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

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- 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

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Kyongadat model village in Thanbyuzayat Tsp, Mon State, puts 125 acres under rubber

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win attended the collective growing of rubber at Kyongadat model village in Thanbyuzayat Township on 4 June morning.

They planted rubber saplings at the designated places and viewed the growing of rubber by farmers and local people.

In meeting with rubber farmers, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that rubber farming is the main business of the region and rubber thrives in the region. Rubber is in high demand in the international market, he said, calling for extensive growing of rubber.

At the ceremony, 125 acres were put under rubber.

They attended the offering of gold foils to Kyaikkhami Pagoda in Kyaikkhami. Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, wife Daw Myint Myint Soe and officials offered alms to members of the Sangha.

Merits gained for donating the alms were shared, following a sermon delivered by Abbot of Hsinpong Monastery Bhaddanta Neminda.

They also attended the inauguration of Hangan Bridge in Ye Township. Superintending Engineer of Mon State Public Works U Soe Thet gave an account of the project.

Officials formally opened the bridge. Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the signboard of the facility. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the 200 feet long and 12 feet wide bridge that can withstand 13 tons of load.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo held a meeting with service personnel, members of social organizations and town elders in Khawzar.

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Rubber which is in high demand in international market is the main business of Mon State.

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
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Strive for success of National Convention

What the nation really needs at present is the State Constitution.

At the National Convention the delegates from the national races, those from all walks of life and official political parties, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of other invited persons and State service personnel are discussing and laying down basic principles and detailed basic principles needed in formulating the State Constitution. All the deliberations will be completed in the near future.

At the second session of the National Convention the detailed basic principles for the chapter on the sharing of the legislative power to be included in formulating the Constitution were adopted. The detailed basic principles for the chapters on the sharing of the executive and judicial powers were also adopted at the third session.

The fourth session of the National Convention successfully adopted the detailed basic principles for the chapters on the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Region or State Hluttaw, the role of the Tatmadaw and the Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens.

The final session of the National Convention will be held on 18 July 2007. The detailed basic principles for the seven remaining chapters will be adopted at the final session. The flaws and weaknesses of already-adopted basic principles and detailed basic principles are to be reviewed and some amendments, additions and nullification are also to be made.

Thus, as the national duty, all the entire people are to strive for success of the National Convention that formulates plans for the emergence of a peaceful, modern developed democratic nation.

Nutrition Development Course opens

Yangon, 6 June — Organized by Bago Divisional Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the course on nutrition development was opened at Khabuang Hall in Toungoo on 31 May.

Present on the occasion were Chairperson Daw Thein Paing of Bago Divisional Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, staff of Township Health Department, instructors, teachers and trainees.

First, the chairperson made a speech on the occasion. Next, Head of Health Department of Bago Divisional Health Department Dr Htay Aung read the message sent by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

The commander presented prizes to winners in the essay contest in commemoration of the World No-Tobacco Day.

Myanmar officials to attend trade forum, trade fair in PRC

Yangon, 6 June — To attend the First Meeting of UMFFCCI Economy and Trade Cooperative Forum to be held from 3 to 5 June in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the People’s Republic of China, and the China Kunming Import and Export Commodities Fair 2007 from 6 to 10 June, Vice-Presidents of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and U Thaung Tin, Joint Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay, CEC members U Tun Aung and U Wai Phyo, Executives U Myo Thant and U Aung Khin Myint left here for PRC on 2 June.
Malaysia highlights ASEAN’s experience in managing peace

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 June — ASEAN’s system for managing peace and security can be used to bring stability and predictability in the wider Asia-Pacific Region, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said here on Tuesday.

Although the system needs to be further developed, there was similarity between ASEAN and the wider Asia-Pacific Region in the field of managing peace and security, Badawi said in a keynote address to the Asia-Pacific Roundtable entitled “The Way to Mutual Security in the Asia-Pacific”.

He said that sometimes, naval vessels were deployed to keep an eye on each other in disputed waters, and some still felt the need to be reassured of their security by having linkages with outside powers.

He said that the system with ASEAN has done a remarkable job and it has helped bring stability and predictability to the region. — MNA/Xinhua

Lion, tiger kill man at Mexican meat plant

MEXICO CITY, 5 June — A lion and a tiger kept as exotic pets on the roof of a Mexican meat processing plant killed a man feeding them on Monday, Mexican media said.

Caretaker Angel Agui- lar, 56, was taking pieces of chicken to feed the two big cats when the lion swiped at him through the bars of its cage and pulled him inside, Reforma daily said. The tiger then joined in the attack.

Paramedics arrived at the plant in the rough Mexico City neigbourhood of Iztapalapa while the man was still alive but they could not get past the animals to treat him.

The two big cats, which had separate quarters of a big cage but came together to eat, were according to reports kept by the plant’s owner as pets and in good condition. After the attack, which left scraps of bloodstained clothing on the floor of the cage, the animals were sedated and the tiger’s jaws tied around a chunk of wood. — MNA/Reuters

Anarchists attack Greek newspaper headquarters

ATHENS, 5 June—A group of self-proclaimed anarchists attacked a Greek media group’s headquarters on Monday, smashing windows at its entrance and damaging cars parked nearby but no one was hurt, police said.

Japanese Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Asano Katuhito looks at a robot of an IT booth before the 6th Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Foreign Ministers’ meeting in Seoul, on 5 June, 2007. Internet

Drinking coffee may help prevent gout

LOS ANGELES, 5 June—Drinking four or more cups of coffee a day may help prevent gout, according to a new study.

To examine how coffee consumption might aggravate or protect against gout, the most prevalent inflammatory arthritis in adult males, a team of US and Canadian researchers conducted a prospective study on 45,869 men over age 40 with no history of gout at baseline.

Over 12 years of follow-up, the researchers evaluated the relationship between the intake of coffee and the incidence of gout in this high risk population.

To assess coffee and total caffeine intake, the researchers used a food-frequency questionnaire, updated every 4 years. Participants chose from nine frequency responses — ranging from never to two to four cups per week to six or more per day — to record their average consumption of coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea, and other caffeine-containing comestibles, such as cola and chocolate.

Through another questionnaire, the researchers documented 757 newly diagnosed cases meeting the American College of Rheumatology criteria for gout during the follow-up period.

Then, they determined the relative risk of incident gout for long-term coffee drinkers divided into four groups — less than 1 cup per day, one to three cups per day, four to five cups per day, and six or more cups per day—as well as for regular drinkers of decaffeinated coffee, tea, and other caffeinated beverages. — MNA/Xinhua
China could lose western glaciers by 2010

BEIJING, 5 June—China’s western glaciers are melting so fast that they may have largely disappeared by the end of the century, drying up parts of the rivers they currently feed, the official Xinhua agency reported on Monday. The rivers of ice on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, which borders the Himalayas and has been nicknamed the “roof of the world”, account for around four-fifths of China’s glaciers, Xinhua said. But over the last three decades, they have retreated at a rate of around 131 kilometres a year, largely because of global warming, the report said.

“If the glaciers continue to melt at the current speed, most of them will have disappeared and rivers in their lower reaches will have dried up by 2100,” Yao Tandong, head of the Chinese Academy of Science’s Qinghai-Tibet Plateau Research Institute, told Xinhua. The region is the source of several of Asia’s most important and iconic rivers, including the Yangtze, Indus and Mekong, so a fall in water levels could potentially affect hundreds of millions of people.—MNA/Reuters

Protest in Prague before Bush arrival

PRAGUE, 6 June—Hundreds of Czechs protested peacefully on Monday against US plans for a missile defence shield, rallying near Prague’s historic castle hours before US President George W Bush was due to arrive in the capital. Protesters ranging from far-left Communist youths to feminist groups carried banners rejecting plans for a radar base near Prague as part of the shield, which Washington says will protect the US and its allies against missiles that could be fired from countries such as Iran or North Korea. Dozens of riot police clad in full armour stood in innercity streets but stayed well away from the protest, which showed no signs of violence.

“Shame On Bush, No ToBase,” read one banner, “The Radar Stinks of Death,” said another. “This only supports the current aggressive foreign policy of the United States,” said Miroslav Jilek, a 31-year-old entrepreneur who attended the rally. “I don’t see it as a defensive system, but as something which will allow the US to attack anywhere it wishes in the world.”

Bush is due to arrive in Prague later on Monday on the first stop of a European tour that will also include a summit in Germany of the Group of Eight leading industrialized nations. One of the most watched meetings during the G-8 summit will be that between Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin, who vehemently opposes the planned missile defence shield, seeing it as a threat to Russia.

MNA/Reuters

Exercise: vibrations tone muscles, may damage brain

BEIJING, 5 June —Jiggling your body may be a good way to build your body, but researchers warn the machines that use vibrations to tone muscle may also be a good way to lose your mind.

Promoters of the newly popular fitness machines say the equipment also improves flexibility and strength, reduces pain and stress, builds muscle and reverses osteoporosis. But researchers warn of possible injuries ranging from back pain to cartilage damage. One even warns that the high-powered jiggling might harm the brain. They say the science is thin and too little is known about the long-term effects of such powerful vibrations.

Users of the equipment enjoy the sensation and the quick workout. Advocates say workout times are reduced by two-thirds. “I feel kind of tingly and a little like I got off a ship, kind of shaky but in a good way,” said Amy Allen, a 40-year-old working mom in Chicago, after a 25-minute workout on the Power Plate, one of the higher-end brands. “I’m hoping this is the solution to help me get that extra weight off.”

Internet

Purple frog among 24 new species found in S America’s Suriname

WASHINGTON, 5 June—A purple fluorescent frog is one of 24 new species found in the South American highlands of Suriname, conservationists reported on Monday, warning that these creatures are threatened by illegal gold mining.

The discovery of so many species outside the insect realm is extraordinary and points up the need to survey distant regions, said Leeanne Alonso of Conservation International, which led the expedition that found the new species.

“When you go to these places that are so unexplored and remote, we don’t even find new species ... but most of them are insects,” Alonso said by telephone from Suriname’s capital, Paramaribo. “What’s really exciting here is we found a lot of new species of frogs and fish as well.” The two-tone frog — whose skin is covered with irregular fluorescent lavender loops on a background of aubergine — was discovered in 2006 as part of a survey of Suriname’s Nassau plateau, the conservation group said.

MNA/Reuters

Women in Belarussian national clothes dance during ‘Village Day’ celebrations in a settlement of Kamino, some 75 km (47 miles) north of Minsk, on 5 June, 2007.—INTERNET

A purple fluorescent frog, of the genus Astyanax and discovered during a follow-up survey of the Nassau plateau in mid 2006 by Surinamese scientists Paul Joubert and Jan Mol, is seen in this undated handout photo. Xinhua

These pictures were taken on 4 June, 2007, in a supermarket in Xuchang, Henan Province. The watermelons on the pictures were covered with steel molds, from which they get the embossment of the figure of five Fuwa, the mascots of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. It takes 398 yuan to buy such a watermelon.—INTERNET

A German police special unit stands near a helicopter during an exercise ahead of the G8 summit on the beach in Kuehlungsborn on 5 June, 2007. Leaders from the world’s major industrialized nations meet in the Baltic resort of Heiligendamm on 6-8 June for a Group of Eight (G8) summit.—Xinhua

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China’s Three Gorges Project gears up for full operation

YICHANG, 5 June — China’s largest hydropower project, the Three Gorges Project, is expected to start full operation three to four months ahead of schedule as workers speed up the installation of the 12 turbines on the right bank of the Gorges.

“No. 26 turbine has been completed and is undergoing a final pre-operation check,” said Li Binzhhi, an official with China Gezhouba (Group) Corporation’s Three Gorges Project. The installation of five other turbines is under way. The company is responsible for installing the eight domestically-made turbines on the right bank. Workers will finish installing the eight in October next year, two or three months ahead of schedule, Li said.

The installation of the other four turbines by Sino-hydro Corporation’s Fourth Project Bureau, is also under way, said Fang Xuan, an official with the bureau. The four will be completed in May next year, three to four months ahead of schedule, Fang said. Each turbine has a capacity of 700,000 kilowatts. The installation of turbines on the right bank began last June.

MNA/Xinhua

Report says Indonesia world’s No 3 greenhouse gas emitter

JAKARTA, 5 June — Indonesia is among the world’s top three greenhouse gas emitters because of deforestation, peatland degradation and forest fires, a World Bank and British Government climate change report released on Monday showed.

An increase of global temperatures has already resulted in prolonged drought, heavy rainfall leading to floods and tidal waves in Indonesia, putting the archipelago’s rich biodiversity at risk, the report said.

“This may lead to harmful effects on agriculture, fishery and forestry, resulting in threats to food security and livelihoods,” said the report, which comes ahead of this week’s G-8 summit in Germany where global warming is major item on the agenda.

Indonesia’s total annual carbon dioxide emissions stand at 3.014 billion tons after the United States, which is the world’s top emitter with 6.005 billion tons followed by China at 5.017 billion tons, according to data from the report.

According to some estimates, the tropical Southeast Asian country — whose forests are a treasure trove of plant and animal species including the endangered orangutans — has already lost an estimated 72 per cent of its original frontier forest. — MNA/Reuters

India, Brazil seek to build strategic relationship

NEW DELHI, 5 June — India and Brazil, two of the world’s emerging market giants, sought on Monday to forge a strategic relationship between their distant nations and enhance their role as a strong voice of the developing world.

The two fast-growing economies have come closer in recent years and built a strong relationship based on common positions on key issues such as global trade talks and expansion of the UN Security Council.

“We are making our relationship very dynamic, strengthening economic and political alliances into a strategic relationship,” he told business leaders in Germany this week — which both are attending — and pushed for India’s use of bio-fuels, an area in which Brazil is a world leader. — MNA/Reuters

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BEIJING, 5 June — A Beijing court has ordered three Chinese companies to pay French clothing giant Lacoste 760,000 yuan (98,700 US dollars) in damages for trademark infringement.

La Chemise Lacoste filed a suit against Guangzhou Taie Dress Co Ltd, Beijing-based Niannian-gao Garments Co Ltd and the Beijing Urban-Rural Trade Centre Co Ltd in July last year, claiming they infringed on its famous crocodile logo.

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“We must diversify the components of trade, now restricted to less valuable-added items,” he said, adding that Brazil could offer farm technology to India while New Delhi could offer its expertise in the pharmaceutical sector.

The two countries are also working on a common position to address climate change ahead of the G-8 summit in Germany this week — which both are attending — and pushed for India’s use of bio-fuels, an area in which Brazil is a world leader. — MNA/Reuters

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N China holds ASEAN+3 workshop on disaster relief by Armed Forces

SHIBAIZHUANG, 5 June — Military officials from China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) met here Monday for a five-day workshop on disaster relief by Armed Forces.

The workshop, held in Shijiazhuang, capital of north China’s Hebei Province, will focus on the role and methods of Armed Forces in international disaster relief work, according to the Chinese Defence Ministry. The workshop, the first of its kind, was proposed by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at the 10th ASEAN plus three (10+3) summit in Cebu, the Philippines, in January this year.

Zhang Bangdong, director of the foreign affairs office of the Defence Ministry, said at the opening ceremony that severe natural disasters are a common threat for humans everywhere and it is in the interests of people from all countries in the region to strengthen international disaster relief cooperation. It benefits regional prosperity and stability.

He noted that Armed Forces are a major contributor to disaster relief in all countries of the region, adding he hoped the exchanges at the workshop would further enhance understanding and trust among Armed Forces of different countries and deepen cooperation in non-traditional security fields.

Chinese cargo ship caught fire at S-E Bangladeshi seaport

DHAKA, 5 June — A Chinese cargo ship was caught fire in Chittagong seaport in southeastern Bangladesh on Monday morning burning down pulses and other products contained in the vessel.

A staff of the ship was critically injured, port officials said.

According to fire brigade, the blaze originated from an electric short circuit in the captain’s room of the Chinese flag carrying G Ong Sin cargo ship at about 6:55 am local time (0:55 GMT) on Monday. It soon engulfed the adjacent machine room and two other compartments.

Chief cook Qui Pian Kong of the ship sustained critical burn injuries during the fire. He was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Later three fire units from Agrabad Fire Station, three units from Chittagong port fire brigade and a navy ship rushed to the spot and contained the blaze after two hours of frantic effort.

The extent of loss caused by the fire could not be known immediately. — MNA/Xinhua

NATO troops killed in Afghanistan

PAKTIKA PROVINCE, Afghanistan, 6 June — NATO says two of its soldiers have been killed in fighting in southern Afghanistan.

The troops had died in “separate engagements with enemy fighters”, a statement from NATO’s International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

In eastern Paktika Province, a district police chief was killed in a roadside bomb explosion, local officials said.

Fighting between NATO-led forces and the Taleban has escalated in recent weeks, particularly in the south.

The ISAF statement did not say where the fighting took place or give the nationalities of the two soldiers killed.

Paktika Governor Mohammad Akram Khpalwak told the BBC the police chief of Yahya Khel district had been trying to defuse the roadside bomb when it went off.

He died later of his injuries, the governor said. — Internet

Apple peel might keep cancer at bay

LOS ANGELES, 4 June — Apple peel may either inhibit or kill cancer cells in laboratory cultures, a Cornell University research has found.

Cornell researchers analyzed the peel from 230 pounds of red delicious apples and isolated their individual compounds.

After identifying the structures of the promising compounds in the peel, the researchers tested the pure compounds against cancer cell growth in the laboratory. They identified a dozen compounds — triterpenoids — in apple peel that either inhibit or kill cancer cells in laboratory cultures, according to the research published this month in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

Three of the compounds have not previously been described in the literature. Lead researcher Rui Hai Liu, Cornell associate professor of food science, said three of the compounds have not previously been described in the literature.

“We found that several compounds have potent anti-proliferative activities against human liver, colon and breast cancer cells and may be partially responsible for the anti-cancer activities of whole apples,” said Liu.

In previous Cornell studies, apples had been found not only to fight cancer cells in the laboratory but also to reduce the number and size of mammary tumors in rats. — Internet

A resident carries water from a well in buckets on the outskirts of Saining, in southwest China’s Sichuan Province on 4 June, 2007, a day ahead of World Environment Day. A prolonged drought in China’s mountainous southwestern province of Sichuan has left nearly 4 million people and 4.46 million livestock short of drinking water, Xinhua news agency said on 5 June 2007. Picture taken on 4 June, 2007. — Internet

Actress Jeon Ji-hyun appears in a TV commercial for Samsung Electronics’ Ultra Edition 10.9, nicknamed the Miniskirt. Two TV commercials featuring actress Jeon Ji-hyun in short hair and a miniskirt are making big waves online. Jeon, whose trademark is her long straight hair, shows an exceptionally different image in a commercial for cosmetic brand Laneige. An online clip of the commercial is gaining in popularity, with over 310,000 views so far. — Internet

Celebrity sisters Barbie Xa and Dee Xa from China (Taipei) have launched a new TV show on China (Taipei)’s GTV on 4 June, 2007. They invite celebrities to cook and gossip on stage. — Internet
The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has established several livestock breeding zones around Nay Pyi Taw with the aim of boosting production of meat and fish, helping bring down commodity prices, improving the socio-economic life of local people, creating job opportunities, and producing milk and dairy products as import-substitute products.

In pursuit of the project, the ministry is striving for achieving the targets of 20,000 milch cows, 100,000 sheep and goats and 1,000,000 layers and broilers in five years.

Undertaking the project, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department is now establishing livestock breeding zones of 6733.04 acres in total—Kangyi zone (1659.00 acres) and Shwemyo zone (271.33 acres) in Tatkon Township, Pyaunggaunggyi zone (623.00 acres) and Minbyin zone (2000.00 acres) in Lewe Township, and Nabugyin / Alegon zone (813.71 acres), Htihlaing zone (60 acres) and Yay Oo zone (1306.00 acres) in Yamethin Township.

Of them, Kangyi zone in Tatkon Township, Minbyin zone in Lewe Township, and Yay Oo zone in Yamethin Township are special zones for breeding milch cows, sheep and goats. Pyaunggaunggyi zone in Lewe Township breeds chickens, pigs, sheep and goats. And Nabugyin / Alegon zone in Yamethin Township breeds sheep and goats. Upon completion, Shwemyo zone will have a milk and dairy products processing factory, a feedstuff factory and a veterinary medicine factory and Htihlaing zone a meat processing factory and a leather factory. Livestock zones were designated at respective regions according to the climates, geographical features and prospects for success in breeding specific farm animals.

According to the lands of the zones, 12.5-acre units are allocated in Kangyi and Yay Oo zones. And land allotments are provided for entrepreneurs, and they are constructing buildings in Pyaunggaunggyi (Lewe) and Yay Oo (Yamethin) zones.

Fifteen entrepreneurs plus the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) are breeding 154 milch cows, 1160 goat and 134 sheep in Kangyi zone. Entrepreneurs are raising 165 milch cows and 164 goats, building a milk powder factory and a feedstuff factory, and running a veterinary medicines sales centre in Shwemyo zone.

Five breeders are raising 325 milch cows in Minbyin zone. Land reclamation works have been completed and land allotments are providing for entrepreneurs, and they are constructing buildings in Pyaunggaunggyi (Lewe) and Yay Oo (Yamethin) zones.

When it achieves its target after the period of five years, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries will be able to produce 50,000 viss of milk, 350 goats, 350,000 eggs and 8200 viss of chicken a day or 29,435 tons of milk, 200,000 goats, 126 million eggs and 3.4 million viss of chicken a year.

So, the Livestock Breeding Zones Project is a prudent one designed for development of the meat sector to contribute towards providing nutritious food and ensuring uplift of the health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

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Kyongadat model village in Thanbyuzayat Tsp, Mon State, puts 125 acres ... 

The head of the town General Administration Department reported on the agricultural, education and health sectors and ongoing regional development tasks. Lt-Gen Maung Bo called for extensive implementation of agricultural works for regional development and cooperation of departmental officials, social organizations and local residents in sprucing up the town.

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Minister receives guests

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Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsang receives Director-General Mr Zhao Huayong of CCTV in Nay Pyi Taw.

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 June — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsang received Director-General of CCTV of the People’s Republic of China Mr Zhao Huayong (Vice Minister Level) and party, at Shwenandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone here yesterday.

Under the arrangement of Myanmar-Chinacultural cooperation programme, the Chinese delegation arrived here to promote cooperation in electronic media between the two countries.

Also present at the call were directors-general, managing directors and deputy directors of CCTV.

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Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Col Phone Maw Shwe formally open Salin Bridge. — MNA

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(from page 16) Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed thriving physic nut plants along Dagon Lwin Road and gave instructions on cultivation of physic nut and taking care of the plants. They looked into sanitation and greening tasks along Dagon Lwin Road and proper flow of drainage.

They also supervised construction of 6,400 feet long embankment along Ngamoeyeik Creek along Thanda 17th Street in E Ward of North Okkalapa Township. The bridge is bailey type. The 230 feet long bridge can be transported to other states through Padan-An Road. In addition, local products can be transported to other states and divisions in addition to Magway Division. Hence, local people are to maintain the bridges and roads for their durability in their regions. In conclusion, Col Phone Maw Shwe thanked engineers, workers and local authorities for their contributions in construction of the bridge.

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The local structure of the bridge is reinforced concrete type and the upper one is iron frames. The bridge is bailey type. The 230 feet long bridge has 12 feet and four inches motor road and it can withstand 25-ton loads.

Due to completion of the bridge, people in the western part of Ayeyawady River can travel from the north to the south of the nation, to Chin State and Rakhine State and the eastern part of the river, while enjoying fruits of social, health, education and economic sectors. — MNA

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Country Representative, SSPCL, calls on Information Minister

YANGON, 6 June
— Mr Nuthapong Temsiri-pong, Country Representative (Myanmar) of Shin Satellite Public Co Ltd (SSPCL) of Thailand called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at the latter’s office in Nay Pyi Taw today. Also present at the call were directors-general, managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, the Head of Office and the Chief Engineer of MRTV. — MNA

Chinese media delegation visits MRTV

YANGON, 6 June — The visiting Chinese delegation visited Myanmar Radio and Television here today.

Under the China-Myanmar Cultural Exchange programme, the delegation, led by Director-General Mr Zhao Huayong (Vice Minister Level) of China Central Television-CCTV of the People’s Republic of China arrived here today to promote cooperation in electronic media between the two countries.

During the visit to MRTV, Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay briefed the guests on organizational set-up of MRTV, broadcasting and technical facts about Myanmar Radio and Television.

Mr Zhao Huayong also explained functions of CCTV and arrangements for cooperation between the two TV institutions.

U Win Maw of Forever Group also briefed them on broadcasting of MRTV-4.

Director-General U Khin Maung Htay and officials conducted the delegation around the studios of MRTV. — MNA

Myanmar Pearl Auction (June-2007) commences

YANGON, 6 June — With a view to earning more income for the State, the Myanmar Pearl Auction (June-2007) of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines commenced at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel in Mayangon Township this morning.

A total of 532 pearl lots will be sold at the Myanmar Pearl Auction and over 40 foreign merchants will buy pearl lots.

Foreign merchants observed pearl lots from 8 am to 4 pm today.

Managing Director U Maung Toe of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise and committee members cordially greeted the foreign merchants and supervised the auction.

The merchants bought 47 pearl lots today. The auction continues till 8 June. The pearl lots will be sold to the foreign merchants through tender system. — MNA

Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win hosts lunch in honour of Chinese delegation led by Director-General Mr Zhao Huayong of CCTV. — MNA

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US missile defence plan may cause weapon proliferation

BEIJING, 6 June — China said on Tuesday that a US plan to deploy a missile defence shield in Eastern Europe may cause new weapon proliferation problems.

“China has always maintained that missile defence affects the strategic balance and international stability, is not conducive to mutual trust between major powers and may cause new proliferation problems,” said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu.

“The United States’ intention to deploy a missile defence system in Eastern Europe has drawn considerable attention and some countries are very concerned,” Jiang told a regular Press conference.

The United States plans to deploy missile interceptors in Poland and radar units in the Czech Republic as part of a project to extend its missile defence system in Europe.

Russia has voiced strong opposition to the deployment.

“We have the same attitude in regard to missile defence systems proposed by the US and Japan and trust the parties concerned will act with discretion,” said Jiang.

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Chemical vehicle bomb hits US military base
BAGHDAD, 5 June—A vehicle bomb carrying chemical substance detonated outside a US military base in northeast of Baghdad, Monday.

The attack took place on Sunday in the vicinity of an entrance outside Forward Operating Base Warhorse near Baquba, some 65 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, a statement said. The blast did not cause any damage to the entrance or the base, it added. However, the statement said that following the attack "there was an unconfirmed report of off-colour smoke in the vicinity of the explosion and a number of soldiers reported minor respiratory irritations and watery eyes". Some insurgent groups frequently used chlorine gas as chemical weapon in Iraq, mainly in the volatile western province of Anbar.

MNA/Xinhua
UN says melting ice, snow to hit livelihoods worldwide

OSLO, 5 June — Global warming that is melting ice and snow will affect hundreds of millions of people around the globe by disrupting rivers in Asia, thawing Arctic ice and raising ocean levels, a UN report said on Monday.

Glaciers from the Himalayas to the Alps are in retreat, permafrost from Alaska to Siberia is warming and snowfalls are becoming unreliable in many regions, according to a “Global Outlook for Ice and Snow” written by more than 70 experts.

And it said the changes, widely blamed on greenhouse gases released by mankind’s use of fossil fuels, would be felt far from polar regions or high mountain areas.

“The fate of the world’s snowy and icy places as a result of climate change should be cause for concern in every ministry, board-room and living room across the world,” said Achim Steiner, head of UN Environment Programme of the 238-page report.

He said the findings were relevant “from Berlin to Brasilia, and Beijing to Boston”.

The report said that about 40 per cent of the world’s 6.5 billion population would be affected by retreating glaciers in Asia — snow and ice in the Himalayas, for instance, help regulate river flows and irrigation from China to India.

And a one metre (three feet three inches) rise in world sea levels, linked to expansion of the oceans as they warm and melt from glaciers, could cause almost 950 billion US dollars in damage and expose 145 million people to flooding, it said.

Oceans rose by almost 20 centimetres last century and UN studies project a further rise of 18-59 centimetres by 2100. Asia would be hard hit by rising seas, especially low-lying Bangladesh, it said.

The snow and ice report was released on the eve of World Environment Day, and two days before a 6-8 June summit by the leaders of the world’s top eight industrial powers in Germany.— MNA/Reuters

A cup of coffee with McCartney

BEIJING, 6 June — Former Beatles front man Paul McCartney’s new CD was on sale now at coffee retail giant Starbucks outlets on Tuesday rather than his longtime label EMI, US media reported on Wednesday.

The new CD, “Memory Almost Full,” is his first with Starbucks’ label, Hear Music.

As part of the album’s rollout, Starbucks was playing its nonstop Tuesday in its thousands of locations.

Starbucks estimated that some 6 million people would be among the first to hear the new album as they line up for their lattes in more than 10,000 stores in 29 countries.

Starbucks co-founded its Hear Music label with Concord Music Group in March. McCartney was in the final stages of recording

The crew of the space shuttle Atlantis speak at a news conference on the tarmac after arriving to prepare for launch at the Shuttle Landing Facility at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 4 June, 2007. The launch of the shuttle on Mission STS-117 is scheduled for 8 June. — Xinhua

TV channel rejects Princes’ Diana crash photos plea

BEIJING, 6 June — A British television channel rejected Princess Diana’s sons’ plea not to use photographs of her fatal car crash in a documentary airing Wednesday, British media reported Wednesday.

Prince William and Prince Harry believe that using the photographs would be a “gross disrespect to their mother’s memory,” Clarence House announced Tuesday.

“If it were your or my mother dying in that tunnel, would we want the scene broadcast to the nation?” the princes’ private secretary, Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton, said in a letter to Channel 4 television.

However, bosses of Channel 4 television said they would go ahead with the controversial documentary about Diana’s last hours in spite of Princes William and Harry’s appeal.

Kevin Lygo, Channel 4’s director of television and content, said it was in the “public interest” to show the pictures.

The documentary, “Diana: The Witness in the Tunnel,” is scheduled for broadcast on Wednesday.

The princess and her friend Dodi Fayed died along with their chauffeur in a car crash in Paris on 31 Aug, 1997. — Internet

Heavy rains hit Haiti, Dominican Republic, killing 19

MEXICO CITY, 5 June — At least 19 people have been killed by torrential rains, which hit Hispaniola 48 hours ago, a West-Indian island east of Cuba, divided by Haiti and the Dominican Republic, according to news reaching here on Sunday.

At least 10 people died in northern Haitian towns, which saw the heaviest rains. — MNA/Xinhua

Paris Hilton begins serving jail sentence


Han Chae-Young in her wedding gown during a photo call outside a hotel in Seoul, South Korea on 3 June, 2007. The South Korean actress tied the knot with Choi Dong Joon, a businessman who is four years older than her. — Internet

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Where she will be in a cell by herself for at least 23 days.

The 26-year-old hotel heiress surrendered herself at the Twin Towers jail in downtown Los Angeles late night Sunday, and then was transferred to the Century Regional Detention Facility in a southern suburb, authorities said.

Hilton was “co-operative,” “calm,” and “focused” during the booking process, according to spokesman Steve Whitmore of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

Paparazzi have been camped out in front of the jail for at least two days, while the sheriff’s department has warned jokers that anyone taking pictures of Hilton to profit from her incarceration face stiff discipline, including being fired. — Internet

Singer Paul McCartney gestures as he begins to sign autographs for fans in celebration of the release of a concert DVD and classical CD in New York City on 13 November, 2006. — Internet

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Jankovic stops Vaidisova to reach last four
PARIS, 6 June — Jelena Jankovic stopped the French Open run of Czech teenager Nicole Vaidisova by beating her 6-3, 7-5 to reach the semifinals on Tuesday. Serbia's Jankovic, seeded fourth, showed signs of nerves at times but relied on her ferocious backhand and tremendous court speed.

The 18-year-old Vaidisova, who burst into the limelight by reaching the semifinals here last year and was seeded sixth, survived four match points before bowing out by netting a forehand.

Jankovic, 22, who established herself as a top contender by winning three titles this year to break into the top five, will meet defending champion Justine Henin or Serena Williams for a place in the final.

MNA/Reuters

Kuznetsova to reach semis
PARIS, 6 June — Svetlana Kuznetsova had been runner-up to Justine Henin at Roland Garros last year and the 30-year-old Frenchwoman has come through this year for a place in the last four.

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MNA/Reuters

Nadal eager to defeat mentor Moya
PARIS, 6 June — Friendships will be put on hold when Rafael Nadal meets fellow Spaniard Carlos Moya for a place in the semifinals of the French Open on Wednesday.

Nadal, chasing a hat-trick of titles, comes from the same island of Mallorca as 1998 champion and boyhood mentor Moya.

The 30-year-old Moya gave Nadal plenty of advice and support when he started his career and the two still spend a lot of time together. "He's a friend," the 21-year-old Nadal told reporters. "I'm very excited to be here and play my first semifinal. It was a tough match and I was lucky to come through," said Ivanovic.

Kuznetsova had been runner-up to Justine Henin at Roland Garros 12 months ago but rarely looked like the player ranked third in the world.

She had been one of only three women to reach the quarterfinals without dropping a set and that statistic lasted a mere 21 minutes on Tuesday as the first set flashed by in a blur of errors from the Russian.

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Record-breaking Roux to resume career at Lens
LÉN, 6 June — French soccer's longest-serving coach, Guy Roux, signed a two-year contract with Ligue 1 side Racing Lens on Tuesday, two seasons after he retired from the game upon completing 45 years of service at Auxerre.

"It may look bizarre, but I am in a very good shape and my age is not a problem," the 68-year-old Roux told a news conference.

At Lens, Roux replaces Francis Gillot, who stepped down last week after the side missed out on a Champions League berth by finishing fifth in the league.

Roux spent 24 years as head coach of Auxerre and retired in June 2005 after turning the provincial Burgundy side into a powerhouse of French soccer.

With him in charge, Auxerre won the French title in 1998, lifted the French Cup four times and embarked on 14 campaigns in Europe.

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Belgium's Justine Henin (R) shakes hands with Serena Williams of the US after defeating her at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 5 June, 2007.—INTERNET

Viduka looks set to move from Middlesbrough to Newcastle
LONDON, 6 June — Newcastle United have "agreed in principle" to sign Australian striker Mark Viduka from north-east rivals Middlesbrough, British media reported on Tuesday.

Manchester City midfielder Joey Barton was in talks with Newcastle and was at St James' Park for a medical on Tuesday.

Viduka scored 19 times for Middlesbrough in the season just ended and the club were keen to keep him at the Riverside.

Newcastle have twice tried to sign the 31-year-old who has also attracted interest from newly-promoted Birmingham City, West Ham United and Portsmouth.

Viduka, who will be in Australia's squad for the Asian Cup in July, joined Middlesbrough in July 2004 under then manager Steve McClaren in a £4.5 million pound (£8.97 million US dollars) deal from Leeds United.

MNA/Reuters

Japan win Kirin Cup after ill-tempered Colombia draw
SAITAMA (JAPAN), 6 June — Japan were held to a 0-0 draw by Colombia in a bad-tempered match on Tuesday although the result was good enough to win the three-national Kirin Cup.

It gave Bosnian Ivica Osim his first trophy since taking over as Japan coach after their meek exit from the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Japan, who began the quest for a third successive Asian title next month, won the tournament on goal difference after a 2-0 victory over Montenegro in last Friday's opening game.

Colombia, who beat Montenegro 1-0 on Sunday, gave Japan several scares in the first half before running out of steam as the game wore on in Saitama.

Shunsuke Nakamura almost gifted Colombia the lead in the 16th minute when he lost possession on the edge of the box, but striker Edison Perea fired wide.

Midfielder Vladimir Marin then shaved the bar with a ferocious left-foot drive from 25 metres three minutes later as the visitors continued to press.

Striker Naohiro Takahara, upset at several clattering challenges from behind, was involved in a furious row with two Colombia defenders at the half-time whistle.

MNA/Reuters

Estonia wary of Beckham threat in Tallinn qualifier
TALLINN, 6 June — Estonia will head into Wednesday's Euro 2008 qualifier against England expecting David Beckham to be a big threat on his competitive return.

Despite the England captain's 11-month absence from the English first team, visualization expert Naoki Matsumura said Beckham's presence could prove too much for his Estonia team.

"England always show when the pressure is really high, that the team always perform," he said. "So we're meeting them at the wrong time. But we're not going to fear them."

Estonia keeper Mart Poom, who has just moved from Arsenal to Watford, shared the view on Beckham after the midfielder set up England's goal at Wembley.

"We all know about David's quality on set pieces and crosses and we saw that on Friday," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Ivanovic upsets
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The 18-year-old never lost belief throughout the contest and let out a shriek of joy as she kept alive her quarterfinal match against Czech Nicole Vaidisova at the French Open City's Azteca stadium on 5 June, 2007.—INTERNET

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Tampa Bay Devil Rays starter Andy Sonnanstine pitches during the first inning of their American League MLB baseball game against the Blue Jays in Toronto on 5 June, 2007.—INTERNET

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Czechs protest against planned US radar site

PRAGUE, 6 June — Around 500 Czechs protested against the planned construction of a US radar base in Rozmital pod Tresimen, near Brdy military training area, CTK reported on Tuesday.

Vondrašek stressed that local residents would be able to voice their opinion on the planned radar base in a local referendum scheduled for the weekend. The leader of the KSCM Vojtech Filip, whose party organized the rally, said it protested against Bush’s visit, according to CTK.

Bush called for cooperation from his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin here on Tuesday on the deployment of a planned US missile defence shield in the Czech Republic and Poland after his talks with his Czech counterpart Vaclav Klaus and Prime Minister Mirek Topolanek in Prague.

PHNOM PENH, 6 June

It is raining more this week in Myanmar compared to last week. Rainfall on 6-6-2007 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (1.41) inches at Kaba-Aye, (0.39) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (30.47) inches at Mingaladon, (37.12) inches at Kaba-Aye and (34.17) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 5-6-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay has become unimportant. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-6-2007: Rain and thunderstorms will be isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 5-6-2007.

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of advancement of Southwest monsoon into the Northern Myanmar areas. Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-6-2007: One or two rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-6-2007: Isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects sanitation, beautifying tasks of Yangon City

YANGON, 6 June — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected undertakings of Yangon City Development Committee for keeping Yangon City clean and pleasant with hygienic environment this morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Hay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and USDA CEC member U Maung Pa, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed construction of a box culvert at the corner of Leya Shwemyay and Anandagonyi roads in Myittanyunt Ward of Tamway Township.

They also inspected dredging of 400-foot drain along Kamahtan Road in the same ward and fulfilled the requirements of the task.

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Salin Bridge inaugurated in Salin Township as 205th facility of its kind across the nation

NAY PYI TAW, 6 June — A ceremony to inaugurate Salin Bridge built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group-13 of Public Works crossing Salin Creek on Pathein-Monywa Road was held in Salin Township this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun said that the government is constructing roads and bridges to ensure better transport that plays a key role in equitable development of all regions of the nation. Of them, the Ministry of Construction is carrying out the majority of construction tasks.

The Head of State had given guidance that priority is to be given to development of western region of Ayeyawady River that lagged behind development, and that it is necessary to try hard to bridge the western bank and the eastern bank of the river. Therefore, the Ministry of Construction is constructing Pathein-Monywa Road for smooth transportation of the western part of the river.

Pathein-Monywa Road is 452 miles and two furlongs long. Construction tasks are being undertaken on Kwinkauk-Betye-Okshitpin section. Okshitpin (See page 9)

NLD not serve interest of State and people

YANGON, 6 June — A total of 17 members including U Hla Myaing, U Tin Mya, U Pan Suk, U Than Myint, U Myo Nyunt, U Sein Than, U Tin Myint, U Tin Tun, U Shwe Win, U Hla Aye and U Kyin Wan of Bolawyoe Village-tract collectively resigned from Einme Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 5 June.

In their resignation letters sent to Einme Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said that they had lost interest in the activities of the party which did not serve interests of the State and the people. They felt disappointed that NLD is blaming for the nation-building endeavours of the government relying on the external elements through negative view. That is why they resigned from the party of their own desire, they said. — MNA

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The Livestock Breeding Zones Project is a prudent one designed for development of the meat sector to contribute towards providing nutritious food and ensuring uplift of the health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

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