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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects regional development tasks in Thanlyin, Kyauktan Townships

YANGON, 14 July – Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe attended the opening ceremony of Nyaung Waing creek crossing bridge built by the Ministry of Transport in Nyaung Waing Village in Kyauktan Township of Yangon South District this morning.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspects breeding of crabs at Crabs World Co Ltd in Kyauktan.—MNA

Swa Chaung Bridge expedites commodity flow



Swa Chaung Bridge spanning Swa Creek in Yedashe township.

By Painzaloke Thein Nyunt

As part of efforts for equitable development across the country, the government has constructed bridges and roads. Bridges spanning rivers and creeks along Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway have mushroomed to show the genuine goodwill of the government.

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The only thing that is delaying our economy is sanctions. Lifting those sanctions will help our economy improve. Of course, there will be benefits in a matter of two or three months.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Create healthy and happy environment through reproductive health

At present, all the nations are making efforts in their drive for alleviating poverty and enhancing the health standard. In line with the United Nations' millennium goal, concerted efforts are being made for reducing the mortality rate of children under five, bringing about better health care for pregnant women, control of HIV/AIDS and introducing reproductive health.

Under the national health policy, priority is being given to bringing about better reproductive health. In that regard, the five-year plan (2004-2008) was laid down and implemented. The five-year plan for 2009-2013 has been drawn and is being implemented.

Reproductive health plays a pivotal role in the development of human resources, and each and every mother should pay attention to it. The Ministry of Health in cooperation with the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association is extensively engaged in maternal and child health care services the length and breadth of the nation.

Meanwhile, steps are being taken for uplift of the education standards of children who are the future generations. Moreover, the respective departments are making efforts to reach this end.

Being a member of the international community, Myanmar is trying its utmost for successful realization of the United Nations' millennium goal, and at such a time, all are to do their bit in instilling knowledge on reproductive health into the public. Only then, will the creation of healthy and happy environment be possible.



Head of Township Police Force U Min Han presents cash and stationery to a student at stipend-providing ceremony at the office of Head of Aungmyaythazan Township Police Force in Mandalay on 30 June.—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

Secure and better communication tasks discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—A coordination meeting on ensuring secure and better communication tasks was held at International Overseas Communication Station in Mayangon Township on 11 July.

Chief Engineers reported on the project to install wireless auto-telephones in Yangon and Mandalay, extended installation of mobile telephones, establishment of trunk-call communication links and

installation of auto-telephones.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw fulfilled the requirements on better communications of mobile telephones, trunk-call lines and auto-telephones. The minister inspected Mayangon Overseas Exchange and Shwegondine Mobile Communication Station, and attended to the needs.—MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back after talks on Myanmar labour affairs in Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back from Thailand yesterday after participating in the meeting on nationality verification on Myanmar labourers in Thailand and recruiting new Myanmar labourers to Thailand.

Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint attended the press conference on nationality verification on Myanmar labourers in Thailand and legally recruiting Myanmar labourers at

Heritage Grand Convention in Ranong.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and Labour Minister of Thailand Mr Phaitoon Kaeothong also held a meeting with Thai businessmen at Thavorn Grand Hotel in Phuket on 11 July.

The Myanmar delegation attended a ceremony to hand over office equipment to the temporary passport issuance camp in Kawthoung, Myanmar, held at the camp on 10 July.

MNA



Deputy Minister U Maung Myint meeting with Thai entrepreneurs at Thavorn Grand Plaza Hotel in Phuket.—FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Diploma in Software Engineering Course to be launched

YANGON, 14 July—With the development of Information Technology, opportunities for skillful software engineers are booming and their skills also play key role in IT field.

Myanmar Professionals Education Centre will launch Diploma in Software Engineering course with the aim of turning out qualified software engineers. The course comprising six main subjects related to software engineering and an applied project will last nine months. Any persons that have computer basic

knowledge may enrol on the diploma course.

Those who completed course can join IT industry as a skillful software engineer and also take up Bachelor Degree.

Any student who passed matriculation examination may attend the diploma course and MPEC will give special programme for 2009 matriculation passed students.

For further information, contact No 112, room (11,12), 8 miles, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon, Ph: (668779, 668259, 650124).—MNA

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Myanmar Professionals Education Centre

A man looks at a destroyed vehicle after a bombing in Mosul, 360 kilometres (225 miles) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 July, 2009.

INTERNET



Roadside bomb kills district police chief, 3 guards in west of Afghan capital

KABUL, 14 July—A road bomb struck police van in Wardak Province 35 km west of Afghan capital Kabul Monday, killing a police officer and wounding three others, spokesman for provincial administration Shahidullah Shahid said.

“Mohammad Rajab, commander of police in Jalriz district, was onway to provincial capital Maidan when a mine planted by Taleban militants struck his vehicle in Ismaelkhil area, killing him and three of his bodyguards on the spot,” Shahid told *Xinhua*.

Meantime, Taleban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility, adding that five police including their commander were killed in the blast. The militants have intensified their activities mostly in the shape of suicide and roadside bombings against government interests since early this year.—*Internet*

Nigerian rebels take ‘oil war’ into Lagos

LAGOS, 14 July—Nigerian rebels took their ‘oil war’ with the government into Lagos, killing at least five people in their first ever attack on Africa’s biggest city on the eve of the release of their leader from jail.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) claimed the overnight attack on the main Atlas Cove oil depot Cove which reverberated across the city of 16 million people.

It came hours before one of MEND’s top leaders, Henry Okah, was freed by a court which dropped treason charges against him as part of an amnesty deal.

“All the charges against him have been withdrawn, he is a free man,” Okah’s lawyer Femi Falana told *AFP*. Okah told reporters he was happy to be free before being whisked away by officials to finalise release formalities.

Justice Minister Michael Aondoakaa was in court in the central city of Jos to withdraw the charges against the MEND leader, who had been held for 20 months for gun-running. His release had been one of the rebels’ main demands.—*Internet*



A large multi-wheeled truck stands in a vertical position after several cranes collapsed at a metro rail construction site in New Delhi, India, on 13 July, 2009.—INTERNET



Foreign forces’ helicopter crashes in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 14 July—A military helicopter used by foreign troops crashed on Tuesday in Afghanistan’s southern Helmand Province, scene of a massive operation by US Marines, officials said.

A spokesman for the British military in Helmand, part of the NATO-led force, confirmed the crash, but could not give details about a cause or casualties.

“We are aware of an incident involving a non-British military helicopter in Helmand Province,” Lieutenant-Colonel Nick Richardson told *Reuters* by phone from the province. An investigation had been launched to determine the cause of the crash in Sangin district, he said. The Taleban, leading the insurgency against foreign troops and the Afghan government, said the militant group had shot down a Chinook helicopter in Helmand.—*Internet*

Two expatriate fire fighters look at the burst oil pipelines belonging to the corporation at the Atlas Cove in Lagos, destroyed with dynamite by the Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta overnight.

INTERNET

House, Senate consider CIA probes

WASHINGTON, 14 July—The US House Intelligence Committee is considering whether to investigate charges the CIA hid a spy programme from Congress, congressional aides said. Committee Chairman Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, sent a letter on Monday to Rep Peter Hoekstra, R-

Mich, the ranking Republican on the committee, asking his opinion on whether an investigation should be undertaken, *Politico* reported on Monday.

The New York Times reported late Monday the programme in question — in development since shortly after the 11 Sept, 2001, terror attacks — would have had the CIA send small teams to other nations to kill senior al-Qaeda figures. Citing present and former government officials, the newspaper said the plans

were never specific and were never executed.

The push for a congressional inquiry comes after an article appearing in Saturday’s *Times* that former Vice President Dick Cheney directed CIA leaders to withhold information from Congress. The newspaper said CIA Director Leon Panetta notified members of the House and Senate intelligence panels in June that Cheney ordered information about a surveillance programme be withheld from Congress.—*Internet*

Six injured in second incident at Delhi Metro construction site in two days

NEW DELHI, 14 July—At least six people were injured on Monday in a second incident on the same Delhi Metro construction site in southern New Delhi on Monday in two days on end, said police.

Two cranes toppled while clearing the debris at the same metro railway accident site which saw one day earlier six people killed and some 20 injured, a senior police official said. “The two cranes were lifting a launcher which was entangled in the crumbled section of the under construction overbridge that collapsed on Sunday at Lajpat Nagar in south Delhi. The cranes suddenly lost balance and toppled, injuring six people. The injured have been rushed to the hospital,” the official said. Meanwhile, Delhi’s Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit said that the state government had rejected the resignation of the Metro Rail chief E Sreedharan, who quit owing moral responsibility for the incident on Sunday.—*Internet*

US-Mexico border wall may hurt wildlife

TUCSON, 14 July—US biologists say the 700-mile security wall under construction along the United States-Mexico border could significantly threaten wildlife.

The scientists said the wall would alter the movement and “connectivity” of wildlife and the animals’ potential isolation might be a threat to populations of some species.

But the researchers said technology and design alterations could dramatically improve the potential for animals to move more freely between the two countries. Oregon State University Assistant Professor Clinton Epps and University of Arizona biologist Aaron Flesch looked at the potential effects of the security wall on two species — the pygmy owl and big-horn sheep.—*Internet*

A United States Border Patrol vehicle cruises along the primary and secondary fence line on the Tijuana, Mexico border in San Diego, on 20 December, 2007. The area has been the site of alleged increased violence against the Border Patrol. —INTERNET





Cranes load containers at the Tollerort terminal in Hamburg. The slump in global trade has already hit its lowest ebb and German trade should also begin to perk up in the coming months, a press report said, citing a study from a major German industry body.—INTERNET

S Korea's industrial power sales increase in June

SEOUL, 14 July—The South Korean government said on Tuesday that its industrial power sales marked an on-year increase of 1.1 percent in June mostly due to demand expansion in the oil refining and semiconductor industries.

According to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, the industrial power consumption increase can be attributed to a rise in energy-intensive industries' demand, more working days, and slight improvements in exports.

Sales to oil refineries and semiconductor firms advanced 10.3 percent and 3.1 percent on year in June, respectively, the ministry said.

In addition, compared to the same period last year, there were 1.5 more working days, which, together with an improving export condition, contributed to a rise in energy sales.—*Internet*



File photo shows a Shanghai Airlines passenger jet landing at Beijing airport. China Eastern Airlines has said it would acquire rival Shanghai Airlines through a 8.9-billion-yuan (1.3 billion dollars) share swap and raise seven billion yuan in a private share placement.—INTERNET

Bankers have positive perception on Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 July — Indonesian bankers have positive perception on the country's credit and liquidity risks, implicating to acceleration of decreasing interest rates, the *Kompas* daily reported on Tuesday, quoting a survey by Bank Indonesia in the second quarter this year, the central bank.

The survey showed the bankers had predicted that

interest rates of working capital would be at 11.64 percent in the end of 2009, compared with 12.75 percent in the same survey conducted in the first quarter, down 111 basis points.

Tony Prasentiantono, the head of economist in PT Bank BNI Tbk, the third biggest government bank, said that there were many factors that influenced business players, including bankers, to be

optimistic on the economic prospect.

He said that almost all economic indicators in the second quarter were better compared to the previous one. The data of inflation, economic growth and forex reserves kept showing positive development.—*Internet*

US deficit hits \$1 trillion for the year

WASHINGTON, 14 July —The US budget deficit so far this fiscal year was pushed over the \$1 trillion mark in June, the Treasury Department said on Monday.

The federal government took in \$215.3 billion last month but spent \$309.6 billion for another \$94.3 billion in red ink that brought the year-to-date total to a record \$1.08 trillion, Market Watch reported.

The government spent

\$189.7 billion more than it took in May. A year ago, the federal deficit was \$285.8 billion at this stage of the fiscal year.

The Obama administration had projected a \$1.84 trillion shortfall by the end of the fiscal year in September but that projection could be low. The administration forecasts a \$1.26 trillion deficit for

the next fiscal year.

CNNMoney.com reported some economists and the Congressional Budget Office had forecast a \$97 billion shortfall for June. But the \$94.3 billion was still the largest ever for the month and the first time there has been a deficit in June since 1991, CNNMoney.com said.—*Internet*

Singapore revises upward economy forecast

SINGAPORE, 14 July—Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) announced on Tuesday that it expects the country's economy to contract by 4.0 to 6.0 percent in 2009.

The new forecast is an upward revision from the contraction of 6.0 to 9.0 percent that it had forecast on 14 April this year.

The MTI said in a statement that the revised forecast reflects "upward revision in first quarter performance, spike in biomedical manufacturing output leading to improved second quarter performance, and subdued outlook for the rest of the year."

The MTI also said that the country's real GDP rose by 20.4 percent in the second quarter compared to the first quarter on a seasonally-adjusted annualized basis, a sharp improvement from the 12.7 percent contraction experienced in the previous quarter.—*Internet*

Mexican fixed investment in April falls 17.8% over a year earlier

MEXICO CITY, 14 July—The fixed investment in Mexico declined 17.8 percent in April year-on-year, and nearly 2 percent over the previous month, the country's national statistics agency reported on Monday.

The report said machinery investment fell 30.2 percent, and home-made equipment declined 27.5 percent. Construction activity reported an 8.5- percent drop over a year earlier, but recovered a slender 1.1- percent from March.

Battered by a double whammy of a collapse in exports to the United States and domestic credit crunch, the Mexican economy has been suffering a steep recession, declining 8 percent from a year earlier during the first quarter.—*Internet*

Oil prices continue to fall on economic concerns

NEW YORK, 14 July—Oil prices continued to fall on Monday as investors were worried about the future of global economy.

Light, sweet crude for August delivery ended 20 cents lower at 59.69 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, despite the gains in the equities market and a weaker dollar. The con-

tract earlier fell to an intra-day low of 58.32 dollars a barrel, the lowest since mid-May.

The oil market was dragged lower by gasoline and heating oil on Monday as analysts predicted the gasoline inventories would rise for the fifth straight week. Meanwhile, supplies of distillate, including heat-

ing oil and diesel, were believed to rise again after touching a 24-year high in the week ended 3 July, which smashed investors' hope for a quick demand pickup along with the economic recovery.

In London, Brent crude for August delivery rose 17 cents to settle at 60.69 dollars a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.—*Internet*



Containers stacked up at the South Korean port of Busan. The country posted a record trade surplus in June as the value of imports fell more than exports amid the global recession, government figures have shown.—INTERNET

Japanese real estate giant invests in Sino-Singapore project

TIANJIN, 14 July—A Japanese real estate giant signed on Monday a Memorandum of Understanding on a 3-billion-yuan investment in the Sino-Singapore Eco-City in north China's Tianjin with the project's developer.

Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd will spend the money, equal to about 440 million US dollars, on a land of 40 hectares to build a high-end waterfront residential community in the eco-city in the Binhai New Area of Tianjin, according to the MoU between the Japanese company and the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Investment and Development Co Ltd (TEID).

The community, designed to be auto-free, is expected to be completed by 2013. TEID President Wu Caiwen said the cooperation with Mitsui Fudosan marks significant progress in the eco-city's development.

The eco-city, a cooperation programme between Chinese and Singaporean governments, is 45 km away from downtown Tianjin.

The Binhai New Area was authorized by the central government in 2005 as an experimental development zone as a "new engine of growth" for north China.—Xinhua



Tourists take photos in Chengyang Bazhai Scenic spot in the Dong Ethnic Autonomous County of Sanjiang in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 12 July, 2009. The unique ethnic customs of Sanjiang County attracted so many tourists at home and abroad. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Small plane crashes in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 14 July—A small aircraft crashed during landing in northeastern Hungary on Monday, lightly injuring two people.

According to local wire service MTI, the accident happened in Polgar region, Hajdu-Bihar county. The spokesman of local ambulance service was quoted as saying that the two men who were aboard the ultralight plane were taken to a hospital in Debrecen, capital of Hajdu-Bihar county.—Xinhua

Chinese aircraft manufacturer to test fly Cessna light plane

SHENYANG, 14 July—One of China's major aircraft manufacturers Shenyang Aircraft Industry Company (SAIC) will test fly a model plane from its assembly line within this year in cooperation with American Cessna Aircraft Company.

It was revealed on Monday by the SAIC which is affiliated to the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), the country's largest aircraft maker.

The plane, L162 "Sky Catcher", is a light sport aircraft co-developed by Cessna and the SAIC for flying training and private recreation. The L162 has two seats and a normal cruising range of 722 kilometres, and costs about 111,500 US dollars.—Xinhua

US jetliner makes emergency landing after hole found in fuselage

WASHINGTON, 14 July—A US Southwest Airlines jetliner made an emergency landing in Charleston, West Virginia, Monday evening after a football-sized hole was found in its fuselage, the airline said.

The Southwest Flight 2294 landed at Yeager Airport in Charleston, after the hole caused the cabin to depressurize, Southwest spokeswoman Marilee McInnis said. The sudden drop in cabin pressure caused the plane's oxygen masks to deploy, but there was no report of injuries. The Boeing 737 was flying from Nashville, Tennessee, to Baltimore, Maryland, at the time with 126 passengers and 5 crew members aboard, McInnis said.—Xinhua



A man shows a pike perch (or Zander) on the Lake Maggiore, southern Switzerland, on 12 July, 2009. The 70-centimetre-long fish was caught on July, 2009 by Swiss police divers after it bit several bathers in Lake Maggiore, southern Switzerland. —XINHUA

Singapore surpasses annual target of recruiting 3,000 teachers

SINGAPORE, 14 July—Singapore's Ministry of Education has surpassed its annual target of recruiting 3,000 teachers this year by June, the country's Education Minister said on Monday.

Though the ministry has stepped up efforts this year, Education Minister Ng Eng Hen said that the ministry continues to be rigorous in selecting teachers and educators to ensure that only those with the passion, aptitude and com-

mitment are selected.

Speaking at the National Institute of Education's teachers' investiture, Ng emphasized that as the world is becoming increasingly complex and competitive, Singapore's education system must continue to evolve in response to these transformations, hence the recommendation to a number of changes to the primary education system.

"More teachers will be recruited to enhance pri-

mary education," he said, adding that his ministry will be moving towards "all-graduate recruitment of teachers by 2015."

He said the ministry must continually develop its existing pool of teachers to keep them abreast of the latest innovations in education practices.

This year, the ministry has offered postgraduate scholarships to 51 education officers to pursue Master's Degree or Doctorate Degree.—Xinhua

Microsoft to launch online office to compete with Google

BEIJING, 14 July—Microsoft has gone head to head with Google as it announced on Monday it is to release a free Internet based version of its Office software. The online Office will compete directly with Google's well established Docs suite which launched three years ago. Microsoft's application will include lightweight versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote when it ships next year.

The news comes after Google last week announced it was to launch a free operating system to directly compete with the software giant. But some analysts fear it may cost Microsoft an enor-

mous amount in lost revenue. *The Wall Street Journal* estimated it could "put at risk as much as 4 billion US dollars in revenue." Nevertheless it is considered to be a bold move in attempt to keep people using Microsoft products.

"The software giant has woken up," Emil Protalinski, of online blog Arcs Technica, writes. "It is promising to know that such a traditional software company is responding to the 'threat of the cloud' to its core business by embracing it." Investors appeared to like Microsoft's move and boosted shares by almost 3.8 percent higher to close at 23.23 dollars.—Xinhua

A worker fixes scaffolding on a Beijing construction site. China State Construction Engineering Corporation, the country's largest home builder, has said it hopes to raise more than 5.9 billion dollars in the biggest domestic IPO since early 2008.—XINHUA



400-billion-euro plan to pump African solar power to Europe

MUNICH, 14 July—Twelve European companies launched a 400-billion-euro (560-billion-dollar) initiative Monday to plant huge solar farms in Africa and the Middle East to produce energy for Europe.

The consortium says the massive proposal could provide up to 15 percent of Europe's electricity needs by 2050.

Engineering giants ABB and Siemens, energy groups EON and RWE and financial institutions Deutsche Bank and Munich Re are

among the companies which signed a protocol in Munich.

"Today we have taken a step forward" towards the project's realization, said Nikolaus von Bomhard, head of the reinsurance giant Munich Re, which hosted the signing.

The Desertec Industrial Initiative (DII) would build solar-power generators from Morocco to Saudi Arabia and pump electricity to Europe via undesea cables.

It would also provide a "substantial portion of

the power needs of the producer countries," the Desertec foundation said in a statement, and transform sea water into drinking and irrigation water for local populations.

Munich Re board member Torsten Jeworrek said the European companies involved had pledged to work "as equals in a sincere and fair" manner with producer countries.

Internet

Driving, text messaging ups crash risk

DETROIT, 14 July—Drivers are six times more likely to become distracted and cause an accident if they are text messaging, show Michigan State Medical Society statistics.

Dr Richard E Smith, a Detroit obstetrician/gynecologist and president of the Michigan State Medical Society, said the study by the Students Against Destructive Decisions and Liberty Mutual Insurance Group found

text messaging while driving leads the list as the biggest distraction while driving.

The recent study revealed that text-messaging while driving is "becoming as dangerous as drinking and driving in terms of inhibiting one's driving abilities," Smith said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found distracted drivers account for almost 80 percent of all US crashes and 65 percent of near-crashes.

Top distractions

among drivers are cell phone use including texting, reaching for a moving object inside the vehicle, looking at an object or event outside of the vehicle, talking with other passengers, eating, reading, applying makeup, driving angry, fidgeting with controls and loss of direction.

"Driving while changing the radio is distracting enough, let alone taking your eyes off the road to type even a short sentence or two," Smith said in a statement. "It's very dangerous."—*Internet*

Three Israelis wounded in West Bank attack

JERUSALEM, 14 July—The military says three Israelis have been wounded, one seriously, after being attacked by stone-throwing Palestinians in the West Bank.

The three were returning early on Tuesday from praying at an ancient gravesite near the town of Qalqiliya, in the northern West Bank, when they were pelted with stones from a nearby wedding celebration. The driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed.

The injured men were evacuated to an Israeli hospital where they were treated.

The military stressed that the Israelis entered the Palestinian area without a permit and without prior coordination and put themselves at great personal risk. Israelis are barred from entering the Palestinian-controlled zone without an army escort.—*Internet*

Toyota's Lexus launches first hybrid sedan in Japan

TOKYO, 14 July — Toyota's Lexus launched on Tuesday the first dedicated hybrid sedan in Japan, hoping the eco-friendly model can be a hit in the increasingly competitive auto market amid the global economic downturn.

The model, HS250h, has a hybrid-system-achieved 23.0km per liter fuel efficiency, which is exceptional for a premium sedan.

Another highlighted feature is it uses a plant-based plastic that reduces environmental impact for interior parts and components.

Lexus plans to introduce the model in North America in September.—*Internet*



A man pictured next to solar panels whose energy helps pump water into a water tower in a village in Niger, 2004.—INTERNET



This image made using a one-hour exposure by the light of a full moon shows an antique windmill, right, dwarfed by a wind turbine during the early morning hours of south of Lamar, Colo. The stars passing through the wind turbine make up the Big Dipper.

Golfer sentenced for bashing man with 6-iron

A golfer has been sentenced to 1 1/2 years in prison for bashing another player over the head with a 6-iron during a fight over slow play. The 34-year-old man, Nicholas Jay Champine, had been convicted of assault in King County Superior Court.

At Thursday's sentencing, he said he was sorry, but also claimed he was defending his brother in the clash a year ago between two groups of golfers.

The victim, 45-year-old James Compton, says he still has memory loss and headaches.

Woman who had 150 cats in NJ mansion fined \$35,000

A woman accused of keeping 150 cats in her New Jersey mansion has been ordered to pay more than \$35,000 in fines and restitution. Wanda Oughton pleaded guilty Thursday to two counts of animal cruelty for failing to provide adequate shelter. The judge in Chester Township Municipal Court also told the 62-year-old she's not allowed to own more than six cats over the next three years. Authorities in March found the cats living in urine- and feces-covered rooms in Oughton's home, once valued at \$1 million.

Oughton's lawyer Lawrence Fox told the judge the problem arose because of Oughton's love for animals and she became "overwhelmed by the situation."



'Howie-U' the clown, middle, and fellow Shriners wave to spectators from an antique fire truck during the Shriners' Imperial Parade, in San Antonio.

Briton tries to give away 52,000 euros in Spain

A drunken Briton celebrated an inheritance by trying to give it away to strangers at a Spanish airport, government-run news agency EFE reported.

The unidentified man, 59 years-old and dressed like a tramp, laughed as he started handing out a pile of 52,000 euros (45,000 pounds) in travellers' cheques and notes at Palma airport on the holiday island of Majorca before police stopped him, EFE said.

The man, who had apparently just received the money as an inheritance and had just arrived on a flight from Manchester, was bundled onto a plane back to Britain by police.

Cancer patient's luck — a big lottery win

A British cancer patient says the worst time in her life ended in a burst of luck when she was declared cancer-free and then won a big lottery jackpot.

Nicky Cusack, 43, of Swindon, 80 miles west of London, was the only winner in a Lotto drawing last week, *The Daily Telegraph* reported. She won 2.49 million pounds (\$4 million).

"It still hasn't sunk in," she said. "It's been surreal."

Cusack, a single mother of four, said she plans to return to her job in a supermarket once her chemotherapy and radiation therapy is done. She said she will need the "normality." In January, she was attacked and bitten by a pack of dogs as she tried to shield her children from the animals. In April, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and endured two operations. She learned two weeks ago the cancer had been completely removed.

NEWS ALBUM



The cucumber harvest is in full swing in Germany. These workers in southern Germany take advantage of a specialized harvesting machine, which allows them to get close to the ground without breaking their backs. Bavaria produces half of Germany's cucumber crop.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects regional...

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A local spoke words of thanks at the ceremony.

Next, the chairman of township PDC opened the bridge.

Then Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the minister and officials strolled along the bridge.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the minister sprinkled scented water on stone inscription of the bridge.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party visited Crab World Co

Ltd in Kyauktan Township and inspected breeding of soft shell crabs at the farm. Responsible persons reported on matters related to breeding work.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander looked into processing of soft shell crabs and storing of packaged soft shell crabs and responsible persons conducted them round the farm.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander over-

saw maintenance work along the approach road linking Thilawa Port Terminal and Dagon Bridge and growing of shade and wind break trees along the road. Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged officials to complete growing of shade and wind break trees and teak plants during the rainy season.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander looked into Dagon Bridge and gave necessary instructions.

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First Inter-State/Division U-17 Women's Football Tournament held

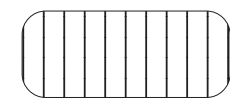
NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The First Inter-State/Division U-17 Women's Football Tournament was held at the Division Sports Ground in Monywa on 12 July with an address by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Northwest Command

Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Next, sports gear were presented to Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn and those to Monywa, Shwebo and Katha District Sports and Physical Education Committees through officials.

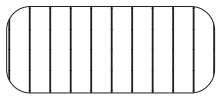
The football tournament will be held up to 1 August and thirteen teams from states and divisions will take part in it.

Upon arrival at Thanla Parahita Centre in Monywa on 13 July, prescribed texts, sports gear and exercise books were presented to the centre.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers address at opening of U-17 Women's Football Tournament.

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Third Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The group round matches of the Third Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament continued in Nay Pyi Taw (Paunglaung) Sports Grounds this evening.

Ministry of Education won over Ministry of Mines with 2-0 in Nay Pyi Taw Pysinmana (Paunglaung) Sports

Grounds, Ministry of Information won over Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation 10-0 in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground while Ministry of Industry-2 beat Ministry of Science and Technology with a 2-0 in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Grounds.

Ministry of Industry-1 will play against Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in

Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds while Ministry of Immigration and Population against the Supreme Court in Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports Grounds and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries against Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Grounds.

MNA



Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Team plays against Ministry of Information Team.—MNA

Swa Chaung Bridge expedites...

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Constructed by the Bridge Construction Special Group-14 of the Public Works of the Ministry of Construction, Swa Chaung Bridge across Swa Creek at mile-post No 198/2 on Yangon-Toungoo-Mandalay Union Highway was inaugurated on 29 May, 2009. The people have enjoyed the fruits of the development of the socio-economic life as the commodity flow between upper and lower Myanmar has expedited thanks to the completion of the bridge.

Work on construction of the bridge started on 27

May, 2007. The 270-foot-long and 48-foot-wide bridge is flanked by 3-foot-wide pedestrian lanes.

The clearance of the bridge is 80 ft wide and 5 ft high. Being a reinforced type, the bridge can withstand 60 tons of load. Myanmar engineers had put all of their energy into construction of the bridge.

The newly constructed bridge is the 226th one out of 180 ft and above long bridges across the country and become the 18th one in Bago Division.

Bago Division is one of the divisions which have underpinned national

economy of the country. As soil in Yedashe township is favourable to rice, beans and pulses and sugarcane, the township is reliable for agricultural produce.

The completion of the bridge has reduced the cost for transporting raw materials to and products from Thagara Industrial Zone, Yeni Paper Mill, agro-based industries and domestic businesses. Meanwhile, Thanks to the bridge, states and divisions in upper and lower Myanmar are accessible in all weather and commodity flow has become swift.

Translation: AMS
Myanma Alin: 14-7-2009



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint being welcomed by Ambassador of France Mr Jean-Pierre Lafosse and wife at a reception to mark the National Day of France in Yangon on 14 July 2009.—MNA

Exercising and welcoming cooperation (2)

Maung Hmat

In like manner, so they say that the forthcoming election will not be a trustworthy one if it is held in the absence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and NLD. I do not think it is wise that the focus of attention is on a particular person and party in the proceeding of election, which is the concern of the entire nation. The essence of democracy is that every decision is made with the votes of the majority. So, I wish they would ponder to find out whether their words are in consistency with the practice of democracy or not.

According to the government, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and NLD will be entitled to stand for election if they meet the Election Law and Regulations. But I can not help it if they do not meet the fundamental requirements, as said "One is the sole master of one's fate". It is too much for the people to keep hearing that the upcoming election will not be legal if it is without their participation in the election. To make it clear, so to say I was invited to a wedding reception to be held soon in accordance with the law by a woman and a man at the age of over 18 years, but I did not attend it due to various reasons such as I was too busy, I was not in the mood to attend, or I do not get along with the bridegroom. Then, can it be decided that the wedding reception is not legal just owing to my absence? And can I say that the wedding reception is not legal due to my absence. With or without a particular person, the wedding reception is legal if it is attended by many people. And election is similar to a wedding reception in this regard. I would say the people are looking forward to successful completion of the 2010 election, rather than to a particular person and particular group.

In fact, to be a trustworthy election rests on procedures and pragmatic approach, not on the election standing of a particular person and party. That point is to be understood. Now, they are claiming that there cannot be a trustworthy election if they are absent from it. But, I can foretell that they would also say the election is not a free and fair one if they do not win in it. They are in the habit of saying so and that is their business. Anyhow, we do not pay attention to anything except our work.

Some US congressmen are demanding more actions against Myanmar, claiming that the United Nations Secretary-General's visit to Myanmar did not prove successful. They are desperate to find fault with Myanmar, but there is no sound evidence to prove their accusations. They strongly requested President Obama to take action against the nation through the United Nations Security Council for the fact that the Myanmar government is impossible for discussions, but is committing acts against the humanity. The British Prime Minister made a suggestion that the Myanmar issue should be submitted to the UN Security Council to pass a resolution with binding, thus fueling the situations. Since a variety of mess following UNSG's departure from Myanmar, I had visualized that their intention would be as usual: the issue is to be brought to the UNSC. I am like a predictable person as to broadcasts of anti-government media, and so are the people.

At the conference of the UN Economic and Social Council held in Geneva, Switzerland, the

UNSG said that to lay down systematically rules and procedures to ensure holding 2010 election freely and fairly in accordance with the law relied on the Myanmar government; and that he would watch and see what the government would respond to his suggestions about Myanmar affairs.

Myanmar government has constantly showed its enthusiastic cooperation with the UN. In some cases, the government is under one-sided accusations in spite of its cooperation. For instance, there are no political prisoners in Myanmar. The prisoners purportedly claimed to be political inmates are serving their prison terms for their violating laws and harming State's stability, not under political laws. That has come to the knowledge of an ordinary public member like me. Every country cares for their stability and security. And every government is sensitive to any forms of acts that harm their State stability and community peace, and they detain and stop and take action against offenders.

For more than one hundred times, they have been claiming that Myanmar's human rights situation is substandard. Now, peace and stability have been restored well across the nation. Infrastructures in various sectors have been improved considerably for national development. Every individual and family meet their basic needs, and do their businesses, leading a peaceful life under the framework of the law. The people have the rights to enjoy freedom of expression and discussion. Soon, Myanmar will be transformed into a democratic nation. So, I have never thought of the fact the people are deprived of human rights. Our country has not seen issues on human rights case, forced labour or child soldier. Responsible persons have refuted such baseless accusations with sound evidence occasionally.

The US-led invasion of Iraq has been followed by a large number of casualties and human rights problems, but the media never say that they are concerned over the country. It is strange that instead, they are claiming they are deeply concerned over Myanmar, where the people lead a life of peace and peace and stability are maintained well.

In meeting with the United Nations Secretary-General, the Head of State disclosed that the government will hold a free and fair election in 2010;

that necessary laws, regulations and procedures are being written, and the government is working hard to ensure completion of the proceedings on schedule; that then it will guarantee the people to form political parties and promulgate Election Law on schedule; that election will be designed for ensuring all-inclusiveness, and the law is in the process of being compiled to be a fair one; and that it will also take necessary measures for formation of political parties and their standing for election.

Besides, we all the people still remember a very important remark made by the Senior General. He said the government was giving priority to two main points. The first point is that all necessary arrangements are being made in order to hold the 2010 elections successfully. The second point is that sound foundations are being built for the future government that will emerge from the elections. The Senior General said the government had not been in a position to give priority to the affairs of a particular person except the above two points. It is easy to criticize the efforts the government is making but actually, it is very difficult to implement them successfully and pragmatically. While the government is implementing such a tremendous task day in, day out enlisting the strength of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw, anti-government groups are sticking to their destructive acts. In this regard, we cannot say that Myanmar is facing a political crisis as there exist anti-government groups in the nation. We assume it is a democratic phenomenon. Therefore, we have no political crisis in the nation. We fully believe that we will surely reach the goal of democracy soon if we continue our way in accord with the seven-step Road Map.

Moreover, anti-government groups are saying about a dialogue and national reconciliation whenever an incident arises. In reality, the government has chosen the way of seeking dialogues since 1989 for forging national reconciliation. As a result, 17 major and over 20 small armed groups of national races have returned to the legal fold. At the same time, measures have been taken repeatedly to negotiate with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in order to build national reconciliation. All have known that. The government alone is

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not responsible for the success of these efforts. It is necessary to fairly judge that the other side is also responsible for this. **There is no doubt the government is still trying to build national reconciliation within the framework of the seven-step of Road Map in accordance with the constitution approved by the people.**

Once I heard about an economic forum that should be established under the leadership of the UN to improve Myanmar's economy. We are grateful and welcome such a kind of goodwill assistance. But I think the establishment of the forum needs many steps and it will take a long time. Despite knowing this, we cannot wait for long. My advice is that **the only thing that is delaying our economy is sanctions. Lifting those sanctions will help our economy improve. Of course, there will be benefits in a matter of two or three months.**

As Myanmar is an agro-based country, the economy will speedily improve if direct assistance is to

be rendered to the agricultural and livestock breeding sectors. The ministry concerned has officially informed Mr Gambari that if he would discuss this matter, Myanmar was ready to accept the discussion with him. I felt happy thinking that it would be better to accept such kind of assistance.

Foreign media are questioning about the timeframe of taking measures for national reconciliation, democratic transition and human rights. Actually, they no longer need to wait. National reconciliation has been achieved to a certain extent. For democratic transition, the seven-step Road Map has reached the fifth step. Myanmar has enjoyed human rights that are not less if not more than other countries.

There are those who are concerned that the more time the government takes, the more the country will be affected adversely. As far as I know, the government does not delay the process. Those who are trying to delay, disrupt and harm the democratic process are the anti-government groups inside and outside the country. If they had not tried to do so, our country would have reached the

goal of democracy.

The constitution and these seven-step Road Map approved by the people are the democratic process based on the nation's prevailing conditions. Likewise, we believe this process will achieve democracy in a peaceful and safe way. We on our part are cooperating with all in speedily carrying out democratic transition. We all invite any cooperation on the successful implementation of democratic transition.

To sum up, our country recognizes the UNSG's good offices and underscores the cooperation with the UN. We are practically cooperating with the UN and welcome the future cooperation. Despite the ill attempts of foreign media and internal axe-handles, we hope that Myanmar will promote cooperation with the UN. If there is cooperation of the UN and of the international community, our country will be able to speedily carry out the democratic transition, thereby contributing to the development of the State and the promotion of human rights.

Translation: MS+ST

Rail Transportation Minister inspects Diesel Locomotive Shed (Ywahtaung), Coach, Wagon Coach Factory (Myitnge)

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, on 13 July morning, arrived Diesel Locomotive Shed (Ywahtaung) where he was reported on completion of tasks by office General Manager U

Nyi Htut. The minister then gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister inspected production processes of the factory.

At Coach, Wagon Coach Factory (Myitnge), the minister heard reports on

arranging tasks presented by office General Manager U Aung Win and left necessary instructions relating to reports. After that, the minister looked into major repairing of trains and completed trains.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects Wagon Coach Factory (Myitnge). — MYANMA RAILWAYS

Vietnamese goodwill delegation arrives



Vietnamese goodwill delegation led by Mr K' Sor Phuoco arrives at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

YANGON, 14 July—At the invitation of Union Solidarity and Development Association, a goodwill delegation led by CEC member of the Communist Party Central Committee of the Socialist

Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council Mr K Sor Phuoco arrived here by air this afternoon to pay a goodwill visit in Myanmar. They were welcomed by CEC members of USDA U

Aung Thein Lin and Thura U Aung Ko, responsible persons of USDA's headquarter, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung and embassy staff at Yangon International Airport.

MNA

Some households in Ye Township evacuated

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Due to torrential rain in Ye Township of Mon State yesterday, the water level of Ye River has reached 3050 cm, a distance of 91.5 cm from its danger level 3141.5 cm, and the water went into the wards.

A total of 325 people

of 69 households from Yan Gyi Aung, Danitaw Kwatthit and Chaungtaun wards in Ye were evacuated due to inflow of water and they were being accommodated at temporary relief camps. Water sentries were placed at the wards where water entered and

other wards in lower areas. Necessary measures are being taken by officials concerned in the township forming evacuation, rescue and accommodation teams and health care and supervisory teams.

MNA

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

The second best time is now.

Rakhine State sees all-round development based on communication facility

Article and Photos: Tin Htwe (MNA)

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Nowadays, MPT provided assistance for development of communication tasks to Rakhine State not only for local but also for overseas communications.

In Rakhine State, a total of 2500 telephone lines were installed at the digital exchange in Sittway, 250 lines in Ngapali (Shwegayaing), 96 lines in An, 700 lines in Taungup, 500 lines in Thandwe, 500 lines in MraukU, 500 lines in Maungtaw, 480 lines in Kyaukpyu and

500 lines in Kyauktaw. Two more digital exchanges in Minbya and Buthidaung are being installed with 500 lines each.

Moreover, first priority is given to Gwa, Myebon, Manaung and Yathedaung for installation of 300 telephone lines each. Ponnagyun and Yanbye get the second priority for installation of telephone lines. As such, telephone rings will be aloud in all the regions of Rakhine State in the future.

In studying installation of mobile tel-

ephones in Rakhine State, Sittway has 1433 GSM lines and 3036 CDMA-450 lines, An 477 CDMA-450 lines, Kyaukpyu 900 CDMA-450 lines, Thandwe 1346 CDMA-450 lines, MraukU 543 CDMA-450 lines, Maungtaw 250 CDMA-450 lines, Myebon 550 CDMA-450 lines, and arrangements have been made to install CDMA-450 telephones in Manaung, Taungup, Kyauktaw and Gwa. As a result, the local people can safely overcome difficulties of bad weather in the rainy season and they will have easy access to enquiring the progress of regional development, social and economic affairs of the regions and the good news on preventive measures against natural disasters.

As a special project, Rakhine State was facilitated with 276 lines of 69 MPT satellite terminals. As such, one set of MPT satellite terminal can use four telephones and on Internet server. Consequently, the people residing in Rakhine State are enjoying the fruits of accessing all items of news including weather forecasts through local and international media.

Up to now, a total of 25,946 telephones have been installed in Rakhine State. The region has 5526

telephone lines at eight auto-exchanges plus three auto-exchanges installed with 1500 lines, 29 magneto exchanges with 2394 lines, totalling 40 exchanges with 9420 lines. With regard to the mobile telephone communication, two GSM radio stations were installed with 200 lines, 11 CDMA-450 radio stations with 14,250 lines and 13 mobile radio stations with 16,250 lines.

Moreover, digital microwave stations were built in Sittway, Kyaukpyu, Thandwe, An, Taungup, Manaung, Myebon, MraukU, Kyauktaw and Gwa. The plans are under way to extend fibre cable lines in the townships. Therefore, no one can deny that the local youth of Rakhine State will have the brighter future in the communication sector.

Rakhine State operates 54 post offices, 10 sub-post offices and 18 village post offices. In addition, the region has 13 telegraph offices, 11 radio telegraph offices and one post and telegraph joint office. The telegraph offices are equipped with computer and facsimiles for giving services to the local customers in time.

The communication centres were established in Rakhine State for issuing warnings on natural disasters. Two communication centres, 30 feet

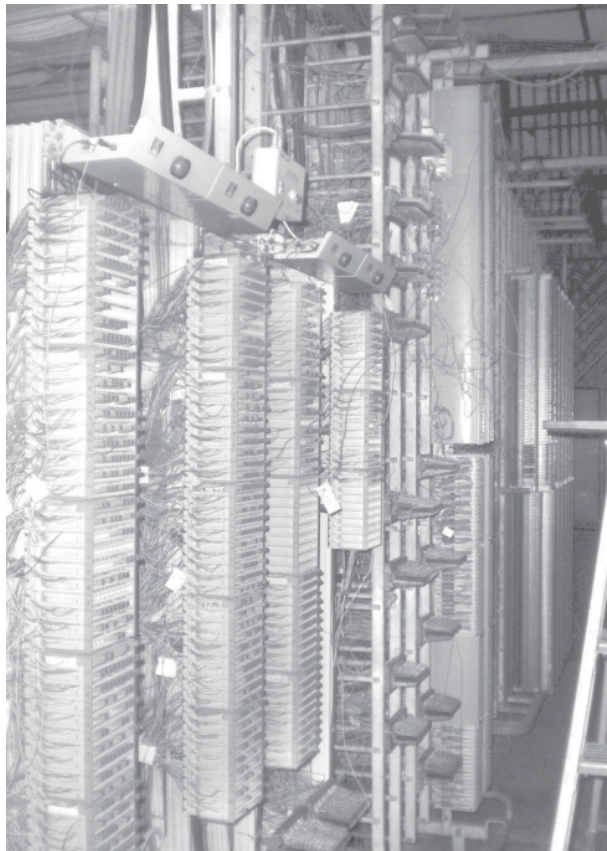
people to apply modern communication system and to take shelters whenever natural disasters fall and informing the local people about news on natural disasters in time."

In the past, Rakhine State lagged behind in development due to teeming hilly regions, creeks and rivers and swamp areas. The local people relied on boats and ships. Passengers and commodity transportation were often delayed due to various reasons. At present, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs has equipped modern communication devices at all the townships and villages for enabling the local people to have easy access to other regions through the

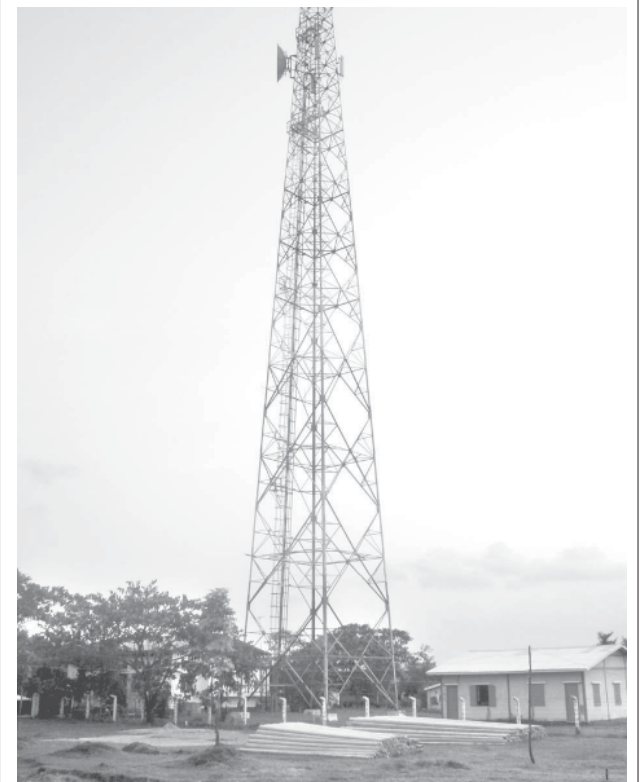


U Thein Win (Manager), Work and Inspection Section of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

long, 20 feet wide and 20 feet high with five feet high post shoes were built in Pahtein and Phaungkar islands in Taungup Township. Each communication centre is equipped with one MPT satellite terminal, one computer set, one fax machine, five CDMA-450 telephones, one set of eight-foot satellite dish for receiving MRTV and MRTV-4 programmes, one 21-inch TV, one DVD,



Communication equipment installed at the control room of Sittway Auto-exchange.



Auto-exchange tower seen in Kyauktaw.

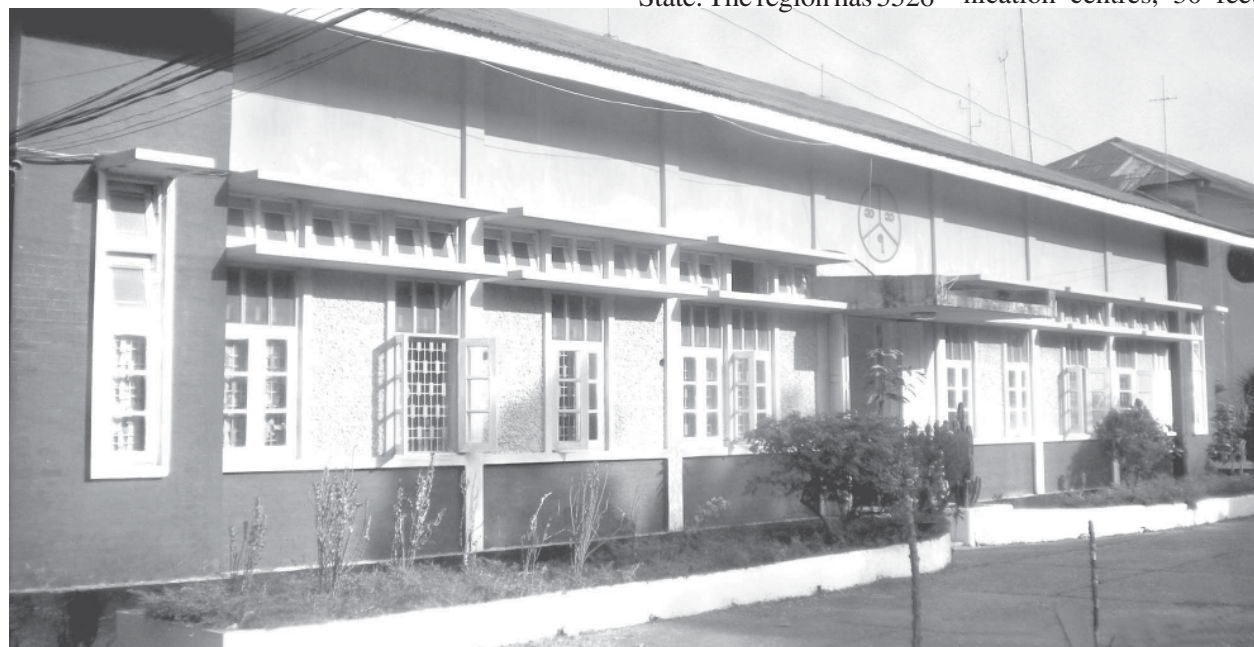


Photo shows building of Sittway Auto-exchange.

one book shelf for library.

Regarding construction of communication centres, we had an interview with Manager U Thein Win of Work and Inspection Section of MPT. He said, "Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has built three communication centres in Yangon Division, eight centres in Ayeyawady Division and two centres in Rakhine State with the aims of enabling the local

communication system.

In the future, the people of Rakhine State can keep themselves abreast of other regions in social, economic, health, education and other sectors. Consequently, significant progress can be seen in Rakhine State thanks to development of communication facilities.

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Somali gunmen kidnap two French journalists

MOGADISHU, 14 July —Somali gunmen stormed a hotel in the capital Mogadishu and kidnapped two French journalists on Tuesday, a hotel worker said.

“Several gunmen entered the Sahafi Hotel, pointed guns at the guards and went into the hotel rooms where they took away the two French nationals,” the hotel manager, who declined to be named told *Reuters*.

“The two males told me they were journalists,” he added.

It was not immediately clear which media the two journalists were working for.

Somalia is one of the world’s most dangerous places for journalists, both local and foreign, to operate and several have been kidnapped or killed.

Fighting in Somalia since Ethiopian troops ousted the Islamic Courts Union in late 2006 has killed at least 18,000 and sent hundreds of thousands more fleeing from their homes.—*MNA/Reuters*



This conceptual artist rendering provided by Rocketplane Global Inc. on 10 July, 2009, shows the Rocketplane XP spacecraft. Hawaii could become the eighth state granted a spaceport license. Several space tourism companies, including Rocketplane, have shown interest in coming to Hawaii, said John Strom, vice president of business development for Enterprise Honolulu, the Oahu economic development board.
INTERNET

Finland’s A/H1N1 flu cases total 103

HELSINKI, 14 July—Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare said on Monday that Finland has confirmed 15 new A/H1N1 flu cases over the weekend, bringing the total number of cases to 103. According to Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare, most of the A/H1N1 flu patients had contracted the virus while travelling in North America.

Finland confirmed the first case of A/H1N1 flu on 12 May and the diagnosed cases have increased fast since mid-June. Forty new cases have been confirmed since last Monday. As Finnish health authorities expect the first wave of the pandemic to hit Finland between August and October, Finnish Government plans to inoculate all citizens with vaccinations during the coming autumn.

MNA/Xinhua

This photo released by Veterinary Pet Insurance shows Snag L. Tooth catching a cat nap at his home in Portland, Oregon.

INTERNET

Russia, S. Ossetia to strengthen eco, defence coop

MOSCOW, 14 July—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Monday

said his country would develop economic and defence cooperation with Georgia’s breakaway region of South Ossetia. “I think that this first short visit by a Russian President will create a foundation for contacts and friendly relations,” the *Interfax* news agency quoted Medvedev as saying during his visit to South Ossetia.

He said Russia is prepared to provide South Ossetia a range of projects for economic and social reconstruction, adding that it is particularly necessary for the two sides to “maintain cooperation in the defence sphere”. Eduard Kokoity, leader of South Ossetia, said in return that “the South Ossetian people are

grateful to you for support”.

Medvedev, accompanied by Kokoity, visited the 4th military base of the Russian Defence Ministry headquartered in Tskhinvali of South Ossetia, where he inspected barracks and a canteen. *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported. Medvedev was briefed by Sergei Makarov, Troops Commander of the North Caucasus Military District, that “the military base is capable to fulfill all the given tasks”.

Also on Monday, Georgia criticized Medvedev’s visit as “an attempt to stoke up regional tensions,” describing it as “Russia’s response to the US and European support of Georgian sovereignty and territorial integrity”.

Internet

New flu “unstoppable”, WHO says, calls for vaccine

WASHINGTON, 14 July—Saying the new H1N1 virus is “unstoppable”, the World Health Organization gave drug makers a full go-

ahead to manufacture vaccines against the pandemic influenza strain on Monday and said healthcare workers should be the first to get one.

Every country will need to vaccinate citizens against the swine flu virus and must choose who else would get priority after nurses, doctors and technicians, said Dr Marie-Paule Kieny, WHO director of the Initiative for Vaccine Research.

Several reports showed the new virus attacks people differently than seasonal flu — affecting younger people, the severely obese and seemingly healthy adults, and causing disease deep in the lungs.

Kieny briefed reporters on the findings of the WHO’s Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization, or SAGE. “The committee recognized that the H1N1 pandemic is unstoppable and therefore that all countries need access to vaccine,” Kieny said.

MNA/Xinhua



Russian Oleg Artemev (right) leaves a capsule at the Institute for Biomedical Problems in Moscow. Six volunteers from Russia and Europe emerged from a capsule inside a Moscow research facility where they had been locked away for the last three months to simulate a mission to Mars.—INTERNET

Britain “losing” \$1.6b due to congested Heathrow

LONDON, 14 July —Britain loses around one billion pounds (1.61 billion US dollars) every year it delays building a third runway at Heathrow Airport, a report argued on Monday.

The British Chamber of Commerce (BCC), a business lobby, said capacity restraints at Heathrow, the world’s busiest international airport, had led to it falling behind competitors such as Schipol in Amsterdam and Frankfurt in Germany.

If a third runway is built, it will add up to 30 billion pounds to the economy, the chamber said, including productivity gains and wider economic benefits such as new jobs.

By reducing delays and increasing the frequency of flights, a third runway

would save business passengers time and increase their productivity, the report said. “Passengers would also benefit from flights to new destinations, removing the need to wait for transfers at airports outside Britain.”

The government has approved the building of a third runway but environmental campaigners and other pressure groups are opposed to it and construction has yet to get the go ahead.

“This comprehensive study clearly outlines the economic benefits of expanding Heathrow—an important part of the debate which too few people fully understand,” said David Frost, the director general of the BCC.

MNA/Reuters



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A real estate agent (R) talks to a customer in front of posters promoting properties in China's southern city of Guangzhou in May 2009. —INTERNET

NASA lists winners of design competition

WASHINGTON, 14 July— Eight US college students have summer jobs at NASA this year as a result of their participation in a competition to design a supersonic airliner.

College students from the US, Japan and India researched technology and created concepts for a supersonic passenger jet as part of the competition sponsored by the Fundamental Aeronautics Programme in NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate.

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NASA said each participant was asked to design a small supersonic airliner and submit a research paper limited to 25 pages. Designs had to be for an efficient, environmentally friendly, low sonic boom commercial aircraft that could be ready for initial service by 2020.

A team of undergraduates from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va, and a team of graduate students from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta tied for first place in the US division. A University of Tokyo undergraduate team won top honors in the non-US category.

Winning US participants received prizes, including the internships and up to \$5,000 in cash. Non-US teams received an engraved trophy.

Internet

Those who walk, bike enjoy better health

CHAPEL HILL, 14 July— US researchers confirm what doctors have long recommended — women and men who ride a bike or walk to work appear fitter.

The study, published in the Archives of Internal Medicine, also found men who actively commute are less likely to be overweight or obese and have healthier triglyceride levels, blood pressure and insulin levels.

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Penny Gordon-Larsen of the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and colleagues studied 2,364 adults enrolled in the Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults study. More than 16 percent of the participants reached their workplace reached their workplace cycling or walking.

“One potentially effective means of increasing physical activity is through alternative, non-leisure forms of physical activity such as active commuting,” the study authors say in a statement. “However, little previous research has been conducted on the cardiovascular and overall health benefits of such lifestyle exercise.”

Internet

Transplant girl healthy after donor heart removed

LONDON, 14 July — A British girl who had a donor heart grafted onto her own after suffering cardiac failure as a baby has had the transplant removed and is living a healthy life with her own heart, doctors said on Tuesday.

The case of Hannah Clark is thought to be the only one in the world where a child's failing heart recovered enough for the donor organ to be removed, the British surgeons told reporters ahead of their report in *The Lancet* journal.

"The possibility of recovery of the heart is just like magic," said Professor Magdi Yacoub of Imperial College London, who treated Hannah from the beginning and co-authored the journal paper.

"A heart which was not contracting at all at the time we put the new heart to be pumping next to it and take its work, now is functioning normally."

Hannah, now 16, suffered as a baby from severe heart failure due to cardiomyopathy, a problem with the muscle of the

heart, and in July 1995, when she was two years old, doctors transplanted a donor heart next to hers.

The new organ soon took over much of the functioning of her own heart and Hannah, from near Cardiff in Wales, began to recover.

However, she suffered from a type of cancer known as EBV PTL, a common side effect of the drugs given to transplant patients to stop their immune systems rejecting new organs.—*Internet*



Doctors perform heart surgery.—INTERNET

Plastics, reproductive problems linked

CHAMPAIGN, 14 July — US researchers link a chemical used in plastics — bisphenol A — to disrupted hormone production in mice.

The study in mice found 48 hours of exposure to the chemical slowed the growth of a healthy, mature follicle — a group of cells within the ovary where the egg matures. "These are the only follicles that are capable of ovulating and so if they don't grow properly they're not going to ovulate and there could be fertility issues," study co-leader Jodi Flaws of the University of Illinois in Champaign, Ill, said in a statement.

"These follicles also make sex steroid hormones and so if they don't grow properly you're not going to get proper amounts of these hormones," Flaws said. "Such hormones are essential for reproduction, but they're also required for healthy bones, a healthy heart and a healthy mood."

The researchers described the drop in production of steroid hormones — progesterone, testosterone and estradiol — as quite dramatic.

After 120 hours of exposure bisphenol A, mouse follicle cells produced about 85 percent less estradiol, 97 percent less progesterone and 95 percent less testosterone.

Internet



The 2008 Dodge Viper SRT10. US automaker Chrysler Group said on Monday that improved demand would allow it to keep open a Detroit plant slated for closure and maintain a third shift at a Canadian facility.—INTERNET

Loud music causes hearing loss

NASHVILLE, 14 July — Nearly one-third of music listeners may be in danger of hearing loss, a survey conducted in conjunction with MTV.com indicated.

The study, published in the *Journal of Pediatrics*, says nearly half of 2,500

MTV.com respondents experienced symptoms such as tinnitus — "ringing" in the ear — or hearing loss after loud music exposure. Hearing loss was considered a problem by 32 percent of respondents.

Study leader Dr Ron Eavey of Vanderbilt University in Nashville conducted the survey while working at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary at Harvard University. It is a follow-up to his 2002 MTV survey.

Seventy-five percent of respondents owned an MP3 player, with 24 percent listening to their music player for more than 15 hours a week.

Nearly half of the respondents also said they use their player at 75 percent to 100 percent of its maximum volume capacity.

Internet



Customers look at a display of flat screened televisions at a store. The EU's competition regulator said on Monday it had been investigating a number of liquid crystal display supply firms on suspicion that they might have been involved in a cartel.—INTERNET

A/H1N1 flu death toll rises to 11 in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, 14 July — Uruguayan public health authorities reported on Monday another two deaths of A/H1N1 virus, bringing the death toll to 11 in the country. One patient was a 21-year-old male worker who had underlying medical conditions. The other patient was a 22-year-old female who had 22 weeks of pregnancy and died after giving birth.

Till Friday, the country has 185 confirmed cases and 385 suspected ones.—*Internet*

Two more deaths of A/H1N1 flu reported in Massachusetts

HOUSTON, 14 July — The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) on Monday announced the deaths of two more people linked to the A/H1N1 flu in the state, bringing the total to six. The latest victims involved a 13 year-old boy and a 64 year-old adult, both from the Worcester County, according to a news release from the department late Monday.

Internet

Colombia reports seventh death of A/H1N1 flu

BOGOTA, 14 July — The Colombian government reported on Monday the seventh death of A/H1N1 influenza in the country. A woman in the municipality of Viterbo, in the mid-western Caldas department, died of A/H1N1 flu last Tuesday in a local hospital, the Ministry of Social Security and Health said.

"She was received by the hospital on 5 July when developing symptoms of cough, fever and respiratory difficulty," the ministry said.—*Internet*

Brazil confirms third A/H1N1 flu death

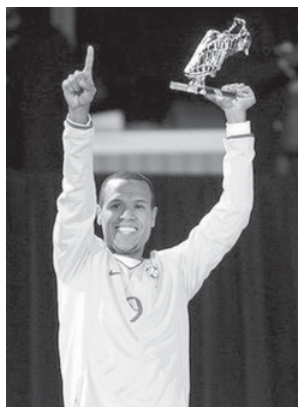
RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 July — Health authorities of Brazil's southern state of Rio Grande do Sul on Monday confirmed the third death caused by A/H1N1 flu in the country.

The victim, a nine-year-old boy from the state's capital Porto Alegre, died on 5 July, three days after being admitted to a hospital, news reports quoted the authorities as saying. The boy suffered from chronic diseases, which collaborated to worsen his condition, officials said.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Fabiano rules out City switch in favour of Milan

ROME, 14 July—After Kaka, Samuel Eto'o and Ricardo Carvalho, Luis Fabiano has become the latest player to reject Manchester City's advances by claiming he only wants to join AC Milan.



Brazilian forward
Luis Fabiano

The Brazil striker, who top scored at last month's Confederations Cup, is currently in negotiations to join the Italian giants from Sevilla.

But despite the lure of the millions of pounds on offer from Manchester City's billionaire owners, the forward has his heart set on a switch to the rossonero, according to his agent Jose Fuentes.

"It's true that Manchester City have made an offer but I am 100 percent behind a move to Milan and the player is also 100 percent behind a move to Milan," he told Italian website calciomercato.it.

Internet

Nakamura needs games at Espanyol: Japan coach



Midfielder
Shunsuke Nakamura

TOKYO, 14 July—Japan coach Takeshi Okada said it was vital star midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura plays regularly at new club Espanyol so that he is in prime condition for next year's World Cup.

"If you don't play in matches, it is tough to keep up your playing instinct as

well as your condition," Okada said here Monday as the former Celtic star was unveiled before thousands of fans at Espanyol's new stadium in Barcelona.

Okada said he would stick to his rule of calling up and using players who get enough time on the pitch with their clubs, Japanese media reported Tuesday. But the coach praised the 31-year-old playmaker for making the move to the highly competitive Spanish league relatively late in his career.

"Even if he won't be in good form at the World Cup in South Africa, his move will result in many positives in his life," said Okada, who has relied on the left-footed master's free-kicks in Japan's qualifying matches.—Internet

Tevez signs for City—who also track Adebayor



Argentine striker
Carlos Tevez

MANCHESTER, 14 July—Manchester City on Monday said they had signed Argentine striker Carlos Tevez, who left Manchester United at the end of the season, amid reports they also want Arsenal's Emmanuel Adebayor.

Tevez, 25, has agreed terms with City and is set to sign a five-year deal, his new club said following weeks of rumours regard-

ing his future. No fee was mentioned but City were expected to have to shell out in the region of 25 million pounds (35 million euros) for the player they have coveted all summer.

"It is terrific news," said City manager Mark Hughes.

"Carlos is an international player of the highest class who possesses all the attributes that will help drive this club forward," Hughes told the club's official website.

"He is not only outstanding technically but he is a reliable goal scorer and someone who will contribute fully to the team ethic. He gives us another exciting, attacking dimension."

Internet

Ferguson's United to shun "sky high" transfers

MANCHESTER, 14 July—Alex Ferguson claims that Manchester United's transfer business has finished for the summer, insisting that the market has "caught fire".

Ferguson had been tipped to use all of the 80 million pounds that United received from Real Madrid for Cristiano Ronaldo.

But so far, his business has been limited to the capture of Michael Owen on a free transfer and the purchases of Wigan's Antonio Valencia and Bordeaux's Gabriel Obertan for a total of less than 20 million pounds.

Ferguson claims there will be no further signings at Old Trafford to bolster the Premier League champions before the transfer window closes at the end of August.—Internet

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson (2nd right) poses with his new signings at the club's Carrington training grounds in Manchester.—INTERNET



Safina remains on top of world rankings

PARIS, 14 July—Dinara Safina remains top of the WTA rankings released on Monday despite being beaten by third-ranked Venus Williams in the Wimbledon semi-finals.

Venus' sister and Wimbledon champion Serena Williams is second in the world rankings.

There was no change in the top ten with the biggest progression by Spaniard Maria Martinez Sanchez, who moves up 12 places to 42nd after her win in Bastad, Sweden, on Sunday.

Budapest winner Agnes Szavay of Hungary moves up ten places to world number 27, as beaten finalist Patty Schnyder of Switzerland returns to the top 20.

1. Dinara Safina (RUS) 10.521 pts
2. Serena Williams (USA) 8.758

3. Venus Williams (USA) 6.617
4. Elena Dementieva (RUS) 6.591
5. Svetlana Kuznetzova (RUS) 6.071
6. Jelena Jankovic (SRB) 5.980
7. Vera Zvonavera (RUS) 5.400
8. Victoria Azarenka (BLR) 5.066
9. Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) 4.840
10. Nadia Petrova (RUS) 3.300
11. Ana Ivanovic (SRB) 3.272
12. Dominika Cibulkova (SVK) 3.221
13. Marion Bartoli (FRA) 3.215
14. Agnieszka Radwanska (POL) 2.981
15. Flavia Pennetta (ITA) 2.930
16. Amélie Mauresmo (FRA) 2.639
17. Virginie Razzano (FRA) 2.365
18. Li Na (CHN) 2.342
19. Patty Schnyder (SUI) 2.311 (+2)
20. Samantha Stosur (AUS) 2.252 (-1)

Internet

Real head to pre-season training camp in Ireland

MADRID, 14 July—Real Madrid departed Monday for Ireland where the Spanish giants will stage a pre-season training camp in the wake of a recruitment drive that saw them sign Kaka and Cristiano Ronaldo.

New coach Manuel Pellegrini took 30 players with him to Dublin for the nine-day camp which gets underway on Tuesday and includes a friendly match against current Irish champions Shamrock Rovers on July 20.

But Dutch striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar, who Real are seeking to sell, stayed behind at the last minute, the online editions of sports dailies AS and Marca reported, suggesting his transfer may be imminent. Spanish media reported over the weekend that Real and German side VfB Stuttgart had agreed a fee for Huntelaar.

Brazilian playmaker Kaka, who Real signed from AC Milan for 65 million euros, will also miss the training camp as will Spanish internationals Iker Casillas, Sergio Ramos and Raul Albiol.

Internet



Real Madrid's new player Portuguese Cristiano Ronaldo (C) at practice with teammates on 11 July, 2009. Real Madrid departed Monday for Ireland where the Spanish giants will stage a pre-season training camp.—INTERNET

Woods gets Westwood, Ishikawa

TURNBERRY, 14 July—Tiger Woods can expect even more attention than usual the first two rounds of the British Open. He is playing with Lee Westwood of England and Japanese sensation Ryo Ishikawa.

Woods has never played with the 17-year-old Ishikawa, who made history at 15 when he won on the Japan Golf Tour, the youngest winner on a sanctioned circuit. They met briefly in Arizona at the Accenture Match Play Championship, captured by dozens of photographers.

Defending champion Padraig Harrington will play with former U.S. Open champions Jim Furyk and Geoff Ogilvy.

The first group Thursday includes former Open champion Mark Calcavecchia, among the fastest players in golf.—Internet



Dario Franchitti of Scotland, celebrates after winning the IndyCar Series' Honda Indy of Toronto auto race in Toronto, on 12 July, 2009.

INTERNET

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Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and staff

Dell sees US PC market finding its low point

SEATTLE, 14 July—Dell Inc. said on Tuesday that the US personal computer market has reached its low point but that the timing of a global turnaround in the technology industry remains anyone's guess.

The pessimism sent Dell shares plummeting 88 cents, or 6.8 percent, to \$12.14 in early afternoon trading.

At a meeting with Wall Street analysts, the world's No 2 PC maker elaborated on guidance it issued Monday, when it said it expects slightly stronger sales in the current quarter than in the last one. Despite these signs of improvement, Dell executives said Tuesday that many of the conditions that hurt the PC industry over the last several quarters aren't easing.

Businesses have clamped down on technology spending and put off new computer purchases as the economic crisis persists. Consumers are more eager to buy new computers but are choosing cheaper models such as "netbooks."

"Certainly customers are elongating the life cycle" of their machines, Chief Executive Officer Michael Dell said.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (15-7-2009) (Wednesday)

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

Local Transmission

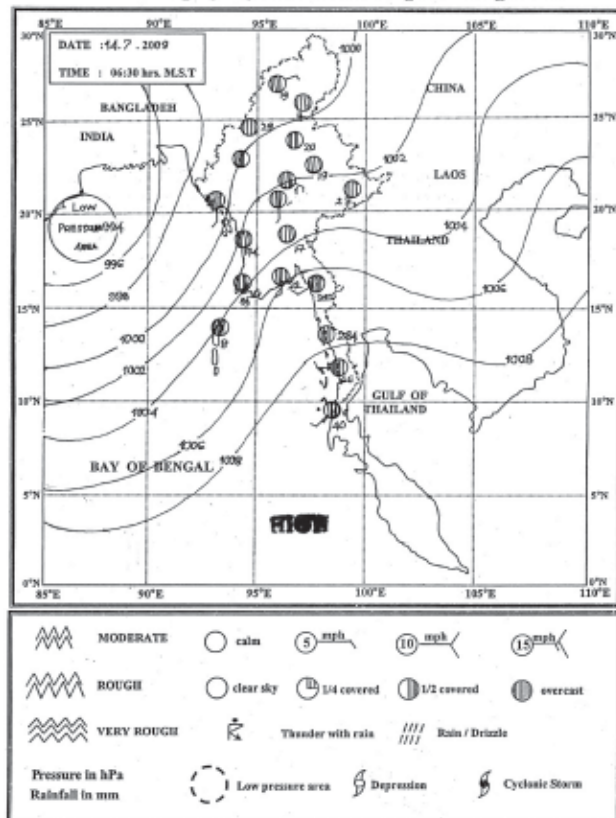
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * A Little Village of Kyar Ton
- * Bottled Buddha Image
- * Myanmar Traditional Snack "Dawei Nagmoun" (Fish Crispies)
- * Traditional Folk Weaving Works
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * A Peaceful Place of Mind
- * Myanmar Elephants from Myanma Forest
- * Inlay Wild Bird Sanctuary
- * Fabulous Shwe Gu Dage Daw Gyi
- * The Twelve Months of Myanmar and Its traditional festivals (Part I)
- * Lush and Green Myanmar land
- * Marquetry
- * Making of Traditional Lacquerware
- * A little Village of Kyar Ton
- * Bottled Buddha Image
- * Myanmar Traditional Snack "Dawei Nagmoun" (Fish Crispies)
- * Floral lover's Paradise (National kandawgyi Gardens)
- * Traditional Folk Weaving Works
- * Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
- * The Twelve Months of Myanmar and Its traditional festivals (Part-I I)
- * Traditional Custom and Natural Beauty of Putao
- * Clothes decorated with Sequin-like Colourful Plastics
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 14 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain have been scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfall in Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.12) inch, Launglong (13.66) inches, Dawei (11.16) inches, Hpa-an (9.69) inches, Kyaikmayaw (9.27) inches, Mawlamyine (8.11) inches, Thandwe (7.16) inches, Kawkareik (7.09) inches, Shwegyin (6.97) inches and Kantbalu (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-7-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 14-7-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-7-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 13-7-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 14-7-2009 was (1.46) inches at Mingaladon, (1.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.49) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (48.90) inches at Mingaladon, (53.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (54.72) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (12:40) hours MST on 13-7-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15th July 2009: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Kyah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likekihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasionally squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-7-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Wednesday, 15 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Seweet Song

7:55 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. "မမြင်ကွယ်ရာ"

8:20 am

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. မိုးယွန်းကြီးရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of National Race

4:20 pm

3. Classical Song

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (သင်္ချာ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. "အသိစိတ်ကလေး အရင်းတည်၍"

5:25 pm

8. "ရွှေဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်"

5:35pm

9. Musical Programme

5:45 pm

10. စူပါတေးသံ ရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ [မော်လမြိုင် (အပိုင်း-၁၃)]

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:30 pm

12. Weather Report

6:35 pm

13. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:50pm

14. Musical Programme

7:00 pm

15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:25 pm

16. "တားဆီးကာကွယ် လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်"

7:30 pm

17. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International News

20. Weather Report

21. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "တကယ်နားလည်ပြီလား"

- (ကျော်တိန်၊ လှအိန္ဒာလီတင့်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇော်လင်း- (အတွေးပုံရိပ်)]

22. တရုတ်ပြည်ကွမ်ရှီးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားရက်သတ္တပတ်ပြပွဲ (Lantern Fishing On Lijiang River)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratic process be achieved

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

True patriotism

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

Rakhine State sees all-round development based on communication facility



A microwave tower seen at auto-exchange in Sittway.

Article and Photos: Tin Htwe (MNA)

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is giving postal, telegraphic and telephone services to enterprises, departments and organizations of the State and the people. In Rakhine State, MPT is contributing to businesses of the local people including life security and marketing promotion. *(See page 10)*

Myanmar Women's passes through in Asian Cup Qualifier

YANGON, 14 July —The matches of Group-A of 2010 Asian Cup Women's Qualifier continued at China (Taipei) this afternoon.

Myanmar Women's Football Team secured a 5-2 win over host China (Taipei). Myanmar winning goals were struck by Khin Marlar Tun at 10th and 48th minutes, and Mai Nilar Htwe at 34th, 50th and 76th minutes.

Myanmar advanced the Asian qualifier with two wins on six points in the Group A of Asian Qualifier. *MNA*

A (H1N1) infected patient recovers from illness

Monitoring and surveillance measures continue with momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—A New Influenza A (H1N1) affected man who came back from a foreign country was being provided with medical treatment at the separate room of Waibagi Specialist Hospital since 8 July. The patient has been getting better with no fever since 11 July, and the specialists are giving intensive care to him at the separate room of the hospital. Arrangement has been made for him to be discharged from the hospital after the certain period of monitoring his progress.

Four family members who came into contact with the patient were being kept under home surveillance, and 104 passengers who were together with him on the same flight and 122 staff of Yangon International Airport were also under surveillance. Up to now, nothing unusual has been found.

The Ministry of Health is taking surveillance measures at the international arrivals and departures. A total of 2,001,039 people were screened for the virus—86,686 flight passengers at the airports, 6,573 at seaports and 1,907,780 at border checkpoints from 28 April to 13 July. From 28 April to 12 July, 15,009 people with symptoms of fever and suspected flu had been kept under surveillance at hotels and their residences. Of them, 6,184 are free from the surveillance because the 10-day period of surveillance is up. A total of 8,825 people continue to be kept under surveillance.

After 48 people had laboratory tests, only two were found to be infected with A (H1N1). A total of 23 people were found to have had seasonal flu and other 23 people were not found with any flu.

The Ministry of Health is taking systematic preventive and control measures against the virus in order to avert spread of global human flu pandemic and is issuing public warnings to be followed.—*MNA*

Flood warning

(Issued at 13: 00 hr MST on 14-7-09)

According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (686) cm. It may reach its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.—*MNA*