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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 Khin Zaw looks into repair of Myeik-Dawei motorway

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July
—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials viewed thriving paddy and rubber plantations in a motorcade along Myeik-Dawei motorway on 14 July.

At the briefing hall of Myeik detour construction project near Daw village in Myeik Township, the division superintending engineer and engineers in-charge reported on roadwork to Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party inspected progress in construction of 16-bed station hospital in Yange



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects construction of 16-bed station hospital at Yange Village in Thayetchaung Township.—MNA

village in Thayetchaung Township.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw looked into repair work, paddy and rubber plantations along Myeik-Dawei Road and the entrance road to Dawei

and gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw met with servicemen and their family members at Dawei Station Hall and presented exercise books and stationery this morning,

and cordially greeted those present.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw, the commander and officials went to the project engineer's office of Dawei-Myeik railroad project being implemented

by Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation in Dawei and heard reports on work progress presented by the project engineer. The commander made a supplementary report on

facts about the railroad project and Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on reports. Lt-Gen Khin Zaw looked into works of Dawei-Myeik railroad project and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Mudon Women's Vocational Training School, a drive for regional development



Women's Vocational Training School built in Kwamta Village of Mudon Township.

Development of a region depends on the creation of job opportunities for the local people. In consequence, a manageable business of

a family can fulfill their food, clothing and shelter needs. As a result of creating job opportunities, progress can be made at village,

township and region levels respectively.

While in Mon State, the news crew of the Kyemon Daily visited the Women's Vocational

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Training School opened in Kwamta Village of Mudon Township with the aim of conducting the vocational training courses to the local women and enabling them

to establish the manageable scale businesses.

Mudon is 18 miles away from Mawlamyine, on Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei Motor Road. It

shares border with Taungnyo mountain range, Kyaikmaraw and Kya-in-seikkyi townships in the east, the Thanlwin River, the (See page 6)

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Time to end the play so much in confusion and disorder

Myanmar firmly accepts the affirmation of her sovereignty and territorial integrity. The future of Myanmar lies in the hands of all of her people.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Fight narcotic drugs with people's power

In the world today, narcotic drugs production and trafficking is the problem facing many nations and there has been widespread use of raw opium, heroin, opium oil, liquid opium, marijuana and psychotropic substances produced with the use of chemicals.

The menace of narcotic drugs is the concern of the entire mankind. Drug abuse brings undesirable consequences not only to users but also to their families and social environment. As the danger of narcotic drugs affects every individual and every nation, it is necessary for the international community to fight it.

The threat of narcotic drugs is still enormous as there is a widespread use of psychotropic substances among the youth all over the world. They are using various kinds of drugs in various ways and therefore it is required to educate them on the dangers of drug abuse.

Myanmar has been implementing the 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drugs since 1999 and making major strides in its anti-drug campaign due to the cooperation of the people.

Drug traffickers operate mainly in border areas. Therefore, Myanmar is also working together with her neighbours and other nations in the region to wipe out narcotic drugs. In June and at the beginning of July, a large amount of raw opium, liquid opium, heroin blocks and psychotropic substances were seized in Kachin State, Shan State, Mandalay Division and Sagaing Division through combined efforts of responsible personnel and local people.

As various kinds of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are threatening the mankind and their social environment, it is necessary for regional authorities, special anti-drug squads and the people to constantly raise the momentum of the anti-drug campaign till the danger of narcotic drugs is wiped out from our soil once and for all.

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

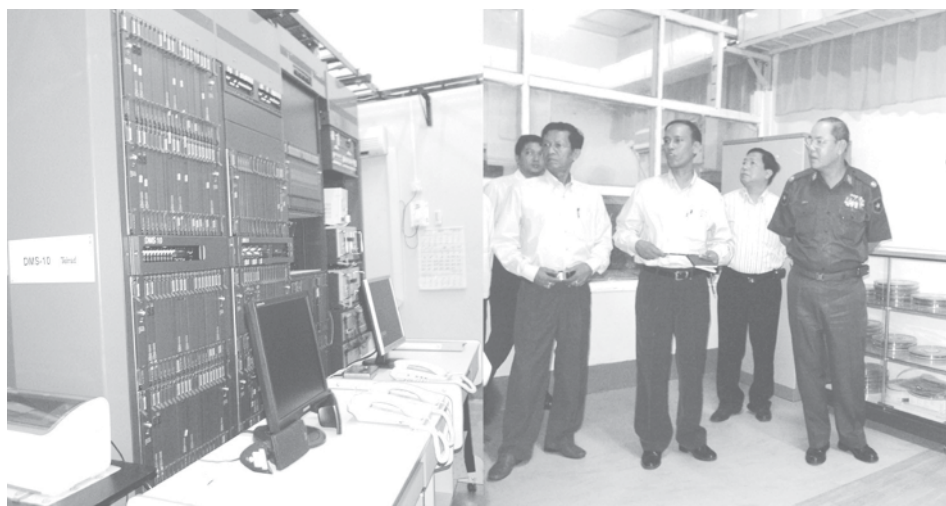
Commander inspects urban development

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected construction of road and Kyeechaung bridge and repairing the 38th street in Maha Aungmyay Township on 25 June morning.



MNA Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspects construction of road.—MNA

CPT Minister inspects communication tasks in Magway Division



CPT Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects GSM mobile station and auto-exchange in Magway.—CPT

at GSM mobile station and Auto-Exchange in Chauk on 14 July.

The minister visited production of motorbikes at Golden Dragon Industry in Industrial Zone of Yenangyoung.

The minister inspected GSM mobile station, auto-exchange and microwave station in Yenangyoung, GSM mobile station and auto-exchange in Magway and auto-exchanges in Minhla and Minbu.

Yesterday, the minister visited GSM mobile station at Thit-yakauk village and satellite communications station in Taungdwingyi, and left necessary instructions.

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Vietnamese delegation tours Yangon

YANGON, 16 July—At the invitation of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, the Vietnamese 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 Phuco together with CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Thura U Aung Ko and officials paid homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday and presented cash donation for the Pagoda.

Next, delegation members visited National Museum on Pyay Road and Union National Races Village on Shu-khinn-tha Road in Thakayta Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw gave instructions on better communications of trunk calls and exchange lines



Vietnamese goodwill delegation led by Mr. K Sor Phuco visits National Museum.

MNA

Talks on "Linux the OS of the Future" on 18 July

YANGON, 16 July—Organized by Myanmar Computer Professional Association, with the assistance of The Linux Lab, U Wai Lin Kyaw (a) U William (CTO, The Linux Lab) is going to give talks on "Linux the OS of the Future" containing the strong points of Linux Operating System and its wide use at room-205 of the main hall of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, here, from 9.30 am to 12 noon on 18 July.

Any interested persons may attend the talks. For further information, please dial Tel-652276 of room (4), building (4) of MCPA.

MNA

July is deadliest for US-led forces in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 July — July is shaping up as the deadliest month of the Afghan war for US-led international forces, with the number killed already matching the highest full-month toll of the nearly eight-year conflict, according to figures compiled by *The Associated Press*.

As of Wednesday, at least 46 international troops, including 24 Americans, had been killed in Afghanistan this month, according to statements by

the US military and the NATO command. That matches the tolls for the two previous deadliest months — June and August of 2008.

The rate of deaths in July — about three a day — is approaching some of the highest levels of the Iraq war.

The latest reported deaths occurred Tuesday. They include an American soldier who was killed by a roadside bomb in eastern Afghanistan and two

Turks, including a colonel, who died in a traffic accident in the north of the country.

In addition, six Ukrainian civilians and a 6-year-old Afghan were killed on Tuesday when an *Mi-6* transport helicopter crashed in southern Afghanistan. The helicopter's owners in the former Soviet republic of Moldova said the helicopter was shot down, and the Taliban claimed responsibility.—*Internet*

11 killed in Iraq bombings

BAGHDAD, 16 July— Two separate bomb attacks in Iraq, one by a suicide bomber on a police post, killed a total of 11 people and wounded at least 40 on Wednesday, police and medical officials said. The suicide attacker targeted a police checkpoint near a mosque in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi early morning, killing six people, including two traffic policemen, officials said.

Women, children and four traffic policemen were among the 16 wounded, said Salah Alani, a doctor at Ramadi General Hospital.—*Internet*



A wounded man lies at the hospital after a bomb attack in Sadr City, northeastern Baghdad on 15 July, 2009. A bomb killed five people and wounded 28 others on Wednesday in Baghdad's Sadr City, a poor Shi'ite Muslim area of the Iraqi capital, police said.—INTERNET

Somali pirates leave dhow, 14 Indian crew - EU force

AILANTA, 16 July — Somali pirates abandoned a dhow and its 14 member Indian crew on Thursday after using the ship to attack an oil tanker earlier this week, a European Union anti-piracy force said.

Sea gangs have seized a string of vessels over the last week in a flurry of activity ending a monsoon season lull. Pirates run amok in the shipping lanes linking Asia to Europe and have received millions of dollars in ransoms.

"At 3:30 this morning (12:30 am British time) the pirates who were holding the Indian dhow ... abandoned the ship ... and sped off to the Somali coast," the European naval force Atalanta said.

"It has been confirmed that all 14 crew are safe and well," it said in a statement. It added that the ship was left 15 nautical miles off the northeast Somali coast in an area naval forces call the piracy "hot zone."

Pirates seized the "Nefya" Saturday and then used it to launch a failed attack two days later on the 265,000-tonne, Liberian-flagged oil tanker "A Elephant."—*Internet*

Israel successfully tests anti-rocket system

JERUSALEM, 16 July — Israel successfully completed a series of tests of the Iron Dome missile defence system, designed for defending Israel from short-range rocket and missile attacks, the Israeli Defence Ministry said on Wednesday.

A number of rockets were intercepted successfully in the tests of the system over the past days, local news service *Ynet* reported, quoting defence officials. The Iron Dome system, developed by state-owned Rafael Defence Systems, consists of a radar, control system, launcher and interceptor. The Defence Ministry said that all parts of the system worked well in the tests.

Rocket fire has long been a major security threat to the Jewish state, with its northern part subject to such attacks from Lebanon and its southern part frequently battered by rockets from the Gaza Strip.

The Iron Dome was expected to be operational in 2010, and the Israel Defence Force has established a special battalion to operate it, which will be part of the Israel Air Force (IAF), local newspaper *Jerusalem Post* reported. "A multi-level defence system is a strategic goal for the State of Israel and will provide a layer of protection against short-range rockets," Defence Minister Ehud Barak was quoted as saying, "This will allow the IDF to fulfill its obligation to protect Israel in the best way that it can."—*Internet*



An Israeli sapper removes the remains of a rocket which landed in the southern city of Sderot.—INTERNET



Rescuers clean up the site of the collapsed ramp bridge on the Jinjin Expressway in Tianjin, north China. The accident occurred on early Wednesday morning, when the ramp bridge on the expressway from Tianjin to Shanxi Province suddenly collapsed and five vans crashed, causing six people dead and four others injured. The investigation of the accident was underway.—INTERNET

Man killed by police near US Capitol Building

WASHINGTON, 16 July — A man was chased and shot dead by police after a car chase near US Capitol Building in Washington DC, Wednesday evening, police said. Capitol Police spokesman Kimberly Schneider told

reporters that police officers shot and killed the 35-year-old man who began firing at them after trying to evade police.

A police officer also suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

The incident happened

at about 5 pm eastern time (2100 GMT) near New Jersey and C streets NW on the Senate side of the Capitol.

Police said the man, driving a white Mercedes sedan, was stopped in front of the Union Station for a traffic violation and fled and drove at a high rate of speed around the Capitol Hill complex.

One police officer who was on foot was struck by the man's car, but his injuries were not life-threatening.

Witnesses told reporters on the scene that they saw a white Mercedes sedan speeding in the direction toward the Capitol Building with police cars in pursuit.

Internet

Germany, Russia talks: gas, economy to dominate

MUNICH, 16 July—German Chancellor Angela Merkel is set to host Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev for talks dominated by efforts to avoid a new spat over gas supplies to Europe and the global financial crisis.

The two leaders will hold private talks at a picturesque castle near the southern city of Munich before being joined by key members of both governments, including the ministers for the interior, environment and economy, Berlin said.

"The talks will encompass the most important

foreign policy questions, such as Iran, North Korea's nuclear programme, the Middle East peace process, as well as economic topics, such as the financial crisis and the read-out from the G8 meeting," Merkel's spokesman, Ulrich Wilhelm, said on Monday.

"They will discuss a wide range of issues, including on security, gas and economic issues," added a Kremlin official on condition of anonymity.

In addition, the two governments are poised

to ink a raft of economic partnership deals, including a 500-million-dollar (357-million-euro) credit agreement, Medvedev's foreign policy aide Sergei Prikhodko said on Wednesday.

Internet



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (left) meets with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev at the Group of Eight summit in L'Aquila, central Italy, in early July.

INTERNET

British telecom operator BT to cut cost by \$1.6 b

LONDON, 16 July—Britain's telecom operator BT Group is expected to announce cost reductions worth 1 billion pounds (about 1.6 billion US dollars) in the current financial year, BT's Chairman Michael

Rake said on Wednesday. Michael made the announcement at the company's annual shareholder meeting at the Barbican Center in London.

Michael admitted that the company's 2008-09

financial year had been a difficult one, adding that its key priority was to improve the performance of BT's global services.

BT also aimed to improve free cash flow by over a third, he said. On Wednesday, BT's share rose 1.82 percent to close at 17.35 pounds.

BT is one of Britain's biggest private employers with a staff of 106,000, but suffered a 1.3-billion-pound (1.9 billion US dollars) loss in the first three months of the year. The company announced its plan to scrap its staff by 15,000 two months ago.

Internet

S Korea's aviation agreement with Canada takes effect

SEOUL, 16 July—An aviation agreement between South Korea and Canada came into effect Thursday, which is expected to expand passenger and cargo flights between the two nations.

The accord, reached in November last year, allows both countries to increase the number of flights within their discretion and gives South Korean carriers rights to use Canada as a transit point, the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs said.

The so-called open-air accord is made in a move to relieve seat shortages between the countries, as only 2,000 seats per week are available for an annual average of 200,000 people who fly between the countries.

South Korea currently holds similar agreements with the United States and Mexico, the ministry said.

Internet

Cyprus tourist arrivals plunge 10.8 percent

NICOSIA, 16 July—A total of 883,002 tourist arrivals were recorded in the eastern Mediterranean island of Cyprus during the first six months of 2009, a 10.8 percent plunge compared to the same period last year, the Statistical Service announced on Wednesday.

In June alone, a sizeable year-on-year decline of 15.1 percent was recorded as a result of the financial crisis and following recession in Europe.—Internet



Chinese acrobats perform in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 15 July, 2009. An acrobatic team from east China's Shandong Province gave a performance here on Wednesday.

XINHUA

China's industrial output up 10.7% in June, back to double-digit growth

BEIJING, 16 July—China's industrial output expanded 10.7 percent in June from a year earlier, faster than the 8.9 percent rate in May, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Thursday.

It is the first time since last September that the output reached double-digit growth after China launched the 4-trillion-yuan (588.24 billion US dollars) stimulus plan and

scrapped lending restrictions to boost the economy.

"The industrial production is accelerating, and the profit drop is easing," said Li Xiaochao, spokesman of the NBS at the press conference.

The industrial output growth rose to 7 percent for the first half, down 9.3 percentage points from the growth rate of the same period last year, said

Li.

The figure rose to 9.1 percent in the second quarter from 5.1 percent in the first quarter, said Li.

Large industrial enterprises (those with annual revenue of more than 5 million yuan) made an aggregate profit of 850.2 billion yuan during the first five months, down 22.9 percent year on year, said Li.

Internet

GM looks to China for growth

CHICAGO, 16 July—Having emerged from bankruptcy protection last week, the new General Motors Co is looking to the fast-growing Far Eastern markets, especially China, the *Detroit News* reported on Wednesday.

"When the dust settles from this automotive crisis, it'll be clear to see that Asia is the epicenter of growth," said Michael

Dunne, managing director of JD Power and Associates' China operations.

China is on track this year to rival and possibly surpass the United States, with sales expected to exceed 11 million vehicles.

The main markets of the Asia-Pacific region stretching from India to Japan are expected to generate combined sales of more than 21 million cars and trucks this

year, roughly double the sales forecast for the United States, according to JD Power.

As a new GM emerged from bankruptcy last Friday, CEO Fritz Henderson said Nick Reilly, the Shanghai-based president of GM Asia Pacific, would remain in China as the new head of international operations.

Internet

Panama Canal authorities-issued photo shows the Miraflores lock on the waterway through which roughly four percent of world trade flows. The country has confirmed a Spanish-led consortium has won a three-billion-dollar contract to design and build a new set of locks for the country's famous inter-oceanic canal.

INTERNET





BOLIVIA, La Paz : Aerial view of La Paz at night on 13 July, 2009. La Paz, located at 3,600 m above sea level, celebrate its 200th anniversary on 16 July.—INTERNET

AfDB President says population growth sustains poverty in Africa

LAGOS, 16 July—President of African Development Bank (AfDB) Donald Kaberuka said on Tuesday that the geometric growth in African countries' population had sustained the high level of poverty among families.

He stated this on the sidelines of a meeting in Abuja, adding that African countries had recorded a steady growth rate of an upward of 5.9 percent in their popula-

tion, but such growth did not translate to a reduction of poverty on the continent.

"The economies are growing, but so is the population. In many countries, such as Rwanda, the population increases every day by three percent. If you have about six percent growth in the economy, half of it is eaten by the three percent growth in population," he was quoted by the *News Agency of Ni-*

geria as saying.

"We must recognize that we started off from a very low level. We started from a position of deep poverty, and by the time we get to a level of growth, where we can actually impact on the real per capita income, it takes a long time," said Kaberuka, adding that many African countries had recorded phenomenal progress in reducing poverty.

Xinhua

Rich, emerging nations must bridge climate divide

UNITED NATIONS, 16 July—Industrialized and developing countries must rectify their "formidable differences" if the climate talks in Copenhagen are to bear substantive results, said the director of the UN climate change support team here on Wednesday.

"All countries need to make an effort based on common but differentiated responsibilities," Janos Pasztor told reporters.

"Developing countries have to reduce emission growth to depart from business as usual ... and developed countries must be more ambitious in their targets to reduce emissions and produce the financial and technological resources that developing countries need," he said.

With 144 days left before a global climate treaty is expected to be agreed upon in Copenhagen, there

still appears to be a chasm between developed and developing countries.

At the L'Aquila, Italy Summit last week, the Group of Eight (G8) nations — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada and Russia — failed to convince India and China to cut greenhouse emissions by 50 percent by 2050, reports said.—*Xinhua*



The 6th China Changchun International Auto Expo opens in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 15 July, 2009.—XINHUA

APEC trade ministers to discuss crisis recovery in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 16 July—Trade ministers from 21 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) economies will be here on 21-22 July to discuss ways to deal with the aftermath of the economic crisis to aid recovery, local media reported on Wednesday.

According to TV broadcaster Channel NewsAsia, Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang spoke ahead of the upcoming meeting that the world's economy is stabilizing, but challenges remain as more than half of the APEC member economies will see a contraction in their gross domestic product (GDP).—*Xinhua*

Angola promises all conditions to host CAN2010

LUANDA, 16 July—Angolan Hotel and Tourism Minister Pedro Mutindi here on Wednesday promised that the government would create all conditions to host the African Football Cup of Nation (CAN2010) scheduled to be held in Angola in January, 2009.

Pedro Mutindi made the remarks when visiting the ongoing 26th Luanda International Fair (FILDA-2009), saying that the government has allocated all necessary investments in the construction of sports facilities and hotels to guarantee the carrying out of the CAN2010 in a smooth way.

Xinhua

Two killed in French petrochemical plant explosion

PARIS, 16 July—Two people were killed and six others injured in an explosion on Wednesday at a petrochemical plant of Total SA in the eastern France town of Carling, local officials and the company said.

"The accident happened during operations to restart cracker following a stoppage linked to recent bad weather," Total SA said. "One of its parts exploded for an unknown reason."

The company said there was no risk of pollution from the explosion. However, a local official said "several people are believed to still be buried in the debris."—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Iranian soldiers gather at the crash site of the Caspian Airlines plane, which fell into farmland near the city of Qazvin, northwest of Tehran on 15 July, 2009.
XINHUA



168 people died in Iran's passenger plane crash

TEHRAN, 16 July—An Iranian passenger plane crashed on Wednesday morning near the country's northwestern city of Qazvin and all 168 people on board were killed, Iran's state TV IRIB website reported.

IRIB quoted an official of the Health Ministry Mohammad Reza Montazer Khorasan as saying that all the people on board were killed. The crash took place 11 minutes after take-off from Tehran's international Imam Khomeini airport and 112.7 km from the capital city.

Among the passengers were 11 members of Iran's national adolescent Judo, according to Iran's official *IRNA* news

agency.

"It is likely that there is an Iranian Parliament (Majlis) member among the deceased passengers," *IRNA* quoted the Brigadier General Hassan Sajedinia, an Iranian police officer, as saying.

The nationalities of most of the passengers were Iranian while there were some Armenians as well. The officials from Iran's international airport confirmed that there was no Chinese citizen among the victims.

The reports are not consistent about the exact location of the air crash which happened at 11:33 am (0703 GMT) on Wednesday.—*Xinhua*

English Language Proficiency Course of Ministry of Transport concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The concluding ceremony of English Language Proficiency Course for staff of Ministry of Transport was held at the ministry yesterday, with an address by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

The trainees demonstrated the skills received and the minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the leader of trainees.

Altogether 24 trainees attended the four-month course.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents prize to an outstanding trainee.—TRANSPORT



Industry-1 Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received a delegation led by Professor Dr Otto Pulz of IGV Gmb H from Germany at his office here on 13 July evening.

He also received CEO Mr Masahiro Okojima of A.1 System Products Corp; Negative ion Institute of Technology from Japan at 1 pm and Executive Director Mr Malay Das of Thyssen Krupp Industries from Germany at 2 pm on 14 July. They mainly discussed matters on production of spirulina of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries and major repairing of Cement Factory (Kyaukse) of Myanmar Ceramics Industries.

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Mudon Women's Vocational Training School, a drive for regional development

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Mottama Gulf and Chaungzon Township in the west, Thanbyuzayat Township in the south and Mawlamyine Township in the north. The local people are engaged in agriculture and industries as the main businesses. Due to smooth transport, the township is gaining development momentum possessing the town characteristics.

At Women's Vocational Training School in Kwamta Village of Mudon, we had an interview with Principal Daw Than Than Lwin. She explained, "The Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs is conducting the vocational training school to equip the local national women with nationalist spirit and to provide vocational courses to them. The school opens the main vocational courses namely the basic and advanced tailoring courses, the handiwork course, the bakery course and the wickerwork course. As part of efforts to create the job opportunities for the local women, the education qualification is not limited for the trainees. They may

attend the course with the endorsements of the township level departmental officials. The training courses last three and a half months each. After the basic courses, the trainees may continue their learning in the advanced courses. The qualified trainees were appointed as the staff of the training school. After concluding the courses, necessary sewing



Daw Than Than Lwin, Principal of Mudon Women's Vocational Training School.

machines and other equipment to be used in the handiworks are sold to the trainees through the installment system for using the items in their works. During the course periods, the training school provides the trainees with necessary material such as textiles, coarse papers, daily allowance and travel allowance. In implementing the aim of the training school, a salesroom is kept open



Local people of Mudon have easy access to townships in Mon State as rural roads have been upgraded to the tarred roads.

and the works of the trainees are put on sales so as to establish the manageable scale businesses."

The training school was opened in 2005. Up to now, the school has turned out over 600 female trainees, and now a total of 58 female trainees are attending the vocational courses.

We had an opportunity to visit the training courses of the school. They politely welcomed us by reciting "Pancagunam Aham Vandami". Their welcome reflects the aims of the training school to become the trainee women equipped with good characters and nationalist spirit, to turn out them with patriotic spirit and to develop the traditional culture and domestic science works.

We also observed the condition of road transportation of the township. We saw all the

roads have been upgraded to the tarred roads linking the urban and rural areas for ensuring smooth transportation at any time.

Moreover, Mudon Township People's Hospital, Kamawet Station Hospital and six rural health centres are providing health care services to the local people. In the education sector, the buildings of Basic Education High Schools, Middle Schools

and Primary Schools are reflecting the development of the township.

In addition, Mudon Township was designated as the model township in paddy cultivation. For development of paddy cultivation, the Central Agriculture Farm of Mudon is distributing the quality paddy strains to the townships in Mon State. Therefore, the township achieves the

paddy and rice sufficiency.

At present, the self-reliant village libraries have been opened in the whole Mudon Township. Efforts are being made to develop these libraries in line with five tasks of library. During the visit, we witnessed the sector-wise progress in Mudon Township.

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Female trainees pursuing advanced tailoring course.

Meiktila Township gains development momentum

NAYPYITAW, 16 July— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 12 July viewed supply of water to sesame plantations from the tube-wells through the water pump and irrigated water to paddy plants in Kaphyu Village-tract of Meiktila Township.

The minister gave instructions on distribution of quality paddy strains to the local farmers.

To supply underground water to the farmlands in Meiktila-Thazi region, a total of 221 tube-wells had been sunk in Meiktila Township and 121 tube-wells in Thazi Township. This year, more 200 tube-wells are being sunk. In meeting with local farmers from Kaphyu, Nyaungkaya and Shwehlan villages, the minister explained boosting agricultural produce and

supply of water to the farmlands.

Next, the minister presented a computer set to Shwehlan village Basic Education Middle School through the headmaster.

Then the minister inspected Basic Education Primary School at Chaukpin village in Meiktila Township which is under repair and presented cash for education fund. He also met with local people.

In meeting with the chairman of township PDC and members, departmental personnel and local people at Yindaw Village in Pyawbwe Township, the minister held discussions with them on repair of dams and lakes in villages to supply water and supply of water to the farmlands from the tube-wells.

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China calls on int'l community to assess Myanmar in "fair, objective" way

UNITED NATIONS, 13 July — The international community should give a more balanced assessment of the political progress Myanmar has made and treat it with less arrogance and prejudice, a senior Chinese diplomat said here Monday.

Liu Zhenmin, China's deputy permanent representative to the UN, told an open meeting of the Security Council that "it has been unfair to turn a blind eye to the progress Myanmar has made, or instead, always be picky at its government."

Liu said the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has been actively conducted good offices in Myanmar as mandated by the General Assembly in recent years.

"His unremitting efforts and the positive outcome thereby achieved deserve an objective and fair assessment by the international community," he said.

Ban briefed the 15 members of the Security Council at the meeting on his latest visit to the south-eastern Asian country on July 3-4, the second in just over a year.

During his visit, Ban met with Senior-General Than Shwe, Myanmar's Head of State, and people from other political parties including the National League for Democracy (NLD), but was under pressure from some media and certain countries due to his

failure to meet with NLD leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Liu voiced China's support to Ban and highly appreciated his recent visit, calling the visit "positive and full of significance."

"Whether or not he met with Aung San Suu Kyi should not be used as a criterion to measure the success of the visit," he said.

Also on Monday, Myanmar's UN Ambassador U Than Swe told the Security Council that his government regretted its inability to arrange the meeting as the special court has its independent jurisdiction over the matter.

"Aung San Suu Kyi was unfortunately involved in the legal proceed. In order to maintain the justice of judicial process, the Myanmar government did not arrange the bilateral meeting. This is totally understandable. The UN should respect the jurisdiction of its member state," Liu said.

Ban had in-depth talks with top leaders of Myanmar, directly conveyed to them the concern of the international community and enhanced mutual trust between Myanmar and the UN, Liu said.

"This will play an important role in encouraging the Myanmar side to maintain the current momentum and promote the democratic process according to the established plans," Liu said—XINHUA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo views supply of water to plantations from tube-wells through water pump.—MNA

Regional development tasks in Dawei District

YANGON, 16 July— Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, on 12 July, met with members of social organizations and local people from Pugawzwan village, Yebyu Township of Dawei District, Taninthayi Division. At the meeting, the minister fulfilled the needs after hearing reports

presented and donated books and stationary to Basic Education Schools in village-tracts through responsible persons. Upon arrival at Thittodaung village of Yebyu Township, the minister met with local people and members of social organizations, and donated exercise books and stationary to village Basic

Education Schools.

In the afternoon, the minister fulfilled the needs in meeting with members of social organizations, townsenders and local people at the hall of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kadatgyi village, Launglon township, Dawei District. In addition, the minister donated exercise books and

Outstanding students awarded in Natogyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung on 13 July attended the 6th prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students at Kanna Affiliated Basic Education High School in Natogyi Township and presented exercise books to eight basic education schools.

He handed over certificates of honour and cash awards presented by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung to the outstanding teachers and distinction winning students in the matriculation examination for 2008-09.

At Natogyi BEHS, the deputy minister also handed over certificates of honour

and cash awards presented by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung to 19 outstanding teachers and 21 distinction winners.

The wife of the deputy minister also presented certificates of honour and cash awards to outstanding students at Myoma BEHS (Branch) and Shyapwpyu BEMS (Branch).

On 14 July, the deputy minister also attended the 6th prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students at Ohbontaw BEMS and presented exercise books to the school and seven BEPSs.

Outstanding students were awarded.

The deputy minister attended the similar

ceremony at Lontaw-Thamantaw BEMS (Branch) and Nanhnaung Post-Primary School and presented exercise books, certificates of honour and cash awards to the schools and outstanding students.

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Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presents stationery for basic education schools in Dawei District. L & F



Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung presenting prize to a teacher in Kanna affiliated BEHS. TRANSPORT

pencils to Basic Education Schools through the township education officer.

Afterwards, the minister met with members of social organizations and local people at Post-Primary School in Inzauk village and donated exercise books and pencils to Basic Education Schools in the village and 650 bags of cement and 590 CI sheets to Basic Education Schools in Yebyu township of Dawei District.—MNA

Time to end the play so much in confusion and disorder

An Observer

Nowadays there are a lot of voices from many persons randomly criticizing UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon's visit to Myanmar from their own point of view. Some reviewed the root cause of the matter in an objective way, but others criticizing the matter only from the West's angle.

In my assumption, we can find the right answer to know whether his visit is successful or not only if we can differentiate between the view point of Myanmar people, the view point of the UN and some world nations and the view point of the West and anti-government groups.

Here, we need to know the fundamental cause of the UN Secretary-General's visit to Myanmar. There were news reports saying that Mr. Ban was making three demands before his Myanmar visit. The three demands were: to release all political prisoners including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi before the 2010 election; to carry out democracy transition through all-inclusive coordination before the election; and to allow him to meet with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

As Mr. Ban was going to make the said three demands during his visit, the West media and anti-government groups were raising the issue hand in hand thinking that Myanmar would have no choice but to yield to the demands. Relying just on the pressures exerted by some powers, they came to this conclusion without considering whether it was probable and acceptable in a logical way.

The UN Secretary Council on 22 May 2009 issued an announcement in connection with Myanmar. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar in response to the UNSC announcement issued its own announcement on 27 May 2009. The West media and anti-government groups failed to take these announcements into account.

The announcement made by MOFA of Myanmar already included answers to the three demands to be made by the UN Secretary-General. I would like to state the announcement as follows:

"The Government of the Union of Myanmar, in order to ensure stability of the State and in the interest of the people, has to issue restriction order and place Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at her house under restriction in accordance with the Law to Safeguard the State against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts.

"Whilst the restriction order was in effect, an intruder Mr. John William Yettaw, who is a United States citizen, entered the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in May, 2009, and was permitted to stay in the house for two days, communicated, given food and provided shelter by her. Therefore, legal action in accordance with law has been taken unavoidably.

"Such action will not have any political impact and, thus, the action in accordance with law will be considered and carried out as the task relating to the rule of law.

"In order to enable them to take part in the building of a new democratic State, 9,002 prisoners were released when the Government granted amnesty for the eighth time on 23 September 2008 in accordance with Article 401 (1) of the Penal Code, and 6,313 prisoners for the ninth time on 20 February 2009.

"Myanmar firmly accepts the affirmation of her sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The future of Myanmar lies in the hands of all of her people. The Government will, therefore, hold multi-party general elections, fifth step of the Road Map, in 2010, and the Government is determined to continue hand-in-hand with the people to implementing the Seven-Step Road Map in accordance with the aspirations of the people."

We have firm record that Myanmar since joining the UN has been giving priority to cooperating with the global body. We warmly welcomed the UN Secretary-General's visit to Myanmar. We also warmly welcomed Mr. Gambari who came to Myanmar and made coordination in advance for Mr. Ban's visit and also fulfilled his requirements to the most possible degree. Concerning a meeting with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar informed in advance that the country was not in a position to allow such meeting.

Mr. Ban visited Myanmar officially only after making coordination through the diplomatic channel. Mr. Ban made demands for two times to meet with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi although the matter was not even included in the prior coordination.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe met with Mr. Ban and party for two times, one on 3 July and another on 4 July. The discussions at the meetings were released in the dailies. One will know that Myanmar worked with constructive attitude in all seriousness during the UN Secretary-General's visit if one comprehensively studies of the news report. The brief account of the news is stated as follows for the readers to thoroughly review it.

On 3 July 2009

Senior General Than Shwe

- extends warm welcome to the United Nations Secretary General to Myanmar,
- being a member of the United Nations, Myanmar is making the best cooperation with the global organization,

Mr Ban Ki-moon

- prior to the visit to Myanmar, he held broad discussions with UN members, five permanent members of Security Council, Japan, and ASEAN countries,
- the countries all showed their support for the visit to Myanmar, and their wishes to witness progress in implementing Myanmar democratization process and the State's seven-step Road Map,
- he was glad to see that the storm-ravaged buildings had been reconstructed on his drive from Yangon International Airport to Yangon in his last trip to the nation,
- he recognized and was pleased to see the exemplary performances of the Tripartite Core Group in

providing humanitarian aid to Myanmar,

- he pledged he would continue to extend a helpful hand by the international community in providing humanitarian assistance,
- he would persuade political parties, and armed groups that have made peace with the government to participate as positive allies in nation-building programmes under the leadership of the Senior General,

Senior General Than Shwe

- the government will hold a free and fair election in 2010, and is working to complete the drawing necessary laws and regulations on schedule,
- shortly thereafter, political parties will be formed and election laws will be issued in time,
- the law is being written in a fair way in order that everybody will be able to participate in the election proceedings,
- the government will make arrangements for politicians to form parties and stand for election, with national reconsolidation at the centre,
- he wished to arrange a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, but she is on trial together with US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, so he would like the UNSG to understand that she is not available in the trial period,

On 4 July 2009

Mr Ban Ki-moon

- the previous day, he conferred with the Myanmar Prime Minister, focusing on matters on Myanmar-UN cooperation, and he met with the 10 political parties and seven peace groups,
- at the meetings, he urged his dialogue partners to participate with positive attitude in the forthcoming election and tasks for national reconciliation, and he said that it is important to set timeframe for necessary laws and commissions for the election,
- he would like Myanmar officials to consider to arrange a meeting between him and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,

Senior General Than Shwe

- he hopes the UN will cope with the issue fairly and without discrimination against or in favour of particular countries, big or small,
- Myanmar is concentrating on the two major points,
- the first point is arrangement for successful completion of the election due to be held in 2010,
- the second point is to lay foundations for the next government to be formed according to the election results,

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*** The government and the people will no longer tolerate any loss resulting from solving the problem not of their own making.**

*** Therefore, it is time they stopped making problems if they really want to promote people's interests.**

*** As for us, we would like to say we will continue to do what has to be done in accord with the wishes of the people.**

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- for the time being, they are in no position to pay attention to any personal cases, except the two points,
- he had explained the previous day as to the case the UNSG had asked for a meeting with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

So, it is clear what sorts of demands Mr Ban Ki-moon made, and to what extent the government complied with the demands, and the government's stand in the interest of the nation and the people.

Maybe Mr Ban Ki-moon is disappointed because he did not have any opportunity to meet with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, but I am sure it is not disappointing for the international community. It is because a free and fair election will be held in 2010 for transition to democracy. Now necessary laws and regulations are being formulated, and thereafter, parties will be formed and election laws will be issued in time. The law is being written fairly in order that every citizen can take part in the election proceedings. Arrangements will be made for politicians to form parties and stand for election. And Myanmar could send a message to the international community through the UNSG regarding the government's concept that national reconsolidation is of great importance along with its stand and pragmatic approach to the issue.

Moreover, if we study Mr Ban Ki-moon's comments, it can be seen that, before he came to Myanmar, he had broad discussions with UN member nations, five permanent members of UN Security Council, ASEAN member nations and Japan and that

he publicly urged political parties and peace groups of national races, in his meeting with them, to take part in the election and national reconsolidation work with a positive attitude.

If we review these discussions, it is obvious that almost all of UN member nations, five permanent UNSC member nations, ASEAN member nations and Japan would like there to be progress in Myanmar's transition to democracy and in its implementation of the seven-step Road Map and that the government of Myanmar is also implementing it fairly step by step according to the schedule.

There is another thing worthy of careful attention. It is that Mr Ban Ki-moon defended himself against his critics who blamed him for not securing a meeting with Daw Suu Kyi. The success of Mr Ban Ki-moon's visit cannot be judged just by the fact that he was allowed to meet Daw Suu Kyi or was not. Regarding this, Mr Ban Ki-moon replied that Myanmar refused only his request to meet Daw Suu Kyi but did not turn down the demand to release political prisoners and make reforms.

There are also another two things that deserve careful consideration. The first thing is, why did Mr Ban Ki-moon ask to be allowed to meet Daw Suu Kyi? If the government had allowed him to do so, what would he have told her? Would he have urged her to stand for election? Or would he have told her to ask US and its allies to lift sanctions imposed on Myanmar? Or was he to have passed Daw Suu Kyi the messages of some big nations Mr Ban Ki-moon had visited? Or was he to have

passed Daw Suu Kyi's message to those nations? Mr Ban Ki-moon had repeatedly asked to be allowed to meet Daw Suu Kyi but he did not say definitely what could be the results if he was allowed to meet her.

And no one knows the exact meaning of Mr Ban Ki-moon's comment that Myanmar authorities had missed an opportunity just because he could not meet Daw Suu Kyi. Did it have something to do with the fact that US and EU would review their previous actions regarding the affairs of Myanmar? It's anybody's guess. Besides, it is learnt that Mr Ban Ki-moon had a 10-minute talk with NLD representatives after meeting representatives from 10 political parties. But neither Mr Ban Ki-moon nor NLD representatives disclosed anything about their talk.

An overall review of all the facts already presented will clearly show that the Myanmar government has made public its stand and aims and objectives frankly and honestly but the attitude of opposition groups is half-disclosed and half-hidden.

It is not only now that solutions are being sought, at home as well as abroad, about the problem of an individual or of a party. It would not be wrong to say that it is the problem they themselves have been creating since 1988-89. The government and the people will no longer tolerate any loss resulting from solving the problem not of their own making. Therefore, it is time they stopped making problems if they really want to promote people's interests. As for us, we would like to say we will continue to do what has to be done in accord with the wishes of the people.

(Translation: TMT+MS+NN)

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo meets with visiting Vietnamese delegation

YANGON, 16 July—At the invitation of Union Solidarity and Development Association, a visiting Vietnamese 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 called on Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo at the meeting hall of the USDA Headquarters in Bahan Township, here, yesterday evening.

Also present at the call were CEC members U Aung Thein Lin, Thura U Aung Ko, U Maung Pa and officials of the headquarters. First, the Secretary-General made an introductory speech on the occasion. Next, Chairman of National Races Affairs Council Mr K Sor Phuoco dealt with solidarity and development of their national races. Afterwards, the Secretary-General and



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo meeting with CEC member of the Communist Party Central Committee of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Chairman of National Races Affairs Council Mr K Sor Phuoco.—MNA

the Chairman of National Races Affairs Council exchanged gifts.

In the evening, the Secretary-General hosted a dinner to the visiting Vietnamese delegation at the Sedona Hotel.—MNA

Premier Coffee holds Music and Beauty contests



A responsible person awards a winner of Premier Coffee Music and Beauty Contest.—MNA

YANGON, 16 July—Under the tour programme (3), Premier Coffee Co Ltd successfully held Premier Coffee Music and Beauty Contest at Mogkok, Mandalay Division on 13 July. The similar ceremonies are being held in Thabeikkyin, Letpanhla, Madaya, Sagaing, Myinmu and Mandalay.

Vocalist J Nyi Nyi, Khine Shwe Wah and Ko Ko Maung of Melody World acted as judges at the ceremonies. Actors Wai Lu Kyaw and Khin Lay Nwe entertained audiences with performance show. Premier Coffee Co Ltd expressed thanks for local authorities concerned, departments concerned, townsenders, contestants, premier coffee lovers and township agents. The final contest will be held for those who stood first in contests held in above-mentioned towns at Capital Hypermarket in Yangon soon.—MNA

Regional development tasks of Ingapu Township carried out

YANGON, 16 July—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 12 July inspected preparations made for construction of new building of Basic Education Primary School in Thaunggon Village of Ingapu Township and also met with local people.

Afterwards, the minister made a speech at the opening ceremony of new building of BEPS in Ohnkon village and made cash donation for the school.

The minister looked into rural health care center in Thabaw village, construction of new building of village Basic Education Middle School (branch) and BEPS in Aikalaw village and met with local people.

On arrival at BEPS in Gonzaung village, the minister inspected construction of new building and fulfilled the needs.

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Some areas of Kayin State and Taninthayi Division flooded

Tornado destroys some houses and blows off roofs and walls in Ayeyawady Division

Officials provide necessary assistance for flood and tornado victims

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The torrential rain caused floods in Kayin State and Taninthayi Division on 13 and 14 July. Some households were evacuated to the safe places. In addition, some motor roads and railroads were flooded. On 14 July, a tornado destroyed some houses and blew off the roofs and walls of some buildings in Ayeyawady Division. In the incident, there was no casualties of human and draught cattle and six persons were injured.

At 6 am on 14 July, the heavy rain and the flow down of mountain torrent at Dawna Hill flooded the floors of the houses in Ward B and Ward D. The water receded starting 4 pm. Although a relief camp was opened at No. 3 Post-Primary School at the corner of Azarni Road in Ward B of Hlaingbwe, the flooded areas victim households do not move to it.

At 11 pm on 13 July, the torrential rain caused landslides at some areas of Kawkareik-Myawady Road and blocked it. Officials concerned managed to clear the road.

Local authorities are providing necessary assistance to the flood victims.

On 14 July, the heavy rain caused bank erosions

at some bridges on Dawei-Mawlamyine Road in Kaleinaung Township of Taninthayi Division. In the incidents, some approach roads to the bridges were destroyed. Due to the torrential rain, the water level rose to 3-4 feet along the road to the hospital in Kayinpyin North Ward of Dawei and in Patayi Village on Dawei-Myitta Road. As some parts of the motor road was under water, officials are carrying out necessary task for vehicle transportation.

The local authorities are providing necessary assistance for maintenance of the road and bridges.

Tornado destroyed roofs and walls of some houses and buildings and brick wall of the water tank at Kanywa Village of Kyartwin Village-tract in Ngapudaw Township, Ayeyawady Division at 9.45 a.m. on 14 July, and two households were relocated at their relatives' houses. Similarly, Tornado hit at Yaykyaw Vilalge in Hainggyigyun Township from 10.55 am to 11 a.m. on 14 July and destroyed roofs and walls of post primary school, nursery and some houses. After two minutes of heavy rain and strong wind which started from 9 am on 14 July, roofs and walls of some houses, buildings and wards of the hospital were damaged in Ngwehsaung Township.

Yangon-Mandalay market ship to be launched

YANGON, 16 July—The first voyage of Mya Ayeyar, Yangon-Mandalay market ship of Commodity Transport Division of Inland Water Transportation of Ministry of Transport will be launched from Batataung Bridge here on 26 July (Sunday).

Those wishing to sell goods on the ship may contact Commodity Transport Division on Batataung Zay Street in person or dial 292199, 292319.

Those from townships may contact township manager offices in Maubin, Danyubyu, Hinthada, Myanaung, Kyangin, Pyay, Thayet, Aunglan, Magway.

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Tornado hit at Kyeinchaunggyi Village in Bogale Township from 3.15 pm to 3.55 p.m. on 14 July. It wiped out roofs and walls of some houses and buildings leaving six people injured. From 3.30 pm to 3.40 pm on 14 July, roofs of some houses and buildings were destroyed by tornado at Kharpyat Village in Daw Nyein Village-tract, Ahmar Township in Pyapon. Officials relocated the victims at their neighbours' and relatives' houses. They are being given necessary assistance by officials.

Local authorities concerned and regional in-charge ministers are providing the storm victims with necessary assistance.

Heavy rain caused overflow of water in Maesai creek in Tachilek, Shan State (East) on 13 July afternoon and evening. Ponhtu, Talock, Hsamsai (A) and (B) wards were submerged and the flood receded later.

Necessary assistance is being provided to storm victims by local authorities concerned.

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Rural libraries designed to broaden horizons of rural dwellers

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

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in Madein Village, we saw many villagers, young and old, reading. Staff Officer Daw Myint Myint Khaing of District Information and Public Relations Department told the Myanma Alin,

“Up to now, we have opened 449 libraries in the 10 townships in Myitkyina District. We are working with five objectives for sustainable development of the libraries.”

“We equip the libraries with as many pub-

lications as we can collect to expand the horizons of rural people. And we also show TV there,” she said.

The News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information has set up sub-printing houses in some cities in

states and divisions in order that local people in border areas can read newspapers on the same day in which urban people in Yangon and Mandalay read daily issues. Now, the villages in border areas have easy access to daily issues such as the Myanma Alin and the Kyemon from the News and Periodicals Enterprise through sub-printing houses concerned.

In-charge U Zaw Min of Myitkyina Sub-printing House said, “We distribute daily newspapers not only to urban people but also to rural people through sale agents to broaden their horizons.”

Then, we visited Ayon-U Library in Guyan Village, Waingmaw Township. It was built of bamboo and roofed with thatch with bamboo matting, and it was found to

have kept clean and tidy. It is equipped with a variety of publications including daily newspapers, journals, magazines and novels.

On return from Waingmaw, we dropped in Gan-hta-win Library in Palana Village near Myitkyina. It is a nice facility equipped with various kinds of publications. It was opened on 30 January 2006. It opens from 10 am until 4 pm on the weekends.

Now, the wards and villages in the four districts in Kachin State have got libraries. Myitkyina District has got 12 learning centres; Mohnyin District, 10 learning centres; Bhamo District, nine learning centres; and Putao District, six learning centres. So far, the four districts have got 1635 libraries. At the national



Daw Myint Myint Khaing, Staff Officer, Myitkyina District Information and Public Relations Department.

level, 55,755 rural libraries have emerged.

As a result, almost every village in Kachin State has got a library, and local people gain a lot of knowledge and enjoy better socio-economic life.

Translation: MS
Myanma Alin: 15-7-2009



Book lovers reading at Amyinthit Library in Madein Village, Waingmaw Township, Kachin State.

Fiery tanker crash downs Mich overpass

HAZEL PARK, 16 July— At least one tanker truck burst into flames after crashing on Interstate 75 near Detroit Wednesday, causing a portion of an overpass to collapse, police said.

The accident occurred about 8:30 pm at the Nine Mile overpass in Hazel Park about 10 miles north of downtown Detroit, *The Detroit News* reported. It wasn't known what the truck was carrying.

The fire sent a huge

cloud of black smoke into the sky and blocked traffic in both directions. But no injuries had been reported initially, Hazel Park police told the News.

WXYZ-TV, Detroit, reported witnesses said the top of the tanker hit the overpass bridge and that a Michigan State Police officer said two or three trucks were involved. However, State Police Lt Shannon Sims told the News it wasn't known what caused the crash.

"I just saw a huge ball of flame go up when I was at the red light, just went up in flame," witness Mary Greib told CNN. "I took off running."

Vince Brennan watched the scene from the eighth floor of a nearby building.

"I heard a whole bunch of boom, boom, boom," he said. "The flames had to be 30, 40 feet in the air."—*Internet*



Firefighters work to extinguish a gasoline tanker explosion on interstate 75 north of Detroit in Hazel Park, Mich, on 15 July, 2009. Michigan State Police say there are no immediate reports of injuries. The tanker was headed north on Interstate 75 when it exploded beneath the 9 Mile Road overpass about 8 pm. Half the overpass has collapsed onto the northbound lanes of I-75 while the rest remains standing.—INTERNET

American Airlines parent AMR posts 2Q loss

DALLAS, 16 July— American Airlines parent AMR Corp lost more money in the second quarter as fewer people got on its planes and those who did paid lower fares than a year ago.

AMR's revenue plunged 21 percent from the same period in 2008, swamping the savings that American reaped from cheaper jet fuel prices.

Still, American raised

more money from extra fees on baggage and other items, and the financial results weren't as bad as Wall Street had feared.

AMR said Wednesday that it lost \$390 million, or \$1.39 per share. Excluding charges related to the sale and grounding of planes, it would have lost \$319 million, or \$1.14 per share.

That was a narrower loss than expected. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters had predicted a loss excluding charges of \$1.28 per share.

In the same quarter last year, AMR lost \$1.46 bil-

lion, or \$5.83 per share, mostly for writing down the value of its fleet. Without the charges, the year-ago loss was \$298 million.

Revenue in April through June fell to \$4.89 billion, a decline of nearly \$1.3 billion from a year ago.

The revenue slide is likely to continue into the fall. AMR officials said bookings through September are running about 1.5 percent of available seats behind last year's pace — especially troubling because American has cut the supply of seats.

—*Internet*



In this photo made on 8 July, 2009, an American Airlines plane sits at a gate at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles, Calif.—INTERNET

World pirate attacks more than double this year

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 July—Pirate attacks worldwide more than doubled in the first half of 2009 amid a surge of raids on vessels in the Gulf of Aden and the east coast of Somalia, an international maritime watchdog said Wednesday.

The number of attacks rose to 240 between January and June, up from 114 incidents in the same period a year ago, according to a report released by the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur.

Ships were boarded in 78 cases and 31 vessels were hijacked, with 561 crew taken hostage, 19 injured and six killed, the bureau said in its quarterly report. The attackers were heavily armed with guns or knives in most of the cases, it said. The higher attacks were due mainly to increased Somali pirate activity off the Gulf of Aden and east coast of Somalia, which combined accounts for 130 of the cases, the report said.—*Internet*

Man seeks ride from detective after heist

Authorities say a parolee who robbed a Michigan bank was caught when he tried to hitch a ride from an undercover police detective.

Mark E White was arraigned on charges that include bank robbery and making a false bomb threat. He is being held at the Saginaw County Jail on \$755,000 bond. It was not clear whether White had an attorney. Police did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Authorities tell *The Saginaw News* that White flagged down Saginaw Township Detective Scott Jackson on Wednesday after the bank robbery a few blocks away.



A newborn squirrel monkey holds on to its mother at the Monkey Park in Ben Shemen near the central Israeli city of Tel Aviv on 14 July, 2009.

China to have first province with population over 100 million

The most populous Chinese province, Henan, is predicted to have its 100-millionth citizen next July.

The provincial population and family planning commission made the prediction on Friday, just before the 20th World Population Day on Saturday, whose focus this year is "investing in women and girls".

It predicted the symbolic birth is likely to come between the noon of 7 July next year and the morning of the next day. Meng Xiancheng, head of the Henan commission, said the coming of the baby has been delayed by 13 years as the province has avoided 33 million births over the past three decades, thanks to the country's family planning efforts.



Giant panda "Xi Wang" stands on the ice cube to cool itself off at the Wuhan Zoo in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 13 July, 2009.

Diets bad for teeth, bad for body

Dental pain may portend future medical problems because a diet bad for teeth may be also bad for the body, a US researcher said.

Dr Philippe P Hujoel of the University of Washington School of Dentistry in Seattle said dental disease may be a wake-up call that your diet is harming your body.

Hujoel reviewed the relationships between diet, dental disease, and chronic

systemic illness in a report published in the *Journal of Dental Research*.

Over the past 20 years, Hujoel said, people have been advised to make fermentable dietary carbohydrates — cookies, doughnuts, cake, candy, bananas, tropical fruits, raisins, dried fruits, potatoes, refined wheat flour, yams, rice, pasta, pretzels, bread and corn — the foundation of their diet.

NEWS ALBUM

Boy 6, bites rope to escape from kidnappers

A 6-year-old boy managed to bite and loosen the rope around his hands and escaped from his kidnappers.

The student in Yangtian village, Shaanxi province, was kidnapped on Monday afternoon.

Two men used a motorcycle to transport him into a mountain.

The boy carried his schoolbag and walked along the road used by the kidnappers and then flagged down a taxi.

Police caught the kidnappers.



An Indonesian boy is covered with sand as families crowd a beach in north Jakarta to cool themselves from hot the summer temperatures and for children to enjoy last day of school holidays.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (175)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (175) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 17.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.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
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AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES**

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DP GENOA VOY NO (926) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 17.7.2009 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.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV GENIUS STAR VOY NO (39)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GENIUS STAR VOY NO (39) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 17.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 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.

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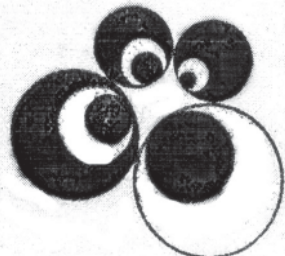
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Costa Rican, Chinese companies sign supplement contract for joint refinery

SAN JOSE, 16 July—Costa Rican Oil Refinery (RECOPE) and the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) on Wednesday signed a supplement contract for the establishment of a joint venture to build an oil refinery.

The RECOPE and the CNPC signed an agreement in late 2008 to form a joint venture, but the deal was not ratified by the Costa Rican Comptroller's Office, which said the joint venture would violate the RECOPE's legal monopoly on oil refining and distribution.

RECOPE Executive President Jose Leon Desanti told *Xinhua* that with the supplement contract, it is clear there is no rupture on the monopoly of the state-owned giant and it also set the shares of both companies at the joint venture.

The supplement contract will be subject to the Comptroller's Office for further review.—*Internet*

Two hostages rescued in S Philippines

MANILA, 16 July—Security forces rescued two local fishermen from their militant captors after a brief fire-fight Thursday morning in southern Philippine island of Basilan, local police reported.

The two hostages were abducted earlier April in their hometown in Zamboanga del Sur Province and was kept in jungle captive by suspected Abu Sayyaf militants in Basilan.

Senior Superintendent Abubakar Tulawi of the Basilan police said one militant was killed in the early Thursday morning clash while no government soldier was hurt.

Basilan, along with the nearby Sulu archipelago, is a known stronghold of the 400-member Abu Sayyaf, which is believed to have ties with the Al Qaeda network.

The group freed an Italian Red Cross staff last Sunday, ending a six-month hostage crisis that brought international concerns.—*Internet*

GM to invest \$1 b in Brazil plant

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 July—US automaker General Motors on Wednesday announced plans to invest 2 billion reais (1 billion US dollars) in one of its Brazilian plants.

In a meeting with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, GM's president in Brazil, Jaime Ardila, presented a plan foreseeing increased investment in its factory in southern Brazil.

The investment will boost output from the current 230,000 vehicles per year to 380,000 vehicles per year in 2012, surpassing all other GM units across the Mercosur region.

A new production line will be installed in the factory to manufacture compact cars for consumers in Brazil and other Mercosur

countries. The move is expected to generate 1,000 direct and 7,000 indirect jobs.

This has been the first GM investment in Brazil since the beginning of the global financial crisis. The Brazilian automobile sector faced trouble in the last quarter of 2008, but it is recovering since then, mostly thanks to tax cuts and other government measures.

Internet

Bollywood tweets, blogs for the fans

MUMBAI, 16 July—Taking a lead from their Hollywood counterparts, India's Hindi-language film stars are getting online, using the Internet to get closer to their fans.

Whereas only a few years ago, Bollywood stars were still responding to fan mail, signing photographs of themselves and sending them across India by post, the industry's biggest names are now keeping followers up to date via the web.

Actresses from Shilpa Shetty and Celina Jaitley to actors Aamir Khan, Salman Khan and Amitabh Bachchan are posting photos, videos and their thoughts on films and life on personal websites.

Internet

5.6 magnitude earthquake shakes northern Chile

SANTIAGO, 16 July—An earthquake of 5.6 magnitude shook on Wednesday Tarapaca region in the north of Chile, without immediate report of casualties and material damages.

The earthquake struck 11:22 am local time, with its epicenter in Pozo Almonte locality, some 2,000 km north of Santiago, the Seismologic Service from the University of Chile reported.

Internet

A newly launched Tata Motors World Truck on display in Mumbai, late May. India's automobile sector is showing some signs of a recovery with motor firms sales improving, fuelled in part by low interest rates.—INTERNET





Space shuttle Endeavour lifts off on a mission to the International Space Station from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 15 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Debris falls from Endeavour during launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, 16 July—A dozen pieces of debris fell from US space shuttle Endeavour's fuel tank during liftoff, and at least one piece hit the orbiter, NASA said Wednesday night.

The one piece struck the spacecraft about 1 minute, 46 seconds after liftoff, leaving white marks on the heat-resistant tiles on its underside, *The New York Times* reported.

It wasn't known if the debris caused any serious damage, Space.com reported.

"The bottom line is we saw some stuff," said Mike Moses, who heads the mission management team. "Some of it doesn't concern us, some of it, we just can't really speculate on right now. But we have the tools in front of us, and the processes in front of us to go clear the vehicle for entry. No real worries there, we just got to wait and see what happens."

In space and on the ground, NASA will spend the next few days analyzing damage to determine if it could endanger the shuttle during re-entry, the *Times* said.—*Internet*

Smoking linked to more rapid MS decline

BOSTON, 16 July—Cigarette smokers are at higher risk of developing multiple sclerosis and the disease appears to progress more rapidly in smokers, US researchers say. Brian C Healy of Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and colleagues studied 1,465 patients with MS who visited a referral center between February 2006 and August 2007.

Participants had an average age of 42 and had MS for an average of 9.4 years. Their progression was assessed by clinical characteristics as well as by magnetic resonance imaging over an average of 3.29 years. Fifty-three percent of the patients had never smoked, 29.2 percent had smoked in the past and 17.5 percent were current smokers.

During follow-up, seven never-smokers began smoking and 57 current smokers quit. Current smokers had significantly more severe disease symptoms at the beginning of the study in terms of scores on disability scales and also in the analysis of magnetic resonance imaging factors.—*Internet*

Flavonoid helps mice to lose weight

LONDON, 16 July—The flavonoid naringenin — a plant-based bioactive molecule from citrus fruit — was found to help mice lose weight, Canadian researchers said.

Murray Huff of the Robarts Research Institute at The University of Western Ontario said one group of mice was fed a high-fat, or Western, diet to induce the symptoms of metabolic syndrome — a cluster of conditions that occur together, increasing the risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

A second group of mice was fed the exact same diet and treated with

naringenin.

The study, published in the journal *Diabetes*, found naringenin corrected the elevations in triglyceride and cholesterol, prevented the development of insulin resistance and completely normalized glucose metabolism.

The researchers said it worked by genetically reprogramming the liver to burn up excess fat, rather than storing fat.

"Furthermore, the marked obesity that develops in these mice was completely prevented by naringenin," Huff said in a statement.

Internet



Customers take a look at the new iPhone 3GS on the first day it is being sold in Spain at a Telefonica store in Madrid, on 19 June, 2009.
INTERNET

Confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in Canada rise to 1,0156

OTTAWA, 16 July—The confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in Canada has risen to 1,0156, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) said Wednesday.

The disease has now spread to all of the country's 10 provinces and three territories, with Ontario province reporting the most cases, at 3,636. The total of hospitalization cases have risen to 1,115, since the virus broke out in the country in late April.

A total of 45 people have died from the disease. Seventeen of the victims came from Quebec province, 15 from Ontario, six from Manitoba, three from Alberta and Saskatchewan respectively and one from British Columbia.—*Internet*

Brazil's A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 1,175

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 July—Brazil reported 148 new confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu on Wednesday, bringing the total number of infected patients in the country to 1,175, the Health Ministry said.

The A/H1N1 flu has already killed four people in Brazil — a 29-year-old man and a nine-year-old boy from Rio Grande do Sul state, and an 11-year-old girl and a 28-year-old man from Sao Paulo state.

Sao Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul have reported 512 and 135 A/H1N1 flu confirmed cases respectively. Rio de Janeiro state has reported 128 confirmed cases, and Minas Gerais state has 109. Only one of Brazil's 27 federation units, Rondonia state in the country's northern region, has not registered any case so far.—*Internet*

Over 150 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 16 July—A total of 157 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said on Wednesday.

Sixty-five of the

new cases were confirmed in Spain, while the other cases were reported in 13 other European countries, the ECDC said in its daily situation report.

The cumulative number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union)

and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries increased to 14,451, with 9,718 cases in Britain, 1,099 in Spain, 763 in Germany, 464 in France, 323 in Greece and 297 in Cyprus, the ECDC said.

Internet

Malaysia's A/H1N1 flu cases climb up to 825

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 July—The Malaysian Health Ministry on Wednesday reported 21 new cases of A/H1N1 flu, bringing the total number of such cases to 825.

Malaysian Health Ministry Director-General Ismail Merican said that among the new cases, seven were imported and 14 were locally infected.

He said that of the total confirmed patients in the country, 25 were being treated at hospitals, 97 had received outpatient treatment and 703 had recovered from the disease.

Meanwhile, Ismail urged the corporate sector and government agencies to prepare business continuity plans based on the guidelines provided by the ministry in order to control the pandemic.

He said that the guidelines included daily health condition checks among employees, contractors and visitors.

He added that companies should allow employees with flu symptoms to stay home and determine if they were healthy to return to work.

Internet

Australia's A/H1N1 flu death toll likely to reach 6,000

CANBERRA, 16 July—Australian Health Minister Nicola Roxon said on Thursday that the country's A/H1N1 flu death toll could reach 6,000 under a worst-case scenario.

Roxon's admission came a day after she dismissed as "ludicrous" a prediction the toll could reach 10,000.

"We could expect around 6,000 deaths across the country," Roxon told Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio.

That's really the worst-case scenario, which was based on no medical intervention, including antiviral treatment for people contracting the virus, and vaccines, she said.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Man Utd hand Gibson 3-year contract extension

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 July—Manchester United have handed promising Republic of Ireland international Darron Gibson a three-year contract extension, keeping him at the club until 2012.

"I am very happy to commit my future to United," the 21-year-old told the club website, ahead of their arrival in Malaysia for a pre-season tour of Asia that also includes matches in Indonesia, South Korea and China.

"Last season I enjoyed every opportunity and when I got my chance I wanted to prove what I could do. I hope to continue that this season." Gibson, highly regarded by manager Sir Alex Ferguson, made 14 appearances last season, playing an integral part in United's Carling Cup triumph.

He also scored three goals and Ferguson expects even more this season from the central midfielder, who will be pushing for a regular first team place.

Internet



Republic of Ireland international Darron Gibson.

UEFA reduce Drogba, Bosingwa bans on appeal

NYON, 16 July—European football's governing body UEFA on Wednesday agreed to reduce bans handed down to Chelsea striker Didier Drogba and defender Jose Bosingwa for their angry outbursts which followed the club's Champions League exit to Barcelona in May.



Chelsea striker Didier Drogba.

Drogba was originally given a fixed four-match ban and Bosingwa a three-match ban after they made controversial comments following Chelsea's 1-1 second leg semi-final draw with eventual champions Barcelona at Stamford Bridge.

UEFA decided to reduce both players' suspension by one game after Chelsea appealed.

A UEFA statement on the body's website read: "Under the UEFA Appeals Body's verdicts, Drogba will be suspended for five UEFA club competition matches - the last two of which will be deferred for a probationary period of three years - and (he) has been fined 15,000 euros.

"Bosingwa will be suspended for three UEFA club competition matches, the last of which is deferred for a probationary period of three years, and fined 10,000 euros."

UEFA's initial fine of 100,000 euros for the improper conduct of their players and the throwing of missiles by their fans stands, however.

In full earshot of the television cameras Drogba ranted at Norwegian referee Tom Henning Ovrebo after Chelsea conceded a last-gasp equaliser to exit the tournament on away goals.

The Blues also felt that Ovrebo should have awarded them several penalties.—*Internet*

Terry not for sale, Chelsea insist

LONDON, 16 July—Chelsea warned big-spending Manchester City once again on Wednesday that captain John Terry is not for sale.



Captain John Terry.

INTERNET

Chelsea chief executive Peter Kenyon told *Sky News*: "I don't know what they are offering but I am confident John is going to remain with us.

"John is the heart of Chelsea, he is our captain and has also become captain of England while he has been here. We are not going to sell John, so it is irrelevant what another club will offer.—*Internet*

Greening looking for exit from Albion

LONDON, 16 July—West Bromwich Albion captain Jonathan Greening is insisting he wants to leave the club, reports in UK media said on Wednesday.

The 30-year-old midfielder asked Baggies chairman Jeremy Peace for a transfer, indicating he is not keen on playing in the Championship. Albion turned down a two million pound (2.5 million euros) bid from Fulham for the midfielder earlier this week, labelling the price "derisory."

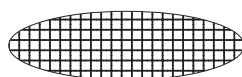
"Jonathan is our captain and a vital members of the squad," Peace said on the club's website. "We want to keep all our players as we strive for promotion back to the Premier League."

The former Manchester United player - who arrived from Middlesbrough back in 2004 and has made over 200 appearances for West Brom - still has a year, plus an option of a further 12 months remaining on his contract.—*Internet*



West Bromwich Albion captain Jonathan Greening.

INTERNET



Fulham hammer Perth Glory on Aussie tour

PERTH, 16 July—Fulham wrapped up their pre-season tour of Australia with an impressive 5-0 rout of Perth Glory here on Wednesday, with Erik Nevland bagging an eight-minute hat-trick.

The English Premier League team had a mixed time in their first two outings against A-League sides, losing 2-1 to Gold Coast and then beating Melbourne Victory 3-0.

But they were far too good for the Glory, dominating possession and creating almost endless scoring opportunities against an outclassed opponent.

Internet



Fulham's Norwegian attacker Erik Nevland (right) celebrates with team-mate Andy Johnson after scoring the opening goal against Stoke City during the Premier League match at Craven Cottage, west London, in April.

INTERNET

Rangers accept Birmingham bid for Ferguson

LONDON, 16 July—Scottish champions Rangers on Wednesday accepted a bid from English Premier League newcomers Birmingham City for veteran midfielder Barry Ferguson.



Barry Ferguson.

The 31-year-old will discuss terms with Birmingham, who are coached by former Rangers and Scotland boss Alex McLeish, on the deal which is believed to be worth a million pounds.

Ferguson has already played in the English top flight with Blackburn Rovers.—*Internet*

Bolton target Korea's Lee Chung-yong

LONDON, 16 July—English premiership club Bolton are aiming to recruit 20-year-old South Korea winger Lee Chung-yong, local media reported on Wednesday.

K League side FC Seoul confirmed their midfielder was the subject of an offer from Trotters manager Gary Megson, but the Koreans said a deal was far from concluded to bring Lee to the Reebok stadium.

Lee's agent Kim Sung-tae claims a deal will be struck which would eclipse the record for a South Korean moving overseas, which was set in 2003 when Lee Chun-soo moved to Spain's Real Sociedad for 3.5 million dollars (2.4 million euro).—*Internet*



South Korea winger Lee Chung-yong.

INTERNET

British Open begins at a sunny Turnberry

TURNBERRY, 16 July—With a tee shot from England's Paul Broadhurst, the British Open has begun on a sunny day along the Scottish coast.

Padraig Harrington is seeking a third straight Open title, while three-time winner Tiger Woods returns to seek his 15th major title after missing last year's event at Birkdale recovering from knee surgery.

Going with a hybrid on Thursday, Broadhurst put the opening shot safely in the fairway at Turnberry, a history-filled course hosting the tournament for only the fourth time.

He's playing in a group with former US Open champion Michael Campbell of New Zea-



Tiger Woods of the US follows his ball on the practice green during practice for the British Open Golf championship, at the Turnberry golf course, Scotland, on 15 July, 2009.

INTERNET

land and American Mark Calcavecchia, who won the British Open in 1989.

Woods and Harrington have later tee times.

Internet

A white dog nurses two red panda cubs



A white dog nurses two red panda cubs in the zoo in Taiyuan in north China's Shanxi Province.

INTERNET

BEIJING, 16 July— Two red panda cubs abandoned by their mother at birth are thriving at a northern China zoo thanks to milk and loving care from an unlikely surrogate mother—a dog, state media reported on Thursday.

The cubs, born on 25 June, were abandoned immediately by their mother after giving birth in front of a crowd of visitors at the Taiyuan Zoo in northern China's Shanxi Province, according to Ha Guojiang, a zoo employee quoted by the official *Xinhua News Agency*.

"No one knew she was pregnant. Her plump body and bushy hair disguised her protruding belly until the babies were born," said Ha. "We hurriedly went about to find a wet nurse for them."

Telephone calls to the Taiyuan zoo rang unanswered on Thursday.

The dog wet nurse, belonging to a farmer from a nearby suburb, was selected from two other candidates that had recently given birth. The dog is now raising the two panda cubs like its own pups, sometimes even refusing to feed its own pup, said Ha, cited by *Xinhua*.

At 3-weeks-old, the baby cubs have yet to open their eyes and have doubled in length to 20 centimetres (8 inches), *Xinhua* reported.—*Internet*

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (17-7-2009) (Friday)

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

Local Transmission

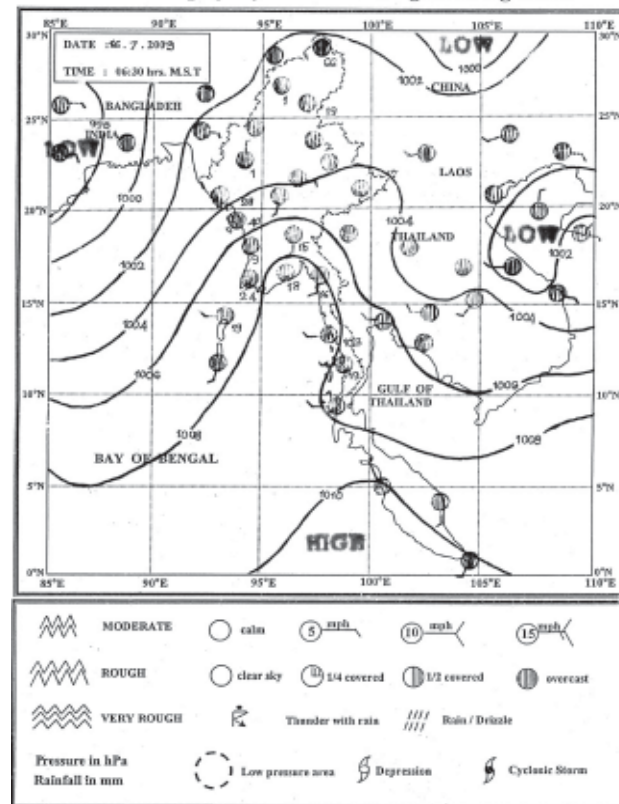
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * A Gift from The Sea
- * Feel Pretty.....in a Rawan Outfit
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-II)
- * A Thousand Bo-trees from Greening Tropic Zone
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The Famous Floating Market
- * Aesthetic Jade Wares
- * Hidden Beauty of Asia
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-I)
- * Travelogue "Sagaing"
- * Myanma Eretes Sticticus
- * Dawei Traditional longyi Weaving Art
- * Thihathana Throne
- * A Gift from The Sea
- * Inlay Traditional Cuisine
- * Feel Pretty.....in a Rawan Outfit
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-II)
- * A Thousand Bo-trees from Greening Tropic Zone
- * Travelogue "Ngapali"
- * The Incredible Edifice (The Ananda Temple)
- * Fossilized Wood Picture
- * Memory of Good Time imprinted on My Mind
- * Shopping with Torchlight
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 16 July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain have been isolated in Chin, Kayin States and Magway Division, scattered in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkone) (1.41) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaykone) (0.19) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Yesin) (0.16) inch, Launglong (17.09) inches, Dawei (4.09) inches, Kyauktaw (3.82) inches, Myauku (3.15) inches, Monywa and Chauk (0.08) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 15-7-2009 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 16-7-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-7-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 15-7-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 16-7-2009 was (0.83) inch at Mingaladon, (0.71) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.06) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (51.38) inches at Mingaladon, (55.39) inches at Kaba-Aye and (59.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 15-7-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, yesterday's low pressure area over Northwest Bay has become unimportant. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 17th July 2009: Rain will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time Delataic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 17 July View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:20 am

2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး) (တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:25 am

3. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. ရင်းငြိမ်ရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:00 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

8. Dance of National Races

8:25 am

9. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies

8:40 am

10. International News

8:50 am

11. "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ"

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song of Yester Years

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:35 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ အထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. "ပွင့်သောပန်းတိုင်းလန်းစေရန် နေပြည်တော်စိုးစံ"

5:35 pm

8. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် "လူ့ကျက်သရေဗိုက်မှာနေ" (ဘုန်းမာန်ခ၊ ခင်မြတ်စိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခေတ်ဘုန်းမိုး)

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:30 pm

10. Weather Report

6:35 pm

11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရွှင်

7:05pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm

13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၄၁)
17. သီချင်းချစ်သူ
18. တရုတ်ပြည်ကွမ်ရှိုးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားရက်သတ္တပတ်ပြပွဲ (Guangxi the Eyes of ASEAN Reporters)

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Myitkyina in Kachin State to write some bylines about regional development for public knowledge, we called at some self-reliant libraries in Waingmaw Township.

Upon arrival at Amyinthit Library on Waingmaw-Chibwe Road (See page 10)



Ganhtawin Library in Palana Village near Myitkyina, Kachin State.

Victorious Myanmar women's football team arrives back

YANGON, 16 July—Victorious Myanmar women's football team which is qualified for AFC Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers 2009 arrived back at Yangon International Airport this evening, welcomed by General Secretary of MOC Director-General U Thuang Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, on behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee the Minister for Sports, officials, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye and patrons of Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, their families and fans.

The Chairperson of MWSF and the patrons of football event of MWSF presented K 500,000 to the victorious selected Myanmar women's football team.—MNA

2,583,581 acres put under monsoon paddy in Ayeyawady Div

YANGON, 16 July—A total of 2,583,581 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy in Ayeyawady Division up to 16 July and continued efforts are being made to meet the target of monsoon paddy cultivation in the division.—MNA

Woman found as fourth New Influenza A (H1N1) victim The four are all imported cases

Myanmar takes A (H1N1) cases under control so far

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The Ministry of Health has been screening returnees and arrivals for New Influenza A (H1N1) at the international exits such as airports and seaports to prevent local transmission of the virus. As part of the plan, respective township Health Departments are sending medical teams to the residences of the travellers.

In one case, a woman, 22, who arrived back by TG 305 flight of Thai Airways on 12 July, was found ill with flu-like symptoms at her home. So, the Township Health Department transferred her to Waibargi Specialist Hospital, and she was admitted in a private room. After giving a medical check-up to her, the National Health Laboratory confirmed her an A (H1N1)-infected person.

Accordingly, the ministry is now keeping her four family members in quarantine, and monitoring their health conditions in the house, and staying in touch with her office for early detection.

Up to now, Myanmar has witnessed four human cases, which are all imported ones. The Ministry of Health is now taking precautionary measures against New Influenza A (H1N1) at the national level in cooperation with other related departments for prevention of local transmission and early detection. It is issuing public warnings about the disease promptly. Responsible persons today again urged the people to participate in the campaign.—MNA