

## Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend Waso robe offering ceremony of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) families

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The Waso robe offering ceremony of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) families of the Ministry of Defence was held at Anawrahta Hall, here, at 9.30 am today, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Maha Withutayama Taikthit Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara, Secretary Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa and member Sayadaws, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, State Peace and Development Council member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife  
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*Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer Waso robes and offertories to Chairman Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.—MNA*



*Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party offer day meal to Sayadaws at Waso robes offering ceremony of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) families.  
MNA*

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Maintain bridges built for regional development

The government is building networks of roads, railroads and bridges the length and breadth of the nation for parallel development of all regions of the Union.

It was on 29 June that a new bridge was launched into commission. It is the Hti-se-kha bridge built across the Thabat creek near Hti-se-kha village in Loikaw Township in Kayah State.

The Hti-se-kha bridge is the 227<sup>th</sup> bridge 180 feet and above long in the nation. The opening of the Hti-se-kha bridge will facilitate the transport of local products along the Taungoo-Leiktho-Yardo-Loikaw-Hopong road and thus health, education and socio-economic life of the local people are about to develop soon.

The upper structure and the foundation of the new bridge are of reinforced concrete type. The bridge is 241 feet long, with 24-foot-wide lane and a 3-foot-wide pedestrian lane on each side of it, can bear up to 60 tons of load and the clearance of the bridge is 40 feet wide and 6 feet high.

As the Hti-se-kha bridge will contribute to the social and economic development of the local people in Kayah State, it is necessary to maintain the bridge in order that it can last long and be of long-term benefit to the local people.

### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

*Station Commander Commandant of DSA Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung accepts cash donated by a wellwisher.—NLM*



## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Metal spray method introduced to repair machine parts

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min delivered an address at the ceremony to introduce the use of metal spray method for repairing machine parts at Insein Locomotive Shed in Insein on 29 June morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that Myanmar Railways is transporting about 63 million passengers and about three million tons of commodities yearly. To operate its tasks, Myanmar Railways needs a large number of machine parts for repairing locomotives, passenger coaches and freight wagons, he said. Moreover, a large number of spare parts have been provided for machines and heavy machinery of two locomotive sheds and one coach factory, he added.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, necessary machine parts and spare parts for Myanmar Railways are being manufactured at the factories of MR and other



*Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min makes a speech at introduction of the use of damaged repairing machine parts and spare parts with the use of metal spray method at Insein Locomotive Shed in Insein.—MR*

ministries in collaborative efforts with private industrial entrepreneurs and technicians, he said. The minister explained that, the machine parts that Myanmar Railways will place orders have been displayed annually since 1992, and Myanmar Railway has invited the entrepreneurs to manufacture the machine parts.

The minister said that the entrepreneurs can see the repairing of damaged parts such as crank shaft, cam shaft, hydraulic shaft, heavy duty turbine shaft, ball mill journal, tyre and axis of rotary kiln to be installed at cement plant,

various kinds of bearings, mould and die, various sizes of gear without losing their original styles and forms. In conclusion, the minister said that the metal spray method may benefit the factories in term of benefit across the nation.

General Manager (Factory) U Nyi Htut of MR reported on use of metal spray at Ywahtaung Factory, General Manager U Than Hsin Myint of RIEC Co on matters related to metal spray, use of machinery and coating materials, Managing Director U Wai Phyo Hsan of KME Co on repairing

task and works and CEC member U Myint Zaw of Myanmar Industries Association on development of technology and industries.

Next, those present viewed machine parts and spare parts repaired with the use of the metal spray method, rubber equipment for factories and workshops, use of machinery for applying metal spray, coating materials and practical works.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Thura U Thauung Lwin, departmental heads of ministries and responsible persons of Myanmar Industries Association.

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### Laying corner stones for Sasanna Beikman of Maha Arnthttokanthar pagoda held

YANGON, 1 July—A ceremony to lay corner stones for Sasanna

Beikman of Maha Arnthttokanthar pagoda was held in the compound of the pagoda in Pyin Oo Lwin on Lashio-Mandalay motor road on 26 June.

Station Commander, Commandant of DSA Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung, Commandant Brig-Gen Hsan Oo of DSTA, Commandant of Military Hospital (700-bed), Chairman of Pyin Oo Lwin District Peace and Development Council U Aung Myin, Commandant Col Aye Hsan of Tatmadaw Engineering School, Chairman of the

Pagoda Board of Trustees Lt-Col Nyan Tun (Retd), Principal Police Brig-Gen Thein Tin of Police Training Department, Chairman of Township PDC U Aye Lwin laid corner stones for the Sasanna Beikman.

Afterwards, Commandant Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and officials concerned accepted cash donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. Over K 76 million was donated by wellwishers for the first time.

NLM

### Tea farms thriving in Haka

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hong Ngai on 10 June inspected the tea farms of departments and Kyaboat tea farm in Haka.

On 12 June, he attended the opening ceremony of Thinam-Marsaung-phiyan earth road and inspected it.

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An Iraqi shop owner surveys the damage in a popular market in the center of the northern city of Kirkuk, 225 kms from Baghdad. Bombings in the lead-up to the pullback of US forces from Iraq's towns and cities, resulted in the bloodiest death toll seen in the conflict-hit nation in 11 months, official figures showed on Wednesday.—INTERNET

## Iraqis celebrate US pullback but bombing kills 33

BAGHDAD, 1 July — Not a single American soldier was in sight. Gone, too, were the American helicopters whose buzz has for years defined Baghdad's background track.

Left alone to protect the capital on Tuesday were thousands of Iraqi troops and police manning checkpoints, with army tanks deployed at potential trouble spots and convoys of pickup trucks with machine guns roaming the streets.

But it was elsewhere, 180 miles to the north, that militants delivered their first deadly challenge to Iraq's security forces on a highly symbolic day after the formal withdrawal of US combat troops from cities at midnight.

A car bombing devastated a food market in the city of Kirkuk, killing at least 33 people and wounding 90. The early evening attack, which bore the hallmarks of Sunni extremist groups like al-Qaeda in Iraq, was the second in the Kirkuk area since a truck bombing killed 82 people on 20 June. —Internet

## Major attacks in Iraq since 1<sup>st</sup> January

BAGHDAD, 1 July—Major bombings in Iraq since 1 January, when a new US-Iraqi security pact took effect:

- 30 June — Car bomb hits crowded outdoor market in the northern city of Kirkuk, killing 27.
- 26 June — Booby-trapped motorcycle explodes in a motorcycle bazaar, killing 19.
- 24 June — Bomb rips through crowded market in Baghdad's Sadr City, killing 78.
- 20 June — Truck bomb explodes near a Shiite mosque in Taza, near Kirkuk, killing 82.
- 10 June — Car bomb explodes in market near Shiite city of Nasiriyah, killing 30.
- 21 May — Bomb in mainly Sunni area of Baghdad kills 15 people, including three Americans.
- 20 May — Parked car bomb tears through restaurants in northwest Baghdad, killing 41.
- 6 May — Parked car bomb explodes at a produce market in southern Baghdad, killing 15.
- 29 April — Twin car bombing in Baghdad's Shiite district of Sadr City kills 51.
- 24 April — Back-to-back female suicide bombings kill 71 outside Shiite shrine in Baghdad.
- 23 April — Suicide bomber hits Iraqis collect-

ing humanitarian aid in Baghdad, killing 31.

- 23 April — Suicide bombing in Muqdadiah kills 53 people, including 44 Iranian pilgrims.
- 6 April — Series of bombings in Baghdad kill 37 people.
- 26 March — Car bomb tears through market in Shiite area in east Baghdad, killing 20.
- 23 March — Suicide bomber strikes Kurdish funeral in Jalula, killing 27.
- 10 March — Suicide bomber targets tribal leaders at market in Abu Ghraib, killing 33.
- 8 March — Suicide bomber strikes police academy in Baghdad, killing at least 30.
- 5 March — Car bomb tears through livestock market in Hillah, killing 13.
- 13 February — Female suicide bomber targets Shiite pilgrims in Musayyib, killing 40.
- 11 February — Twin car bombs explode at a bus terminal and market area in Baghdad, killing 16.
- 4 January — Female suicide bomber strikes Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad, killing 38.
- 2 January — Suicide bomber hits tribal leader's home in Youssifiyah, killing 23.—Internet

Afghan police and security personnel gather at the site a suicide bomb blast in Torkham, Nangarhar province east of Kabul, on 30 June, 2009. A suicide bomber dressed as a woman killed at least one person, identified as a child, and wounded eight in an attack on an Afghanistan checkpoint on Tuesday, government officials and police said.—INTERNET



Iraqis line the roof of shops as they look down on the scene of a car bomb at a central market in the northern city of Kirkuk, 255 kms from the capital Baghdad.—INTERNET

## NATO Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 1 July— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

### Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 30 June reached 697,762 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,256,160, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	697,762
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,256,160

Internet

## Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 1 July—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

### Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 8028 Afghan people were killed and 16,510 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 30 June.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	8028
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	16510

Internet

## US soldier killed in combat in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 July— The U.S. military says an American soldier has been killed in combat in Iraq.

A statement says the Multi-National Division — Baghdad soldier died Sunday but further details weren't released.

The statement was issued Monday, on the eve of a deadline for U.S. combat troops to withdraw from Iraqi cities.

American soldiers will still be in urban areas but their mission will shift from one of combat to training and advising their Iraqi counterparts.

The statement says the soldier's death is under investigation. At least 4,319 members of the U.S. military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.—Internet



In this 12 June, 2009 photo, Shah Wali, 65, who lost a leg to a mine in Logar 14 months ago while collecting wood near his home at the Logar Province, in Kabul. Afghanistan is one of the world's most heavily mined countries.

INTERNET



In this photo distributed by the Xinhua news agency, a Dongfeng Fengshen S30 debuts at a workshop of Dongfeng Motor Corporation Passenger Vehicle Company in Wuhan, central China, on 30 June, 2009. The in-house developed sedan Fengshen S30, the first product of Fengshen, started rolling off their production lines on Tuesday, Xinhua said.—INTERNET

## Hong Kong's exchange fund rises to 225.6 b USD

HONG KONG, 1 July—The assets of Hong Kong's Exchange Fund stood at 1.76 trillion HK dollars (225.6 billion US dollars) at the end of May, up 114.7 billion HK dollars (14.7 billion US dollars) from a month earlier, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority said on Tuesday.

Foreign currency assets grew by 98.1 billion HK dollars in May thanks to purchases of foreign currencies with HK dollars and valuation gains on foreign currency investments, the Monetary Authority said.

The Hong Kong dollar assets rose by 16.6 billion HK dollars thanks to a rise in the balance of the banking system and valuation gains on HK dollar equities.—Internet

## Big cities see resurgence in population growth

WASHINGTON, 1 July—Reversing a decade-long trend, many of America's largest cities are now growing more quickly than the rest of the nation, yet another sign of an economic crisis that is making it harder for people to move.

Census data released on Wednesday highlight a city resurgence in coastal regions and areas of the Midwest and Northeast, due to a housing crunch, recession and higher gas prices that have slowed migration to far-flung suburbs and residential hotspots in the South and West.

Internet



Participants carry flags of China, right, and Hong Kong, left, during a parade in a downtown Hong Kong street to celebrate the 12th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover to China in Hong Kong on 1 July, 2009.—INTERNET

## Job losses hit June consumer confidence

NEW YORK, 1 July—Mounting job losses and other economic realities caught up with Americans in June, pushing down a key barometer of consumer sentiment after a streak of gains built on glimmers of hope.

Some economists say the reality check offered by

Tuesday's report from the New York-based Conference Board may not augur well for spending in the critical months ahead.

The Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index now stands at 49.3, down from its revised May level of 54.8.

The drop coincided

with mixed messages in the housing market. A report from the Treasury Department showing foreclosures jumped in the first quarter compared with 2008's fourth quarter. But a key housing price index showed price declines moderating.

Internet

Peerless Travel in Fairview, which runs a money transfer service. "I mean, one or two people might receive money for a special reason, but not this quantity of people."

Miranda said she has seen her customer base dwindle from 200 people to 75 who regularly use her money transfer services each month. Of those 75, Miranda said, about 20 now come in to receive money instead of sending it home.—Internet

## Immigrants in US are asking for money from home

FAIRVIEW, 1 July—For five years, immigrant day laborer Leo Chamale wired money twice a month from New Jersey to his family in Guatemala. Recently, he stepped up to the money transfer window for a different purpose — to ask that his family send some of his savings back to him.

"I hadn't worked for five months, and I was two months behind on rent, so I had them send \$1,500," the 21-year-old

Chamale said in Spanish. "My mother said, That's a lot of money!"

With the US economy in a ditch, money transfer agencies have been reporting a decline in the wages immigrants are sending back to their home countries. Now, it appears some immigrants are going a step further — asking their relatives to wire them money back.

"We've never seen this before," said Marlen Miranda, manager of

## China donates medical equipment to Uganda

KAMPALA, 1 July — The Chinese government on Tuesday donated medical equipment worth 300,000 US dollars to Uganda boost the East African country's effort to promote reproductive health.

"I hope it will play a positive role," said Wang Zeshan, charge d'affaires at the Chinese Embassy while handing over the equipment to Uganda's Health Minister Stephen Malinga.

Malinga said though maternal and infant mortality and morbidity is on a declining trend, it is still unacceptably high.

Internet

## Gunmen fire on group of Detroit teens, wounding seven

DETROIT, 1 July—Gunmen in a green minivan opened fire on a group of teenagers waiting at a bus stop near a Detroit school on Tuesday, wounding seven including two who were in critical condition, authorities said.

Five of the teens had just left Cody Ninth Grade Academy, where they were taking summer classes, when they were shot at the nearby bus stop.

The gunmen exited a

vehicle and "asked for a person by name" before they "opened fire at the crowd," said Detroit Public Schools Police Chief Roderick Grimes.

Detroit Police were looking for two suspects in a green minivan, said spokesman Rod Liggons. Officers were interviewing some of the victims in the hospital on Tuesday evening, he said.

Four boys and three girls ranging in age from

14 to 17 years old were hospitalized, two of them — a 16-year-old boy and a 17-year-old female — in critical condition, said Deputy Chief James Tolbert.

Gas station owner Steve Hakim said he saw two people with T-shirts covering their heads run across his lot toward the bus stop. Then he heard about 10 gunshots, saw a boy and a girl fall down and called 911.—Internet



Law enforcement officials look over the scene in west Detroit where gunmen in a green minivan opened fire on a group of teenagers waiting at a bus stop near a Detroit school, on 30 June, 2009.—INTERNET

## Russia sends US communications satellite into orbit

Moscow, 1 July—Russia launched a carrier rocket on Tuesday to send a US communications satellite into space, news agencies reported, citing the Khrunichev state space research and production center.

Alexander Borbrenyov,

press secretary of the Khrunichev centre, said a Russian Proton-M carrier rocket, with a Sirius FM5 atop, blasted off at around 23:10 Moscow time (1910 GMT) from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan.

Earlier, an official from

the Russian Federal space agency (Roscosmos) said the satellite is expected to separate from the booster 9 hours later.

“The satellite will take up a point in a geostationary orbit at 96 degrees, western longitude,” the *Itar-tass* news agency cited the unnamed official as saying.

The launch, originally scheduled for Monday, was postponed one day due to some glitches when the Briz-M booster was fueled last Wednesday.

The Sirius FM5 satellite, manufactured by the US Space Systems/Loral Company and owned by US broadcasting magnate Sirius Satellite Radio Inc Company, will function in orbit for 15 years.

Xinhua



Russia launched a Russian Proton-M carrier rocket to send a US communications satellite Sirius FM5 atop into space, on 1 July, 2009, news agencies reported, citing the Khrunichev state space research and production centre.—XINHUA



34-year-old Kong Chunxia shows her paper-cut work entitled *Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival in Zherong County, southeast China's Fujian Province*, on 30 June, 2009.—XINHUA

### Softbank, Shanghai Media Group to form business alliance

TOKYO, 1 July—Japan's major telecommunication and media group Softbank Corp said Tuesday it has agreed in principle to form a comprehensive business alliance with Shanghai Media Group Inc, China's second-largest media company, to cooperate in video distribution and entertainment businesses.

Softbank is considering distributing SMG's television programme through its Internet and mobile phone networks both in Japan and abroad, *Kyodo News* reported.

It also aims to air Japanese cartoons and other television programme on SMG's satellite digital broadcasts, the company said.—Xinhua

A medical worker treats an injured person at the No 4 people's hospital in Chenzhou, central China's Hunan Province, on 30 June, 2009.—XINHUA

### All items from Xinhua News Agency

#### Plane lands safely at New York airport after bird strike

NEW YORK, 1 July—A plane landed safely at New York's LaGuardia Airport on Tuesday morning after reporting a bird strike on its approach.

According to New York local TV channel NY1, the US Federal Aviation Administration said American Airlines flight 1256 hit birds at an altitude of 900 feet (about 274 metres) while nearing LaGuardia Airport.

Once the pilot landed, he noticed that the nose gear's hydraulics was not working.

The plane, a 737-800, was towed to a gate. The passengers safely got off, and a large bird was found in the landing gear.

There were no injuries to any of the 140 aboard including five crew members.

The incident came months after another bird strike forced US Airways flight 1549 to splash land in the Hudson River.

The city has since taken steps to try and mitigate the bird population around area airports, said NY1.

Xinhua



#### Global IT spending to drop nearly 11% in 2009

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 July—Global spending on information technology (IT) may fall 10.6 percent in 2009, more sharply than the 3-percent decrease projected at the beginning of the year, market research firm Forrester said on Tuesday. Forrester said it lowered the forecast because of the large drop in business technology investment during the first quarter this year and possible similar poor results in the current second quarter.

However, the weak results in the first half of 2009 also mean that the worst declines may be over and the market will hit bottom sooner, Forrester noted.

Forrester now expects growth of IT investment in the United States to resume in the fourth quarter of 2009, followed by revival of IT buying in other markets in 2010.—Xinhua

#### US company kicks off nonstop flight from LA to Havana

LOS ANGELES, 1 July—Long Beach-based company Cuba Travel Services Inc kicked off nonstop flights from Los Angeles to Havana on Tuesday.

The five-hour flight takes off from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) at 11 am local time, and is the only Cuban flight for Cuba Travel since July 2004, when the Bush administration tightened rules governing travel to Cuba, according to the company.

US President Barack Obama repealed the 2004 travel restrictions in April. A bill pending in Congress would end the travel ban for all Americans.

The flight runs every Tuesday and can accommodate 150 people, said the company.

Xinhua

#### At least 20 die in eastern Peru as passenger boats crash

LIMA, 1 July—At least 20 people died, including several children, in eastern Peru department Ucayali when two passenger boats crashed on the Ucayali River at around 5:00 am local time on Tuesday, regional authorities told local media.

The accident took place close to San Jose de Pacache, a small town in Peru's Amazon rainforest, when the two boats were carrying over 100 passengers, the port captain in departmental capital Pucallpa told media. The exact number was not known because they are cargo boats carrying people on an informal basis.

A small boat rescued two people from the river and carried them to the nearby town of Puerto Callao, in Coronel Portillo municipality. These survivors alerted rescuers.

Both boats had set out from Pucallpa heading for Iquitos, a city in north-eastern Peru.—Xinhua



People visit Mt Wutai in Wutai County, Xinzhou City, north China's Shanxi Province, on 30 June, 2009.—XINHUA

## Flight 447 black box search goes on past deadline

PARIS, 1 July—French investigators say the search for the black boxes of Flight 447 is continuing although they are no longer certain to emit signals.

The flight's voice and data recorders are guaranteed to emit signals for 30 days after an accident. On Tuesday marks 30 days since Air France Airbus A330 plunged into the Atlantic. All 228 people aboard were killed.

Martine del Bono, spokeswoman for the French air accident investigation agency, says it "is continuing the search" as long as there is a "reasonable" chance of locating the black boxes.

She gave no final deadline on Tuesday for ending the search. The black boxes could be key to determining what happened to the plane. Brazil has ended the search for more bodies.—*Internet*

## 66 French people onboard crashed Yemeni airliner

PARIS, 1 July—Sixty-six French people were onboard the Yemenia Air jetliner that crashed early Tuesday off the coast of Comoros, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said in a statement on Tuesday.

In the statement, Kouchner expressed "sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims." French President Nicolas Sarkozy has asked the French military to help with the search operation, particularly the military personnel in the Indian Ocean territories of Mayotte and Reunion.

The jetliner, an Airbus A310, crashed early on Tuesday into the Indian Ocean as it approached the airport on the Comoros islands in heavy winds and bad weather. The plane was carrying 153 people — 142 passengers and a crew of 11. Yemeni officials said a child has been rescued alive from the sea.—*Internet*



Relatives and friends of passengers aboard the Airbus flight A310-300 from Yemen arrive at a crisis center at Charles de Gaulle airport near Paris, on 30 June, 2009. —XINHUA

## Israeli-Palestinian talks stand at crossing point

JERUSALEM, 1 July—The Israelis and Palestinians are at a key point in their relations: they can have a true, lasting peace or else take the road to self destruction, Ron Pundak, one of the key architects of the original 1993 peace accord between the two Middle-Eastern neighbours warned on Tuesday.

The options on the ta-

ble are "to march towards peace, regional cooperation and prosperity," or "to move in the direction that we are moving now, a devastating direction," Pundak told an international gathering of academics at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The real Zionists are those who believe in an Israeli state next to a state of Palestine, with eastern

Jerusalem as its capital and its territory to include the West Bank, currently occupied by Israel, said Pundak, who now heads the Peres Center for Peace.

"I know what you want, you know what I want. It's time for decisions now," added leading Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, with a sense of urgency in his voice.

*Internet*

## European Commission calls for smoke-free EU by 2012

BRUSSELS, 1 July—The European Commission on Tuesday called on all European Union (EU) member states to install laws to protect their citizens from exposure to tobacco smoke by 2012.

The EU member states are asked to adopt and implement laws to fully protect their citizens from exposure to tobacco smoke in enclosed public places, workplace and public transport, within three years of adoption of the commission's proposal by them.

They are also asked to enhance smoke-free laws with supporting measures to protect children, encourage efforts to give up tobacco use and to have pictorial warnings on tobacco packages.

Currently, 10 EU countries have comprehensive smoke-free laws in place. Britain and Ireland have the strictest smoke-free provisions with a complete ban on smoking in enclosed public places, on public transport and in workplace. Bulgaria is due to follow suit in 2010.

Italy, Malta, Sweden, Latvia, Finland, Slovenia, France and the Netherlands have introduced smoke-free legislation allowing for special enclosed smoking rooms.

In the remaining member states, citizens and workers are not fully protected from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor workplace and public places. Tobacco remains the largest single cause of premature death and disease in the EU, said the commission, the executive body of the EU.—*Internet*



The flutes is made from a vulture's wing bone, measuring 20cm long with five finger holes and two "V"-shaped notches on one end of the instrument.

### 'Oldest musical instrument' found

Scientists in Germany have published details of flutes dating back to the time that modern humans began colonising Europe, 35,000 years ago.

The flutes are the oldest musical instruments found to date. The researchers say in the *Journal Nature* that music was widespread in prehistoric times. Music, they suggest, may have been one of a suite of behaviours displayed by our own species which helped give them an edge over the Neanderthals.

The team from Tübingen University have published details of three flutes found in the Hohle Fels cavern in southwest Germany. The cavern is already well known as a site for signs of early human efforts; in May, members of the same team unveiled a Hohle Fels find that

could be the world's oldest Venus figure.

The most well-preserved of the flutes is made from a vulture's wing bone, measuring 20cm long with five finger holes and two "V"-shaped notches on one end of the instrument into which the researchers assume the player blew. The archaeologists also found fragments of two other flutes carved from ivory that they believe was taken from the tusks of mammoths.

### Boy, 2, has pack-a-day habit

The parents of a 2-year-old in China who smokes at least a pack of cigarettes a day say they are seeking advice to help the toddler quit.

Toddler Tong Liangliang of Tianjin, China, was allowed to begin smoking by his father more than a year ago to help control pain from a hernia with which he was born, but his parents say the toddler's habit has gotten out of control, China Radio International reported.

The boy's father said he made the decision because the toddler is too young to have an operation to correct the hernia.

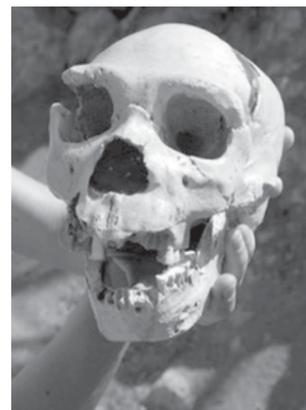
## The first Europeans were cannibals: archaeologists

The remains of the "first Europeans" discovered at an archaeological site in northern Spain have revealed that these prehistoric men were cannibals who particularly liked the flesh of children.

"We know that they practiced cannibalism," said Jose Maria Bermudez de Castro, one of the co-directors of the Atapuerca project, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A study of the remains revealed that they turned to cannibalism to feed themselves and not as part of a ritual, that they ate their rivals after killing them, mostly children and adolescents.

"It is the first well-documented case of cannibalism in the history of humanity, which does not mean that it is the oldest," he said.



Skull named Miguelon, estimated to be 400,000 years old and the most complete skull of an Homo heidelbergensis ever found, is seen at the Atapuerca archaeological site, in the Atapuerca mountains in northern Spain. In 2007 a historic discovery of the fossilised remains of the 'first European' human was made at the site.

## NEWS ALBUM

### Burglar lived in house for a week

A young Ohio man allegedly broke into a Cincinnati-area house while the owners were on vacation and stayed there for a week.

Nicholas Truesdell not only slept in the master bedroom of the four-bedroom house in Anderson, he watched television and spent time on the computer, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office said. He effectively "used the residence as his own," investigators said.

While he was at it, Truesdell allegedly drove the owners' car, a 2007 Nissan Altima. Investigators said he entered the house by forcing a rear window open.



A motorcyclist performs during the first in Belarus freestyle motocross show in the main square of Minsk.

## Foreign Minister back from Bahrain

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—A delegation led by U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, arrived at Yangon International Airport this evening by TG 305 after attending the first ASEAN-GCC Full-Fledged Ministerial Meeting held on 29 and 30 June in Manama, Bahrain.

The Myanmar delegation participated in the ASEAN-GCC Preparatory Meeting on 29 June and attended the Dinner hosted by His Excellency Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of

Bahrain, in the evening.

Subsequently, the Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and delegation attended the first ASEAN-GCC Full-Fledged Ministerial Meeting on 30 June. During the meeting, the issue of the enhancement of the ASEAN-GCC Co-operation, the issue of Exchange of views on Developments in the ASEAN and the GCC and other regional and international issues were cordially discussed.

In the afternoon, His Majesty Shaikh Hamad Bin Isa Khalifa, the King of Bahrain, received the visiting Foreign

Ministers and hosted with a luncheon.

After the meeting, the ASEAN and GCC Ministers issued the Joint Press Statement of the 1<sup>st</sup> Full-Fledged ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting, ASEAN-GCC Join Vision and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of ASEAN and the Secretariat of GCC was signed by the two Secretaries-General.

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) included Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

## Home Affairs Minister receives delegation leaders of ASEAN countries

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received officials of the ASEAN Secretariat and leaders of the

delegations that arrived in Nay Pyi Taw to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime at the hall of Myanmar Maternal

and Child Welfare Association, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were departmental heads and officials.—MNA

## 9<sup>th</sup> SOMTC commences

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July — The opening of the Ninth ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (9<sup>th</sup> SOMTC) hosted by Myanmar took place at the meeting hall of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, departmental heads and officials, the Ambassadors

of ASEAN countries to the Union of Myanmar and embassy staff, the Resident Representatives of UN Agencies, delegation members of ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries and guests.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo made an opening address and the opening ceremony concluded.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe posed for a documentary photo together with the delegation leaders of ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries and cordially greeted those present.

Then the Ninth ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational



Crime (9<sup>th</sup> SOMTC) followed. The meeting will be held up to 3 July.

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Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses the opening of 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime.

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## Kawhmu Township People's Hospital gets X-ray room and related equipment

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July —Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended the ceremony to donate X-ray room, X-ray machine, dentist chair and

related equipment by Shwe Natural Gas Project which is a joint venture between the Ministry of Energy and companies at Kawhmu Township People's Hospital on 29 June.

First, the minister and the representative of Shwe Natural Gas Project opened the ceremony.

Next, the minister gave accounts on donation of the companies of Shwe Natural Gas Project and spoke words of thanks on behalf of the township.

Dr. Su-Yeong Yong explained purpose of donation, and Director-General Dr Daw Khin Pyone Kyi of Medical Research Department

## 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Youth Games commence

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Youth Games were opened at the National Stadium in Singapore on 29 June evening.

Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Vice-Chairman of Asian Olympic Council Mr Timothy Fok and the Chairman of Singapore Olympic Council opened the games. It was also attended by the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports and the Myanmar sports contingent.

Over 1,400 athletes from 45 countries took part in swimming, diving, track and field, beach volleyball, football, yachting, shooting and bowling events.

Soe Sanda Nyunt of Myanmar stood sixth in the women's diving event, Nyi Nyi Tun, eighth in the men's diving event, Zin Min Htet, fifth in the men's 400-m race trial and Phyu Phway 11<sup>th</sup> in the women's 1500-m race event.—MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects newly-opened X-ray room, X-ray machine and dentist chair in Kawhmu Township Hospital.

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(Lower Myanmar) and a local spoke words of thanks. Then the minister and guests observed newly-opened X-ray room, X-ray machine and

dentist chair. Afterwards, the minister visited newly-built Mitta Village near Kamapa and Nyaung-ngu villages and greeted the villagers. — MNA



**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer Waso robes and offertories to Secretary Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa.—MNA**



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer Waso robes and offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA**

## Senior General Than Shwe, wife ...

(from page 1)

Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of

Defence, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-

General and their wives and family members of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air).

Adviser U Arnt Maung supplicated on the agenda of the ceremony.

First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*.



**Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence offers Waso robes and alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA**

## Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) of the Ministry of Defence offer Waso robes



**General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet offer Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA**

The Chairman Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered Waso robes and alms to Chairman Magway

robes and provisions to the Sayadaw.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offered Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaw.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw

Defence, the commander, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General and the Auditor-General offered Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

The Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin donate Waso robes and offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA**

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San donated Waso robes and offertories to Secretary Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa.

General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet presented Waso

Khin Saw Hnin donated Waso robes and offertories to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence presented Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaw.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of

congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing shared merits gained.

The ceremony ended with three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu*.

Later, the Senior General, wife and party offered meals to members of the Sangha.—MNA

## Programmes to beautify Yangon discussed

YANGON, 1 July—The Committee for Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon held its meeting No. 11/2009 at the City Hall of Yangon City Development Committee here yesterday.

In his speech, Patron of the committee Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence said that it is required to reach the goal City green, tidy and clean. He stressed the importance of organizing local people to abide strictly by the rules and regulations with a sense

of self-discipline.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and the chairman of the Leading Committee the vice-mayor reported on work progress and follow-up programmes.

The chairmen of the work committees and officials reported on accomplishment of work. Lt-Gen Myint Swe fulfilled the requirements and gave concluding remarks.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence makes a speech at the meeting No. 11/2009 of Committee for Beautifying and Upgrading Yangon.—MNA

## Industry-1 Minister honours outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and wife attended the 8<sup>th</sup> ceremony to honour distinction winners of the matriculation examination for 2008-2009 academic year in Myingyan and awarded the nine outstanding students on 29 June.

The minister presented award to the outstanding students of the Government Technological College (Myingyan) and Myingyan Degree College.

Wellwishers contributed K 4 million to the education funds of the township through Myingyan District Education Department.

Minister U Aung



Minister U Aung Thaung makes a speech in meeting with local people of Nabuaing village in Myingyan Township.—INDUSTRY-1

Thaung also met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local

people from three villages in Myingyan Township on 29 June and provided bags of cement and K

500,000 for repair of seven schools in the township.

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## Commander inspects regional development tasks in Myingyan, Taungtha Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July —Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected repair work of Mya Kan Tha drinking water lake near Laydan village in Myingyan Township, cultivation of monsoon groundnut at the farmland of Farmer U Chit Nyein in Tityon village, the integrated farming of Ohbu

village in Taungtha Township and Taungtha dam near Nabekan village on 23 June and gave necessary instructions.

On 24 June evening, the commander delivered an address at the opening of Central Command Commander's Shield Football Tournament at Kyaukdaing Football Ground. Then the commander and party enjoyed the match.—MNA

## CPT Minister inspects auto-exchanges in Sagaing Division and Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July— Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected digital auto-exchange in Kyun-hla, auto-exchange and post office in Kawlin, auto-exchange in Wuntho and microwave station and auto-exchange in Inn-daw in Sagaing Division and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister attended the opening ceremony of digital auto-exchange in Mawlu. Managing Director U Tha Oo of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Col San Aung of North-West Command formally opened it. Next, the minister

looked into construction of auto-exchange in Mawhan of Kachin State where he called for timely completion of works meeting set standards.

On 28 June, the minister attended the opening of CDMA (450) auto mobile carrying system held at Moenyin and tested the call for mobile communications.

Afterwards, the minister was present at 15<sup>th</sup> prize-presenting ceremony in Seinle Yadana hall of Moenyin and delivered an address. The minister and officials presented prizes to outstanding students and teachers.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives delegation leaders of ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries. (News on page-7)—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attends the opening ceremony of digital auto-exchange in Mawlu.—CPT

# Villages of Bago Division have easy access to modern communications

Article and photos: Reporter Peinzalok Thein Nyunt



*Youths browse the Internet in Public Access Centre next to Bago Division Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications office.*

(from page 16)  
Waw, DaikU, Nyaunglebin, Kyaukdaga, Pyu, Toungoo, Ketumady, Yedashe and Swa. Using Fax, people can send money from the 11 townships to 170 other townships in a day.

In Bago Division, six telegraph offices have been upgraded from mail service to computer and Fax service, and 18 telegraph offices use mail and telegraph service. For the people's comfort and convenience, Fax telegraph counter each has been opened in Bago and Toungoo.

In addition, e-telegram service offices were opened in Bago,

Nyaunglebin and Toungoo. E-telegram service was launched in Bago and Toungoo offices on 8 June 2009.

He said that so far, the division had 17 auto exchanges and 36 manual exchanges. In the past, the division had only two auto exchanges in Bago and Toungoo. After 1988, MPT upgraded from manual to auto exchange in Thanatpin, DaikU, Pyondaza, Nyaunglebin, Shwegyin, Kyaukdaga, Penwegon, Kanyutkwin, Pyu, and Ketumady Myothit, and opened an auto exchange each in Oktha Myothit, Phayagyi, Waw, Pyinbongyi, Yedashe and Swa. New



*A man using CDMA-450 mobile phone at a public phone booth on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Bago Division.*

ones are being built in Kawa, Htonegyi, Kyaukkyi, Ottwin, Myohla and Yayni, he said.

He said that ADSL system had been equipped in Bago and Toungoo, so the townships had access to the Internet and e-mail. We witnessed many youths using the Internet in Public Access Centre.

Previously, in Bago Division, only two townships had microwave stations. Now, the number of microwave stations of Bago Division has increased to 10. Two stations will soon be constructed in Kyaukkyi and Kawa. CDMA 450

mobile stations were opened in Bago, DaikU, Penwegon, Pyu and Toungoo.

GSM stations were opened one after another in Inndagaw, Bago, Phayagyi, DaikU, Nyaunglebin, Penwegon, Pyu and Toungoo. So, now villages of Bago Division also had access to GSM mobile phone service.

Public phone booths have been equipped in rural areas in the division since 2001. Now, the areas along Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway have got CDMA-450 mobile phones apart from public phones. The tasteful results are due to regional peace.

Moreover, Bago Division has made a great deal of progress in the transport sector, in addition to the communication sector. Therefore, local people are now enjoying better living conditions with all-round development.

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*Auto exchange in Swa, Yedashe Township, Bago Division, which was transformed from manual exchange.*

## Kazakhstan not to supply nuclear materials to other countries

ALMATY, 1 July—Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev said on Tuesday that Kazakhstan will never supply nuclear materials that could be used to make weapons of mass destruction to other countries.

After 49 years of tests at the Semipalatinsk test site, around one million Kazakh citizens have suffered from radiation poisoning, Nazarbayev told a joint news conference with Israeli President Shimon Peres in Astana, the *Interfax* news agency reported. “Kazakhstan suffered the severities of nuclear tests itself.”

Therefore, countering nuclear weapons and its proliferation is “very acute and important” to Kazakhstan, he said. “Kazakhstan guarantees that it will not provide its nuclear materials to other countries,” he said.

Semipalatinsk was once the world’s largest nuclear test site, where nearly 500 tests were carried out from 1949 to 1989. Nazarbayev ordered the shutdown of the site in 1991.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Vietnam collects \$ 9.6b for state coffer in first half

HANOI, 1 July—Vietnam’s Ministry of Planning and Investment said the country collected 171 trillion Vietnamese dong (9.6 billion US dollars) from January to mid June this year for the state coffer, local newspaper the *New Hanoi* reported Tuesday.

The amount is equal to 43.9 per cent of this year’s target, said the ministry. The country collected 105 trillion Vietnamese dong (5.89 billion US dollars) from domestic activities from January to mid June while

contribution of export and import activities to the state revenue was 41.1 trillion Vietnamese dong (2.3 billion US dollars) for the same period, according to the newspaper.

Another amount of 23 trillion Vietnamese dong (1.29 billion US dollars) of the state revenue was collected from crude oil. The rest was from other sources, said the newspaper.

Meanwhile, the country spent 197.5 trillion Vietnamese dong (11.09 billion US dollars) from January to mid June,

accounting for 40.2 per cent of this year’s forecast.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Zimbabwe exports 22 million kilos of Virginia tobacco

HARARE, 1 July—Zimbabwe has so far exported a total of 22.1 million kilos of Virginia tobacco valued at about 66 million US dollars to various destinations in the first five months of this year, according to *The Herald* on Tuesday.

However, this is a decrease from the 38.5 million kilos worth 115.5 million dollars from the amount of tobacco that was exported during the same period last year. This is attributed to challenges such as pricing and poor deliveries that haunted the sector last year.

Last year, a total of 61.3 million kilos were exported during the first five months of the year. The month of February recorded the highest tobacco exports of 10.3 million kg worth 10.3 million dollars compared to 14 million kilos last year. May recorded the least amount of tobacco exported. A total of 1 million kilos worth three million dollars were exported while last year, same period, 3.9 million kg were exported.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Cameroon president names new PM in govt. reshuffle

YAOUNDE, 1 July—Cameroon President Paul Biya on Tuesday named Philemon Yang as the new prime minister of the country in government reshuffle efforts, state radio said.

The newly appointed premier, who used to be the secretary general at the presidential office, replaces Ephraim Inoni at the head of the government, which includes 12 ministers, according to a presidential decree broadcast on state radio.—*MNA/Xinhua*



A group of students of robotics setup a football robot on 30 June, 2009 on the eve of the “RoboCup” the world largest robotic event, hosting 408 teams with 2300 scientists and students in Graz some 200 kilometers southwest from Vienna. robotic scientist student sets up a football robot on 30 June, 2009 on the eve of the “RoboCup” the world largest robotic event.—INTERNET



In this photo taken 28 May, 2009, the Palm Pre is shown at Palm headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif. Shares of smart-phone maker Palm Inc. rose sharply ahead of Friday’s market open, June 26, 2009, though analysts said the previous day’s quarterly report provided few details about the company’s plans.—INTERNET

## China raises gasoline, diesel prices

BEIJING, 1 July—China raised gasoline and diesel prices by 600 yuan (about 87.8 US dollars) per ton, starting 12:00 a.m. Tuesday.

The increase raised the price for gasoline by about 0.45 yuan per litre, or 8.6 per cent, and the price of diesel by about 0.51 yuan per litre, or 9.6 per cent, said the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) in a statement on its Web site. It was the third oil price adjustment this year. On May 31, the NDRC raised the pump prices of gasoline and diesel by 400 yuan per tonne, or 7 per cent and 8 per cent, respectively.

The adjustment was in response to “recent international oil price fluctuation” under the country’s new fuel pricing mechanism, as international crude prices kept rising, said the statement. According to the new mechanism, China’s domestic prices are to be “indirectly linked” to global crude prices “in a controlled manner”.

Under the pricing mechanism, China would consider changing benchmark retail prices of oil products when the international crude price rises or falls by a daily average of 4 per cent over 22 working days in a row.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Panama seizes over a ton of cocaine

PANAMA CITY, 1 July—Panama officials have seized over a ton of cocaine, the National Police said on Tuesday.

The shipment was found under the false floor of an articulated truck in Anton, a municipality 135 kilometres west of the capital Panama City, the police said, adding that the drug’s packaging was marked with panda bears, triangles and the number 88.

The Police said the operation was in a joint Monday operation with the Drug Prosecutors Office, six Panamanians and a Nicaraguan were arrested at the scene. Police also seized 30,000 dollars in cash, and a sedan vehicle during the operation.

Cocaine found in Panama is usually on its way from Peru, Colombia and Bolivia, where all the

world’s cocaine is grown, to the United States, which ties with Spain for the largest per capital consumption rate. Panama seized 55 tons of the drug during 2008. —*MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese media gather to cover the first ticket sales for 2010’s World Expo in Shanghai. Tickets went on sale Wednesday for next year’s World Expo in Shanghai, where China once again plans to showcase its growing global importance by staging the most extravagant World’s Fair ever.—INTERNET

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (93909)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO (93909) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 2.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws 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 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST**  
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIA INNOVATOR VOY NO (5) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 2.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of NO. (6) SULE PAGODA WHARF where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws 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 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 Claim Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER LTD**  
Phone No: 256924/256914

**COMPLETION OF MARRIAGE**

**Maung Win Lwin**

son of U Ko Ko Gyi, Managing Director (AMTK Co., Ltd) and Daw Than Yee, residing at Pabedan Township, Yangon Division.

**and  
Ma Nwe Nwe Win, B.Sc (Physics)**  
(AMTK Co., Ltd.)

daughter of U Win Kyi, Assistant Chief Engineer (Retired) and Daw Kyin Than, residing at Ahlone Township, Yangon Division were married with the consent of both parents on (4.6.2009) in Bangkok, Thailand.

Both Parents and

**Maung Win Lwin+Ma Nwe Nwe Win**

**Bank Holiday**

All Banks will be closed on 6<sup>th</sup> July (Monday) 2009, Full Moon of Waso being public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

**Central Bank of Myanmar**

*A crane at a construction site in central Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia has announced measures to liberalise the economy as it heads into recession, winding back a decades-old policy of positive discrimination for Malays.—INTERNET*



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2 Tender documents are available at our office starting from 29.6.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291994, 95-1-291985.

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*Trucks parked at the southern port of Busan, South Korea. The country's trade surplus reached a record 7.4 billion dollars in June after exports fell at a slower-than-expected pace, government figures have shown.—INTERNET*

**South Sudan fighting sparks fear of wider conflict**

NASIR, 1 July—Thick lines of sweat run down the face of Peter Gatwech as he clutches the dressing around the bullet hole in his belly.

"I was hit by the guns of the soldiers when we were fighting," said the 24-year old cattle keeper from the Jikany branch of the Nuer people, his voice quivering with pain. The young man is one of 33 wounded from the latest round of vicious fighting in southern Sudan who have received treatment in the hospital in Nasir, an impoverished town of mud and thatch huts in Upper Nile state. "They were sending supplies to the Luo, and we had to stop them," he added, referring to a rival Nuer people whose lands border Jikany territory.

Gatwech was with several hundred armed Jikany men who launched an attack in mid-June on a river convoy of 30 barges carrying United Nations food aid, killing at least 40 of the 150 southern soldiers acting as its escort.—Internet

**Beijing Olympics assets auctions collect 28 m USD**

BEIJING, 1 July—The last auction of Beijing Olympic assets closed on Tuesday, bringing the total deals to 189 million yuan (27.7 mill US dollars), an increment of 260 percent from the evaluation price.

Seventy-six items, including sofas and seats at the chairman platform in the Bird's Nest, or the National Stadium, were sold for 563,000 yuan Tuesday. The Beijing Equity Exchange have sold out more than 700,000 items from the 2008 Games at 25 auctions in nearly a year, including furniture, household appliance and properties at the Games's opening ceremony.—Internet

**Over 3,330 children treated dengue fever for first 6 months of this year**

PHNOM PENH, 1 July—Cambodia's dengue fever is a serious problem for children because most infected cases have been occurred on children, official of Health Ministry said on Wednesday.

"We has been treated 3,333 children infected with dengue and other ten have been killed by the hemorrhagic fever so far this year," said Ngan Chantha, director of anti-dengue fever department of Health Ministry. "It increased sharply compared with the total cases last year, when there were only 1811 child cases and 23 children died last year," he said, adding that "we have to enhance education and public campaign on the dengue to raise awareness among our people in rural and urban areas."

The local community has to be careful with children because the rainy season is starting now. It will be easy for the mosquitoes to lay eggs in the water jar. The tiger mosquito is a gent from water-born virus beating the children that caused to have dengue fever. They have to clean areas surrounding their houses, and children should sleep in net, he said.—Internet

**Second Russian cargo spaceship undocks from ISS**

MOSCOW, 1 July—The Russian cargo spaceship Progress M-02M undocked from the International Space Station (ISS) and began autonomous flight, the Mission Control Center outside Moscow said on Tuesday.

The cargo spaceship loaded with refuse collected aboard the ISS undocked from the station in an automatic mode at around 22:30 Moscow time (1830 GMT), the *Itar-Tass* news agency reported, citing a source from the flight control center.

The freighter will help the ISS crew to test the new docking unit on 12 July. The spaceship has little fuel left due to the test, said the source.

The freighter will then take part in several scientific experiments and splash down into a designated area in the Pacific Ocean.

Once the spacecraft left, the Soyuz TMA-14 manned spaceship will move from the Zvezda service module to the Pirs module, which is slated for early July.

Internet

## Study says Tunguska explosion caused by comet

ITHACA, 1 July —US scientists say research involving the exhaust plume from a NASA space shuttle launch suggests the 1908 Tunguska explosion was caused by a comet.

The mysterious explosion leveled 830 square miles of Siberian forest and a cause has never been determined. But Cornell University researchers say findings from their study indicated the explosion was nearly certainly

caused by a comet entering the Earth's atmosphere.

"It's almost like putting together a 100-year-old murder mystery," said Professor Michael Kelley, who led the study. "The evidence is pretty strong that the Earth was hit by a comet in 1908."

The researchers contend the massive amount of water vapor spewed into the atmosphere by the comet's

icy nucleus was caught by high-energy eddies in a process called two-dimensional turbulence, which explains why noctilucent clouds formed a day later many thousands of miles away.

Noctilucent clouds are the Earth's highest clouds, forming naturally in the mesosphere at about 55 miles over the polar regions during the summer months.

Internet



Two buses drive in deep rainwater on a flooded street in Wuhan, capital city of central China's Hubei Province, on 30 June, 2009. The city has been hit by seasonal summer rainfalls for days. —INTERNET



A small herd of cattle poses on a dry pasture in the Canadian prairie near Rockyford, Alberta, on 30 June, 2009. Canadian farmers and ranchers are struggling with their crops and livestock across Western Canada due to extremely dry conditions, according to national media reports. —INTERNET

## Purple sweet potato may fight cancer

MANHATTAN, 1 July—A US researcher says a specially cultivated purple sweet potato may help fight cancer.

Soyoung Lim of Kansas State University in Manhattan in Kansas says the Kansas-developed sweet potato has purple flesh high in anthocyanin — a flavanoid responsible for red/blue pigment that may have an anti-cancer effect. "Sometimes we can find purple sweet potatoes in the grocery store, but they don't have this purple color on the skin and inside," Lim said in a statement.

Lim extracted and compared pigments from three kinds of sweet potatoes. The Kansas potato had significantly higher anthocyanin contents compared to the others.

The analysis also found two derivatives of anthocyanin were dominant — cyanidin and peonidin — which Lim used to treat human colon cancer cells.

Cyanidin and peonidin showed significant cell growth inhibition for the cancer cells, but no significant changes in the cell cycle, Lim says.

Internet

## H1N1 influenza shifted to younger people

TEMPE, 1 July—The newest strain of the H1N1 influenza reveals an age shift toward a younger population compared with seasonal influenza, US researchers say.

The researchers say 87 percent of the deaths and 71 percent of the cases of severe pneumonia occurred in people ages 5-59.

"The data show that the vast majority of cases

of severe pneumonia and deaths occurred among those ages 5-59, which is atypical when compared with the age pattern supported by seasonal flu," one of the researchers, Gerardo Chowell-Puente of Arizona State University, said in a statement. "If resources or vaccine supplies are limited, focusing prevention efforts on these age classes must be considered." —Internet

## More than two thousand new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 1 July—A European health agency said Tuesday that 2006 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 1,687 were confirmed in Britain, 176 in Spain, 49 in France, 29 in Germany, 23 in Cyprus, nine in Finland, five in Switzerland, four respectively in Slovakia, Portugal and Greece, three respectively in Austria, Denmark and Romania, two respectively in Ireland and Hungary, one respectively in Sweden, Poland and Belgium, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries rose to 8,179, with 717 cases in Spain and 5,937 in Britain, 288 in France and 417 in Germany, the ECDC said.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about A/H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries. —Internet

## Thailand's total number of A/H1N1 patients rises to 1,473

BANGKOK, 1 July—Thailand's Public Health Ministry on Wednesday announced 59 more patients, who are confirmed to have infected with the A/H1N1 flu virus, bringing the country's total number to 1,473.

Of the total new confirmed cases, 41 are students and two others had just returned from overseas visits, Public Health Minister Witthaya Kaewparadai said, Thai language news agency INN reported.

The 12 others are domestically infected patients, while officials are investigating the origin of the illness of another four A/H1N1-virus-contracted patients, he said. Of the total 1,473 confirmed cases, 1,448 have already recovered, while 22 others are still treated in hospitals, he said. —Internet

## Doctor says peanut butter can be healthy

BOSTON, 1 July.—A Boston doctor says eating peanut butter can be a healthy choice.

Dr Walter Willett of the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston says the presence of some saturated fat doesn't automatically kick peanut butter into the camp of "unhealthy foods."

"Olive oil, wheat

germ, and even tofu — all considered to be 'healthy' foods — have some saturated fat," Willett says in a statement.

"It's the whole package of nutrients, not just one or two, that determines how good a particular food is for health."

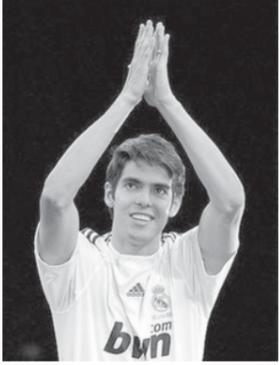
Peanut butter has nutrients including fiber and some vitamins and minerals — especially potassium. Unsalted peanut butter has a terrific potassium-to-sodium ratio, which counters the harmful cardiovascular effects of a sodium surplus, Willett says. Even salted peanut butter still has about twice as much potassium as sodium. Internet



A citizen wearing a mask walks at the subway station in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 30 June. A health emergency was declared in the city and province of Buenos Aires to prevent A/H1N1 flu from fast spreading. INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Football fans at Real welcome Kaka



Real Madrid new player Brazilian midfielder Kaka thanks supporters during his official presentation at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.

INTERNET

MADRID, 1 July—Real Madrid's new 'Galactico' signing Kaka received a

triumphant welcome from tens of thousands of fans as he was presented at the club's stadium on Tuesday.

"I want to write my name into the history of this club," the Brazilian midfielder told the crowd at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in the Spanish Capital. Kaka showed off his new "number eight" shirt, which he took over from Argentinian Fernando Gago, who now takes the "number five." The Brazilian, whose full name is Ricardo Izecson Dos Santos Leite, was signed for 65 million euros from AC Milan in early June.—*Internet*

## Burnley pay record fee for Scottish star Fletcher

LONDON, 1 July—Scottish international striker Steven Fletcher became newly-promoted English Premier League side Burnley's record signing on Tuesday when they agreed a 3million pounds fee with Scottish club Hibernian.

The 22-year-old - capped four times and named young player of the year for last season - had been a target of Hibernian's Scottish Premier League rivals Celtic back in January but it had been turned down.

Burnley - who earlier on Tuesday signed defender Tyrone Mears for 500,000 pounds from Championship side Derby County - confirmed the capture of Fletcher on their website. "The highly-rated 22-year-old has agreed a four-year deal at Turf Moor."

Fletcher's fee is double the previous record outlay when they signed Martin Paterson and Chris Eagles for 1.5million pounds apiece last year.—*Internet*

## Wolves snap up record signing Doyle

LONDON, 1 July—Republic of Ireland international striker Kevin Doyle became newly-promoted English Premier League side Wolves record signing on Tuesday as they paid 6.5million pounds to Reading for him.

The 25-year-old has been a prolific scorer for Reading in the Championship but even his 18 goals were not enough to gain them promotion to the Premier League last season.

"Wolves were the first club that came in and settled things with Reading and so they were the first club I spoke to," he told the Wolves website.

"I was expecting a long summer but Wolves were in straightaway," added Doyle who signed a four year contract with them.

Doyle, who has previous Premier League experience with Reading for two seasons scoring 21 goals, is the third signing of the close season by former Republic of Ireland manager Mick McCarthy.

McCarthy stepped in for Serbian midfielder Nenad Milijas - spending 3million euros on him from Red Star Belgrade - and former Reading goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann, who arrived on a free transfer.

## Rovers snap up promising French teenager

LONDON, 1 July—Promising young French midfielder Steven N'Zonzi became English Premier League side Blackburn Rovers fourth signing of the close season on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old signed from Amiens on a four year deal - no transfer fee was revealed.

His signing comes just 24 hours after veteran Danish international defender Lars Jacobsen signed with them - French defender Gael Givet and midfielder Elrio van Heerden are the other new arrivals this summer.

Experienced Dutch international striker Ruud van Nistelrooy - presently with Real Madrid - is another potential signing for the club as they recently saw Paraguayan striker Roque Santa Cruz leave for Manchester City where he rejoins his former Rovers boss Mark Hughes.—*Internet*

## United net Valencia



Ecuadorian football player Antonio Valencia

MANCHESTER, 1 July—Manchester United said on Tuesday they have signed Wigan winger Antonio Valencia on a four-year contract for a fee believed to be in the region of 16 million pounds (22 million dollars). "Joining Manchester United is a dream come true for me," the 23-year-old Ecuadoran told

the club website www.manutd.com.

"I have enjoyed my time at Wigan, but I am thrilled to have the chance to challenge for the biggest honours in club football here," he added.

"Playing in front of 76,000 fans alongside players like Wayne Rooney, Rio Ferdinand and Ryan Giggs will be an amazing experience. I can't wait to get started."

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has been a fan of Valencia, who spent two seasons with Wigan and helped turn the club into an established top flight side.

"Antonio is a player we have admired for some time now, having spent the last two years in the Premier League with Wigan," Ferguson said.

INTERNET



Republic of Ireland's Kevin Doyle (left) vies for the ball with Cyprus's Elias Charalambous during their 2010 World Cup qualifying match at Croke Park in Dublin in 2008.—INTERNET

INTERNET

## Mum's the word as Dementieva reaches Wimbledon last four



Russia's Elena Dementieva celebrates after beating Italy's Francesca Schiavone 6-2, 6-2, in the 2009 Wimbledon Tennis Championships quarter-finals at the All England Tennis Club.—INTERNET

LONDON, 1 July—Elena Dementieva saluted her mother for coaching her to the top after the fourth seed eased into the Wimbledon semi-finals for the second

successive year with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over unseeded Italian Francesca Schiavone on Tuesday.

Dementieva, the world number four, has been coached by her mother Vera for most of her professional career and the Russian believes she would never have made an impact on the tour without such close family support.

"To have my mom with me all the time is the biggest support. I just feel very lucky to have her with me all the time," Dementieva said.

"She's been coaching me for such a long time and she knows me better than anyone else. She knows exactly what I need. It feels great to be with her."

INTERNET

## I'm No. 1, no question - Safina

LONDON, 1 July—Dinara Safina insisted nobody could now question her world number one status as she made it into the Wimbledon semi-finals.

The Russian, who has never won a Grand Slam title, has now reached at least the semi-finals in all of the last four majors and is adamant that fact alone proves she has consistently been a top player over the last 12 months.

And she insisted she had the "weapons" to shoot down defending champion Venus Williams in the semi-finals.



Dinara Safina

The top seed reached the Wimbledon last four for the first time on Tuesday with a 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 6-1 win over unseeded German teenager Sabine Lisicki.

INTERNET

## Serena steamrollers Azarenka for Wimbledon semi spot

LONDON, 1 July—Second seed Serena Williams reached the Wimbledon semi-finals on Tuesday with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Belarusian eighth seed Victoria Azarenka.

The 2002 and 2003 champion, who is yet to drop a set at Wimbledon this year, was rarely troubled as she wrapped up victory inside an hour and 13 minutes on Centre Court.

The 27-year-old American will face Russian fourth seed Elena Dementieva for a place in the final.

Azarenka, 19, beat Williams in the Miami final in April — their last clash — but Williams held an overall 2-1 lead going into the Wimbledon quarter-final.

Williams raced through the first set, taking it in 26 minutes.—*Internet*



A sunflower field is seen near the small town of Berg in Lower Austria.

INTERNET

## Weapons found in northern Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 1 July—The military in Sri Lanka said on Tuesday that two torpedoes and a launcher buried by the Tamil Tiger rebels have been found in the north by the government troops.

Officials from the Ministry of Defence said the two large scale torpedoes and the launcher were unearthed by the troops in Puthukkudiyiruppu, the last LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) stronghold in the northern battle field. The torpedoes are 26 feet (about 7.92 metres) long and the launcher is 28 feet (about 8.53 metres) long, said the officials, adding that they had been kept underground in four different pits.

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse announced last month that the LTTE had been totally defeated with all the 15,000-square-kilometres territory formerly held by the rebels being recaptured by the government troops.

About 300,000 Tamil civilians displaced by the final battles between the government troops and the LTTE are now being housed in scores of camps in the northern Vavuniya and Jaffna districts.—MNA/Xinhua

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (2-7-2009) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

#### Local Transmission

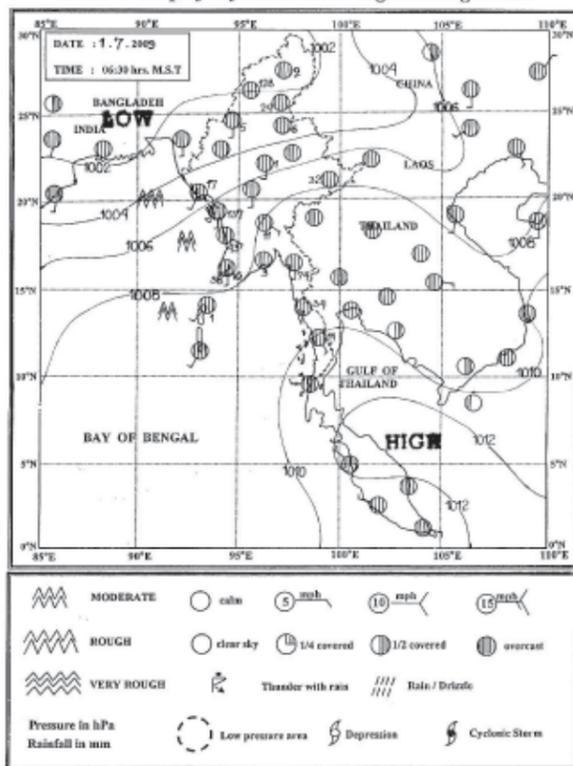
- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* The City of the Kalay to Tamu, border Town
- \* Wheat Handicraft Toys
- \* Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- \* Nurturing of New Generation
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Let's Go and Enjoy Nature's Beauty
- \* Folk Art of Pottery
- \* Versatile Toddy Palms
- \* Let's play "Chinlone"
- \* Upcountry Farmland abundant in Paddy
- \* Beauty of the Women of Myanmar
- \* Treasure Farmland
- \* Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-I)
- \* Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
- \* The City of the Kalay to Tamu, border Town
- \* Wheat Handicraft Toys
- \* Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- \* Nurturing of New Generation
- \* Naga Traditional Cultural Showroom
- \* Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-II)
- \* The Walking-sticks Industry of Ywalut Village
- \* Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Inlay, Southern Shan State)
- \* Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv 3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 1 July, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.83) inch, Kyaukpyu (6.45) inches, Hkamti (5.03) inches, Mawlamyine (4.34) inches, Gwa (4.29) inches, Chaungson (3.46) inches, Thaton (3.19) inches, paung (2.76) inches, Hpa-an (2.67) inches and Aunglan (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-6-2009 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 1-7-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-7-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hour on 30-6-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 1-7-2009 was (1.02) inches at Mingaladon, (1.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.15) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (37.72) inches at Mingaladon, (43.11) inches at Kaba-Aye and (48.35) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 30-6-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009:** Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama and Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally strong monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-7-2009:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-7-2009:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-7-2009:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday, 2 July  
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

5. Dance Variety

8:10 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

7. "မြို့ကြီးသားယဉ်ကျေးမှု"

8:40 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 am

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. Dance of National Races

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

4:55 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. သူရွေးသိရာတေးကဗျာ

5:20 pm

8. Cute Little Dancers

5:30 pm

9. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "တန်ပြန်ပိုးနည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁) (စိုးရန်အောင်၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:50 pm

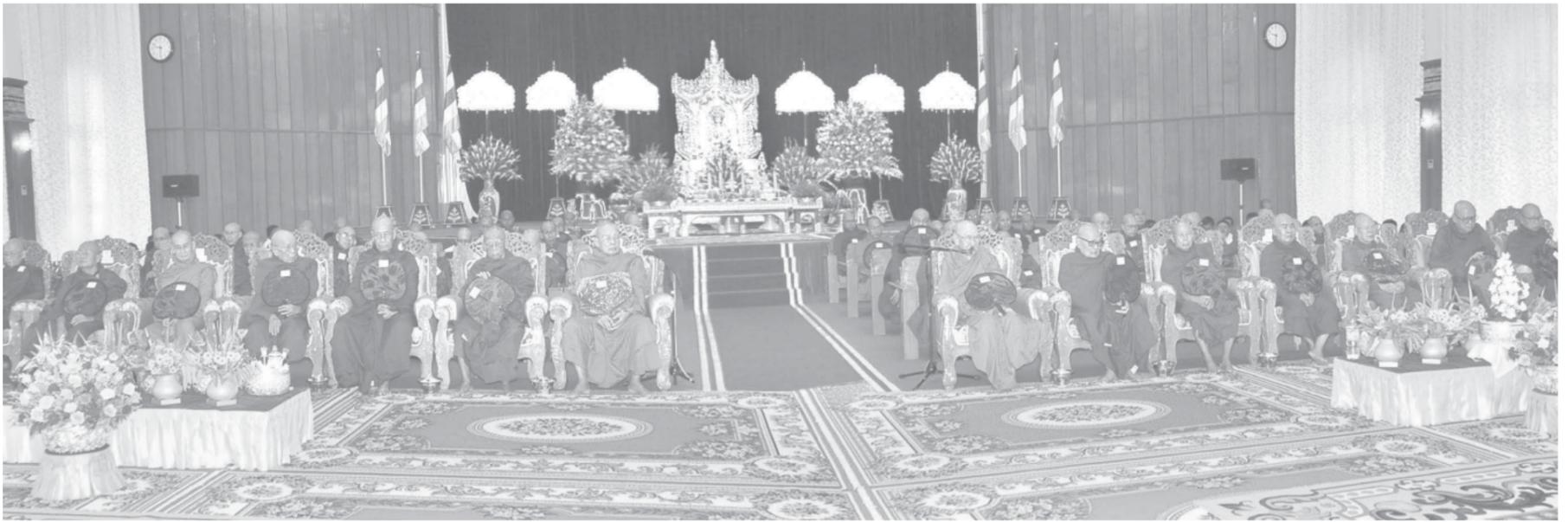
14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:00 pm

16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၃၆)



Congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing receive Five Precepts from Chairman Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.—MNA



## Villages of Bago Division have easy access to modern communications

Article and photos:  
*Reporter Peinzalok Thein Nyunt*



Phayagyi Village microwave station on Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway in Bago Township.

The government is working hard to ensure equitable development of urban and rural areas throughout the country. As part of the drive, it is putting many projects into effect to improve the communication sector. Now, the nation has seen proportionate development in terms of communication in urban and rural areas, states and divisions and border areas.

During our recent tour of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs of Bago in Bago Division, we interviewed the manager of Bago Division MPT. When asked about communications and organizational set-up, he said that Bago Division MPT was

composed of three sectors: post, telegraph and telephone.

In respect of the post sector, he said that Bago Division had 41 full-time post offices, 17 part-time post offices, and 13 village representing post offices, totalling 71; that Express Mail Service (EMS) was available in Bago, Nyaunglebin, Pyu and Toungoo townships; that the Domestic Express Mail Service Track and Trace Project had been launched in 26 townships since 1 May 2009, and then domestic express mail service track and trace for Bago Division was used in Bago and Toungoo offices only.

Express Money Order for Bago Division was available in 11 townships—Bago, Phayagyi, (See page 10)

## 1,045,192 acres in Ayeyawady Division put under monsoon paddy

YANGON, 1 July—A total of 1,045,192 acres had been put under monsoon paddy in Ayeyawady Division up to 30 June, and continued efforts are being made to meet the targeted acres of monsoon paddy in the division.—MNA

## Basic Nursing and Elder Care Course concludes

YANGON, 1 July—The Basic Nursing and Elder Care Course No. 2 of Hninzigon Home for the Aged concluded at the Home on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Chairman of the Executive Committee U Kyaw Shein made a speech and presented completion certificates to 13 trainees.

The opening ceremony of the course No. 3 followed. Altogether 20 trainees are attending the six-month course.

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