Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress of Mandalay downtown, Mandalay Industrial Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and departmental officials, viewed thriving physic nut plants in Nannya of Mandalay on 20 June morning.

They inspected construction of the 500,000-gallon-capacity water tank and No 4 booster station on 60th Street between 21st and 25th streets. The pump station will supply two million gallons of water to the public daily.


Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected repaving of the road section measuring 4,284 feet long and 30 feet wide between 65th and 73rd streets being undertaken by MCDC in Chanmyathazi Township.

They oversaw upgrading of roads in Chanmyathazi and Pyigyidagun Townships.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of a 500,000-gallon-capacity water tank and No 4 booster station in Aungmyethazan Township. — MNA

In introducing democracy to a nation, it is required to abide by the rules and regulations but to refrain from mobocracy and anarchism. Looking forward to the progress of the future nation with peace and stability, the government is therefore building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline that is not associated with mobocracy and anarchism.

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
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Grow more monsoon paddy for food sufficiency

As the Union of Myanmar is an agricultural country, working for the development of all the economic sectors with the development of agriculture as the base is a practical approach. Therefore, virgin and vacant land is being reclaimed to increase the acreage of arable land and priority is being given to per-acre yields of various crops.

To boost the production of the agriculture sector, irrigation facilities are being constructed wherever possible to supply sufficient water to farmland. With the emergence of dams, sluice gates and river water pumping stations, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy can be grown.

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As Bago Division is a region where farming industry flourishes, it is one of the regions that can contribute to national economy. Efforts are being made to put more than 3 million acres of farmland under monsoon paddy and extend the cultivation of other crops suitable to the region. In addition to paddy, priority should also be given to the cultivation of rubber, pepper and physic nut from which bio diesel can be extracted.

Regiments and units, departments and farmers in Shwegyin Township, Bago Division, are growing these major crops on a manageable scale as well as on a commercial scale. Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 is taking care of rubber trees on 2,000 out of 6,000 acres of rubber it has grown and will grow more in this rainy season.

With reclamation of more arable land, supply of more water to farmland, use of quality strain and new farming methods, more monsoon and summer paddy can be grown. In this way, yields of various crops will increase, thus contributing to food sufficiency.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi views growing of physic nut plants at Chauk Oil Field.

YANGON, 22 June — After the physic nut cultivation ceremony in Chauk and Yenangyoung Oil Field on 19 June, the number of physic nut acres reached nearly 200 in the region.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi participated in the ceremony held in Chauk on 19 June, Magway Division, together with employees of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the ministry and members of Union Solidarity and Development Association.

A total of 2,000 people volunteered for the cultivation of 200 acres of physic nut plants — 106 acres in Chauk and 93 acres in Yenangyoung. So far, 224,000 physic nut plants have been grown on 200 acres in Chauk and Yenangyoung Oil Field.

4th Conference of MWJA on 1, 2 July

YANGON, 22 June — The 4th Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will be held at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyakkaikan Grounds on 1 and 2 July 2006. Delegates from the States and Divisions are to contact the office of Management Committee on 30 June and a preliminary meeting is to be held at the same venue at 7 pm on 30 June. So, the delegates are to arrive in time, it is learnt.

Commander, ministers inspect power plants in Kayah, Shan States

YANGON, 22 June — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min and Loikaw Station Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint Shwe, accompanied by the deputy minister, the director-general of Hydro-Electric Power Implementation Department and officials, inspected storage of water, functions of the water intake building, valves of the sluice gate and supply of water to the No 1 Power Plant at Dawtacha Dam near Loikaw on 18 June.

Biluachung No 1 Power Plant equipped with two 14-megawatt generators generates 200 million kwh yearly and supply to Toungoo, Yangon, Kalaw, Thazi and Mandalay through No 2 Power Plant (Lawpita).

The commander, the minister and party also inspected tasks of Biluachung No 2 Power Plant. Biluachung No 2 Power Plant is installed with six 28-megawatt generators to produce 1,200 million kwh annually. The electricity is being supplied to Yangon, Kalaw, Thazi, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Loikaw, Moebye, Dinawhso, Prasho and other towns through Toungoo and Hlawga sub-power stations.

The commander and party viewed Moebye Lake, valves and supply of water to the Lawpita Power Station. At Tikyit Coal-Fired Power Plant in Pinlaung Township, they inspected the test-running of the plant. On 19 June, Minister Col Zaw Min and party inspected tasks of Shan Yorna Naga Coal Mine.

200 acres in oil field put under physic nut

YANGON, 22 June — After the physic nut cultivation ceremony in Chauk and Yenangyoung Oil Field on 19 June, the number of physic nut acres reached nearly 200 in the region.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected drilling of the oil well No 1157 in Chauk.

Yenangyoung Oil Field produces over 1,700 barrels and Chauk Oil Field over 500 barrels of crude oil daily.
Cuba tells EU end “complicity” on CIA flights

GENEA, 21 June — Cuba on Tuesday called on the European Union (EU) to end a “silent complicity” under which it said the bloc had allowed secret CIA flights to transport terror suspects to detention centres in Europe for interrogation.

Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, in a speech to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, also accused the United States of running a “concentration camp” at its Guantanamo naval base on Cuba, where some-460 people are being held. The new Geneva forum, which replaces the widely-discredited UN Human Rights Council, opened its first session on Monday amid calls by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and others to avoid the finger-pointing and political point-scoring of old.

Cuba awaited a “rectification to the silent complicity” with which it said the EU had allowed hundreds of secret flights by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) carrying “kidnapped people and the establishment of clandestine prisons right on European soil, where prisoners are tortured and harassed”, Perez said.

“So far, the European Union has hypocritically hindered the investigation and the clarification of these events,” he added.

A Council of Europe investigator, Swiss Dick Marty, said earlier this month that more than 20 mostly European nations had colluded in a “global spider’s web” of secret CIA jails and flights that transferred of terrorist suspects stretching from Asia to Guantanamo Bay.

The United States — which has maintained a stance of neither denying nor confirming the allegations — chose not to stand last month for election to the new UN rights watchdog, but has said it may do so next year. Perez also accused the EU of having lobbied unsuccessfully at Washington’s behest against Havana winning a seat on the new 47-member body.

“The absence of the United States is the defeat of lies; it is the moral punishment for the haughtiness of an empire,” Perez said.

Paramedics remove a woman from the Federal Correctional Institute in Tallahassee, Florida, on 21 June, 2006. A federal agent and a prison guard were shot dead and another worker was injured in a gunfight during an arrest attempt at a federal detention centre in north Florida on Wednesday, the FBI said — INTERNET

Giant panda numbers surprise scientists

BEIJING, 20 June — Scientists say giant pandas may not be as much danger of extinction as feared, with a new British-Chinese study finding there could be twice as many living in the wild as previously thought.

“This finding indicates that the species may have a significantly better chance of long-term viability than recently anticipated, and that this beautiful animal may have a brighter future,” the scientists said in a statement.

Rumney soldier killed in Afghan blast

KABUL, 21 June — A roadside bomb hit a convoy of Romanian troops in Afghanistan’s southern province of Kandahar on Tuesday, killing a Romanian soldier and wounding four others, a spokesman for the US-led coalition said.

Major Quentin Innes said the blast struck a car in the convoy on the road from Kandahar City to the airport, a coalition base.

“A Romanian patrol convoy was hit... resulting in the death of one Romanian soldier and wounding four others,” he said.

In another incident, US forces on Tuesday shot dead three Afghan police who were on their way to disperse a group of residents who had blocked a main road in Wata Pur of eastern Kunar Province to protest the shooting of two women by US soldiers, provincial police chief said.

One of the two later died in a US military hospital, Abdul Jalal Jalal told reporters. The women were wounded two days ago after US soldiers fired at homes in Wata Pur when a vehicle of the convoy they were in was hit by a roadside bomb.

Two more Filipino journalists shot dead by gunmen

MANILA, 21 June — Two Filipino journalists were shot dead on late Monday by unknown gunmen in Kidapawan City, the capital of Cotabato Province in the southern island of Mindanao, police said on Tuesday.

The victims were a husband-and-wife team of local radio news commentators, an ABS-CBN TV report quoted a police official as saying.

George Vigo and his wife Mazel were on their way home late on Monday when the gunmen on a motorcycle shot them, said Kidapawan police chief Danny Reyes.

They died on the way to the hospital from several bullet wounds in the head and body,” Reyes told reporters.

The local police were trying to determine if the murders were related to their work at a local radio station, the report said.

Landslides kill 24 in Indonesia, 23 missing

JAKARTA, 21 June — Landslides caused by heavy rain on Indonesia’s eastern Sulawesi island have killed 24 people, while another 23 are missing, an official said on Tuesday.

Two days of rain had caused landslides and floods in several areas in South Sulawesi Province. Sinja regency was the worst-hit area after major flooding hit the area early on Tuesday, rescuers and police said.

“We are not able to reach some of the villages yet, but the number of 64 stands for good luck and doing things smoothly,” MNA/Xinhua

20 June another good day for Singaporeans to get married

SINGAPORE, 21 June — A total of 171 couples went through their marriage registration in Singapore to get married Tuesday because the date is written as “20-06-2006”, Channel NewsAsia report said at right.

The number is more than three times the daily average of 50 couples.

The double date, which happens to be in the World Cup season, is special and interesting to some Singaporeans and a couple even flew back from the United States to tie the knot on the day, the report said. On 6 June this year, an 11-year record number of 310 couples went through their marriage registration in Singapore because the date is written as “060606”.

Many Chinese believe that the number “6” stands for good luck and doing things smoothly, MNA/Xinhua

Until now scientists thought there about 1,590 giant pandas living in reserves in the mountains of China. Pandas, one of the world’s most endangered and elusive animals, are dependent on bamboo found in that area.

But scientists from Cardiff University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences now think there could be as many as 3,000 there after a survey using DNA from panda faeces revealed there was more than double the number of estimated pandas in one reserve. “This was surprising and exciting. In our opinion, the same para-meters can be applied across the whole mountain range,” Mike Bruford, professor of biodiversity at Cardiff University’s School of Biosciences, said.

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Number of global millionaires grows

DUBAI, 20 June—United Arab Emirates — The increasing ease of becoming a millionaire became clear on Tuesday, with the announcement that the ranks of world millionaires had swelled to 4.5 million last year — half a million more than the population of New York City.

Millionaires also invested more aggressively, pouring cash into emerging markets and pulling it out of fixed income holdings, as their wealth reached $33.3 trillion, more than double US economic output, a study by Merrill Lynch and consultancy Capgeminini found. The red-hot Middle East saw nearly 10 percent growth in millionaires — the world’s fastest rate — with record oil revenues and soaring stock markets pushing 300,000 people over the million-dollar mark.

“This is becoming a very attractive place to invest,” said James R Baezey, Merrill Lynch’s head of Middle East private banking, based in the Gulf boomtown of Dubai. One factor in the Middle East’s growth in millionaires was the stock markets that spiked by more than 100 percent in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates last year.

Worldwide, the number of millionaires has nearly doubled since Merrill Lynch found 4.5 million of them in 1996. Last year’s 6.5 percent growth in millionaires slowed slightly over last year’s 6.6 percent, with the US and Europe slowing most alongside their cooling economies.

But the ranks of the ultra-rich — those worth more than $30 million — climbed by more than 10 percent to $5.4 trillion. — Internet

Poorest countries see some growth but poverty rates persist

UNITED NATIONS, 21 June — An increase in development aid since 2002 has raised health and education standards and hastened gender equality among the world’s poorest nations, but overall poverty conditions are not improving, a new United Nations report said on Monday.

The 2006 annual progress report of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) said that domestic reforms and a revival of commodity prices have underpinned strong economic growth in many of those States. A number of them also benefited from a steep rise in oil prices.

But despite signs of progress, extreme poverty has deepened, and overall social indicators remain cause for concern, the report warned.

Chronic poverty continues to be aggravated by diseases such as HIV/AIDS and by environmental degradation, said the report, which Annan submitted to the Economic and Social Council. — MNA/Xinhua

Fish oil supplements ease ADHD symptoms

AUSTRALIA, 21 June — Research by Adelaide scientists suggests that fish oil could be as effective at treating hyperactive children as conventional medicines.

A University of South Australia study gave more than 130 children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder a combination of fish oil and evening primrose oil for up to seven months.

At the end of the trial almost half the children showed a reduction in their symptoms.

The head scientist, Natalie Sinn, says the results suggest an inadequate diet could cause ADHD.

“[H] could be deficient diet, could be an inherited metabolic problem that is making them deficient in the omega-3 fatty acids and hence creating a greater requirement for supplementation,” she said. — Internet

Brazilian company starts biodiesel project

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 June — Brazilian biodiesel producer BS Bios on Tuesday started constructing the country’s first biodiesel plant, which is expected to produce fuel from vegetable oils and reduce diesel fuel imports.

To be located in Passo Fundo, in the Rio Grande do Sul State, the plant will be able to produce 100 million litres of biodiesel annually when it starts production in 2007, said Minister of Rural Development Guilherme Cassel.

Using soy, canola and sunflower seeds to produce biodiesel, the plant will process around 90 tons of grains per year. It is expected to create over 1,100 jobs and around 4,100 families who produce grains in 100 towns near Passo Fundo will be benefited, said Cassel.

BS Bios invested 40.9 million reais (17.7 million US dollars) in the project. The company’s commercial director Erasmo Carlos Battistella said the plant is near major fuel distributors, who are future possible clients.

The project also received the Social Fuel Stamp from Brazil’s Ministry of Rural Development, enabling it to be cheaper raw materials from local producers. — MNA/Xinhua
Hydrogen-powered buses debut in China

BEIJING, 21 June—Three hydrogen-powered buses appeared in streets of Beijing on Tuesday, bringing emission-free public transport to China for the first time.

“This marks the first public operation of fuel-cell buses in Beijing, it is the first ever in China, and one of the first in a developing country,” said Renaud Meyer, Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in China. “The hydrogen refuelling station will be fully operational this summer.” The buses will run 18.2 kilometres from the North Gate of the Summer Palace to the university district at Wudaokou.

Thirty-three fuel-cell buses have been released onto the streets in eight European countries including Britain, Germany and Spain. “It is our hope through this project, we can build the foundation towards full-scale commercialization of hydrogen fuel-cell buses to promote sustainable transport, the use of renewable energy, and cleaner air,” Meyer said. In Beijing and Shanghai, public buses are among one of the major contributors to air pollution. Later this year, three more fuel-cell buses will be launched in Shanghai and hydrogen refuelling station will be built. Beijing will expand the hydrogen refuelling station, and use data from the operation of the three buses to support efforts to commercialize fuel-cell technology.

The photo shows the main building of the Lhasa Railway Station. The construction of the terminal station of Qinghai-Tibet Railway-Lhasa Station was completed on 20 June, 2006, Xinhua reported. It was the largest railway station alongside Qinghai-Tibet Railway. With its location in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet Autonomous Region, the station was built with an altitude of 3,600 metres. —INTERNET

GAID vows to narrow digital divides in the world

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 June—The newly-born Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (GAID) Tuesday vowed to narrow the digital divides between the rich and the poor around the world. “The Alliance will strive to overcome the social and digital divides by promoting policies and partnerships...” GAID said in a statement issued at the end of its inaugural meeting at Putrajaya, the administrative centre of the Malaysian Government.

Translation of the commitments made at the World Summit of the Information Society into action would really make a tangible and sustained difference in the lives of billions of people who currently do not share the information revolution, GAID said.

“The irony of the present situation is that those who are currently with the least access to technology are precisely the ones who would benefit the most if wonders of modern information and communication technologies become indeed accessible and relevant to all of humanity,” it said. The Alliance vowed to put the problems and needs of the majority of humanity onto the “radar screens” of thinkers, business executives and government decision makers by supporting and initiating ICT4D activities. — MNA/Xinhua

New bird flu outbreak in China’s Shaanxi Province

BEIJING, 21 June — A new bird flu outbreak has been reported in north China’s Shaanxi Province, said sources with the Ministry of Agriculture here Monday. The outbreak was identified after chickens died in poultry farms in Changji County of Changzhi City. Samples of the dead poultry were sent to the national bird flu laboratory and the H5N1 virus was identified in them, said the ministry.

The local government has launched an emergency response and quarantined the infected area. Experts and veterinarians have started disinfection and culling poultry in the area to prevent possible new outbreaks. The local veterinary department has stepped up publicity campaigns to teach residents how to protect themselves against the virus. The Ministry of Agriculture has also sent a team of experts to Changzi and reported the case to international organizations.

As noted, obese individuals accounted for the bulk of the increase in the incidence of diabetes, the report says. However, the researchers found that weight did not account for all of the increase in the odds of developing diabetes. They suggest that “changes in dietary and physical activity patterns that are independent of changes in body weight may also contribute to the present findings”.

For example, the team says another study shows “consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages is an independent risk factor for diabetes, even after adjustment for weight gain”. — Internet

Mobile TV service attracts more industry players in S’pore

SINGAPORE, 21 June — Channel NewsAsia, Singapore’s sole news television (TV) channel, has begun providing third-generation (3G) mobile service subscribers in the city state with mobile TV news reports. Singapore Telecommunications’ (SingTel) subscribers can watch “video clips compacted into one-minute news” on their 3G mobile phones, according to a report by the channel on Tuesday.

This service is available in English and Mandarin twice a day from Monday to Friday at present and is expected to be extended to weekends later this year.

Meanwhile, world’s leading mobile phone maker Nokia regards Singapore as the next potential market to expand its multimedia business including mobile TV, a separate news report said Tuesday.

Given the nearly 100 per cent mobile phone penetration rate here, Singaporeans’ readiness to accept hi-tech products, as well as the support by the government and local firms, the Finnish company expects great potential in mobile broadcasting in the city state.

It is estimated that some 300 million mobile phone users worldwide can access TV programmes on their phones by the end of this year, according to the report. SingTel, one of the major telecommunications operators in Singapore, rolled out its 3G TV mobile service in November last year, while StarHub, one of SingTel’s rivals, launched its i-mode mobile Internet service a week later, which enabled users to access certain TV news web sites. — MNA/Xinhua

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**Over 25 Indian children die of suspected encephalitis**

NEW DELHI, 21 June — More than 25 children have died of suspected encephalitis in Bihar, India in the past few days, the Indo-Asian News Service reported Monday.

The death in the Muzaffarpur District of Bihar reported sudden light fever in the early morning and then bouts of unconsciousness and convulsion before their death.

The Muzaffarpur District administration has sounded a high alert to check the spread of the killer disease after doctors confirmed the deaths of the children due to suspected encephalitis.

Muzaffarpur-based SK Medical College and Hospital superintendent GK Thakur has urged health experts to visit Muzaffarpur to study the cause of spread of the disease and preventive measures.

**Nepali villagers rush to collect “Himalayan Gold”**

KATHMANDU, 21 June — Villages in far western region of Nepal bear a deserted look as most of their residents are out collecting the prized herb yarsagumba, The Himalayan Times reported on Tuesday.

The yarsagumba, an aphrodisiac, half-caterpillar yarsagumba, also known as the “Himalayan Gold” for its high commercial value and a treatment for impotency, which grows around this season is a main source of income for residents of the region, according to the English newspaper. An estimated 30,000 people have gathered in the forests of the Himalayan Darchula District, some 800 kilometres west of Kathmandu, to collect yarsagumba, the report said.

Work in the government offices has almost stopped in the region after most of the people of all age groups left their homes to collect half-mushroom-yarsagumba, the report said. Work in the government offices has almost stopped in the region after most of the people of all age groups left their homes to collect the half-mushroom-yarsagumba, The Himalayan Times reported on Tuesday.

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**Lao Govt determined to deal with poverty issues**

HANOI, 21 June — The Lao Government is planning strategies to reduce poverty in the next five years, Laos’ news agency KPL reported Monday.

Laos will focus on creating more permanent jobs for local people, especially those in rural and mountainous areas, while upgrading infrastructure and promoting agricultural production in the areas, according to a recent statement released by Prime Minister Bouaphavanh.

The government will encourage local people to abandon the outdated slash-and-burn cultivation, and focus more on using advanced techniques in agricultural production, animal raising and marketing. After surveying real living conditions of poor people in northern and southern regions, it will move some of them to less disadvantaged areas.

The government will also provide money to renovate revolutionary bases, mainly in remote areas with poor residents. The government will keep on using a poverty reduction fund supported by the World Bank to developing infrastructure, including bridges and roads, in more remote areas. Half of the fund totalling 25 million dollars has been disbursed so far.

**UNESCO awards literacy prize to Cuban agency**

HAVANA, 21 June — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has awarded Cuba’s Latin American and Caribbean Educational agency the 2006 Rey Sejong Literacy Prize for its Yo Si Puedo (Yes I can) literacy programme, Cuba’s official newspaper Granma said on Tuesday.

The UNESCO committee which includes judges from the United States, Ecuador, South Korea, China, Senegal and Syria, described the Cuban programme as innovative, flexible and applicable.

The programme has been tested in both rural and urban areas, and Cuban teachers have managed to design a model that contains measures which allow teachers to see the impact of developing literacy in the family and the community as well as the individual.

Hecto Hernandez Pardo, Cuba’s representative to UNESCO, said that the award was for a programme that was specifically designed to help teach literacy overseas.

It has already received awards from Pakistan’s National Human Development Commission, Turkey’s Mother and Child Education Foundation, Morocco’s Education Ministry, and the Permanent Education and Literacy Agency of the Indian state of Rajasthan, Pardo added.

The prize will be presented on September 8 as part of the United Nations’ International Literacy Day.

**Venezuela plans to produce own rocket launcher**

CARACAS, 21 June — Venezuela will begin producing its own rocket launcher in four months in a bid to reduce its reliance on imported military equipment, Army Colonel Ender Galvis said on Tuesday.

Galvis told the state-run Bolivarian News Agency that the plan was part of a campaign by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to reduce military dependence and boost defence capacity.

The rocket launcher weighing nine kilogrammes has a range of two kilometres, and “the materials used in manufacturing this weapon are 100 per cent Venezuelan”, Galvis said.

He did not say how many of the weapons Venezuela would produce.

Chavez has signed defence deals worth about 2.7 billion US dollars to modernize the Venezuelan military. —INTERNET
Yaungon Division Police Force holds work coord meeting

YANGON, 22 June — A work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Police Force for 2006 took place at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council. Chairman of the Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Commander of the Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, addressed the meeting. He said that the officials of Yangon Division PF were to strive for reduction of crimes, to commit themselves to the elimination of gambling as a national duty and to cooperate with the relevant forces in exposing the destructive elements within and without nation.

At the meeting, Police Col Hla Min, commander of Yangon Division PF, clarified measures to be taken and Police Lt-Col Se Maung discussed matters related to taking punishment. Heads of District and Township Police Forces also took part in the discussions.

Secretory of Yangon Division PDC, Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, departmental officials and others were present at the meeting. — MNA

Commander, Minister inspect fish breeding tasks in Pyinmana District

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected fish breeding in PyinOoLwin yesterday afternoon.

Afternoon inspection explained cooperation of Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries for boosting production of fisheries at Yezin Fish Camp in Pyinmana District.

An inspection made by the commander and the minister inspected tasks of the camp to sell 56 million fingerlings yearly and breeding of fish at the net cage in dams, rivers and creeks. The plan is underway to breed fish at the water area in Pyinmana District.

323 drug-related cases exposed in May

YANGON, 22 June — A combined team, acting on information, searched Kyaw Guest House in No 4 Ward of PyinOoLwin on 17 May and seized 7,920 stimulant tablets bearing WY letters inside the plastic bag of Myo Win (a) Sha Ku. The action was taken against Myo Win (a) Sha Ku by PyinOoLwin police station.

A combined team, acting on information, stopped and searched a red vehicle on 17 May and seized 7,920 stimulant tablets bearing WY letters inside the plastic bag of Myo Win (a) Sha Ku. The action was taken against Myo Win (a) Sha Ku by PyinOoLwin police station.

They viewed foundry tasks, manufacturing of machinery spare parts at Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd at Mandalay Industrial Zone. In Pygysagdan Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited Aung NaingThu Family Padanaya Pump Factory and Agricultural Water Pump Factory, KTSU Kyaw Thian and Sons Automobile Factory and Byanhhwar Textile Factory of CTV Industrial Ltd.

At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on progress of factories by responsible persons and gave necessary instructions. On 21 June, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party left Mandalay Namlphyo and arrived back Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon. — MNA

Deputy minister inspects BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 22 June — Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, accompanied by Director U Khin Maung Aye of No 2 Basic Education Department and officials on 20 June inspected the learning of students at No 1 BEHS, No 2 BEHS and No 3 BEHS in Pyinmana and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, the deputy minister urged the students to work hard from the beginning of the academic year to be able to do well in the matriculation examination.

Then, the deputy minister and party visited No 6 BEHS and No 5 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday and held discussions on child-centered teaching methods and higher qualification of students. — MNA

Arrival of gems merchants up

YANGON, 22 June — The arrival of merchants to the Jade, gems and pearl special sales for 2006 is spiralling up and so far 2,157 have arrived. A total of 757 local merchants from 330 companies and 1,400 merchants from 372 companies abroad examined gems and jade and pearl lots today.

The sales of gems and pearl lots will be held at Myanmar Gems Emporium on KabaAye Pagoda Road and the sales of jade lots at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township from 24 June to 7 July. — MNA

Yadanabon Arts Gallery to be opened

YANGON, 22 June — Yadanabon Arts Gallery of Mandalay Association (Yangon) will be opened at No 628/632 at the corner of 30th Street and Merchant Street in Pabedan Township.

According to the association, an arts exhibition will be staged at the new place under the title of “Classical & Fine Arts” from 25 June to 8 July to mark the gallery’s first opening and famous artists will exhibit their works. — NLM

Victory In Combating Drugs

If children get whatever they want, they will be pampered.

What’s wrong and right?

If they’re not corrected with reasoning, they will not be able to go to heaven.

Wrong path leads to wrong acts.

With wrongful company, smoking will start.

Then start on drugs.

White powder gives new feeling.

The elevation leads to Hell on earth that’s bad end.

Life will be at a loss.

Human existence will be wasted.

Be always on careful watch.

Let’s wage and fight.

On a national stance.

For Myanmar’s victory.

With fervour.

Cheint Naing (Trs)
The plots of saboteurs inside and outside the nation and the truth that should be realized

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Certainly, foreigners, expatriates, and anti-government politicians and insurgents have been used as pawns to manipulate the people for their own purposes. The government is trying to destroy the political parties and political groups. It is common knowledge that alien powers regard the nations around the world as their enemy nations or the target of their political warfare. The people are therefore to be well vigilant against the ongoing political warfare operation of the alien powers through which they are persuading Myanmar’s friendly nations and the nations that support Myanmar to marginalize the country and to bring forward Myanmar affairs to the UN Security Council to take action against it.

In the book “Political Warfare” by American mediaman John Scott, tactics of the political warfare are stated such as to weaken the strength of the enemy, if possible to apply diplomatic means, to impose economic sanction, to issue correct news stories mixed with false ones, and to incite mass demonstrations and rioting to cause confusion.

The intention of the economic sanction imposed against Myanmar by the Western powers is to subdue the country and then to knock it down. Their attitude is indeed to crush Myanmar, and that is totally against the national solidarity, democracy movement and interests of the people.

In the world history, the parliamentary democracy system also known as political democracy is economic democracy system that depends on the market-oriented economic system. With the proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system, there will be an increase in the number of productive forces in the nation such as national entrepreneurs, intellectuals and intelligentsia, middle social class, and modern factories and workers. In reality, democracy is the political system that comes into existence with the leading role played by entrepreneurs and intellectuals and intelligentsia, and support of workers, farmers and the people. That is the fruit of the proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system.

The progress rate of a human society rests on the intellectual improvement of each citizen. If each citizen can enhance his individual personality, they will achieve the social life to which they are aspiring.

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In other words, in accord with the desire of the people, the government is pursuing the national goal through ways and means. However, it is disheartening to learn the tactics designed to incite mass demonstrations featured in the pamphlets being distributed in line with the well-organized plots masterminded by certain alien powers. In the general review stated in the pamphlet, mass demonstration is labeled as revolution. So, it is obvious that they are advocating defiance of authority and violence. It says that democracy movement will be brought to fruition if people play an active role in the revolution. It also says their ultimate goal is to bring power upon the NLD through Pyithu Hluttaw (legislative body) after putting an end to the administrative machinery of the government by translating the 1990 election results into reality without fail.

Among their tactics is deception to help the NLD come to power at the expense of the nation and the people.

Democracy exists very close to mobocracy and anarchism. So, they are plotting clandestine schemes to enable the subversives at home and abroad to change over from one system to another easily. Not only the world but also Myanmar has witnessed a number of incidents in which decisions are made under the mob rule shunting democracy and such mob rules are closely followed by anarchy.

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It says armed conflicts will come to an end if there is collapse of the Tatmadaw. It calls for taking over of wards and villages and steps for dissolution of the administrative machinery. It also says that people should not worry about the hunger in the period of the revolution because unlike in 1988, basic foods such as rice, edible oil and salt and personal goods are abundant everywhere even in countryside.

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Hlutaw members and NLD youths to make preparations and coordination to be able to take part in the phase two and phase three of the revolution. When I read the two phases, I came to know that the phase two was concerned with the task of temporarily governing the country, and the phase three, immediate formation of a government led by Daw Suu Kyi after the speedily convening the Hlutaw.

In brief, the social, political, and economic problems to the country are various and also various the moves for the best possible solution to the country. All need to be cautious of the destructive elements to undermine the favourable conditions in a short time.

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Minister meets with service personnel, hoteliers in Muse, PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — Minister for Hotel and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, together with Director-General of Hotel and Tourism Service U Htay Aung, arrived at Lashio on 16 June. And the minister met with responsible personnel and hoteliers of Lashio, Muse and Hsipaw. Next, the minister gave instructions on strenuous efforts to be made for cooperation with the ministry for ensuring more tourists arrival at Lashio region as the hotel and tourism service help contribute towards the economic development of the State. Afterwards, Director-General U Htay Aung reported to the minister on measures taken by hoteliers. After hearing the reports, the minister attended to the needs.

Upon arrival at Muse, the minister met with service personnel of Myanmar Tourism Service and hoteliers and travel agents in Muse.

The following day the minister met with service personnel of Myanmar Hotel and Tourism Services in PyinOoLwin and gave instructions on strenuous efforts to be made for development of hotel services.

2nd ASEAN+3 Health Ministers’ Meeting, 1st ASEAN+China Health Ministers’ Meeting commence

YANGON, 22 June — The Second ASEAN+3 Health Ministers’ Meeting was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Cambodian Minister for Health Dr Nuth Sokhom, Singaporean Minister for Health Dr Khaw Boon Wan, Brunei Minister for Health Mr Pehin Dato Suyoi Osman, Malaysian Minister for Health Dato’ Chua Soi Lek, Laotian Minister for Health Dr Pornmek Dalaloy, Thai Deputy Minister for Health Mr Anutin Charnvirakul, Vietnamese Deputy Minister for Health Dr Tran Chi Lien, Philippines Under Secretary of Health Dr Ethelya P Nieto, Indonesian Director-General of the Ministry of Health I Nyoman Kandun, Chinese Deputy Minister Dr Wang Longde, Japanese Assistant Minister for Technical Affairs Dr Takashi Toguchi, Korean Director-General Dr Dukhyoung Lee of the Ministry of Health, and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Dr Wilfrido V Villacorta and senior officials.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Japanese Assistant Minister for Technical Affairs Dr Takashi Toguchi presided over the meeting.

They discussed matters related to the ASEAN Unity in Health Emergencies and the ASEAN+3 Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Programme Phase II workplan.

Next, the meeting issued a joint statement. At 11 am, the First ASEAN+China Health Ministers’ Meeting followed at the same venue, presided over by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. Participants of the meeting discussed matters related to the ASEAN+China Public Health Fund, control and combating HIV, and regional cooperation in prevention against bird flu and emerging diseases.

ASEAN to establish free trade area with Australia, Newzeland

YANGON, 22 June — High ranking officials of ASEAN nations and ASEAN Secretariat today held a meeting on establishment of a free trade area among ASEAN, Australia and Newzeland. The meeting was held at Sedona Hotel here and they discussed rules and regulations of tax, principles, trade and investment and cooperation in the free trade area. The meeting will continue tomorrow.
CEC member meets USDA members in Toungoo, Thantaung

YANGON, 22 June — CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min arrived at the USDA office in Toungoo on 18 June and met with Joint-Secretary of Hago Division (East) USDA U Nyi Nyi Myint and the secretary and members of Toungoo Township USDA and held discussions with them on regional development matters.

Next, the CEC member arrived at Thantaung Township USDA office and met with the chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council and the secretary and members of the township USDA and held discussions with them on rural development tasks. The following day he met with local people and USDA members in Kanyoe Village in Toungoo and held discussions with them on agriculture and rural development tasks. — MNA

LBVD issues reminder to restructure and restock bird flu-affected poultry farms

YANGON, 22 June — The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department today issued an announcement with regard to reconstructing and restocking of poultry farming in the areas where bird flu broke out.

In 13 townships of Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, H5N1 bird flu disease broke out from the second week of March to the end of first week in April 2006. Therefore, 0.342 million of chickens, 0.32 million of quail, 0.18 million of eggs and 13 tons of feedstuffs were destroyed at 545 poultry farms. Now, the disease had been under control since 8 April.

Two experts from FAO and veterinarians of LBVD tested sample of disease of chickens and ducks from the destroyed farms. However, they did not find any virus of the disease. Though they took measures of regular diagnosis in Taikkyi, Hlegu, Hmaubw, Insein and Mingala District where the bird flu did not break out and will make field trips to townships of Shwebo District where bird flu broke out and townships of Pathein Division where the bird flu did not break out and will disseminate knowledge on bird flu control functions to the local people.

The LBVD has issued a reminder to breeders that they need to systematically trade poultry farming products. — MNA

Notice to Mariners

YANGON, 22 June — The PCM II Company in cooperation with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise will carry out the oil exploration at Block No M-16, M-17 and M-18 in offshore Taninthayi from 23 June to 31 October.

A notice to mariners has announced that no vessels small and large are allowed to pass and lie at anchor in the above-mentioned areas to avoid damages during the tasks. — MNA

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ANNOUNCEMENT

San San Maw, daughter of U Sein Maung and Daw Sin Ur of New York, No. 5114, 6th Ave Brooklyn, NY 11220 is Married to Maung Tun Oo, son of U Eng Hoe and Daw Shu Kyi of No. 62, Hledan Street, Lannadaw Township, Yangon, on the 14th Waxing day of Nayon, 1368 M.E (9-6-2006) on Friday, before the elders and relatives of both sides, and witnesses. Wedding reception was held at Traders Hotel on (10-6-2006) (Saturday.)

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV AN XIN JIANG VOY NO (127)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN XIN JIANG VOY NO (127) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 22.6.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Cervical cancer surgery allows for pregnancy

NEW YORK, 21 June.—An operation called radical vaginal trachelectomy is an effective treatment for early cervical cancer that allows women to become pregnant later on, according to a report in the medical journal BJOG.

Cervical cancer is a common cancer among women, strongly related to infection with certain types of human papilloma virus or HPV. Earlier this month, the US Food and Drug Administration approved the first vaccine to target four of the HPV types commonly linked to cervical cancer.

Unlike hysterectomy, radical vaginal trachelectomy involves removal of only the cervix, not the entire uterus. As such, the operation is only recommended for early cancer that has not yet spread outside the cervix. In theory, women treated with the operation could still become pregnant, yet few studies have actually looked at the pregnancy outcomes of these women. The new findings indicate that while there are few complications, women who undergo the procedure have higher than normal rates of premature labour and miscarriage.

The findings are based on a study of 123 consecutive women with early cervical cancer who underwent radical vaginal trachelectomy. The procedures were performed between August 1994 and 2005 and the average follow-up period was 45 months.

The operation effectively prevented the return of cancer in all but five women, senior author Dr Thomas E J Ind, from St George’s Hospital in London, and colleagues report.

A total of 55 pregnancies were achieved among the 63 women who attempted to become pregnant, but only 28 live births occurred. The 5-year cumulative pregnancy rate for women attempting to conceive was 52.8 per cent. All but two of the live births occurred via cesarean section and thirteen of the infants were born prematurely.

The results indicate that radical vaginal trachelectomy is a pregnancy-enabling option for women with early cervical cancer, but prospective patients should be aware of the high rates of miscarriage and premature labour, the authors conclude.

India to establish wildlife crime control bureau

NEW DELHI, 21 June — India will soon establish a special bureau against crime on wildlife to protect wild animals and strike against smuggling of animal skins and body parts, Indian Environment and Forests Minister A. Raja said Monday.

“We have decided to amend the Wildlife Protection Act and Form an act crime control bureau to protect wild animals and bring an end to the smuggling of animal skins and body parts,” Raja said after a meeting of the National Board for Wildlife at the residence of Prime Minister Mammonoh Singh. The bureau, which is to consist of police and forest officials, will be a centralized authority and will have independent powers to investigate crimes and take action.— MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia destroys 5,000 weapons in Kandal Province

PHNOM PENH, 21 June — The 50th Flame of Peace ceremony was held on Tuesday in Cambodia's Takmao, Kandal Province, to destroy more than 5,000 surplus weapons. As the EU A.S.A.C. programme, the programme of the European Union to assist Cambodia in small arms management, will close on June 30, 2006, it is the final Flame of Peace.

More than 3,000 people attended the ceremony presided over by Prime Minister Han Sen. EU ASC has been operating in Cambodia since April 2000 in cooperation with the National Commission for the Reform and Management of Weapons and Explosives in Cambodia.

“All the goals set by the Councils of Ministers of the European Union when the project began in 2000 have now been reached,” explained David de Beer, the EU ASC Project manager, who further praised the Royal Cambodian Government for its co-operation throughout the years in making the project a success.— MNA/Xinhua
**SPORTS**

**WORLD CUP FIXTURES**

Friday, 23 June 2006

Saudi Arabia v Spain (20:30) MST
Ukraine v Tunisia (20:30) MST
Saturday, 24 June 2006
Togo v France (13:30) MST
Switzerland v South Korea (13:30) MST

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**Argentina, Dutch in Frankfurt stalemate**

FRANKFURT, 22 June — Argentina and Netherlands cancelled each other out in a 0-0 draw in World Cup Group C on Wednesday.

Twice former champions Argentina faced no difference and will meet Mexico in Leipzig in the second round on Saturday. The Dutch, who also collected seven points, face Portugal in Nuremberg the day after.

A tight, tactical battle only sprung to life on isolated occasions, mainly when Argentina threatened to score, having created the more chances. After the two finalists from 1978 had weighed each other up for the opening quarter of an hour, the first shot on target came from the Dutch.

An error by right back Nicolas Burdisso let in winger Dirk Kuyt, who forced a leaping save from goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri with the unmarked Rafael van der Vaart screaming for a pass in the middle.

Minutes later Argentina strung together a long passing movement which ended with Carlos Tevez shooting narrowly wide of Edwin van der Sar’s right-hand post.

The keeper, equalising the Dutch cup record of 112 held by Frank de Boer, had to act sharply to turn over Juan Roman Riquelme’s inswinging corner.

Tevez then chased a low Riquelme free kick to the near post, forcing a quick intervention from defender Khalid Boulahrouz whose attempted clearance came back off the post.

With Argentina being forced back in the latter stages of the first half, Maxi Rodriguez had a shot from outside the box that shaved the diving van der Sar’s right-hand post.

Argentina’s teenage winger Lionel Messi, in his first start in the finals, was restricted by close marking although he got in a shot in first-half stoppage time that went straight to van der Sar.—MNA/Reuters

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**Argentine’s Lionel Messi controls the ball against Netherlands’ Andre Ooijer during the World Cup Group C soccer match between the Netherlands and Argentina in the World Cup stadium in Frankfurt, Germany, on Wednesday, 21 June, 2006. Other teams in Group C are Ivory Coast and Serbia and Montenegro. —INTERNET**

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**Angola tie Iran 1-1**

LEIPZIG, 22 June — World Cup debutants Angola were held a 1-1 tie with Iran in their last Group D match here on Wednesday. Thus, both teams were eliminated while Portugal and Mexico cruised into the last 16 from the group.

Despite the elimination, Angola, one of the weakest teams viewed by experts at the 2006 World Cup, stunned the world by earning a goalless tie with soccer giants Mexico after losing to powerhouse Portugal 1-0. They won respect from the fans around the world.

Iran also showed their great skills on the World Cup pitch, playing attacking football with Mexico and Portugal and even dominating the matches for quite some time. Despite the two losses, no one could look down upon such an Asian team.

In today’s Angola-Iran clash, the two goals all came in the second half. Angola had their goal in the 60th minute. A right-wing cross from Figuereido found substitute Flavio alone at the far post, and Flavio placed his header beyond the reach of goalkeeper Ebrahim Mirzapour.

This was the first goal scored by Angola in the 2006 World Cup in Germany. Flavio said in excitement at the mixed zone, “I am very very happy to score that goal.”

“It is very difficult to score at World Cup and I made it,” Flavio said.

The substitute forward said that he was not a regular substitute before.

“That’s nothing. I proved my value in this team. I want to extend my heart-felt gratitude towards my family who always support me,” he said.

The Iranians got the equaliser in the 79th minute as defender Sohrab Bakhtiarizadeh headed home a corner.

Angola coach Luis Oliviera Goncalves said after the match that his players had made him proud despite bowing out of the World Cup.

And Goncalves said: “We were not intelligent enough to defend our 1-0 lead but I am still proud of my players.”

Angola would have to beat Iran and Mexico to have a chance of eliminating their Group D rivals from the tournament. The West Africans followed their now familiar pattern of letting in two early goals, before halving the advantage — they lost 2-1 to Argentina and Netherlands — showing they continue to suffer defensive lapses despite their efforts to solve them.

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The theoretically meaningless game was played in continual rain, torrential at first, but there was nothing damp about the action on the pitch which was an exciting spectacle.

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**Town near central Philippines declared under state of calamity**

MANILA, 22 June — Local officials placed Irosin Town in Sorsogon Province, the central Philippines, under a state of calamity after a series of ash explosions from the active volcano Mount Bulusan, a TV report said here on Tuesday.

Everything in Irosin Town, a populated area near Mount Bulusan, is covered with a thick layer of ash spewed by the volcano, updating TV footage from the ABS-CBN news channel.

The report said government troops have cordoned off the four-kilometre permanent danger zone around the active volcano to keep people out.

Residents living around the volcano have started building temporary shelters in anticipation of the major eruption, while trucks were ready for a massive evacuation.

**Indian tail monkey man in search of healing powers**

KOLKATA, 22 June — Thousands of people are flocking to an impoverished Indian village to worship a man they believe possesses divine powers because he climbs up trees in seconds, gobbles up bananas and has a "tail".

Devotees say 27-year-old villager Chandre Oraon is an incarnation of the Hindu monkey god Hanuman — worshipped by millions as a symbol of physical strength, perseverance and devotion.

"He climbs up trees, behaves like a monkey and is a strict vegetarian, but he is no god and his condition is just a congenital deformity," says Bhushan Chakraborty, the local medical officer.

Tucked away in a hamlet in Banarhat, over 650 kilometres (400 miles) north of Kolkata, the state capital, devotees wait for hours to see or touch Oraon’s 13-centimetre (5-inch) tail, believing that it has healing powers.

Doctors said the "tail" was made up of some flesh but mostly of dark hair — simply a rare physical attribute.

"It is a congenital anomaly, but very rarely do we find such cases," B Ramana, a Kolkata-based surgeon, told Reuters.

**WEATHER**

Thurday, 22 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thunder-showers have been scattered in Shan State and Magway Division, widely spread in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in lower Sagain and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kanbalu (2.08) inches, Hep-an (1.96) inches, PyiooLwin (1.66) inches, Kayal (1.38) inches, Machbanw (1.22) inches, Mawlamyine (1.10) inches, Myingyan and Katha (1.02) inches each, NyaungU, Pakokku and Kawthoung (0.94) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 21-6-2006 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 22-6-2006 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-6-2006 was (85%). Total sunshine hours on 21-6-2006 was (14) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 22-6-2006 were (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kabay-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (22.52) inches at Mingaladon, (30.47) inches at Kaba-Aye and (35.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 21-6-2006.

**Forecast valid until evening of 23-6-2006**

Rain or thunder-showers will be scattered in Kayah State, scattered in Shan State and Magway Division, widely spread in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in the remaining areas.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in Rakhine State.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2006**: Isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2006**: One or two rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-6-2006**: Isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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*Cast member actress Kate Bosworth smiles at the world premiere of “Superman Returns” at the Mann Village theatre in Los Angeles on 21 June, 2006. The movie opens in the US on 28 June. INTERNET*
The press conference on the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers’ Meeting, the 2nd ASEAN+3 Health Ministers’ Meeting, and the 1st ASEAN+China Health Ministers’ Meeting in progress. — MNA

YANGON, 22 June — A press conference on the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers’ Meeting, the Second ASEAN+Three Health Ministers’ Meeting and the First ASEAN+China Health Ministers’ Meeting hosted by Myanmar was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Health Ministers, Deputy Ministers and senior officials from ASEAN member countries, China, Japan and Republic of Korea, the Deputy Secretary-General and officials of the ASEAN Secretariat, officials from the Ministry of Information, the President of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and members.

In his adress, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said at the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers’ Meeting, participants from ASEAN member countries discussed to take cooperative measures in prevention and combating health emergency problems regarding new diseases occurring in ASEAN region. He added that they discussed international health rules and regulations, and trade and security measures which need to carried out together with health care services, experiences and lessons gained from natural disasters and consolidation of ASEAN countries. He noted that at the 2nd ASEAN+3 Health Ministers’ Meeting, the ministers held discussions on harmonious performances in combating infectious diseases including HIV/AIDS, enhancement of human resources of health sector, wider health care services and improvement of traditional medicine and health and nutrition tasks.

The minister continued to say that at the First ASEAN+China Health Ministers’ Meeting, the ministers discussed setting up for the ASEAN+China Public Health Fund and participation of China in ASEAN+3 EID programme. ASEAN member countries are taking part in the international health care services. The minister asserted that the participants of the meeting agreed to exchange experiences in traditional medicine between China and other countries.

The Health Ministers from ASEAN member countries, China, Japan and Korea and the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN replied to the queries raised by local and foreign journalists.

Six quit ChaungU Township NLD as they lost interest in party and its functions

YANGON, 22 June — Youth in-charge U Myo Nyunt Aung (a) U Maung Oo and party member U Thant Naing of ChaungU Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division quit the party of own volition on 2 February and 6 March after sending letters of resignation to NLD headquarters and the local authorities.

In the letter they submitted to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said that as they lost interest in the NLD and had no more desire to serve the party they of own volition quit the party.

Member U Than Mya, treasurer U Chit Waing, member U Kyaw Sein (Kalagyi Village) and organizer U Than Mya of the township NLD had already quit the party of own volition. — MNA