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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

Fight against gambling, part of drive for poverty alleviation

YANGON, 18 July—The government has formed the Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation to monitor tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation with sound foundations in the transport, supply of clean and irrigation water, education, health and economy in rural areas, and the committee is now in pursuance of the eight tasks to achieve the goal, said Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt at the meeting held at Toe Shwe Wah Hall in Maubin yesterday morning to coordinate work for rural development and poverty alleviation in rural areas in Maubin Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady Region.

He added that the Region Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation has been formed and related Union ministers have been assigned



duties to set up subcommittees to implement the tasks at the region level.

He noted that district, township, ward and

Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt addresses coordination meeting for implementation of eight tasks for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.—MNA

village committees have to work in cooperation with relevant ministries for establishment of model farms to (See page 9)

11th Myanmar Country Coordinating Mechanism Meeting held



11th Myanmar Country Coordinating Mechanism Meeting in progress.
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NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Chairman of M-CCM Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin called on those present to make suggestions for Proposal Concepts of fighting three major diseases— HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria— which must be submitted to Global Fund by 22 July at the opening ceremony of 11th M-CCM meeting (11th Myanmar Country Coordinating Mechanism Meeting) at the ministry here this morning.

Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin of Health Department read out the meeting minutes of 10th M-CCM and sought the approval of those present.

Regarding proposal concepts which must be

submitted to Global Fund's Round 11, Project Manager Dr Khin Ohnma San gave an account of the

project to fight against HIV/STD, Project Manager Dr Thandar Lwin, the project to fight against TB and Project Manager Dr Ni Ni Aye, the project to fight against Malaria.

Next, the M-CCM chairman Union Minister and Vice-Chairman Professor S Kyaw Hla signed the application for Global Fund's Round 11.

Then Associate Director of Finance Mr. Giau Trinh of Save the Children (Global Fund PR Unit) and Public Health Programme Officer Dr Faisal Mansoor of UNOPS (PR-GFATM, UNOPS) explained work progress of importation of pharmacy and pharmaceutical products from the Global Fund's Round 9.

Afterwards, M-CCM members approved the work guidelines manual of the committee.

Deputy Director-General Dr Thein Thein Htay of Health Department explained formation of advisory board on skills and tactics for maternal and child health and future plans.

Then those present gave suggestions for proposal concepts of Global Fund and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Union minister.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Pursue goal of rural development intensively

Rural people who constitute the majority of the nation's population engaging in agriculture as main source of incomes, there is a direct link between great productivity and economic growth of rural areas and economic development of the nation.

So, the government is working hard in all seriousness to improve the socioeconomic status for farmers, the nation's major working force. The prudent drive thoroughly covers boosting production of agricultural produce, meat and fish and helping address the basic needs and improving education and health standards of rural odd-job people to ensure rural development and poverty alleviation.

Only with development in agrarian economy of the nation, will the majority of the people be in a position to enjoy economic development. Farmers should use advanced methods to be able to reduce agricultural costs and boost production of value-added products.

They should form societies and exchange views to address issues such as market shares when crops are in season, and fall in crop prices.

Over 60% of rubber plant farmers in Mon State, a land of rubber plants, run five to 15 acres of farms. To contend with entrepreneurs for market shares, small-scale rubber plant farmers should form themselves into agricultural communities.

Livestock breeders should work together with cooperative means for greater profits. The goal of rural development can be achieved sooner than expected if congenial partners contribute towards agricultural and livestock farms with goodwill, altruistic sentiment and diligence.

11th Asia Biomass Seminar held

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The 11th Asia Biomass Seminar, jointly organized by Ministry of Energy and Science of Japan, was held at Amara Hotel here on 11 July.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung,

Acting Director-General U Htin Aung of Energy Planning Department,

first secretary Mr Atsushi Igarashi from Japanese Embassy, delegates from ASEAN countries, officials from Energy, Economic and Science of Japan, representatives from Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Science and Technology and Myanmar Engineering Society and guests.

At the ceremony, the deputy minister and

the first secretary delivered opening speeches. The acting director-general extended the greetings. Renewable energy experts from home and foreign countries—Japan, the Philippines and Thailand and delegates from ASEAN member countries held a discussion on effective use of bio resources in ASEAN and Asia regional countries and technologies and

policies on use of biomass energy from 11 to 15 July.

The representatives visited growing of physic nut plants by Agricultural Research Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and undertakings to electrify village with the use of bio gas in Shwepay village, Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township.

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Deputy Minister U Soe Aung addresses 11th Asia Biomass Seminar.

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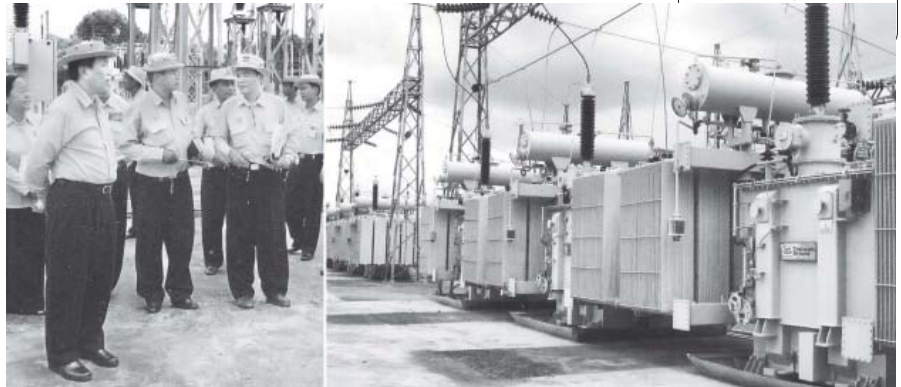
People's Voice

- * 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

EP-2 Minister looks into Myingyan Power Station

Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe visits Myingyan Power Station.

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NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Union Minister for Electric Power No. (2) U Khin Maung Soe visited Myingyan Power Station in Mandalay Region yesterday.

The Union Minister urged the staff to stick to the codes of conducts of service personnel, to fulfill electricity requirements and to try to become the reliable civil service personnel.—MNA

Union CPT Minister receives ROK Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Kim Hae-Yong at his office here this morning.

The two sides discussed promotion of cooperation in IT, communications and workshops on human resources development. Also present at the call were Deputy CPT Minister U Tint Lwin, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko



Oo, departmental heads and personnel.

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Union CPT Minister U Thein Tun receives ROK Ambassador Mr Kim Hae-Yong.—MNA



Emergency workers assess the site of a bomb blast attack near a church in Suleja recently. A bomb blast at a church in Suleja, a satellite town on the outskirts of Nigeria's Capital, Abuja, killed three people and seriously wounded seven on Sunday, the Red Cross said.

XINHUA

One killed in NATO convoy attack in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 18 July—Gunmen killed a NATO oil supply tanker driver on Sunday after opening fire on supply trucks heading to Afghanistan from Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan Province, officials said.

The attackers on motorcycles opened fire on the convoy of NATO trucks in Dasht District, some 35 kilometres from Quetta, the provincial capital, they said, adding that a driver of one NATO supply truck was killed and all the other drivers and their helpers remained safe.

Two NATO oil tankers were destroyed during the attack and the gunmen escaped after the incident.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Some 70 per cent supplies for nearly 160,000 NATO troops in Afghanistan are transported via Pakistan.

The US has struck a deal with Russia for alternate supply route due to frequent attacks on the NATO convoys in Pakistan.

Xinhua

Six killed in northern Iraq

MOSUL (Iraq), 18 July—Six people were killed in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Iraq's northern city of Mosul on Sunday, police said.

Gunmen attacked in a police checkpoint in al-Rifaie neighbourhood in western Mosul, some 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, killing a policeman and a passing woman and wounding another policeman, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a gunman in central Mosul hurled a hand grenade on a police patrol, but he missed his target and killed a man, his wife and their child who were passing at the scene, the source said.

Also in Mosul, Iraqi soldiers mistakenly killed a man when they opened fire on his car as he was driving near their checkpoint, the source added. The soldiers thought the car was driven by a suicide bomber, he said, adding that the incident is under investigation.

Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, has been a stronghold for insurgent groups, including al-Qaeda militants, since the US-led invasion 2003. Earlier in the day, the Iraqi police reported the killing of two people and the wounding of three others in separate attacks in and near Baghdad while a police officer escaped with wounds a gunfire attack in Iraq's northern central province of Salahudin.—MNA/Xinhua



A destroyed vehicle is removed from the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 16 July, 2011. A bomb in a minibus parked outside a restaurant in the Karradah neighbourhood killed and wounded an unknown number of people nearby, officials said.

INTERNET

Two kidnapped Colombian politicians released

BOGOTA, 18 July—Two Colombian politicians were released on Sunday after being kidnapped together with 18 people by the country's largest rebel group.

Councilman Dago-berto Ojeda and mayoral candidate Ferney Satizabal were freed in Tumaco in southwest Colombia after being detained by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) for six days.

Satizabal told a local radio station that the captors told him he was kidnapped "by error it was a mistake." Satizabal said he did not know where they had been kept as hostages.

The other twelve adults and six children were freed the day after being kidnapped by the FARC on Tuesday.

Rebel groups are active in the region around Tumaco, through which Colombian drugs could be trafficked to Ecuador and Central America.

MNA/Xinhua



Local residents examine a burnt oil tanker after it was allegedly attacked by militants in Peshawar, Pakistan, on 17 July, 2011. The oil tanker carrying oil bound for NATO forces in Afghanistan, was destroyed in a bomb blast on Saturday night.—INTERNET

Afghan president advisor killed by Taleban

BEIJING, 18 July—A senior aide to President Hamid Karzai, and a member of the Afghan Parliament, have been killed during an attack by gunmen. Sunday's murders took place in a Kabul district near the country's legislative building.

Local reports say

unidentified armed men raided the house of Jan Mohammad Khan, an advisor to the President, as well as that of the former governor of Uruzgan Province. One of the attackers was killed in the ensuing firefight. Afghan security troops

rushed to the site, in an effort to control the situation. The Taleban has claimed responsibility. The attack comes just days after the slaying of Karzai's half-brother, by a trusted associate in the southern city of Kandahar.—Xinhua



Smoke rises from the house of Jan Mohammad Khan, an advisor to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, in Kabul, on 18 July, 2011. Unidentified armed men, believed to be Taleban militants, stormed into the house of Jan Mohammad Khan early Sunday and shot Jan Mohammad Khan and his guest Hashim Watanwal to death.—XINHUA

IED explosion kills three NATO soldiers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 July—Three soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed as an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) went off in eastern Afghanistan Region on Monday, said a Press release of the military alliance issued here.

"Three International Security Assistance Force service members died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today," the Press release said.

However, it did not identify the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer

casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

More than 310 NATO soldiers with majority of them Americans have been killed since the beginning of this year in Afghanistan.

Xinhua



China plans carbon-trading pilot scheme

BEIJING, 18 July—China will introduce a pilot scheme for carbon emissions trading and gradually develop a national market as the world's largest polluter seeks to reduce emissions and save energy, state media said.

China will promote the market's development through "punitive" electricity tariffs on power-intensive industries and other new policies, Xie Zhenhua, a top climate official, was



Smoke billows from chimneys at a coal mine in northern China. The country is set to introduce a pilot scheme for carbon emissions trading and gradually develop a national market as the world's largest polluter seeks to reduce emissions and save energy, state media has said.—INTERNET

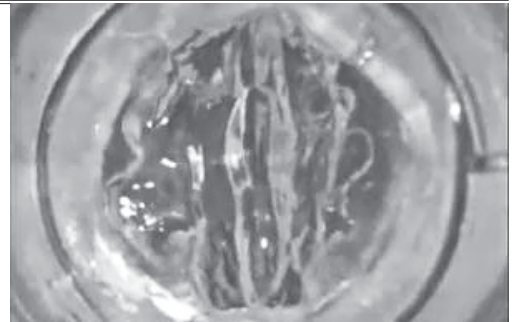
quoted by *Xinhua* news agency as saying on Sunday. The report gave no timetable or other specifics on how the system would work.

However, China has said previously it hoped to introduce a pilot scheme in a handful of major cities by 2013 and expand it nationally in 2015. Faced with severe pollution, a predicted surge in urbanisation and a struggle to ensure adequate energy supplies to fuel its rapid growth, China has outlined plans to reduce carbon emissions in its latest five-year economic plan.

Carbon trading typically involves the setting of absolute limits on how much carbon dioxide emitters such as industrial enterprises can produce. Environmental analysts have said China is keen to get a functioning carbon trading market up and running soon, especially with the expiry of the Kyoto Protocol looming in 2012.

China has pledged to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced per unit of gross domestic product by 40 to 45 percent by the end of 2020 — essentially a pledge to slow emissions growth, but not a cut.—*Internet*

Researchers at MIT and MGH have developed a polymer gel that mimics the vibrations of human vocal cords.
INTERNET



US watches helium stockpile dwindle

AMARILLO, 18 July—US officials say the world's supply of helium is steadily dwindling and can't be replaced.

Texas is the site of the last US Federal Helium Reserve and its underground stockpile of the gas is running out.

"There is just a finite amount of helium out here," Leslie Theiss of the Bureau of Land Management's Amarillo field office told *the Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. "There's only so much we can do. The clock is winding down on this place."

Helium is used by NASA and the Defence Department as well as in medical research and computer chip

production. But it is also becoming increasingly rare since the element is created from the agonizingly slow decay of radioactive material.

"Earth is 4.7 billion years old, and it has taken that long to accumulate our helium reserves, which we will dissipate in about 100 years," said Robert Richardson, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist who has studied the potential helium shortage.

Scientists are working on machines that can be used to recycle helium, but the state of the art currently is expensive and not likely to make a dent in industrial shortages that could start cropping up in the next decade, the report said.—*Internet*



Meet the Bizarre SpaceBook Dual-Screen Laptop



SpaceBook Dual-Screen Laptop.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 18 July—One screen on your laptop not enough for you? Well, now you can preorder the gScreen SpaceBook, a monster of a laptop with dual 17-inch displays and a price to match.

The gScreen SpaceBook is billed as having the "world's largest laptop screen space," accomplished with the two 1920 by 1080 resolution 17.3-inch displays that slide out like a transformer. Weighing ten pounds and nearly two inches thick, the SpaceBook is definitely bucking the ultraportable — or even plain old portable — laptop trend.

While an innovative device that will turn heads and must have a usage case for some professionals accustomed to dual-screen productivity, the SpaceBook's hardware is less cutting edge. The two models available feature last-generation Intel processors and a bit outdated Nvidia GeForce GTS 250M graphics card with 1GB of video RAM. The SpaceBook 17 i5 4G has the Intel Core i5-560M processor and 4GB of RAM, while the higher end SpaceBook 17 i7 8G features a quad-core Intel

Core i7-740QM processor and 8GB of RAM.

A 500GB hard drive (7200 rpm), DVD multidrive, and smattering of typical ports are also packed in this massive laptop.

How much will having the largest laptop screen space cost? The entry model costs \$2,395 and the i7 8G costs \$2,795. If money is no object, you can pre-order one of these outrageous laptops now, with a 50 percent down payment.

Internet



In this 28 Nov, 2009 photo, iPhone fans line up as they wait to purchase the Apple iPhone 3G during its launching ceremony in Seoul. A South Korean lawyer who is an avid user of the iPhone is waging a privacy battle against Apple Inc. over the device's tracking capabilities. Kim Hyeong-seok said on 15 July, 2011, he has gotten at least 16,000 people in South Korea to join him in a class action lawsuit he plans to file against the company in a Seoul court in early August.—INTERNET

VMware releases client for Android tablets

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Android tablets could become more appealing to the enterprise with VMware's View Client for Android.

VMware View lets people see their Windows desktops and interact with Windows applications from remote devices, like tablets or laptops.

To use it, customers click on an icon on their Android tablet that launches an image of their Windows desktop. They can open a virtual trackpad in order to navigate around the screen. The Android tablet controls remain at the bottom of the screen so users can easily jump back to the tablet software and applications.

The client, which VMware is calling a tech preview, is available in the Android Market and works on devices running Honeycomb 3.0 and above. It is also available starting Friday for users of the Cisco Cius tablet.

The client is free to download but works in conjunction with VMware's desktop virtualization software.

VMware started offering a similar client for iPad users earlier this year and the company said it initially was the number-one free business app in the Apple store.

Internet



Health

Health Tip: Take appendicitis symptoms seriously

While the appendix doesn't appear to have a real job in the body, it quickly becomes a concern when inflammation of the organ — known as appendicitis — sets in.

The Cleveland Clinic mentions these warning signs of appendicitis:

- * Vomiting and nausea.
- * Pain in the lower-right area of the abdomen that becomes worse when touched.
- * Soreness just above the belly button that may extend to the lower-right area of the belly.
- * Aforementioned pain that worsens when coughing, sneezing, moving around or taking a deep breath.
- * Running a mild fever.
- * Having diarrhea, constipation or being unable to pass gas.
- * Loss of appetite.
- * Abdominal swelling.—Internet



Alcohol affects left, right heart chambers differently

ROME, 18 July—The left and right ventricles of the heart have very different reactions to small amounts of alcohol, a new study finds.

Researchers in Italy examined 64 healthy volunteers in their 20s after

they drank a small amount of red wine and an equal amount of fruit juice.

After drinking the wine, participants' left ventricular function decreased, according to the findings. The left ventricle receives oxygen-rich blood from the left atrium of the heart and pumps it into the aorta, or the main artery of the body, which supplies tissues with oxygen.

But in the right ventricle, the wine led to an increase in function. The right ventricle pumps blood to the lungs through the pulmonary arteries, so it can be refreshed with oxygen again before going to the left ventricle.

The two chambers of the heart "are like two different worlds," said corresponding author Matteo Cameli, a cardiologist at Italy's Cardiologia Universitaria of Siena, in a university news release.—Internet

Colorectal cancers often begin as polyps — benign growths on the surface of the colon. The two most common types of intestinal polyps are adenomas and hyperplastic polyps. They develop when there are errors in the way cells grow and repair the lining of the colon.—INTERNET

Study launched to assess brain damage in professional boxers

LOS ANGELES, 18 July—An unprecedented brain study has been launched to assess brain damage in professional boxers with the goal of advancing research to improve various treatments for brain damage, it was reported on Saturday.

The study hopes to get 500 boxers and mixed martial arts fighters to volunteer for the research project, *The Los Angeles Times* reported on its website.

Participants will undergo four annual MRI brain scans, along with physical, cognitive and speech tests to monitor how brain activity can be altered by suffering head trauma in the ring, said the report.

"We know what permanent brain damage looks like in its final stages, but we know so little about what causes it and what happens during cumulative trauma," said Maureen Peckman of the Cleveland Clinic.

Xinhua

Cheeseburgers, smoking, stress, the rise of the couch potato: These are the usual suspects on the list of risk factors for heart disease, a malady reaching global epidemic proportions. INTERNET



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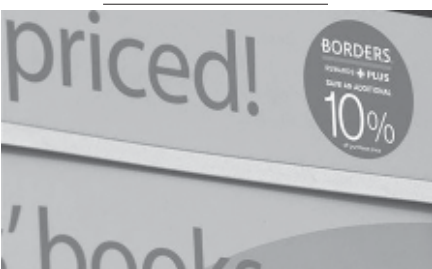


Borders bidding deadline passed without offers

NEW YORK, 18 July—Borders Group Inc inched closer to liquidation on Sunday after a bidding deadline passed without offers, the *Wall Street Journal* said, citing people familiar with the matter.

Bids for the second-largest US book store retailer Borders were due at 5 pm *Eastern Time* Sunday ahead of a bankruptcy court auction scheduled for Tuesday, the paper said.

Last week, a bankruptcy judge had approved a plan to liquidate Borders after a sale to private equity firm Najafi Cos fell apart. Borders filed for bankruptcy in February after struggling for years to compete with larger rival Barnes & Noble Inc and Amazon.com Inc as more consumers bought books through the Web. Online sales account for a tiny fraction of Borders sales.—Internet



A sale sign is seen at a Borders bookstore in San Diego.—INTERNET

Philips posts \$1.9b loss in Q2 on charges

AMSTERDAM, 18 July—Royal Philips Electronics NV, the world's largest lighting company, has reported a euro1.35 (\$1.9 billion) loss for the second quarter, mostly due to a euro1.39 billion writedown in goodwill — the amount paid in excess of the fair value of companies it has acquired in the past.

In the same period a year ago, Philips had net profit of euro262 million. The company

said Monday second quarter revenues fell 2.6 percent to euro5.21 billion, due mostly to a stronger euro. Operating earnings at the company's lighting and consumer appliances arms were cut in half, while its medical imaging equipment arm grew.

Chief executive Frans van Houten blames "operational challenges and weaker markets," for the operating performance.

He says Philips does not expect improvement in the short term.

Reuters



Teamsters put up a sign at the Philips Electronics booth before the Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Convention Centre. INTERNET

China's yuan retreats against USD Monday

BEIJING, 18 July—The Chinese currency Renminbi, or the yuan, lost 15 basis points to 6.4680 per US dollar on Monday, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading system.

In China's foreign exchange spot market, the yuan is allowed to rise or fall by 0.5 percent from the central parity rate each trading day.

The central parity rate of the yuan against the US dollar is based on a weighted average of prices before the opening of the market each business day.

Xinhua



A rider takes part in a lassoing exhibition competition during the Nadam festival at a race ground on Bayanbulak prairie in Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture of Bayingolin, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 17 July, 2011. Nadam, meaning entertainment and playing, is a folk festival of the Mongolian ethnic group. XINHUA

Passenger denies groping TSA screener

LONGMONT, 18 July—A Colorado air passenger is denying police charges that she groped a security screener at the Phoenix airport.

Yukari Miyamae, 61, of Longmont, Colo., was arrested Thursday after she argued with a Transportation Security Administration worker at Sky Harbour International Airport and refused to be screened, Sgt. Steve Martos of the

Phoenix police told *The Arizona Republic*.

The arrest report says she grabbed TSA agent Barbara O'Toole's "left breast through her clothing squeezing and twisting it with both hands without the victim's permission," KDVR-TV, Denver, reported.

Miyamae, released from the Maricopa County Jail Friday, faces a felony sexual abuse charge.

Police said Miyamae admitted the assault, but she denied that to the *New York Post* in an interview from her home Saturday. "I go through this every week, and every week there is some problem," said the frequent traveler.

The Department of Homeland Security said it "will not tolerate assaults against its workforce."

Internet

Chavez begins second stage of cancer treatment in Cuba

HAVANA, 18 July—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday began the second stage of treatment against cancer in Cuba, after arriving in the island nation Saturday night.

Chavez received two surgeries in Cuba in June to remove a pelvic abscess and a cancerous tumour.

Chavez's leave for treatment was officially approved by the Venezuelan parliament and part of his duties have

been delegated to Vice President Elias Jaua and Minister of Planning & Finance Jorge Giordani.

According to the Venezuelan Constitution, the parliament can declare a temporary lack of head of state when he is absent for less than 90 days and hands off his duties to the vice president. His leave can be extended by an additional 90 days.

Xinhua



In this 16 July photo, cattle are fed after officials confirmed the hay were safe at a farm in Mihar, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan. Japanese government is preparing to suspend cattle shipments from Fukushima this week amid a growing tally of cows that were fed rice straw containing high levels of radioactive cesium.—XINHUA



Sunday newspapers are displayed for sale at a petrol station in London on 17 July, 2011. Rupert Murdoch's British newspaper business, mired in a widening scandal stemming from phone hacking, pledged on Sunday to fully cooperate with inquiries by police, who themselves are under mounting pressure for being too close to his media empire.—XINHUA

Aircraft carrying Zardari entourage escapes disaster, makes emergency landing

ISLAMABAD, 18 July—An aircraft carrying Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari's entourage escaped disaster when the plane developed a snag mid-flight.

The C-130 aircraft was on its way to Iran when it had to make an emergency landing, 12 minutes after take off. Aircraft crew reported a fuel leak in one of the engines and made the emergency landing at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport in Islamabad on Saturday.

The plane was carrying the president's bodyguards, foreign office staff and a media team, *The Daily Times* reports.

President Zardari was not on board.—Internet

Two killed in subway shooting in Chile

SANTIAGO, 18 July—A gunman killed two people and wounded four others in a subway train in Chile's capital on Sunday, police said.

The shooting happened at the Plaza Maipu station in southwestern Santiago.

The gunman reportedly fired at least nine shots.

After the shooting, the assailant walked to a nearby square and committed suicide, police said.

Authorities are investigating the motive for the attack.

MNA/Xinhua

LED wallpapers that glow in palate of colours, soften noises

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Phillips has announced plans to develop LED-illuminated wallpapers that absorb sound and glow in a palate of colours according to the user's specifications.

Phillips is collaborating with Danish manufacturer, Kvadrat Soft Cells, whose customisable acoustic panels are flexible and capable of being tailor-fitted for a wide range of interiors.

The panels are stretched onto an aluminium frame, providing the ideal amount of tension, regardless of fluctuations in temperature or humidity.

"They can be rearranged and reupholstered to meet changing requirements, simply and quickly,"

the *Discovery News* quoted Kvadrat Soft Cells' website as saying.

Phillips' LED-lighted wallpaper could provide designers with an array of options to conjure mood-inducing atmospheres like never before.

For example, the changing of the panel's colour could be synced with an audio system that undulates to the music's rhythm.

Because they're sound absorbent the Soft Cells panels could soften echoes and muffle sharp noises.

"This is the only product that you can hang almost like a painting on the wall and completely control the content and create the mood you want," stated lead architect Olav de Boer in a promotional video for the Soft Cells.—Internet



Pilot Chen Wei, the first Chinese national to fly a private plane around the world, shows his pilot license in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 17 July, 2011. Chen Wei, the first Chinese to undertake the round-the-world flight, finished his flying in the skies of China on Sunday after leaving Harbin with his French-made Socata TBM-700 single engine turboprop. Setting off from Memphis on 22 May, Chen, a Chinese citizen living in the United States, landed at Beijing Capital International Airport on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Zoomer the snail races to victory in world championships

LONDON, 18 July—A snail called Zoomer beat 120 competitors to win the world snail racing championships in Norfolk. The race started on Saturday on a soggy cricket pitch after a 20-minute-delay, thanks to the rain.

Anton Lucas, 6, of Ashwicken, near King's Lynn, owned champ Zoomer. "It's lovely to win. I am going to set Zoomer free in the woods," *the Telegraph* quoted Lucas as saying.

In the game, the competitors bring their own snails and each of them is marked with a number just to distinguish the look-alike snails. The racing track was marked with two concentric circles with a distance of 13 inches. Snails that reached the outer circle from the inner one first was considered as the winner.

The peculiar event takes place almost every year, attracting entrants from across the country. Last year's winner was Claire Lawrence, from Litcham, Norfolk, and his snail, Optimus Slime.—*Internet*



Fairgoers visit a booth from China's Guizhou Province during the Africa's Big Seven Food and Beverage Trade Expo and the Southern African International Trade Exhibition in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 17 July, 2011. Some 640 companies from 45 countries and regions participated in the three-day exhibition.

XINHUA

Now, a smartphone app to ward off mosquitoes!

LONDON, 18 July—Japanese software maker Sea's Garden has introduced a new smartphone application, which can actually keep the mosquitoes away.

Specifically, the Mosquito Buster app causes the user's smartphone to emit a high-frequency noise that's inaudible to humans but that the pesky insects reportedly can't stand, reports *Discovery News*.

Two additional settings on the app use different frequencies to repel mice and — believe it or not — children as well.

Mosquito Buster is coming soon to Apple's App Store, Sea's Garden says.—*Internet*



A craftsman makes sugar-coated figurine at Jinli ancient street, Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 17 July, 2011. The Jinli ancient street highlights the culture of the Kingdom of Shu during the Three Kingdoms Period (220 AD - 280 AD). Local tea houses, pubs and craftworks attracts many tourists.—XINHUA

Soon, 'robo-nurses' to care of the sick and elderly

LONDON, 18 July—A research team from the Queen Mary University and the University College London is trying to develop socially conscious robots that can interact with humans by recognizing their facial expressions, and responding accordingly.

Professor Peter McOwan is running the EU-funded four-year project involving specialists from seven countries. "Our research aims to develop software, based on biology, that will allow robots to interact with humans in the most natural way, understanding things like personal space," the *Daily Express* quoted him as saying.

"These will be able to recognise human expressions and make expressive movements in response," he added. "This technology could in future improve standards of hospital care which are facing the growing pressure of increasing demand." The scientists have used psychologists to give instruction about polite social rules.

The robots are also being built with a set of instructions about body posture and personal space, which can be tailored, to individual people. The study was presented at the Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition.—*Internet*



An Apache helicopter performs during the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire, Britain, on 17 July, 2011. The annual RIAT, one of the world's largest military airshow, was held at RAF Fairford from 16 to 17 July.

XINHUA

Coming soon: Wireless nappies and 3G slippers!

LONDON, 18 July—Mobile phone companies are coming up with more and more weird ideas to lure customers- with the latest being the development of 3G slippers and wireless nappies. Rather than selling more phones, mobile firms are now looking to squeeze more revenue from the customers and networks they have already established.

Engineers are developing 'SmartSlippers' with a tracking chip in them that will notify your relatives when you fall.

"Think of what can be gathered just off your feet," the *Daily Mail* quoted David Schieffelin, chief executive of manufacturers 24eight, as telling the *Wall Street Journal*.

"Why shouldn't something as innocuous as a data device be placed into fuzzy slippers?" Schieffelin added. Researchers are also working on wireless nappies that will send parents a text message when their child needs attention.

"A parent can remotely monitor a care centre and get "diaper wet" messages when they are at work," added Schieffelin.—*Internet*

Soon, crystal ball may reveal terrorists' threats

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Scientists at Wake Forest University and Fisk University have partnered to develop crystals that can be used to detect nuclear threats, radioactive material or chemical bombs more accurately and affordably.

The research is made possible by a 900,000-dollar grant from the Office of Nuclear Nonproliferation Research and Development of the National Nuclear Security Administration, within the US Department of Energy.

The grant will support both universities' continued research in the area of radiation detection,

which ultimately could lead to improved detector devices for screening cargo containers at ports, airports and border crossings.

It would detect trace amounts of radioactive or chemical material – similar to a CT scan or PET scan detecting a tumour in the human body – and lead to better medical diagnostics.

"This grant is an acknowledgement of Fisk and Wake Forest's excellence and leadership in the field of radiation detection research," said Fisk University Professor of Physics and Vice Provost Arnold Burger.—*Internet*



Different kinds of spicery are seen at an exhibition of Ramadan food in Kuwait City, on 17 July, 2011. Over 100 exhibitor from Kuwait and oversea countries attend the exhibition lasting until 29 July.—XINHUA

Township microfinance institutions, cooperative societies formed in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Member of the Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, Adviser at the President Office Dr Sein Hla Bo, Chairman of the Central Cooperatives Syndicate and Chairman of the Cooperatives Bank Ltd U Khin Maung Aye and officials had a meeting with perennial crop entrepreneurs, those engaging in fishing, members of the township cooperatives syndicate, and those from surrounding villages

wishing to do businesses with the cooperatives societies at the prayer hall of the Hsutaungpyae Pagoda in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State, this morning.

Frank talks focused on programmes to form agricultural products and odd-job microfinance institute, organize rubber farmers into societies and to provide them with capitals and technical assistance, and form societies with small- and large-scale breeders, fishermen, sellers of markets and odd-job workers.



On his tour of the Cooperatives Bank Ltd on Strand Road in Mawlamyine, the Union minister called for respecting banking procedures and rules adopted by the Central Bank of Myanmar, and public assistance to be provided with prompt

banking system by cooperative banks.

In the afternoon, the Union minister and the Mon State chief minister met Mon State ministers, administrators of district and township General Administration Departments, rubber plant growers, perennial crop growers, fruit growers, farmers, fishermen, members of the cooperatives syndicate and cooperative societies, and those carrying out businesses with cooperative societies at the hall of Mon State in Mawlamyine. The Union minister dealt with programmes to form and run societies as part of the

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint makes speech in meeting with crop entrepreneurs, those engaged in fishing, members of the township cooperatives syndicate.—MNA



drive for rural development and poverty alleviation with cooperative methods of providing microfinance and ensuring that products gain a foothold in markets.

Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint expressed thanks to the government for its technical assistance and organizing entrepreneurs to improve the living conditions for rural folks.

Union Minister U Ohn Myint said that those who share common goal of accomplishment of the eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation will be formed into societies,

and pledged that the Ministry of Cooperatives will provide microfinance, technical assistance and ensuring market shares of products.

Dr Sein Hla Bo presented his views. The attendees formed a microfinance institute and cooperative societies of each township.

Later in the afternoon, the Union minister inspected the Cooperative Training School and the Cooperative Trade Training School, and called on staff members to work hand in hand with the government for national development.

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UNICEF Resident Representative calls on Union Health Minister



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr Ramesh Shrestha.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr Ramesh Shrestha called on Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at his office here this afternoon. The two held discussion about current healthcare programmes

jointly implemented by UNICEF and the Ministry of Health, future programmes, designation of project regions, healthcare services for mothers, child and infants, breastfeeding campaigns and promotion of healthcare educative

programmes.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, directors-general from Health Department and Medical Science Department and personnel of the ministry.—MNA

Construction, A&I and Transport Ministries seize wide victories at 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournery

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Construction Ministry routed Energy Ministry 5-0 at 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament here this evening, while Agriculture and Irrigation

Ministry whitewashed Science and Technology Ministry 9-0 and Transport Ministry tied to Industry -2 Ministry 2-nil.

No match will be played on 19 July. Labour

Ministry faces Education Ministry, Border Affairs Ministry plays against Hotels and Tourism Ministry and Mines Ministry meets Religious Affairs Ministry on 20 July.—MNA

Sarpay Beikman Manuscript (English) Award to be prescribed

YANGON, 18 July—Sarpay Beikman Manuscripts Scrutiny Board will prescribe Sarpay Beikman Manuscript (English) Award as of 2011 with the aim of making Myanmar literature, traditions and development known to the international community and helping

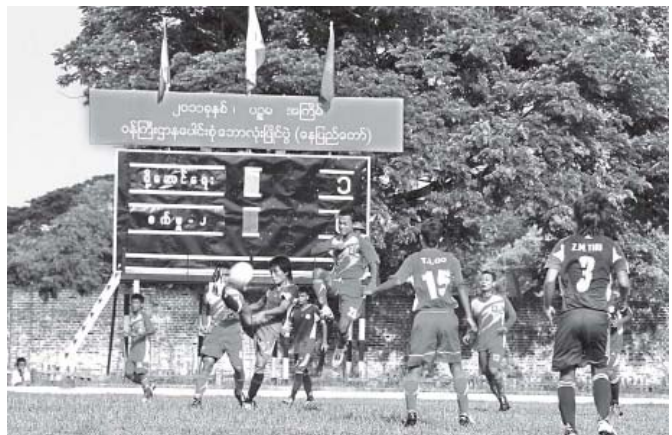
improve the English of the people.

Every manuscript (English) must reflect the historical background, culture and arts of Myanmar of informative or creative writing. One of the entries will be selected for the award.

Interested persons are to buy a form each and get rules and regulations

for the contest at Sarpay Beikman. Entries should be addressed to Sarpay Beikman Manuscripts Scrutiny Board at Sarpay Beikman Office at 529/531, Merchants Street, Yangon. For more information, contact the secretary (01-376569) and the joint secretary (01-249230).

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The match between Transport Ministry and Industry-2 Ministry.—MNA

Fight against gambling, part...

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speed up the process of mechanized farming, along with integrated farms and micro producing enterprises village-wise, providing microfinance for successful formation of private microfinance institutions, improving education, health and social affairs to improve the socioeconomic status of rural people, manageable-scale production of energy such as bio-gas and solar

energy for adequate energy supply to rural areas, prevention of deforestation and afforestation of bare lands for environmental conservation.

At the same time, all are to work together to fight gambling which is a cause of poverty, he pointed out.

Chairman of Maubin District Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Administrator of District General Administration Department U Aye Thaug reported on formation of committees at the district, township, ward and village levels in the district, programmes to expedite the eight

tasks, and formation of microfinance institutions, agricultural cooperative societies, agriculture and general merchandizing cooperative societies and micro credit societies.

Also present at the meeting were Ayeyawady Region Minister for Transport U Than Tun, members of Maubin District Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, Maubin Township, ward and village-tract committees, departmental officials, representatives from social organizations and townsenders.—MNA

Myanmar, ROK agree accomplishment of ICT Master Plan



Union Minister U Thein Tun, Union Minister U Aye Myint and ROK ambassador Mr. Kim Hae-Yong attend the signing ceremony of the agreement on accomplishment of Myanmar-ROK collaborative measures in 1st Myanmar ICT Master Plan (2005-2010).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Myanmar and Republic of Korea inked the agreement on accomplishment of Myanmar-ROK collaborative measures in 1st Myanmar ICT Master Plan (2005-2010) at the ceremony held in conjunction with ICT Master Plan handing-over ceremony at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and

Telegraphs this morning.

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae-Yong, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials attended the ceremony.

Union Minister U Thein

Tun and the ambassador made opening speeches before the latter handed over the Myanmar ICT Master Plan to the former. General Manager of Myanma Telecommunications U Eait Hti Hla and Representative from Korean Embassy Ms. Kim Tae Eun signed the agreement.

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Union Ministers donate school uniforms and stationery to schools in Dekkhinathiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye attended the ceremony to donate uniforms to the teachers, note books, stationery and school uniforms to students at No. 18 Basic Education High School in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Union Minister Dr Mya Aye donated 234 dozens of note books and stationery to students through an official. Daw Khin Thant Zin, wife of Union Minister U Myint Hlaing presented 30 sets of uniforms to the teachers, and 971 sets of school uniforms and stationery to students through headmistress Daw San Myint.

Chairman U Kyaw Win of Shwe Thanlwin Co donated one set of computer and Sky Net

satellite dish. The Union Ministers then participated in tree-planting activities in No.169 Basic Education Primary School in Shwe Eingyin Ward.

They then attended the handing over ceremony of new school building in No. 179 BEPS in Chaing Village. Donor

U Khin Maung Aye explained purposes of donation and the Chairman of Shwe Thanlwin Co donated a Sky Net satellite dish to the school. The Union ministers planted mango trees in commemoration of monsoon greening activities.

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Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye presents school uniforms, note books and stationery to students through an official.—MNA

Mohnyin Township to hit...

(from page 16)

Zeebyugon and Sinbogon villages. Local farmers own 55 power-tillers and 14 combined harvesters.

Seventy-one farmers in Ingyingon Village-tract took the leading role in

forming the Agricultural Cooperative Society with farmer U Tun Shwe as chairman and farmer U Kyaw Sein and farmer U Hla Thein as members. It is now carrying out its tasks under supervision of

representative U Tin Hla from Township Cooperatives Department and representative U Myint Than from Township Myanma Agriculture Service.

They are growing rice with advanced methods in the 500-acre field of the Agricultural Cooperative Society in cooperation with service personnel to achieve the target per acre yield of over 100 baskets.

Administrator U Kyi Maung of Village General Administration Department said that local farmers were trying to meet the target of 100 baskets an acre with a sense of healthy competition; and that therefore, he village would achieve the target.



A farmer at work in a paddy field.

He went on saying that after harvest of monsoon rice, farmers grew such crops as groundnut, soya bean, sunflower, sesame, garlic, onion, potato, tomato and watermelon with mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns; and that they were getting on well with their businesses.

Other villages in Mohnyin Township grow seasonable vegetables on a commercial scale. With good harvests of crops, local farmers are now enjoying better living conditions.

The Department of Agricultural Research under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Ingyingon Village-tract

is producing high-yield hybrid rice strains: standard-1, standard-2 and standard-3 of Hsin Ekri-3. Surely, Mohnyin Region will hit record rice output due to assistance rendered by related departments, and combined work of local farmers.

I am confident the region will gain greater rice surplus and local people will enjoy better socioeconomic status if they follow the 14 scientific methods adopted by the Agricultural Cooperative Society.

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Some rice saplings of Hsin Ekri strain.

Bootleg alcohol kills 21 in Ecuador

QUITO, 18 July—Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said on Sunday that 21 people have died from bootleg liquor in a town in southwestern Los Rios Province.

Local hospitals have treated 103 patients poisoned by adulterated alcohol and eight were reported dead in the town of Urdaneta, Public Health Minister David Chiriboga said earlier.

Police have arrested the owner of the beverage and seized 28 containers of alcohol contaminated by methanol, a toxic substance used to illegally produce cheap liquor.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 17 July, 2011, shows a glazed colorful pottery horse of the Tang Dynasty (618-907) exhibited in Guangxi Museum in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. An exhibition of the finest antiques of Tang Dynasty collected by Shaanxi History Museum was recently held in Guangxi Museum. The exhibition, open to the public for free, displayed 100 Tang Dynasty antiques, including gold and silver ware, potteries, porcelains and bronze ware.—XINHUA

Wedding guest allegedly stabs six

ESLOV, 18 July — Swedish police say a 52-year-old man went berserk at a wedding party at a castle outside Eslov in southern Sweden, allegedly stabbing six guests.

Police said for reasons unknown, a fight broke out between the suspect and several guests Saturday, resulting in the man stabbing one person in the stomach, the Swedish news agency TT reported.

Six people were taken to nearby Skane University Hospital with knife wounds, none believed to be life threatening. The suspect was arrested and charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault.

The suspect was hospitalized for head injuries he received in the melee and he will be questioned as soon as possible, police said.—Internet

Concert stage collapses in Canada

OTTAWA, 18 July—Cheap Trick band members fled to safety moments before storm winds collapsed the main stage at Canada's Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest Sunday evening, officials said.

Bluesfest official Joe Reilly said no one was seriously hurt, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported, though the Ottawa Citizen said there were reports of injuries, including one person who suffered a broken leg.

The stage fell about 7:20 pm, 20 minutes into Cheap Trick's performance. Ambulances and other emergency vehicles converged on the concert venue and crews searched the area under the stage twice, the newspaper said.

The episode caused alarm among the thousands of festival-goers, many of whom sought shelter in the Canadian War Museum.

Bluesfest videographer Alex Gebethner, 24, who was atop a 50-foot tower with a group that included Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, said a mayoral aide grabbed another videographer who was about to be swept away by a gust of wind. "I haven't been this close to death in a while," Gebethner said.

Internet

Australian hospital gives two mothers wrong babies

SYDNEY, 18 July—Staff at an Australian hospital accidentally mixed up two newborns and gave them to the wrong mothers, who breast-fed the infants before the mistake was caught, the hospital said Monday.

A family member of one of the mothers noticed something was wrong and alerted staff after the mothers had been with the wrong infants for more than

eight hours Friday, said Stephen Roberts, CEO of St John of God Hospital, which is in the city of Geelong in southeastern Victoria state. "It should be obviously a great time in any young family's life, and for us to have contributed to this situation, it disturbs us that it's happened," Roberts told Australian radio station 3AW. "But we are trying to do everything we can to support them."

In a statement, the hospital said the babies spent Thursday night in the nursery and were given to the wrong mothers early Friday morning. The infants' identification bracelets were not checked against the ID bracelets on the mothers. "Protocols are in place to ensure mothers are given their own baby, but it seems that in this instance human error was involved," the statement said.—Internet



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.—XINHUA

Brit teen defeats logic by cycling across 75ft deep lake

LONDON, 18 July—A British schoolboy crossed the 75ft-deep lake Buttermere in Cumbria on his bike to raise money for victims of the 2009 floods in the area.

But 16-year-old Matt Whitehurst refuses to reveal how he carried out the miraculous stunt.

Matt, from Papcastle, Cumbria, is adamant that the feat was not faked, though he won't let on the secret of his achievement.

"I can't and won't say how I did it, but

plenty of people saw me and they'll confirm it wasn't a camera trick," the Daily Mail quoted him as saying.

"The photos are real," he added.

The apparent miracle was carried out to publicise a forthcoming charity cycle ride through towns affected by the devastating Cumbria floods, which ripped through the district two years ago.

Internet



A contestant plays the Erhu, a two-stringed bowed traditional Chinese music instrument, during the Chinese language proficiency competition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 17 July, 2011. The Malaysian round of the Fourth "Chinese Bridge" — Chinese Proficiency Competition for High School Students took place here on Sunday with the participation of 16 contestants.—XINHUA

Bret is season's second tropical storm

MIAMI, 18 July—Tropical Storm Bret became the second named storm of the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season Sunday night, forecasters said.

At 11 pm, Bret was pushing winds near 40 mph up to 35 miles from its center with some higher gusts. That was down slightly from 3 hours earlier when it was first moved from tropical depression to tropical storm, forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said. Brett was about 95 miles northwest of Great Abaco Island, heading to the southeast at 2 mph. Little movement was expected overnight, followed by a slow north-northeastward shift Monday.

The storm, which is expected to

strengthen in the next day or so, had triggered a tropical storm watch for Grand Bahama Island and the Abaco Islands in the northwest Bahamas.

Bret could produce 2-4 inches of rain and locally high surf conditions in the northwest Bahamas, the forecasters said.—Xinhua



Ahmat Mollaq practises Samawar Dance at home in Kuqa County of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 17 July, 2011.—XINHUA

Fire breaks out in Jerusalem's forests



Israeli firefighters extinguish a forest fire in Jerusalem, on 17 July, 2011. A fire broke out and spread Sunday through Jerusalem's forests, next to Mount Herzl and the Holocaust Museum, while strong winds hinder firefighters' attempts to extinguish the blazes.—XINHUA

JERUSALEM, 18 July—A fire broke out and spread Sunday through Jerusalem's forests, next to Mount Herzl and the Holocaust Museum, while strong winds hindered firefighters' attempts to extinguish the blazes. Israeli Police blocked all the main roads in the area. Firefighting planes and several firefighter teams are on the scene.

"It's getting very hard to put an end to the fire," Israeli Fire and Rescue Service spokesman Yoram Levy told *Xinhua*. "It's spreading out of control, I really can't say when we will put it out."

The Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem, had to be evacuated when the fire broke out Sunday afternoon, as well as the neighbourhood of Har Homa located in the vicinity.

The authorities feared that the fire may reach the Pi Giliot Petroleum terminal. Last Thursday another fire broke out in the nature reserve of Ein Tina in the Galilee and burned hundreds of acres of land.

Xinhua



Residents make their way forward in a water-logged street in Deqing County of Huzhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 17 July, 2011. The downtown area of Deqing County was hit by a sudden downpour on Sunday night.

XINHUA

China issues alert as Typhoon Ma-on approaches East China Sea

BEIJING, 18 July—China has issued a yellow alert for sea waves to warn ships and fishing boats around the waters of the East China Sea to take precautionary measures as Typhoon Ma-on is expected to affect the region from Sunday

night. The yellow alert is the second lowest level alert in the four-level sea wave alert system.

From Sunday night to Monday morning, waters around the area of 26.3 degrees north latitude and 133.6 degrees east longitude are predicted to

see waves of 9 to 12 metres, said a statement from China's National Marine Environmental Forecasting Centre Sunday. The areas in the east of the East China Sea will see waves of 4 to 6 meters, the statement said.

Xinhua

Tunnel cave-in traps 12 in northeast China city

DALIAN, 18 July—Twelve people are trapped after a tunnel under construction collapsed Monday morning in Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China's Liaoning Province, according to rescuers. No casualties have been reported.

Rescuers have established contact with the trapped, and rescue work is under way. The accident occurred at Shengli Road of Dalian City.—*Xinhua*

Severe droughts sweep Horn of Africa



A Somali woman holds her baby inside a tent serving as a medical clinic established by the African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom) peacekeeping operation in Mogadishu in this on 16 July, 2011 handout photo by the African Union-United Nations Information Support Team.—XINHUA

Bus plunges into ditch

DHAKA, 18 July—About 30 people were reported missing Sunday after a bus plunged into a ditch near the Bangladesh capital, the *Daily Star* reported. The bus was carrying about 30 people when it fell into a water-filled ditch at Dakshin Khan, 16 km from Dhaka. The bus was going to the airport from Kanchnpur. Firefighters extricated the bus but did not find anyone—alive or dead. A rescue operation was launched to trace the passengers.—*Internet*

Thunderstorms forecast to continue in north China

BEIJING, 18 July—The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) forecast Sunday that thunderstorms and showers will be frequent in China's northern regions over the next three days as it warns residents of lightning risks and travel safety.

Zong Zhiping, chief weather forecaster with the NMC, said the western and central parts in north China have frequently experienced showers while in some areas, quite heavy rainfalls and thunderstorms since the middle of the month.

Thunderstorms and downpours inundated the Chinese capital Beijing Saturday night, leaving nearly 100 flights delayed or canceled at the Beijing Capital International Airport.

According to the airport company, a total of 70 outbound flights were canceled or delayed as a result of the thunderstorms Sunday.

It further issued an alert on its official website that due to the storms, some more flights, both outbound and inbound, could be delayed or canceled.—*Xinhua*

Russia suspends ships of sunken Bulgaria class

MOSCOW, 18 July—Russia has imposed a temporary ban on operation of all motor ships similar to the sunken Bulgaria until the causes of the tragedy on the Volga are identified, said Transport Minister Igor Levitin Sunday.

He said the decision on further operation of these ships would be taken depending on investigation findings. According to the ministry, the wreckage of Bulgaria ship, which is lying at a depth of about 20 metres in the river, could be lifted on Sunday as two crane boats have arrived at the site on Saturday morning. The sunken ship would be towed to the dock for examination, said the ministry.

The 65-year-old Bulgaria cruise boat, with 208 people onboard, sank in Volga on 10 July. So far, 114 dead bodies have been found and 15 people remain missing.—*Xinhua*



A rescuer sits atop a car partially buried under the debris while Indian army soldiers clear the debris and search for survivors on the site of a collapsed residential building under construction in Ghaziabad, India, on 17 July, 2011.

XINHUA

**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-Paukaung)
- (13) RSF 10 (Kamma-Nattaung)
- (14) MOGE 4 (Myintha)
- (15) PSC S (Lashio-Hsenwi)
- (16) PSC T (Lashio East)
- (17) PSC U (Kalaw)
- (18) PSC V (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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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (131)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (131) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING
CO LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SUNNY GLORIA VOY NO (-)

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: CITIC SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD
CHINA**

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PHUONG NAM 68 VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHUONG NAM 68 VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-3 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: RK SHIPPING & TRADING
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Phone No: 256924/256914

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ARRIVAL AND CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

Consignees of cargoes carried by M.V. MCP HAMBURG and M.V. GW BEYCHEVELLE are hereby notified that the estimated arrival time of the vessels from Port Kelang are as follows:-

M.V. MCP HAMBURG Voy -817 PKG 15-07-2011 YGN 19-07-2011

M.V. GW BEYCHEVELLE Voy -07 PKG 21-07-2011 YGN 25-07-2011

Cargoes will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the by-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargoes will be surveyed daily from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM and Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No Claims against these vessels will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DELIGHT VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.7.2011 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.

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Claudia (C) from Peru, Erika (R) from Lithuania and Acelya (L) from Turkey win the top three in the Miss Exclusive of the World International Beauty Contest in Cesme, Turkey, on 16 July, 2011. Contestants representing 40 countries and regions competed in the Miss Exclusive of the World International Beauty Contest in cesme on Saturday night.—XINHUA

Customs finds snakes in man's luggage

An Iranian man was caught by customs in Thailand trying to smuggle snakes out of the country tucked in socks in his luggage, authorities say.

Customs officers at an airport in Thailand received a tip Saturday, alerting them that Ghahremani Arash, 23, probably had illegal products in his luggage, the *Bangkok Post* reported. When the officers searched his bag, they found live snakes stuffed in 26 different socks.

Arash was detained at 1:30 am, shortly before he was to board a flight to Iran. Arash admitted buying the snakes at a market, saying they were for his personal collection, however, could not provide documents stating he could take them out of the country.

Upon further investigation, customs officers found that Arash is suspected of being part of an animal smuggling circuit. He was then handed over to airport police for further interrogation.

The snakes will be sent to the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation for further inspection.



42-year-old beekeeper Wang Dalin was covered by bees during a contest against 20-year-old Lu Kongjiang, also a beekeeper, in Longhui County of Shaoyang City, central China's Hunan Province, on 17 July, 2011. Wang Dalin finally won in the hour-long contest with 26 kilogrammes of bees covering his body. XINHUA

Man sets house ablaze while cremating dog

A Dale City, Va, man accidentally set his house on fire while trying to dispose of the remains of his dead pet dog, officials say.

The owner of the large Rottweiler started the fire Wednesday morning by putting pieces of wood next to its body and boosting the flames with gasoline, the *News & Messenger in Manassas, Va*, reported. Firefighters were called to the two-story, single-family home at 9:10 am, where they found smoke coming out the front of the house and flames from the outside to the attic in the back. Prince William fire and rescue Battalion Chief Joe Robertson explained that the gasoline had pooled near the house, extending the flames to the home.

Eagle receives mouth-to-beak resuscitation

A Bend, Ore, veterinarian says he resuscitated a badly injured bald eagle by performing mouth-to-beak CPR on the raptor.

The eagle, recently named "Patriot," was found by two women in June after he was hit by a car, KTVZ-TV reported. He was well on his way to recovery; his fractured wing and dislocated elbow and wrist are all healing, Dr Jeff Cooney of Bend Veterinary Clinic said.

However, last Wednesday during an exam and physical therapy, while under anesthesia, Patriot stopped breathing. Cooney stepped in and

performed CPR until the bird started breathing again. It is unclear as to whether or not Patriot will be able to be put back into the wild.

"The dislocated shoulder and his paralyzed right leg are his major problems right now," Cooney said Friday, adding that he may be forced to euthanize the bird, rather than letting Patriot continue living in pain.

For now, the eagle is doing fine, and the next three weeks will tell his fate.

"If he could live, any facility (for raptors) would like to have him," Cooney said. "He was just hurt so bad."

News Album

Shane Warne naturally handsome



Elizabeth Hurley

LONDON, 18 July — Actress Elizabeth Hurley says her cricketer boyfriend Shane Warne doesn't use grooming and make-up products to improve his features as he is naturally handsome.

"SW does not wear eye makeup or have an 'eye liner tattoo' - his eyes were born that way! Neither does he wear lip gloss fyi hacks in gossip press; he'd prob just given me a kiss & got a bit of mine," Hurley posted on Twitter. The 46-year-old also insists that Warne, 41, has lost oodles of weight, which makes him look this way, contactmusic.com reports. "And re 'looking different', you try losing 25lbs and see if you do," she posted.

Hurley has filed for divorce from estranged Indian businessman husband Arun Nayar.

Internet



A model performs with Myanmar's traditional dress during the Wedding Dress Show in Yangon, Myanmar, on 17 July, 2011. —XINHUA

'Harry' sets opening box office record

LOS ANGELES, 18 July— "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" took in \$168.55 million during the weekend, the largest opening weekend box office in US history.

The movie with Daniel Radcliffe and the gang surged past No. 2 "The Dark Knight," with more than \$158.41 million, and No. 3 "Spider-Man 3," with more than \$151.11 million, *Box Office Mojo* reported.

Getting back to weekend figures, "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," in its third weekend with Shia LaBeouf, was a distant No. 2 with \$21.25 million.

All studio estimates of gross receipts for the US box office are via Box Office Mojo.

"Horrible Bosses" was third with \$17.63 million; "Zookeeper" fourth with \$12.3 million; "Cars 2" fifth with more than \$8.34 million; "Winnie the Pooh" sixth with \$8 million; "Bad Teacher" seventh with \$5.2 million; "Larry Crowne" eighth with more than \$2.57 million; and "Super 8" ninth with more than \$1.92 million.

"Midnight in Paris" was 10th with more than \$1.89 million.

Internet

Guitar innovator Travis Bean dead at 63

BURBANK, 18 July— Innovative guitar maker Travis Bean, 63, died last week in California after a long battle with cancer, his family said.

Bean died in Burbank, the city north of Los Angeles where in the 1970s he developed a cutting-edge electric guitar with a solid

aluminum neck that is coveted by collectors.

"He came along when there was not much of anything in terms of fresh ideas when it came to making guitars," music writer and guitar expert Jim Washburn told the *Los Angeles Times*. "Then he revolutionized things a

bit." Aluminum was used to improve the stability of the instruments and reduce vibration, the *Times* said.

Coupled with exotic hardwood bodies, Travis Bean guitars sold for premium prices during the company's short run in the 1970s.—Internet

Singer Jay Chou performs during his solo vocal concert held in Nantong, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 16 July, 2011. XINHUA

Sarah Jessica Parker no longer with design house Halston

WASHINGTON, 18 July— Sarah Jessica Parker and fashion brand Halston have ended their terms, according to reports.

The fashionable 'Sex and the City' star was not only the face of the brand but also was named 'Chief Creative Officer' in January 2010, reports Contactmusic. She later on went on to becoming the president of the label's contemporary line, alongside the company's equity stakeholder Harvey Weinstein and designer Marios Schwab. But reports suggested that Parker has parted ways with Halston earlier this month. According to wwd.com, even Weinstein and Schwab were no longer on the staff roster either.—Internet



A model presents a creation from the Yiorgos Eleftheriade collection at the Barcelona 080 fashion show at the University of Barcelona on 15 July, 2011. XINHUA

Japan wins 1st World Cup title in penalty shootout



Japan players celebrate with the trophy following the final match between Japan and the United States at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Frankfurt, Germany.— INTERNET

FRANKFURT, 18 July—Amid the sorrow that lingers throughout Japan, perhaps a little joy — courtesy of the determined women on its World Cup team. They beat the Americans for the title in a riveting final Sunday night, 3-1 on penalty kicks, after coming from behind twice in a 2-2 tie. The star of the shootout was feisty goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori, who made two brilliant saves in the shootout.

All tournament long the teammates poignantly reminded the world they were playing for their

battered country, still reeling from the devastation of the 11 March earthquake and tsunami.

Did they ever. They held the gleaming trophy high above their smiling faces as confetti swirled around the podium, flecking their hair with gold. "Before we went to the match tonight we had some commentary on television and we heard comments on the situation in Japan," coach Norio Sasaki said. "We wanted to use this opportunity to thank the people back home for the support that has been given." This was Japan's first appearance in the final of a major tournament, and they had not beaten the Americans in their first 25

US players react following the final match between Japan and the United States. INTERNET



meetings, including a pair of 2-0 losses in warm-up games a month before the World Cup.

But the Nadeshiko pushed ahead, playing inspired soccer and hoping their success could provide even a small emotional lift to their nation, where nearly

23,000 people died or were reported missing. After each game, the team unfurled a banner saying, "To our Friends Around the World — Thank You for Your Support." On Sunday, they did it before the match and afterward they had a new sign to display: Champion — the first Asian country to win this title. The Americans found it all too hard to grasp. They believed they were meant to be World Cup champions after their rocky year — needing a playoff to qualify, a loss in group play to Sweden, the epic comeback against Brazil.

They simply couldn't pull off one last thriller. "The players were patient. They wanted to win this game," Sasaki said. "I think it's because of that the Americans scored only two goals." While the Japanese celebrated at midfield, the Americans stood as a group and watched. "There are really no words," Abby Wambach said. "We were so close." — *Internet*

Japan players celebrate winning the final match between Japan and the United States. INTERNET



SPORTS

Challenge for Liverpool to break into top four: Kuyt

LONDON, 18 July—Liverpool face a stiff challenge to break back into the top four of the English Premier League, Dirk Kuyt admitted on Sunday, while singling out big-money signing Stewart Downing for praise. Speaking in Singapore as part of an Asian tour by the Reds, the Dutchman, who could see his chances limited in a new-look midfield, said: "I think we had a disappointing season last season... sixth isn't good enough for us.



England's Premier League team Liverpool player Dirk Kuyt

winger-cum-striker said he was "very positive" that Liverpool would be able to secure a place back in the Champions League after manager Kenny Dalglish splashed out on several new signings.

Internet

"It will be a challenge to reach the Champions League spot because these days we don't have the top four any more, we have the likes of Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspurs as well." However, the



Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke

Clarke wins British Open for 1st major title

SANDWICH, 18 July—Darren Clarke gave little Northern Ireland another big championship Sunday at the British Open.

The 42-year-old came into the week as an afterthought, but three straight scores in the 60s and a par 70 in the final round lifted him to a comfortable three-stroke victory over Americans Dustin Johnson and Phil Mickelson. Mickelson made an impressive charge on the front side, actually moving into a

Arsenal trophy drought made me leave—Clichy

MANCHESTER, 18 July—Manchester City defender Gael Clichy admits his decision to leave Arsenal was motivated by the Gunners' failure to turn their potential into prizes. Clichy had grown increasingly tired of Arsenal's lack of a winning formula when silverware was on the line and last season's woeful meltdown in the second half of the season was the final straw for the French left-back.

Arsene Wenger's side had been in the hunt for four trophies but finished with none, extending Arsenal's barren run without a trophy to six years.

Clichy decided enough was enough and joined City for £7 million (\$11.3m) earlier this month because he is convinced Roberto Mancini's FA Cup winners have a squad capable of securing all the major honours.

Internet

Soderling wins Bastad tennis tournament



Sweden's Robin Soderling

STOCKHOLM, 18 July—Sweden's Robin Soderling easily won the ATP Swedish Open on Sunday by beating Spain's David Ferrer 6-2, 6-2. After rain delayed the start of the match by two hours, Soderling needed just 67 minutes to dispatch his opponent as he carried

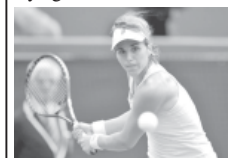
Martinez Sanchez takes Bad Gastein tennis title

BAD GASTEIN, 18 July—Spanish left-hander Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez won her fourth career title on Sunday, but first in 14 months, when she defeated Austria's Patricia Mayr 6-0, 7-5 in the Bad Gastein final. The 28-year-old added the Austrian title

to her wins on clay at Bogota and Bastad in 2009 and Rome in 2010.

"At the start I was playing almost 100 per cent perfectly. It's normal to have a bit of difficulty after such a good start, but I stayed calm all the time until the end, and that's why I won," said Martinez Sanchez.

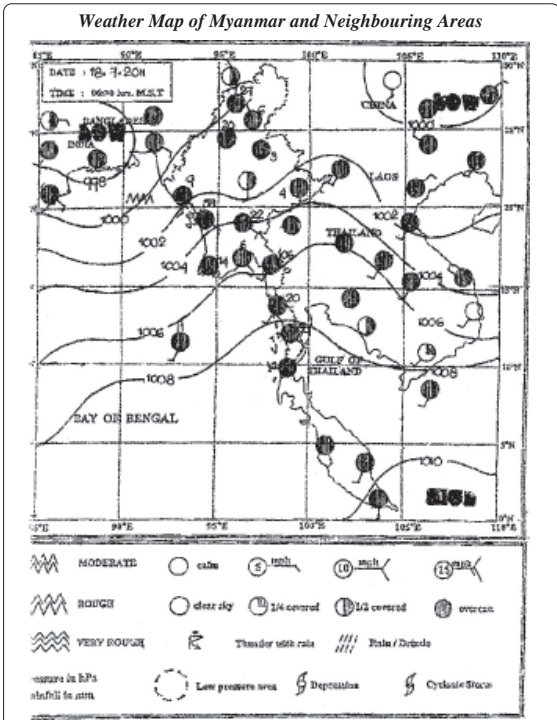
"It's a really good step for me to play a lot of matches in the same week and build my confidence. I didn't have too many days to get used to the altitude here, but day by day I was learning. Next is Toronto. I won't be able to do a lot of drop shots on hardcourts, but I'll be serving and volleying." — *Internet*



Spanish left-hander Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez

USA wins give Akers new appreciation for '99 team

FRANKFURT, 18 July—Michelle Akers finally gets why fans were so drawn to the 1999 team that won the Women's World Cup. Akers has been following the US women at the World Cup from her horse-rescue farm outside of Atlanta, and finds herself getting caught up in the drama and excitement of every game. "That game against Brazil when they came back in the last two minutes, Abby (Wambach) got the dramatic goal — I've been trying to figure out why the '99 tournament was so moving or inspirational and I couldn't quite figure it out. I think now I understand," Akers said. — *Internet*



Weather forecast for 19th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain (RH)	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	21/70	Scattered rain	80%
3	Kayin	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain	80%
4	Chin	23/73	14/57	Scattered rain	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain (RH)	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	25/77	Isolated rain	80%
7	Tanintharyi	27/81	23/73	Fairly widespread	80%
8	Bago	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain	80%
9	Magway	31/95	25/79	Scattered rain	80%
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain	80%
11	Mon	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain (RH)	80%
12	Yangon	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain	80%
13	Rakhine	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain (RH)	80%
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Fairly widespread	80%
15	Northern Shan	31/88	21/70	Fairly widespread	80%
16	Eastern Shan	25/77	22/72	Fairly widespread	80%
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	25/77	One or two rain	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	24/75	One or two rain	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain	60%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rains have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Tanintharyi Region, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (4.22) inches, Kyaikpyu (3.93) inches, Machanbaw (3.74) inches, Paung (2.95) inches, Myitkinya (2.92) inches, Kyaikmaraw (2.67) inches, Thaton (2.56) inches and Myicik (2.32) inches.

Bay Inference
Monsoon is Moderate in the North Bay and strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days
Strong monsoon.

Double eruption at Indonesia volcano

JAKARTA, 18 July—An Indonesian volcano erupted twice on Monday following its biggest eruption in weeks over the weekend, a government volcanologist said, forcing people to remain in safety shelters.



The glow of lava from Mount Lokon's eruption is seen against the night sky as seen from Tomohon, North Sulawesi, Indonesia, early Thursday night, on 14 July, 2011.

“The two eruptions happened within ten minutes which sent a column of ash and smoke up to 600 metres (1,968 feet) into the air,” government volcanologist Freddy Korompis told AFP from a monitoring post.

The 1,580-metre Mount Lokon experienced its biggest eruption on Sunday with huge clouds of ash propelled 3,500 metres (11,500 feet) into

Flood claims three lives in NW Iran

TEHRAN, 18 July—The spokesman for Iran’s Red Crescent Society’s Relief and Rescue Organization said that flood claimed the lives of three people in Northwestern Iran, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Monday.

Three people lost their lives in flash floods that swamped parts of West Azerbaijan province, Hossein Derakhshan said on Sunday.

The flood caused by heavy rains in the past days damaged 50 villages in Maku and Chaldoran regions in the province, said the report.

100 rescue workers alongside ambulances and a helicopter were sent to the flood-hit regions and saved the lives of 12 people, Derakhshan was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

the sky.

More than 5,200 people have been evacuated to temporary shelters since the volcano erupted on Thursday and its alert status was placed on the highest level.

It last erupted in 1991, killing a Swiss tourist.

The Indonesian archipelago has dozens of active volcanoes and straddles major tectonic fault lines known as the “Ring of Fire” between the Pacific and Indian oceans.

The country’s most active volcano, Mount Merapi in central Java, killed more than 350 people in a series of violent eruptions last year.—Internet



Tuesday, 19 July View on today

7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta	7:30 am 3. Morning News	4:20 pm 3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition	5:25 pm 8. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
7:25 am 2. To be Healthy Exercise	7:40 am 4. Dhamma Puja Song	4:30 pm 4. Teleplay (Policy)	5:40 pm 9. Sweet Melody
	7:50 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song	4:45 pm 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Physics)	6:00 pm 10. Evening News
	8:00 am 6. Health Programme	5:00 pm 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit	6:15 pm 11. Weather Report
	8:05 am 7. Songs Of Yester Years	5:10 pm 7. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional-Orchestra (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)	6:20 pm 12. Kyae Pwint Myayae Y in Khone Than
	8:15 am 8. Songs Of National Races		6:35 pm 13. Sing A Song
	8:25 am 9. Teleplay (Traffic)		7:00 pm 14. TV Drama Series
	8:40 am 10. International News		8:00 pm 15. News
	8:45 am 11. Musical Programme		8:00 pm 16. International News
	4:00 pm 1. Martial Song		7:00 pm 17. Weather Report
	4:10 pm 2. Musical Programme		8:00 pm 18. Just For Laughs
			8:00 pm 19. TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-7-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(19-7-11 09:30 am ~ 20-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Monywa, an auspicious ground of outstanding monks

- * News
- * Myanmar Favourite Snacks
- * MI People’s Celebrities “May Than Nu and her family”
- * News
- * Songs for you
- * News
- * Welcoming Dinner for Vision Sports Women Team

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- * HIV - AIDS Awareness
- * Welcoming Dinner for Vision Sports Women Team
- * News
- * Zar Ni Aung & Her Goal of Arts
- * News
- * Shwe Inn Tha, Eco-friendly Resort
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Journey to the Golden Rock (Kyaik Htee Yoe Pagoda)
- * News
- * Super Myanmar Traditional Stick Form
- * Myanmar Movies “Good-Hearted Bad Guy”

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

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

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- 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

Mohnyin Township to hit record rice per acre yield of over 100 baskets

By Reporter Myo Aung (Mohnyin)

Cultivation of rice has become popular in Mohnyin Township for years. It was heartening to learn that agriculturists and staff were making field trips to provide assistance for farmers for boosting production of monsoon rice in the 2011-2012 season.

Upon arrival at in Mohnyin Township, I was conducted round rice paddies by Manager of Mohnyin District Myanmar Agriculture Service U Aye Myint Maung and staff of Township Myanmar Agriculture Service. They said that they were in talk with farmers to encourage them to choose scientific methods in growing rice, as well as staging demonstrations of rice-growing



Local farmers in Mohnyin Township have turned to scientific methods in growing rice.

methods. A plan has been set up to put 500 acres of land under rice in Ingyingon Village-tract in 2011-2012 season with the aim of improving the socioeconomic status for rural people in Mohnyin Township. In that regard, an agricultural coeprative society was formed. Ingyingon Village-tract is constituted with Ingyingon, Mayingon, (See page 9)

Actions taken against violators of traffic rules in Nay Pyi Taw Area

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July —Vice-Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee Member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Than Shein and subcommittee members supervised the functions of inspection teams comprising the chairmen of Township Traffic Rule Enforcement Supervisory Committee in the eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Area, township administrators, Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Corps, regional police force and members of All-Bus Line Control Committee who were taking necessary actions against vehicles who violated traffic rules for ensuring road safety at designated places from 7 am to 6 pm yesterday and gave necessary instructions.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (18-7-2011)

Mawlamyine	4.22 inches
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