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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

Namhsan, a peaceful highland with array of development

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

Namhsan, Kyaukse District, Shan State (North), is home to most of Palaung nationals. The majority of Palaung nationals in Namhsan live on tea farming as the region is surrounded by over 5000 feet high mountains.

According to the historical documents and statues, King Mani Si Thu was presented tea seeds by Malaysia in 468 Myanmar Era in Bagan Period, and during his inspection tour of Namhsan, he presented tea seeds to local Palaung nationals at the summit of Lwehsaing Mountain to set up tea farms to earn their living.

So, it can be said that Myanmar's tea farming originated in Namhsan.

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Palaung women picking tea leaves at a tea farm on Lwehsai Mountain, east of Namhsan.



In this 19 July 2009 photo provided by NASA shows Canadian Space Agency astronaut Julie Payette float onto the mid deck of the space shuttle Endeavour, where she joins astronaut Dave Wolf, who makes an entry on a laptop computer.

Space station astronauts use robot arm, go Twitter

CAPE CANAVERAL, 21 July—Astronauts inside the international space station on Tuesday used robotic arms to move a storage pallet holding equipment for three experiments from the belly of the docked space shuttle Endeavour to the outside of the orbiting outpost's Japanese-made lab.

Moving the 14-foot-long pallet took under two hours and involved a handoff between the space shuttle's 50-foot robotic arm and the space station's robotic arm. The experiment payloads include equipment for X-ray astronomy, a space environment monitor and a communications system.

Internet

Noteworthy amount of rainfall

Nay Pyi Taw	0.08 inch
Nay Pyi Taw (Pinyinmana)	0.08 inch
Sittway	4.65 inches
Zaungtu	4.01 inches
An	3.42 inches
Thandwe	3.08 inches
Aunglan	0.55 inch



PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 22 July, 2009

Uplift of national prestige and integrity through performing arts competitions

The first coordination meeting of the leading committee comprising patrons for organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 July.

The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held with the four objectives: (1) Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character, (2) Uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation, (3) Uplift of dynamism of genuine patriotic spirit based on national unity, and (4) Emergence of new generations who will preserve and safeguard national character.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held yearly since 1993, and it has now turned the 16th anniversary.

Culture is physical and spiritual development of the people and human skill development and practice. The essence of the culture covers politeness, understanding and creation of cultural arts and safeguarding of cultural heritage.

The development of science and technology has adverse effects on the traditional cultures in the world. If alien cultures penetrate Myanmar's culture, the characteristics of the people will be eroded and the nationalistic fervour will be tarnished by the influence of other cultures.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held successfully for 16 consecutive years in line with one of the social objectives—uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character. And it can be largely attributed to the encouragement and concerted efforts of the entire national people.

Course on Emergency Management for GP-2009

YANGON, 21 July—With the sponsorship of CME under Myanmar Medical Association, Course on Emergency Management for GP-2009 will be conducted from 12 noon to 3 pm every weekend from 15 August to 25 October.

MMA would like to meet with pharmaceutical companies that will provide aid for the course, and they are requested to arrive at the Auditorium-B of MMA on Theinbyu Street here at 1 pm on 29 July. Doctors who want to attend the course are to register at the venue not later than 5 August.—MNA

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 Moenai-Kengtung railroad project

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyio inspected Moenai-Kengtung railroad project near Kengtung University on 15 July and he gave necessary

instructions.

Next, the commander inspected progress in constructing staff quarters of Kengtung University and hostels of Nursing Training School.

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Deputy Transport Minister attends prize presentation ceremonies of schools in Natogyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung addressed the prize presentation ceremonies of Ywagyi Basic Education Middle School (branch) and Nanwintawboe BEMS (branch) in Natogyi Township on 15 July. The deputy minister and wife presented 50 dozens of exercise books each to the schools and awarded outstanding students.

On 16 July, the deputy minister met with local people participating in the repair of Natogyi-Mahline road.

Next, he attended the prize presentation ceremony of Falangon BEMS and presented 50 dozens of exercise books.

He also donated 100 dozens of exercise books to four primary schools

Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung presents 100 dozens of exercise books to schools through a teacher.

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and awarded outstanding students.

The deputy minister met the local people in Aunpangon village and donated exercise books to primary schools.

He then attended the prize presentation

ceremony of Magyikan modal village BEMS (branch), donated exercise books and awarded outstanding students.

On 17 July, the deputy minister inspected construction of a new school building of

Ngapyawaing village BEMS (branch).

Later, the deputy minister attended prize-presentation ceremonies of schools in various villages and donated exercise books.

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Bizsoft to open Network Engineering Course

YANGON, 20 July—Bizsoft, a training centre which is turning out software engineers with Software Engineer OJT course, will open Fundamental Network Engineer Course starting from 29 July.

The purposes of the course is to turn out well-trained software engineers with highly career prospects to be able to work in practical field in short time.

Well-experienced certified trainers who have long been dealing in Network Engineering field will instruct the course which may be attended by anyone over BEHS qualification and can use computer.

For further information, contact Bizsoft, second floor of 38th Plaza, Seikkantha Street, here, in person



or dial 383871, 09-5067168, or visit sales@bizsoft-systems.com.

Apart from Network Engineering courses, Software Engineering course and OJT course are also open.

Bizsoft markets business-used softwares, operates software outsourcing and conducts Computer Professional Training Courses.

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Afghan blast kills four GIs in deadliest month for US

KABUL, 21 July — A roadside bomb killed four American troops in eastern Afghanistan on Monday, driving the July death toll for US forces to the highest monthly level of the war.

The latest deaths brought to at least 30 the number of American service members who have died in Afghanistan this month — two more than the figure for all of June 2008, which had been the deadliest month for the US since the 2001 US-led invasion drove the Taliban from power.

July's death toll for the entire US-led coalition, which includes American, British, Canadian and other forces,

stands at 55 — well over the previous record of 46 deaths suffered in June and August of 2008.

US commanders had predicted a bloody summer after President Barack Obama ordered 21,000 additional US troops to Afghanistan in a bid to turn the tide against a resurgent Taliban and shift the focus on the global war against Islamic extremism from Iraq.

NATO's outgoing Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said Monday that terrorism would spread through the world if NATO forces fail in Afghanistan.

Internet



Security personnel check the damage of a car bomb attack in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad on 20 July, 2009.—INTERNET



A person enters a new clinic in East London. The British economy could contract as much as 7.5 percent this year if the swine flu pandemic continues to escalate, a report published Monday.—INTERNET

Swine flu threatens British economy

LONDON, 21 July—The British economy could contract as much as 7.5 percent this year if the swine flu pandemic continues to escalate, a report published on Monday.

Recovery from the global economic downturn could be delayed as a result of the virus in Britain, the country worst hit by swine flu in Europe, according to the Ernst and Young ITEM Club group of economists.

ITEM said the economy would contract 4.5 percent this year, but if the A(H1N1) virus hit 50 percent of the population and 0.4 percent of those affected died, it could shrink three percentage points more.

The economy could also fall a further 1.2 percent in 2010, the report said.

England's chief medical officer Liam Donaldson said last week that in a worst case scenario, around a third of the country's population could be infected and 65,000 killed.—Internet

Two killed in Baghdad bombing

BAGHDAD, 21 July — Iraqi officials say bombs have killed two people and wounded at least 30 others in Baghdad's Sadr City area. Police and hospital officials say two bombs exploded a few seconds apart on Tuesday morning near a group of day laborers. They say one bomb was hidden in a food stall and the other was concealed in a nearby pile of trash.—Internet

Drought costs US state of Texas \$3.6 bln in agriculture losses

HOUSTON, 21 July — Texas, the second-largest agriculture state in the United States, has lost about 3.6 billion US dollars in agriculture due to prolonged drought, and without sufficient rain, the state's agriculture losses could exceed 4.1 billion dollars by the end of this year, officials said on Monday.

"Extreme or exceptional drought conditions for the second year in a row and prolonged weather with over 100 degree temperatures" have devastated agricultural crops and livestock operations, especially in central and south Texas which covers about 40 percent of Texas, said Carl Anderson, an economist with the Texas AgriLife Extension.—Internet

Militants raid UN compounds, ban three relief agencies

MOGADISHU, 21 July — Militants with alleged links with al-Qaeda looted two United Nations compounds in southern Somalia on Monday, and announced they will ban three UN agencies from operating in areas the militants control.

The United Nations confirmed that al-Shabab militants had stolen emergency communication equipment from its compound in Baidoa city, and two cars and some furniture from its compound in the town of Wajid. No injuries were reported. The UN said it was suspending its operations in Baidoa and continuing them in Wajid, which serves as the world body's hub for humanitarian aid in the region.

Al-Shabab is battling to overthrow Somalia's government, and it controls

large areas of Mogadishu, the capital, and southern Somalia. The US State Department says the group has links with al-Qaeda, but al-Shabab denies that.

Somalia has not had a functioning government for 18 years since clan warlords overthrew a brutal

dictator and then turned on each other, plunging the Horn of Africa nation into chaos and anarchy. Poverty is widespread, and the country's civilians rely heavily on the food, drinking water and medical treatment that relief agencies provide.—Internet



Hard-line fighters exchange gun fire with government forces in Mogadishu recently.—INTERNET

China requests WTO panel to probe US poultry import ban

GENEVA, 21 July — China on Monday formally requested the World Trade Organization (WTO) to set up an expert panel to investigate and rule whether a US ban on Chinese poultry imports violates WTO regulations. The request was made at a meeting of the WTO's

Dispute Settlement Body, but it was rejected by the United States according to relevant procedures.

During the meeting, the Chinese delegation reiterated that the US measure is "discriminatory" and "has damaged the lawful rights and interests of China's poultry industry."

"While violating various WTO rules, the measure has severely undermined the stable development of Sino-US trade in poultry products," the Chinese delegation said.

At the heart of the dispute is the US Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, which contains a section prohibiting any funds being used to facilitate imports of poultry products from China. The act was signed into US law in March, and China filed complaints to the WTO in on 17 April.—Internet



The photo taken on 19 July, 2009 shows a corner of Xitang, a water town in eastern China's Zhejiang Province.—INTERNET

China heavy-duty equipment manufacturer signs biggest-ever deal with Spanish firm

BEIJING, 21 July—Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industry (ZPMC), the world's largest manufacturer of heavy-duty equipment, inked a deal worth 2.2 billion US dollars with Spanish marine oil and gas explorer ADHK for supply of offshore engineering products on Monday.

The transaction, including 10 offshore jack-up drilling platforms, seven land drilling rigs, and two float cranes, was the largest sale contract of this kind to date in the country.

It was also the state-owned company's latest move to step up its momentum in the marine engineering business, said Tuesday's *China Daily*.

Internet

China's Wuhan steel group to cooperate with Australian firm

WUHAN, 21 July—Wuhan Iron and Steel (Group) Corp, a major iron and steel company in central China, signed an agreement with Australian Centrex Metals Ltd (CXM) on Monday for joint development of iron ore mines in southern Australia and other projects.

Under the agreement that has yet to be approved by the two governments, CXM's listed company will issue 15 percent more shares to Wuhan Iron and Steel, making the Chinese company the second largest shareholder of the Australian company.

Wuhan Iron and Steel will pay 216 million Australian dollars to gain 60 percent of the interests of the cooperation mine area, according to the agreement.—Internet

Halliburton's second-quarter profit down by half

HOUSTON, 21 July—The world's second largest oil-field-services provider Halliburton Co said Monday it's second-quarter profits plunged by almost a half, a fall smaller than analysts had expected.

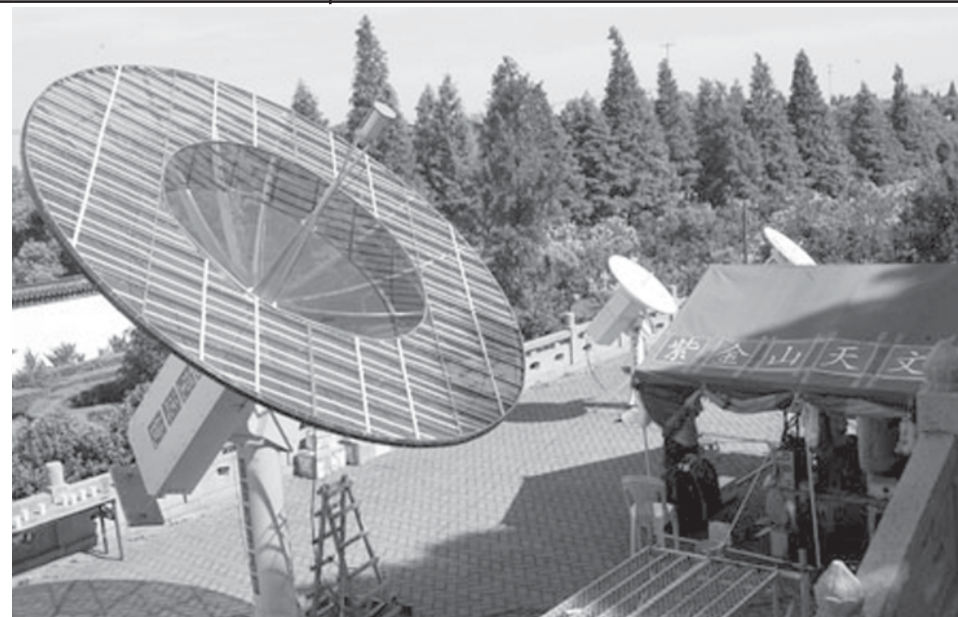
Halliburton, which has dual headquarters in Houston and Dubai, said its net income for the second quarter plummeted 48 percent to 262 million US dollars, from 504 million

dollars a year ago.

Excluding costs for job cuts, the company posted earnings per share of 30 cents, beating analysts' average forecast of 26 cents, according to *Reuters Estimates*.

The company's second-quarter revenue fell 22 percent to 3.49 billion dollars, while analysts had expected 3.41 billion dollars.

The company said its



The photo taken on 20 July, 2009 shows the solar eclipse observation instruments being put in place by astronomers with the Chinese Academy of Sciences Purple Mountain Observatory in the Shangfangshan Forest Park in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province.—XINHUA

Mexico lends \$1.1 b to auto-linked companies

MEXICO CITY, 21 July—Mexican President Felipe Calderon said on Monday that his government has lent more than 15 billion pesos (1.1 billion US dollars) to help auto-linked companies this year.

Calderon said a scheme made by government can lend up to 27 billion pesos (2 billion dollars) to autopart factories, finish-

ing plants, dealers, captive auto finance companies.

"Consumers can continue buying cars on credit despite an extremely harsh liquidity recession," he said at the opening ceremony for a new 400-mil-

lion-dollar Volkswagen assembly plant in central Mexico state Puebla.

The German firm, which is expanding in Mexico despite the recession, plans to invest a billion dollars there before the end of 2011.—Internet

APEC trade ministers discuss crisis recovery in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 21 July — Trade ministers from 21 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) economies gathered here on Tuesday to discuss policy responses to the economic crisis as well as preparing for recovery in the longer-term.

The two-day Ministers Responsible for Trade meeting is the first APEC Ministerial Meeting of APEC 2009 chaired by

Singapore.

The meeting will focus on how APEC economies can make growth more inclusive to spread its benefits more broadly across society. Resisting protectionism and supporting the multilateral trading system will also be top of the meeting agenda.

Promoting economic integration in the region has been the mainstay of APEC's work. Ministers

are also expected to review the progress made, and discuss how to take it forward.

Pascal Lamy, director-general of the World Trade Organization, will join the meeting and brief the ministers on the latest trade developments in the world and the Asia-Pacific region.—Internet

Citigroup recommends investment in Mexican oil giant

MEXICO CITY, 21 July —Banking giant Citigroup recommends investment in Mexican state-run oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) via its dollar-denominated bonds.

The firm urged investors to "hold" the bonds, reversing a previous recommendation to sell, Mexican media reported on Monday.

However, the Citygroup did not give its highest rating of "overweight" to Pemex because of some negative operating data, the bank said in a report.

Pemex's biggest oil field, Cantarell, has now had five consecutive years of production declines, bringing the company's overall production to its lowest level in 16 years.

Internet



Jeremy Ablor, left, General Manager of Clearwire Las Vegas, and Mike Sievert, right, Chief Commercial Officer, check out clear's super fast mobile internet service introduced to Las Vegas on 20 July, 2009. The service allows wireless internet access at true broadband speed.—INTERNET



People stage shows on the square in Yuyuan of Shanghai, east China, on 20 July, 2009. A month-long summer leisure festival was opened in Yuyuan, a famous garden in Shanghai on 18 July.—XINHUA

Three Filipino seamen released by Nigerian militants

MANILA, 21 July—Three Filipino crew of MV Sil Tide, an oil-supply vessel hijacked over four months ago, have been released by Nigerian militants, the Philippine government said on Tuesday. The local manning agency of the vessel informed the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs that the Filipinos are in good condition and underwent medical examination, the government said in a press release. The Filipino seafarers have spoken with their families immediately after their release on Monday.

The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs'

Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs is coordinating with the local manning agency for the Filipino crew's repatriation, said the government agency.

The vessel's crew, along with one Ukrainian, was abducted by Nigerian militants on 14 March, 2009 and held hostage in Cameroon. At present, four Filipino seafarers are still held hostage by other Nigerian militants, said the foreign affairs department.

Xinhua



Two experts on cultural relics examine the restored bronze horse at a bronze ware restoration centre in Xiangfan, central China's Hubei Province, on 20 July, 2009.—XINHUA

Russia launches two satellites

Moscow, 21 July—Russian Space Forces launched two satellites on Tuesday from the Plesetsk space center in northern Russia, news agencies reported.

The Cosmos-3M rocket carrying a military satellite and a new civilian satellite named Sterkh blasted off at 07:57 am Moscow time (0357 GMT), and is scheduled to put the satellites into orbit at 09:00 am Moscow time (0500 GMT).

The Sterkh satellite is designed for the Russian part of the international space search and rescue system COSPAS-SARSAT, aide to the Space Forces commander Lt Col Alexei Zolotukhin told *Interfax*.

Xinhua

Mexican official calls for collaboration to boost trade with China

MEXICO CITY, 21 July—Mexico's trade with China could grow faster through appropriate cooperation between the two countries, a Mexican official said Monday.

"(Mexico's) trade with China is dominated by US, Canadian and Japanese companies that buy in China to supply factories here that export to the United States," Amapola Grijalva, executive vice-president of the Mexico-China Chamber of Com-

merce and Technology, told *Xinhua* in an interview. Grijalva, who also runs the trade consultancy WTC Group, said Mexican products that rely on such suppliers include toys, autos, shoes and leather goods. According to Grijalva, some companies buy as much as 90 percent of their supplies in China.

While trade in this area is supporting Mexico's export industry, the lifting of quotas in particular is a key

step to boost trade and investment between Mexico and China, she added.

"First comes trade, and then comes investment," Grijalva said.

In July 2008, Mexico and China signed an investment protection agreement that came into effect last month. But Chinese firms are unlikely to profit from this agreement, as many Chinese goods still face triple-digit compensation quotas at the border, she noted.—*Xinhua*



A pair of young Japanese hold their traditional wedding ceremony at a shrine in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 20 July, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Two killed, two injured in small plane crash in western Canada

OTTAWA, 21 July—Two people were killed and two others injured when a small plane crashed in western Canada Sunday evening, police said Monday.

The four-seater Piper Malibu took off from the airport in Kamsack in Saskatchewan Province and was heading north when the crash happened a short distance from the airport, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Cpl Bill Betker said Monday.

Kamsack is located in eastern Saskatchewan, about 270 km northeast of provincial capital Regina.

The airplane veered to one side, then descended and struck the ground. A fire ensued and the airplane was very badly damaged, Betker said.—*Xinhua*

Plane crash kills four people in Morocco

RABAT, 21 July—Three foreigners and a Moroccan were killed on Monday when their light aircraft crashed near the northwest Moroccan port city of Casablanca, local authorities said.

The pilot and the co-pilot, of Portuguese citizenship, a French businessman and a Moroccan man on board the plane died in the crash in a rural area near Morocco's business capital, local authorities were quoted by private radio station Aswat as saying.

Xinhua

Fire crews continue to battle wildfires in west Canada

VANCOUVER, 21 July—Fire crews on Monday are continuing to battle wildfires in Kelowna area in Canada's western British Columbia Province, according to the BC Forest Service.

The three fires in BC interior started Saturday afternoon and were spreading rapidly within hours. Fire authorities believe they were all caused by people but details are under investigation.

The BC Forest Service, responsible for wildfire management in the province, is working in unified command with west Kelowna fire department and its resources are shared between all three fires, the agency said in its website.

The fire in Glenrosa, west Kelowna, swelled to approximately 400 hectares as of Monday morning and is 40 percent contained. The service's resources on site include 133 fire fighters, nine helicopters and eight air tankers. Officials said there appeared to be no significant growth overnight and the wind was calm. The second fire in Rose Valley Dam, west Kelowna, is now estimated at 150 hectares. The service currently has five fire fighters and six helicopters working on this fire. It said that the steep slope in the area poses a challenge to fire crews and limits its use of heavy equipment.

Xinhua



Four Alpi Pioneer 300 airplanes from the Italian aerobatic team "Pioneer Team" perform over Samil beach in Vigo, northern Spain, during an aerial exhibition on 19 July, 2009.—XINHUA

Vietnam confirms community-level transmission of A/H1N1 virus

HANOI, 21 July—Vietnamese Minister of Health Nguyen Quoc Trieu has confirmed community-level transmission of influenza A/H1N1 virus in the country and the total number of flu patients has risen to 408, local newspaper the *People* reported on Tuesday.

Trieu made the confirmation during his visit to Ho Chi Minh City's Ngo

Thoi Nhiem private high school, where 34 students and teachers were found to be infected with the A/H1N1 virus, said the newspaper.

The school was closed and put under quarantine on Monday. The first case of the school, a 10-grade male student, was tested positive with the virus after having contact with a flu patient in the southern

Province of Dong Nai.

The total number of A/H1N1 flu patients in Vietnam has risen to 408 following the country's confirmation of 25 more cases on Monday, according to the newspaper. Out of the newly confirmed patients, 19 are in the south, one in the north, and five in central provinces.

Internet

Mexican police nab alleged trafficker with \$3.6m

TIJUANA, 21 July—Mexican soldiers have arrested a suspected drug trafficker in the border city of Tijuana who was carrying jewelry, narcotics and \$3.6 million in cash. The Defence Department says Luis Ibarra belongs to a cell in charge of making and trafficking methamphetamine for alleged drug kingpin Teodoro Garcia Simental. Ibarra was detained Saturday.

Garcia Simental has been waging a bloody battle against his former bosses in the Arellano Felix drug cartel.

Meanwhile, police in Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, say three men were killed outside a bar before dawn on Monday. Chihuahua state prosecutors spokesman Vladimir Tuexi says assailants chased the victims from the bar and shot them in the parking lot.

Internet

Airlines raise domestic fuel surcharges

NEW YORK, 21 July — Lufthansa and other non-US airlines have increased fuel surcharges for passengers, raising the prospect US carriers will follow suit, analysts say.

No 5 airline Lufthansa cited higher costs and lackluster revenue due to low air-travel demand as a reason for the increased surcharges on domestic and international routes, USA Today reported.

Other airlines also raising domestic and international surcharges include Thai Airways, India's Jet Airways and Kingfisher Airlines the newspaper said.

Lufthansa raised its charge on German and European flights by \$4 to \$34 a flight leg, but left the charge at \$116 for trips to the United States.—Internet

Air pollution can reduce a child's IQ

NEW YORK, 21 July—Pre-natal exposure to environmental pollutants — polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons — may adversely affect a child's IQ, US researchers say.

Researchers at the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health at the Mailman School of Public Health in New York say polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are chemicals released into the air from the burning of coal, diesel, oil and gas, or other organic substances such as tobacco.

In cities, motor vehicles are a major source of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, the researchers say.

The study, published in the August issue of *Pediatrics*, finds that children exposed to high levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in New York had full scale and verbal IQ scores that were 4.31 and 4.67 points lower, respectively, than those of less exposed children.—Internet

Top 10 foods to avoid while driving

Distractions cause 80 percent of vehicle crashes and a Cleveland auto insurance agency lists its top 10 food distractions.

Insurance.com in Cleveland, an online auto insurance agency, says the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near-crashes involve driver distraction.

Insurance.com recommends the 10 foods to avoid while driving are:

—Coffee, because even with a travel lid, hot coffee can find its way out of the opening when hitting a bump.

—Hot soup, because many people drink it like coffee and run similar risks.

—Tacos, which can disassemble and leave a car's interior looking like a salad bar.

—Chili dogs, which provide huge potential for drips and slops down clothing.

—Hamburgers, because the grease and the toppings could end up on hands and clothing.

—Ribs and wings, which are greasy and lead to the temptation to lick fingers, taking hands off the wheel.

—Fried chicken, which can result in greasy hands.

—Jelly donuts because of the risk of the jelly oozing out.

—Soda, because of fizz in the nose, and lids can leak.

—Chocolate, because melted on the hands it can make the steering wheel slippery.



A woman performs a ritual during the solemnization of a frog marriage as children watch on at Madhyaboragari village, about 85 km (52 miles) east of eastern Indian city of Siliguri on 19 July, 2009. Villagers believe that the marriage of frogs pleases the rain gods and ensures better harvests with rains.

Cupcake is world's largest at 150 pounds

Guinness World Records says a 150-pound cupcake put on display at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn, is the largest of its type in the world.

Cakes.com, the largest cake decoration supplier in the world, said in a release the cupcake it unveiled at the Minneapolis-area mall Saturday weighed 150.7 pounds and stood 12 inches tall, not including its candle. The cupcake, which included 15 pounds of fudge filling and 60 pounds of yellow icing, yielded 1,500 servings for event attendees. Guinness World Records adjudicator Danny Girton Jr applauded the first record attempt by Cakes.com.

Oldest qualifies for NASCAR West series race at 81

An 81 year old man became the oldest driver ever to compete in the NASCAR series race.

Hershel McGriff finished 13th in a Camping World West Series event at Portland International Raceway in the US event.

Jim Inglebright of Fairfield, Calif, won the Bi-Mart Salute to the Troops 125 on Portland's 1.98-mile road course.

The veteran driver, whose career has spanned more than six decades, has four NASCAR Cup series victories and 37 wins on the West series. He is a member of the Motorsports Hall of Fame.

McGriff was the defending champion in Portland winning the only other time the series, then known as Winston West, visited the track in 1986.

NEWS ALBUM



Israeli Yitzhak Yazdanpana poses with a cucumber that grew in his garden in Petah Tikva near Tel Aviv. Yazdanpana said that he hopes the 118 cm (about 46.5 inches) cucumber will be entered into the Guinness Book of World Records.



Performers show off their skills in paddling water on the single bamboo rafts during the opening of 2009 Midsummer Ardent Tours Serial Activities, on the Niuchang River of Yuqing County, southwest China's Guizhou Province.

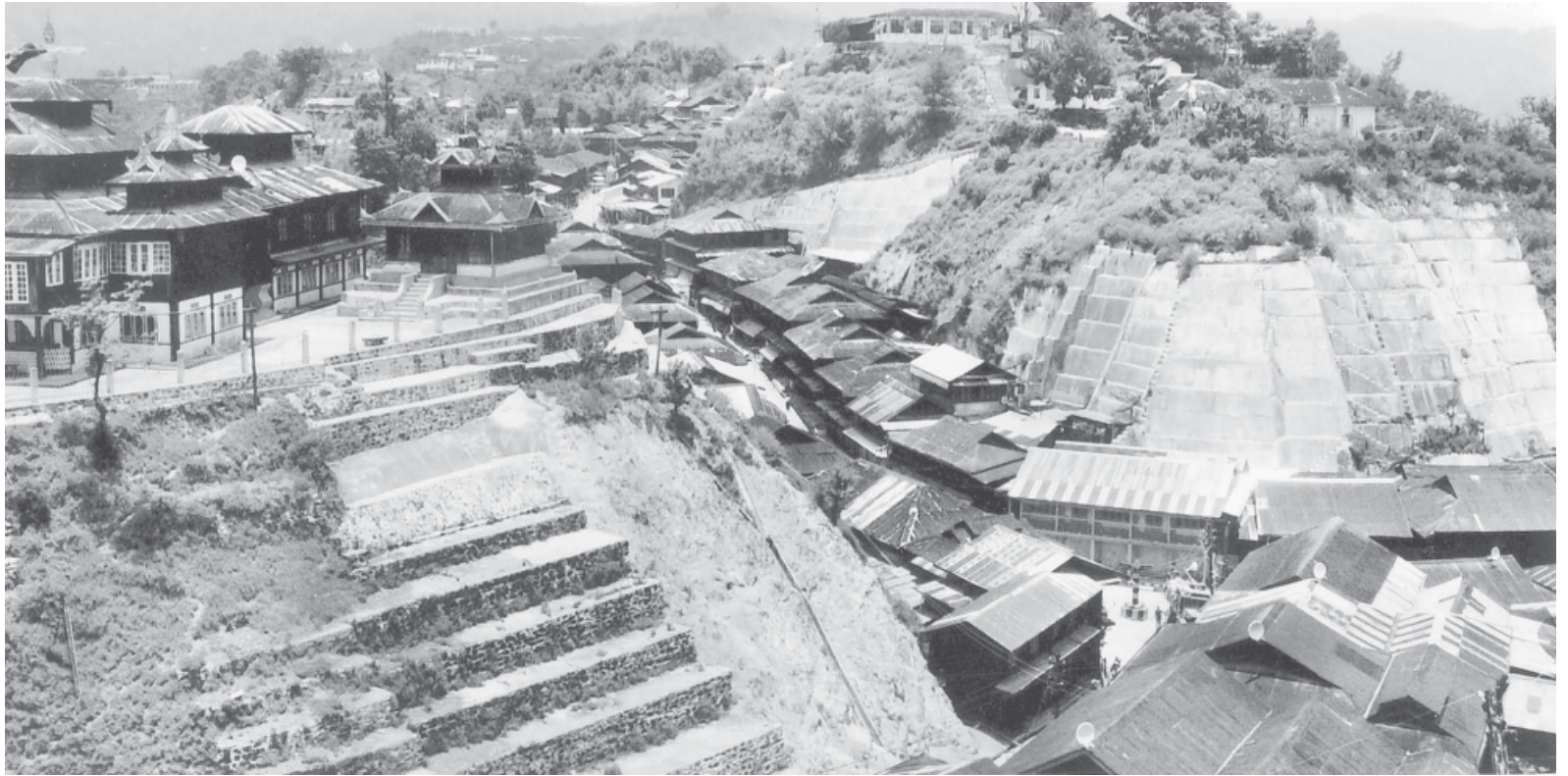
Namhsan, a peaceful highland with array of development

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

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In Myanmar, tea farming seems to have become gradually popular since then. Now, Namhsan is the largest tea producer in the nation as it stands at an altitude of 5332 feet.

Under the arrangements by Kyaukse District Peace and Development Council, we recently made a trip to Namhsan, a tea land, through Hsipaw. Namhsan is only more than 70 miles away from Kyaukse. However, the geographical barrier stopped our jeep from making headway for the hilly road is full of steep slopes and bends. We set out at 10 o'clock in the morning, but only at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon would we get to our destination. When we were about 10 miles to Namhsan on the way, we enjoyed a wonderful view of steep mountain ranges and tea farms on



A lovely view of Namhsan in Shan State (North).

their slopes.

While we were approaching Namhsan, we saw Palaung nationals who were on their return from tea farms. Of them, Palaung men were wearing trousers and jungle boots, with their calves wrapped up with

cloths, while Palaung women were wearing htami (sarongs) and jungle boots, with their calves wrapped up with cloths in order to defend themselves from mosquito bites.

Almost everyone on return from work was carrying a bag and a sling

bamboo basket of tea each. They sell their raw tea to the black tea factory, dry tea factory and wet tea factory in urban area. Some farmers make sun-baked tea and wet tea at home.

During our tour of the highland, we every day

saw donkeys with bags of wet tea and dry tea from surrounding villages of Namsang to tea sale centres. Every day at sunup, local people of Palaung villages on mountains and mountain ranges around Namhsan go to tea farms with lunch boxes and sling

bamboo baskets. On average, a worker can pluck tea leaves at the rate of five to eight viss a day. A viss of tea is priced 400 to 500 kyats.

Other crops do not grow well in Namhsan because it stands at an altitude of over 5000 feet. So, local people grow tea on a commercial scale.

Long ago, armed insurgency reigned supreme around Namhsan, so local people were always in a state of panic. In contrast, they can now lead a peaceful life, as a result of peace-making process the government conducted with armed insurgents.

With peace and stability restored across the region, local people have been in a position to work with all their might for regional development. So, Namhsan is now a peaceful highland with an array of development.

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In Namhsan, donkeys are used to carry wet tea and dry tea.

A person is the sole master of his fate

Chit Naing (Psychology)

The earth is home to a very large variety of creatures. Everyone should turn to wholesome deeds to be able to lead a useful life. Now, the world population has reached more than 6500 million, and is estimated to touch as many as 8000 million by 2020. Many are in doubt that it is extremely difficult to be a human being. However, all those with suspicion in this regard will realize if they compare the number of human beings with the absolutely unlimited number of the remaining creatures on the earth and in the hell.

Once Daw Win Ngwe of Namsee-aung Ward in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, told me, "In my first-hand experience, I try to cultivate a growing sense of merit, and I come to get along with others more than ever in life." Here a noteworthy point is that a person with a growing sense of demerit daily will never get along with others in his society.

If a person is dissatisfied with the Earth for the fact that it rotates askew by $23\frac{1}{2}$ degree on its axis, the outcome he will face is nothing more than distress.

Likewise, **every person who is not satisfied with objective conditions and tries to incite riots, mass protests and terrorist acts with the intention of provoking utter devastation is burnt by the flame of their anger.** No one can go against ultimate truth that anger brings about negative results.

Surely, a person who is inciting mass demonstrations comes under his outrage. No one can save such a selfish person, because one is the sole master of his fate.

Attachment is something that is greatly destructive. It derives from a Pali word "Upadana", which means excessive concept or strong obsession.

Attachment is of four types, namely kamupadan, ditthupadan, silabbatupadan and attavadupadan. Of them, kamupadan is mental concomitant based on greed, and the rest are mental concomitant based on wrong view.

No one but the Lord Buddha can get rid of the obsession of a person with mental concomitant based on wrong view replete with ditthigata sampayutta called attavadupadan. So, it is a completely awful concept.

Kamupadan is an extreme unhealthy interest in something, which stops a person from thinking about anything else. A person under the influence of kamupadan indulges himself in six kinds of sensual pleasures such as good scene, sweet smell and good taste.

For instance, a snake swallowing a frog, and a cat gripping a mouse firmly with its teeth.

Excessive obsession of honour, title, position, power, status, praise and luxury is due to kamupadan. It is based on greed. When it is combined with wrong view, a person sticks to his concept even in the face of death.

Long ago, Sikhs and Punjabis had a belief that if a person is hit in his chest to death by a sword, spear or bullet of his enemy, he would reach heaven in the hereafters. If hit in his back, he will reach the hell. Therefore, they never withdrew but kept on marching to death in a battle. British army officers flattered Punjabis to be a people with a strong fighting spirit. In reality, they never withdrew on the ground of their wrong concept.

In 21st century, the world sees a countless number of suicide bomb attacks. Some terrorists hijacked two passenger airplanes and steered them into the twin towers in the US. Today, suicide bomb attacks are mushrooming in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Suicide bombers are indoctrinated with a wrong concept that if they die following their suicide bomb attacks, they will reach heaven in the hereafters.

One is far away from the truth owing to hatred.

It is very hard to go right from wrong. Only with repeated self-criticisms to find out advantages and disadvantages of one's acts will it be possible for one to come over extreme attachment, wrong view, kamupadan and ditthupadan. That point is well beyond the reach of

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those without any knowledge of religious teachings.

It is said "Give us either all or none, and there must be a single answer. Do not tell us any other means, and nothing is negotiable. We will never accept any other approach. All or none."

What is the use of sticking to such an extreme attachment? Can there be any fruitful results? It has been for a couple of decades, but they have not realized the truth. They have never taken public desire and concept into consideration. They have never showed sympathy for the people. They have never reviewed objective conditions at all.

They cling on to idamsicca bhinivesa kayagantha which means that one assumes one's view is correct, and all views against one's are all wrong.

Pride and wrong view are due to mental concomitant based on wrong view. Buddhists know well that wrong view is more destructive than any of the 10 kinds of defilements. It will work well only if it goes with my participation. That concept is based on conceit.

What I say is right. All views except mine are wrong. Any other means is unacceptable to that person. That concept is based on wrong view.

So, what such a pessimistic person will face is nothing but evil consequence in accordance with bjapadakayagantha that means ill will towards others.

Myanmar's martyrs were assassinated by a group of people with violence with the use of submachine guns and rounds of ammunition illegally issued by British army officers. Many heroes made supreme sacrifices in the independence struggles. Now, all leaders of the revolutionaries in the independence struggles are no more.

No one of the leaders such as General Aung San, General Ne Win, Bo Zeya, President Sao Shwe Thaik, Samaduwa Sinwanaung, Thakin Nu, Thakin Tin, U Ba Swe, U Kyaw Nyein, Manh Win Maung, Thakin Than Tun, Thakin Soe, Thakin Thein Pe (U Thein Pe Myint) were not a centenary. While they were alive, they shouldered duties as hard as they could for independence, national development and peace.

Looking back to the situation 60 years ago, we can take lesson from the unity of strength as well as from consequences of disunity.

The country was divided due to the power struggles, different ideologies and greed of our leaders when independence had been regained although they unitedly fought against the British colonialists and fascist Japanese. There was misunderstanding between them and consequently, armed conflicts erupted. They fought against each other.

War can destroy everything. There is no country that has developed and been prosperous by solving problems with wars. Civilians alone have to suffer and sacrifice.

There is no country in the world that is profiting from protracted wars. **Military leaders know very well disadvantages and evils of wars. As they themselves have fought battles, they know the nature of war and destruction of war.**

Like the blind who are unafraid of ghosts, only some people who don't know the nature of war are sticking to waging aggressive wars. They are always trying to bomb to cause deaths. They are inciting subversive acts such as setting fire, violence and riots, and utter devastation. They are going the wrong way.

What the people want is progress. The rural people know evil consequences and tragedies of inter-

nal armed strife that delayed national progress. The majority of the people know that.

Unlike other countries, our country lacked peace and stability.

Our country lagged behind other countries in development.

What is war and peace?

Well, what will be chosen? All the people know it very well. They are aware of neo-colonialists instigating misunderstanding among the people to cause disunity. It will be wrong for anyone who sways to the way of destructive acts incited by outside media. Progress will be far and far away.

Construction Vs destruction

There are two sides: construction and destruction.

Peace is constructive attitude.

Only with peace will stability prevail. Only with stability will security rein. Only with security, can efforts for nation-building be carried out in earnest way and they will come into shape. Then, education, health and education conditions will improve in the long run.

Politics based on street protests is politics of the lowest standard. Those practising such politics cannot yield any strategic benefits for the future. They only aim at destruction. They will achieve victory on a pile of ashes only after incinerating all things. They are so greedy and cruel.

The crueler one is, the more mistaken belief one will embrace. With a narrow-minded view, one will do serious harm to others. Anyone cannot accept it.

Writer-cum-poet Dagon Taya, aged over 90, once wrote:

"No enemies; only friends (Don't be aggressive.)

No hatred; only love. (Show loving-kindness.)

Doing politics means making the enemy friend."

Let's promptly prevent destructionists on the pretext of politics trying to incite unrest and violence in order to break up the nation. Let's prevent their mistaken acts in order that the people will not suffer.

It is difficult to embrace constructive acts. It takes time.

Destructive acts are easy to be embraced. Everything can be incinerated only with a match.

The State has worked for years to ensure national progress and peace and security of the people.

It does not matter who is who.

Anyone taking part in building a peaceful, developed society is doing good deeds with loving-kindness. They will surely enjoy benefits in turn. I mean no particular person.

Anyone wanting to incite unrest and violence out of jealousy as well as his accomplices will meet a tragic end. And their society will break up as well.

Ultimate reality chooses no particular person.

One's own fate shall be decided depending on one's own deeds, good or bad. Therefore, we will have to participate in doing good deeds, urge others to do so and praise those doing such deeds. We all must be of the same mind. The mighty beget the mighty. The world will be peaceful and beautiful.

Destructive elements are only a handful. Because of their greed and ill deeds, they will meet a tragic end one day. A person is the sole master of his fate.

Translation: MS+ST

Workshop on teaching traffic rules held

YANGON, 21 July—Organized by Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee and No.3 Basic Education Department, a workshop on teaching traffic rules was held at No.2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win

Myint delivered an address at the workshop.

The commander handed over books on illustrations of traffic rules to Deputy Director-General of the No.3 Basic Education Department.

The workshop was participated by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee Deputy Commander of



Yangon Command, departmental officials, invited guests and teachers.

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Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint delivers address at workshop on teaching traffic rules.

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A & I Minister receives Chinese, Vietnamese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received General Manager Mr. Chen Longbo of China National Complete Plant Import & Export Corp:

Ltd, the People Republic of China at the minister's office here on 20 July.

The minister also met Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Dao Viet Trung of the Socialist Republic of

Vietnam and party and Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar H.E. Mr. Chu Chong Phung.

They held discussions on agricultural cooperation in Myanmar.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Mr. Chen Longbo, General Manager of China National Complete Plant Import & Export.—A & I

5th Myanmar-Vietnam policy affairs conference between foreign ministers held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—At the invitation of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Vietnam Mr Dao Viet Trung arrived at Yangon on 19 July evening. He then proceeded to Nay Pyi Taw to attend 5th Myanmar-Vietnam policy affairs conference between

foreign ministers.

Yesterday, Vietnamese Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister called on Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo at 2 pm and at 3 pm he met with Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw at their ministries.

Deputy Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint hosted dinner to Vietnamese delegation at Myat Taw Win Hotel here.

On 21 July morning, 5th Myanmar-Vietnam policy affairs conference between foreign ministers was held at Ministry of Foreign Affairs here. It was attended by Myanmar delegation led by Deputy

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Vietnamese delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Dao Viet Trung.

At the conference,

they mainly discussed matters on enhancement of friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam and exchanged views on bilateral benefits.

In the afternoon, Vietnamese delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Dao Viet Trung left here for Yangon and concluded their visit.

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Deputy Minister U Maung Myint holds talks with Vietnamese counterpart Mr. Dao Viet Trung. — MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects construction of concrete bridge across Thamaing Creek at the border of Hlaing and Mayangon townships. — MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects construction of Thamaing Bridge

YANGON, 21 July — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the construction of

Thamaing Bridge for the proper drainage of Thamaing Creek on Baho Road between Hline and Mayangon Townships this morning and gave necessary instructions to

officials.

The broad crest type bridge is 60 ft long and 38 ft wide. 85 percent of the construction work has been completed.

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Technological University (Pathein) projects the image of Ayeyawady Division

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Kyaw Myint Than (Lanmadaw)

(from page 16)

We called on Principal of the university Dr Kyaw Thura for an interview.

He told the Myanma Alin, "Our university was launched in the compound of the Cooperatives Training School in Lunkan Ward in Pathein in 1999-2000. It was shifted here the following year. It was opened on 1 August 2002. Our



Principal of Technological University (Pathein) Dr Kyaw Thura.

university has an area of 27.45 acres."

This academic year, Technological University (Pathein) conducts Civil Engineering Course, Electrical Communication Engineering Course, Electric Power Engineering Course, Mechanical Power Engineering Course, CNC Course, Mechatronic Engineering Course, Information Technology Course and

Bio-Tech Course.

"This academic year, up to March 15, 378 male students and 225 female students totaling 603 were attending AGTI courses, 201 male students and 145 female students were attending B-Tech courses, 52 male students and 43 female students were attending BE courses, and 26 students were attending masters degree courses."

Technological University (Pathein) is constituted with 36 lecture rooms, seven practical rooms, and computer rooms. It is equipped with 205 academic and administration staff including the principal.

The students are from Pathein, Myaungmya, Labutta and Maubin districts. The government is opening more and more universities and colleges

in all states and divisions for development of human resources.

Due to Technological University (Pathein), local youths have easy access to subjects on advanced technologies in their region. So, the educational institution improves the prestige of Ayeyawady Division.

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Commander tours Ayadaw, Wetlet and Shwebo Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe heard reports on progress of digging of well by Executive Officer U Thein Min of township Development Affairs Committee at the briefing hall of artesian Well No (30) in Ayadaw Township on 15 July. The commander stressed the need to sup-

ply water to the people in the township systematically and looked into the well. Next, the commander met with local people at Han Lin Model Village in Wetlet Township.

After hearing reports on work being done for development of the village and requirements presented by the chairman of village PDC and townsenders, the commander gave necessary instructions and attended

to the needs.

At Kyauk Myaung Village in Shwebo Township, the commander inspected construction of a new school building for Basic Education High School in the village.

Then the commander oversaw repair of lakes for monsoon paddy cultivation in Shwebo Township and gave necessary instructions. The lakes can irrigate 100 acres of farmlands.

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PBANRDA Minister attends opening of new roads in Pyapon, Kyaiklat

YANGON, 21 July—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the opening of new Mahabandoola tarred road in Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division yesterday and inspected the newly-opened tarred road. The newly-built

Mahabandoola road is 739 feet long and 18 feet wide and it was built by township Development Affairs Committee in 2008-09 fiscal year.

Next, the minister attended the opening of the 10,000 feet long and 12 feet wide newly-upgraded highway built by township DAC in Kyaiklat.

Local people of six wards in Kyaiklat and 87 village-tracts can travel to Yangon, Maubin, Pyapon and Bogale through the upgraded highway.

Next, the minister met with service personnel of township DAC at the office of Kyaiklat Township DAC.

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Mahabandoola tarred road being opened in the presence of Minister Col Thein Nyunt in Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division.

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Ministry of Transport holds monsoon tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe grew Padauk and mango saplings at the monsoon tree-planting ceremony held at the staff quarters in Balatheiddhi and Mingalartheiddhi wards this morning. Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung also grew Padauk and Jack fruit trees.

After that, departmental heads and staff grew



shady trees and perennial crops at designated places.

The minister, the deputy minister and departmental heads viewed tree-growing by staff and their families.

The Ministry of Transport has grown over 8950-trees at the monsoon tree-planting ceremony.

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Transport Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe plants Padauk tree in the compound of staff quarters. — MNA

MGS to hold talks on 25 July

YANGON, 21 July – Geological Consultant U Aung Kyin of AK- Associate Co Ltd will give talks on mining industry in Myanmar and Geological Consultant U Win Maung of Twinsar Petroleum Co., on chromites mines in Myanmar and methods for chromites mining at Myanmar Geosciences Society in Myanmar Engineering Society building in Hline Campus at 1 pm on 25 July.

Every one may attend the talks free of charge.

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World's first camel-milk chocolates going global

DUBAI, 21 July—Dubai's Al Nassma, the world's first brand of chocolate made with camels' milk, plans to expand into new Arab markets, Europe, Japan and the United States, its general manager said Tuesday.

Martin Van Almsick said the United Arab Emirates company planned to enter Saudi Arabia first, followed by Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and the United States within the next few months.

The company plans to enter the Saudi market in a month through a partnership with a Jeddah-based distributor, said Van Almsick, adding the company plans to deliver the first tonne of chocolates to Saudi Arabia soon.

Al Nassma is also in talks with British department store Harrods and San Francisco's Chocolate Covered to sell its products.

Al Nassma was formally established in October last year and aims to produce 100 tonnes of premium camels' milk chocolate a year.—*Internet*

Nissan to produce electric fuel cells in Sunderland

LONDON, 21 July—Nissan is to invest 200 million pounds to build electric car batteries in Sunderland, in a move that was hailed on Tuesday as a bold step towards turning Britain into a global leader in green auto making.

The move will create 350 jobs in Sunderland, and makes it a contender to build the Japanese car giant's new generation of electric vehicles.

"This product shows that Britain will lead the way in the new, low-carbon jobs of the future," Prime Minister Gordon Brown said, visiting the plant where the new jobs were announced on Monday.

Dave Osborne of the Unite labour union said: "Not only is it a vote of confidence in the skills and talents of the workforce at the Nissan plant in Sunderland, it is good news on jobs for a part of the country which has been hit so savagely by this recession," he said.—*Internet*



Vehicles are assembled at the Nissan factory in Sunderland. Nissan is to invest 200 million pounds to build electric car batteries in Sunderland, in a move that was hailed as a bold step towards turning Britain into a global leader in environmentally-friendly vehicles.—*INTERNET*

Singaporeans invest less after financial meltdown

SINGAPORE, 21 July—More than half of high-income earners in Singapore are saving more and investing less after the financial crisis struck, local media reported on Tuesday.

According to TV broadcaster Channel NewsAsia, a poll by Nielson Company showed that before the crisis, close to 39 percent from the high-income group saved most of their money.

However, 52 percent put their funds into savings after the financial meltdown. They are not putting their money into investments, which saw a drop of 7 percent, or insurance, down 6 percent.

The survey was conducted in March 2009 to find out how high-income earners in Singapore apportion their disposable cash before and after the global economic crisis.

The survey polled 921 Singaporeans aged 18 years and above and earning above 7,000 Singapore dollars (4,895 U.S. dollars) a month.

Nevertheless, compared to other income groups, high-income earners are still placing the most emphasis on investment, with over 36 percent continuing to invest during this current volatile climate.

Stocks and equities are the top choice (48

percent), followed by mutual funds (27 percent) and real estate (14 percent).—*Internet*



A mountain gorilla at Rwanda's Virunga National Park in 2004. A fire raging in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park since the weekend does not currently pose a threat to the world's last surviving mountain gorillas.—*INTERNET*



A group of Chinese kids learn the theory of total solar eclipse one day prior to the total solar eclipse observation at Taizhou City in east China's Jiangsu Province, 21 July, 2009.—*INTERNET*

Nine workers die in mining accident in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 21 July—A company says nine of its workers have died when the roof of the mine shaft they were working in collapsed and trapped them about half a mile (1 kilometer) underground in South

Africa. Impala Platinum says the accident occurred Monday at 14 Shaft in Rustenburg, a platinum-rich town northwest of Johannesburg.

The company said Tuesday the bodies of all

the trapped miners have been recovered.

South Africa is one of the world's largest gold producers and has some of the world's deepest mines. Illegal mining in such shafts is common, and last month 61 prospectors were found dead in one of the country's abandoned gold mines.—*Internet*

Fire breaks out in Rwandan gorilla park

KIGALI, 21 July—A fire raging in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park since the weekend does not currently pose a threat to the world's last surviving mountain gorillas, officials told Radio Rwanda on Tuesday.

"The fire is continuing but everyone has been mobilised," said Rosette Chantal Rugambwa, director of the Rwandan Office of Tourism and National Parks.

She said the blaze, which has destroyed "between 100 and 200 hectares (247 to 494 acres)", has not affected tourism in the region because the gorillas are a long way from the area threatened by the fire.

According to Radio Rwanda, army helicopters have been helping to contain the fire.

The government-run station said the blaze, which broke out at the foot of the Muhabura volcano, was the fault of a farmer who did not properly extinguish a fire he had lit while collecting honey from a hive.—*Internet*

Peru confirms nine deaths in traffic accident

LIMA, 21 July—The Peruvian National Police (PNP) said that nine people died and another nine were injured on Monday when a passenger bus crashed against three houses in central part of the Andes. The accident occurred at 4:30 am local time (0930 GMT) in El Tambo sector, in La Oroya Province, department of Junin, some 130 kilometers east to Lima.

Result of the first investigations shows the bus slid off of the road and crashed against the houses on its way from Junin's capital, Hunacayo, to Peruvian capital Lima. The PNP said that apparently the driver, Abraham Ledesma, fell asleep and was responsible for the accident, who fled the scene.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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Panama reports first death of A/H1N1 flu

PANAMA CITY, 21 July—Panama has confirmed one death of A/H1N1 flu, the first in the country, the Health Ministry said on Monday. The victim, a nine-month-old baby from the country's western Cocle Province, had a congenital malformation and had been hospitalized, Health Minister Franklin Vergara said. The baby did not had flu-like symptoms when he was admitted to the hospital but was tested positive for the flu virus later, the minister added.
Panama reported 17 new flu cases this week, bringing the total confirmed cases to 541. But about 88 percent of the patients have recovered.—*Internet*

Russia officially confirms nine A/H1N1 flu cases

MOSCOW, 21 July— Russia has officially confirmed nine A/H1N1 flu cases, chief sanitary inspector Gennady Onishchenko said Monday.
There are also some suspected flu cases, the *Itar-Tass* news agency quoted him as saying. "The final diagnosis will come within the next two days," he said.
Onishchenko said all cases registered in Russia were found in those who returned to Russia from holiday or business trips abroad.
Internet

Police find 3 missing American hikers in Ecuador

QUITO, 21 July—Rescuers found three US college students Monday evening after they went missing during a weekend hike in Ecuador's northern Andes mountains.
The students, who were reported missing Sunday morning, were found about 7 pm, Imbabura provincial Gov Luis Guerra told *The Associated Press*.

A police helicopter and two rescue teams on foot had been searching for the trio, who have been in the indigenous Ecuadorean village of Otavalo for nearly six weeks tutoring local children with the humanitarian group Village Education Project.
The helicopter spotted the students on a riverbed on its last flight of the day, according to the mother of

one of the missing Americans, identified by her family as Harvard University sophomore Jocelyn Karlan, 19.
"The helicopter was grounded twice due to the fog. The (US) State Department was remarkable, and they really encouraged them to do one more run before dark," said her mother, Beth Karlan.
Internet

Three fishermen die off Scotland after boat capsizes

LONDON, 21 July— Three fishermen died after their boat capsized Monday in high seas off Scotland, coastguard and police said. One fisherman was rescued after the coastguard launched a search operation when the scallop boat overturned off Britain's Atlantic west coast, the coastguard said.
The man was initially plucked from the water by the crew of a passing yacht

before being transferred to a coastguard lifeboat and taken to hospital.
Rescuers recovered the bodies of the three other fishermen from the water, Maritime and Coastguard Agency spokesman Mike Clark said.
"There was no mayday call from the boat beforehand, so whatever happened must have been catastrophic," he told *AFP*.
"Something happened

that flipped the boat very quickly." The agency said in a statement: "The recovered man was not wearing a lifejacket and he confirmed that there had been four in total on board the vessel." A member of the public raised the alarm after seeing the upturned hull of the boat at about 5:10pm (1610 GMT) at Bo Fascadale, just north of Kilmorie in Ardnamurchan.—*Internet*



A fishermen unloads scallop shells from his boat. Three fishermen died after their boat capsized Monday in high seas off Scotland, coastguard and police said.
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3. Tender documents are available at procurement committee at No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township.
4. Please contact Phone No. 534574, 536029.

**Ministry of Information
Procurement Committee
Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise
No.28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township**

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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.
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Jumping rope the hottest way to fitness

ITHACA, 21 July — Jumping rope is not only a super form of exercise, it has become a competitive US national sport, a US freestyle jump roper says.

Liz Butterfield, the best female single-rope freestyle jump roper in America, says since the formation of USA Jump Rope in 1995, the sport has been on the rise, both as a competitive activity and as a way to increase strength, balance and cardiorespiratory endurance.

Butterfield, a student at

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, went before judges and a national audience in Galveston, Texas, to win her title. Butterfield did 75 seconds of dance steps and gymnastic moves synchronized to the rhythm of her spinning rope. She was among 995 jumper ropers from across the country competing in 12 events that included Pairs Single Rope Freestyle — two people, each with their own ropes.

“There are tons of different styles of freestyle jumping,” Butterfield

says in a statement. “Some jumpers jump fast and incorporate a lot of rope manipulation. Others focus on the creativity and choreography aspects, while others tend to integrate more strength and gymnastic elements such as handstands and somersaults that will wow the crowd.”

The best thing about freestyle is that each jumper has his or her own style and brings new things to the competition, Butterfield says.

Internet



Former US Apollo astronauts Walter Cunningham (Apollo 7), James Lovell (Apollo 8 and 11), David Scott (Apollo 9 and 15), Buzz Aldrin (Apollo 11), Charles Duke (Apollo 16), Thomas Stafford (Apollo 10 Commander) and Eugene Cernan (Apollo 17) (L-R) pose at a news conference to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission and the walk on the moon at the NASA headquarters in Washington on 20 July, 2009. —INTERNET

Fish may help reduce risk of dementia

LONDON, 21 July — A study involving 14,960 participants age 65 and older found increased fish consumption is associated with lower dementia risk, a British researcher says. The survey of older people was carried out at 11 sites — one urban and one rural in Peru, Mexico, China, and India and in urban sites only in Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Venezuela. More affluent areas of the countries were avoided.

Dietary habits were assessed by using standard, culturally appropriate face-to-face interviews and dementia was diagnosed by using validated culturally and educationally fair criteria.

In each of the study countries, except India, there was an inverse association between fish consumption and dementia prevalence. These data extend to low- and middle-income countries previous conclusions from industrialized countries, that increased fish consumption is associated with lower dementia prevalence in later life, says first author Emiliano Albanese of King's College London.

The findings are published in the August issue of the American Journal of *Clinical Nutrition*. —Internet



File photo shows a man shopping for books at a Barnes & Noble store in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Barnes & Noble launched what it bills as the world's largest online electronic book shop with virtual shelves holding more than 700,000 titles. —INTERNET

Previous exercise helps stroke recovery

JACKSONVILLE, 21 July — A person who has exercised regularly prior to the onset of a stroke appears to recover more quickly, US researchers said.

Dr James Meschia of the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla, said stroke patients who had previously exercised

regularly before a stroke occurred were significantly more likely to have milder impairments and, thus, were better able to care for themselves, compared to patients who rarely exercised.

“It appears that exercise is very beneficial to people at risk of developing a stroke,” Meschia said in a statement. “Many studies have shown that exercise can reduce the risk of developing a stroke in the first place, and this study suggests that if an active person does have a stroke, outcomes can be improved.”

However, Meschia cautions that a larger study is needed to validate his findings, because the study depended on recall from 673 people who had a stroke. —Internet

ESA: Man will return to Moon by 2020 or 2025

PARIS, 21 July — Man will go back to the Moon by 2020 or 2025, Director-general of the European Space Agency (ESA) Jean-Jacques Dordain said on Monday, adding that Europe will play a role in the international mission.

In his statement published on the website of the ESA, Dordain talked about the significance of the 40th anniversary of Apollo 11's landing on the Moon and of the continuing lunar exploration.

Dordain said the Moon could be seen as a part of the human environment, which would be used “to make scientific progress, to establish a warning sys-

tem against asteroids or anything else threatening Earth, or to be a source of resources to take back to Earth.”

“I am sure humans will return to the Moon, but they will go to the Moon together and not in the context of two competing countries,” he reiterated.

“I think Europe will play a part in the international exploration of the Moon,” Dordain said.

Dordain believed that

the lunar exploration mainly depends on the current US plan, which is expected to land a crew on the Moon by 2020.

“I am absolutely convinced that mankind will go back to the Moon in 10 years' time, or maybe 20 years, but that is not the most important point. We're not talking about a race. If it's not in 2020, it will be in 2025 — it doesn't really matter,” Dordain said. —Internet

CORRIGENDUM

The Trademark Cautionary Notice appearing on 15.07. 2009 issue, misprinted the relevant trademark, which should be printed as follows THE POWERPUFF GIRLS Reg.No. 4/7488/2008.

Spanish experts to study solar eclipse in China

MADRID, 21 July — A group of more than 20 Spanish scientists are now in China to study this century's longest solar eclipse, official sources said Monday.

The Spanish experts are expected to observe and tape record the rare phenomenon that will occur Wednesday in China, said the sources with the regional government in Extremadura, west of Spain.

The group, led by astronomer Miquel Serra-Ricart, a member of the International Astronomical Union, is composed of experts on astronomy, communications and informatics. Along with the experts, some young Spanish students also got the chance to visit China and its scientific facilities, the sources said. —Internet



An Indian child tries out protective goggles, used to view solar eclipses, at the Astro counter of the MP. Birla Planetarium in Kolkata on 18 July, 2009. A tiny town in northern Bangladesh is braced for a rare taste of mass tourism as thousands of people pour in to witness a full solar eclipse on Wednesday. —INTERNET

SPORTS

We're not just in Asia to cash in, say Liverpool

BANGKOK, 21 July—Liverpool insist they are not just in Asia to cash in on the lucrative commercial opportunities the region offers, but to give their fanatical fans a chance to see them in the flesh.

The Reds arrived here Monday, minus Steven Gerrard who is embroiled in a court case back home, to play Thailand on Wednesday before jetting to Singapore for the second leg of their Southeast Asian visit.

Clubs in the past, notably Real Madrid, have been criticised for planning worldwide tours purely for the financial reward.

But Liverpool commercial director Ian Ayre insists his team wants to leave behind a legacy.

"We have a duty to contribute to these football markets and to our supporters over here," he said on the club website.



A local Liverpool supporter in Bangkok.

"We have in place a strong legacy programme encompassing many different initiatives and which can be broken down into different areas. "For example, we have a knowledge transfer programme at which Rafa will meet coaches from Thailand and Singapore, I will be meeting representatives from the local businesses and the medical team will also be having sessions.—Internet

Fergie suggests a Ronaldo United return

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 July—Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson believes Cristiano Ronaldo could play for the club again one day, as he praised the Portuguese star's commitment during his six-year spell at Old Trafford. "He may come back, you never know," Ferguson told Britain's Press Association in Kuala Lumpur where the team are on a pre-season Asian tour.

"Sometimes it happens that way. He loved United. If you look back at the six years he had with us, he never missed training."

Ronaldo became the world's most expensive player when he moved to Real Madrid on a six-year deal worth around 94 million euros (131 million dollars) and he made a low-key debut against Shamrock Rovers in Ireland on Monday. Still just 24, Ferguson was quoted as saying Ronaldo's best was yet to come, describing him as the top player in the world by a long shot.

"His best is yet to come. He's only 24. He came to the right club at the right part of his career," he said.

Internet



Cristiano Ronaldo.

Wenger admits interest in Chamakh

LONDON, 21 July—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has revealed he is considering a bid for French champions Bordeaux' Moroccan international striker Marouane Chamakh.

The 25-year-old has been linked with a move to the Emirates Stadium as a possible replacement for Emmanuel Adebayor, who joined Manchester City for 25 million pounds last week, and Wenger has put the Morocco international near the top of his wanted list.



Bordeaux' Moroccan international striker Marouane Chamakh.

"We keep an eye on him," said Wenger on the club's official website. "He is one of the players that we will follow and if we went for a striker then he would be one of the possibilities." Chamakh, scorer of 13 goals last season, said his agent was in touch with a number of clubs, among them reportedly Arsenal, Sunderland, Blackburn, Tottenham and Fulham.—Internet

Champions League winner Maniche joins Cologne

BERLIN, 21 July—Veteran Portuguese international midfielder Maniche joined German side Cologne on a free transfer, the club's website said on Monday.



Veteran Portuguese international midfielder Maniche.

INTERNET

The 31-year-old - a Champions League winner with Porto in 2004 - was released from his previous contract with Spanish side Atletico Madrid in May.

"Maniche is one of the great names in European football and we are proud to have signed him," Cologne chairman Wolfgang Overath said.

Maniche - capped 52 times - enjoyed a golden spell under Jose Mourinho at Porto also collecting the 2003 UEFA Cup before an unhappy 16million pounds move to Russian side Dynamo Moscow.—Internet

Lampard uncertain over Terry's Chelsea future

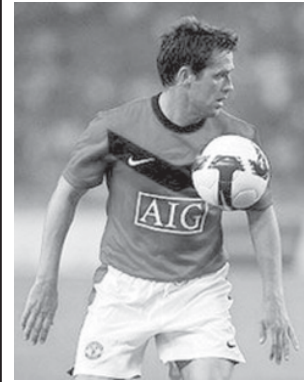
England and Chelsea footballers Frank Lampard (left) and John Terry pictured during a team training session at Arsenal's training facility in London Colney, north of London, on 1 June.



LONDON, 21 July—Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard admits there is no guarantee John Terry will snub Manchester City's big-money bid to lure him away from Stamford Bridge. City have already had two offers rejected for England captain Terry, but boss Mark Hughes is planning a new 35 million pounds bid for the defender this week. Although Terry has spent his whole career at Chelsea and remains the club's most talismanic figure, it is believed City's offer to raise his wages to 200,000 pounds a week has forced the Blues skipper to consider his future.—Internet

Owen on target as Man Utd win in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 July—Michael Owen hit the target again Monday as Manchester United made it two wins out of two on their pre-season tour, beating a plucky Malaysian XI 2-0.



Michael Owen of Manchester United controls a passing near the Malaysia XI goal post during a friendly match at the National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur. Manchester won 2-0 with one goal by Owen.

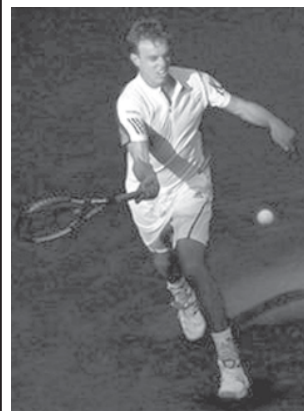
Owen struck after 13 minutes from close range for his second goal in as many games, soon after teenage striker Federico Macheda put the team in front.

But despite countless other chances they failed to stretch their lead in the energy-sapping conditions.

Internet

Querrey leads US hopes at Indy tennis

INDIANAPOLIS, 21 July—US third seed Sam Querrey fired 11 aces in a first-round victory over Frenchman Arnaud Clement, proving a competent fill-in for Andy Roddick at the ATP Indianapolis Championships.



US third seed Sam Querrey.

A 6-3, 6-4 victory in 73 minutes put Querrey alongside seventh-seeded Marc Gicquel of France and number eight Uzbek Denis Istomin in reaching the second round at the 450,000-dollar hardcourt tournament.

Gicquel drove another spike into the heart of a losing season for once-promising Ernests Gulbis, hammering the Latvian 6-

2, 6-3, while Istomin staged a comeback to eliminate American Kevin Kim 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Gulbis, a childhood Munich tennis academy friend of world number four Novak Djokovic, has gone badly off the boil this season, losing for the eighth time this year in a first round.—Internet

Wigan set to secure Under-21 Irish star McCarthy

LONDON, 21 July—Highly-rated Ireland Under-21 international midfielder James McCarthy snubbed newly-promoted English Premier League side Wolves on Monday when he agreed terms for a 1.2million pounds move to rivals Wigan Athletic.

The 18-year-old Scotland-born player - whose fee could rise to 3million pounds dependent on appearances - is the second major loss to Scottish Premier League side Hamilton Academicals after Scottish Under-21 international Brian Easton moved to Premier League newboys Burnley last week. "James is a superb prospect and I know Roberto Martinez and Wigan will look after him," Hamilton chairman Ronnie MacDonald told BBC Scotland. Wigan expect the deal concluded for the Ireland Under-21 international within 24 hours. Tottenham Hotspur made a late expression of interest, while Celtic manager Tony Mowbray admitted that his club were being priced out of the race after they and Burnley had bids rejected earlier this summer.—Internet

China to subsidize solar power projects

BEIJING, 21 July —The Chinese government started a pilot program on Tuesday to provide subsidies to solar-power projects to boost the solar industry as a new growth point for the country's economy.

The Ministry of Finance said on its Web site that it will offer 50 percent of investments for solar power projects of more than 500 megawatts and the transmission and distribution network over the next two- to- three years.

The solar power projects in the remote regions will receive subsidies of 70 percent of the investment.

The total generating capacity of such pilot projects in each province should not exceed 20 megawatts, the ministry said.—Internet



Race driver Sarah Fisher winks as she sits on her Indy racing car as Cathryn Hilker watches Sarah the cheetah at the Cincinnati Zoo, on Tuesday, 21 July, 2009, in Cincinnati.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (22-7-2009) (Wednesday)

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

Local Transmission

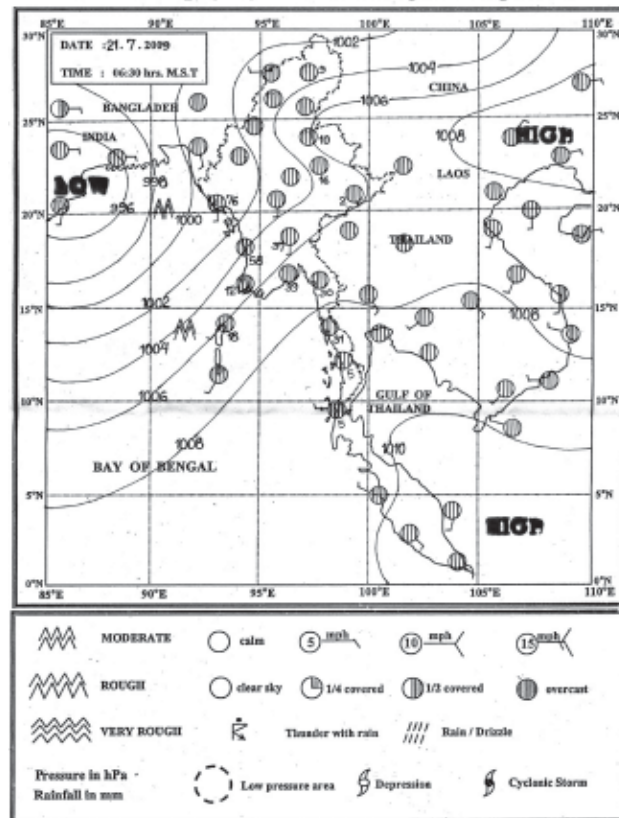
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Journey to Mogod (The Ruby Land)
- * Unique Style of Kachin Dress
- * The Elephant Camp...Where I've been to
- * Let's Talk about Lahu Nationals
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Let's Make...Fresh Instant Mohinga
- * Coconut Juice & Its Palm-Leaf Hat
- * The Secret Jewel of the Andaman Sea
- * Travelogue (Inlay)
- * Yoke Sone Monastery of Lae Kai Ancient City
- * Mind....the essence of Love!
- * Magic of Cotton Blanket
- * Woods Finishing Industry
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Journey to Mogod (The Ruby Land)
- * Unique Style of Kachin Dress
- * The Elephant Camp...Where I've been to
- * Let's Talk about Lahu Nationals
- * Better Homes, Better Decorations
- * A Day in Yangon (People's Square)
- * Chin Cultural Museum (New)
- * Lifestyles along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-I)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 21st July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been scattered in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfall in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Sittway (4.65) inches, Zaungtu (4.01) inches, Ann (3.42) inches, Thandwe (3.08) inches and Aunglan (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-7-2009 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 21-7-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-7-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 20-7-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 21-7-2009 was (0.98) inch at Mingaladon, (1.53) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.37) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (57.28) inches at Mingaladon, (62.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (64.13) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 20-7-2009.

Bay inference: According to the yesterday's midnight observation, the depression over Northwest Bay had crossed the Coast between Orissa and West Bangal (India). Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and vigorous elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 22nd July 2009: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Kayah and Shan States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Wednesday, 22 July View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:10 am**
2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း) (တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင်)
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News

- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**
6. မြန်မာပြည်တစ်လွှားလမ်းတံတားများ
- 8:00 am**
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
8. Musical Programme
- 8:30 am**
9. “အဲဒီမှာစတွေ့တာပဲ”
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:00 pm**
2. Dance of National Races
- 4:10 pm**
3. Classical Songs
- 4:20 pm**
4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 4:40 pm**
5. Musical Programme
- 4:50 pm**
6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခပေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခပေဒ)
- 5:05 pm**
7. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 5:15 pm**
8. “ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါးတို့မစား”
- 5:25 pm**
9. သက်တံရောင်စဉ်
- 5:40 pm**
10. ရှုပ္ပယ်စုံလင်အာစီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:45 pm**
11. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm**
12. Evening News
- 6:30 pm**
13. Weather Report
- 6:35 pm**
14. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ငွေပွဲ

- 6:50 pm**
15. Musical Programme
- 7:00 pm**
16. “တားစီးကာကွယ်လူတုပ်ကွေးအန္တရာယ်” (ငှက်ပျော်ကြော်၊ နှင်းကူကို) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးအေး)
- 7:05 pm**
17. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:25 pm**
18. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 8:00 pm**
19. News
- 20. International News**
- 21. Weather Report**
- 22. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် “သံယောဇဉ်ကြိုးတစ်မျှင်” (ရန်အောင်၊ ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ မေသန်းနု၊ စိုးမြတ်သူဇာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မြင်မြတ်)**



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

People's Desire

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

Depression over Bay of Bengal passed Coast of India

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July— The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to yesterday midnight observations, the depression that occurred over the North-West Bay of Bengal passed the Coast between Orissa and West Bengal of India.

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Technological University (Pathein) projects the image of Ayeyawady Division

Article: Mg Mg Myint Swe; Photos: Kyaw Myint Than (Lanmadaw)

Driving along Pathein-Yangon Road, the motorcar bound for Pathein approached Kangyidaunt Township in Pathein District. When we arrived at Apin Hnahse Village in Kangyidaunt Township, we were greeted by a massive building with a stone plaque in front of it, saying "Technological University (Pathein)".

We drove along the straight, wide concrete road into the campus of the educational facility, and stopped at the entrance to the main

building. We saw university students walking here and there with smiles and pleasures on the campus. The peaceful scene made me feel thrilled to recall my memories of school days at university.

(See page 10)

Local youths of Ayeyawady Division can pursue technological subjects at Technological University (Pathein).



A person is the sole master of his fate

INSIDE

Only with peace will stability prevail. Only with stability will security rein. Only with security, can efforts for nation-building be carried out in earnest way and they will come into shape. Then, education, health and education conditions will improve in the long run.

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CHIT NAING (PSYCHOLOGY)

2,529,534 acres under monsoon paddy in Bago Division

YANGON, 21 July—A total of 2,529,534 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy in Bago Division up to 21 July and continued efforts are being made to meet the target of paddy production.

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