zeya Rakhine Pagoda in Taungdwingyi and made cash donations to the trust funds of the pagoda. He inspected the five-acre physic nut plantation of the Myanmar Agriculture Service in the township.

At the Magway-Thityarkauk-Koebin-Aunglan short cut project, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report by Magway Division Public Works Superintendent Engineer U Tint Lwin on Koebin-Sammagyi-Thityarkauk Road Project.

The shortcut is 22 miles and two furlongs long and 30 feet wide.

**Signboards hailing Myanmar Women’s Day erected**

YANGON, 15 June — Signboards hailing Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3 July were erected in front of City Hall in Kyauktada Township and at the roundabout in Bahan Township today.

Dr Daw Khin San Nwe of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Daw Mar Mar Wai, Patron of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization, formally opened the ceremonies to erect the signboards.

Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Thet Htay unveiled the signboard to mark the Myanmar Women’s Day. — YCDC

**Way Shown by King Kyansit**

- Pagodas, dazuang, rest houses
- Dams, irrigation and good crops
- Throughout nation, with endless sight
- He was strong, his stature prominent
- Took the throne in Bagan period
- In the new city state these thrived
- During the reign of King Kyansit.
- Within the grandeur of Bagan
- Princes Shwe Ein The there was an affair
- Involving man of a foreign land
- And while they were sharing love thus...
- King Kyansit who loved the land and people
- Did proper reckoning that
- Should he assent to marrying an alien
- It’d set precedent for future generations
- There’d then mixed blood and non-patriotism
- And fretted it would result in loss of identity.
- To ensure lineage continuation
- Gave Shwe Ein The’s hand in marriage
- To Prince Saw Yun, of same blood
- And thus shared love, in wedded life
- Giving hand for continuity
- We, Myammarers ever since ancestral times
- Practised the rule of safeguarding lineage
- To ensure that no mixture
- Exercising patriotism, inner strength
- We prevented, safeguarding as in
- Way shown by King Kyansit
- As evinced by history
- Espouse, continually by generations

Aye Khin Khin Hlaing (Trs)

(Hailing the Myanmar Women’s Day, 3 July 2006)

**Medical students visit MMCWA (Central)**

YANGON, 15 June — Students of Final Part (A) from Institute of Medicine (1), Yangon, led by the faculty members visited Multi-Purpose Building of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) this morning.

Joint-Secretary (1) Dr Daw May Malar of MMCWA elaborated on the association and its functions. The joint-secretary and Prof. U Tun Yre replied to queries raised by the expedition. The medical students later viewed round the building. — MNA

**Shan State (North) WAO holds educative talks on health**

YANGON, 15 June — Jointly organized by Myanmar Medical Association, Shan State (North) Women’s Affairs Organization held educative talks on health in Lashio on 4 June.

Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing, an orthopedic specialist of the Institute of Medicine-1, gave talks on bone disease in women and Associated Professor Dr Win Myaing of Mandalay General Hospital on prevention of brain damage. Members of Shan State (North), Lashio District and Township WAOs, social organizations, faculty members of Lashio Degree College, Computer Science and Technical College and nursing trainees attended the talks. — MNA
During childhood, we were taught again and again, that Myanmar people have had their own traditional traits since yore. When I became a teacher, I also taught my pupils about it again and again. India and China enjoy a very high level of cultural civilization. India is the place where a number of thoughts, beliefs and religions originated, and China is the country where various professions of arts and academics emerged.

Lying between the two great countries is Myanmar that has established political, social and cultural relations with them. But Myanmar people have never copied others’ lifestyles or traditions and culture. They always make changes based on their own traditions and culture.

China has a comprehensive and grand historical record of a visit of Pyu cultural delegation from Myanmar to her in the early AD. The record mentions in detail the mode of dress, language and the type of dances and songs of the Pyu people. The record states that the cultural team had 22 kinds of musical instruments; that songs were translated into Chinese; and that the dances and songs were significant. Hair styles, the beads the Pyus wore and the colours of the costumes are also stated in the record.

No sentence or phrase in the record said that Pyu and Chinese cultures had similarities. Chinese were interested in the significance of Pyu culture. Myanmar has strong link concerning religion with India. Buddhism spread to Myanmar from India. But Myanmars built religious edifices in accord with a Myanmar proverb “If something is to be given, give it to a relation”. I once made a complaint to a senior woman regarding women’s responsibilities. I said women were primarily responsible for preservation of culture as well as nationalistic spirit. I asked her if men were also responsible for that, then.

Wearing a smile, she said, “What a welcoming question! Just as I heard your words, I felt as if I was asked to reflect the role of women. It is because naturally men can make love to women and maybe they would leave their partners. Unlike the nature of men, women have to conceive and to give birth. So, we, women are responsible for reproduction, that is unavoidable.”

“If women do not indulge themselves with sensual pleasure, it will mean they preserve their lineage. Preservation of lineage is safeguarding the motherland”, she said.

I was well brought up to become the one who is grateful to my ancestors who have handed down the soil to me and helped me to be equipped with such fine dignity. Among them are monks, teachers and my parents. Preservation of lineage also known as nationalistic spirit is dignity and strength of women. And women’s attributes can be assessed only through such fine dignity and immense strength.

**Translation: TMT + MS**

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Aunglan’s fertilizer factory renovated to boost production

YANGON, 15 June — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi gave instructions on boosting of production of Fertilizer Factory (Kyaw Swa) No 3 of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise in Aunglan Township on his inspection tour of the factory on 13 June.

The factory is being renovated in a bid to increase its production and all employees of it are to make efforts for exceeding the production target of the factory, the minister said in his address at the meeting with officials of the factory.

During his tour, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi also inspected repairing of the secondary reformer, compressor and other production process. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meets with service personnel at the assembly hall of No 3 Fertilizer Factory (Kyaw Swa).

Physic nut plants growing ceremonies held

YANGON, 15 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the ceremonies to grow physic nut plants held in the stations under Yangon Command in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District, yesterday.

At the physic nut plants growing ceremony held at Wanetkon Village in Hlegu Township, the commander planted saplings and inspected the growing of physic nut plants by members of social organizations and local people.

He also attended similar ceremonies held in No 77 LID and in Bago Station.

Next, he attended the opening of tailoring course organized by Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee at Wanetkon model village. Yangon Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Mar Wai accepted 1,000 membership applications.

The commander addressed the physic nut plants growing ceremonies in Indaing Station and Yangon Station.

He inspected progress of constructing reectory in the precinct of the Vajirapabhasa Pagoda in Thabeikkon Village, Hlegu Township. — MNA

BCP Po Thangyoung, son of writer Ludu Daw Ahmar spreads fabricated news through foreign broadcasting stations

YANGON, 15 June — The government is marching towards the emergence of a democracy-flourishing modern developed nation in accord with the Seven-Step Road Map and it officially announced the Road Map to the world and implemented it phase by phase to some extent.

National traitors, axe-handles, those with negative views, expatriates, insurgents and neo-colonialist imperialists from abroad are hampering the implementation of the tasks for emergence of a modern developed nation and undermining the progress of the nation with three-pronged attacks such as above-ground, under-ground and expatriate attacks.

BCP Po Thangyoung, son of writer Ludu Daw Ahmar in Mandalay, uploaded data on the website regarding the Myanmar political reforms such as the removal of the government with the use of foreign forces, armed struggle of the opposition groups and organizing and persuading some Tatmadaw members to be in league with them. Such fabrications were broadcast by some foreign broadcasting stations.

All the national races realize the trickeries of the BCP well according to the experiences of the past historical events. The people accept that their instigation can produce no effects.

BCP Po Thangyoung is an expatriate who has been spreading fabricated news and committing destructive acts for breaking up the Union. The eldest son of Ludu Daw Ahmar was also a BCP and he was killed in the jungle under the dismiss-expel-kill method of the BCP. — MNA

Anti-whalers say Japanese no longer like whale meat

TOKYO, 15 June — The Japanese public no longer likes eating whale meat and Tokyo’s argument that whaling should be maintained to meet consumer demand is a fabrication, a conservationist group said on Tuesday.

Reflecting falling demand, domestic stockpiles of whale meat have been increasing, said the Tokyo-based Dolphin & Whale Action Network in a report written by freelance journalist Junko Sakuma.

“The Fisheries Agency continues to carry out whaling based on a fictitious public opinion,” Sakuma told a news conference, showing data released by the agency pointing to an increase in stockpiles of whale meat.

“Many people think the Japanese like whale meat and therefore continue whaling. That’s not true.” — MNA/Reuters

DRUGS ARE NOT CHILD’S PLAY

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

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UNICEF says 1 in 3 sick babies dying in Gaza

Geneva, 15 June — One in three sick Palestinian newborns are dying in Gaza hospitals due to poor care and lack of basic medicines, the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) said on Tuesday.

The agency said it was nearly tripling its appeal for the occupied territories to $2.7 billion US dollars from the previous $8.4 million US dollars as the Palestinian Authority was unable to provide essential health and education services.

The United States and the European Union have cut aid and Israel has suspended tax revenue transfers to the Hamas-led government, which won elections in January. The Islamist militant group is sworn to destroy the Jewish state.

Most teachers and health workers have not received salaries for three months due to the financial crunch, making it difficult to motivate them and reducing the quality of services, UNICEF spokesman Damien Personnaz said.

“They are dying of very basic diseases because they don’t have access either to a proper health facility, or to proper treatment, a proper doctor or proper medicines. It is something which has been happening for two months already,” he said.

“No baby in three is at risk of dying in the hospitals of Gaza simply because there are no more medicines and essential drugs ...,” Personnaz told a news briefing.

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Residents look at water gushing out from the Xiaolangdi Reservoir into the Yellow River in China’s Henan Province, on 15 June, 2006. About 3,000 cubic metres of water will gush out of the reservoir per second in the next 15-20 days to wash the sands in the river into the sea, China Daily reported. —INTERNET

China-made Tamiflu approved for production

Beijing, 15 June — A Chinese company has been approved by the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) to produce the anti-flu drug, Tamiflu, sources with the SFDA said on Tuesday.

Tamiflu is an anti-viral drug which is considered the most effective treatment available to counter the H5N1 strain of bird flu. Tests showed the domestic Tamiflu was as effective and safe on humans as the imported version, said an official with the SFDA.

A THENS, 15 June — Greece on Tuesday vowed to put sports hooligans into jail in a bid to crack down on sports violence after a series of widely-publicized incidents.

“Violence at sports stadia has become a real plague,” Greek Justice Minister Anastasios Papaligouras said after meeting with Deputy Sports Minister George Orfanos.

“This is a situation that the state will not longer tolerate,” he added. He said a draft bill would ensure adult hooligans face prison, rather than suspended sentences or fines, when convicted.

The draft bill on hooliganism is expected to be debated in Parliament on Thursday. Hooliganism and damage to property have become common at major domestic football and basketball matches.

In May, AEK Athens soccer supporters rioted aboard a passenger ferry that was bringing them back from the island of Crete after the Greek Cup final, won by Olympiakos.

The ferry boat was damaged by the hooligans with an estimated loss of 150,000 euros.

Greek police vows to crack down on sports violence

Chinese police arrest 17 in alleged fake drugs gang

HEFEI, 15 June — Police have cracked a ring involving at least 26 people, which they allege has been a major dealer in counterfeit pharmaceuticals in Fuyang City, east China’s Anhui Province.

In a joint operation with the city’s Food and Drug Administration, police arrested 17 alleged members of the ring and seized 339 items of counterfeit drugs worth more than three million yuan ($370,000 US dollars).

The drugs, including some made of domestically-produced raw materials but bearing foreign brand names, were discovered on sale at an underground store.

The drugs were said to have been disguised as clothing and toy packages before being transported from Guangdong and Henan provinces late last year.

Police are still seeking nine other suspected members of the ring, said a spokesman for Fuyang Public Security Bureau.

Eight of those arrested have been charged.

PSA International handles 20.17 mln TEUs worldwide

SINGAPORE, 15 June — PSA (Port of Singapore Authority) International, a global port operator based in Singapore, handled 20.17 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) worldwide in the first five months of 2006, up 31.3 per cent year-on-year.

According to preliminary figures released by the company Tuesday, its overseas terminals reported a 69.2-per-cent surge in container volumes handled from January to May this year to reach 10.73 million TEUs.

Meanwhile, its terminals in Singapore moved 9.43 million TEUs, up 4.5 per cent from a year ago.

Currently, PSA International operates 20 ports in 11 countries including Singapore, China, India, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Brunei, Belgium, Italy, Holland and Portugal. In 2005, Singapore surpassed Hong Kong to be the world’s busiest container port by cargo volume for the first time since 1999.
Cheating students using Web to buy coursework

London, 14 June — Cheating students are using outsourcing Web sites where bidders compete to write their coursework for them, researchers have found. They have labelled the new twist on Internet plagiarism contract cheating and warn it could jeopardise the value of university degrees.

“What we have identified is a new type of cheating where students put their coursework out to tender and suppliers bid to complete the work,” said Dr Thomas Lancaster of the University of Central England in Birmingham.

Offenders use legitimate outsourcing Web sites, normally used by businesses offering freelance project work to skilled professionals, and submit work which has been written to order for them. Lancaster and Principal Lecturer Robert Clarke looked at one particular software solutions outsourcing site and found that one in 10 of all bid requests were from students.

“This type of cheating is cost effective for students, because many of the suppliers are internationally based and can complete the set assignments for a few dollars a time,” Lancaster told Reuters.

The most he has seen a student pay for coursework is 50 US dollars (27 pounds) and the least 5 US dollars.

“The ballpark figure is roughly 20 US dollars, which is not a great deal of money for such a task,” said Lancaster.

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   (c) 10.00 $ x 20   -   200 Sets
   (d) 6.00 $ x 14   -   20 Sets
   (e) Tender Documents are available at the Office of Procurement & Stores

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Commencing on the, 16th June 2006,

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3. ROAD TRANSPORT

Japan to offer Indonesia three patrol boats
Tokyo, 14 June—Japan's Cabinet approved on Tuesday a plan to donate three patrol boats to Indonesia to “help fight terrorism and piracy” and exempted the move from the Japan’s ban on arms exports.

The exemption is made on conditions that the vessels are to be used in limited purposes including fighting terrorism and piracy and that they are not to be transferred to a third country without Japan’s consent.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Shozo Abe said in a statement, according to Kyodo News.

The three patrol boats, each with a length of 27 metres, can sail at a speed of 30 nautical miles per hour, are worth 1.92 billion yen (16.84 million US dollar) in total. The boats are considered “vessels for military purposes” as they are equipped with bulletproof glass and are heavily armoured and would normally fall within the scope of Japan’s ban on arms export.

Earthquake inflicts $3b loss to Indonesia
Jakarta, 14 June — The financial loss from the 27 May devastating earthquake in Central Java and Yogyakarta is estimated at 29.2 trillion rupiah (around 3.1 billion US dollars), an Indonesian official said Tuesday.

However, the government has not determined the fund needed for the post-disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation in the affected areas as the damage assessment has not been finalised yet, according to State Minister for National Development Planning Paskah Suzetta.

“We hope to finalize the assessment as soon as possible because re-habilitation and reconstruction programme will commence in July,” he was quoted by the Detikcom news website as saying.

The magnitude-5.9 quake killed more than 5,800 people and injured some 20,000 others. It also displaced around half a million people in the two provinces.

Malaysians urged to take less sugar
Kuala Lumpur, 14 June — Malaysian Health Minister Chua Soi Lek on Tuesday urged his countrymen to take less sugar in their diet for a healthy lifestyle.

People in Malaysia are consuming more than double amount of sugar required for a healthier lifestyle, Chua said.

A person needs only 50 milligrams of sugar every day but a study conducted revealed Malaysians’ daily consumption averaged 125 milligrams, said the minister who has been relentlessly promoting a healthy lifestyle in his country.

“Healthy foodstyle is to take less sugar, fat and salt and plenty of vegetables and fruits but this does not go down well with the Malaysian social etiquette,” he told reporters after opening a health seminar.

The Cabinet dis-
Discovery of Siberian tiger crossing could protect species

CHANGCHUN, 14 June — Chinese zoologists claim to have discovered the secret passages through which wild Siberian tigers have migrated between border areas of China and Russia, a finding that could help protect the extremely endangered species.

A 25-kilometre section between Xitong and Xilinzhi in northeastern Heilongjiang Province, on the west bank of the Wusuli River, the boundary between China and Russia, was used by Siberian tigers most frequently to travel between the two countries, said Sun Haiyi, deputy head of Heilongjiang Provincial Wildlife Research Institute in northeast China.

A group of zoologists headed by Sun has been monitoring movements of the tigers in the border areas since January 2004. The area to the east of Mount Wanda and the range of Mount Laoye in northeastern Heilongjiang shares a border of 600 kilometres with Russia. Sun said the tigers crossed the border on the iced-over Wusuli River during winter and swim across during other seasons. Based on monitoring results, Sun said there could be other crossing points for individual animals.

Kuala Lumpur to hold arts festival to attract tourists

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June — The Malaysian Government will hold an arts festival here throughout July this year in a bid to turn the capital city of the country into a centre of culture and make a new attraction for foreign tourists.

Malaysian Culture, Arts and Heritage Minister Rais Yatim said on Monday that the festival will be held each year, starting this year, in an effort to turn the federal capital into a centre of culture, arts and heritage.

Cultural performances will be staged by various ethnic groups during the month around the city as part of the activities to be held during the festival entitled “The KL Fest 2006”, he told reporters here.

Local media said that the festival is jointly organized by the Malaysian Culture, Arts and Heritage Ministry, the Tourism Ministry, the Information Ministry, and Kuala Lumpur City Hall. Malaysians need to appreciate their own arts, culture and heritage in their own city, Rais added.

Najib made the remarks Monday when winding his week-long visit to India in Bangalore, the information technology hub. Malaysia is set to use satellite technology in education, agriculture, fisheries and telemedicine, to further improve incomes and the quality of life of the Malaysian people especially those in rural areas, said Najib, who is also Defence Minister. The government will also consider cooperating with Bharat Electronics Limited, an Indian state-run company, to make use of India’s missile technology, radar systems, defence communication systems and support hardware, said Najib.

Malaysia is expected to formalize several agreements with India on the use of satellite applications and space technologies, local media reported Tuesday.

“Siberian tigers are the world’s most endangered and roam only 600 square kilometres of forest in northeastern Russia. They are believed to number around 350.”

Gore to train messengers to spread word about climate

NEW YORK, 14 June — Al Gore hopes to train 1,000 messengers he hopes will spread out across the country and present a slide show about global warming that captures the essence of his Hollywood documentary and book.

“Siberian tigers are the world’s most endangered and roam only 600 square kilometres of forest in northeastern Russia. They are believed to number around 350.”

The former vice president, a Democrat, said on Monday that by the end of the summer he would start a bipartisan education campaign to train 1,000 people to give a version of his slide show on global warming featured in the film “An Inconvenient Truth” and book of the same name. “This moment cannot be allowed to pass,” Gore told reporters in New York. “I have seen and heard times before when the awareness of the climate crisis has peaked and then a few months later it’s gone. I think this time is different, but I have to say I’m not certain of that.”

The book is an expanded version of the film. Both are based on a slide show he has given more than 1,000 times over the past 30 years on the dangers of global warming. He says climate change is a crisis that has become a moral issue.

Vietnam eyes bigger electronics export by 2010

HANOI, 14 June — Vietnam has targeted an annual earnings growth of 27 per cent in exporting its electronic products between 2006 and 2010 with the revenue reaching 4.7 billion US dollars in 2010, a local trade agency said Tuesday.

Vietnam will increase its share for electronic goods, including computers, in the ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) market to over 5 per cent in 2010, up from 2.2 per cent in 2005, said the Trade Information Centre under the Trade Ministry.

The country will also strive to earn over one billion dollars from shipping the goods to Japan in 2010, gaining a market share of more than 3 per cent.

Vietnam’s electronics exports in the European Union (EU) accounted for only 0.03 per cent of the bloc’s electronic import turnovers in 2005. Now, the ASEAN and the EU annually imports, respectively, some 25 billion dollars and 484 billion dollars worth of electronic goods from other countries, the centre noted.

Jim Clausen, of Steinhatchee, Florida, walks on a pier along the Steinhatchee River that is about to go underwater from the rising tide and the storm surge from Tropical Storm Alberto, on 13 June, 2006. — INTERNET
**Sports**

**WORLD CUP FIXTURES**

Friday, 16 June 2006
- Argentina v Serbia & Montenegro, 19:30 MST
- Holland v Ivory Coast, 22:30 MST
- Saturday, 17 June 2006
- Mexico v Angola, 1:30 MST

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**Late goal earns Tunisia 2-2 draw**

MUNICH, 15 June — A stoppage time header from Radhi Jaidi earned Tunisia a 2-2 draw with Saudi Arabia after a thrilling finish to their World Cup Group H opener on Wednesday.

Saudi substitute Sami Al Jaber scored in the 84th minute to put his team 2-1 ahead and seemingly on their way to a comeback win in the all-Arab clash.

Al Jaber, who has played for the Saudis in three previous World Cups, tucked the ball home just two minutes after coming on as a substitute.

The Tunisians, seeking to win a World Cup game for the first time since they beat Mexico in their first appearance in 1978, led at halftime thanks to a Ziad Jaziri strike after 23 minutes. But after dominating the opening period, they lost their way and Saudi Arabia came back strongly in the second half, Yasser Al Qahtani levelling in the 57th minute.

Tunisia had dominated from the start and were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty after only two minutes and almost scored after eight minutes. The Saudis produced a few counter-attacks and forced a flurry of corners, but they finally fell behind in the 23rd minute.

From an inswinging free-kick on the right, defender Tuker headed clear, but the ball rebounded off fender Tuker headed clear, but the ball rebounded off Mabrouk Zaid from 10 metres.

Tunisia lost their sense of urgency after the break and paid for it when a revitalized Saudi Arabia levelled.

A long ball from defence set Mohamed Noor free on the right and from his low cross to the near post Yasser Al Qahtani evaded two marking defenders to steer the ball home.

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**Late goal helps Germany to edge Poland 1-0**

DORTMUND, 15 June — Substitution striker Oliver Neuville’s late goal gave Germany a highly rated 1-0 victory over Poland here on Wednesday, almost ensuring a last 16 qualification for the hosts with two wins from as many World Cup matches in the round robin.

Neuville, who has impressed since he came on as a substitute in 71 minutes, lobbed in a David Klose header for 30th minute from the crossbar as Miroslav Klose headed a left cross from Philipp Lahm to kiss off the bar at 90 and Ballack followed up from close range and kicked off the bar again before Odinkor drove it offside.

With the victory, Germany, who trounced group rivals Costa Rica 4-2 in the World Cup opener on Friday, will reach the knockout phase unless Costa Rica beat Ecuador on Thursday.

The Poles, however, set to pack up from the tournament after losing both of their group matches having played, beaten 2-0 by Ecuador on Friday.

Before Neuville’s late scoring, the German side seemed almost for sure to settle for a goalless draw by the declared Polish team, which was cut to ten men after Radoslaw Sobolewski being sent off on 44 for a second bookable offence of bringing down Miroslav Klose.

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**Champion Roddick survives, Murray falls**

LONDON, 15 June — Champion Andy Roddick’s bid for an unprecedented fourth successive Stella Artois Championships titles got off to a stuttering start with a 2-6, 4-6, 6-3 win over Canadian qualifier Frank Dancevic on Wednesday.

Briony Andy Murray was, however, caught cold when he was beaten 7-6, 3-6, 6-2 by unheralded Serbian Janko Tipsarevic in his rain-interupted first-round match on a blustery and overcast day at Queen’s Club.

Roddick, whose only defeat on grass over the past two years have been to Roger Federer in the 2004 and 2005 Wimbledon finals, initially came unstuck against an opponent who hones his trade on the lower Challenger circuit and is ranked 127th.

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**Spain crush World Cup debutants Ukraine 4-0**

LEIPZIG, 15 June — World Cup debutants Ukraine ended their debut in a 4-0 thrashing by Spain in the unrelenting heat of Leipzig on Wednesday afternoon.

Spain produced a brilliant display to outclass the Ukraine side that played most of the second half with 10 men.

Khalil Alonsno headed Spain in from a corner only 13 minutes into the game and David Villa doubled the lead with a free-kick that deflected past Olexandr Shovkovskyi in the 17th.

Ukraine’s defender Vladislav Vashchuk was sent off for pulling back Fernando Torres and Villa added a third goal from the penalty in the 48th.

Spain saved their best for last when Torres finished off a sublime move by drifting home in the 81st minute. Two-goal hero Villa was considered his side could do well in the game.

“I am very pleased with the goals and in particular the win,” Villa told reporters. “We hope it will be the first step in a good World Cup for Spain. We gave our all, the fans have enjoyed ourselves,” he added.

It was a harsh welcome to the finals for World Cup new boys Ukraine who struggled as the temperatures again hit the 30 degrees mark as the German heat-wave continued.

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**Russia’s Maria Sharapova reacts following her victory against Asha Rolle of the US during the Birmingham Classic tennis tournament in Edgbaston, central England, on 14 June, 2006.**

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**Ukrainian players promised $2.8m to proceed**

KIEV, 15 June — Ukraine’s team in the World Cup will earn a bonus of 2.8 million US dollars if they make it out of their qualifying group, the head of the country’s soccer federation Heyhory Surkis told Interfax Ukraine news agency on Tuesday.

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**Makelele named Man of the Match in Switzerland vs France**

STUTTGART, 15 June — Claude Makelele was voted Man of the Match in the World Cup Group G match between France and Switzerland here on Tuesday.

Makelele, 33, was a rock in the midfield for France in their scoreless draw with Switzerland, earning him the Man of the Match award.

While France failed to find the back of the Swiss net, Makelele repeatedly repelled Switzerland’s advances toward his own team’s goal. “He was defending well in front of his two central defenders,” said FIFA Technical Study Group member Alvin Corneal. “He was winning the ball and making sure that he was giving it to a teammate and also thinking about the best way to organize the play of his team.”
Six suspected terrorists arrested in eastern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 June — Police in the eastern Pakistani city of Multan arrested on Tuesday six suspected terrorists who were allegedly planning to launch suicide and terrorist attacks on religious gatherings, the state-run APP news agency reported.

The suspected terrorists were arrested from the suburb of Multan, a major city in eastern Pakistan’s Punjab Province, in a surprise raid launched by local police following a tip-off given by an intelligence agency, APP quoting a police statement reported.

The six people, trained to launch suicide and sectarian attacks, have confessed to having murdered at least seven persons, and arms and ammunition have been recovered from their possession, the APP report said.

They were planning to launch attacks in southern Punjab to avenge an incident in which some 40 people were killed when a religious gathering was attacked by suspected terrorists of another sectarian outfit, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

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Earthquake jolts Aceh, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 15 June — An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter Scale rocked Indonesia’s Aceh Province at 07:14 am local time (00:14 GMT) on Wednesday but there was no immediate report of casualty and material damage.

The epicentre of the tremor was located 76.04 kilometres north-west of the provincial capital of Banda Aceh at a depth of 31 kilometres, Antara news agency quoted spokesman of the Mata Le Geodetic Station of the Meteorology and Geophysics (BMKG), Hervina as saying.

The quake was felt by people living in Banda Aceh and its environs at between the second and third level of the Modified Mercalli Intensity (MMI), the spokesman said.

Aceh took the brunt of a 8.9 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami on 26 December, 2004 when more than 160,000 people were killed and thousands of others displaced.

Since then, an average of 10 aftershocks jolted parts of the province per day, Hervina said, adding that not all of the aftershocks were felt by human beings.

Indonesia sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire”, where the meeting of continental plates causes high volcanic and seismic activity.

MNA/Xinhua

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Poland’s goalkeeper Artur Boruc (R) lets in a goal by Germany’s Oliver Neuville (C) as Poland’s Bartosz Bocaczi watches during their Group A World Cup 2006 match in Dortmund, on 14 June, 2006. — Internet

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WEATHER

Thursday, 15 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin (2.05) inches, Thaton (1.97) inches, Mawlamyine (1.81) inches, Maungtaw (1.73) inches, Thanlwin and Ann (1.54) inches each and Mandalay (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-6-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 15-6-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-6-2006 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 14-6-2006 was (1.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 15-6-2006 were (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, Tr inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yango. Total rainfall since 1-1-2006 were (21.38) inches at Mingaladon, (28.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (31.85) inches at Central Yango. Maximum wind speed at Yango (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (17:50) hours MST on 14-6-2006.

Bay influence: Monsoon is generally weak in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 16-6-2006:

Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar Water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease in rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 16-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 16-6-2006: One or two thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 16-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Ecuador 3
Costa Rica 0
England 2
Trinidad & Tobago 0

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on inspection tour of Shan State (North)

YANGON, 15 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commando of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut, Deputy Commando Brig-Gen Hla Myint and senior military officers, on 13 June inspected opium-substitution maize cultivation and bee keeping camp near Mamnaw Village in Lashio-Muse Road and called for producing quality maize grains and sugarcanes for local farmers. At the field, there are also 100 acres of high-yield Hsinshweli paddy.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects 105-mile border trade check point in Muse.—MNA

Ngamoeyeik water purification plant inspected

YANGON, 15 June—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected the water purification plant of Yangon City Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik) near Nyaungnhapin Village in Hmauby Township, Yangon North District, this afternoon.

Secretary of the Yangon City Development Committee U Tin Soe reported on additional projects to be set up for supply of water to Yangon City; Head of the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) Dr Tun Than Tun, on progress of implementation of major tasks; and YCDC Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, on extra water supply after the project is completed.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for completion of the project according to schedule, and taking systematic measures for worksite safety. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the mayor planted physic nut saplings in the compound of the plant.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the production lines and gave instructions on supply of clean water. —MNA

SNLD members cannot lead local people and so people have lost trust in the party

YANGON, 15 June—Eight members of Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, including Patron U Sai Aye and Chairman U Sai Tun Win of Tangyan Township Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, Lashio District, Shan State (North), of their own accord, sent their resignations to the Head-quarters of SNLD and to the respective local bodies.

In their resignations sent to the Tangyan Township Multiparty Democracy General Elections Sub-Commission, they stated that, although they had formed Tangyan Township SNLD, its members could not lead the local people, who had lost their trust in SNLD. Therefore, they continued, they are no longer engaged in activities of SNLD but are now running their own business. Moreover, they mentioned that Patrons U Khun Gyi, U Pulwe San Ohn, U Sai Tun Sein, Treasurer U Sai San Maung and member U Kanti had passed away.

They said that they were the remnants of Tangyan Township SNLD and had not had any contact with the SNLD Headquarters. Moreover, they had come to realize that people were now able to enjoy lots of benefits tanks to the government’s endeavours for regional development. They further said that they had come to realize that people were now able to enjoy lots of benefits tanks to the government’s endeavours for regional development, better transport and communications, higher living standard and narrower gap between rural and urban areas. Therefore, they abolished their township SNLD office on 13 May and handed in their resignations.

It has been learnt that Tangyan Township SNLD was originally formed with 16 members. Out of them, five are now dead, one has moved to another town and eight have now resigned. The two remaining members, who are away on a journey, will hand in their resignations when they are back. Then, there will not be any member left in Tangyan Township SNLD. —MNA