

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Maldives

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Nasheed, President of the Republic of Maldives, on the occasion of the 44th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives, which falls on 26 July 2009.—MNA

Developing agriculture sector in Kanpetlet of Chin State

Recently, the news crew of Kyemon Daily had an opportunity to tour the northwestern region of the State where Chin national races are residing, for writing the bylines on development of the region.

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A thriving paddy field seen in Kanpetlet.

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

We continued the trip to Kanpetlet, 37 miles and five furlongs from Mindat, the city of southern Chin State. In early morning, the jeep carrying us slowly drove along the uphill road.

Officials of the township welcomed us near the signboard "Welcome to Kanpetlet" and conducted us round the town.

Kanpetlet is located at an altitude of 4560 feet and it is situated on 963.82 square miles lands.

The township is formed with two wards and 113 villages from 26 village-tracts. The township has one communication station, the people's hospital, the office of Information and Public Relations Department, the township police station, one Basic Education High School, three BEMSs and 80 BEPSs in addition to the departmental buildings.

We saw thriving perennial trees and plantations of seasonal crops.

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Remain constantly vigilant and alert

It is time to stop what they should not do and to do what they should do by distinguishing right and wrong. If they do what can yield best interests, our desired democracy goal will be nearly reached. Don't turn back only when nearly reaching the goal. Let's continue to march together in unity.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Hkamti	4.64 inches
Coco Island	3.63 inches
Putao	2.44 inches
Heho	2.09 inches
Pathein	2.09 inches

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards emergence of secure and smooth transport

Better transport is indispensable for the development of a region. Better transport brings about success in trade and commerce and swift commodity flow. At the same time, it has improved the socio-economic status of local people.

At present, the government is building a large number of new roads and bridges throughout the nation. The emergence of a network of new motor roads and railroads in the states and divisions contributes much to secure and smooth transport, thereby bringing about equitable development in economic and social sectors of those regions.

Letpanhla Bridge built on Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road in Singu Township of Mandalay Division was opened on 24 July. The two-way reinforced concrete bridge is 240 feet long and can withstand 60 tons of loads.

Letpanhla Bridge, one of the above-180-foot-long bridges, is the 228th facility of its kind in the nation and the 11th bridge in Mandalay Division. It is on Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok-Momeik-Mabein-SiU-Mansi-Bhamo Road, one of the 36 Union Highways.

Thanks to construction of Letpanhla Bridge, national people from Myitkyina and Bhamo can have essay access to Mandalay through Tagaung-Katha Road all the year round. Meanwhile, local people from Singu, Thabeikkyin, Mogok, Momeik and Mabein Townships can travel from one place to another making better use of the facility.

As the government is building new roads and bridges one after another the length and breadth of the nation, all the regions can enjoy the fruits of secure and smooth transport and swift commodity flow, and the socio-economic status of the people has improved all the more.

Vice-Mayor inspects tax-free markets

YANGON, 25 July — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected tax-free markets in Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya and Kamayut Townships this morning.

The vice-mayor greeted cordially the shopping residents and called on the officials to abide by tax-free market disciplines.

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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

Tasks of Labour Exchange Offices inspected in Magway, Mandalay Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung inspected tasks of Labour Exchange Offices in Yenangyoung and Pakokku in Magway Division on 23 July, those offices in Aungmyethazan, Chanayethazan, Mahlaungmye, Chanmyathazi and Amarapura of Mandalay Division and Sagaing yesterday.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung inspects tasks of Labour Exchange Office in Aungmyethazan Township. —MNA

The deputy minister also made inspections at Labour Exchange Offices in Kyaukse and Meiktila of Mandalay Division today, and left necessary instructions.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs felicitates Maldivian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—On the occasion of the 44th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives, which falls on 26 July 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Shaheed, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives.—MNA

Monsoon Sales Promotion of Mobilemate Telecommunications soon

YANGON, 25 July— Mobilemate Telecommunications Co Ltd, a well-known marketer of GSM, CDMA, TDMA handsets, CDMA-450 MHz desk phones and accessories, will launch Monsoon Sales Promotion programme in Mobile Amazing Show to be held at Capital Hyper Market, here, from 29 July to 2 August.

Korea-made high quality CDMA desk phones and CDMA handsets, GSM handsets will be on sale at reasonable prices with one year warranty in addition to special sale package, special presents for buyers and other programmes.

Mobilemate Telecommunications Co Ltd is the sole distributor

of Korea-made AXESSTEL brand CDMA-450 MHz fixed wireless phone which also markets Korea-made Curitel and Ubiquam branded handsets from Vietnam-based EVN Telecom. AXSSTEL Corporation is the producer of quality international standard communications devices. Mobilemate Telecommunications Co Ltd wholesales and retails AXESSTEL desk phones, Curitel and Ubiquam U

400 original handsets which are most popular in Vietnam, Russia, Romania and Indonesia for their price stability and quality guarantee.

Those high quality GSM, CDMA handsets and desk phones are available at wholesale centers of the company, Mobilemate Distribution (Yangon & Mandalay) and retail stores, NOKIA Store (1 & 2) and Mobile corner. NOKIA Store (3) will be opened on the second

floor of Center Point Towers on Sule Pagoda Road in September. Special gifts will be presented to customers who buy handsets or desk phones at Mobile Amazing Show in Capital Hyper Market.

For more information, may contact head office, room No.403, Shwe Hintha Tower (A), 6 1/2 miles, Hline Township, Ph:01-507400, 01-501062, Ext: 121.

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Sample handsets of mobile telephones imported by Mobilemate Telecommunications Co Ltd.
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This undated image made from video and released by Central China Television shows pandas at the Wolong National Nature Preserve in Sichuan, China.

INTERNET

China announces first panda from frozen sperm

BEIJING, 25 July—For the first time, a giant panda cub has been born in China after being conceived using frozen sperm, officials announced on Friday — an innovation scientists hope

will help the endangered species avoid extinction.

The new cub's birth on Thursday means breeders will no longer be forced to rely on semen from China's few virile males, and may even be able to bring in sperm from zoos in San Diego, Mexico City or elsewhere.

That's key to promoting a healthy panda population because too much inbreeding can lead to birth defects that would further threaten the survival of the species.

The new cub, born to You You, a female panda at the Wolong Giant Panda Research Centre in southwestern Sichuan, is the tenth born at the breeding facility this year. It was You You's third successful pregnancy.

Internet

US soldier dies in Iraq, military says

BAGHDAD, 25 July—The US military says an American soldier has died of non-combat related injuries in Iraq.

A statement says the Multi-National Division — Baghdad died on Friday in an eastern section of the capital and the incident is under investigation.

The military hasn't identified the soldier pending notification of relatives.

At least 4,329 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

Internet

Two NATO soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 July—Two service members with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in clash with militants on Friday in southern Afghanistan, a statement of the alliance issued here said.

"Two service members were killed today, as a result of an insurgent attack that occurred in southern Afghanistan," it said.

However, it did not provide any further information as it is ISAF policy not to release the nationality of any casualty prior to the relevant national authority doing so.

Internet

British PM's Labour Party loses seat in by-election

LONDON, 25 July—Britain's opposition Conservatives won the first by-election since the parliament expenses scandal, an embarrassing blow for Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Conservative candidate Chloe Smith won the Norwich North seat by 7,348 votes with a total of 13,591. Brown's Labour Party came in a distant second with 6,243 votes.

Brown said the vote was "clearly a disappointing result."

The by-election was called when Labour member of parliament Ian Gibson resigned last month after revelations he had claimed thousands of pounds in parliamentary expenses for a London flat he later sold at a cut rate to his daughter.

A panel of senior Labour MPs had already decided Gibson should be barred from standing for the party at the next general election.

Internet



Rescuers help injured passengers at the site where a train derailed near village of Rudine, southern Croatia, on 24 July, 2009.

INTERNET

Officials say six dead in Croatia train crash

RUDINE, 25 July—A two-car train carrying about 90 passengers derailed in a remote area of southern Croatia on Friday, killing six people and injuring at least 55, officials said.

The high-speed train — travelling from Zagreb, Croatia's capital, to the city of Split — derailed in a remote, hilly area at about noon (1108 GMT; 7:08 am EDT), 20 miles (30 kilometers) from its destination, emergency official Darko Marinkovic said.

The impact nearly broke one of the two cars in half, leaving a gruesome tangle of metal, seats, blood and passengers' possessions.

Six people were killed and at least 55 injured, Marinkovic said. Medical teams and helicopters raced to the scene to carry the injured to local hospitals. Undertakers removed the dead.

Internet

Ten people killed in storms in Central Europe

WARSAW, 25 July—Seven people have died in violent storms in Poland, two in the Czech Republic and one in Germany, authorities said on Friday.

Poland's fire officials said the deaths came late Thursday amid heavy winds, which knocked down many trees.

One of the worst-hit areas of the country was around the southwestern city of Wroclaw, where the storm brought down power lines and left some areas without electricity.

In neighbouring Czech Republic, authorities said there were two deaths, an elderly woman and a 25-year-old man who drowned and whose body was found south of Prague on Friday.

The storms caused traffic disruptions across the country for several hours and some 150,000 houses were without electricity.

In Germany, a driver was killed on Thursday night when he lost control of his car during heavy rains and hit a highway guard rail.

Internet



An injured man pushes his wheelchair along a street in the downtown area of Los Angeles. President Barack Obama fiercely defended his embattled campaign to overhaul US health care, calling it vital to nursing the economy to long-term vigour after a "full-blown crisis."—INTERNET

Rescue workers help commuters off a trolleybus caught in flood waters after a rain storm in central Minsk, Belarus, on 24 July, 2009.—INTERNET



Poor economy hard on European men

BRUSSELS, 25 July—The European Union's statistics office says the results of a recent study indicate the ongoing economic crisis is harder on European men than women.

The EU office said in a new report since men are the prevailing gender in European industries such as Europe's automobile and financial services industries, the economic downturn has impacted

their lives more than their female counterparts, the EUobserver said on Friday.

The Eurostat report published on Thursday points out how in countries like Estonia, Ireland, Latvia and Lithuania, the unemployment rate among men surpasses that of women by more than 2 percent.

More women are employed than men in countries like the Czech

Republic, Greece, Italy and Slovakia, the EU office added in its report.

The EU observer said, according to the report, young European residents have also been hit hard by the economic downturn. The office said 4.9 million young people in Europe were unemployed in Europe during 2009's first quarter, representing an increase of 900,000 people from the same time period in 2008.—Internet



A man cleans the hull of a yacht at a Hong Kong yacht club in Hong Kong on 23 July, 2009. For most financial market professionals in this city and other hubs across Asia, the days of extravagant expatriate life have ended.—INTERNET



A Palestinian worker sprays antiseptic on the hoof of a cow at a dairy farm in the West Bank city of Hebron on 22 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Power system would recharge without wires

OXFORD, 25 July—A power system now in development could charge cell phones and other gadgets without the use of wires, researchers at a conference in Britain said.

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are experimenting with the physical phenomenon of "resonance," which causes an object to vibrate when energy frequencies are applied, MIT Professor Marin Soljacic said in Oxford at the TED Global Conference on "ideas worth spreading."

It is resonance, for example, that causes a glass to explode when a singer hits exactly the right note.—Internet

First offshore wind farm in Scotland

KIPPFORD, 25 July—Energy officials say the Robin Rigg Wind Farm in Scotland's Solway Firth is set to produce electricity for the country's national grid.

Jenny Hogan, a Scottish Renewables senior wind energy officer, said the Robin Rigg farm will represent the first offshore wind farm in Scotland's history when it begins producing electricity in the next few

days, The Scotsman reported Friday.

"Scotland's first commercial offshore wind farm heralds the dawn of a new era in harvesting green energy from our seas," Hogan said.

The Robin Rigg site will initially power up eight of the farm's turbines to produce electricity, but will continue activating additional turbines until the farm is fully activated.

The wind farm is

expected to produce electricity for nearly 120,000 homes in Scotland while significantly cutting back on the country's carbon dioxide emissions.

Renewable energy firms also have plans for 10 additional wind farm sites in Scottish territorial waters. Those sites could potentially generate 6.4 gigawatts of electricity once completed, the Scotsman said.—Internet

Macao's visitor arrivals down 11.4% in first half of 2009

MACAO, 25 July—Macao's visitor arrivals for the first half of 2009 dropped by 11.4 percent year-on-year to 10.4 million, according to the figures released on Friday by the city's Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The figures showed that visitors from the Chi-

nese mainland and Hong Kong decreased by 17.3 percent and 0.3 percent respectively in the period, while those from Japan registered slight increase of 1.4 percent. Cumulative number of same-day visitors accounted for 53.7 percent of the total visitor arrivals.

Analyzed by mode of

transport, visitor arrivals by land decreased by 16 percent year-on-year to 5.43 million between January and June. Visitor arrivals by sea totaled 4.2 million, dropping by five percent year-on-year, while those by air went down by 9.2 percent to 756,791.

Internet

Ericsson reports 57% drop of net profits in second quarter

STOCKHOLM, 25 July—Swedish telecommunications equipment maker reported on Friday that it had a 57 percent drop in second-quarter net profits.

Ericsson achieved net profits of 831 million kroner (about 110 million US dollars), down 57 percent from the same period in 2008 and nearly twice as bad as consensus forecasts, said the company in a second-quarter report. Network sales were down year-over-year currency adjusted, reflecting the present market environment. Services in total now represent 38 percent of sales, driven by strong Professional Services growth, the report said.

Internet

Microsoft to let Windows users choose web browser

BRUSSELS, 25 July—US software giant Microsoft has proposed to let users of its Windows operating system choose web browser in order to settle a European Union (EU) antitrust case, the European Commission said on Friday.

Following extensive discussions, Microsoft agreed to have a "ballot screen" show at the startup of Windows, from which consumers can easily install competing web browsers, set one of those browsers as a default and disable Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE), the EU's antitrust watchdog said in a statement.

The Commission formally charged Microsoft in January, saying Microsoft's tying of its web browser IE to its dominant client PC operating system Windows infringes EU rules on abuse of a dominant position.

In June Microsoft proposed to sell the newest version of its Windows operating system in Europe without any web browser and offer its IE separately and free of charge.—Internet



Damaged refuelling machines lie on the ground at Renxian county, on 24 July, 2009 after a gale and rainstorm hit an expanse of regions in Xingtai city in north China's Hebei Province.—INTERNET



Russian youth perform a dance during a welcome ceremony for Chinese children at the "Ocean" All-Russia Children's Care Center in Vladivostok on 24 July, 2009. —XINHUA

White powder forces US plane to land at Chicago

CHICAGO, 25 July—A United Airlines plane headed to Denver was diverted to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport Friday afternoon as a white powder was found on board the plane, airport authorities said.

Someone on board reported seeing a white powder, but when United Flight 745 from LaGuardia Airport to Denver landed at O'Hare Airport, investigators found nothing hazardous, police News Affairs Officer Kevin Kilmer said.

The flight, bound for Denver from New York City, landed safely at 4:04 pm, after being diverted to O'Hare as a "precau-

tionary measure," said a spokesman of the United Airlines.

The flight will continue on to Denver, the spokesman said.—Xinhua

People visit a motor show in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 July, 2009. The Beijing Motor Show aiming at promoting automobile sales kicked off here on Friday.—XINHUA



US authorities look into helicopter crash in Maryland

WASHINGTON, 25 July —Investigation was still underway on the cause of a helicopter crash in the US state of Maryland that killed four people, said authorities on Friday.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesperson Kitty Higgins told reporters that investigators have not yet found out why the helicopter crashed on Interstate 70 and caught fire late Thursday night, killing all four persons aboard but injuring no one on the ground.

According to local emergency officials, visibility was limited by fog when the crash took place, since storms just swept the area earlier in the night.

Local authorities identified the pilot and two of the victims as employees of the Advanced Helicopter Concepts, a Maryland-based company, and the fourth person on board was a friend who flew back to Frederick with them from a meeting to raise money for troubled youth in Hagerstown.

The helicopter went down after it hit power lines over the highway, and was engulfed in flames, said witnesses. The interstate lanes were temporarily shut down in both directions after the incident, but already reopened to traffic on Friday morning.—Xinhua

17 killed in plane crash in northeast Iran

TEHERAN, 25 July—At least 17 people were killed when a passenger plane caught fire during its landing in northeastern Iran on Friday, the state IRNA news agency reported.

The plane from Iran's Aria Air airline with 153 passengers on board caught fire and skidded into walls near the runway during its landing in the northeastern Iranian city of Mashhad, said the report.

The accident, which happened at 18:10 local time (1340 GMT), also injured another 19 people, IRNA said.

Russian cargo spaceship heads for ISS with supplies, mail

MOSCOW, 25 July—A Russian space freighter carrying supplies, gifts and mail for the International Space Station

blasted off on Friday, Mission Control officials said.

The Mission Control Center outside Moscow said a Soyuz-U rocket lifted off with the Progress M-67 space freighter at 14:57 Moscow time (1057 GMT) from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan.

The space freighter will deliver 2.5 tons of supplies, including food, water, fuel, and equipment, and letters and gifts from relatives of the crew.

The freighter was scheduled to dock with the ISS on July 29, one day after the US space shuttle Endeavor departs.—Xinhua

Strong quake hits off Papua New Guinea

CANBERRA, 25 July—A 6.2-magnitude earthquake rattled Papua New Guinea's island of Bougainville Saturday morning but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualty yet, seismologists said.

The quake, which struck at 11:42 am local time (01:42 GMT), was about 80 kilometers west of Arawa city at a depth of 65 kilometers, according the US Geological Survey. "At this stage we have not received any reports of any damage," a spokesman for PNG's national earthquakes centre said.

"We have not had any report of such activity as a tsunami, but normally (with) earthquakes of about 6.2 we rarely anticipate tsunamis along our coastline," he added. Papua New Guinea sits on the so-called Pacific "Ring of Fire", where continental plates meet. The region is frequently hit by earthquakes.—Xinhua

Rescuers work near the plane wreckage at the international airport in the northeastern Iranian city of Mashhad on 24 July, 2009.—XINHUA



Researchers create 'bacteria computers'

ST JOSEPH, 25 July — Researchers report creating what they call "bacterial computers" which potentially can solve complicated human mathematical problems.

The findings of the research, published in BioMed Central's Journal of Biological Engineering, demonstrate computing in living cells is feasible and can open the door to a number of ap-

plications, the report says.

The research team engineered the DNA of *Escherichia coli* bacteria, creating bacterial computers capable of solving a classic mathematical problem.

The research extends previous work published last year in the same journal to produce bacterial computers that could solve another problem.

Internet



Shoppers walk along The High Street in Guildford, Surrey. Traditional city centre high streets could be further threatened by planned out-of-town development laws, MPs warned on Saturday.

INTERNET

British high streets underthreat

LONDON, 25 July—Traditional city centre high streets could be further threatened by planned out-of-town development laws, MPs warned on Saturday.

Many high streets are a shadow of their former selves thanks to giant shopping malls and all-purpose supermarkets being built on the outskirts. The Guardian said on Saturday that nationally, an eighth of all high street shops were empty and unlet — twice as many as last year — "with many towns seeing a slow, cancerous hollowing-out of their streets" as the recession bites. The Communities and Local Government Committee expressed concern that proposed reforms could damage the viability of town centres.

Under plans laid out in 2007, the government is set to scrap a test specifically in place to prevent excessive and unnecessary out-of-town retail development.

Internet

Swine flu could hit up to 40 percent in US



A lab technician working on a swine-flu detection DNA test in England.—INTERNET

ATLANTA, 25 July—In a disturbing new projection, health officials say up to 40 percent of Americans could get swine flu this year and next and several hundred thousand could die without a successful vaccine campaign and other

measures.

The estimates by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are roughly twice the number of those who catch flu in a normal season and add greater weight to hurried efforts to get a new vaccine ready for the fall flu season.

Swine flu has already hit the United States harder than any other nation, but it has struck something of a glancing blow that's more surprising than devastating.

The virus has killed about 300 Americans and experts believe it has sickened more than 1 million, comparable to a seasonal flu with the weird ability to keep spreading in the summer.

Internet

Vehicles plunge into river after fallen rock smashes bridge in quake-hit Sichuan

CHENGDU, 25 July—Vehicles plunged into a river after the bridge they were riding on was smashed by a fallen rock from a nearby mountain early Saturday in Wenchuan County, the epicenter of last year's devastating earthquake.

Casualties were not yet known, local officials said.

The Chediguan Bridge is called a lifeline for the reconstruction of

Wenchuan.

The accident took place at about 5 am when the fallen rock hit a pier, damaging the bridge. Riding cars fell into the Minjiang River below, said an official with the information center of Wenchuan County, Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture.

"It is not clear how many vehicles and people fell into the river," said the official, explaining

that the accident site is out of communication network.

The bridge is part of the No 213 national highway, a major traffic line linking Wenchuan to other areas. The highway, which plays a key role in restoring local tourism and production, was interrupted. More than 10,000 vehicles pass the bridge, which reopened to traffic in May, every day.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



People visit the Egyptian collection "Panubis — Ancient Egypt to Eternity" in the chamber Grete Mostny of the National Museum of Natural History in Santiago, capital of Chile, which allowed access to certain aspects of life in ancient Egypt.

Safari park baboons ransack cars after learning to break into luggage boxes

Keepers at Knowsley Safari Park have been forced to issue warnings after the opportunistic primates developed a taste for human possessions.

The cheeky monkeys - who are known for tearing off the odd wiper or wing mirror - have been targeting cars carrying the roof boxes before pouncing on the unsuspecting visitors, who are forced to watch helplessly as their things disappear.

Now bosses at the Merseyside park have slapped the artful animals with what they call 'Anti Social Baboon Orders' and have warned visitors not to travel through the infamous monkey jungle with luggage on their roof.

Grandchildren left in car while Fla woman gambled

A Florida woman has been sentenced to 14 months of house arrest for leaving two grandchildren alone in a parked car while she went to play the slots.

A Broward County judge also gave the 54-year-old woman three years' probation Monday.

Authorities say the woman left the children in a car parked outside a Hallandale Beach casino in August

2008. The windows were down, but the air-conditioning was off.

A witness saw the 2-year-old girl and 14-year-old boy in the car and told the casino's security.

The prosecutor tells the South Florida Sun Sentinel that the woman had pleaded guilty to charges including felony child abuse and misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Boy, 3, survives third-storey fall at hotel

Authorities in California said a 3-year-old boy survived a drop from the third-floor window of a hotel by landing atop a hedge.

Police said the boy, who was visiting with his family from Kuwait, leaned against a window screen in his family's room at the Larkspur Landing hotel Thursday in Pleasanton and the screen popped out, the Contra Costa Times (Walnut Creek, Calif.) reported Friday.

Police said the screen fell 21 feet to a hedge below and the boy landed on top of the screen, absorbing some of the impact from his fall.

"He was lucky," Lt. Mike Elerick said. "He definitely had a guardian angel."

The boy was reported as in fair condition Thursday evening at Children's Hospital Oakland.



Archaeological remains from the pre-Inca culture Ychsma are seen at an archeological site Lima. A pre-Incan mummy and eight other skeletons have been dug up from an ancient burial site in the middle of Lima, Peru's capital, and archeologists said squatters had been living above the bones for years.



Models display traditional garments of the Qahar Mongolian ethnic group, during the grassland cultural festival in Hohhot, capital of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

FREDA holds Annual General Meeting



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses 11th annual general meeting of Forest Resource Environment Development and Conservation Association. — FORESTRY

YANGON, 25 July—The 11th annual general meeting of Forest Resource Environment Development and Conservation Association was held at International Business Center on Pyay Road here this morning with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

FREDA Chairman U Sein Maung Wint gave accounts on the association and Executive U Sit Bo read out the annual and financial reports of the executive committee.

Next, those present took part in discussions and made proposals. General Secretary U Ohn gave clarifications on proposals of the members and announced the list of the names of new 15 executives.

Then the chairman accepted K 1 million donated by Managing Director U Nyan Lin of Shan Mawmyay Co. for bio fertilizer and presented certificates of honour to him. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the chairman.

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Developing agriculture sector in Kanpetlet of Chin State

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

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To observe the progress of agriculture sector in Kanpetlet, we went to a farm in Pakon field of Kanthayon Village-tract. We turned from the tarred road to the laterite road. On arrival at a large farm, a farmer in Chin national dress and his family welcomed us.

cultivation of perennial trees in 1999, and that now he has grown 1,000 orange plants, 300 djenkol bean plants, 300 banana plants, one acre of elephant foot yam plants in addition to avocado, lime and jack fruit plants.

We witnessed lush and green paddy plantations along the slope of the hill. In enquiring

agriculture method of Township Myanma Agriculture Service. Up to now, the farmers achieve success in cultivation. He disclosed that he planned to focus on cultivation of only Shweyinaye paddy strain on two acres of land. Therefore, we learned that even in the hilly region, food can be surplus thanks

through the piece-work system; that banana is sent to Seikpyu and Chauk; and that vegetables and fruit are sold to the local people in the region.

After waving at farmer U San Mya, we proceeded to Shwe-taungdan agriculture farm of farmer U Mya Moun.

At the entrance to the farm, we saw bending branches of orange plants with fruits. Moreover, there are a lot of thriving orange, tea, pomelo, djenkol bean, lychee and elephant foot yam plants in the farm.

Farmer U Mya Moun said, "I commenced my task by growing orange plants in 1995. Now, I have grown 1200 orange plants. In 1999, I cultivated tea plants, and now, I have over 30,000 tea plants."

At present, he produces dried tea leaves on a manageable scale and sends the product to Saw, Seikpyu and Chauk of Magway Division.

We witnessed thriving elephant foot yam plants. He said, "Elephant foot yam plants were seen naturally in the region in the past. Due to high demand of foreign countries, elephant foot

yam plants are being grown systematically. Out of three colours such as pink, white and yellow, the tuber with pink colour fetches good price. The wet tuber of elephant foot yam can be sold at K 400 per viss and the wet one between K 3,000 and K 4,000. Six viss of wet tuber can be dried in the sun to produce one viss of dried tuber, according to farmer U Mya Moun.

The private companies purchase elephant foot yam tubers in Chin State to export it to China and Japan. Now, over 40 farmers are engaged in growing marketable elephant foot yam plants in Kanpetlet. Over 600 acres of land is put under elephant foot yam plants in the whole state. In 2009, a total of 1500 acres of elephant foot



Chin national race farmer U San Mya.

yam plants has been grown against the target of 5000 acres.

I think that the sown acreage of elephant foot yam plants will increase in Chin State, and that the local farmers are going to enjoy the benefit in agriculture sector in the future.

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A scenic beauty at entrance to Kanpetlet.

The Chin national farmer is U San Mya, and he is a Buddhist. The laterite road linking the tarred road and the large farm was constructed by his family.

The farmer explained that he started

about the plantations, the farmer said that a total of 25 acres of Shweyinaye paddy strain was cultivated applying the terrace farming system this year with the use of water from the spring of the hill in line with the

to the results of diligence and utmost efforts.

We asked the farmer about sales of fruits produced from the farm. He said that the merchants from Magway and Seikpyu buy orange and djenkol bean yearly



Elephant foot yam plants.

Remain constantly vigilant and alert

Ko Thayar

When I heard that an election will be held in 2010, following the approval of the State constitution, I was very pleased with the hope that our country would soon be transformed into a democratic one, as aspired by the entire people. It was also because of my interest in the constitution I happened to read it several times. Then, I noticed that the constitution is designed to help our country avert same untold miseries the people suffered in the past and turn to democracy. It stipulates appropriate principles the people should honour in the transitional period before the multiparty practice is mature and the people have enough knowledge of democratic practice. So, I believe that the constitution is a manual to democratization process and is intended to serve the interest of the nation and the people. Therefore, it inspired me to cast the 'yes' vote in the referendum, sharing the common stance with the people.

The election will be held after the approval of the constitution, so the goal of the nation is now within the touching distance. Nothing can win the satisfaction of the entire people. So, the anti-government groups have to respect the wishes of the majority of the people, which is at the core of democracy. Almost all the people are in favour of the constitution and are looking forward to the 2010 election, as evidenced by the result of 'yes' votes representing 92.48 per cent of the total votes cast.

The constitution is designed to serve the interest of the nation and the people. However, certain self-seekers, who have realized that they will never have their wishes fulfilled, have not been able to distinguish between good and bad, and are still sticking to their stereotyped policies. Their weak point is that they have not opened their eyes to witness the objective conditions, they do not know suitable way, they do not accept what is reasonable, and do not want to do what should be done.

Supposing, a man wants to smoke, but he has nothing in hand. If he is offered a match, he should accept it. Again he is offered a cheroot, he should also accept it. Then, he can light the cheroot to smoke. And if circumstance favours him, he can smoke a cigarette. If he had not accepted the match, he would not have had his wish to smoke fulfilled, even if he were offered a match. That is to say he should grab the chance when opportune. And when there is another chance to him, his wishes will come true. So, I think they should grab the opportunities while luck smiles on them in order to have their wishes granted.

They should not think of making the nation a democratic one overnight, which is impossible. That is, indeed, 'building a castle in the air', and not a pragmatic approach. Even democracies had to take steps one after another till they were democratically mature. It is impossible for a nation to get democratically mature when democratization process is in its infancy. If that country practises democracy fully in the transitional period, their practice of democracy will not last long, and will go bad before long.

So, I would say democratization process calls for sound foundations as the saying that goes "Well begun, half done". And if a nation copies democracy persistently, that will be followed by a variety of evil conse-

quences. Look, they are now resorting to all possible ways for the sake of their interest. Transform the nation into democracy all of a sudden, and then the whole country will be at their mercy. Moreover, the efforts made to achieve success in democratization process will all be fruitless. That is a point greatly worthy of public attention.

Now, they are active and persist in making demands. The problem broke out when Yettaw secretly entered the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's residence. They did stir up the problem although they knew what would occur if they did so. Then, the government had no choice but to file a lawsuit against the offenders. In that case, their acts were particularly intended to build up the situation to a tragic climax. Only then would it be more opportune for them to express their voices and to place much reliance on their masters. In reality, they want their masters to take action against the country through international organizations. Now, the situations have happened as they planned. Now, they are making so many demands such as Daw Aung San Suu Kyi should not be put behind bars, action should not be taken against her, the government should release all the political prisoners unconditionally, arrange a dialogue, make amendments to the constitution, ensure that the forthcoming election will be a free and fair one, the election will not be legal if it goes without her participation. Furthermore, they are urging others to make such unreasonable demands. What is their purpose of forcing the government to release her and helping her stand for election? That is as clear as crystal. She is such kind of person who will dance to their tune. Only when she wins in the election, will it be possible for them to meddle in the affairs of our country, to dominate and intimidate the regional countries. In order to reach their goal, they are awarding and aiding the particular person and anti-government groups considerably. Therefore, I would like to urge the people to be convinced of their real intention of doing so.

I do not think anti-government groups are relying on right persons. They should think over to know what sorts of persons they can rely on and what sorts of demands they should make. I would like to ask if they know the real attitude of their masters. One will be thoughtful and sensible only when one takes lessons from other's mistakes. I would like to ask if anti-government groups know the real attitude of their masters. **Have a look at Iraq and Afghanistan, a large number of whose innocent people have died and which are going through the hell. So far, In Iraq, nearly 700,000 people have died, over 1.2 million have sustained serious injuries, 3 million have become homeless, and about 2 million have fled abroad as refugees.**

There is hardly no day in which there is no bomb blast and about 30 to 40 people die in Iraq since the US-led invasion of Iraq. Similarly, so far, Afghanistan has seen more than 8000 civilian deaths, and more than 16,000 injured people. These consequences are not all. The countries both have been a very large number of houses, buildings, roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and economic buildings leveled down. They are in no position to dream of returning to normal. Who are to blame for that? If they

keep on placing reliance on those invaders and comply with their wishes, their acts will bring death and destruction to the motherland. Take careful thoughts to rely on their masters.

The real purpose of the acts of internal and external destructive elements, anti-government groups and certain powerful countries is that it will not work if the nation sees peace and stability. The nation must be coping with riots and unrests. And the nation must not enjoy development and must be impoverished. It is because if Myanmar maintains peace and stability and enjoys cumulative development, democratization process will prove successful soon. And the nation will continue to stand with sovereignty. Then, no country can manipulate in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

That is why they hate to see Myanmar enjoy national unity, peace, development and prosperity and they are trying to incite riots and imposing sanctions against the nation. They deceive the people into taking to the streets by bringing the situations to a climax of public outrage. If the nation sees wholesale mass demonstrations, they will do the same as they treat Iraq, giving lame excuses of compliance with particular persons and groups, and showing complete disregard for the stances of international community. If anti-government groups realize the innate nature of their masters only when the nation faces like Iraq, it is too late to save the mother country from falling into the abyss of miseries. By then, the whole nation will have been devastated. Did the invaders secure the approval of any international organizations to attack Iraq? Who are destroying the peaceful conditions of the world? Who are to be held responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths. They are doing so as if they were licensed. However, they are desperate to interfere in the affairs of and invade a small country like Myanmar that is trying to tackle with its internal issue. In fact, they are bullying small countries.

At an ASEAN meeting recently held on the Phuket Beach in Thailand, a reporter asked US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton whether Myanmar should be removed from ASEAN if Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was not to be released. Clinton replied that if she was not to be released, ASEAN itself should make an appropriate policy change. She also said there would be prospects of US investments in Myanmar if she was to be released. ASEAN nations should put more pressure on Myanmar to promote democracy, she added. In reality, her remarks amounted to interfering in the affairs of ASEAN. If ASEAN does what the US Secretary of State has asked, it will come under control of the US. This means the US is trying to sound the ASEAN out and put it into its pocket.

It is not very strange for the US to try to influence ASEAN. Apart from ASEAN, it is even trying to influence a bigger organization. But any responsible person does not try to stop its attempt. Why are those demanding action against our country turning a blind eye to the US attempt and keeping silent? It is also trying to cause disunity in the region and trouble among the regional nations. There is no ASEAN member country that poses a threat to the region. We are addressing our internal issues by ourselves. Cross-border problems that happen sometimes are usually solved in a short time. No member country poses danger to the region. Who is posing danger not only to the region but also to the whole world? It can bear witness to Iraq and Afghanistan. **The US military bases in Asia are indeed a threat to the region. They are threatening the regional security as well as the global security.**

Considering all this, the present Tatmadaw government, as it has promised, is marching towards the goal of democracy in a peaceful and secure way. They should consider and recognize such a goodwill effort of the government.

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Any attempt to oppose whatever the government does should be stopped. They should also think about what the government is doing for. In reality, politics is simple, clean and delicate. However, some politicians think they must get what they want and attack if they do not get.

Foreign Affairs Minister and party arrive back from Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Myanmar Delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here today after attending the 42nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and Related Meetings held in Phuket, Thailand from 19 to 23 July.

Minister U Nyan Win attended the meeting between ASEAN Foreign Ministers and High Level Panel Group ASEAN Human Rights Body and High Level Legal Expert Group on the Follow-up to the ASEAN Charter which were held on 19 July.

The minister attended the informal working dinner of ASEAN Foreign Ministers hosted by

the Foreign Affairs Minister of Thailand in the evening of 19 July. At the dinner, the minister briefed on the recent visit of UN Secretary General to Myanmar, the issue of illegal migrants in the Indian Ocean countries and matters related to Cyclone Nargis Recovery and Reconstruction carried out by the Myanmar government.

The minister attended the separate meetings of 42nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and plenary meetings on 20 July and took part in discussions on implementation of ASEAN Charter. The minister also exchanged views on some regional and international issues.

The minister also attended the meeting of Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Commission, the 2nd meeting of ASEAN Political and Security Community and the 4th meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Council on 21 July.

On 22 July, the minister attended the ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers Meeting and the Informal Consultation of East Asia Foreign Ministers. They held discussions on matters of Global Economic Crisis, Food and Energy Security, Peaceful use of nuclear energy, Environmental degradation and the H1N1 Flu. The ASEAN+1 meetings were



Minister U Nyan Win poses for documentary photo together with ASEAN Foreign Ministers after attending the 42nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and Related Meetings held in Phuket.—MOFA

held one by one, with dialogue partners, those were Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Japan, People's Republic of China, EU, Canada, Russia, India and the USA.

According to duty allocation, Minister U Nyan Win attended the meeting of ASEAN+1 with Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Russian Federation, and the USA. On behalf of the minister, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department U Than Tun attended the meeting of ASEAN+1 held simultaneously with other dialogue partners.

Being a coordinator of the relations of ASEAN-New Zealand, Minister U Nyan Win co-chaired the ASEAN-New Zealand Meeting and handed over

the coordinatorship to Malaysia. At the end of ASEAN-Russia meeting, Minister U Nyan Win assumed coordinatorship for the next three years. At the end of ASEAN-US meeting, Minister U Nyan Win signed the Instrument of Accession to the Southeast Asia Treaty of Amity and Cooperation by the United States of America together with other ASEAN Foreign Ministers.

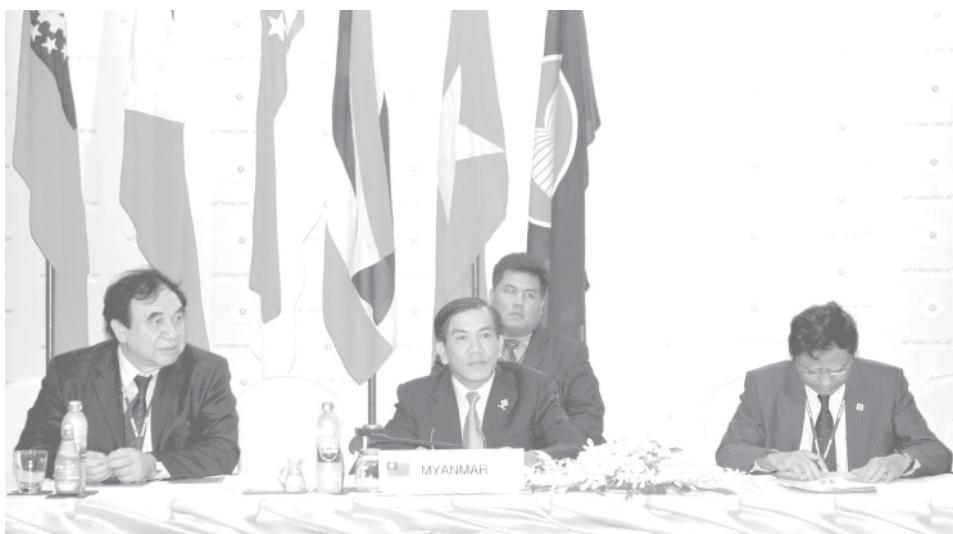
On 23 July, Minister U Nyan Win attended the separate meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers of the ARF Meeting and plenary ministerial meeting. Minister U Nyan Win explained progress in Myanmar.

Next, the minister attended the signing ceremony of ASEAN-Australia Cooperation

Programme (2) and the ceremony to sign MoU on establishment of ASEAN-Russian Center.

The minister met the foreign affairs ministers of Sri Lanka, Japan, Australia and East Timor separately and exchanged views on some international and regional issues.

Together with the minister, other members of the Myanmar delegation, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department U Than Tun, Director-General of Political Department U Kyaw Tin, Director of ASEAN Affairs Department U Wai Lwin Than, Deputy Director U Huk Kan Som, Assistant Director U Kyaw Tin Shein and Head of Branch (1) U Tin Win also arrived back.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win co-chair ASEAN-New Zealand Meeting.—MOFA

Remain constantly ...

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Any attempt to oppose whatever the government does should be stopped. They should also think about what the government is doing for. In reality, politics is simple, clean and delicate. However, some politicians think they must get what they want and attack if they do not get. And it is tantamount to damaging the image of politics. To make matters worse, they are placing much reliance on aliens. Do they not know the ulterior motive of the big countries in which they put their trust? They should be aware of the fact that the intention of those countries is to do what they want to do by helping form a puppet government and this is their strategy. **Due to the acts of some stupid persons who are unaware of above points, they will have their bad history and the country can be under alien domination again. We cannot miss our goal. Anyhow, we will surely achieve democracy that has never been acquired before. But it may not be full democracy. However, it will be democracy with much essence. The most important thing is to achieve democracy that is compatible with our own country and people. It is certain that our democracy will not be the type of other countries whose behaviours and traditions are different from ours. Our democracy is not imaginary but pragmatic and free from danger.**

There is no such a thing that is not impossible to achieve if we consider the interests of the State and of the people. Please don't bear jealousy and disturb others. I remember what Dr Maung Maung said in 1988. When he took office in the period of unrest and violence, he declared

that a multi-party democracy election would be held in three months. Why didn't they follow the way if they really loved the country and wanted to see political change. But they didn't. Taking advantage of the unrest, some claimed that they were only legitimate prime minister while some demanded formation of interim government. At last, their confrontational acts led to widespread anarchy pushing the nation on the brink of collapse. We should be aware of that. At that time, the master, taking advantage of the situation, was looking from the sea by folding his arms. If it had not been the help of the Tatmadaw, our country would have got into trouble earlier than Iraq. This is the point to be aware of.

Those who were inciting more unrest and violence did not let their own children and relatives out. There were some who even sent their children abroad for their safety. As they persuaded active young people with little knowledge and experience to commit anarchic acts in order that they came into power, the country was about to collapse with lack of peace and stability and the law and order. The people had to live in fear.

The present government tried its best to change the deteriorating situation into the one in which the State has developed with peace and stability. It can be witnessed. We cannot say they are good for nothing. We had never achieved unprecedented peace and progress in our history before. The State is still working to guarantee eternal peace and stability and to strengthen national unity. **Unity, peace and stability and progress are foundations for democratization. With lack of these, democracy cannot be achieved.**

One of the ways to disturb unity is the federal policy. They are trying to revive the federal policy with the intention

of breaking up the nation. They are driving a wedge among the national people. Our country is small with less population. But there are more than 100 national races. The country would be divided if the federal policy was practiced. There has been a clear example of big countries that broke up. It is necessary to be aware of the fact that the federal policy will lead to the breakup of the Union.

We already have a solution if we have thorough analysis of the past incidents, present situation and future events. Our concepts must be free from outside instigation. They must be reliable and free from personal attachment and egoism. We must show goodwill attitude towards the State and the people. We must be straightforward. There must be no prejudices. It is necessary to organize the people in a correct way. Creating mass protests after making up a story should be avoided. Today's people do not want unrest and violence and instability. We cannot wait for democracy any longer. We want to live in peace and stability. Now, those trying to delay national progress, those trying to disrupt democracy goal, those wanting to go backward, those with personality cult and self-interest, those doing wrong, those putting much reliance on aliens and those demanding unreasonable things by ignoring the people's desire should consider what should they do. It is time to stop what they should not do and to do what they should do by distinguishing right and wrong. If they do what can yield best interests, our desired democracy goal will be nearly reached. Don't turn back only when nearly reaching the goal. Let's continue to march together in unity.

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Minbya Township reaping reward of hard work

Article & photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win

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In addition, it has materialized four rural bridge projects, 10 rural water supply projects, six work programmes for keeping the township clean, and grown 30,000 shade trees and 87,500 landscaping plants for greening the township, along with 10,000 shade trees along the entrance road to the township, and 6000 landscaping plants along with the roads in urban areas.

It is now implementing rural road project with a fund of 19.5 million kyats, and rural water supply project, with a fund of 2 million kyats totaling 21.5 million kyats rendered by the government. So far, it has com-



The 50-acre summer paddy field on Yangon-Sittway Highway at Awa Village, Minbya Township.



The entrance to Minbya Township.

pleted the rural road project cent per cent and rural water supply project, by 35 per cent.

The chairman of

Township Peace and Development Council, Deputy Head of the Township Information and Public Relations Department

Daw Thaug Shwe, and TV Technician (3) U Aye Chan Sein conducted us to Ya Maung Bridge, summer paddy field and stove



Workers of Minbya Township Development Affairs Committee carrying out sanitation tasks.



A rural road is being built by Minbya Township Development Affairs Committee.

enterprise. Local bus driver Ko Aung Naing Oo said that local people of us thanked the government very much for Yangon-Sittway Highway and Minbya-Yangon-Sittway Road; that in the past the waterway was only means of transport, so their region lagged behind other regions in development; that in addition, it was very costly to transport passengers and goods to the other bank, and it was very risky when the weather was bad; and that due to the bridge, they could get across the river

in safety at any times.

We saw thriving plantations of cold season crops, vegetables, and monsoon paddy along the road to Ya Maung Bridge. When we arrived at the compound of the construction project near the bridge, the engineer in-charge explained that the bailey-tupe bridge was 1300 feet long and 24 feet and 7 inches wide with a two-lane motor way and a five-foot-wide walkway on it; that its clearance area was 95 feet wide and 20 feet high; that its lower structure was of broad

crest type; that durable weight for a truck was 20 tons and a trailer, 16 tons; and that the project was launched on 22 August 1997 and completed on 2 August 1999, and commissioned on 15 December 1999.

The region is like an island, but enjoys significant development in the agricultural farming thanks to the hard work of local people, local authorities and service personnel.

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China's software industry grows, but at slower pace

BEIJING, 25 July—China's software industry continued to grow in the first half of this year, but at a slower pace because of the global economic downturn.

The sector gained business earnings of 427 billion yuan in the first half of this year, up 22.7 percent from a year earlier, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology said Friday on its Web site.

However, the growth rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than that in the first five months, and 7.7 percentage point lower than last year's same period.

The June alone saw a 20.8-percent growth from a year ago to 97.88 billion yuan in income. It was down 13.4 percentage points from the same period of last year and 1.6 percentage points lower than May.

Software exports rose 47.4 percent from a year earlier to 8.34 billion U.S. dollars in the first half. It was also four percentage points higher than the same period of last year. Software outsourcing jumped 64.5 percent from a year ago to 900 million yuan.

Internet

Colombia discovers biggest oil reserve in decade

BOGOTA, 25 July—The Colombian Government on Thursday confirmed a 500-million-barrel reserve in the Pacific Rubiales oil camp, which is five times the previous estimate of 100 million barrels. Mining and Energy Minister Hernan Martinez said the newly-found 400 million barrels of crude oil was the most important discovery in a decade in the country.

Colombia discovered a new oil field in the centre of the country with a possible oil reserve of 100 million barrels last September. "Oil production in this camp will rise to 120,000 barrels per day later this year," Martinez said, adding that output could further rise to 170,000 barrels per day next year due to the discovery.

Investors, including the Colombian Oil Company, could help modernize oil production facilities in the oil camp and facilitate oil transportation, he said.

The operators of the Rubiales camp are working at improving the methods of second extraction of the oil, he added.—MNA/Xinhua



Chinese naval "Zhoushan" missile frigate receives replenishment from "Qiandaohu" supply ship (Back) at sea on July 25, 2009. The third Chinese fleet en route to the Gulf of Aden and waters off Somalia for an escort mission against pirates completed its second and lateral replenishment at sea on Saturday.

INTERNET

Security rehearsal held for Shanghai World Expo

SHANGHAI, 25 July—A security rehearsal was held Saturday for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo to ensure seawater security in East China Sea during the event. Two helicopters, five vessels

and an emergency response team carried out the search and rescue of people who fell into the sea, transfer and medical treatment of the injured, and evacuation of people in danger and firefighting for vessels.

The 45-minute exercise was conducted at Wusongkou, Shanghai, on Saturday afternoon by the

Donghai (East China Sea) Rescue Bureau of the Ministry of Transport.

Sun Fumin, director of the bureau, said the bureau had made an emergency plan to ensure the security of seawater in the East China Sea during the expo, a six-month-long event that starts on May 1 and ends Oct. 31 next year.—Internet

Car bomb kills four people in west of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 July—A car bomb explosion outside an office of Sunni Arab party in the city of Fallujah on Saturday, killed four people and wounded 20 others, an Interior Ministry source said.

The attack took place around midday when a booby-trapped car parked outside the office of the Iraqi Islamic Party detonated, damaging parts of the office building and caused damages to nearby buildings, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene, while ambulances evacuated the victims to hospitals of the city which located some 50 km west of Baghdad, the source said.—Internet



Visitors examine a giant dinosaur's skeleton during an exhibition of dinosaurs excavated in recent ten years in Gansu, in Lanzhou, northwest China's Gansu Province, 25 July, 2009.—Internet

Switzerland fights to safeguard "Swiss made" label

ZURICH, 25 July—"Fake watches are for fake people: buy authentic, buy real" — that is the slogan of a campaign by the Swiss watch industry to fight booming demand for counterfeit goods during the global downturn.

Switzerland knows that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery but wants to preserve its reputation for quality products, from watches to cheese, by setting strict rules on Swiss content and more rigorously tracking down fakes.

Defending "Swissness" will be an uphill battle beyond Swiss borders and promoting premium products is a risky strategy in a recession, but Switzerland wants to be ready for a rebound.

A search for "Swiss made" on the Internet

returns dozens of websites offering replica watches at knock-down prices but also assurances that the mostly "made in China" fakes can match "made in Switzerland" quality.

"We're able to offer low prices, and you can be certain of the craftsmanship that goes into every watch," boasts one company based in Shenzhen, China, offering a Rolex Santos "with correct markings and engravings, replicated to the smallest detail" for 449 US dollars instead of 952 US dollars.

MNA/Reuters



A model displays a headgear designed by Soma Nath at the Bangalore Fashion Week 2009 in Bangalore, India, Saturday, 25 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Turkish navy commandos capture pirates off Somalia

ANKARA, 25 July—Turkish commandos captured five pirates in the Gulf of Aden on Friday as part of a NATO mission to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia, the military said. The Navy commandos, aided by a helicopter, raided a skiff as the pirates on board were about to launch an attack on a ship, the military said in a statement.

NATO member Turkey has sent a warship to the Gulf of Aden under an international mission deployed off Somalia since the turn of the year to try to prevent attacks. Somali sea gangs, operating in the strategic shipping lanes linking Asia and Europe, have made millions of dollars in ransom from hijacking vessels in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden. Piracy has ballooned off the Somali coast in recent years where the sea gangs continue to defy foreign navies patrolling the vast shipping lanes linking Asia and Europe.—MNA/Reuters



Spanish artist Pep Bou performs with soap bubbles during his 'Rebufaplanetes' show in Barcelona, Spain, on Thursday, 23 July, 2009.—INTERNET

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
MYANMA AIRWAYS
GROUND HANDLING EQUIPMENT TENDER**

Myanma Airways would like to buy new Ground Support Equipment for Engineering Department and Ground Handling Equipment for Boeing-747 Aircraft for Nay Pyi Taw International Airport and Yangon International Airport. The equipments are as follows:-

Engineering Department

- (a) Trailor Type Ground Power Unit (G.P.U)
- (b) Trailor Type Frequency Converter with Solid State Rectifier

- (c) ATR Jacks & Accessories
- (d) Eddy Current Tester
- (e) Video Boro Scope

Ground Handling Department

- (a) Conveyor Belt
- (b) Passenger Step
- (c) Ground Power Unit (G.P.U)
- (d) Lavatory Truck
- (e) X-ray Machine
- (f) Forklift
- (g) Tug Master (Aircraft Towing Tractor) Tyre
- (h) Tow Bar (Universal)
- (i) Jack+Spanner for Aircraft Towing Tractor

Sealed tender must be submitted to Myanma Airways. The tender closing date and time is (1630) hours on 14th August 2009.

Detailed facts and tender application form can be obtainable at Myanma Airways.

Myanma Airways
NO. (104), Strand Road,
Yangon.

**One wildfire in western
Canada still out of control**

VANCOUVER, 25 July — The wildfire in Terrace Mountain, Kelowna in western Canada, remains out of control as of Friday despite a rain overnight, fire officials said.

The massive fire, which happened on Saturday in the southern interior of the province of British Columbia, has grown overnight, but at a slower pace than in the last two day, due to an overnight rain.

The BC forest service said the blaze, estimated at 4,400 hectares, up from about 2,000 hectares on Wednesday, is now about 20 percent contained, but still considered out of control.

The rain overnight will give fire crews an extra day or two to consolidate fireguards.

Two other wildfires in Kelowna area, which also started on Saturday, have been fully contained, one in Glenrosa and another in Rose Valley. More than 11,000 evacuees have all been allowed to return home.

Internet

**Colombian navy seizes
420 kg cocaine**

BOGOTA, 25 July — The Colombian navy said on Friday it seized 420 kg of cocaine in two speedboats in the Caribbean Uraba gulf.

According to the navy authorities, the two boats transported 200 kg and 220 kg of cocaine, respectively. The occupants of the two boats fled into forest after discovering the patrol boat. The drug, worth about 10 million US

dollars on black market, and the two boats were confiscated by the navy.

The navy is searching for the owner of the drug, said the navy authorities.

The Colombian government has cracked down on drug-trafficking in the country. So far this year, the Colombian navy has seized 63 tons of cocaine, with a value of approximate 1.575 billion dollars.

Internet

**China launches Arabic international
TV channel**

BEIJING, 25 July— China Saturday launched an international Arabic-language television channel as part of an ambitious programme to promote the communist country's views abroad.

State-run China Central Television (CCTV) said the new service would broadcast news, entertainment and education programmes 24 hours a day to a potential audience of about 300 million people in 22 countries.

CCTV vice-president Zhang Changming said in a statement the channel "would serve as an important bridge to strengthen communication and understanding between China and the Arab countries." The network, which already broadcasts in English, French and Spanish, also has plans for a Russian-language service. CCTV began work last September on launching its new Arabic channel.

The satellite channel can be received across the Middle East, North Africa and in the Asia-Pacific region, the statement said.

The move is part of an ambitious programme of international expansion by the state-controlled media to promote the image of China abroad. Xinhua news agency, which already reports from more than 100 countries and territories, also plans to open more foreign bureaus.

Internet

**Researchers say Zimbabwe's crisis
driving HIV decline**

CAPE TOWN, 25 July — Fewer Zimbabweans are getting infected with AIDS, and researchers speculate it's due in part to a battered economy that's leaving men short of money to be sugar daddies and keep mistresses.

Presenting a study of the infection rate among pregnant women at a major international AIDS conference in South Africa this week, Dr. Michael Silverman said the prevalence of the virus

that causes AIDS fell from 23 percent in 2001 to 11 percent at the end of 2008. His study was based on tests of 18,746 women at a prenatal clinic in rural Zimbabwe over that period. Silverman, a Canadian infectious disease expert, works at Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe, where the women were tested.

Silverman said he concluded that "a lot of the effect (of the decline in HIV infections) is from the collapsing economy."

AIDS experts have long noted that the richest countries in Africa are also those with the highest infection rates.

"You can't pay the sex worker if you have no currency," he said. "It's hard to have a concurrent relationship if you're always in earshot of your spouse, because you can't afford to travel. Because of the economic collapse, people are forced to stay home, like being in quarantine."

Internet

**Culture has impact on fight against
cancer**

LOS ANGELES, 25 July — Culture may play a role in the high death rates from breast cancer in American Indian and Alaskan native women, a new study suggests.

Cultural and tribal issues, not barriers such as poor access to health care, have an impact on the treatment for this hard-hit group, said the study conducted by researchers at the

University of California-Davis (UC Davis).

The findings are significant, because breast cancer ranks second on the list of cancer-related deaths in American Indian and Alaskan native women, and these women also have the lowest five-year survival rate when compared with other ethnic groups, the researchers said in a

press release on Friday.

In some native languages, the translation for cancer is "the sore that never heals," reflecting the belief that cancer can't be defeated, while among other groups, cancer carries a stigma that can have a negative impact on screening programs, the researchers said.

Internet



Television sets for sale in Beijing. China has launched an international Arabic-language television channel as part of an ambitious programme to promote the communist country's views abroad.—INTERNET

**Two million children suffer from acute
malnutrition in Bangladesh**

DHAKA, 25 July — Two million children aged between six months and five years are suffering from acute malnutrition in Bangladesh due to last year's price hike of essentials, the official news agency BSS reported on Friday. This was revealed

by a recent nationwide survey jointly conducted by the World Food Program (WFP), UN Children Fund (UNICEF) and Institute (IPHN) of Bangladesh. According to the survey, the malnutrition level might be even higher during the periods of food scarcity

as the survey was carried out during the harvesting season. The survey was undertaken throughout the whole country from November 2008 to January 2009 to assess the impact of the food price increase in 2008.

Internet

Agent Orange may be linked to Parkinson's

WASHINGTON, 25 July—Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange may be associated with an increased risk of developing Parkinson's or heart disease, US researchers suggest.

A report from the Institute of Medicine in Washington said a finding of "limited or suggestive evidence of an association" means the evidence indicates there could be a

link between exposure to a chemical and increased risk for a particular health effect. However, conflicting results from studies, problems with how the studies were conducted or other confounding factors limit the certainty of the evidence.

Based on the preponderance of the evidence as well as biologic data beginning to show how a type of dioxin — TCDD

— can cause this toxic effect, the committee concluded the evidence suggests veterans exposed to defoliants contaminated with TCDD during the war may face a higher risk for developing ischemic heart disease, the report said.

The committee's conclusion that there may be a relationship between Parkinson's disease and Agent Orange exposure stems from its review of 16 studies that looked at herbicide exposures among people with Parkinson's disease.

Internet



Force India's German driver Adrian Sutil drives at the Hungaroring racetrack in Budapest, during the first free practice session of the Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix.—INTERNET

Electronic cigarettes contain toxics

WASHINGTON, 25 July—US Food and Drug Administration officials said a laboratory analysis of electronic cigarette samples found carcinogens and toxic chemicals.

Electronic cigarettes, also called "e-cigarettes," are battery-operated devices that contain cartridges filled with nicotine, flavor and other chemicals. The electronic cigarette turns nicotine, which is highly addictive, and other chemicals into a vapor that is inhaled by the user.

The products do not contain any health warnings comparable to FDA-

approved nicotine replacement products or conventional cigarettes. They are available in flavors such as chocolate and mint, which may appeal to young people.

Dr Margaret A Hamburg, commissioner of food and drugs, said the products have not been submitted to the FDA for evaluation or approval and the agency has no way of knowing, except for the limited testing it has performed, the levels of nicotine or the amounts or kinds of other chemicals that the various brands of these products deliver to the user.—Internet

Lifestyle change can lower blood pressure

BOSTON, 25 July — Modifying lifestyle helped US women significantly lower their recently diagnosed high blood pressure, researchers said.

The study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found women who adhered to a regime of maintaining normal weight, daily vigorous exercise, eating a diet high in fruits, vegetables,

low-fat dairy products and low in sodium and taking a folic acid supplement self-reported less hypertension.

Hypertension — high blood pressure — has contributed to more excess deaths in women than any other preventable factor, said study leader Dr John Forman of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston.—Internet

Ozone exposure bad for healthy young lungs

DAVIS, 25 July —The elderly are warned to avoid outdoors during high ozone levels but ozone has a negative effect on lung function in healthy adults, US researchers said.

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, recruited 31 healthy non-smoking people to participate in 6.6-hour sessions during which they were exposed to ozone at 60, 70, 80 or 87 parts per billion, or filtered air, while undergoing six 50-minute bouts of moderate exercise followed by 10-minute breaks. A 35-minute lunch break separated the third and fourth bouts of exercise.

Lung function for each subject was assessed before, during and after exposure, and each individual answered a questionnaire evaluating subjective symptoms.

"The National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone was recently revised to set lower limits for ozone concentrations. Our research indicates that the threshold for decrements in ozone-induced lung function in healthy young subjects is below this standard," Edward Schelegle said in a statement. "Specifically, we found that 6.6 hours exposure to mean ozone concentrations as low as 70 parts per billion have a significant negative effect on lung function, even though the current NAAQS standards allow ozone concentrations to be up to 75 parts per billion over an eight-hour period."

Internet

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Brazil confirms 4 more A/H1N1 flu deaths

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 July —Brazil's health authorities on Friday confirmed four new deaths of the A/H1N1 flu, bringing the death toll to 33, twice more than in the past five days.

The newly confirmed victims, all from Sao Paulo state in southeastern Brazil, included a four-year-old girl and a 58-year-old man from the state's capital city Sao Paulo. The child had been suffering from asthma and bronchiolitis while the man had serious liver problems, which helped worsen their disease. The other two victims were both women from the city of Campinas. One of them had been seven months pregnant and the baby was saved.

Sao Paulo state has the highest death toll in the country with 16 victims, followed by Rio Grande do Sul state with 11, Rio de Janeiro state with five, and Parana state with one.

Altogether seven children and four pregnant women were among the A/H1N1 flu deaths in Brazil. Municipal and state governments in Brazil adopted a series of measures to contain the quick spread of the disease.

State of emergency was declared in several towns in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. Six health centers exclusive for the A/H1N1 flu were established in the state of Rio de Janeiro, and another three will be available next week.—Internet

Spain announces 5th death of A/H1N1 flu

MADRID, 25 July—A 45-year-old Algerian man died of A/H1N1 flu, the Spanish Ministry of Health announced on Friday, bringing the country's total flu deaths to five.

The victim, who lived in Alicante Province on

the east coast of the country, died on 20 July as he was being transferred to a hospital. He was confirmed dead from the A/H1N1 flu virus four days later.

The ministry said the victim had been suffering from severe underlying

health problems, including hypertension and kidney disease, and had been undergoing dialysis in the past 16 years.

Internet

A/H1N1 flu death toll in Chile hits 79

SANTIAGO, 25 July—The Chilean Institute of Public Health (ISP) reported on Friday that the country's A/H1N1 influenza death toll rose to 79.

The latest ISP report said the total of infected patients in the country reached 11,641, of which 8,171 received private assistance and 3,470 were treated by the public sector. The report said there was an important reduction in the number of cases last week, adding that only the regions of Arica, Parinacota and Valparaiso continued showing an upward trend.

Chile's Public Health Ministry announced on 2 June its first case of death from A/H1N1 flu, becoming the fifth country in the world, after the United States, Mexico, Canada and Costa Rica, to report a flu death. According to the ministry, it has bought 600,000 units of anti-viral medicine, enough for 1.5 million doses.—Internet



A man with a suspected case of H1N1 influenza virus waits next to security guards outside Miguel Couto hospital in Rio de Janeiro on 23 July, 2009.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Beckham fined for confronting own fans

LOS ANGELES, 25 July—Soccer star David Beckham was slapped with a 1,000 dollar fine for provoking his own team's fans during the Galaxy's 2-2 draw with AC Milan at the Home Depot Center. Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber fined the Los Angeles Galaxy's midfielder for his part in an ugly halftime scene where he allegedly challenged abusive Los Angeles fans to come down onto the field.

Internet

Spurs teenager pins back mighty Barcelona

LONDON, 25 July—European champions Barcelona were denied a winning start to their pre-season campaign as Tottenham midfielder Jake Livermore's late goal earned a 1-1 draw in the Wembley Cup on Friday. Pep Guardiola's team were back in action for the first time since the end of their treble-winning campaign, but they were frustrated by the dramatic intervention of a teenager who has yet to make his competitive Spurs debut.



Barcelona's Gaiyigaal Assulin (R) clashes with Tottenham Hotspurs' Aaron Lennon during the Wembley Cup competition at Wembley Stadium in west London, England. —INTERNET

Internet

Zhirkov goal gives Chelsea 2-1 win over AC Milan

BALTIMORE, 25 July—It was a rare post-game news conference: Both coaches sitting at the same table after a game that both men treated with the utmost importance. Fortunately, Chelsea coach Carlo Ancelotti and Leonardo of AC Milan are anything but antagonistic.

Yuri Zhirkov scored the tiebreaking goal in the 69th minute, and Chelsea defeated AC Milan 2-1 Friday night to provide their new coach a satisfying victory over his former team in the World Football Challenge. "It was a difficult game because Milan played so well," said Ancelotti, who quit as coach of the Italian team in May and promptly signed a three-year contract with Chelsea. "I'm happy for the victory, but we have to improve." —INTERNET

Chelsea's Yuri Zhirkov, left, celebrates after scoring a goal with team mates Andriy Shevchenko, (7), and Didier Drogba in the second half of a World Football Challenge soccer match at M&T Bank Stadium on 24 July, 2009 in Baltimore. —INTERNET



Redknapp says Vieira keen to earn his Spurs

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Vieira earned hero status at Arsenal during his nine-year spell with the Gunners, but the France midfielder is looking for regular first-team action after falling out of favour at Inter and Redknapp believes he would gladly join his former club's bitter rivals. —INTERNET

Dancevic reaches Indy tennis semi-finals

INDIANAPOLIS, 25 July —Frank Dancevic ended a run of three-straight losses to Dmitry Tursunov, upsetting the top seed 3-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-2 to reach the semi-finals of the ATP hardcourt event here.

But his Saturday test against third seed Sam Querrey, a winner over French number seven Marc Gicquel 6-4, 7-5, will be a show of strength between two big hitting rising stars. Querrey hammered 19 aces in the win over Gicquel. The Canadian won their only other meeting in Sydney two years ago, but Querrey has his eye on the prize this weekend. —INTERNET



Frank Dancevic of Canada serves to Dmitry Tursunov of Russia during the Indianapolis Tennis Championships at the Indianapolis Tennis Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. —INTERNET

Kelly leads rain-drenched Canadian Open

OAKVILLE, 25 July—PGA Tour tournament director Steve Carman perfectly summed up the rain-soaked 100th Canadian Open. "The sponge is full of water," Carman said Friday after the latest round of rain saturated the already-wet Glen Abbey course.

Jerry Kelly topped the leaderboard in the rain-delayed tournament, shooting a 7-under 65 in the completion of the first round and reaching 11 under with three holes left in the second. Seventy-six players didn't even start the second round. Camilo Villegas, Tim Herron, Martin Laird and Nathan Green were a stroke back. —INTERNET



Jerry Kelly

Funk leads by 3 shots at Senior British Open

SUNNINGDALE, 25 July—Fred Funk shot a 5-under 65 for a three-shot lead at the Senior British Open on Friday.

He is a tournament-record 11 under through two rounds and leads Tom Watson by seven shots. Funk has gone 36 holes without a bogey and his round, capped by a 174-yard 8-iron at the last hole for an eagle 2, gave him an 11-under 129, a 36-hole record total for the event.



USA's Fred Funk, right, celebrates with his caddie after hitting an eagle on the 18th hole during round two of the Senior British Open at Sunningdale Golf Club, Berkshire, England, on 24 July, 2009. —INTERNET

Ibrahimovic Barcelona move 'completed Monday'

BARCELONA, 25 July—The transfer of Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic from Inter Milan to Barcelona is expected to be completed on Monday, Nou Camp official Txiki Begiristain said on Friday. "There is agreement in principle between Inter and player and the documents are being prepared at the moment," he said on the Spanish club's web TV channel.

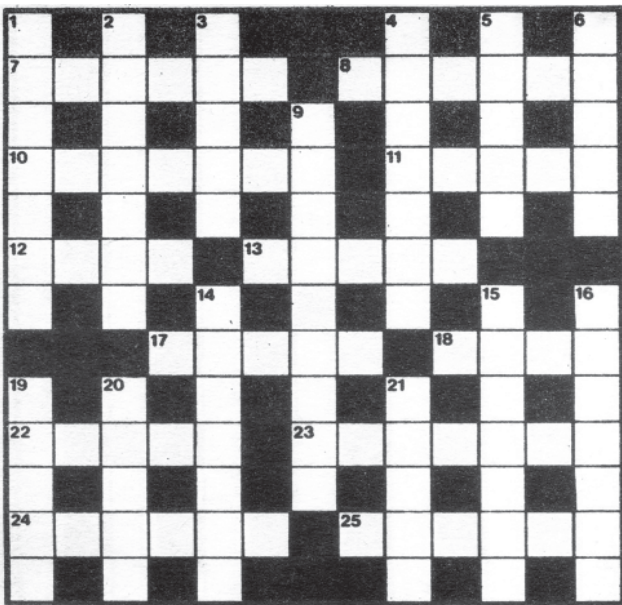


Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic from Inter Milan

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CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 7 Grasping claw
- 8 Large marine mammals
- 10 York ore (anag.)
- 11 Irritated
- 12 Summit
- 13 Beneath
- 17 Card game
- 18 Yield
- 22 Applaud
- 23 Alighting
- 24 Maintenance
- 25 Straggle

DOWN

- 1 Highlander's pouch
- 2 Dozar
- 3 Cut
- 4 Conducted a meeting
- 5 Quench
- 6 Apart
- 9 Alone (2,7)
- 14 Give a keen edge to
- 15 Big-billed water-fowl
- 16 Trellis-covered walk
- 19 Make reconnaissance
- 20 Spasmodic
- 21 Fatuous

Trotters seal double deal Knight and Ricketts arrive on three-year contracts

LONDON, 25 July—Bolton have completed the signings of Aston Villa defender Zat Knight and Hull City full-back Sam Ricketts on three-year deals.



Centre-back Knight, who has won two England caps, joined Villa in the summer of 2007 from Fulham in a £3.5million deal but struggled for first-team football.

Wales international Ricketts, who can play on the left or the right of a back four, started 27 of the Tigers' Premier League games in their debut season in the top flight.

Bolton boss Gary Megson is delighted to have sealed the deals after convincing both players to ignore other options and move to the Reebok Stadium.

Megson told the Trotters' official website: "We are really pleased that we could complete the deals. Both players had other offers to consider."

"I am sure that they will fit in to the squad and we are going to make sure that we help them with their new challenge."

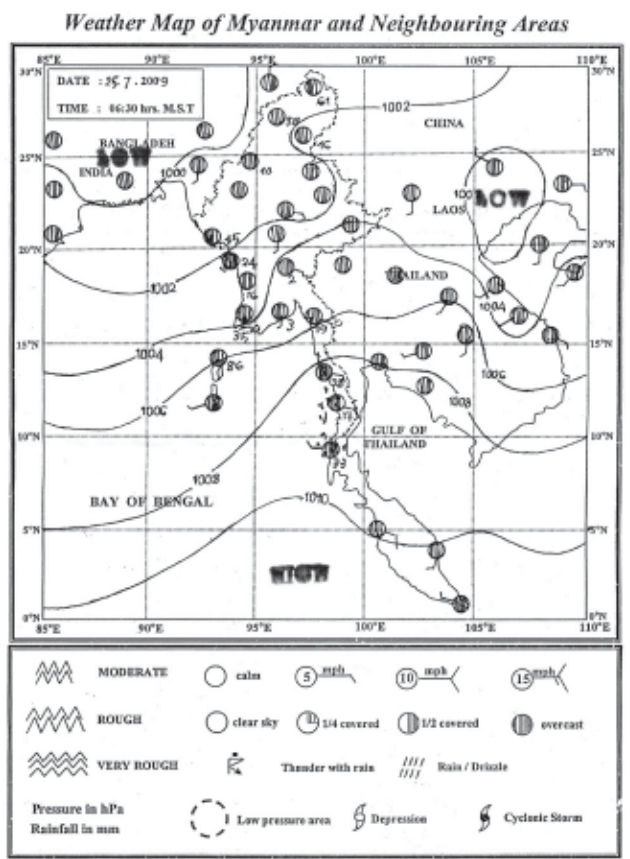
"Zat has plenty of Premier League experience and has played at the highest level with England, while Sam personally had a successful debut Premier League campaign with Hull."

Knight and Ricketts are Bolton's third and fourth signings of the summer, with the club having brought in Sean Davis after his contract at Portsmouth expired and also Paul Robinson from West Brom.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (26-7-2009) (Sunday)

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 Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * Sagaing Pagoda-studded Hills
 - * Nandawun (Souvenir Shop)
 - * The Beauty and Lifestyle of Taung Yoe Tribe
 - * Slates of Decoration with Striking Natural Perfection
 - * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Europe/ North America Transmission**
- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
 - * Ginger Salad for an acquaintance
 - * Ngwe Hsaung Beach Resort
 - * Annual Pilgrims from the River
 - * Arts of Myanmar Traditional Tapestry
 - * Myanmar Movies Impact
 - * The Beauty of Tamonyel Region
 - * Lifestyles along the Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-4)
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Sagaing Pagoda-studded Hills
 - * Nandawun (Souvenir Shop)
 - * The Beauty and Lifestyle of Taung Yoe Tribe
 - * Slates of Decoration with Striking Natural Perfection
 - * Myanmar Spirulina (Ye Kharr Lake)
 - * Music Up...Close "Pearly Rain"
 - * Leisurely Cruise along the Coast (Yangon to Mawlamyaing)
 - * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Saturday, 25th July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Kayah States and Magway Division, rain have been isolated in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Rakhine States and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.64) inches, Coco Island (3.63) inches, Putao (2.44) inches, Heho and Patheingyi (2.09) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 24-7-2009 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 25-7-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-7-2009 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 24-7-2009 was (1.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-7-2009 was (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (60.24) inches at Mingaladon, (64.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (67.40) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 24-7-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26th July 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayin States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-7-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, 26 July View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
2. အပူပေးမင်္ဂလာ (ယဉ်စေတနာ) (တေးရေး-ဝိတစ်ဆိုင်၊ မျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
- 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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:10 am**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:20 am**
8. မိဒီယာရဲ့အလင်းတန်းများ သွေးချင်းတို့ရခိုင်ပြည်နယ်မှာ လွှမ်းခြုံသွား
- 8:30 am**
9. ကြိုဆိုလျက်ပါ
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Round up of the Week's International News
- 11:20 am**
3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 12:30 pm**
4. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:50 pm**
5. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "ကြယ်ပေါ်ခြံထားတဲ့ကောင်းကင်" (နေထက်လင်း၊ ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ထက်ထက်မိုးဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အေးကျော်)
- 2:35 pm**
6. "ဂုဏ်ယူပိုင်ကြားထင်ရှားပေါ်လွင် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများဂုဏ်အင်"

- (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 2:50 pm**
7. International News
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:15 pm**
3. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန နိုင်ငံတော်ဆိုင်းဘိုးကြီးဖျော်ဖြေတင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်
- 4:30 pm**
4. Dance of National Races
- 4:35 pm**
5. အထေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားစီမံအထူးပြု) (စီးပွားစီမံ)
- 4:50 pm**
6. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:55 pm**
7. Musical Programme
- 5:10 pm**
8. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွပ်ကြွပ်အိတ်
- 5:25 pm**
9. Sing & Enjoy

- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening News
- 6:30 pm**
11. Weather Report
- 6:35 pm**
12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dragon Adventure"
- 6:55 pm**
13. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ချစ်လူမိုက်" (ဆီလာညိုညို၊ သီရိရွှင်းသန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင်)
- 7:10 pm**
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပေါ်ပြူလာအချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
 16. International News
 17. Weather Report
 18. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနာလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၇)

- ★ 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

Commander's Shield Basketball Tournament concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—The prize presentation for the Southern Command Commander's Shield Basketball Tournament 2009 was held at the hall of Bago Division Peace and Development Council in Ketumati Myothit on 17 July.

Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min presented gifts to the umpires and the championship shield to Toungoo Station (A) team.

The commander and wife attended the photo show held at For You Photographic House in Toungoo and viewed the photos.—MNA

Minbya Township reaping reward of hard work

Article & photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win

The development of Minbya in Rakhine State is very heartening with fine roads and well-organized housing estates.

According to the history, on his way along the Laymyo River by

royal raft for an inspection tour in Vesali Period in 4 AD, King Maha Sandra stopped for a while at Sambalay Port, and foretold pointing at the foot of Kyein Mountain that the region would become an urban area in

future. After the posture of the king pointing at the foot of the mountain (Min Pya), the region was called Minpya. Here, the word Minpya is composed of two words "Min" (king) and "Pya" (point at). Later, it was

known as Minbya. It developed into a town in 1867.

This season, Minbya Township put 64,171 acres under paddy of high-yield strains such as Yadana Aung, Theehtatyin, Manaw-

thukha, Shwewahtun, Kyaw Zeya, Hmawbhisn, Hsinthwelat and Yayhsin Lonthwe, and gathered 5,341,561 baskets of paddy. And the harvest from 32,985 acres of regional monsoon paddy strains such as

Meedon, Ngasein, Ngakywe, Kauknyin and Taungya was 1,835,353 baskets. So, in the township, the rice supply well exceeds the demand.

Now, the 200-acre summer paddy field of local farmers shows successful, and 37,880 acres of fruit and vegetables thrive in the township.

Minbya Township is constituted with three wards and 62 village-tracts with a population of over 197,010. Its sufficiency of rice stands at 212.85 per cent, and edible oil, at 118.91 per cent. With remarkable agricultural progress, local farmers enjoy economic growth with TVs, video players, motorcycles, and telephones.

The Township Development Affairs Committee has completed cent per cent the urban water supply project, spending 5.55 million kyats and five rural water supply programmes, spending 2,434,500 kyats.

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The 1300-foot-long Ya Maung Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Highway ensures smooth transport for Minbya Township.