Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Russian President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to HE Mr Vladimir V Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June 2007. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of the Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—On the auspicious occasion of the 109th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2007, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines. — MNA

Brighter prospects for cooperation in forestry, mining, hydel power projects, bilateral trade and tourism sector briefed.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Governor of Yunnan Province hold talks

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong called on Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at Empark Grand Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province, People’s Republic of China, on 7 June.

Also present at the call were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tun Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Tun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Further cementing PRC-Myanmar friendship for mutual benefit

At the invitation of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein paid a goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of China from 5 to 10 June.

During his goodwill visit, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress Li Peng and State Councillor Mr Tang Jiaxuan of the People’s Republic of China and Vice-Chairman Mr Li Tieying and discussed matters on economic cooperation. The PRC and Myanmar have had friendly ties since time immemorial. And they have been good neighbourly nations. The stance of PRC to firmly stand by Myanmar as a good neighbour whenever Myanmar affairs occurred highlighted an established friendship between the two countries.

The trade volume of the two countries is increasing year after year. The trade volume in 2006 increased up to $1.4 billion. Being neighbours, the two countries are joining hands in the fight against narcotic-drugs. They are also enhancing cooperation in the energy, mining and other industrial sectors.

Therefore, we firmly believe that the goodwill visit of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein to the PRC will contribute to further cementing the existing PRC-Myanmar friendship and creating favourable conditions for mutually beneficial cooperation.

NLD ignores unity and national reconsolidation among democratic forces

Speaking on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergey V Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June 2007.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends physic nut growing ceremony of Yangon South District, cash donation for Maha Atuladhammayanthi Sasana Beikman in Thanlyin

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends the ceremony to submit progress in construction of Maha Atuladhammayanthi Sasana Beikman in Thanlyin Township this morning.

At Technological University in Thanlyin, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended the physic nut cultivation ceremony of Yangon South District and planted physic nut.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander of Thanlyin Station Commodore Win Shein, Secretary of Yangon Division PDC U Hla Soe, local authorities, faculty members and students, social organization members and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that tree growing ceremonies were held in the entire nation in every rainy season. Not only tree planting ceremonies but also physic nut cultivation ceremonies were organized. At present, industries have been developing along the world and fuel consumption has risen. Myanmar grows physic nut plants to substitute its oil in place of fuel. He stressed the need to grow trees to be able to preserve climatic conditions. The government assigned duties to Yangon Division to put 500,000 acres of land under physic nut. Yangon Division has grown over 30,000 acres of physic nut in the previous year and 7,495 acres this year.

Foreign Minister felicitates Russian counterpart

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FM sends felicitations to the Philippines

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 June—On the auspicious occasion of the 109th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Alberto G Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines. — MNA

Seven quit Kayan Tsp NLD

YANGON, 11 June — A total of seven members — U Aye Win of Tamangyi Village, U Maung Hla of Ale Village, U Sein Myint of Kyoneto Village, U Khin Latt and U Khin Hlaing of Hla Belu Village, U Myint Aung of Kanbe Village and U Hla Maw Thein of Kinnmon Village — of Kanyaw Township National League for Democracy on 9 June resigned from the NLD of their own account by sending their resignation letters to the party and local authorities concerned.

In their letter sent to Kanyaw Township Multi-party Democracy Election Subcommission, they said they had voted for the party because they believed that NLD would march on the national political path through national reconsolidation and it would strive for drafting of a State Constitution after 1988. However, the NLD tried to gain only power and it ignored the unity and national reconsolidation among the democratic forces. It assumed that the Tatmadaw government was an enemy. The party also demanded to gain the power instead of participating in drafting of a State Constitution after 1988. How-ever, the NLD tried to gain only power and it ignored the unity and national reconsolidation among the democratic forces. It assumed that the Tatmadaw government was an enemy. The party also demanded to gain the power instead of participating in drafting of a State Constitution after 1988.
Germany describes Putin’s missile suggestion positive

BERLIN, 10 June — Russian President Vladi-
mir Putin’s surprise suggestion to the United
States on missile defence
shield cooperation is
positive, German Foreign
Ministry Spokesman Jens
Ploetner said on Friday.
“We view this as a
positive, a constructive
dissonance in the dialogue
that could lead to an easing
of tension,” said Ploetner.
Putin offered on Thursday the suggestion
to his US counterpart
George W Bush at a
private meeting on the
sideline of the Group
of Eight (G-8) summit to
lead industrial nations
in Germany’s Baltic resort
of Heiligendamm.
Putin has strongly
 criticized the US plans to
deploy anti-ballistic
shield in Poland and
the Czech Republic.

He proposed that the
United States jointly use
with Russia the Gabala
radar base in Azerbaijan,
a former Soviet republic.
Bush described the
proposal as “interesting”
and said the two sides had
formed a working group
to see how they
could cooperate on missile
defence.
Ploetner would not
make hasty judgements on
the proposal until it had
been examined thoroughly
by the US side.
Bush is currently visiting
Poland after the G-8
summit to discuss the
controversial missile plan
with Polish President Lech
Kaczyński.

Napoleon’s golden sword
fetches more than £3m

PARIS, 11 June— Its
gold-encrusted blade
holds the secrets of the
young Napoleon, who
carried it into one of his
generally doomed battles. Par
outnumbered by the
enemy, and hampered by
a series of botches, he
miraculously managed to
turn around his army’s
time luck in the final hour.

The intricately decorat-
ed, gently curved blade is
also an example of
Napoleon’s “oriental
complex”. It was based on
an inspiration he drew
from his Egyptian
campaign.
“He noticed that the
Arab swords, which were
curved, were very
effective in cutting off
Frenchheads” and ordered
an imitation made upon
his return, the auctioneer,
Jean-Pierre Osenat, said.
“It symbolises more than
anything else the power,
the force and the in-
contestable strength of the
emperor Napoleon.”

After the battle at
Marengo, Napoleon gave
the sword to his brother
Jérôme as a wedding
present, and it has never
left the family until now.
The sword was declared a
national treasure in 1978.
The buyer, unidentified
yesterday, must have an
address in France and keep
the sword in the country
for five to six months a
year.—Internet

Protest staged in Poland
ahead of Bush visit

WARSAW, 10 June — Some 100 Poles took to
the streets in the seaside town of Jurata Friday afternoon
to protest against the upcoming visit by US President
George W Bush, who is in Poland to talk with his
Polish counterpart about deployment of a missile
shield system in the Eastern European country.
The protest was organized by Inicjatywa Stop
Wojnie (No Wars Initiative), and the participants
include representatives from Poland’s New Left Party
and Young Socialists among others.
The protesters, who gathered at the railway station
at Jurata on the Baltic Coast, marched to the presidential
seaside residence, where Polish President Lech
Kaczyński is scheduled to meet the US President later
in the afternoon, Polish PAP news agency reported.

Truck bomber kills nine Iraqi police

TIKRIT, 10 June— A
suicide bomber killed nine
Iraqi policemen and
wounded dozens more as
he exploded his truck
outside a police post near
the northern hometown of
executed dictator Saddam
Hussein.
The attack — part of
the sustained insurgent ass-
aults on security forces
in a bid to thwart US and
Iraqi efforts to stabilize
the war-torn country —
was the second of its kind
in as many days.
The bomber detonated
the vehicle against a police
department building in an
area called Albu Ajil, east
of Tikrit, on the main road
between the city and the
oil hub of Kirkuk, police
officials said.
At least 40 police,
many of them policemen,
were also wounded in the
attack that took place at
10:15 am (local time) they
said.
“Nine policemen have
died in the blast and 40
more are wounded, mostly
policemen,” Major Abdul
Karim Mohammed, a
security official at Tikrit
general hospital, said.
The attack came a day
after a suicide bomber
exploded his truck at an
Iraqi army base near the
town of Iskandariyah,
southwest of Baghdad,
killing 12 soldiers and
wounding 30.
Iraqi security officials
said two people were
killed and seven wounded
as a car bomb exploded
near a petrol station in
Baghdad’s Al-Bayaa
district and one person
died when another car
bomb targeted a gas
station in the Saidiyah
area of the capital. — Internet

An Iraqi policeman
stands near a
destroyed police
vehicle after a bomb
attack in the village of
Albu Ajil in Tikrit,
170 km north of
Baghdad, on 10 June,
2007. — XINHUA

Chinas President Hu Jintao (2nd L), accompanied
by Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf (3rd L), steers the
replica of the 18th Century Swedish merchant ship
“Gothborg” as they attend a ceremony for the
return of the vessel from a China tour, in Gothenburg,
Sweden, on 9 June, 2007. — XINHUA
Russia touts radar offer, says US shield not needed

MOSCOW (St Petersburg), 10 June — Russia said on Saturday its offer to the United States of joint use of a radar it controls in Azerbaijan made a planned American missile shield in Central Europe unnecessary.

It stressed its offer was still open, despite Washington’s signal it will press ahead with its plan to base radar and missile interceptors in Poland and the Czech Republic to counter the threat of a nuclear attack from “rogue” states like Iran.

Russia’s foreign and first deputy prime ministers met out Moscow’s stance after President Vladimir Putin surprised Washington on Thursday with the radar offer. Putin, keen to avoid Washington placing its missile defence shield in Central Europe where Moscow says it could threaten Russian security, had suggested both sides instead use the Russian-rented Qabala radar in Azerbaijan.

“This (Qabala station) is an efficient element of a reliable early warning system,” Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told journalists in Moscow.

“It remarkably well copes with all its tasks and it fully serves our interests without causing any strain in Russia’s ties with its neighbours.”

He rejected at the same time an idea that Moscow could take part in the US missile shield system: “To suppose that we will take part in building such a potential which creates a threat to us is wishful thinking.”

Putin said on Friday the interceptors could be placed in southern Europe or Turkey and that Russia was happy to share intelligence picked up by the Azeri radar.

Moscow would also then not retarget its own missiles towards Central Europe.

A Malaysian health official collects chicken eggs at a village in Paya Juras outside Kuala Lumpur on 9 June, 2007. Malaysia has found no human cases of bird flu so far, with 10 of 11 people taken to hospital with symptoms having tested negative, a Health Ministry official said on Saturday. — INTERNET

Israeli helicopters strike on Gaza

GAZA, 10 June — Israeli Apache attack helicopters struck by air-to-ground missiles after midnight three different targets belonging to Islamic Jihad and Fatah movements in the Gaza Strip security sources and witnesses said early Sunday. The eyewitnesses said that the Israeli helicopters hovered over Gaza City at midnight, and then several explosions were heard in the western and northern parts of the city. They said that the first target which was hit is an office belongs to the Islamic Jihad movement in western Gaza City, adding that one Palestinian was moderately injured and severe destruction was caused to the building.

Two other targets belong to Fatah movement’s armed wing, al-Aqa Martyrs Brigades, said the sources, adding that no injuries were reported, but severe damages were caused to the two constructions.

The sources said that the two other targets were hit by the Israeli Apache missiles are metal workshops, which Israel says it manufacture homemade rockets and mortars that militants fire from Gaza at Israel. — MNA/Xinhua

Flash floods caused by Cyclone Gonu kill 12 in Iran

TEHERAN, 10 June — Twelve people have been killed and nine others injured in southeastern Iran in flash floods caused by Cyclone Gonu, local Mehr news agency reported on Saturday.

“According to the latest information, 12 people have been killed as the result of flash floods in Hormozgan and Sistan-Baluchistan provinces,” Farzad Panahi, head of Iran’s emergency services, was quoted as saying. About 70 per cent of the residential houses in the southern port town of Jask in Hormozgan Province have been damaged, he added.

No report is available so far about any outbreak of infectious diseases in the area, said Panahi, adding that but due to the shortage of clean water, there would be some sanitary and health problems.

Iran’s official ONA news agency reported on Friday that Cyclone Gonu, which hit the Gulf sultanate this week before moving towards Iran, killed at least 49 people and left another 27 missing in Oman. — MNA/Xinhua

Rome’s anti-Bush protesters throw bottles at police

ROME, 10 June — Demonstrators protesting against US President George W Bush’s visit threw bottles at police and overturned tables in central Rome on Saturday, witnesses said.

Police fired tear gas to try to control the demonstrators, who also shattered a window of a bank. At least one policeman was injured by glass.

Dozens of protesters, some wearing motorcycle helmets, remained in the area near Rome’s famed Campo de Fiori area as police closed in to contain them. Restaurants and shopkeepers lowered their shutters.

The incident was far from where Bush was staying at the US ambassador’s residence, in another quarter of the city.

About 12,000 demonstrators, most of them peaceful, staged protests in Rome against the US-led war in Iraq and the expansion of a US military base in Italy. — MNA/Reuters
Ericsson signs $1 billion China GSM deal

STOCKHOLM, 10 June—Telecoms network firm Ericsson on Sunday signed a framework agreement to provide $1 billion worth of networking equipment to China Mobile Communications Corp.

Ericsson Chief Executive Carl-Henric Svanberg signed the deal in Stockholm during a state visit by China's President Hu Jintao, the first by a Chinese leader to Sweden.

"The most important thing was that we signed a contract today for deliveries of $1 billion worth of telecoms equipment. "We have a third of the telecom market in China so this was another significant step in that development," Svanberg told reporters at the ceremony.

Ericsson said the new framework agreement would see it supply core and radio network equipment, along with related technical support and services, to China Mobile as it expands GSM coverage in 19 regions of the country.

The Swedish company said deliveries had already started. — Internet

Barclays seeks Moscow office to expand fast

BEIJING, 11 June—Barclays Pte, Britain’s third-biggest bank, plans to open a Moscow office and “quickly” expand to gain a bigger share of investment-banking fees, Hans-Joerg Rudloff, chairman of the securities unit, has said.

“We want to open a local presence this year and expand it quickly to 200 people,” Rudloff said in an interview at the St Petersburg International Economic Forum on Saturday. “Local capital markets are growing very quickly.”

Barclays Capital, which won its first loan in Russia in February 2005, fell three places to the seventh in terms of arranging Russian syndicated loans this year, according to Bloomberg News data. ABN Amro Holding NV, the Dutch bank that Barclays is trying to buy, has about 300 people in Moscow and is the top-ranked underwriter of Russian loans.

“We also intend to enter consumer banking,” said Rudloff, who ran Credit Suisse First Boston in the early 1990s, when the firm expanded into Eastern Europe after the collapse of the Soviet Union. “We would have done something already, but now ABN Amro delays it.”

China becomes second largest exporter of auto parts to US

BEIJING, 10 June—China overtook Germany in the first quarter to become the second largest exporter of automotive spare parts to the United States, Shanghai Securities News reported Friday.

China exported 1.936 billion US dollars’ worth of auto parts to the US in the first quarter this year, pipping Germany which notched up 1.934 billion US dollars, according to US Commerce Department cited by the newspaper.

Japan is way out in front with a substantially higher 3.57 billion US dollars. During the same period last year, China exported 1.52 billion US dollars’ worth of auto parts to the US, less than the 1.73 billion attributed to Germany.

Statistics from the China Association of Automobile Manufactu-

ers (CAAM) show that China’s exports of auto parts grew at 54 per cent annually from 2000 to 2005, far outpacing the 29.5 per cent rise in imports.

In the first three months this year, China exported a total of 2.57 billion US dollars worth of auto parts, a surge of 36 per cent year on year, and imports stood at 2.42 billion US dollars, up 27 per cent, according to China’s Customs figures. —MNA/Xinhua

India agrees to exchange more power with Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 June—India has agreed to exchange 40 megawatt (mw) of electricity annually. Currently, Nepal has been importing 50 megawatt of electricity through the transmission line annually.

The upgrade of the transmission line is expected to be completed by October this year. “I believe we will be finally able to import 40 megawatt of electricity. Load-shedding next year may not be as severe as this year,” Arjun Kumar Karki, managing director of the Nepal Electricity Authority and head of the Nepali delegation at the meeting, told reporters after the meeting.

Nepal will also export 40 megawatt of electricity to India during the rainy season at a competitive price.

The issue of revision of power tariff, which has remained undecided since 2003, was also resolved, with Indian and Nepalese officials agreeing on an annual tariff hike of 5 per cent for January 2004 to June 2008 against the annual tariff hike of 8.5 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

Former North Vietnamese platoon commander Nguyen Van Quy, 52, points at the Kontum area of central Vietnam on a map showing in red where US wartime forces sprayed the toxic defoliants Agent Orange, in Hanoi, on 8 June, 2007. — Internet

China GSM deal

Women work in a garment factory in the outskirts of Phnom Penh on 9 June, 2007. Cambodia has approved new labour laws allowing night shift work, a move that should boost its garment industry, which accounts for two thirds of the impoverished southeast Asian nation’s exports. — Internet

The Dell Inspiron E1501 in an image courtesy of the company. Wal-Mart said on Friday its Sam’s Club unit will start selling Dell notebook computers for $899 each at more than 580 US stores beginning in mid-June.— Internet
Heavy rains in S China kill 66

BEIJING, 10 June — Torrential rains that plagued southern China for days have killed 66 people and resulted in 12 missing by 6:00 pm (Beijing time) on Sunday, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

“Floods caused by heavy rains have affected about 294,800 hectares of crops, completely destroying 53,000 hectares of them,” said an official with the ministry.

The floods have torn down 48,000 roads and damaged 94,000 houses in southern China, and forced about 591,000 people to evacuate from their homes, the official said. From Wednesday to Saturday, continuous torrential rains, mudslides and floods hit Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Jiangxi and Fujian, affecting more than 8.97 million people.

The disasters have caused an overall economic loss of more than 2.9 billion yuan (371 million US dollars), according to the ministry. The ministry has sent rescue teams to the disaster areas to assist relief work.

Two roadside bombings kill four Afghan policemen

KABUL, 10 June — Two roadside bombings killed four policemen and injured six others in Kandahar Province of southern Afghanistan, officials said Friday.

A remote-controlled roadside bomb struck a police vehicle in Panjwai District on Friday morning, killing two policemen and injuring four others, Bismullah Khan, district police chief, told Xinhua. Meanwhile, another roadside bombing killed two policemen and injured two others in Shorabak District, the police said. No one has claimed responsibility, but Taleban insurgents, who clash with government and foreign forces frequently, have frequently carried out similar attacks.

Kandahar has been a hotbed of Taleban insurgents, who clash with government and foreign forces frequently.

HK winters may vanish in 50 years

HONG KONG, 10 June — Hong Kong’s winters could vanish within 50 years, with the number of cold days declining virtually to zero due to global warming and urbanization, the head of the city’s weather observatory warned on Friday.

“According to our projections, toward the end of this century ... there will be less than one cold day each winter, so winter practically will have disappeared,” said Lam Chiu-ying, director of the Hong Kong observatory.

Cold days are defined as those with temperatures below 12 degrees Celsius (53.6 degrees Fahrenheit) at some point during the day. Despite its sweltering summers, the former British colony enjoys a sub-tropical climate, with cool winter temperatures and hoar frost sometimes found on its highest peak of Tai Mo Shan.

Between 1961 and 1990, there was an average of 21 cold days every winter but this figure had already halved by 2000, Lam said. Over the past century, temperatures in Hong Kong rose around 1.2 degrees, almost double the global average, said Lam, who warned that the city’s winters might actually vanish half a century earlier if Hong Kong’s rapid urbanization trends were taken into account.

“We would really start losing the very distinct seasonal march throughout the year ... We would really look more tropical than we (are) now,” Lam told reporters.

The waters around Hong Kong’s outer island of Lamma are swamped with a red tide, or huge blooms of non-toxic algae, on 7 June, 2007. The huge blooms of algae affecting the waters around Hong Kong have spread to a popular beach on the south of the island, authorities said on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters
Talking dialogue but insisting on 1990 election results and inciting civil unrest

Aung Moe San

Everyone can say that he wants dialogue, that he is in favour of national re-consolidation and that he yearns for democracy. But whatever he says or whatever colour and badge he represents, the decisive factor is his deeds. There are many instances in which some persons trying to realize the 1990 election results while saying that they want to hold a dialogue with the government; opposing and trying to break up national unity while saying that they are in favour of national re-consolidation; and practising personality cult while advocating democracy.

The Tatmadaw government abolished single party system and centralized socialist economy to adopt market economic system. It is building a democratic state through market economy and is implementing the 12 objectives. It has been holding peace talks with underground and above-ground organizations to strengthen national solidarity. It has been able to restore unity with 17 armed groups opposing the successive governments for many years. It has been building infrastructures tirelessly for building a new democratic state. The government’s words meet its deeds. It has been implementing the seven-point Road Map to set up a discipline-flourishing democratic state.

Everything would not happen as expected. We will have to start from achieving what is possible, not from doing to get what we want. The quarters that wish to practise democracy at once and copy the Western democracy model are extreme rightist dreamers. Hence, those quarters can do nothing for the emergence of a democratic state and social development, while doing a lot of sloganeering. They are supporting the economic sanctions to national re-consolidation many times. But there are organizations that have no regard at all for national cause as they are relying heavily on aliens. The leadership of the Tatmadaw government has already held talks with Daw Suu Kyi and NLD brass for four times, in addition to 20 meetings at the ministerial level officials held with them. The government has also invited them again and again to participate in the National Convention. But Daw Suu Kyi and NLD are insisting on the 1990 election results and to grab power through short cut by instigating unrest to topple the government.

The following facts bring unity between the Tatmadaw government and the national race armed groups:

(1) Both sides have learned the same lesson from the evil consequences of bloody armed conflicts;
(2) As the armed conflicts lingered armed groups began to realize the no-win situation;
(3) They began to have trust in and reliance on the government’s national re-consolidation and nation-building endeavours;
(4) Both sides have been able to address the national problems with Union Spirit and patriotism. They are able to choose the road to unity that is free from foreign influences.

When I analyze the reason behind the failure of Daw Suu Kyi and NLD to reunite with the government, I find the following facts:

(1) Some organizations and some forces that came to exist only after 1988 unrest were unable to correctly calculate the actual political climate of Myanmar as they lack maturity and political experience;
(2) They are drifting further away from national re-consolidation due to the attempts of some foreign powers to disunite Myanmar;
(3) They are relying too much on aliens instead of paying attention to national re-consolidation;
(4) They are giving priority to copying the model of US democracy instead of joining hands with national forces for building a democratic state that suits the social lives of the people;
(5) They are supporting the economic sanctions and political pressures of the US and its Western allies. They are trying to grab power by creating civil commotion and opposing the government.

The Tatmadaw government had to brave many hardships to ensure national peace and stability. The government will not tolerate any acts to destroy national stability and democracy transition. National stability and democracy transition are interest of the entire country.

Recently, the media under the control of the West broadcast that former prime minister of Norway and 58 other former leaders of nations around the world signed a petition calling for the release of Daw Suu Kyi. In reality, those persons and the countries that wish Daw Suu Kyi free should request Daw Suu Kyi to change her stance. They should demand US and allies to stop imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar and continue humanitarian aids to the country.

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departmental officials, the president and members of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs.

At the meeting, China’s side includes Member of China’s National People’s Congress Legislative Committee Mr Zhang Chunsheng, Deputy Chairman of Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People’s Congress Mr Liu Shaoyao, Vice Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Liu Ping, General Secretary Mr Ding Shaoxiang, officials and Chinese entrepreneurs in the province.

At the meeting, Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong said during his visit to Myanmar, he held talks with Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein on bilateral cooperation and China implemented the agreements reached during his visit to Myanmar step by step. Yunnan-Myanmar Economic Forum was held in China, he said.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said Myanmar shares border with the People’s Republic of China and most of China’s border sharing with Myanmar is that of Yunnan Province. Therefore, there are innumerable relations between Myanmar and Yunnan Province. Some national races on both sides and their customs are similar and leaders of Myanmar also had visited the province.

During the visit, he also met with leaders of China. Myanmar delegation also includes Minister for Commerce and entrepreneurs to promote bilateral trade, he said. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein also briefed on brighter prospects for cooperation in forestry, mining, hydel power projects, bilateral trade and tourism sector.

Next, Mr Qin Guangrong pledged to promote cooperation between Yunnan and Myanmar, and the meeting ended. — MNA

Secretary-1 visits Douan...

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They heard a report presented by the Chairman on establishment of the steel factory, investment and producing of steel rods and steel sheets. After inspecting documentary photos on production process of the factory, the Secretary-1 signed in the visitors’ book.

After that, the Myanmar delegation had a documentary photo taken together with the Chairman of the company. At the factory, they viewed the production of steel sheets and finished products.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party arrived back at the Empark Grand Hotel.

At 2.45 pm, the Myanmar delegation arrived at the World Hori-Expo Garden and were welcomed by Chairman of Expo Garden Co Ltd Mr Wang Xing and party. After that, they had a documentary photo taken together with the chairman. In the garden, the Myanmar delegation observed various kinds of trees grown in tropical regions, thriving flowers, park of Myanmar and parks of other nations.

Next, they proceeded to Yunnan Power Grid Corporation and heard a report presented by the Vice-Chairman of China Southern Power Grid Co on functions of the corporation and investment.

The Secretary-1 had a documentary photo taken together with those from the corporation and signed in the visitors’ book.

The Myanmar delegation left Kunming for Lijiang. Accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of People’s Congress Mr Don Zeng, Myanmar Consul-General U Myo Tint and officials, the Secretary-1 and party left Kunming and arrived at Lijiang Airport at 8.20 pm.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at Guan Fang Hotel Lijiang where they were going to stay. — MNA
Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets Embassy staff, scholars in China

Attäch Col Tint Wai.

In his address at the meeting with staff of the embassy and scholars, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said the delegation arrived in China to promote and strengthens the bilateral friendship and promote cooperation in all sectors between the two countries.

Efforts are being made to reach a goal of a modern developed nation. The Government laid down 12 political, economic and social objectives and has implemented the tasks to achieve the goal. The country has achieved success in implementing the economic objectives, he said.

The National Convention was held to lay down detailed basic principles for drafting the constitution which is required to build a modern developed nation. The National Convention will be finalized in the near future, and the constitution will be written based on the detailed basic principles.

To build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, prevalence of peace, security and law and order across the country are required. Moreover, food sufficiency and higher living standards of the people and the strong economy are necessary for building a modern democratic nation. Therefore, the government has been building necessary infrastructures for the country.

Staff of the embassy and scholars are to keep up progress in implementing the objectives of the State.

In his conclusion remarks, Lt-Gen Thein Sein urged staff of the embassy and scholars to work to strengthen the friendship between the two countries.

Afterwards, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and wife hosted a dinner in honour of Myanmar delegation at the embassy. — MNA

Arrangements made to export...

Chinese Citizen Affairs Committee and External Affairs Mr Wang Yunsheng and officials. At the meeting Mr. Bai Enpei extended greetings and said that he was very pleased to know that the Secretary-1 met with Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress Mr Wu Bangguo and Vice-Chairman Mr Li Tieying and discussed matters on international affairs, strengthening friendship between Myanmar and China, economic cooperation between the two countries; that trading and mutual cooperation of the two countries have also been thriving well; and that the visit of the Secretary-1 would surely contribute much to towards the existing situation.

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Arrangements are also made to export natural gas from Myanmar, he said. In meeting with State Councillor Mr Tang Jiaxuan, matters relating to boosting trade between Myanmar and Yunnan Province, hydropower power projects and building of motor roads and railroads were discussed, the Secretary-1 said.

The Secretary-1 pointed out that to forge friendship and mutual understanding between Myanmar and China, leaders of the two countries have often exchanged goodwill visits and as new generations, his visit is to strengthen this fine tradition.

The Secretary-1 said that combining the Chinese technology with Myanmar’s abundant minerals, forestry and other natural resources will surely benefit both sides. The Secretary-1 also said that as a result of cooperation between Myanmar and Yunnan Province, success has been achieved in drug control activities and Myanmar has laid down and implemented the 13-year Drug Elimination Plan.

After the meeting, Mr Bai Enpei hosted a lunch in honour of Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.— MNA
Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits China's Great Wall

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — The Myanmar delegation led by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by officials of China’s Standing Committee of National People’s Congress visited the Great Wall in Ba Da Ling on 7 June morning and posed for documentary photos.

Next, they went to the Myanmar Embassy to the People’s Republic of China and met embassy staff and the Myanmar scholars in China. The Myanmar goodwill delegation arrived at Beijing International Airport to leave for Kunming, Yunnan Province. The delegation, accompanied by member of China’s National People’s Congress Legislative Work Committee Mr Zhang Chunsheng, Attaché Mr Li Xuelin of Asia Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, arrived at Kunming International Airport by China Air at 7.55 pm local time. Consul-General U Myo Tint boarded the plane and greeted the Secretary-1.

The Secretary-1 and delegation members were welcomed by Vice-Chairman Mr Dan Zeng of Yunnan Province People’s Congress Standing Committee, Director General of Foreign Affairs Department of Yunnan Province Government Mes Zhou Hong and officials.

A Yunnan national girl and a Myanmar girl presented bouquets to the Secretary-1. Then, the Secretary-1 and party went to Empark Grand Hotel by car. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Yunshangping Meadow Park, old Lijiang city

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members of goodwill delegation, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Yunnan People’s Congress Standing Committee Mr Dan Zeng, Kunming-based Consul-General U Myo Tint and officials, arrived at Yunshangping Meadow Park, a major business in Lijiang, on 9 June.

They also visited Jade Dragon Snow Mountain Scenic Spot. Yunshangping Meadow Park is located 32 kilometres south-west of Lijiang. It is a snow-capped mountain, a tourist attraction.

Secretary Mr He Zis Xing of Lijiang Party Committee hosted lunch in honour of the Secretary-1 and goodwill delegation members at Guan Feng Hotel in Lijiang. The lunch was attended by Kunming-based Myanmar Consul-General, Mr He Zis Xing, Mr Dan Zeng and Chairman of Lijiang People’s Congress Mr Wang Guo Wu.

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The Secretary-1 and party arrived at Lijiang airport and bid farewell to Mr Wang Guo Wu and officials concerned. They arrived at Kunming International Airport at 9.20 pm and they went to Empark Grand Hotel and stayed there.

On 10 June, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at Kunming International Airport to return home.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted Vice-Chairman Mr Dan Zeng, Attaché Mr Li Xuelin of Asia Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director-General Mr He Mingsheng of foreign office of Yunnan Province Government, Consul-General U Myo Tint, staff and families.

Members of the goodwill delegation arrived back here in the afternoon by special flight.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects physic nut plantations in Sittway

YANGON, 11 June — Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and officials of the spdc office, arrived in Sittway, Rakhine State, by air on 8 June morning. 

They were welcomed at Sittway Airport by Chair- man of Rakhine State PDC Western Command Com- mander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Shein and departmental offici- als. 

In meeting with of- ficers and other ranks and their families at Bandoola Hall of Sittway Station, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than called for officials’ super- vision of health, education and social affairs of staff families and undertaking of agricultural and livestock breeding tasks on a man- ageable scale. He next do- nated exercise books, sta- tionery and school uniforms for the families of the sta- tion. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party visited the 30-acre physic nut planta- tion No.1 and rubber plan- tation of the station. They also inspected physic nut plantation Nos. 5, 2, 3, 4 and 6 and left instructions on growing of physic nut plants as targeted at the lo- cal barracks and regiments under the station. 

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended a meeting on affairs of townships affected by strong wind held at the meeting hall of Sittway Station. It was attended by Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein, Ministers Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Dr Kyaw Myint and members of state, dis- trict and township PDCs. 

First, Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung reported that al- though cyclone Akash hit Rakhine State on 14 May 2007, no serious damage occurred due to preventive measures taken according to weather forecast and rescue work was carried out in time. He also reported on assistance provided for the victims and arrangements to be made. 

Rakhine State PDC Secretary U Ye Naing Aung reported on condition of storm-affected townships and cash and relief equip- ment donated by well- wishers and Head of Rakhine State Health De- partment Dr Cho Tun on giving polio vaccines to the children of the state and future work. 

Ministers Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Dr Kyaw Myint also reported on the tasks being carried out by their ministries. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said there occurred a little damage after the cyclone thanks to the weather fore- cast of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrolog- y and pre-emptive meas- ures taken by the public and local authorities. In ad- dition, the damaged houses were repaired in a short time with the assistance of the ministries concerned. He thanked departmental offi- cials, social organizations, and public donors for their donations of cash and kind for the victims. He then called for public awareness of weather news. 

Cyclone Akash hit Sittway, Ponnakyun, Kyauktyaw, MrawU, Minbya, Pauktaw, Kyaukpyu and Myebon townships. However, due to weather news forecast, no serious damage occurred and relief work is being carried out for the victims. Over 10,000 corrugated iron sheets were donated for the schools. 

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party paid homage and offered alms to the Sayadaw and mem- bers of the Sangha at Kyetaw Villagemasonry. 

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended a ceremony to do- nate relief equipment to the storm victims. Then cash, medicine and clothing were donated to the victims. The donations wereClothing worth K 1307754, 11 items of consumer products and cash by the Ministry of So- cial Welfare, Relief and Re- settlement and medicine and medical equipment worth K 200000 by the Ministry of Health totaling K 3307754. — MNA

Secretary-General of USDA meets Vice-Chairperson of China’s Standing Committee of NPC

YANGON, 11 June — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo met members of the goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China and Chairperson of China-ASEAN Association Madame Gu Xiuliom at the USDA Headquarters on New University Avenue in Bahan Township this morning.

Present were CEC members U Aung Thein, Lin U, Maung Pa, U Nyan Tun Aung and officials of the USDA Headquarters. 

Madame Gu Xiuliom was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and goodwill delegation members. 

Secretary-General U Htay Oo extended greetings to the guests. 

The documentary video on activities of the USDA was shown to the guests. 

Madame Gu Xiuliom explained the purpose of her visit to Myanmar, cooperation with the USDA, programmes for women’s affairs and China-ASEAN Asso- ciation’s cooperation with ASEAN nations. 

Next, Secretary- General U Htay Oo and Madame Gu Xiuliom signed the MoU and exchanged gifts. They had documentary photos taken together with officials. 

Secretary-General U Htay Oo hosted dinner in honour of the guests at Sedona Hotel. — MNA

MWAF Vice-President meets Chinese President of ACWF

YANGON, 11 June — Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Vice- President Daw Khin Thet Htay met with Madame Gu Xiuliom, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China, President of All China Women’s Federation, and Chairperson of China-ASEAN Association, at the MWAF office on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township, here, this afternoon. They discussed matters on women’s affairs of the two countries and exchanged souvenirs. 

Madame Gu Xiuliom signed the visitors’ book of the MWAF, posed for documentary photos, and viewed photos showing movements of state and division Women’s Affairs Organizations. 

Also present at the call were CEC members of MWAF, CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Nyan Tun Aung, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and officials. — MNA

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Magpie found dead in Hong Kong infected with H5N1

HONG KONG, 10 June — A magpie found dead in a densely populated residential district of Hong Kong has tested positive for the H5N1 bird flu virus, the government said on Friday. It was the 17th bird to have been found with the virus this year, a phenomenon blamed on the wild bird trade and which a growing number of experts say must stop.

The bird was found dead in Sha Tin in the New Territories, home to one of Hong Kong’s two racecourses, on 31 May.

MNA/Reuters

BEIJING, 11 June — China’s civil aviation regulator and France-based Thales Group recently held a signing ceremony on the purchase of a flight simulator in Beijing.

The General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC) and China Aviation Supplies Import and Export Group Corporation (CASC) signed a contract to buy a set of full-operational Airbus A320 flight simulator from Thales Group, an international electronic and systematic solution provider. The first flight simulator CAAC purchased will be used to facilitate training for its own supervisors. They will decide whether a domestically-made simulator meets the requirements for A320 flight simulation.

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Iran expresses regret over G-8 call for enrichment suspension

TEHRAN, 10 June — Iran on Saturday expressed regret over a declaration of the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized nations urging Tehran to suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities.

In a Press release, Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini said that the G-8 industrialized nations have ignored Iran’s inalienable right to enjoy nuclear technology and use it in a peaceful way.

“While the Islamic Republic of Iran have had a close cooperation with all regional and international organizations... unfortunately, the G-8 summit in its declaration has accused Iran of being inattentive towards international community’s demands,” Hosseini said.

In the statement issued at the conclusion of the three-day G-8 summit at the German Baltic resort of Heiligendamm, the G-8 said it is still committed to resolving the Iranian nuclear issue by diplomatic means. However, the G-8 said that it will “support adopting further measures, should Iran refuse to comply with its obligations” under UN Security Council Resolutions 1696, 1737 and 1747.

Hosseini lashed out at the G-8 threat of imposing more sanctions against the country, saying that Iran’s principled policy is to defend its “indisputable rights”.

“Imposing sanctions against Iran and trying to make it isolated by certain powers will never affect the will of Iran’s government and nation to demand its indisputable rights,” Hosseini said.

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A woman takes part in an anti-war demonstration in Seoul on 10 June, 2007, demanding the withdrawal of South Korean troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. — Internet

A girl from the Dhimal tribe, one of India’s smallest tribal communities, performs a folk dance behind a fishing net in Malbari, 35 km (22 miles) from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri, on 10 June, 2007. — Internet

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Indonesia installs 90 tsunami early warning systems

JAKARTA, 10 June — Indonesia has installed 90 tsunami early warning systems in a number of regions in 2007, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BMG) official said on Saturday.

“We are planning to install 70 more tsunami detecting devices so that all of the 160 early warning systems worth 200 billion rupiah (about 100 million US dollars) will have been installed in the country by 2008,” Antara news agency quoted secretary of BMG’s Makassar (capital of South Sulawesi Province) branch Andi Eka Sakiya as saying. He said the devices were among others installed in Java’s southern coastal areas and in Sumatra.

According to Andi, the BMG had also installed seven weather radars to serve as an early weather monitoring system in several areas such as Jakarta, Medan, Surabaya and Palambang.

“We need 22 more radar units to cover all of Indonesia so that natural disasters can be anticipated anywhere in the country,” he said. It was expected that all of the devices would have been installed in various regions by 2010, he added.

Indian-born Chinese origin boy rocks on Indian television

NEW DELHI, 10 June — Indian-born Chinese contestant Mesyang Chang Friday night made it to top 12 of India’s most popular music contest, Indian Idol, telecast across the nation on Sony Entertainment Television.

Chang, a dentist, is the third generation Chinese in India. His grandfather came to India from China many years ago. Born and brought up in Dhanbad in central India, Chang believes music has no language. The 24-year-old has become the heart throb of many Indian girls, and has been categorized as the “cutes” contestant in the show. Chang has come a long way. After being screened in the most preliminary audition round, he celebrated by jumping into the swimming pool. At the insistence of other contestants, he repeated his act again!

Judge Anu Malik, who is a music director, told Chang after one of his performances that “I love your voice. It is magical. You will make it to the top five.” The Chinese boy with an Indian heart believes he is the best and can keep an audience entertained. Called “simple and easy going” by fellow contestants, he has never trained in music, but believes he inherited his genes from his father.

The channel yesterday showed Chang’s grandmother making a small Chinese prayer for his success in the show. Indian Idol has become the most popular music contest among the Indians. Auditions are held throughout the country from big cities to small towns to select the best talent by a team of judges, who are big names in Indian music industry.

China law to make officials listen to “complaints”

BEIJING, 10 June—China has approved a new regulation promising its citizens more power to lodge complaints and request reviews into government decisions and actions that infringe upon their rights, state media reported.

The Regulation on Implementing Administrative Review Law approved by China’s State Council on Friday would allow for the sacking of officials of relevant government departments who failed to take petitions seriously, Xinhua news agency said.

“It is an important platform for China’s administrative organs to solve disputes, ease social tension and strengthen inner monitoring,” Xinhua quoted an unnamed official with the State Council’s legal office as saying in a written statement late on Friday — MNA/Reuters

Beijing reports 325 cases of HFMD

BEIJING, 10 June—Beijing reported 325 cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in the first week of June, a sharp rise from the 89 cases reported in the same period of last year, the local health authority said.

Most of the patients were children at nurseries, kindergartens or primary schools, and nearly 90 per cent of them were under five, Beijing Municipal Health Bureau said in a Press release on Friday.

The bureau said more cases could be reported in the coming weeks because the virus, which typically causes painful blisters around the mouth, throat, hands and feet, spreads more easily in the summer heat.

Beijing’s high temperature has been hovering at 36 degrees Celsius for the past week.

MNA/Xinhua
**Napoli, Genoa promoted to Serie A**

ELON, 11 June — Genoa and Napoli were both promoted to Serie A on Sunday after a tense goalless draw on the final day of the season which ended in chaotic scenes. The game in Genoa was billed as a virtual promotion playoff, but in the end the two sides joined champions Juventus in going up under Italy’s complicated league rules.

The draw meant Napoli finished second on 79 points and Genoa stayed third on 78 points. Normally only the top two are automatically promoted but as Genoa finished 10 points above fourth-placed Piacenza, who drew 1-1 with Triestina, they took a third automatic spot and avoided the need for playoffs between third, fourth, fifth and sixth.

When the result from Piacenza was confirmed, fans invaded the pitch in Genoa to celebrate even though their match was not finished. Several ecstatic players thought the game had ended and gave away their shirts.

However, the referee said the remaining minute of stoppage time had to be played and once the fans had been cleared from the pitch, club officials had to find spare shirts for some of the players.

The final day clash was a tight affair although Genoa’s Julio Cesar Leon went close twice in the second period. — MNA/Reuters

**Recreativo turn on style to crush Deportivo 5-2**

MADRID, 11 June — Recreativo Huelva turned on the style to crush Deportivo Coruna 5-2 at the Riazor in the Primera Liga on Sunday. The Andalucians, who were promoted to the top flight at the start of the season, produced some entertaining, one-touch football as they tore Deportivo apart in front of their own fans. Santi Cazorla was the star of the show, setting up the opener for fellow midfielder Cheli with a sharp through-ball and scoring two classy efforts of his own. Strikers Javi Guerrero and Florent Sinama-Pongolle weighed in with the other goals.

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**South Korean Lee wins Asian Tour title with a flourish**

Lee Sung, 11 June — South Korea’s Kim Jin-hee (3rd L) celebrates a goal during their CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida on 9 June, 2007. — International

**Dynamo clinch 12th Ukrainian title**

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The win gave Dynamo 71 points from 29 matches while Shakhtar, who have 63 points after being held to a 0-0 draw at Chernomorets Odesa, will finish as runners-up. — MNA/Reuters

**Netherlands beat Israel 1-0 in UEFA under-21s opener**

AMSTERDAM, 11 June — Hosts and title holders the Netherlands secured a 1-0 win over Israel to kick off the 2007 European Under-21 Championship finals in the Abe Lenstra Stadium in Heerenveen on Sunday.

Midfielder Hedwiges Maduro, who has 12 caps for the Dutch senior team, put the Netherlands ahead in the 10th minute.

The host nation dominated from the start as Israel failed to find the form which saw them cause a major upset by knocking out France in the play-offs.

The Dutch, who won the trophy last June in Portugal after beating Ukraine 3-0 in the final, will also face Portugal and neighbours Belgium in Group A. In Group B five-times champions Italy will face Serbia, the Czech Republic and England.

**Dog bite forces Borg out of grasscourt return**

LONDON, 11 June — Five-times Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg has been forced to pull out of his first grasscourt singles match in England for 26 years after being bitten by a dog.

The 51-year-old Swede had been due to play in the Liverpool International tennis tournament but organizers said on Sunday Borg was hurt trying to stop a dog-fight at his home in Sweden.

The tournament website (www.liverpooltennis.co.uk) said Borg’s Golden Retriever dog had been attacked by a German Shepherd and the former French Open champion was severely bitten on his right leg after stepping in to separate them. — MNA/Reuters

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The 27-year-old clung on to his lead from day one to finish 16 under par for the tournament, three strokes ahead of Thailand’s Prayad Marksaeng for his first tour victory since turning professional in 2000.

Lee, who was born deaf, started the day seven strokes ahead and looked set for victory after extending it to nine following three birdies on the front nine.

But with the in-form Prayad hot on his heels, Lee let his advantage slip to just two strokes after a double-bogey and a bogey on the 14th and 15th holes. A birdie on the 17th stretched his lead to a formidable three strokes heading to the 72nd hole.

Lee, who lost his card on the Asian Tour after a miserable 2005 season, said he had already decided how he would spend his 47,550-US-dollar prize money. — MNA/Reuters

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The win gave Dynamo 71 points from 29 matches while Shakhtar, who have 63 points after being held to a 0-0 draw at Chernomorets Odesa, will finish as runners-up. — MNA/Reuters
Chandigarh to become first Indian smoke-free city

NEW DELHI, 11 June — India’s greenest and cleanest city Chandigarh is all set to add another feather to its cap — it will become the first smoke-free city in the country, Indo-Asian News Service (IANS) reported here Saturday.

The Chandigarh Administration is working to get the city declared smoke free by 1 July.

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Bird flu spreads in Bangladesh, more fowls culled

DHAKA, 11 June — Bird flu has spread to another district in Bangladesh forcing authorities to cull 3,000 more chickens over the last two days, officials said on Sunday.

The infected chickens were found at a farm in Dinajpur District 450 kilometres (280 miles) northwest of the capital Dhaka.

With the latest cull, some 360,000 chickens have now been slaughtered and 1.5 million eggs destroyed on 62 farms in 12 districts since the virus was first detected at six farms at Savar near Dhaka in March.

There have been no reported cases of human infection.

More than 100,000 farms have been inspected and some 125 million chickens vaccinated since the outbreak emerged, a fisheries and livestock ministry statement said.

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WEATHER

Monday, 11 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, rain or thunder showers have been isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, scattered in Shan, Chin and Mon States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.67) inch, Maungtaw (4.77) inches, Hkamti (3.47) inches, Sittway (2.52) inches, Myitkyina (1.95) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.81) inches, Patan (1.50) inches, Magway and Taungdwingyi (0.87) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 10-6-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 11-6-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours on 10-6-2007 was (22%) hours approx. Rainfall on 11-6-2007 was (1.81) inches at Mingaladon, (1.22) inches at Kabu-Aye, (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (35.35) inches at Mingaladon, (40.04) inches at Kabu-Aye and (36.89) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mps from South at (19:15) hours MST on 10-6-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery activities in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Prime Minister sends felicitations to Russian Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mikhail E Fradkov, Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation which falls on 12 June 2007. — MNA

Myanmar and China have been making arrangements to cooperate in mining and hydroelectric power sectors.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets Mr Bai Enpei

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Chairman of the Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People's Congress General Secretary of Yunnan Province Committee of China Communist Party Mr Bai Enpei called on Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thein Sein at noon on 8 June at Empark Grand Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province.

Together with the Secretary-1 at the call were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads.

Mr Bai Enpei was accompanied by member of the Legislative Work Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Mr Zhang Chunsheng, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People's Congress Mr Liu Shaoyao, Attorney General Mr Li Chunlin of Yunnan Province People's Congress General Secretary Mr Shang Anbo, Counselor of Asia Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Li Xuelin, Deputy Director-General Mr Gao Zuxing of Yunnan Province People's Congress Internal Affairs and Legal Affairs Committee, Deputy Director-General of Yunnan Province People's Congress.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein shakes hands with Chairman of Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People’s Congress General-Secretary of Yunnan Province Committee of China Communist Party Mr Bai Enpei. — MNA

Secretary-1 on tour of Kunming, Yunnan Province

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of People’s Congress of Yunnan Province Mr Dan Zeng and officials, visited Dounan flower market in Kunming where they looked into producing of flowers through advanced technology, sale and export.

The Secretary-1 and party observed the sale of over 130 kinds of flowers, making flower baskets, display of colour flowers made of silk, and sale of a wide range of orchids at the market.

At the briefing hall of Kunming International Flower Auction Centre, the Secretary-1 and party heard a report on producing of various kinds of flowers in Yunnan Province, sale and export.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party visited the Auction Hall where flowers are being sold.

At 9.30 pm, they proceeded to Kunming Iron & Steel Company Ltd where they were welcomed by Chairman of the company Mr Wang Chang Yong and officials.

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