



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects progress in extension of Meiktila-Taunggyi road section, developments of Kalaw and Aungban

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence went on an inspection tour of Pyinyaung Bridge on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung motor road on 24 July. Officials concerned conducted Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing round the preparations for durability of the

bridge and the chosen site for the construction of the bridge.

After giving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked into progress in extension of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek road.

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Marketable quality paddy strains used in Bago Township

Being agro-based country, Myanmar is building dams and reservoirs, river water pumping projects and sluice gates for accelerating the cultivation capability while reclaiming vacant and virgin lands.

As a result of

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implementing the water resource utilization plans, per-acre yield of paddy is increasing year after year. In addition to storing reserved food, the country has surplus

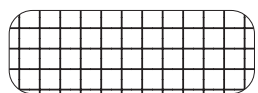
food. Therefore, the country becomes paddy exporter.

In order to benefit the farmers and develop the State economy, Myanmar Agriculture Service is

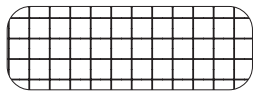
providing necessary assistance to the farmers for enabling them to select quality paddy strains.

Now is rainy season. All the farmers are trying hard in ploughing and growing monsoon paddy in time.

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Thriving paddy plantation seen on 10-acre farmlands of farmer U Myint Swe in Mayin Village of Bago Township.



Do with consideration and caution

It would be better for the UN to assist our country by realizing the real situation without infringing upon our country's sovereignty.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)	0.54 inch
Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe)	0.08 inch
Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon)	0.08 inch
Gwa	5.94 inches
Ye	5.36 inches
Yangon (Central)	4.84 inches
Yangon (Kaba Aye)	4.80 inches
Patheingyi	4.21 inches
Maubin	4.06 inches
Yangon (Mingaladon)	3.38 inches
Putao	3.23 inches

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PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 27 July, 2009

Inspire people to cultivate greater sense of defending motherland

The research papers reading session on Myanmar traditional national culture took place at the Ministry of Culture in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 July. Research papers are intended to inspire the people to equip themselves more firmly with nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit in order that they will come to love and safeguard own race and preserve national culture through Myanmar culture and customs more than ever.

The people will have a growing sense of safeguarding the independence and sovereignty only if each of them is knowledgeable about the high cultural civilization and long history of the motherland and values and cherishes national cultural heritage with pride. That is in the center of uplifting the dynamism of patriotic spirit of the entire people.

Research papers on Myanmar traditional national culture reflect 12 Myanmar traditional blessing ceremonies, songs about Myanmar traditional nat spirits, Myanmar traditional duet dances, and lessons learnt from Myanmar jataka.

The resource persons, researchers and enthusiasts took part in the preserving and promoting of Myanmar traditional cultural characters with fervour of national duty by giving advice and making suggestions.

Conducting such prudent research paper reading sessions energizes the people to imbue themselves from the bottom of their hearts with a spirit of defending the mother country for its perpetual existence.

Meeting on holding Futsal Tournament coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han attended the work coordination meeting on the Fourth Mandalay Mayor's Cup Men's Futsal Tournament (Open) held at the meeting hall of MCDC on 15 July. The mayor spoke on

the occasion. The futsal tournament will be held in Shwemantaung Sports Ground in Mandalay on 7 August.—MNA

Stone beads found at No 15 mound in ancient Pinle city of Myittha Township.

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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

Training courses of Education and Training Dept conclude

YANGON, 26 July—The Management Course Nos. 31/32, the Advanced Domestic Course No. 21 and the Clerical Course Nos. 60/61, conducted by Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, concluded at the central training school in Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 24 July.

Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Thein of the department presented prizes to the outstanding trainees in the respective courses. A total of 196



Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Thein addresses concluding ceremony of Training Courses of Education and Training Department.—MNA

trainees from Development Affairs Department the Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee, the Progress of Border Areas and

National Races Department and the Education and Training Department attended the courses that lasted 12 weeks each. After the

ceremony, the deputy director-general inspected the mess hall and thriving perennial and seasonal crops plantations of the training school.—MNA

Buddhist religious edifice of Pyu culture found in ancient Pinle city of Myittha Tsp



The structure seen at No 15 mound in ancient Pinle city of Myittha Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—A six-member research team comprising staff from Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (North) and Historical Research Department conducted the

research works in ancient Pinle city of Myittha Township, Kyaukse district, Mandalay Division from 4 June to 8 July. They carried out excavation task at No. 15 mound out of 30 mounds. They found a 50

square feet structure of Buddhist religious edifice. Despite building the structure with simple architectural works, the high standard decorations could be found.

In the excavation task,

of Nos 8 and 14 in ancient Pinle city.

The shapes of buildings are also similar to the structures of temples in Amaravati and Nagajunakunda ancient cities in the southeastern



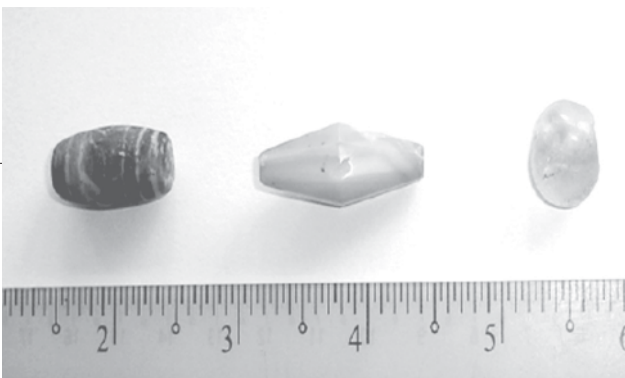
A few iron nails found at No 15 mound in ancient Pinle city of Myittha Township.—MNA

the team found some pieces of fire clay, three pieces of stone beads and a few iron nails. Significantly, the works of structure found at No. 15 mound are similar to the structure and brick decorations of Nos 14 and 18 mounds in ancient Beikthanoe city, those of the structure at Matheekya mound of ancient Srikhetra city and those

region of India. Due to the findings, the research team confirmed that the structure they found is a religious edifice.

The team plans to conduct more research works to find the firm historical evidences by studying the cultural characters of ancient Pyu cities namely Beikthanoe, Hanlin and Srikhetra.

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A guard post which was damaged in an attack in Khost, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 25 July, 2009. INTERNET

Suicide bombers attack Afghanistan

KHOST, 26 July—The assault in Khost began when at least six Taliban fighters carrying AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades stormed the area around the main police station and a nearby government-run bank. All were shot dead before they could detonate their suicide

vests, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

A seventh attacker detonated a car rigged with explosives near a police rapid reaction force, wounding two policemen, the ministry said.

Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer

Bashary said all the attackers were killed, but the Defence Ministry later said an eighth attacker may have escaped. The ministry said no government forces were killed but 14 people were wounded - 11 civilians and three police.—*Internet*

Car bomb attacks kill five in Falluja, Iraq

FALLUJA, 26 July—Two car bomb attacks killed 5 people and injured more than 20 others in Falluja on Saturday, as renewed violence flared up in the mid-western Iraqi city.

A truck parked near the Iraqi Islamic Party office exploded. Police say the terror attack targeted the influential Sunni Arab political party.

Shortly after the outset of the Iraq War, Falluja was the site of heavy fighting between US forces and Sunni

militants or Islamist al-Qaeda fighters.

Since last year, the Sunni-dominant city and other places in Anbar Province had been relatively quiet after Sunni tribal leaders turned against insurgents, siding with US forces. But violence appears to have escalated in the region in recent weeks.

In the provincial capital of Ramadi, bomb attacks have repeatedly targeted police officers and administration officials.—*Internet*

Five killed after girder collapses in S Korea

SEOUL, 26 July—The death toll rose to five Sunday from an accident at an elevated railway construction site just north of Seoul as one of the injured died, officials said.

A giant iron girder collapsed from the 12-metre-high (40-foot-high) railway being built in Uijeongbu city, on the outskirts of Seoul, on Saturday night, immediately killing four workers and injuring nine others.

One of the nine taken to hospital was declared dead early Sunday, a Uijeongbu city government spokesman said.

The steel frame, measuring 30 metres long and six metres wide, fell down from concrete pillars on which a bridge will be built for the 11-kilometre intra-city railway system, he said.

Internet

Number of British troops killed in Afghanistan rises to 20

LONDON, 26 July —The number of British troops killed in Afghanistan this month rose to 20 after a soldier was killed Saturday in a bomb blast. The British Defence Ministry said the soldier was killed in an explosion during a vehicle patrol in central Helmand Province.

As of now, 189 British soldiers have died, surpassing the number killed in Iraq after the 2003 invasion. Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth said on Friday that Britain will send 125 service personnel to Afghanistan to help sustain the progress of current operations.

“Reinforcements are necessary to ensure we can maintain our operational tempo and consolidate the real progress we have made,” he said.—*Internet*

Photo illustration of iron rods at a construction site in S Korea. The death toll rose to five Sunday from an accident at an elevated railway construction site just north of Seoul as one of the injured died, officials said.

INTERNET



Wis father saw sickness as ‘test of his faith’

WAUSAU, 26 July—A Wisconsin man accused of killing his daughter by praying instead of seeking lifesaving medical help considered her illness “a test of his faith,” a prosecutor told jurors on Saturday.

Dale Neumann, 47, is a “full-Gospel Christian,” who did not know his 11-year-old daughter had diabetes, his defence attorney

said. There’s also not “a shred of evidence” Neumann knew his prayers would fail to help his daughter or cause her death, the lawyer said.

Neumann is charged with second-degree reckless homicide in the 2008 death of his daughter Madeline Neumann, called Kara by her parents. His wife, Leilani, was convicted of the same

charge this spring and faces up to 25 years in prison when sentenced on 6 Oct.

The girl died from undiagnosed diabetes on 23 March, 2008, surrounded by people praying at the family’s rural home in Weston in central Wisconsin. Someone called 911 when she stopped breathing.

Internet

Hamas rejects Abbas to visit Gaza

GAZA, 26 July — Palestinian Islamic Hamas movement strongman in Gaza Mahmoud al-Zahar on Saturday rejected the visit of western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to the Gaza Strip, ruled by the movement since June 2007.

“This matter (Abbas’s visit to Gaza) is completely rejected for security considerations,” al-Zahar told the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in an interview on Saturday. Al-Zahar wondered “how could Abu Mazen return (to Gaza) under such security situation? How could he be received? And what effect this visit would have on people who have their sons, their homes destroyed or their salaries stopped?”

Hamas has been ruling the impoverished coastal enclave since it seized control of it in mid June 2007, following weeks of street-fighting with Abbas’s security forces and Fatah party militants. Abbas remained in the West Bank and his forces were routed.

Asked about Hamas conditions to let Gaza Fatah party members travel to the West Bank city of Bethlehem to attend the party’s sixth General Assembly, al-Zahar said “Fatah has to pay the invoice for its conference success.”

Internet

A kid poses for photos in a helicopter during the Civil Aviation Exhibition at the Santo Dumont Airport in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 25 July, 2009. The 2nd Civil Aviation Exhibition was held here from 24 to 25 July.—INTERNET





People visit the rockery of millstones in the Fork Custom Park in Dahezhuang Village, Dingcun Town, Dancheng County of central China's Henan Province, on 24 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Ericsson buys Nortel wireless units for \$1.13 bln

STOCKHOLM, 26 July—Swedish wireless equipment maker LM Ericsson on Saturday said it had penned a deal to buy a majority of Nortel Networks' North American wireless business for \$1.13 billion.

The Stockholm-based group said the purchase is on a cash and debt-free basis and covers the older CDMA and newer LTE wireless businesses of Nortel's Carrier Networks unit.

Nortel on Friday placed its wireless business up for auction behind closed doors in New York City, and international tech industry titans submitted their best offers for the prized division.

Nortel, a former tele-

communications equipment powerhouse, sought bankruptcy protection in January and the auction was planned after the company said it planned to liquidate its business.

The deal is subject to approval by relevant authorities.

Ericsson CEO Carl-Henric Svanberg said in a statement that the acquisition would add 2,500 employees to his company, of which about 400 are focused on LTE research and development.

"Acquiring Nortel's North American CDMA business allows us to serve this important region better as we build relationships for the future migration to LTE," he said.—INTERNET

Via Rail lays off 2,000, service stopped

VANCOUVER, 26 July—Via Rail Canada temporarily laid off some 2,000 employees, and rail service stopped across the country, the railroad said on Saturday. All the employees had jobs aboard trains and were laid off after locomotive engineers walked off the job, Malcolm Andrews, a Via Rail spokesman, told *CBC News*.

"We have no choice, of course," Andrews said. "The layoffs are a necessary part of an unfortunate process like this one simply because it's a process over which we don't have entire control, and there are pretty significant costs involved in paying salaries of all those people."

Contract negotiations between the railroad and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, which represents 340 locomotive engineers and yardmasters, broke down on Thursday.

The engineers union is seeking higher wages, better training and scheduling changes that would give them two straight days off, *CBC* said.

INTERNET

Survey shows Indonesians more positive on financial conditions

JAKARTA, 26 July—Compared to people in other areas of Asia, Indonesians have more confidence in investing their funds at home and have more positive impression on their financial conditions in the future, the result of a survey disclosed here on Sunday.

The survey, which was carried out by Sun Financial, an international financial consultant firm, early

this year, showed that 90 percent of respondents in Indonesia's largest business cities of Jakarta, Medan and Surabaya regarded their financial conditions better than before.

Sixty four percent of them were optimistic that their financial situation would be improving next year and 84 percent others expect improvement

within at least two years from present time. Indonesian respondents were part of the 7,300 ones surveyed in 19 Asian countries and regions including China, India, the Philippines, Indonesia. The respondents were consisted of people with considerably high income. Most of them were married couple with children.—INTERNET

China posts double-digit growth in diamond in H1

SHANGHAI, 26 July—China bought more diamond from abroad against the financial crisis effect in the first

half of this year, Shanghai diamond trading administration office said on Sunday.

Between January and June, China's foreign trade in diamond amounted to 692 million US dollars, a growth of 6.9 percent on the same period of last year.

The total included a record 300 million US dollars in import value, up 12.7 percent.

The office attributed the fast growth in arrivals to relatively stable domestic economy and continuous growth in demand for jewels at home, those used for wedding ceremonies in particular.

INTERNET

Lots of people visit an livestock and agriculture exhibition in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 25 July, 2009. The 123rd Argentine Rural Society's Palermo Livestock and Agriculture Exhibition was held here recently, attracting thousands of people to visit. The exhibition will last till 4 August.—INTERNET



E-China: The bicycle kingdom is going electric

SHANGHAI, 26 July—It's a simple pleasure, but Xu Beilu savors it daily: gliding past snarled traffic on her motorized bicycle, relaxed and sweat-free alongside the pedal-pushing masses. China, the world's bicycle kingdom — one for every three inhabitants — is going electric.

Workers weary of crammed public transport or pedaling long distances to jobs are upgrading to battery-powered bikes and scooters. Even some who can afford cars are ditching them for electric two-wheelers to avoid traffic jams and expensive gasoline. The bicycle was a vivid symbol of China in more doctrinaire communist times, when virtually no one owned a car. Even now, nearly two decades after the country began its great leap into capitalism, it still has 430 million bicycles by government count, outnumbering electric bikes and scooters 7-1.

But production of electric two-wheelers has soared from fewer than 200,000 eight years ago to 22 million last year, mostly for the domestic market. The in-

dustry estimates about 65 million are on Chinese roads. Car sales are also booming but there are still only 24 million for civilian use, because few of the 1.3 billion population can afford them. And unlike in many other developing countries, Chinese cities still have plenty of bicycle lanes, even if some have made way for cars and buses.—INTERNET

File photo shows a woman rides a bicycle near the electric bicycles and mopeds parking in Shanghai, China. Industry estimates put the number of electric bikes and scooters on the roads at more than 65 million.—INTERNET



2,000 people bitten by dogs per day in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 26 July—Two thousand incidents of dog bites are reported each day in Sri Lanka, a local English newspaper reported on Sunday. *The Sunday Island* quoted officials from the Health Ministry as saying that 28 patients died of rabies while 205 others suffered from the disease in the first six months of 2009.

Of the 205 patients,

172 had been infected from dog bites while the others had contracted the disease from cats, cows, pigs, goats, polecats and foxes.

The government has to spend 500 million rupees (about 4.31 million US dollars) each year to treat the victims bitten by dogs with an average of 39,000 rupees (about 336.2 dollars) per person.

Meanwhile, the government has allocated 200 million rupees (about 1.74 million dollars) to the Health Ministry's sterilization programme to control the growth of dog population in Sri Lanka.

The government said 20,740 surgical sterilizations and 13,557 chemical sterilizations were made in the first half of this year.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Security systems being built for world cultural heritage site in NW China's Gansu

LANZHOU, 26 July—A project is under construction to upgrade security arrangements for Mogao Grottoes, a world cultural heritage site in Dunhuang

of northwestern China's Gansu Province, Dunhuang Research institute confirmed on Sunday.

The project embraces a

visual monitoring and audio check system, intrusion sirens, entrance control system, wired telecommunication system, broadcasting system and a security control centre.

The project is one of the four projects under the Mogao Grottoes conservation programme, which began at the end of last year as the largest of its kind in the history of Dunhuang.

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Manhunt underway in US, Mexico after border agent killed

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—US and Mexican authorities on Saturday continued their search for suspects along the US-Mexico border after a US Border Patrol agent was killed by assailants.

Investigators said evidence shows that the shooting confrontation at the border fence near San Diego, California, may have left at least one of the attackers seriously injured. Authorities were checking hospitals and other medical facilities on both sides of the border for anyone suspicious of seeking treatment, according to the FBI office in San

Diego.

FBI spokesman Darrell Foxworth said on Friday night that investigators were following up on "a number of leads" in the United States and Mexico, but denied reports of any arrests related to the killing.

US Border Patrol agent Robert Rosas was shot and killed on Thursday night while tracking a group of people presumed to have crossed into the country illegally. Investigators said they didn't know how many people shot at Rosas, or whether the agent was able to return fire. US Homeland Secu-

rity Secretary Janet Napolitano said she has directed the full resources of the department to investigate the attack and bring the killer or killers to justice.—Xinhua



People watch spring tide of the Qiantang River in Haining, southeast China's Zhejiang Province, on 25 July, 2009. Huge tide of the Qiantang River occurred here on Saturday.—XINHUA

Qantas flight grounded in Auckland following malfunction

WELLINGTON, 26 July—A Boeing 737 passenger plane of the Australian airlines Qantas, has been grounded in New Zealand's largest city of Auckland while engineers were investigating what sparked a malfunction on a flight to Brisbane on Saturday.

The Boeing 737, bound for Australia, was forced to return to Auckland airport with 91 passengers

onboard after the plane started to depressurise, Radio New Zealand reported on Sunday. Qantas said the jet lost cabin pressure at 25,000 feet, forcing the captain to turn the plane around shortly after take-off.

The airline was playing down the incident, saying the malfunction was not an emergency.

Qantas said there was

never a threat to passengers or the crew because the depressurisation was so small it was not necessary to supply oxygen masks. The plane made it safely back to Auckland and the passengers were transferred to a different flight. The jet remained grounded while Qantas engineers were investigating the cause and making repairs.—Xinhua

Somalia, int'l community launch joint security committee

MOGADISHU, 26 July—The African Union peacekeeping Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) together with the UN Political office for Somalia (UNPOS) as well as the Somali government on Saturday launched a Joint Security Committee to coordinate efforts in support of the Somali government's security sector institutions.

The Joint Security Committee (JSC), composed of the Somali Ministers of De-

fence, National Security, Interior, Chief of Staff, Police Commissioner and the Head of Intelligence from the Somali government side while the international community was represented by AMISOM, UNPOS and three members from donor community, said a joint communiqué issued in Mogadishu.

The JSC held, for the first time, its maiden meeting in the restive Somali capital, a move described

as important by AMISOM spokesman, Major Barigye Ba-Hoku, "considering that Somalia, especially Mogadishu, is considered a no-go-area".

"Senior officials from the UN, EU, AMISOM and other countries like Italy and Sweden deliberated today in Mogadishu on how to strengthen the Somalia Security Sector," said spokesman for AMISOM forces in Mogadishu.—Xinhua



Russian paratroopers parachute during the real-combat of the "Peace Mission-2009" joint anti-terror military exercise in Taonan of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 26 July, 2009. More than 100 tanks, self-propelled cannons, as well as more than 60 aircraft are fighting against "terrorists" in the 80-minute final performance of the five-day exercises.—XINHUA

Colombian: 16 rebels, 1 soldier killed in fighting

BOGOTA, 26 July —The Colombian military says at least 16 suspected guerrillas and one soldier have been killed in clashes.

Defence Minister Gen Freddy Padilla says troops faced off with rebels belonging to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in the southern department of Meta.

Padilla says soldiers seized camping equipment, munitions and other items following Friday and Saturday's clashes.

He added that the suspected rebels answered to No 2 FARC commander Jorge Briceño, or "Mono Jojoy." —*Internet*

Minister's official car stolen in Spain

BERLIN, 26 July —Thieves have stolen German Health Minister Ulla Schmidt's official limousine from near the Spanish town of Alicante while she was on holiday, a ministry spokeswoman said Saturday. "Her chauffeur's accommodation was broken into and the car keys were stolen," said a health ministry spokeswoman. Schmidt, a Social Democrat in conservative Chancellor Angela Merkel's left-right coalition, had been using the black Mercedes for official appointments including meetings at old peoples' homes, hospitals and schools, the spokeswoman said. "There is great demand for the minister to discuss issues such as health care and pensions with Germans there," said the spokeswoman, adding Schmidt rented a car for her private use. Alicante, on the Costa Blanca in south-eastern Spain, is a popular retirement and holiday destination for Germans. —*Internet*

Hospital defends handling of brain case

MADISON, 26 July —University of Wisconsin Hospital staff appropriately handled a patient who died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob, a deadly brain disease, hospital officials said.

The hospital this week notified 53 patients they have an extremely low risk of contracting the disease, despite being operated on with potentially contaminated surgical instruments used on the patient with the disease. The Wisconsin State Journal reported Saturday. The woman, in her 50s, died on Tuesday at the hospital of what doctors called "sporadic" Creutzfeldt-Jakob, meaning it "came out of the blue" with no known cause, Dr Nasia Safdar, the hospital's infectious disease specialist, said on Friday.

—*Internet*

Mexico police catch 11 cartel suspects at meth lab

MEXICO CITY, 26 July —Mexican police say they have captured 11 suspected members of the La Familia cartel and seized a methamphetamine lab in the western state of Michoacan. The Public Safety Department says federal police detected the lab allegedly operated by La Familia after a strong chemical smell was reported in a rural area of the state.

The department says the lab produced about 220 pounds (100 kilograms) of crystal meth each week. Lab operators packaged the drugs, loaded them into pickup trucks and sent them to the United States. Police said they seized two rifles in the Saturday raid. The suspects are being held on suspicion of drug offenses. So far this year, police say they have seized 40 drug labs operated by the La Familia cartel.

—*Internet*



Police officers escort Jaime Cervantes Alvarez, centre, an alleged member of the Mexican drug cartel known as 'La Familia,' during his presentation to the media in Mexico City, on 25 July, 2009. Cervantes and other eleven members of La Familia were arrested during an anti-drug operation in Michoacan. —INTERNET

NEWS ALBUM



A view of the Gran Telescopio Canarias, the world's largest infra-red telescope taken at the Roque de los Muchachos Observatory in the Canary Island of La Palma. Spain is set to inaugurate a huge telescope on the Canary Islands, billed as the world's biggest scope for visible and infrared light and set to give astronomers a vital tool to map the universe.



An Iranian woman takes a photograph of a 1957 Ford skyliner, which was made in the US, during the Teheran Classic Car Show 09 at Niavaran palace in northern Teheran.

Japan train workers check grins with smile meter

Her uniform looks good, with striped scarf and blue cap in perfect order, but railway employee Mitsue Endo has one thing to do before she faces the masses — pass the smile test.

Endo, who works at hectic Shinagawa Station in central Tokyo for Keihin Express Railway Co, sits in front of a laptop computer with a digital camera mounted on top. At first she is a bit grim-faced, and the verdict from the company's smile-rating software is instant and candid.

"Smile: 0" pops up on the screen.

She breaks into a broad grin and the computer responds cheerfully, giving her a score of 70.

The company has installed the system to help employees check their smiles before heading out to face customers. The test is optional, but at major stations like Shinagawa, the 250,000 riders who pass through per day can be rushed and agitated, and a happy face can go a long way.

"Smiling helps our interaction with the passengers. I think the atmosphere becomes more relaxing with a smile," says Endo, whose job includes helping lost customers find their way and dealing with ticketing mishaps.

Five ancient Roman shipwrecks found off Italy coast

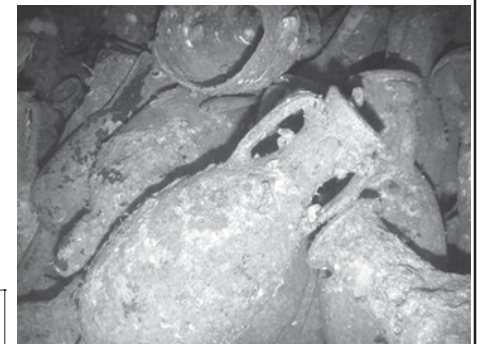
Archaeologists have found five well-preserved Roman shipwrecks deep under the sea off a small Mediterranean island, with their cargo of vases, pots and other objects largely intact, official said.

The ships are submerged between 100 and 150 meters (about 330 to 490 feet) off Ventotene, a tiny island that is part of an archipelago off Italy's west coast between Rome and Naples.

The ships, which date from between the 1st century BC and the 4th century, carried amphorae — vases used for holding wine, olive oil and other products — as well as kitchen tools and metal and glass objects that have yet to be

identified, Italy's Culture Ministry said. The spot was highly trafficked, and hit by frequent storms and dangerous sea currents.

The discovery is part of a new drive by archaeological officials to scan deeper levels of the sea and prevent looting of submerged treasures.



This photo shows amphorae, believed to be of Spanish origin and dating back to the 1st century AD, lie on the seabed off the coast of Ventotene, a tiny island part of an archipelago between Rome and Naples, Italy. Archaeology officials say they have found five well-preserved Roman shipwrecks off a small Mediterranean island, with their cargo of amphorae, pots and other objects largely intact. They date from the 1st century BC to the 4th century and carried wine amphorae, kitchen tools and some metal and glass objects that have yet to be identified, Italy's Culture Ministry said.

Bolivian farmworker killed by ants

Bolivian police say that a 42-year-old man who fell asleep under an ant-infested tree has been killed by insect bites.

Beni city Police Chief Rolando Ramos says that farmworker Santiago Ortiz apparently had been drinking before sitting down beneath a Palo Santo tree — a type noted for its aromatic wood and for hosting a particularly aggressive sort of ant.

Ramos said Tuesday that when police reached the scene, the man was already dead, but swarms of ants were still crawling across his body.

Marketable quality paddy strains used in Bago Township

Article: Win Naing (Kyemon); Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)



Paddy transplinters working at farmlands.

early days of the rainy season, the collective ploughing ceremony was held with the use of 20 power-tillers. MAS distributes Hsinthwelat paddy strain to us. We cultivate paddy plants in the growing plots prescribed by MAS. Pesticides were sprayed. The quality paddy strains from these fields were supplied to the farmers through the sales system or the paddy strain exchange system. Due to using quality paddy strains, substituting agricultural equipment in place of draught cattle and completion of growing monsoon paddy, the farmers achieve high per-acre yield of paddy and earn the increased income."

Applying modern cultivation techniques with the use of farming implements increases the per-acre yield of paddy and improves the living standard of the farmers. Therefore, the farmers have to contribute to the economic growth of the country by planting the quality paddy strains.

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 While in Bago, the news crew of the Kyemon Daily observed cultivation of monsoon paddy of Bago Township. First, we met Township Manager U Yin Tun of MAS and enquired the assistance of the service for the farmers to grow quality paddy strains.

The manager said, "MAS manages to distribute the quality paddy strains to meet the per acre yield of 100 baskets of paddy. Moreover, the service organizes the farmers to apply correct cultivation methods. As the Southeast Asian countries focus on cultivation of paddy, the International Rice Research Institute based in the Philippines distributes quality paddy



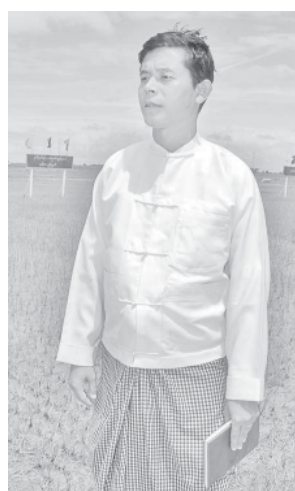
U Yin Tun, Township Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

strains. These paddy strains were propagated to the suitable strains for the country. Next, the quality paddy strains were selected for the local farmers. Myanmar uses the good yield paddy strain, the high yield paddy strain and the domestic paddy strain.

MAS gives educative talks on ground preparations, stirring fertile soil and broadcasting of fertilizers to the farmer to apply the correct cultivation methods. In harvesting paddy, the service shares techniques with the farmers not to exceed the



U Myint Swe, farmer of Mayin Village, Bago Township.



U Kyaw Thura, Secretary of Bago Township Peace and Development Council.

harvesting time and to minimize loss and wastage."

Secretary of Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Thura explained, "The township authorities are joining hands with the

agriculture coordination committees to disburse agricultural loans and distribute fertilizers to the farmers in time. In the harvesting time, they help the respective organizations collect the repayment from the farmers."

We proceeded to the 10-acre monsoon paddy plantation of farmer U Myint Swe at field No. 659/A in Mayin Village of Bago Township. The farmer said, "I own 10 acres of monsoon paddy in 100 acres of quality monsoon paddy farm. In



Farmers ploughing at farmlands beside cultivated farmlands.



A paddy field cultivated applying correct growing methods.

Do with consideration and caution

Soe Mya Kyaw

Kyaw: : It has been a long time since we last talked about international affairs, Grandpa. I am here to ask you about something I want to know. These days, I have heard many times that some foreign radio stations and some so-called politicians at home are claiming that Mr Ban Ki-moon's visit to our country was not satisfactory. What is your opinion in that regard?

Soe: : As a matter of fact, if a head of state or a leader of an international organization like Mr Ban Ki-moon wants to visit our country, they have to seek invitation of the host country. After they have received invitation, representative persons on both sides have to coordinate as to schedules and topics during the visit. He can visit only after prearrangements. **Regarding prearrangements for Mr Ban Ki-moon's visit, both sides had already reached a prior agreement under which who he could meet and who would not be available. Ban Ki-moon agreed on the prearrangements, so he visited our country, and he was granted approval to hold frank discussions and exchange views with State leaders. In addition, the Head of State received him two times in honour of his request. I would say it was a visit that soundly proved Myanmar's hospitality and willingness to cooperate with the UN, and it was a successful visit.**

Mya: : Oh, Maung Kyaw, even civilians of us have to seize up the prevailing rapport with the hosts when we are on a visit to a house. **And hospitality does not mean fulfilling all the wishes of the guests. The hosts' fulfillments and treatment are within their reach.** But, in that case, they are criticizing the visit as they viewed.

Kyaw: : They are claiming that the government should have fulfilled Mr Ban Ki-moon's all wishes and demands because he was reportedly assigned duties by the General Assembly to work out the Myanmar issue. Do you think the UN has the rights to handle our country's issue so?

Soe: : I should tell you the purposes of the UN first before I answer your question. After the World War II, the UN was formed to prevent another world war, for members to refrain from the threat or use of force against any other State, and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means and without force. **That is why the UN Charter states two purposes that to maintain international peace and security, and to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples.**

Kyaw: : I got it, grandpa. Then, could I ask if he has the rights to make such demands.

Soe: : No, he hasn't. **The UN has the right to intervene in such cases that pose threat to international peace and security. In the**

UN Charter, a principle says that it is based on the sovereign equality of all its members, and another principle says, "Nothing contained in the Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State". So, it makes it clear that no organization or country has the rights to give directives or to have a go at the democratization process that is our country's domestic affairs. Sorry for my being rude in my speech, Maung Kyaw. I lost my patience because I have heard so many such awkward matters very frequently.

Mya: :Mr Ban Ki-moon said that he made three demands, and he had to watch and see if the Myanmar government would obey them. He did interfere in our country's internal affairs, then, didn't he?

Soe: :Here is so, Mya. As a friend, colleague or UN Secretary-General, he can give advice and make suggestions. Our country will take them as appropriate if they are suitable for our country, circumstances favour, and they do not harm our country's sovereignty. But, I do not think it is wise if he gives instructions as though our country is a subordinate country of his. I am sure a UN Secretary-General like Mr Ban Ki-moon has known that. In this case, I think they must be positive suggestions, and anti-government groups exaggerated his suggestions to deceive the people into misunderstanding them.

Kyaw: :It will be nice if it is so. Our country has been cooperating constantly with the UN, hasn't it? But our country will not accept them if they are designed to infringe upon sovereignty and interfere in the internal affairs of our country.

Mya: :By the way, some are demanding that the Security Council take action against our country. What is your opinion in this regard?

Soe: :I have already said that nothing in the Charter is to authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State. The countries that are interfering in the internal affairs of our country and trying to install a particular person as the head of State who will dance to their tune know well that. That is why they are trying to submit Myanmar issue to the Security Council with the accusation that Myanmar issue is posing a threat to regional and international security and peace.

Mya: :Oh, they are making one-sided accusations! Compare the present situation with that before 1988. Far-flung areas where people had to live

in a state of panic have become peaceful. Although they did not say a word about this in those days, they are now accusing our country of posing a threat to the global peace even when we have already achieved peace. I'm getting tired of laughing.

Kyaw: :You are right, Kyee Kyee. Sometimes I wonder whether the UN has lost its original aims when we hear that it puts blame only on small nations like ours but does not say a single word about the unilateral invasion of Iraq, and hundreds of deaths of civilians including children due to bombings there and in Afghanistan.

Soe: :**Such incidents would not have happened if the UN Charter had been respected. The Article 100 of the Charter precisely prescribes that the Secretary-General and his staff shall not seek the instructions of any nation or any government in the place where they are shouldering their duties. Member nations shall not try to influence the work of the Secretary-General and his staff. But actually, you have heard what the Secretary-General must demand and what he must say. And you have also heard what they are talking that it cannot be called a success if those demands were not met.**

Kyaw: :If so, the UN officials should exactly follow the UN Charter. **The UN is a reliable organization for us, isn't it? Since its formation, the UN's duty has been to prevent bullying. Is that so?**

Soe: There might be control over the UN in order not to exactly follow the Charter. For example, most of the UN funds for its activities are raised by powerful countries. Those wielding veto power are powerful countries. Even the appointment of Secretary-General can be possible only through the approval of Security Council permanent members.

Mya: :I once happened to read a piece of news in the newspaper that the US owed over one billion dollars to the UN funds. Is it really?

Soe: :Absolutely right. It is not that that country is unable to contribute. Being a powerful country, it might have had a plan to coerce the UN to fulfil its wishes through amicable way and not to oppose it by withholding its share of contribution.

Kyaw: :I remember one thing only when you have said. Whenever the UN Security Council discussed military operations and civilian arrests in the Gaza Strip and on the west bank of Jordan River the US turned it down with veto power.

Soe: :Oh, Maung Kyaw! What's more, the UNSG could not take any action when the US
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"Nothing contained in the Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State."

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects progress...

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Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and officials, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing oversaw tasks of beautifying Kalaw and then instructed officials to keep the town clean and beautiful possessing the characteristics of the town.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party yesterday met with members of the township agriculture and production development supervisory committee at the office of Kalaw Township.

The chairman of

township PDC presented reports to Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing on facts about the township and progress of agricultural tasks. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave instructions on measures to be taken for beefing up production in the township.

At Aungban Research Farm of Agricultural Research Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected the research works.

Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing went on an inspection tour of mixed-cropping ginger plantation in the apple farm near



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing views condition of Pyinyaung Bridge on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung Road.—MNA

Gabani village of Aungban. Afterwards, officials presented reports to Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, who then left necessary instructions.—MNA

Outstanding students of Taungtha awarded

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung looked into construction of two-storey school building (Annex) to Minsu Village Basic Education Middle School yesterday.

The minister and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi attended the 14th prize presentation ceremony at the town hall of Taungtha Township. The minister delivered an address at the ceremony.

Next, the minister presented awards for the distinction winning students

for 2008-09 through Ma Maw Po Po Tun and Daw Khin Khin Yi for the teachers who turned out outstanding students through the headmistress of Taungtha Basic Education High School.

Then officials provided stipends for the needy 50 university, college and institute students and presented outstanding basic education students. Taungtha Township Education Officer U Htet Cho and an outstanding student spoke words of thanks. In the evening,

the minister and wife attended the 11th prize presentation ceremony of Hsimeekan BEHS (Branch) and the minister made an address at the ceremony.

Afterwards, the minister awarded the one-distinction winner and Daw Khin Khin Yi two outstanding teachers and officials outstanding basic education students.

Then the headmaster U Myint Swe of the school spoke words of thanks.

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Commander attends tree-planting ceremony in Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The monsoon tree-planting ceremony 2009 of Bago Division was held in Bago on 18 July morning, attended by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-

ern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min, departmental officials and members of social organizations. The commander planted teak sapling. The commander and officials viewed planting of perennial saplings by those present.

Next, the commander attended the opening of Pyinnya Padetha self-reliant library of DaikU Township. The commander formally opened the library and looked around it.

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South-East Command Commander inspects regional development tasks in Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, accompanied by departmental officials, attended ceremony of collective broadcasting of fertilizers for monsoon

paddy at U Raja's farmland in Ngantae Village of Mawlamyine on 17 July.

The commander looked round the cultivation of local farmers and viewed the thriving paddy plantations.

The commander and party inspected tasks for

construction of Shwehintha and Sein Kye Aung Kaung automobile factories, Power Station (branch), Foundry Shop in Mawlamyine Industrial Zone and construction of No (1) new two-storey market and left necessary instructions.

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Do with consideration and caution

Soe Mya Kyaw

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unilaterally invaded Iraq and tortured hundreds of prisoners in Guantanamo Prison without the approval of the UNSC. The UN Secretariat could not do anything.

Kyaw: I came to clearly understand the visit of Mr Ban Ki-moon only when you have explained to me. It has been clear to me that those who turned a blind eye to those major issues but said that the SG's visit to our country which has been making earnest cooperation was a failure are trying to cause misunderstanding among the people.

Soe: The most important thing for Myanmar is to hold the 2010 election successfully by maintaining the already-achieved peace and stability.

It would be better for the UN to

assist our country by realizing the real situation without infringing upon our country's sovereignty. But I think the role of the UN would be different if it tried to do its work under others' pressure not in conformity with the Charter.

Mya: You must be tired talking. Drink green tea and have roasted dried mutton. Maung Kyaw, you'd better explain to your friends what your uncle has said. Only then, will the people be able to know the road ahead. Otherwise, they will lose their way by ambiguously accepting what others have said.

Kyaw: Yes, Kye Kye. That is why I came here as I want to explain it again to others. As I have known the facts included in the UN Charter, I am in doubt whether Mr Ban Ki-moon's acts are in conformity with the

Charter. Moreover, are his acts tantamount to interfering in the internal affairs of our country? Does it amount to threatening the sovereignty? These are the points to be considered.

Soe: Don't think too much, Maung Kyaw. The answer is clear, isn't it? Anyhow, all the people like you and me will have to go forward justifying everything with great care.

Kyaw: Your words are noteworthy. Only if we do everything with consideration and caution will our future be bright and the goal of democracy can be achieved quickly. Thank you, Bagyi and Kye Kye.

Translation: MS+ST

Commander, Rail Transportation Minister inspect axis for Yangon-Pathein railroad

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspected the site chosen for the bridge near Kyondinegyi village yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall of Yangon-Pathein railroad construction project, the commander and the minister heard the reports on condition of axis for railroad presented by Deputy Minister U Pe Than and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the commander and the minister looked into axis for railroad at the exit of Dahka to Pathein.

Afterwards, the commander and the

minister inspected construction of railway station in front of Technological University (Pathein) and called on officials to keep Pathein railway station yard and platforms clean and pleasant.

Yangon-Pathein railroad (Yangon (Hlinethaya)-Sarmalauk (Nyaungdon)-Pantanaw-Einme-Dahka-Pathein) is 103 miles long. Plans are under way to construct 46-mile Yangon (Hlinethaya)-Sarmalauk (Nyaungdon)-Pantanaw railroad section and 57-mile Pantanaw-Pathein section.

At present, searching the axis for railroad and survey works are being carried out.

The rail tracks between Pathein-Hinthada and Kyangin are now substituted with more reliable rail tracks and concrete sleepers starting from Kyangin station.

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Industry-1 Minister attends opening ceremony of new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July – Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the opening ceremony of Pinnyajawta new school building of Yathit Basic Education High School (branch) in Taungtha Township, Mandalay, on 25 July. A f t e r education officers and

member school board of trustees formally had opened the school, the minister unveiled the stone plaque of the new school building and sprinkled it with scented water.

The minister extended greetings and Head mistress Daw Aye

Htay handed over documents related to new school building to Township education officer U Tint Cho.

The minister attended prize awarding ceremony at Tamitetha BEHS (branch) and Zagyan BEHS. He presented prizes to

outstanding teachers and students.

The minister inspected Zagyan station hospital in Taungtha Township and attended opening ceremony of Tetlan Library of Khanpinkwe Village in Taungtha Township.

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Course (1/2009) for Sports Coach/Technical Officer concludes



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses the conclusion ceremony of the Course (1/2009) for sports Coach/ Technical officer.—MNA

YANGON, 26 July – Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address at the conclusion ceremony of the Course (1/2009) for Sports Coach/Technical Officer at Pyidaungsu Hall of Sports Physical Education Department

(Yangon) in Kyaikkansan Grounds here yesterday.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and officials, officials of the Ministry of Sports, Chairperson of Central Work Committee

of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and executives and trainees.

The minister presented cash awards and medals to trainees who stood first, second and third at the course and conclusion certificates to trainees. — MNA

Talks given, books donated



Township health officer Dr Phyu Phyu Soe gives talks on health care.—NLM

YANGON, 26 July—The board of trustees of Basic Education High School (Thuwunna) of Thingangyun Township organized educative talks on school health at Yuzana hall of the school yesterday morning.

It was attended by U Maung Maung Lwin, Chairman of Township Education Committee, Chairman of Township

Peace and Development Council, headmaster U Aung Kyaw Mya and teachers, patron Col Aung Din (Retd) of school board of trustees, chairman U Chit Myo and members, students and their parents.

Township health officer Dr Phyu Phyu Soe and staff officer-1 Daw Ye Ye Swe gave talks on prevention and control measures against new

influenza A (H1N1), dengue hemorrhagic fever and cholera with the help of charts and handouts.

Next, the school board of trustees continued the ceremony to provide cash assistance for education and donate exercise books and stationery and it presented 56 students with cash assistance, exercise books and stationery.

NLM

Over 9,700 acres of poppy plantations destroyed in this year's poppy cultivation season

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—A total of 11 acres of poppy plantation was destroyed near Lahwe Village of Phekhon Township, Shan State (South), on 21 July.

So far, a total of 9,719.15 acres of poppy plantations had been destroyed in States and Divisions in this poppy cultivation season.

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Talks on traffic rules given in Kyimyindine Township BEHSs

YANGON, 24 July – Police Captain Win Shwe of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force and party gave educative talks on traffic rules to teachers and students totaling 415 of Kyimyindine Township Basic Education High School No (1) yesterday. Similarly, Police Captain Win Myine and party disseminated knowledge

on traffic rules to teachers and students totaling 210 of Kyimyindine Township

Basic Education High School No (2).

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Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July— Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that a moderate earthquake of intensity 5.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman Sea) about 450 miles south of Kaba Aye Seismological Observatory was recorded at 16 hrs 44 min 15 sec M.S.T on 26th July, 2009.

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Indonesian women walk past by traditional giant puppets called 'ondel-ondel' during a car free day in Jakarta, Indonesia, Sunday, 26 July, 2009. Jakarta government ban cars, buses and motorcycles from the main business district every last Sunday of the month to promote clean air in the city of 8.5 million usually plagued with bumper to bumper traffic.—INTERNET

Vietnam invests 200 mln USD on Cambodian Air, banking

PHNOMPENH, 26 July— A signing ceremony was held on Sunday by Cambodia and Vietnam on the establishment of Cambodian Air Carrier which was a joint venture between Vietnam Airline and National Cambodia Air Carrier namely Cambodia Angkor Air.

"Vietnamese side has invested 100 million US dollars capital in Cambodia Angkor air," Sok An, deputy prime minister and minister in

charge of the Council of Ministers, said at the signing ceremony which was presided over by Prime Minister Hun Sen and visiting Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Truong Vinh Trong, who is also representative of the prime minister of Vietnam.

"Cambodia will have 51 percent share and Vietnamese side controls 49 percent," Sok An said, adding that the Cambodian new airline

will help to push the tourism sector in the Kingdom while the world has met with global economic and financial crisis. The Vietnamese investment on Cambodia Angkor Air will be processed for 30 years, Sok An said.

Meanwhile, Vietnam has also invested another 100 million US dollars to open the Bank for Development and Investment of Vietnam and Insurance sector in Cambodia.—*Interent*

Suez Canal revenue falls 7.2% in 2008-2009 fiscal year

ISMAILIA, Egypt, 26 July—The revenue of Egypt's Suez Canal in the 2008-2009 fiscal year which ended on June 30, decreased to 4.74 billion US dollars, down 7.2 percent from a record high of the previous fiscal year, the canal's governing body said Sunday.

Chairman of the Ismailia-based Suez Canal Authority Ahmed Ali Fadel made the announcement at a press conference to mark the 53rd anniversary of the Suez Canal's nationalization.

"The total revenue of the 2008-2009 fiscal year fell to 4.74 billion dollars, down 7.2 percent compared with the previous year," Fadel said.

Meanwhile, the number of ships passing through the waterway fell to 19,354 in the 2008-2009 fiscal year, down from 21,080 in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Some 811.4 million tons of goods passed the canal in the period, down 8.9 percent from 890 million tons the previous year.—*Internet*

Gunmen kill 5, wound 12 in Baghdad attack

BAGHDAD, 26 July— Five people were killed Sunday in a daylight attack at a popular money exchange office, a reflection of the increasing crime in Iraq even as violence is on the decline.

The gunmen broke into the al-Nibal money exchange office in downtown Baghdad shortly before noon, killing three employees and two customers, said two Iraqi police officials.

They said 12 others, including eight employees,



Blood stains the entrance of a currency exchange shop in central Baghdad where gunmen killed four security guards and wounded five other people in an apparent failed robbery, police said.—INTERNET

were wounded in the attack in Baghdad's commercial Karradah district.

A witness described a chaotic scene inside the office.—*Internet*

Wife of Indian PM launches home-made nuclear attack submarine

NEW DELHI, 26 July— Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's wife Gursharan Kaur launched on Sunday the country's first indigenously designed and built nuclear-powered attack submarine, INS Arihant, in Visakhapatnam, southern India, said a senior Indian navy official.

"It marks a quantum leap in India's ship building capabilities and let the country join the elite club which can build nuclear powered attack submarines—the United States, Russia, China,

France and Britain," said the official on condition of anonymity.

The submarine was housed in a dry dock, which was flooded with sea water to mark the launching ceremony, said the official.

The submarine will be commissioned in the Indian Navy as INS Arihant, which translates as "destroyer of enemies", after extensive outfitting and sea trial, he added.

It is the first of three such vessels to be built in the country. Hitherto, submarines have been built here under license

from their foreign designers, said the report.—*Internet*



A driver of a delman, traditional horse-drawn cart, waits for customers in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Sunday, 26 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Motorbike bomb wounds 4 Italian soldiers in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 July—Four Italian soldiers sustained injuries as a roadside bomb planted by insurgents struck a military vehicle in Herat province, west of Afghanistan, a spokesman of the troops Marco Amorilo said Sunday.

"The explosive device, planted on a motorbike, was detonated by remote control Saturday afternoon wounding four soldiers," the spokesman told *Xinhua*.

Meantime, Ikramudin Yawar, the commander of police in western region, said that one tank was damaged in the blast.

Some 2,500 Italian troops have been stationed in west Afghanistan as part of NATO-led multinational peacekeeping force ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) in west Afghanistan.—*Internet*

Indonesia confirms 19 new cases of influenza A/H1N1

JAKARTA, 26 July—Indonesia recorded 19 people newly infected by A/H1N1 influenza virus, putting the total cases to 362 in the country, Health Ministry said in a statement here on Sunday night.

Six of the 19 persons, two foreigners and 17 Indonesian citizens, had historical journey to Saudi Arabia, Australia, Japan, Morocco, Netherlands and Singapore, director general of disease control and environmental health of the ministry Tjandra Yoga Aditama said in

the statement.

"So far, the cumulative of the cases in Indonesia is 362," he said, adding that all the 19 people were being treated at hospitals.

The disease has spread to nearly a half of total 33 province in the country, the ministry said.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 700 people died of the A/H1N1 influenza virus. It also reported that the virus spread nearly all countries in the world.—*Internet*



A baby creeps during a baby talent show in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 26 July, 2009. INTERNET

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MV KOTA RUKUN VOYNO (499)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOYNO (499) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 27.7.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S KMA SHIPPING CO.,LTD
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Gaza movie house owner becomes vegetable vendor

GAZA, 26 July— The 57-year-old Gaza vendor Adnan Abu Beid was preoccupied with showing his watermelons, onions, fruits and vegetables at his little store in Sheja'eya neighborhood in eastern Gaza City to attract the purchasers to buy his merchandise.

But 20 years ago,

Abu Beid's customers were completely different. He used to run al-Nasser, the most famous and biggest movie house in downtown Gaza city, which had shut down as the first Palestinian Intifada, or uprising, erupted against Israel in December 1987.

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Ferrari's Massa remains in ICU after skull operation

BUDAPEST, 26 July — Ferrari driver Felipe Massa underwent skull surgery and will remain in intensive care for observation, his F1 team said on Saturday.

Massa crashed into a tyre wall in second qualifying after being hit on the helmet by a piece

of flying debris believed to have come from the Brawn GP car of Rubens Barrichello. He was flown to the AEK Hospital in Budapest after being treated at the track's medical centre.

Ferrari said in a statement that Massa was conscious when he

arrived at the hospital and the outcome of his surgery was "positive". "He underwent surgery to treat these conditions, the outcome of which was positive. He will now remain under observation in intensive care," Ferrari.

Internet



Medical staff lift Ferrari Formula One car driver Felipe Massa of Brazil into an ambulance after he crashed during the qualification session for the Hungarian F1 Grand Prix at the Hungaroring circuit near Budapest on 25 July, 2009. The Hungarian F1 Grand Prix will take place on 26 July. —INTERNET

Quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 26 July— An earthquake with magnitude of 5.2 rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Sunday, no report of damage or casualty, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake struck at 10:07 Jakarta time (0307 GMT) with epicenter at 1 kms northwest Manado of North Sulawesi and at 187 kms in depth, the agency said.—*Internet*

Angel's face uncovered at Istanbul's Haghia Sophia



Turkey's Culture Minister Ertugrul Gunay speaks to journalists beside a well-preserved, long-hidden mosaic depicting the face of an angel which was uncovered by restoration workers in the former Byzantine cathedral of Haghia Sophia in Istanbul, Turkey, on 27 July, 2009. —INTERNET

ANKARA, 26 July — Restoration workers have uncovered a well-preserved, long-hidden mosaic face of an angel at the former Byzantine cathedral of Haghia Sophia in Istanbul, an official said on Friday.

The seraphim figure — one of two located on the side of a dome — had been covered up along with the building's other Christian mosaics shortly after Constantinople — the former name for Istanbul — fell to the Ottomans in 1453 and the

cathedral was turned into a mosque.

The mosaics were plastered over according to Muslim custom that prohibits the representation of humans.

Some of the mosaics were revealed when the domed complex was turned into a museum in 1935, but the seraphim had largely remained covered, Ahmet Emre Bilgili, who heads culture and tourism affairs in Istanbul, told *The Associated Press*.

Internet

Britain's last WWI veteran dies at 111

LONDON, 26 July— The last surviving British soldier to fight in the WWI Harry Patch died at the age of 111, British Ministry of Defence announced on Saturday. It was reported that Patch had been unwell for some

time and passed away peacefully at a care home.

His passing comes one week after another survivors of the conflict and the world's oldest man, Henry Allingham died aged 113.

Internet



This file photo taken on 11 Nov, 2008 shows the British soldier Harry Patch who fought in the WWI. Patch died at the age of 111 on Saturday.

INTERNET

Caffeine-drinking teens lack sleep

PHILADELPHIA, 26 July—Teenagers who Web surf, text message and consume caffeine at night are more likely to fall asleep during the day, researchers in Pennsylvania said.

Philadelphia's Drexel College of Nursing studied adolescents who used multiple forms of technology late into the night while drinking caffeinated beverages, lead author Dr Christina Calamaro said in a release on Friday.

Of the 100 students ages 12 to 18 studied, 66 percent had a television in their bedroom, 30 percent a computer, 90 percent a

cell phone and 79 percent an MP3 digital audio player, Calamaro's team wrote in the journal *Pediatrics*.

Eighty percent of the teens reported getting less than 8 hours of sleep on a school night, while at least 30 percent reported falling asleep at school. Those who fell asleep at school on average had a caffeine consumption 76-percent higher than those who reported staying awake, she said.

"Even though we know adolescents are on a different time schedule than adults, we still need to get them less wired at night," Calamaro said.—*Internet*



Succors clear the sap at Xinyongfeng Coal Mine in Jixi City of northeastern China's Heilongjiang Province, on 25 July, 2009. —INTERNET

Microchips to trace route of garbage

CAMBRIDGE, 26 July—US researchers say they're tagging trash with microchips in hopes of finding better ways of handling what we discard daily.

The so-called "smart tags" tested this month at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology debut next month in Seattle, where thousands of volunteers will attach the tags to trash and then discard the rubbish as they usually would, *The Boston Globe* reported Saturday. Similar projects are planned for New York City and London, with the voyage of items to be recorded and available

for viewing on a blog, said Assaf Biderman, associate director of MIT's Senseable City Laboratory.

"When you throw something in the trash, most people think it's gone. It just disappears," Biderman said. "What would happen if you knew what happened to the plastic cup you threw in the garbage three days earlier?"

Biderman's lab chose Seattle for the programme's prime time debut because of that city's reputation for recycling — Seattle recycled half of its residential and commercial waste last year.

Internet

Hubble camera trained on Jupiter scar

BOULDER, 26 July—The newly repaired Hubble Space Telescope is sending back "exquisite" pictures of debris from an object that collided with Jupiter, NASA officials said.

Scientists interrupted calibration of Hubble's new Wide Field Camera 3, installed by astronauts in May, to photograph the debris field 360 million miles away, said Heidi

Hammel, Hubble's lead astronomer at the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colo. Hubble is in orbit 347 miles above the Earth.

"Hubble's truly exquisite imaging capability has revealed an astonishing wealth of detail in the impact site," Hammel said in a NASA release Saturday.

While it is possible to photograph celestial images, the camera's full po-

tential has yet to be tested, she said.

A comet or asteroid collided with Jupiter 19 July, the impact discovered by Australian amateur astronomer Anthony Wesley. The impact was thousands of times more powerful than the suspected comet or asteroid that exploded over the Siberian Tunguska River Valley in June 1908, NASA said.—*Internet*



A member of the jury checks a cat during a two-day international cat exhibition in Prague on 25 July, 2009. —INTERNET

Animals survive by changing looks

OXFORD, 26 July — Animals of the same species who look different from each other may have evolved that way to deter predators, British scientists said.

Distinctly different looking animals within the same species — known as "exuberant polymorphisms" — can reach double figures within a single animal population, biologist Geoff Oxford of the University of York said in a release Thursday.

A prime example is the Hawaiian Happy-face Spider, which varies from plain yellow to rare types with red, black or white marks, all of which are inherited, Oxford and his team wrote in the journal *Evolution*.

Oxford and his team

suggest the spider evolved polymorphisms to deter predators by presenting them with a large number of visually novel foods. Predators are wary of consuming novel food, Oxford said.

"A mutant prey individual that looks different from its fellows has

a survival advantage because it will be unfamiliar to predators that will be reluctant to change their diet to accommodate it," Oxford said.

Internet

A diver looks at a school of fish at 19 meters depth in the popular diving coast of Sabang in Puerto Galera, the northern Philippines, on 22 July, 2009. The Philippines is blessed with rich halobios diversity. The archipelago waters hosts 330 freshwater and 2995 marine fish species. —INTERNET



81 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 26 July—A European health agency said Saturday that 81 new A/H1N1 flu cases were re-

ported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 26 were confirmed in Den-

mark, 19 in Romania, 14 in Portugal, 11 in Ireland, seven in Malta, four in Poland, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the EU and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 20,463, with 1,538 cases in Spain and 11,159 in Britain, 628 in France and 2,844 in Germany, the ECDC said.

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

Internet

SPORTS

Kuszczyk eyes goalkeeper's jersey

HANGZHOU, 26 July—Manchester United's Tomasz Kuszczyk has his sights set on succeeding Edwin van der Sar as the club's first-



Manchester United's Tomasz Kuszczyk, seen here, has his sights set on succeeding Edwin van der Sar as the club's first-choice goalkeeper, despite competition from England international Ben Foster.—INTERNET

choice goalkeeper, despite competition from England international Ben Foster.

The Polish stopper conceded twice against FC Seoul on Friday but could do little about either goal and overall put in a solid performance.

Kuszczyk, who has made 37 appearances in three years for the English Premier League champions, told MUTV he hopes boss Sir Alex Ferguson took note of the performance. "I've been trying my hardest to impress the manager for three years now and I hope this year I can impress him so much that he gives me more and more chances to show what I can do," he said.

Internet

Mourinho fires parting shot at Ibrahimovic

ROME, 26 July—Jose Mourinho has fired a parting shot at Sweden striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, claiming he was never loved by the Inter Milan fans. Ibrahimovic is due to wrap up a switch to Barcelona when he agrees personal terms with the Spaniards, with Cameroon forward Samuel Eto'o heading in the opposite direction.

But Mourinho clearly feels let down by the big Sweden and told Saturday's Gazzetta dello Sport that the club's fans would have more affection for Eto'o.

"I thought he would stay because only Real Madrid — and they weren't interested in him — could spend such crazy money, but then Barcelona did too," said Mourinho of the deal which will see the Italians also net Belarus winger Alexander Hleb on loan and 50 million euros.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Fergie labels Man City 'arrogant' and 'stupid'



Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson

HANGZHOU, 26 July—Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson has labelled big-spending Manchester City a "small club" who are "arrogant" and "stupid" as his side prepare to wrap up their Asian tour on Sunday.

In an interview with English newspapers during United's pre-season tour, the Scot said it would be tricky for City to break into the Premier League's top four despite their huge summer spending spree.

And he expressed anger at a prominent city-centre billboard in Manchester that says "Welcome to Manchester" under a sky-blue graphic of Argentina's Carlos Tevez, who crossed to United's bitter rivals this summer.

Internet

Dufner leads soggy Canadian Open

OAKVILLE, 26 July—Jason Dufner threatened to shoot in the 50s, then settled for a 9-under 63. Mark Calcavecchia made a PGA



Jason Dufner, of Auburn, Ala., watches his drive on the 17th hole during the continuation of the second round of the Canadian Open Golf championship in Oakville, Ontario, on 25 July, 2009.—INTERNET

Tour-record nine straight birdies. And there were two more aces in perfect scoring conditions at the rainy Canadian Open. Dufner eagled the par-5 13th to reach 9 under for the round, but played the final five holes in even par — birdieing the par-5 16th, dropping a stroke on the par-4 17th and saving par on the par-5 18th after hitting into the water.—Internet

Bolton sign defensive pair

BOLTON, 26 July—Premier League side Bolton on Saturday completed the signings of Aston Villa defender Zat Knight and Hull full-back Sam Ricketts on three-year deals. Centre-back Knight, who has won two England caps, has struggled for regular first-team football since joining Villa in 2007 from Fulham, starting just 13 Premier League games last season.

Wales international Ricketts, who can play on the left or the right of a back four, started 27 Premier League games in their first top flight season. They are Wanderers boss Gary Megson's third and fourth signings of the summer, with the club having brought in Sean Davis after his contract at Portsmouth expired and also defender Paul Robinson from West Brom.—Internet

Beckham gets first assist, Galaxy draw Wizards 1-1

KANSAS CITY, 26 July—David Beckham earned his first assist since returning to the Los Angeles Galaxy, setting up Landon Donovan's first-half equalizer in a 1-1 draw with the Kansas City Wizards on Saturday night.

The Galaxy (6-3-10) had a four-match winning streak snapped. Kansas City (5-6-6) is winless over its last three matches and 1-2-4 over the past seven.

Internet

Liverpool's Skrtel, El Zhar out for up to a month

SINGAPORE, 26 July—Liverpool defender Martin Skrtel and striker Nabil El Zhar will be out of action for three weeks and a month respectively after picking up injuries, the club said Saturday. They both limped out of Wednesday's friendly with Thailand and flew back to England while the rest of the squad travelled to Singapore.



Liverpool striker Nabil el Zhar is seen here in action in 2008.—INTERNET

Scans conducted Friday revealed that Skrtel has suffered a hamstring strain while El Zhar sustained a medial ligament sprain to his right knee, Liverpool said on its website.ew signing Glen

Johnson, meanwhile, will not be available for Sunday's match against the Singapore national team as he recovers from an Achilles injury.

Internet

Haas eyes treble, Safin closes in on retirement

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—Tommy Haas will bid for a Los Angeles Open title hat-trick from Monday while soon-to-retire Russian Marat Safin ticks off another tournament box in his season-long farewell to the game.



Tommy Haas, pictured on 1 July, 2009, will bid for a Los Angeles Open title hat-trick from Monday while soon-to-retire Russian Marat Safin ticks off another tournament box in his season-long farewell to the game.—INTERNET

Wimbledon semi-finalist Haas will have it all to play for after his solid showing final four at the All England club.

The 31-year-old will try to back up titles here from 2004 and 2006 after losing in a first-round shock at UCLA a year ago to American Donald Young. Haas rested after Wimbledon and has had three clear weeks to get ready for the summer hardcourt season.

Internet

Real Madrid coach mulls over final squad

MADRID, 26 July—Real Madrid still has still not determined what its final squad and its starting 11 will be for the upcoming season, new coach Manuel Pellegrini said on Saturday. The Spanish giants spent over 200 million euros on new players in the pre-sea-

son, including Cristiano Ronaldo, Karim Benzema and Kaka, and earlier this month Pellegrini said he hoped to have the final squad ironed out by 27 July when all of the club's internationals returned from holidays. "I said that, but I added that it was important not to make mistakes, that we should make the right decisions. We'll wait longer if we must," the Chilean coach told a news conference ahead of Real's friendly at home Sunday against Saudi Arabian side Al-Ittihad.—Internet



Real Madrid's Chilean coach Manuel Pellegrini

China's telephone users exceed one billion

BEIJING, 26 July—The number of phone users in China has surpassed one billion by the end of June, boosted by the launch of the third-generation (3G) network, statistics from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) has shown. China added 43.5 million phone users during January-June, bringing the total to 1.025 billion.

During the period, fixed-line telephone users dropped by more than 10 million, while mobile phone users jumped by nearly 54 million.

To improve 3G network efficiency, China's top three telecommunication operators, China Telecom, China Mobile and China Unicom, invested 80 billion yuan so far this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Ai Miyazato of Japan poses with her trophy after winning the Evian Masters women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, on Sunday, 26 July, 2009.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (27-7-2009) (Monday)

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

Local Transmission

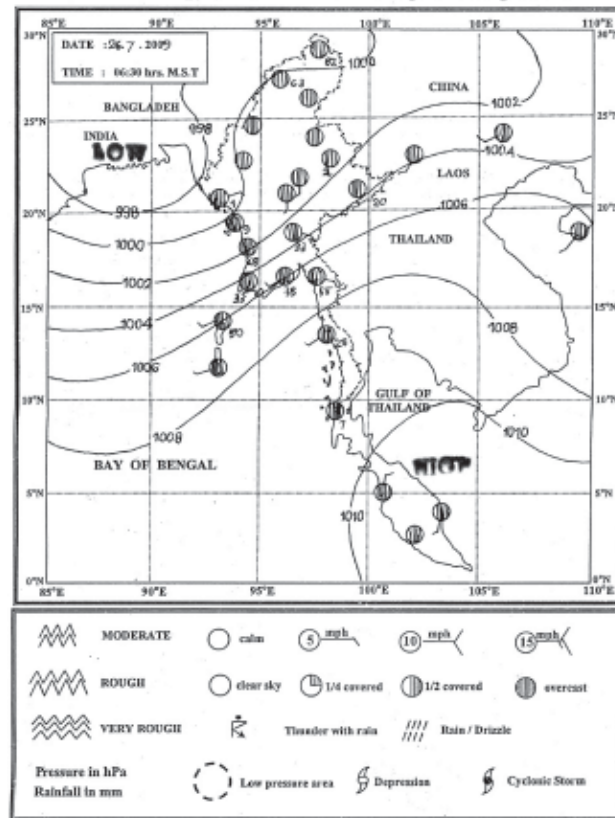
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Marvel of a Pagoda with Uncountable Buddha Images
- * "In Commemoration of 150th Founding Anniversary of Yadanabon Mandalay City" Old Mandalay...New Mandalay
- * Inside Keng Tung
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma 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
- * A Picturesque resort among Shan Mountain Ranges
- * The Art of Basketweavings
- * Music Up...Close "Pearly Rain"
- * Leisurely Cruise along the Coast (Yangon to Mawlamyaing)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Marvel of a Pagoda with Uncountable Buddha Images
- * "In Commemoration of 150th Founding Anniversary of Yadanabon Mandalay City" Old Mandalay...New Mandalay
- * Inside Keng Tung
- * Significant Inlay Novitiation Ceremony
- * Lacquerware made from Porcelain and glaze
- * Leisurely Cruise along the Coast (Mawlamyaing to Myeik)
- * Ancient Mural Paintings of Poe Win Hill
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 26th July, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated heavyfall in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pinyinmana) (0.54) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) and Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.08) inch each, Gwa (5.94) inches, Ye (5.36) inches, Yangon (Central) (4.84) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (4.80) inches, Patheingyi (4.21) inches, Maubin (4.06) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (3.38) inches and Putao (3.23) inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-7-2009 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 26-7-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-7-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 25-7-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 26-7-2009 was (3.38) inches at Mingaladon, (4.80) inches at Kaba-Aye and (4.84) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (63.62) inches at Mingaladon, (69.41) inches at Kaba-Aye and (72.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from South at (13:00) hours MST on 25-7-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27th July 2009: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-7-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-7-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-7-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 27 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. "အောင်တော်မူ" (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဝိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:15 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. လက်ပန်လှတံတား

8:25 am

9. "အလျော်အစား"

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:30 pm

4. Dance of National Races

4:45 pm

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

5:00 pm

6. Song to National Races

5:05 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

8. "စပါးကရွှေငါးကငွေ"

5:20 pm

9. သူ့ရွေးသီရာတေးကဗျာ

5:35 pm

10. မြန်မာစာ၊မြန်မာစကား

5:40 pm

11. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:30 pm

13. Weather Report

6:35 pm

14. Sing & Enjoy

7:15 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တစ်နေ့နိုးဖူးစာ" (အပိုင်း-၁)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"မေ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)



★ 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

Over 3 million acres put under monsoon paddy in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 26 July—A total of 3,017,879 acres have been put under monsoon paddy in Ayeyawady Division up to 23 July.

MNA

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

Kengtung Nurses Training School produces human resources in health sector

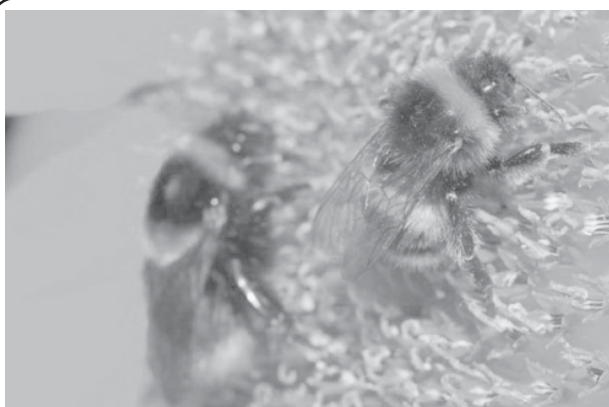


Photo shows two-storey RC building of Kengtung Nurses Training School.

is located near Shan State General Hospital, two miles from Kengtung. The training school was opened on 12 May 2001. The training school admits the new trainees for the diploma in nursing course once every three years and the 18-month midwifery course once every six months. In 2008-2009 academic year, the training courses are being provided to 182 trainees. So far, the training school has successfully turned out 520 male and female trainees.

With the aim of fully providing health care services to the national races of border regions, Kengtung Nurses Training School was built on 26.13 acres of land near Panahun Village of Mongzin Village-tract in Kengtung Township. The two-storey RC building

Translation: TTA
Kyemon: 16-7-2009



Two bumblebees. Declining bumblebee populations are at greater risk of inbreeding, which can trigger a downward spiral of further decline.

Inbred bumblebees less successful due to 'inefficient' males

SCIENCE DAILY, 26 July — Declining bumblebee populations are at greater risk of inbreeding, which can trigger a downward spiral of further decline. Researchers have provided the first proof that inbreeding reduces colony fitness under natural conditions by increasing the production of reproductively inefficient 'diploid' males.

The sex of bumblebees is normally determined by the number of chromosome sets an individual receives. Males, born from unfertilised eggs, are haploid (just one chromosome set), while females receive genetic material from a father and a mother and so are diploid (two sets of chromosomes).—Internet

Fourth patient living with A (H1N1) discharged from hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The fourth patient out of six found with New Influenza A (H1N1) in Myanmar has been discharged from the hospital as the patient has fully recovered from the illness and remaining two patients who have been in hospital are also on the mend now.

Up to now, the National Health Laboratory had examined 98 persons suspected of infected with A (H1N1). Of them only six who were found infected with the virus.—MNA

