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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

RC concreting of main dam inspected at Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min yesterday morning inspected placing of RCC with the use of heavy machinery at main dam stage-2 (B)-2 of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project, 26 miles east of Pinyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw.

He presented gifts to consulting engineer group of Colenco Co Ltd of Switzerland, the mechanical electronic installation group of YMECCo Ltd of China and staff of the project.

The Union Minister looked into progress in building the outlet, stockpile of gravel for RCC placing and crushing of stones. He visited the Unit 1 and Unit 2 of the power plant and conveying of RC concrete.

Construction Director U Thauung Han reported on plans for the project, placing of RC concrete on stages, production of gravel and preventive measures for overflow of the river.

Director-General U Maw Tha Htwe gave a supplementary report.



The Union Minister gave instructions on systematic supervision to be made for daily quality control of project works, preventive measures for natural disasters and placing of RC concrete and installation of machines at the power plant with

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min inspects Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project.—MNA



added momentum.

On completion, Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project will have two 70-megawatt generators in total of 140 megawatts generating capacity, and it will produce 454 million kilowatt hours yearly.—MNA

Extended installation of GSM mobile telephone discussed



NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Speed and secure communication system will contribute much to improvement of socio-economic life for the people, rural development and poverty alleviation, said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at the meeting to extend installation of GSM mobile telephones, at the hall of the ministry, here, on 15 July.

The Union Minister added that the project will be implemented for enabling the entire people to communicate with each other with the use of mobile phones at fair charges. Those assigned in the project

are to join hands with the government and private in the frameworks to achieve successful implementation of the project.

Deputy Minister U Tint Lwin and the Chief Engineer of Mobile Phone Section reported on ongoing project tasks to extend 4 more million lines in the first year of the GSM mobile telephone installation project and future plans. Chief engineers and private entrepreneurs participated in discussions of the project.

The Union Minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project and implementation of the project for providing systematic mobile phone communication to the people.—MNA

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun delivers an address at meeting on extended installation of GSM mobile telephones.—MNA



Union Energy Minister calls for production of quality fertilizer at fair price

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Binge drinking 'can damage memory skills' in teen girls



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One policeman killed, five others held hostage by prisoners in Pakistan

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PERSPECTIVES

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Beware of hazardous gases

Living creatures cannot survive without sun, water, oxygen and carbon dioxide. When mixed carbon dioxide and water react with each other in the sun, they were changed into carbohydrate and oxygen which are necessary for living things.

Increased amount of carbon dioxide in the air has led to global warming, climate changes, increased number of natural disasters, droughts and crop failures. World countries are growing large numbers of trees to make forests to protect the planet from dangers posed by increased amount of carbon dioxide and hazardous gases.

Fresh air is good for our health. Not many people notice that there are many hazardous gases in buildings, and hermetic rooms and vehicles.

Smoke from kitchens of airtight flats and houses is also consisted of methane and other dangerous gases. Heaters and air-conditioners produce carbon monoxide when they do not work well. The gas emitted from a gas stove also is as hazardous as carbon monoxide.

It is advisory that rubber pieces should not be used as fuel because when on fire, they produce hazardous gases. If a person is poisoned with hazardous gases, he will be delirious with dizziness and drowsiness, and sometimes can lose consciousness.

Therefore, the people are urged to set a good ventilation system in houses, buildings and offices to avert harms caused by hazardous gases.

Prize-presenting of Denk Pharma Cup Swimming Championship held

YANGON, 17 July—The prize-presentation of 4th Denk Pharma Cup Men's and Women's Swimming Championship jointly organized by Myanmar Swimming Federation and T.T.O Trading Co Ltd took place at National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road here this morning.

Min Thukha and Htet Yamone Aung won best swimmer award in U-17 men's and women's events, Thu Myat Hein and Nan Kham Myatchu in U-14 events, An Khaung Htut and Ingyin Kay Khaing in U-12 events, Nyein Khant Soe and Su Moe Theint San in U-10 events, Suan Htet Min Thein and Nan Honey Oo in U-8 events.

Hard Body (A) stood first, United (A) second, Yangon swimming team third, Sports and Physical Education Department fourth and Kokkai fifth respectively in team event.

The deputy director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department under Ministry of Sports presented prizes to winners.

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Problems Facing

- * 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

Loans disbursed to townships and districts in Bago Region



Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min explaining loan disbursement at the ceremony.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—A ceremony to disburse small loans by Subcommittee for development of microfinance institutions of Bago Region was held at Bago Region Government Office yesterday morning. At the ceremony, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min explained loan disbursement, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win and Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Soe Tha, tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation.

After that, Union Minister U Aung Min, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Soe Tha and officials disbursed loans equivalent to K14000 million to microfinance institutions in Bago Region.

In the afternoon, the Chief Minister attended the opening ceremony of informal primary education for 2011-2012 Academic year, at Bago City Hall. Afterwards, Director-General U Kyaw Thu of No.1 Basic Education Department and Region Education Officer U Myo Swe reported on the informal primary education. Cash and kind were donated through Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Kyaw Oo and officials. The Secretary of Region Government presented duty assignments to the township administrators. The Chief Minister and party visited informal primary education booth.

MNA

Computers, apparatuses donated to Training School for the Girls

YANGON, 17 July—Wellwisher Mr. Giuseppe Rotondella donated computers and accessories worth K 14,181,090 to the Training School for the Girls under the Department of Social Welfare on Malikka Road in Mayangon Township, here, yesterday morning.

Director-General U Soe Kyi of SWD accepted the donations and presented certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

The director-general and wellwisher formally opened the computer training hall and viewed learning of trainees.

MNA

Director-General U Soe Kyi accepts computers and accessories donated by Mr. Giuseppe Rotondella to the Training School for the Girls.—MNA



Tarred road, concrete bridge and new school building opened in Mongnai Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—A ceremony to open tarred road in Hsaingpha village, Narkha Creek-crossing concrete bridge was held in conjunction with the opening of new school building of primary school, at Mongnai Township, Langkho District of Shan State on

13 July. Langkho District Administrator U Htoo Lwin, the township Administrator and executive officer of Township Development Affairs Committee opened the tarred road and the bridge.

The tarred road which cost K 45.5 million is 1.5 miles long and the bridge measuring 25 x 15 feet, cost K 25 million. After that, the opening of the new school building of primary school was followed. The school measuring 200" x 30" was built at a cost of K 20.6 million.—MNA

Two Iraqis killed, police officer escapes assassination in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 17 July—Two people were killed and three wounded in bomb attacks in and near Baghdad on Sunday, while a police officer escaped with wounds a gunfire attack in Iraq's northern central province of Salahudin during the day, the police said.

A roadside bomb went off in the morning near a car in Baghdad's western district of Amriyah, killing two civilians and wounding another, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. Near Baghdad, a roadside bomb struck a civilian car in the town of Mahmoudiyah, some 30 km south of Baghdad, wounding two people, the source said.

In Salahudin province, Brigadier General Ahmed Bdeivi, head of the provincial major crimes department, escaped with wounds an attack by gunmen on his convoy while travelling near a village at the edges of the city of Sherqat, some 280 km north of Baghdad, a source from Salahudin's operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. The attack occurred in the early morning as Bdeivi was heading to his work in Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, the source said, adding that Bdeivi's bodyguards and security forces at a nearby checkpoint traded fire with the attackers who fled the scene.

Xinhua

Iraqi troop killed, five injured in separate incidents

BAGHDAD, 17 July—One Iraqi soldier was killed and five other injured in separate incidents in the country's restive northern City of Mosul on Saturday.

A Mosul police source told *Xinhua* via phone that the Iraqi military launched an operation in the city in a bid to capture a number of terror suspects. During the encounter, one troop was killed and one of the suspects was seized.

The source, on condition of anonymity, said that in another incident, five Iraqi troops were injured when their patrol vehicle hit a roadside bomb. The vehicle was damaged in the blast, said the police officer. Iraq has seen increase of violence recently, as attackers tend to point more on military and police targets.—*Xinhua*

NATO, Afghan army kill at least 13 Taleban

KABUL, 17 July—Afghan and NATO officials say at least 13 insurgents have been killed in eastern Afghanistan after gunbattles and a coalition airstrike against a building occupied by Taleban fighters.

Coalition spokesman Capt Justin Brockhoff says the fighting started during an overnight operation targeting a Taleban leader in the Kuz Kunar district of Nangarhar province.

The Afghan-led force, which included coalition troops, came under fire and insurgents refused requests to come out of the building. The fighting ended Sunday after an airstrike. There were no casualties among civilians or security forces, he said.

Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, a spokesman for the Nangarhar provincial governor, says the bodies of 13 insurgents have been found so far. He says the building was an empty school.—*Internet*



A coalition helicopter fires flares around a building believed occupied by Taleban fighters in Kuz Kunar, Nangarhar province east of Kabul, Afghanistan on Sunday, 17 July, 2011. Afghan and NATO officials say at least 13 insurgents have been killed in eastern Afghanistan after gunbattles and a coalition airstrike against a building occupied by Taleban fighters.—INTERNET



Smoke rises after a coalition air strike against a building believed occupied by Taleban fighters in Kuz Kunar, Nangarhar province east of Kabul, Afghanistan on Sunday, 17 July, 2011.

INTERNET

Two killed in Afghan wedding shooting

PUL-E-KHUMRI, 17 July—Unknown gunmen opened fire at a wedding party in northern Afghanistan overnight, killing at least two guests and wounding seven others, an official said Sunday.

Police have launched an investigation to find out who attacked the ceremony in Baghlani Jadid District in the northern Province of Baghlan, an area where



Afghan police officers inspect the site of a blast in the central province of Ghazni, Afghanistan recently. Two roadside bomb attacks on Saturday killed four private security guards escorting supply convoys for a NATO base in eastern Afghanistan, a police chief said.

INTERNET

Indian police prepare sketch of suspect in Mumbai blasts

NEW DELHI, 17 July—The Indian police have prepared a sketch of one suspect in Wednesday's triple bombings in Mumbai, while underworld criminals' involvement in the attack was not ruled out, local media reported on Sunday. Investigators have zeroed in on two suspects, local dailies *Hindustan Times* quoted Rakesh Maria, additional director general of Mumbai Police and chief of anti-terrorist squad (ATS) as saying on Saturday. "Investigat-

ions done so far and visits to the sites by forensic experts and investigators suggest that there was no suicide bomber and based on eyewitness accounts, we may be able to get a sketch of one of the suspects by tonight (Saturday night)," said the police officer. He said although the police had another suspect's photograph obtained from the closed circuit TV footage, the police needed to work more on the photograph as the footage was grainy, according to the report.—*Xinhua*

Man disguised as Afghan armyman kills NATO soldier

KABUL, 17 July—A man dressed as an Afghan armyman killed a soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Saturday, *Xinhua* reported. "An individual wearing an Afghan National Army uniform turned his weapon against International Security Assistance Force service members in southern Afghanistan today, killing one service member," the press release said.

The press release, however, did not identify the exact place of the incident and the nationality of the victim, saying that it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.—*Xinhua*



Smoke rises from the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 16 July, 2011. A parked car bomb targeting a night club killed two people and wounded nine others in central Baghdad, police and hospital sources said. Another police source said only six people were wounded by a roadside bomb.—INTERNET

Internet



Science

US spacecraft to be pulled into giant asteroid's orbit

LOS ANGELES, 17 July— After its nearly four-year trek, NASA engineers are expected to confirm this weekend that the US spacecraft Dawn has entered the orbit of Vesta, one of the largest asteroids in the solar system.

Mission leaders estimate that Dawn was pulled into Vesta's orbit around 0500 GMT Saturday and engineers should be able to confirm this when the space craft performs a scheduled communication pass at 0630 GMT Sunday, according to the US space agency.

Dawn should come within 10,000 miles (16,000 kilometers) of Vesta to study its surface while traveling 116 million miles (188 million kilometers) from Earth.

"It has taken nearly

four years to get to this point," said Robert Mase, manager of the \$466 million project at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"Our latest tests and check-outs show that Dawn is right on target and performing normally," he added.

"We feel a little like Columbus approaching the shores of the New World," said Christopher Russell, Dawn's principal investigator, based at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA). "The Dawn team can't wait to start mapping this Terra Incognita."

After a year of observations and measurements around Vesta, Dawn will depart for its second destination, the dwarf planet Ceres, in July 2012. It will be the first craft to orbit two solar



This picture provided by NASA shows an image obtained by NASA's Dawn spacecraft of the giant asteroid Vesta with its framing camera on 9 July.

INTERNET

system destinations beyond Earth, said NASA officials.

Dawn's science instrument suite will measure surface composition, topography and texture. In addition, the Dawn spacecraft will measure the tug of gravity to learn more about their internal structures," NASA said in a press release.—Internet

Shuttle Atlantis' Astronauts get Sunday off in Space

HOUSTON, 17 July— The space shuttle Atlantis' four astronauts will enjoy some time off today (17 July) after finishing unpacking the cargo the orbiter brought up to the International Space Station.

The spaceflyers have spent more than a week moving nearly five tons of cargo onto the station from a giant space locker called the Raffaello module and the shuttle Atlantis' mid-deck.

The Raffaello cargo pod is also being refilled with trash and broken or obsolete hardware that will be returned to Earth at the end of Atlantis' mission.

The shuttle astronauts are operating on an overnight schedule, and began their 10th day in space with a wakeup call at 10:59 pm EDT Saturday

(0259 GMT).

The crew was awoken by the song "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang, played with a special message from employees at NASA's Stennis Space Center in Mississippi.

Today will be the last full day of cargo transfer

work before the Raffaello module, which was temporarily attached to the Earth-facing port of the space station's Harmony node earlier in the mission, is robotically re-installed inside Atlantis' payload bay.

Internet



A diver takes care of a three-meter nurse shark presented by Taipei Sea World in 2002. The shark was rescued from a local fisherman after its dorsal fin was cut off at Ilan harbor, northern Taiwan. Taiwan, one of the world's major shark catchers, announced plans to tighten measures against hunting the ocean predator for its fin, the island's top fisheries official said.—INTERNET



Technology



This screen shot shows a page from Google Plus. As the online world turns social with Facebook leading the way, Google's new Plus service represents its best shot yet at muscling into a market that has threatened to topple the Internet search leader.

INTERNET

Google Maps dumps driving times with traffic estimates

WASHINGTON, 17 July—How long does it take to drive from point A to point B? Before you fire up Google Maps to get the answer, you might want to tune into your local radio station for traffic updates or, better still, ask a local. That's because Google has eliminated its predictive driving service from Google Maps: Better hope there's no traffic!

In the past, grabbing driving directions between two locations

would give you two different route times. The first, which is the route time that currently remains in Google Maps, is a simple no-holds-barred calculation that assumes clear skies, free roads, and your pedal to the legal metal.

The second calculation, and in many ways the more useful of the two, was a prediction of how long your actual journey might take based on an analysis of traffic patterns along your route.

Your destination might be a mere hour away, but the traffic-based number could put you at an hour-thirty (or worse, if you were stuck in San Francisco Bay Area traffic).—Internet

Rumored RIM media box hitting this fall?

NEW YORK, 17 July—Beleaguered Research in Motion is reportedly working on a media box codenamed the BlackBerry Cyclone that connects to televisions and streams content from Netflix, YouTube, and nearby media devices.

The BlackBerry Cyclone will be "similar to Apple TV," according to the NerdBerry blog, which cited an unnamed source as "confirming" a number of functions and features on the rumored media box, as well as a release date in the fall.

Those unconfirmed specs and details include claims that the streaming media box will connect to televisions through an HDMI port, will be Wi-Fi-enabled and able to access other media devices on a home wireless network, will stream content from Netflix and YouTube, and will eventually have "more to come."

NerdBerry didn't provide any pictures of the rumored media box, but did say it "looks like a larger version of BlackBerry Presenter," a BlackBerry smartphone accessory that lets users present Microsoft PowerPoint slides wirelessly from their phones (pictured above left). RIM has been struggling of late with lower-than-expected sales of its smartphones and the sluggish start for its first tablet device, the BlackBerry PlayBook. The company has been sharply criticized by analysts and media in recent weeks, and if RIM does release the rumored media box, it can probably expect a lot of doubters to question that strategy.—Internet



The HP Pavilion p7-1010 is a very affordable desktop system offering a quad-core processor and tons of storage space.—INTERNET



STD rate twice as high in older women: US study.—INTERNET

Health

UK life expectancy up 20 years from 1930

LONDON, 17 July—Britain's newest generation of children is likely to live a full 20 years longer than their grandparents, a report on life expectancy says.

Healthier lifestyles and improved medical science means on average a girl born today will live to be 82 and a boy to 78, figures from the Office for National Statistics indicate.

In 1930 it was expected boys born that year would reach the age of 58 while for the average expected lifespan for girls was about 62 years, The Daily Telegraph reported.

The report in the ONS journal Social Trends said elderly people could expect more of their longer years of life to be spent in good health. "As well as living longer, men and women are staying healthy and disability

free for more of their lives," it said.

One of the main reasons cited for the two-decade increase in life expectancy is "the considerable decrease in infant mortality rates which were at their lowest recorded level in 2010," the report said.

In 1930 the infant mortality rate was at 6.3 percent, with more than one in 20 children dying before reaching 1 year of age. In 2010 the rate was down to less than 0.5 percent, the report said.

Internet

Dentists can identify undiagnosed diabetes

NEW YORK, 17 July—Dental visits may offer a way to help identify people with diabetes or pre-diabetes who are unaware of their condition, US researchers say.

Senior author Dr Ira Lamster, dean of Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, and colleagues recruited approximately 600 people visiting a dental clinic in New York who were age 40 or older if non-Hispanic white, and 30-years-old or older, if Hispanic or non-white, who had never been told they have diabetes or pre-diabetes.

About 530 patients with at least one additional self-reported diabetes risk factor — family history of diabetes, high cholesterol, hypertension or overweight/obesity — received a periodontal examination and a fingerstick, point-of-care hemoglobin A1c test.

To assess and compare the performance of several potential identification protocols, the study participants returned for a fasting plasma glucose test.—Internet

Health Tip: Controlling diabetes

Tight diabetes control means carefully managing your meals, exercise and medication to ensure that your blood glucose levels are stable.

The American Diabetes Association mentions these potential benefits of tight diabetes control:

- * Lower risk of diabetic eye disease, kidney disease and nerve disease.
- * Reduced risk of any existing diabetes complications getting worse.
- * Increased energy levels and simply feeling better.
- * More flexibility with meal schedules.
- * Reduced risk of birth defects in offspring if you become pregnant.

Internet

A medic looks over a cancer patient's image scan to help plan a radiation treatment. Cancer rates are increasing at such a pace that four in ten people in Britain will be diagnosed with the disease at some point during their life, a health charity said on Thursday.—INTERNET



Business



Volkswagen sells record 4m vehicles over six months

FRANKFURT, 17 July—Volkswagen has sold more than 4 million vehicles during the first half of the year, a record for Europe's largest carmaker. Deliveries increased by 14% on the same period, last year, led by strong growth in Asian markets.

Volkswagen, headquartered in Germany, includes the Skoda, Seat and Audi brands, as well as VW. Its shares rose 1.3% in early trading in Frankfurt. Sales in Asia grew 19% to 1.26m, mostly in China, the region's largest market.



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European sales grew 9.3% overall, thanks to continued high growth in central and eastern Europe. Sales in North America rose 21% to 319,000 vehicles, and by 11% to 455,000 in South America.—Internet

Hoover, Dirt Devil up for sale

WASHINGTON, 16 July—TTI Floor Care North America Inc, which owns the Hoover and Dirt Devil vacuum cleaner brands, has put itself up for sale, officials said.

The firm, a subsidiary of Hong Kong's Techtronic Industries Co Ltd, has hired Bank of America Merrill Lynch to advise it on a potential sale, sources told *The Wall Street Journal*.

The company was seeking up to \$900 million, and the deal also includes Techtronic's Vax floor-care brand based in the United Kingdom, people familiar with the sale told the *Journal*.

The brands up for sale generate

about \$100 million in annual sales before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. The companies will probably be sold to a private-equity buyer, the report said.

Hoover is an iconic name in the vacuum cleaner business, whose history dates to 1907.

Techtronic was founded in 1985 and owns a variety of businesses manufacturing such products as power tools, saws and solar-powered lighting.

Techtronic reportedly purchased the floor-care business from appliance-maker Whirlpool Corp in 2007 for about \$107 million

Internet

China insurance premium tops 800 bln yuan in H1: CIRC

BEIJING, 17 July— Chinese insurance companies' premium income topped 805.66 billion yuan (123.95 billion US dollars) in the first half of the year, up 13 percent year on year, the China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) said.

In the first six months, premium income from the property insurance business rose 16.9 percent from a year

earlier to 235.96 billion yuan, while life insurance premium income rose to 569.7 billion yuan, the CIRC said in a Press release about the performance of the insurance market. Chinese insurers earned 103.11 billion yuan from their investments in the first half, an average return on investment of 2.1 percent, according to the CIRC.—Internet



An employee of the Athens Stock Exchange passes a screen, shows the Greek banks' shares in fall, on 14 July, 2011. Greece's Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos sought to downplay fears of the implications of a default rating being slapped on the debt-ridden country after an expected second bailout.

INTERNET

5.0-magnitude quake hits Kermadec Islands region

HONG KONG, 17 July—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted Kermadec Islands region at 21:54:07 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 20.10 km, was initially determined to be at 29.7653 degrees south latitude and 176.9071 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua

6.2-magnitude earthquake hits Alaska

BEIJING, 17 July—An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale jolted Alaska of the United States at 3:59 am Sunday Beijing Time, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre, with a depth of 30 km, was determined to be at 54.9degrees north latitude and 161.4 degrees west longitude.—Xinhua

5.5-magnitude quake hits Vanuatu

HONG KONG, 17 July—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted Vanuatu at 18:09:41 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 247.00 km, was initially determined to be at 18.8721 degrees south latitude and 169.3785 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

5.8-magnitude quake hits Kepulauan Barat Daya, Indonesia

HONG KONG, 17 July—An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale jolted Kepulauan Barat Daya, Indonesia at 17:06: 39 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 246.20 km, was initially determined to be at 7.1050 degrees south latitude and 127.5468 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

N-reactor shut down in Japan

TOKYO, 17 July—A nuclear reactor of a power company in Japan was shut down Saturday after problems started in its cooling system, Xinhua reported.

The No 1 reactor of the Ohi nuclear power plant in western Fukui Prefecture was shut down after problems started Friday night. There was however no radiation leakage, Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency said.

The 1,180,000-kilowatt reactor has been undergoing final adjustment procedures prior to its commercial operations.

The plant is owned by Kansai Electric Power Co.

Kansai president Makoto Yagi said: "We will make efforts to secure additional supply capacity to prevent a blackout."

The Ohi reactor is one of the 19 reactors in the country that remain active after the twin disasters of earthquake and tsunami in March.

Internet



Firefighters spray water to extinguish fire in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 16 July, 2011.

XINHUA

Fire on leaked NE China petrochemical device put out, no casualties reported

DALLAN, 17 July—Fire on a leaked petrochemical device in northeastern coastal City of Dalian in Liaoning Province had been put out, company sources said Saturday evening.

No one died or was injured in the accident, which the company said had not caused pollution to the sea or the air. An onsite monitoring showed that concentrations of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in the surrounding air were below the national standard of pollution. In the meantime, all water used to quench the fire was guided into an emergency pond and no such water was discharged into the sea.

The fire was triggered off by leak in a distillation device at the Dalian Petrochemical Company of PetroChina, a leading onshore oil producer of the nation, at around 2:25 pm Saturday. By 8 pm, the fire was "totally put out", the company said in a statement.

Local environment authorities are keeping an eye on the pollutants of the fire and a further investigation into the cause of the fire is under way.—Internet



Dr Karl-Thomas Neumann of German car maker Volkswagen gives a presentation at a forum for electronic car in Beijing, capital of China, on 16 July, 2011. The forum aims to promote new energy for future vehicles.

XINHUA

Mudslide-blocked highway in SW China reopens



A heavy truck runs on a muddy road after landslide in Nujiang Lisu Ethnic Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 16 July, 2011.—XINHUA

KUNMING, 17 July—Traffic has resumed on a highway in Yunnan Province that was blocked by a rain-triggered mudslide Saturday morning, stranding more than 800 people and 300-odd motor vehicles, according to local traffic police.

The mudslide happened at around 10:00 am in Fugong County of Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture. More than 600 cubic metres of mud and rocks from the snow-clad Biluo Mountain was dumped on the Wagong Highway, the only highway leading to Gongshan Dulong and Nu Autonomous County

of the Prefecture, and covered a more-than-100-meter-long section of the road.

By 5 pm, traffic on the road had returned to normal. No casualties have been reported in the mudslide.

Internet

Family doctors misdiagnose coronary heart disease

WASHINGTON, 17 July—A study on coronary heart disease has found that family doctors misdiagnose patients as not having CHD.

Of the 180 patients in the study, 31.7 percent

had originally been misdiagnosed.

When a patient presents with chest pain as the main symptom, the family doctor has to decide whether immediate action is called for or whether watchful waiting is an option. In this diagnostic cross-sectional study Stefan Bosner and his colleagues evaluated the data of a total of 1249 patients over the age of 35 years who presented to 74 participating family doctors with chest pain.

From this data pool, Bosner and colleagues extracted the doctors' initial suspected diagnosis in respect of coronary heart disease (CHD).

In a total of 57 patients

the doctor wrongly suspected another cause than CHD for the chest pain. Nevertheless, the family doctors still referred one in three of the patients given such a false negative diagnosis to a cardiologist.

In view of the number of missed cases of CHD, there is an argument for considering a diagnosis of CHD in patients with less pronounced symptoms.

However, the researchers believe that if the "diagnostic threshold" were to be lowered, the result would be a dramatic rise in false positive diagnoses. The results have been published in the current edition of Deutsches Arzteblatt International.—Internet



A girl participates in the 2011 Junior Carnival Parade in Toronto, Canada, on 16 July, 2011.—XINHUA

China's submarine to conduct 5km test dive

BEIJING, 17 July—A ship carrying China's deep-diving submersible Jiaolong has reached the north-eastern Pacific Ocean where it is scheduled to make a 5,000-metre test dive. Jiaolong is the world's first manned submersible designed to reach depth of 7,000 metres.

China's manned deep-diving submersible Jiaolong embarked on a journey on July the 1st to the dive site between southeastern Hawaii and North America. During the dive, the submersible will undergo several operational tests in which it will take photos, shoot video, survey the seabed and take samples from the ocean floor.

Compared with a submarine, the submersible depends on another vessel or facility for support. The ship, Ocean-6, will assist Jiaolong conduct its investigations and select the area for the dive.

The tests will be conducted in the Pacific Ocean in accordance with a contract signed between the China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association and the International Seabed Authority. They will also be carried out in line with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the law of the Sea as well as the ISA's rules and regulations.

Xinhua



Actors perform in the drama "Pilgrimage to the West" during the opening ceremony of the First China Children's Theatre's Festival in Beijing, capital of China, 16 July, 2011. A total of 39 domestic and foreign dramas will be presented to Chinese children during the festival which kicked off on Saturday and will last until 28 Aug.—XINHUA



Giant panda Hua Ao walks to his birthday gift, an ice "cake" with fruit frozen inside, during its 4-year-old birthday party in Nanshan Zoo of Yantai City, east China's Shandong Province, on 16 July, 2011. More than 400 visitors witnessed the birthday party here Saturday.

XINHUA

9 killed, over 60 injured in road accidents in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 17 July—At least nine people died and more than 60 others were injured in two separate road accidents in Pyuthan and Kavre districts in Nepal on Saturday.

According to *The Kathmandu Post daily*, a passenger jeep skidded off the road and fell 150 metres down in Pyuthan in mid-western Nepal on Saturday, killing five and injuring two others.

Eyewitnesses said the jeep was crammed beyond its capacity. Police suspect brake failure caused the mishap. In Kavre district in central Nepal, at least four persons died and 63 others were injured, when a passenger bus fell 200 meters down the road on Saturday evening. Some of the injured are in critical condition.—Xinhua

5 dead, 18 hurt in Russia bus-truck crash

MASHKOVO, 17 July—A passenger bus collided with a heavy duty truck in Russia on Sunday, killing five people and injuring at least 18 others, an official said.

ITAR-Tass said the accident occurred near Mashkovo in the Tambov region.

A spokesman for the regional emergencies administration there were 35 to 38 people aboard the bus.

RIA Novosti reported 10 people had been admitted to a hospital, with six of them in grave condition.

The Russian news agency said the bus was en route from Tomsk to Semipalatinsk when the accident happened about 2 am.—Xinhua

Indonesian volcano re-erupts, more people flee home

JAKARTA, 17 July—A volcano in North Sulawesi in central Indonesia re-erupted on Sunday, the biggest ever since the mount status was raised to top alert, as the number of evacuees climbs to more than 5,000, volcanologist and disaster management agency officials said.—Xinhua

Australian woman investigated for trying to sell children on Internet

CANBERRA, 17 July—An Australian woman is being investigated by police after she offered her children for sale on the Internet, local media reported on Sunday. The woman placed an auction on eBay offering to sell two children, her son and daughter, both under the age of 10, to the highest bidder.

Several people placed bids on the auction, which has alarmed authorities.

Police has closed the auction and tracked the woman down, but she told detectives she was only joking.

Bill Muehlenberg from the Family Council of Victoria said it is no laughing matter.

"Plenty of children, certainly around this age, are struggling with issues of identity and self-worth and so on," he was quoted by the *ABC News* on Sunday. "To know that your own parent has put you up on offer like a used CD is a bit of a concern and certainly could have some negative impacts on the children in question."

The Victorian police decided not to press charges against the mum, but the Department of Human Services is continuing its investigation into the family, and there is possibility that the woman's children could be taken into permanent care.—Xinhua



A model poses beside a Volkswagen car at the 3rd Hohhot International Auto Trade Show in Hohhot, capital of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 16 July, 2011. Some 40 exhibitors brought more than 300 vehicles to the 3rd Hohhot International Auto Trade Show which is held from 15 to 19 July, 2011.—XINHUA

Pioneering Swiss solar-powered aircraft Solar Impulse piloted by German test pilot Markus Scherdel takes off for its unique flying display at the Paris International Air Show at Le Bourget airport near Paris in June 2011 on the last day of the show. Solar Impulse returned to Switzerland, the plane's team said less.

INTERNET



Four die, two injured in Canada house fire

WINNIPEG, 17 July—Four people died in a house fire in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Saturday, with two other people critically injured, authorities say.

City firefighters arrived at what was thought to be a boarding house about 2 am, *Postmedia News* reported. "The cause of the fire is still under investigation," said Constable Jason Michalyshen, adding there was no reason to believe the fire was in any way connected to a recent string of gang-related arsons throughout the city. The homicide and arson units were investigating the cause of the latest blaze, however. "Anything is possible, but there's nothing to suggest that at this point in the investigation," Michalyshen said, who had no comment on the identities of the victims or if there were more than six casualties taken to the hospital.

Later in the morning, police responded to another fire about 2.5 miles away. Michalyshen said he was not aware whether or not the two fires were related.

Xinhua

Home Affairs Ministry plants saplings for seventh time

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— The Ministry of Home Affairs held the 7th rainy season tree growing ceremony at its compound, here, this morning, attended by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko.

The Union Minister planted a teak sapling.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Myanmar Police Force Chief Kyaw Kyaw Tun, and departmental heads of MPF and departments under the ministry also grew saplings.

The Union Minister and departmental heads viewed participation of officers and staff in planting saplings.

They also looked into thriving of already-grown saplings.

At Office No. 10, 8 and 49 of the ministry, 960 teak plants, 300 Seintalon mango plants, 40 jack-fruit plants, 200 ironwood plants, 100 mahogany plants, 100 Mezali plants, 20 djenkol bean plants and 12 star-flower plants have been grown.—MNA

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko plants a teak sapling at 7th rainy season tree growing ceremony 2011 of Ministry of Home Affairs.—MNA



Union Energy Minister calls for production of quality fertilizer at fair price

YANGON, 17 July— Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay yesterday afternoon made an inspection tour of No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy in Hmawby Township yesterday afternoon.

The Union Minister looked into production and distribution of the plant.

In his address, the Union Minister stressed the need to ensure equivalence of use of raw materials and production of finished goods. Special emphasis is

to be placed on avoiding pollution around the plant due to its waste. He called for production of high quality urea fertilizers to enable the farmers to buy them at fair prices and to distribute fertilizers swiftly.

The Union Minister attended to the needs of fertilizer buyers after inspecting the plant.

This morning, the Union Minister looked into tasks of Thakayta Offshore Base of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise in Thakayta Township and left necessary instructions on works.—MNA

Kawparan model village opens self-reliant bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— A self-reliant bridge in Kawparan Model Village, Mudon Township of Mon State was commissioned into service on 14 July, attended by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, state ministers, departmental personnel, and locals.

Minister for Mon State Development Affairs Dr Toe Toe Aung and Director of Mon State Development Affairs Committee U Aye Swe formally opened the bridge. The 114 feet long and 15 wide bridge is of RC type which will provide easier transportation between villages and Mudon.

The chief minister and party then visited model paddy field of Kawparan villager U Pe Thein.—MNA



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay inspects tasks of Thakayta Offshore Base of MOGE.—MNA

Work coordination meeting for Champion Challenge Cup Tournament-2011 held in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— A work coordination meeting to assign officials concerned for getting victories in the Champion Challenge Cup Tournament-2011 was held at the Sports and Physical Education Department in Sittway, Rakhine State on 12 July morning.

At the meeting, Deputy Director of the department U Aung Saw Mya urged them to be able to present lists of new state-selected athletes for competition of 13 sports events— Sepak Takraw, table tennis, billiard and snooker, weight lifting, chess, western boxing, traditional boxing, cycling,

track and field, judo, Karatedo, Taekwondo and martial arts in the tournament, and heard reports presented by District Assistant Directors, Staff Officers and technical officers, chairmen of the sports clubs on ongoing training for the collected athletes.

MNA



Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint strolls along self-reliant new bridge in Kawparan Model Village in Mudon Township.—MNA

Myanmar Chess players undergoing training for XXVI SEA Games

YANGON, 17 July— Deputy Director-General (1) U Naw Taung of the Sports and Physical Education Department yesterday encouraged Myanmar

Chess players training in the Chess Sports Camp to partake in XXVI SEA Games to be held in Indonesia in November.

He left necessary

instructions on training and Deputy Director-General (2) U Ohn Myint Oo on its administration and comfortableness for the players.—MNA

More information added to announcement of route of temporary closure, route to Mausoleum

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— An announcement on the route of temporary closure and the route to the Mausoleum, while observing the 64th Anniversary Martyr's Day, was appeared in the dailies on 17 July.

According to the follow-up news

added by officials concerned, those wishing to pay tribute to the Mausoleum are not allowed to take anything harmful to security such as handbags, cameras, mobile telephones and the wreaths and flower baskets which have not been checked in advance.—MNA

Sagawamyay Farming Product and Credit Association holds coord meeting in Kyaukpadaung



Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun meets with staff of departments and enterprises under the ministry at the district manager office of the Myanmar Economic Bank in Pakokku.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Chairman of the Micro Credit Services Development Subcommittee Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun attended the coordination meeting of Sagawamyay Farming Product and Credit Association of Kyaukpadaung Township on 15 July. Chairman of the association U Thaug Nyunt and officials reported on assistance being provided by the association to development of local people in Kyaukpadaung

Township and future plans.

On 16 July, the Union Minister met staff of departments and enterprises under the ministry at the district manager office of Myanmar Economic Bank in Pakokku.

After hearing the reports on accomplishments in the financial year and future plans presented by officials, the Union Minister left necessary instructions.—MNA

Cooperative societies...

(from page 16)

put their products on the market, but small-scale farmers may face challenges and barriers. So, he suggested that small-scale rubber farmers associations should be formed to surmount the obstacles.

Chairman of the Central Cooperative Society Ltd and Chairman of the Cooperative Bank U Khin Maung Aye, and officials from the Cooperative Department and the Cottage Industries Department reported on the cooperative sector's potentials for rendering assistance in connection with crops producers association and small-scale rubber farming societies, and replied to the queries raised by the attendees. Assessing the reports, the Union minister suggested farmers raise farm animals such as chicken, ducks and dairy cows on a manageable scale and then put their farms into a large farm run in cooperation with cooperative societies. He noted that they can make greater profits if they work with the assistance rendered by the cooperative export and import society for their goods to gain a foothold in the international market.

The Union minister and the chief minister inspected progress of Kankalay farm of the Myanmar Agriculture Service, and the farm of U Zaw Win.

In the afternoon, he had a meeting with members of township cooperative syndicate and societies, and people interested in cooperatives for discussions about tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation.—MNA

Thriving Pakokku Shinmataung Thanatka plants become marketable

Article & Photos: Kalay Win Thu

Recently, I had an opportunity to attend the book donation in conjunction with the literary talks at Basic Education High School in Natchaung Village of Kalay Township. Before the ceremony, I visited K h a i n g p a n s o n Shwenatha Garden of U Maung Maung-Daw Khin Yin near their residence, the backward of Natchaung Station Hospital. The garden is located in the west of Natchaung Village.

Wonderfully, I saw thriving 4000 Pakokku Shinmataung Thanatka

plants in the garden. In the past, it was farmland, and now the farmland has been transformed into the proper land of Thanatka plants. These plants are in size of thigh and leg. When I asked about the age of plants, U Maung Maung explained that these plants are six years old.

I recounted, "On my way back from Bagan-Popa last year, I saw Yesagyo Thanatka trees near the food stall. I have learnt that these plants were 10 years old but they were same size of your plants."

U Maung Maung

said, "Those who went back from Pakokku were amazed at my thriving Thanatka plants."

S h i n m a t a u n g Thanatka plants are grown on four feet square area each of the farm. The plants were seen in a row systematically. Chilli plants were thriving among Thanatka plants.

The farm was located on seven acres of land surrounded by toddy palm, mango and banana plants as windbreaker. Thanatka farm and its environs were covered with thick foliage of various thriving trees.

The farm owner explained that he bought seeds of Shinmataung Thanatka at the farms in Pakokku and Myaing at first. A tin of condensed milk of seeds were valued at K 1000. About 5000 seedlings came out from six tins. Of them, 4000 thriving saplings were transplanted into the farm systematically.

farm, vegetables and flowery plants were grown as mixed cropping. Windbreakers were planted to give shade to the saplings.

At present, I saw six-

Kalay Township, were eight years old. One each of plants was valued at K 80,000. Thanatka plants were thriving along Myaung Creek.

Pakokku Shin-



Pakokku Shinmataung Thanatka plants are in a row at the farm in Natchaung Village of Kalay Township.

One year later, Thanatka plants were about five-six feet high. Two years later, the plants were about 10 feet and one inch diameter. The plants were nurtured by pouring water and weeding daily.

In early years of the

year Thanatka plants in length of about 20 feet and in size of thigh. I have learnt that four more year later, they could be cut for sales to fetch about K 70,000-K 80,000.

It was reported that Thanatka plants in Hsedaw Village, south of

mataung Thanatka plants are now marketable in Kalay region. I witnessed thriving Thanatka plants. I think local growers are to systematically nurture them.

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Photo shows thriving Thanatka plants on a commercial scale in the farm.



Tourists visit the Laolongtou scenic spot in Qinhuangdao City, north China's Hebei Province, on 16 July, 2011. As summer comes, Qinhuangdao City, which owns many famous scenic spots, enters a busy season of tourism.—XINHUA

Patients poisoned in UK hospital

STOCKPORT, 17 July—Three hospital patients died from poisoned medications at Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport, England, and 11 others were sickened but survived, police said.

Tracey Elizabeth Arden, 44, and two men ages 71 and 84 whose names weren't released died this month from saline solution that was deliberately contaminated with insulin, *The Telegraph* reported.

The insulin was discovered in a batch of 36 saline ampoules after a nurse reported an inordinate number of patients with depressed blood-sugar levels.

Arden died 7 July while the two

unidentified men, who both had serious health conditions, died this week, the newspaper said.

"We are no longer treating the tampered medication as a sole contaminated batch because we cannot be sure that this was the only incident of its kind. We will be interviewing all those who became ill from the contaminated saline to find out if they can shed any light on who is responsible," a police spokesman said.

"At best someone has tampered with them for whatever reason. At worst this was a deliberate attempt to harm patients."—*Internet*

Ambulance! Bring me a steamed bun

BEIJING, 17 July—A man in China called for an ambulance as he complained of chest pain. And when the ambulance arrived, he asked the staff to go and buy him two steamed buns.

Beijing's 120 Emergency Medical Centre said that 30 percent of emergency ambulance calls were unnecessary.

"This month, for the ambulance I'm assigned to, 30 to 40 runs were from timewasters out of 140 in total," a doctor, Zhao, said.

Zhao said one man called for ambulance, and when it arrived he said he was hungry and asked the crew to go out and buy him two steamed buns, *the People's Daily* reported.

"There were drunks asking for a ride home, and a man who said he was dizzy and actually wanted us to settle a fight with his wife. So we don't waste limited emergency resources, we really hope that we can get some legislation established," said Zhao.

Li Jianren, an official, told *the Global Times* that they usually have 100 ambulances on duty out of a fleet of 400.

"We receive a lot of calls about people who had fainted by the roadside, but actually they are just sleeping in the shade," Li said.

Internet

Woman kills husband while shooting at dog

JACKSON, 17 July—A Mississippi woman accidentally shot and killed her husband while aiming at a pit bull witnesses said was going after some children, officials say.

Betty Walker of Jackson was firing a .38-caliber revolver at an 8-month-old pit bull that was trying to attack the children and misfired, hitting her husband Robert in the chest Friday afternoon, *The (Jackson) Clarion-Ledger* reported. Robert Walker was

pronounced dead less than 2 hours later at a hospital.

Police say that although the shooting appeared to be accidental, a Hinds County grand jury will ultimately decide whether Betty Walker will face charges.

The owner of the dog, Lazarius Montgomery, may face charges, however, as witnesses told police the dog, Cocaine, "lunged and tried to attack some children."—*Internet*



Traffic is sparse as it flows northbound towards the San Fernando Valley on Interstate 405, during the 11 miles shut down of Interstate 405 in Los Angeles on 15 July, 2011.—INTERNET



The Italian Freccie Tricolori aerobatic demonstration team performs on the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) in Fairford, Britain, on 16 July, 2011. The annual RIAT, one of the world's largest military air show, is held from 16 to 17 July. XINHUA

Briton faces jail after gifted gun on wedding

LONDON, 17 July—A man is facing jail in Britain after he received a Kalashnikov assault rifle as a wedding gift from his wife. John Wallace, 47, bought parts for the deactivated gun that was gifted to him by Angie, reported *The Sun*.

Though the weapon was legal to own, but he did not have the necessary permission for the extras like a barrel.

The High Court in Glasgow was informed that Wallace wanted to turn the rifle into an "ornamental feature".

Internet

Two plead guilty in walrus tusks case

ANCHORAGE, 17 July—Two Alaskan men have pleaded guilty to buying and selling walrus tusks and polar bear hides, officials say.

Jesse James LeBoeuf, 47, along with his long-time girlfriend, Loretta Audrey Sternbach, 52, and friend, Richard Blake Weshenfelder, 50, were charged with buying 500

pounds of walrus tusks and two polar bear hides and illegally selling them, *the Anchorage Daily News* reported. LeBoeuf and Weshenfelder entered guilty pleas in court Friday; Sternbach is set to enter a guilty plea Tuesday.

When arrested, federal agents found 20 guns, including a machine gun, 30 marijuana plants and some coca plants at the couple's Glennallen, Alaska, home. Weshenfelder reportedly sold the animal parts online to out-of-state buyers.

All three are expected to be sentenced in November. Leboeuf faces up to nine years in prison, as he was also charged with possessing firearms as a felon. Weshenfelder faces five years and a \$250,000 fine.

Internet

Visitors cheer as the first Beijing International Beer Festival opens in Beijing, capital of China, on 16 July, 2011.—XINHUA



Police: 72-year-old hid gun in candy aisle

Police in Florida said they arrested a 72-year-old man who allegedly pulled a gun on a fellow Walgreens customer and hid the weapon in the candy aisle.

Riviera Beach Police said a clerk at the Walgreens store told them he heard Robert Warn mumble a racial slur when he entered the store Wednesday, and the victim, whose name was not released, told officers Warn pulled a gun on him during a dispute about cash in the store's pharmacy, *the Palm Beach Post* reported Friday.

The victim exited the store and waved down officers who entered the store and asked Warn if he had a gun.

The man initially told them he was unarmed and then admitted he had hidden the weapon in the store's candy aisle.

The gun, an unloaded "small Colt, semiautomatic pistol," was found beneath a row of chocolate bars.

Warn was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and evidencing prejudice while committing an offense. He was held in lieu of \$150,000 bail and ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation.



Full Monroe sculpture unveiled in Chicago

The formerly mysterious top half of a 26-foot statue of Marilyn Monroe in Chicago was revealed to the public Friday.

The bottom half of the sculpture, which depicts Monroe's subway-grate stance from "The Seven Year Itch," was revealed earlier in the week, but the top half had remained covered, sparking speculation that the face at the top may not be that of the famed actress, *the Chicago Tribune* reported Friday.

However, the full sculpture, by New Jersey artist Seward Johnson, was revealed to the public Friday as a faithful recreation of Monroe's image.

The statue, installed at Pioneer Court on Michigan Avenue, was sponsored by Zeller Realty Group.

Jail stops providing free underwear

A Florida sheriff said men booked into his county's jail are no longer being provided underwear free of charge, but they do have the option of purchasing pairs.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said the Polk County Jail canteen now sells underwear at \$2.54 for a pair of briefs and \$4.48 for a pair of boxer shorts, *the Orlando Sentinel* reported Friday.

"If they expect me to buy them, they're going to wear nothing," Judd said.

He said the policy, which does not apply to women booked into the jail, is projected to save the county \$45,000 per year.

Judd said men are not allowed to bring their own underwear from outside because it takes workers too long to search the garments for drugs and weapons.

"This is all about a tough economy," Judd said. "Forty-five thousand dollars a year is someone's job."

News Album

Colin Firth to pick Freedom of the City of London honour

LONDON, 17 July—'The King's Speech' star Colin Firth is set to pick up another honour - the Freedom of the City of London.

Firth, 50, who was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, is expected to accept the Freedom during the next six months.

"Colin Firth has enjoyed a remarkable year, honoured with a CBE, and winning an Oscar, Bafta and Golden Globe for his performance in *The King's Speech*," *the Daily Express* quoted a spokesman for the City of London Corporation as saying.

"He is a very deserving candidate for the Freedom and we look forward to welcoming him and his guests to the Square Mile for his ceremony," the spokesman added.

In 2005 Firth, married to Italian producer Livia Giuggioli, was made a Commander of the Order of the



'The King's Speech' star Colin Firth.

INTERNET

Star of Italian Solidarity.

The Freedom of the City of London is said to date back to 1237 and celebrates outstanding contributions to London life.

Internet

Keisha Buchanan taking cooking lessons to make favourite Thai curries

WASHINGTON, 17 July —English singer-songwriter Keisha Buchanan is set to try her hand at cooking.

The former 'Sugababes' star Buchanan is taking cooking tips from the 22-year-old 'The Saturdays' singer Rochelle Wiseman.

The 26-year-old star, who is obsessed with Thai curries, hopes that with the new skill she will be able make her favourite dish.

"I'm so into Thai curries! I've not attempted to cook one myself yet, but I'm about to get a recipe from Rochelle Wiseman from The Saturdays," the Contactmusic quoted Buchanan as saying.

"She was cooking one the other day when I was around, but it looks so difficult! I'm going to give it a go though," she added.—Internet



Actress Zhou Xun from the Chinese mainland poses for photos at a press conference held by a cosmetic brand which she endorses in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, 15 July, 2011.

XINHUA

Johnny Hallyday still rocking France at 68

PARIS, 17 July—Veteran French rocker Johnny Hallyday says at 68 he is still too young retire.

Hallyday told *The New York Times* he wouldn't know what to do with himself if he decided to give in to his age and myriad health problems.

"I realized that if it had been my last tour, it would be finished today, and then what would I do?" said Hallyday, who is getting ready for a

yearlong tour on top of his first stage acting role in a French version of Tennessee Williams' "Kingdom of Earth."

The Times said Hallyday is still on his feet after a series of health woes including colon cancer and a harrowing surgical procedure on his back in 2009 that led to a lawsuit against the surgeon. To top it off, Hallyday is trying to quit smoking.

Hallyday could easily rest on his laurels.

He has been performing since he was 14 and can boast that up-and-coming rocker Jimi Hendrix opened for him in 1966.

He has cut more than 70 albums and counts President Nicolas Sarkozy among his many Gallic fans.

"French people moan a lot, 'I hate this, I don't like this.' But they are very loyal to what they like," Hallyday observed.

Internet



Rocker/actor Johnny Hallyday receives a kiss from his wife Laetitia after a screening of the film "Vengeance" at the 62nd annual Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France.

INTERNET

Dizzee Rascal "definitely" releasing new album next year

WASHINGTON, 17 July—Rapper Dizzee Rascal has revealed that he is planning to release another album next year, but he is unsure what sort of style it will be.

His last record, 'Tongue N Cheek', came out in 2009.

The 'Bonkers' hitmaker has been taking time out from the music industry this year, but is "looking forward" to starting work on his next project even though he is not sure which direction it will take.

"I will have definitely an album out next year," Contact music quoted him as saying.

"I haven't really started it yet so I'm not sure what sort of style it will be or who will be involved in it. But I'm looking forward to getting back to it," he added.

Internet

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY**

Dated: 8th July, 2011

**INVITATION FOR BIDS TO CONDUCT PETROLEUM
OPERATIONS IN MYANMAR ONSHORE AREAS
(2011)**

1. The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announces Invitation of Sealed Bids for Petroleum Operations to be conducted in Myanmar Onshore Areas on production sharing basis.

2. The following Onshore blocks are available for bidding in this bidding round:-

- (1) PSC E (Myingyan)
- (2) PSC G (Taungdwingyi)
- (3) PSC H (Taungu-Pyinmana)
- (4) PSC I (Hinthada)
- (5) PSC J (Mawlamyine)
- (6) PSC K (Yamethin)
- (7) EP 1 (Kyaukkyi-Mindon)
- (8) EP 2 (Aunglan)
- (9) EP 5 (Inbin-Tegyigon)
- (10) RSF 2 (Tuyintaung (Myaing South))
- (11) RSF 3 (Gwegyo-Ngashadaung)
- (12) RSF 9 (Pyalo-Paukkaung)
- (13) RSF 10 (Kamma-Nattaung)
- (14) MOGE 4 (Myintha)
- (15) PSCS (Lashio-Hsenwi)
- (16) PSC T (Lashio East)
- (17) PSCU (Kalaw)
- (18) PSCV (Loikaw)

3. All interested parties are cordially invited to submit

“the Letter of Expression of Interest,” together with Company’s Article of Association (AOA), Memorandum of Association (MOA), Certificate of Incorporation, latest Annual Report and latest Financial Statement (or) Financial Report, which are to be endorsed for authenticity by the respective Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the place of Company’s registration (or) establishment or nearest, in sealed envelopes superscribed “Confidential” “Myanmar Onshore Blocks Bidding Round- 2011”, to the following addresses **not later than 23rd August 2011:-**

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4. The petroleum operation shall be conducted on production sharing basis and the party(s), who desired to enter into the Production Sharing Contract with the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) shall have technical competency, financial capability, experience, expertise and technical know how to conduct petroleum exploration and development works and must have good track record.

5. The potential bidders will then be selected and presented with General Geology of each Block and at the request will be shown with representative data and information of the Company’s interested block(s) free of charge by Geological/Geophysical Team of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

6. The Potential bidders will then be provided with Standard Terms and Conditions in order to submit proposal(s).

7. The potential bidders are allowed to submit up to

three (3) proposals for three (3) onshore blocks together with proposed Terms and Conditions. The proposal submitted shall be on a block by block basis.

8. The potential bidders’ proposed Terms and Conditions will be assessed and the best offered Terms and Conditions will be selected for awarding.

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**Hawk attacks woman
near school**

FRANKLIN, 17 July— A Massachusetts woman is recovering after a hawk attacked her from above while she was walking and left her with a cut on the back of her head. Gege Dellorca of Franklin said she was walking near Jefferson Elementary School when the hawk swooped in and sliced open the back of her head, WHDH-TV, Boston, reported on Thursday. "He came at me and I ducked and then he got me from the back," Dellorca said.

Dellorca received assistance from witness Andy Moriarty, who had been dropping his kids off for day camp. —Internet

**Int’l education forum opens in
Hong Kong**

Hong KONG, 17 July— International Education Forum and Expo opened Thursday in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, the first of its kind organized by the local government.

Themed “Learning Journey for the Globalized World”, the three-day event comprises a

Ministerial Roundtable, an International Conference and an Education Expo.

The Ministerial Roundtable on Thursday will focus on how different nations bring forth the desired quality of human resources for sustainable development, and new competencies in facing the ever-changing challenges of today’s globalized world.

It has drawn the participation of education ministerial officials from the Chinese Mainland, Australia, Austria, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, South Korea, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Macao. Internationally renowned scholars and local and international speakers will get together to discuss how global trends and reform in school and higher education contribute to human resource development.

Xinhua



The original Mercury 7 astronauts (from left: Gus Grissom, Deke Slayton, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Scott Carpenter — the man who spoke the famous and moving words, “Godspeed, John Glenn,” during the countdown before Glenn’s 1962 orbital flight — Alan Shepard, and Wally Schirra) inspecting an early design of a space programme module.—INTERNET

**Romanian police investigating Internet
fraud, arrest 90**

BUCHAREST, 17 July — Police investigating a massive online shopping scam have arrested around 90 people across Romania. The suspects are accused of cheating online shoppers of an estimated \$20m (£12.4m) by selling fictitious goods on sites such as eBay and Craigslist.org. Hundreds of victims, most of them in the United States, paid for their purchases, but never received them.

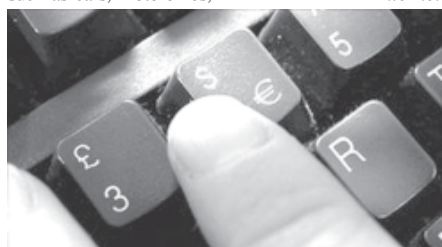
Prosecutors say the fraudsters used false identities to transfer money back to Romania from

abroad. Police searched more than 110 houses in nine cities.

They believe an organised crime gang with a broad network posted false adverts for goods such as cars, motorbikes,

boats and electronics. An estimated 1,000 shoppers were cheated in the scam. Romanian investigators on the case are working closely with the US authorities.

Internet



Around 1,000 online shoppers sent off their money in good faith, but never got the goods.— INTERNET

**One dead, 150,000 affected
in northeast India floods**

GAUHATI, 17 July—Heavy monsoon rains have led the mighty Brahmaputra River to overflow its banks and submerge scores of villages in India’s remote northeastern state of Assam.

District magistrate Anwaruddin Chowdhury says more than 150,000 people have been hit by floods in three districts of northern Assam.

Chowdhury said Sunday at least one person died after he was swept away by the strong current when he jumped in the river to try to rescue his cattle.

Relief agencies are distributing rice, lentils and salt to tens of thousands of people in temporary shelters set up in schools, offices and other government buildings.

Floods are an annual occurrence in northeastern India during the monsoon season from June to September.—Internet

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Children do aerobic exercise during a fitness summer camp in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 15 July, 2011.
A group of overweight children joined the fitness camp in which they are restrained from overeating and indulging of parents and ordered to endure a disciplinary life and intensive body shaping exercises for 28 days.

INTERNET



Farmers maintain the valuable hives.

INTERNET

Nazi-looted Klimt to be auctioned following return

VIENNA, 17 July—A Gustav Klimt painting, looted by the Nazis during World War II, is to go up for auction following its recent return to its original owner's great-nephew. The 1915 artwork, entitled Litzberg on the Attersee, is expected to fetch more than \$25m (£15.5m) when it is sold at Sotheby's in New York on 2 November. Last week the painting was returned to 83-year-old Georges Jorisch by the Museum of Modern Arts in Salzburg.

A portion of the proceeds from its sale will be donated to the museum. According to Sotheby's expert Simon Shaw, it is a work of "stunning quality, rarity and important provenance". —Internet



The work — Litzberg am Attersee in German — depicts a lake in Austria. INTERNET

Beehives stop elephant crop-raids in Kenya, Africa

NAIROBI, 17 July—Innovative beehive fences have helped a community in Kenya to successfully protect crops from elephants, according to research. Scientists found the hives to be a very effective barrier; elephants turned

away from them in 97% of their attempted raids. Conservationists suggest that elephants' natural fear of bees could settle ongoing conflicts. The hives' honey also produced additional profits for farmers.

Over the past 20 years, elephant numbers in Kenya have grown to around 7,500 and the population boost is widely heralded as a conservation success story. However, conflict between elephants and humans, especially farmers, is an ongoing problem. Elephants frequently "raid" farms searching for food such as ripe tomatoes, potatoes and maize. —Internet

'Balloon Boy' balloon sold for \$2,502

FORT COLLINS, 17 July—The giant balloon once claimed to have carried a 6-year-old Colorado boy has been sold for \$2,502 to benefit Japanese earthquake and tsunami victims. Richard and Mayumi Heene, of Fort Collins, who falsely claimed their son Falcon was aboard the homemade balloon when it launched in October 2009, said the item was sold to an Aurora man whose identity has not been released, *The Denver Post* reported on Friday.

Perry Rausher, a lawyer for the Heene family, told the Fort Collins Coloradoan the winner is expected to hold a news conference in the near future.

Richard Heene, who served a 30-day jail sentence after pleading guilty to a felony count of attempting to influence a public servant, and Mayumi Heene, who pleaded guilty to filing a false report and served a 20-day sentence, have been barred by the court from profiting from the hoax.

Internet

Binge drinking 'can damage memory skills' in teen girls



Adolescent girls could be risking damage to their brains if they binge drink.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 17 July—Teenagers especially girls — who binge drink could be damaging the part of their brain which controls memory and spatial awareness, say Californian researchers. Young women's brains are particularly vulnerable to harm from alcohol because they develop

earlier than men's. Tests on 95 adolescents aged 16 to 19 were carried out by researchers at several US universities. The study is published in *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*.

Researchers recruited 27 binge-drinking males and 13 females and gave them neuropsychological tests and "spatial working memory" tests to complete. Binge-drinking young women were defined as those drinking more than three pints of beer or more than four glasses of wine at one sitting. Binge-drinking men drank four pints of beer or a bottle of wine. The same tests were then carried out on 31 males and 24 females who did not have episodes of drinking heavily and the results compared.—Internet

Lack of credibility costs Chinese enterprises 600 bln yuan annually

BEIJING, 17 July—Chinese enterprises lose up to 600 billion yuan (about 92 billion US dollars) every year due to a lack of business credibility, according to official data.

About 200 billion yuan, or one third of the loss, was a result of consumers' lack of trust

in product quality as data with the Ministry of Commerce shows, said Wang Zhongyu, president of China Enterprise Confederation, at a forum in Beijing on Sunday.

Food scandals in recent years indicated that a lack of business ethics had caused the problem, said Wang.

The bankrupt Sanlu Group, which was at the center of tainted-milk scandal, and other dairy companies set up a 1.11-billion-yuan compensation fund after it was revealed that the companies used milk that contained melamine to produce

baby formula. Wang called on enterprises to promote and maintain good ethics and establish effective supervision mechanisms to avoid wrongdoing.

Xinhua

Lopez and Anthony to divorce

LOS ANGELES, 17 July—Singers Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony, who married seven years ago in Beverly Hills, Calif., announced on Friday they have split up. They are the parents of 3-year-old twins Max and Emme.

"We have decided to end our marriage," the former couple told People exclusively in a joint statement. "This was a very difficult decision. We have come to an amicable conclusion on all matters. It is a painful time for all involved and we appreciate the respect of our privacy at this time." No reason was given for the breakup.—Internet



Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony

Vargas Peru's hero as Falcao miss stuns Colombia



Colombian forward Radamel Falcao controls the ball.—INTERNET

SANTA FE, 17 July—Peru had a hero in Juan Vargas and Colombia had a villain in Radamel Falcao on Saturday as Italy-based Vargas scored while Porto's Falcao missed a penalty to send the Peruvians into the Copa America semi-finals. "Falcao never misses a penalty — not even in training," said Colombia's

incredulous coach Hernan Dario Gomez as he pondered his well-regarded side's exit from the tournament after Carlos Lobaton and Vargas bagged extra-time goals to give Peru their first semi-final berth in 14 years.

"We made tons of chances, but we missed them," said Gomez as his men prepared to head for home despite having beaten hosts Argentina to top spot in the group. The Peruvians, who next face either Argentina or Uruguay, had come to the event having finished rock bottom of the last regional World Cup qualifiers. —*Internet*

Ronaldo scores as Real Madrid beats Galaxy 4-1

LOS ANGELES, 17 July—Cristiano Ronaldo scored a signature goal and Real Madrid displayed its deft scoring ability to beat the Los Angeles Galaxy 4-1 in an exhibition on Saturday night. Jose Callejon and Joselu scored 8 minutes apart in the first half and Karim Benzema converted a header in the 57th minute as the Spanish giants showed little rust in their preseason opener.

Ronaldo, who set La Liga's scoring record with 40 goals last season, entered as a halftime substitute. The Portuguese star used multiple step-over's to fake out three defenders, then fired a sharp shot

with his left foot that found its way inside the near post.

David Beckham wore the captain's band for the Galaxy against his former team but failed to make an impact before being removed for a substitute in the 61st minute. Adam Cristman scored the Galaxy's lone goal, redirecting Antonio Adan's save with a header into the net. —*Internet*



Rickie Fowler of the US

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Manchester City shuts out Club America

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 July—Ryan McGivern and Shaun Wright-Phillips scored first-half goals and Manchester City kicked off its North American tour with a 2-0 win over Club America in the World Football Challenge on Saturday night. Goals



Club America defender George Corral (34) tries to control the ball against Manchester City Blues forward Edin Dzeko (10) in the first half of a soccer match, in San Francisco. —INTERNET

Joe Hart and Stuart Taylor combined for the shutout while helping the Blues, the 2011 FA Cup champions, to the win before a sparse crowd of 11,250 at AT&T Park.

Manchester City played without captain Carlos Tevez, who is with Argentina at the Copa America. Club America, playing with a revamped roster from the 2010 squad, lost for the first time in four games this summer. Manchester City, which placed third in the English Premier League and earned a berth in the Champions League, controlled the entire match and received a stellar performance from forward Edin Dzeko. —*Internet*

Fowler leads American charge up Open leaderboard

SANDWICH, 17 July — Rickie Fowler led an American charge up the leaderboard on a day when the weather roared at Royal St George's. Pounding rains and winds gusting over 30 mph prompted players to don bulky, oven-style mitts between shots, huddle under umbrellas and try to find a way to get around the course without giving up too many shots to par on Saturday.

"It was playing stupidly

difficult," said Edoardo Molinari, who shot 76. "Some holes were just a joke." But the storms eased up in time for those with late tee times to start putting up respectable numbers. The 22-year-old Fowler sure took advantage of the meteorological good fortune, leaving playing partner Rory McIlroy behind with a surge into contention, only two strokes behind leader Darren Clarke. —*Internet*

Kyle Busch wins 100th career NASCAR race

LONDON, 17 July — Kyle Busch grabbed a souvenir for the victory lap he'd perfected 99 times before: A white "100" flag that rippled out the window of the No. 18 Toyota, one special number



Fans cheer as NASCAR driver Kyle Busch does a burnout after winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series New England 200 auto race for his 100th career win on 16 July, 2011, at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH.—INTERNET

Evans hits back at Schleck's at Tour de France

PLATEAU DE BEILLE, 17 July—Cadel Evans hit back at the Schleck brothers Andy and Frank after being accused of not attacking enough to win the Tour de France. On the third consecutive day of racing in the Pyrenees, Evans, the former two-time runner-up, remained defiant that if he is to win the elusive yellow jersey he will do it his way.

Belgium's Jelle Vanendert won the prestigious 14th stage from Saint-Gaudens to Plateau de Beille, in the process bucking a historical trend which saw the past four stage winners go on to win the race. Evans, who fin-



Cadel Evans (pictured, 2L) has hit back at the Schleck brothers Andy and Frank (R).

INTERNET

ished in a small group 46sec behind alongside French race leader Thomas Voeckler, Alberto Contador, Ivan Basso and Frank Schleck, remarked: "Don't they say who wins here today is the winner of the Tour?" "Maybe that means a breakaway (rider) is going to win the Tour." —*Internet*

Corinthians up the ante and the offer on Tevez



Manchester City's Argentinian forward Carlos Tevez

SAO PAULO, 17 July—Brazilian outfit Corinthians on Saturday said they had upped their offer to lure Manchester City's Argentinian forward Carlos Tevez back to Sao Paulo. With City holding out for more than the 40 million euros (\$63.57 million) the Brazilians have offered, the latter have suggested paying a sum of bonuses to

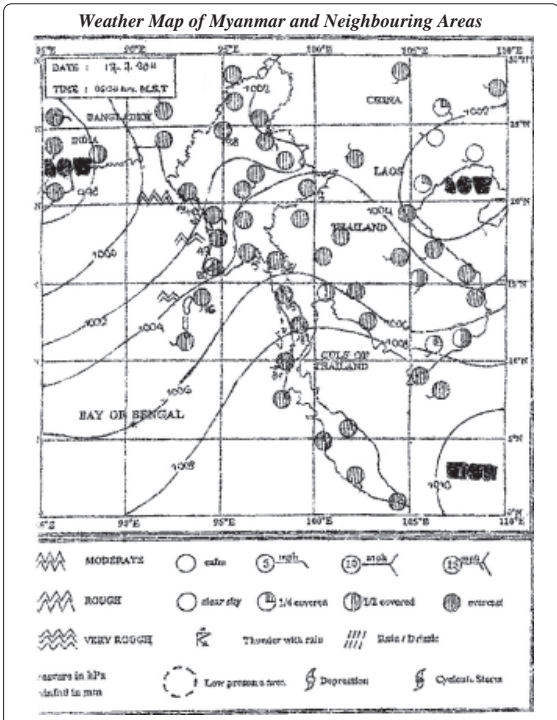
City on top of the transfer, according to a Corinthians official quoted by the Brazilian media.

"Now we are looking at four payments of 10 million euros ... plus bonuses which would be paid in prizemoney which we may receive," said Sao Paulo official Edu Gaspar, quoted by *O Globo* daily. "In theory it is not a cent more — just the transfer of a prize (prize money) for a title such as the Brazilian (league) or the (Copa) Libertadores, which would go to City." In midweek, Tevez's agent said a move for the striker to join Corinthians "will not be simple". —*Internet*



NASCAR driver Kyle Busch celebrates his victory in the NASCAR Nationwide New England 200 on 16 July, 2011, in Loudon, NH.

INTERNET



Weather forecast for 18th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	24/75	Widespread rain	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	20/68	Scattered rain	80%
3	Kayin	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain	80%
4	Chin	20/68	14/57	Widespread rain	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain (HH)	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	26/79	Isolated rain	80%
7	Tanintharyi	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain (HH)	80%
8	Bago	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread	80%
9	Magway	35/95	25/79	Scattered rain	80%
10	Mandalay	35/95	27/81	Isolated rain	80%
11	Mon	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain (HH)	80%
12	Yangon	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain	80%
13	Rakhine	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain (HH)	80%
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread	80%
15	Northern Shan	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread	80%
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	23/73	Fairly widespread	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	23/73	One or two rain	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	25/77	One or two rain	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	27/81	Isolated rain	60%

During the past (24) hours rains have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, scattered in Magway Region and Shan State, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Magway Region and isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded Khanti (3.31) inches, Sintwe (2.64) inches, Kalewa, Minbu and Kyaukmaraw (2.52) inches each, Zalun (2.48) inches, Hpa-an (2.13) inches, Thandwe (1.96) inches and Kyaukhin (1.84) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon in Moderate in the North Bay and strong in the Adaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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 (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in coastal areas.

One policeman killed, five others held hostage by prisoners in Pakistan



Smoke rises from Central Jail during an operation against prisoners in Pakistan's southern city of Larkana on 17 July, 2011. At least one policeman was killed and five others were held hostage by prisoners in the jail, reported local TV channel Express on Sunday.—XINHUA

According to the local media reports, the riot broke out among the prisoners in Larkana Central Jail in protest against an operation to move 200 prisoners to other jails. The prisoners refused to be moved because they were afraid it would cause trouble and inconvenience for their family members to visit them.

The protest, which started late Saturday evening, went out of control when some of the prisoners smashed the doors of three barracks and assaulted the jail police, said police sources.

The rioting prisoners attacked the police with bricks and stones. Seven police were reportedly wounded in the riot and one of the critically injured policeman later died at the local hospital.

An estimated 70 prisoners later surrendered to the police while the other rebellious prisoners are still holding the hostage of five jail officials.—Xinhua



Pakistani policemen take positions during an operation against prisoners at Central Jail in Pakistan's southern city of Larkana on 17 July, 2011.—XINHUA

ISLAMABAD, 17 July—At least one policeman was killed and five others were held hostage by prisoners in a jail in Pakistan's southern city of Larkana, reported local TV channel Express on Sunday.



Monday, 18 July View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta

7:25 am
2. To be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning News
7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song
7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
8:00 am
6. Health Programme
8:05 am
7. Dance of National Races
8:10 am
8. Cute Little Dancer
8:25 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Dance Variety
4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme
4:30 pm
4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - third Year (Law)
4:45 pm
5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
5:00 pm
6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:10 pm
7. Myanmar Language
5:20 pm
8. Documentary
5:35 pm
9. Myanmar Idol
6:00 pm
10. Evening News
6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
6:20 pm
12. Sing & Enjoy
7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series
8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. World's Stars
18. TV Drama Series

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Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
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- * Opening
- * News
- * Around the Maha Boditahtaung

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- * The Role of Ports & Jetties in Mercantile Industry
- * VCD Centre
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- * Brighter Future
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- * Shan Traditional Novitiation Cultural Preservation
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie Impact "Romantic Shocks"
- * News
- * Yatanarpon Fiber Optical Factory
- * Myanmar Movies "Competition of Consecration"

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- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Cooperative societies in Mon State to contribute to rural development, poverty alleviation



Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint meets horticulturists, members of township cooperative syndicates and enthusiasts in Mudon.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, accompanied by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint and Adviser at the President Office Dr Sein Hla Bo, toured the melon farms of farmer U Tin Aye and farmer Daw Win Win Kyi in Azin Village, Mudon Township, yesterday.

He attended a seminar on gardening methods with gardeners, members of township cooperatives syndicate, cooperative societies and enthusiasts in cooperatives at the Central Farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Mudon.

Mon State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Myo Nyunt reported on agricultural production and progress of the micro-credit institutions in the state.

In his additional report, the chief minister said that the state government has formed Mon State Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, which is now making field trips to achieve its objectives

especially boosting agricultural production, meat and fish, and addressing the basic needs and improving the living conditions for rural odd-job workers.

Hopefully, he said that the state government will give advice for economic growth, create the opportunities for providing micro-credit and strengthening the societies.

Dr Sein Hla Bo in his address highlighted the need of agricultural awaking of farmers, reducing farming costs and more attention to methods for production of value-added products, manageable-scale livestock breeding besides agricultural farming for secondary incomes, and working together to address challenges.

He said that Mon State's coverage of rubber farms stands at about 450,000 acres, 63 to 65% of which are run on a small scale. Using capitals, advanced methods, high-yield strains and machinery, entrepreneurs can

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Photo taken on July 17, 2011, shows a racecar of Austrian Formula One racing team Red Bull Racing exhibited at the 8th China Changchun International Auto Expo, in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province. The only Formula One racecar at the 8th China Changchun International Auto Expo attracted great attention on Sunday.—INTERNET

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (17-7-2011)

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