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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, 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

President U Thein Sein felicitates King Mohammed VI of Kingdom of Morocco

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco, which falls on 30 July 2011.

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein inspects flood-stricken townships in Rakhine State, meets departmental officials, social organizations and townselders



President U Thein Sein meets departmental personnel and members of social organizations and townselders at Taungup Town Hall.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July — Accompanied by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, the Union ministers, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, the Deputy Minister for Information, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force, Chief of Staff (Air) and departmental heads, President U Thein Sein left Thandwe by helicopter and arrived in Taungup at 8 am yesterday.

The President and party inspected flood-hit roads and houses in Taungup on a motorcade.

After hearing the report presented by Taungup Township Administrator U Thein Zaw on facts about the township, situation of some wards and villages which were in flood triggered by torrential rains on 19 and 20 July, inflow of water into low lying areas of Taungup due to floods, collaborative efforts of farmers

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President U Thein Sein greets the attendees.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Apply modern technologies in building modern developed nation

In building a modern developed nation, the State is encouraging development of human resources, information technology and research work.

Myanmar is rich in underground and aboveground natural resources. In order to tap such resources, the important thing is to have enough human resources such as skilled technocrats, researchers and engineers.

As communication technology is improving in parallel with information technology, Myanmar also needs to develop its information and communication technologies and electronic engineering subjects so as to catch up with the global community.

In this age of IT, we have to strive for our own nation acquiring international experiences. Today's world nations are trying to stand with their own strengths by developing modern science and technology. So, Myanmar also needs to do its best for the advancement of science and technology.

In nurturing human resources, the State is turning out engineering diploma and doctorate holders, computer experts and those skilled in applied science by opening technological universities and universities of computer studies. Familiar with the advancing technologies, today's youth will be able to reach international level in the technological field.

All in all, technologists, computer technicians, engineers and bio technologists are to work for the emergence of a modern developed nation by making use of the results of their research work.

7th Anniversary MRTV-4 Exhibition till 1 Aug

YANGON, 29 July—The MRTV-4 Exhibition for its seventh birthday will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here from 9 am to 5 pm daily till 1 August.

The visitors stormed into the exhibition.

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Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint speaks at the opening of 6th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development.—MNA

- * 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

Amendment No. 2/2011 to Election Objection heard

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye and all members heard Amendment No. 2/2011 to Election Objection at the office of Union Election Commission here this morning.—MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs receives German Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—His Excellency U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received His Excellency Mr Julius George Luy, Ambassador of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, after completion of his assignment and discussed bilateral relations and cooperation at the Union Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 1.30 pm today.



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Julius George Luy.
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Union Minister for Foreign Affairs accepts exequatur of Honorary Consul of Republic of Belarus

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Dr Aung Moe Myint, the newly-accredited Consul of the Republic of Belarus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his exequatur to HE U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Union Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here at 3 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department and Director-General U Hou Do Swan of the Political Department.

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Also present at the call were Director-General U Hou Do Swan of the Political Department and officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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6th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development held

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—The 6th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development jointly organized by Ministry of Health and ASEAN Secretariat was held at the Thingaha Hotel here on 25 July.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint said in his opening address

that Myanmar takes pride to hold the meeting, adding that he believed decisions and results of the meeting would pave the way to better development among ASEAN members.

The meeting was attended by directors-general, deputy directors-general and directors of Health Department under the Health Ministry, and high-ranking officials of ASEAN states.

At the meeting chaired by Director-General Dato Dr Hasan

Abdu Rahman of the Health Ministry of Malaysia, measures on confirmation of meeting minutes, submission of work programmes and adoption of strategies of member countries for health development tasks were taken.

The 6th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development was held till 27 July. The 1st ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development and 1st ASEAN China Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development were held yesterday.

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Russian envoy visits Turkey to discuss NATO missile defence system

ANKARA, 29 July—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's special envoy visited Turkey on Thursday to discuss Russia's concerns on the US led anti-missile network in Europe.

"Having missile defence elements in someone's territory makes a country a target. That's why you have to think very well before you make the decision," Dmitry Rogozin, Russian envoy to NATO, told reporters on Thurs-

day prior to his meetings with Turkish leaders.

The Russian diplomat arrived in Turkey following his visit to the US to get briefing on the planned antimissile project. "We still had the same number of questions" on the missile defence project after the visit to military base Colorado Springs where the US century missile defence centre is located, he said.

He said that was the reason why he would like

to hear opinions of the Turkish leadership. "Turkey will have a direct influence on the decision to deploy US radar here, which then will become a part of the overall US system. Since Turkey has access to Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea, it will have a direct influence on the decision to deploy the US missile defence ships, cruises in these seas," he said.—Xinhua



An Iraqi man inspects a destroyed liquor store after a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 July, 2011.—INTERENT

Nurse struggles to save starving Somali children

DADAAB (Kenya), 29 July—Nurse Serat Amin works in the world's largest refugee camp treating the stream of starving children coming into Kenya from famine-struck Somalia, and although he has painful memories of the children who have died, watching the weak get stronger gives him the courage to carry on.

"You can see if a child is getting better just from the face of the parent," he said. "Making a difference is what keeps me here." Amin works at a stabilization ward at the International Rescue Committee hospital in the Dadaab refugee camp, where dozens of tiny children with stick-thin limbs and oversize heads loll on plastic mattresses. Mothers use their fringed shawls to flap the humid aid around their babies' faces while patient nurses poke intravenous needles into tiny hands. Amin, walking about the ward in his yellow T-shirt, knows them all.

"Most come in here very sick. Mihag was unconscious when he came," said Amin, speaking of a tiny 7-month-old the same size as an infant. "But today he is picking up a bit."

Internet



Nurse Serat Amin speaks with a woman at the International Rescue Committee, IRC, clinic in the town of Dadaab, Kenya, on 29 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Woman arrested over threats at Philadelphia airport

PHILADELPHIA, 29 July—A California woman was in jail on Thursday after being charged with making threats at the Philadelphia International Airport after a flight from England, including references to the 11 September, 2001 attacks. Prosecutors in suburban Delaware County, where part of the airport is located, said Hannah Marie Shiner of Rosemont, California, was being held on \$250,000 bail after an incident in the airport's "A" terminal after her flight landed here.

According to a probable cause affidavit released by prosecutors, Shiner's flight landed shortly after 3 pm on Wednesday, and she became "loud, profane and threatening to passengers and crew members." The affidavit said Shiner, 59, was chanting "blow up the government" and that she made several references to the 11 September attacks and said she supported late al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in attacking the Pentagon.—Reuters

BBC reporter among 19 killed in Afghan suicide strikes



An Afghan policeman stands guard during the funeral of Uruzgan lawmaker Mohammed Ashim Watanwal near Kabul's Darulaman Palace on 18 July.—INTERNET

KABUL, 29 July—Triple suicide blasts and shootings killed 19 people including a local BBC reporter in an ongoing attack on Uruzgan Province Thursday that was the deadliest to hit Afghanistan in more than a month. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the coordinated assault that began with suicide bombings on official buildings in the local capital Trinkot and the base of a militia commander who provides security to NATO convoys heading towards the country's besieged south.

The latest unrest comes at a critical juncture in the nearly 10-year war on Taliban-led militants, as thousands of US surge troops prepare to go home and other Western nations announce limited withdrawals of soldiers. All foreign combat forces are due to leave Afghanistan by the end of 2014 and last week a first tranche of handovers from NATO to Afghan forces took place in seven parts of the country.—Internet

Bomb ambush kills Polish soldier in Afghanistan

WARSAW, 29 July—A Polish soldier died in a bomb ambush on Thursday in the Afghan Province of Ghazni, the military confirmed. The 29-year-old lance corporal Pawel Poswiat, a driver of a military transport brigade, was severely injured when a bomb exploded under his vehicle, and later died in hospital in the Polish military base in Ghazni.

Poswiat is the 27th Polish soldier killed in the ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) operation in Afghanistan. The Polish ISAF includes 2,600 soldiers and a 400-strong reserve stationed in Poland.—Xinhua



Soldiers carry an Afghan boy wounded by a roadside bomb to a medevac helicopter from the US Army's Task Force Lift "Dust Off", Charlie Company 1-52, on the outskirts of Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 28 July, 2011.—INTERNET

18 civilians killed in Helmand bomb

KABUL, 29 July—Eighteen civilians died when a roadside bomb destroyed their minivan in southern Afghanistan's Helmand Province on Friday, a day after a Taliban attack in Uruzgan killed 21 people. The latest bomb blast comes as UN figures show civilian deaths up 15 percent in the first half of this year, reaching record levels in the long war between militants and Kabul's Western-backed government, supported by NATO-led troops.

Afghan General Sayed Malook said the vehicle was in Nahr Sarraj District, travelling to the provincial Capital Lashkar Gah 35 kilometres (20 miles) away, when it was hit. "The reports that I've received from the scene indicate that all 18 people in the vehicle have been killed," said deputy police chief Kamaluddin Shirzai.—Internet



World's largest radio telescope gears up in Chile



Two of the antennas used in the ALMA project, at the Operations Support Facility in San Pedro de Atacama desert in 2009. —INTERNET

NEW YORK, 29 July—The world's largest network of radio telescopes is ready to begin the first phase of operations in northern Chile's Atacama Desert, an observatory announced Thursday.

The ALMA complex, under construction for over a decade, received on Wednesday the 16th of 66 total antennas, enough to "begin its first

science observations, and is therefore an important milestone for the project," said the European Southern Observatory, which operates Chile's Paranal observatory.

Antenna 16, measuring 12 metres (40 feet) in diameter and weighing nearly 100 tons, is the first European contribution to the

Atacama Large Millimetre/submillimeter Array project as part of a collaboration with United States and Japan.

It was delivered at the Chajnantor plateau, 5,000 metres (16,400 feet) above sea level, where it joined antennas from the other international ALMA partners.

The European AEM Consortium, under contract from ESO, manufactured the antenna. "ALMA's Early Science observations are planned to begin later this year. Although ALMA will still be under construction, the 16-antenna array that will be available already outmatches all other telescopes of this kind," ESO said in a statement.

Internet

South Korean scientists create glowing dog

SEOUL, 29 July—South Korean scientists said on Wednesday they have created a glowing dog using a cloning technique that could help find cures for human diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, *Yonhap* news agency reported.

A research team from Seoul National University (SNU) said the genetically modified female beagle, named Tegon and born in 2009, has been found to glow fluorescent green under ultraviolet light if given a doxycycline antibiotic, the report said.

The researchers, who completed a two-year test, said the ability to glow can be turned on or off by adding a drug to the dog's food. "The creation of Tegon opens new horizons since the

gene injected to make the dog glow can be substituted with genes that trigger fatal human diseases," the news agency quoted lead researcher Lee Byeong-chun as saying. He said the dog was created using the somatic cell nuclear transfer technology that the university team used to make the

world's first cloned dog, Snuppy, in 2005.

The scientist said that because there are 268 illnesses that humans and dogs have in common, creating dogs that artificially show such symptoms could aid treatment methods for diseases that afflict humans.

Reuters



In this undated handout picture released to Reuters on 28 July, 2011, a foot of a genetically modified dog Tagon is seen under ultraviolet light at Seoul National University (SNU)'s College of Veterinary Medicine in Seoul.

INTERNET



Android grabs number one mobile operating system ranking

WASHINGTON, 29 July—In June, Android was the most-used mobile operating system, according to Nielsen. The Google-run OS accounted for 39 percent of the market's share, while Apple trailed by double digits at 28 percent. Research In Motion's Blackberry OS continued to hemorrhage business and brought up third place with 20 percent, a position that would have surprised many only a couple years ago.

What is important to note and continue watching is the distribution of device makers. Apple manufactures all of its phones; it is still the undisputed king in that department. Whereas Android phones are made by a handful of companies. Whether a single manufacturer like Apple, with sole control over their product and OS, or a diversified portfolio of manufacturers like HTC, Motorola and Samsung that contract for Google's Android is more beneficial and competitive, is yet to be seen. Software providers bringing hardware manufacturing in-house has always been a feast or famine endeavor; so far it seems Google made the right decision in keeping it outsourced.

Also, Apple recently announced that Twitter will be given the keys to iOS 5, likely due out this fall. How integration with the social network giant affects sales is yet to be seen. Windows Phone 7, webOS and Symbian OS all predictably brought up the rear with single-digit percentages.—Internet



An iPhone is seen at the Apple store in New York on 23 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Skyfire unveils app for Flash videos on iPhone

HEL.SINKI, 29 July—Private-equity backed video technology firm Skyfire, best known for its mobile browser, has unveiled an application for watching Flash videos on Apple's iPhones. Apple has been a strong opponent of Adobe's Flash technology, criticizing its power management, among other things, and it has embraced a newer set of tools for building web applications known as HTML 5. Many Internet pages running applications using Flash technology have had to create special versions for Apple devices.

Users of Skyfire's new VideoQ application can send links to videos from their browsers to watch them in the app, which Skyfire hopes to build into a video entertainment hub. VideoQ will at first be available in North America only, but Skyfire plans to expand its reach later. California-based Skyfire, whose investors include Lightspeed Venture Partners, Matrix Partners and Trinity Ventures, said its mobile browser has been downloaded 8 million times so far.—Reuters

Facebook users only spend 10 percent of time on apps

WASHINGTON, 29 July—Facebook users are spending 27 percent of their time on their Newsfeeds, and only 10 percent on applications, a new study by ComScore reports. Other activities like viewing photos (17 percent) and other people's profiles (21 percent) accounted for significant amounts of time as well.

With over 160 million members in the United States, these figures reveal interesting trends about roughly half the country's population. The implications have a double edge. Facebook certainly knows where and how to target their users for offers and advertisements.

However the Newsfeed, or Friend Feed, is a sacred place. To have corporate messages mixed in with friend's pictures and updates from a favourite baseball team will probably not sit well with the average user.

Also, these findings reinforce some of the skepticism around the massive valuations and investments Facebook has received: Most people simply use the site to check on their friends. That's it. Though time spent on Facebook accounts for 90 percent of all time spent on social networks, the notion that Facebook games, pages and applications would become a "new" Internet starts to seem unfounded. Granted, members who play Facebook games are a very dedicated user base. Zynga, the site's biggest provider of games, disclosed that one percent of its users are responsible for 25 to 50 percent of revenue — calling them "whales," a la casino lingo.—Internet



Health

Flu “super antibody” may bring universal shot closer

LONDON, 29 July—Scientists have found a flu “super antibody” called FI6 that can fight all types of influenza A viruses that cause disease in humans and animals and say their discovery may be a turning point in the development of new flu treatments.

Researchers from Britain and Switzerland used a new method aimed at beating “needle-in-a-haystack-type-odds” and managed to identify an antibody from a human patient which neutralizes both main groups of influenza A viruses. Antonio Lanzavecchia, Humabs’ chief scientific officer and director of the Swiss Institute for Research in Biomedicine, said high rates of seasonal flu and the unpredictability of possible future pandemics underlined the need for

better treatments that target all flu viruses.

When someone is infected with the flu virus, their antibodies target the virus’ hemagglutinin protein, the researchers explained in their study, which was published on Thursday in the journal *Science*. Because this protein evolves so rapidly, there are currently 16 different subtypes of influenza A, which form two main groups. Humans usually produce antibodies to a specific subtype, and new vaccines are made each year to match these strains.

To make progress toward a universal shot that could be used every year, scientists need to identify the molecular signatures that prompt the development of broadly neutralizing antibodies. Previous research work has found antibodies that work in Group 1 influenza A viruses or against most Group 2 viruses, but not against both.

This team developed a method using X-ray crystallography to test very large numbers of human plasma cells, to increase their odds of finding an antibody even if it was extremely rare. When they identified FI6, they injected it into mice and ferrets and found that it protected the animals against infection by either a Group 1 or Group 2 influenza A virus.

Reuters



In this on 13 Oct, 2005 file photo, a physician’s assistant checks a pregnant woman who is three days overdue, at a hospital in Salinas, Calif. Strokes have spiked up among pregnant women and new moms, who likely are paying a price for rising rates of high blood pressure, heart disease and obesity, researchers report.

INTERNET

Fructose may up heart disease risk factors

DAVIS, 29 July—Adults who ate high fructose corn syrup for two weeks increased their cholesterol and triglycerides levels, US researchers say.

Kimber Stanhope of the University of California, Davis, says the American Heart Association recommends that people consume only 5 percent of calories as added sugar. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010 suggest an upper limit of 25 percent or less of daily calories consumed as added sugar.

In this study, researchers examined 48 adults ages 18-40 and compared the effects of consuming 25 percent of one’s daily calorie

requirement as glucose, fructose or high fructose corn syrup on risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Study participants consumed high fructose corn syrup as 25 percent of their daily calories.

The study, published in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, found that within two weeks, study participants consuming fructose or high-fructose corn syrup, but not glucose, exhibited increased concentrations of low-density lipoprotein, “bad” cholesterol, as well as triglycerides and apolipoprotein-B — a protein that can lead to plaques that cause vascular disease.

Internet



A nurse prepares a flu vaccine shot at a hospital in Budapest in a file photo. —INTERNET



Business



Colgate profit up but costs still pressure margins

NEW YORK, 29 July—Colgate-Palmolive Co said Thursday that higher revenue in Latin America fueled its second-quarter earnings, underscoring how American companies are increasingly relying on foreign markets as recession-weary US customers get tapped out.

The New York company, best known for its toothpaste and dish soap, also noted that it had raised prices by 6.5 percent in Latin America, where customers are more willing to absorb the extra expense. It lowered prices in North America by 4.5 percent by offering discounts, which also

helped it head off competitors who are scrapping “for pieces of a smaller pie,” said CEO Ian Cook.

However, Cook also said he expects US prices to increase in the second half of this year. The company hopes that focusing on higher-end products, such as toothpaste for sensitive teeth, and more advertising will entice US customers to keep buying. Like many companies, Colgate is paying more than it was a year ago for the materials it needs to make and transport its products.

Internet

In this on 26 Jan, 2011 file photo, Colgate toothpaste sits atop a Colgate toothbrush, in Phoenix. —INTERNET



File photo shows a line worker assembles a 2012 Ford Focus at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Mich. Ford Motor Co can’t build as many hot-selling Focus compacts as it wants to because of equipment problems at a parts factory people familiar with the matter.

INTERNET

Exxon Mobil’s second-quarter profits rise 41 percent

HOUSTON, 29 July—US oil giant Exxon Mobil said Thursday its second-quarter profits grew 41 percent, thanks to higher oil prices and improved refining margins. The Texas-based company reported earnings of 10.68 billion US dollars for the second-quarter, compared with 7.56 billion in the same quarter last year. It’s the highest profit for Exxon Mobil, the largest publicly traded oil company, since it set a cooperate earnings record in the third quarter of 2008.

Revenue rose 36 percent to 125.5 billion dollars while upstream earnings were 8.54 billion, up 3.205 billion from the second quarter of 2010.

Higher liquids and natural gas realizations increased earnings by 3.6 billion, the company said.—Xinhua

Dreary quarter forces credit suisse to cut 2k jobs

NEW YORK, 29 July—A lousy quarter, continued concern over the European debt crisis and overall weak economic conditions are driving Switzerland’s second biggest bank to cut jobs. Credit Suisse reported a 52% drop in net profit for the second quarter to 768 million Swiss francs, or \$959 million, on a slow trading environment and strength of the Swiss franc. Net revenues of 6.3 billion francs were down 25 % from the same period last year and down 19% from 1Q 2011.

Its investment bank took a hard hit on its fixed income, currencies and commodities unit with

revenues down 59% from last year to \$595 million. Compared to the first quarter of 2011 revenue was down 76%. The impact: The bank said it would cut 4% of its global headcount amounting to about 2,000 lost jobs—many of which will be in the investment banking unit. The bank said it expects the cuts to save it \$1 billion Swiss francs next year.

Shares of the company were down early this afternoon and trading at around \$35.66. The bank said the European debt crisis and overall weak economic indicators across the globe hurt client demand and trading.—Internet



Ships anchor at a port in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 29 July, 2011. As the island braces for tropical storm Nock-ten, the Hainan provincial government has ordered all fishing boats to return to port.—XINHUA

China issues yellow alert for tropical storm Nock-ten

BEIJING, 29 July— China's meteorological authority said Friday that heavy rains will hit parts of the Sichuan Basin, as well as areas of north China and southern coastal regions over the next three days.

Southern coastal areas of Guangdong, Guangxi and Hainan will see massive downpours, as the tropical storm Nock-ten is expected to land on Friday afternoon or evening, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said.

The NMC issued a yellow alert for the storm, warning local authorities and the public to take precautions and intensify safety checks. The yellow alert is the second-lowest alert level in the country's four-level rainstorm alert system.

Downpours will hit the northern part of the Sichuan Basin, the southeastern part of northwest China, the central and southern areas of north China and its eastern part, the Provinces of Shandong and Liaoning, the northeastern Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and southern coastal areas. Meanwhile, thunderstorms will hit the northwestern part of the Sichuan Basin, the municipality of Tianjin and Provinces of Shanxi and Hebei.—Xinhua

Tropical Storm Don crossing Gulf, bound for Texas

MIAMI, 29 July— Tropical Storm Don is moving over the central Gulf of Mexico but the system is not expected to become a hurricane as it moves toward southeastern Texas.

The National Hurricane Centre in Miami says Don's maximum sustained winds late Thursday were 50 mph (80 kph). Slight strengthening is forecast before the storm makes landfall on the Texas

coast late Friday or Saturday. Then it's expected to weaken gradually.

A tropical storm warning is in effect for the Texas coast from the mouth of the Rio Grande to San Luis Pass.

The storm is centred about 370 miles (595 kilometres) southeast of Corpus Christi, Texas, and is moving west-northwest at 14 mph (23 kph). The storm could dump 3 to 5

inches of rain on the area from the central Texas coast west to south-central Texas.

Internet

Jim Sater, Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Beach Operations foreman, packs up one of the lifeguard station on JP.

INTERNET



Storms kill three in S Brazil's state

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 July—Three people were killed in storms that have swept southern Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul state in the past week, local authorities said Thursday.

Twenty-seven towns declared a state of emergency and 16 municipalities reported damage from the storms, with more than 123,000 people being affected, authorities said. The storms have put all the rivers at risk of overflowing, with the water levels of at least six of them having already risen several metres above the warning mark, the local Civil Defence said. Weather forecasts say rains will continue until the end of this week in the southern region. Earlier in July, the northeastern states of Pernambuco and Paraiba were also hit by heavy rains, killing 10 people and leaving some 1,000 families homeless.—Xinhua

Seoul officials under fire as storm toll hits 59



South Korean soldiers remove tons of mud after a flood hit an apartment complex in Seoul on 28 July, 2011.—INTERNET

SEOUL, 29 July— Authorities came under fire Friday for allegedly "man-made" disasters in South Korea as the toll from this week's record rainfall rose to 59 dead and 10 missing.

Among the dead were 16 killed when mudslides hit southern parts of Seoul on

Wednesday and 13 who perished in a landslide in the Chuncheon region, 100 kilometres (60 miles) east of the capital.

Three others died in a landslide at Paju north of Seoul.

Experts and news media attacked Seoul City authorities,

accusing them of making the situation worse through an allegedly reckless development of hills near residential areas in the south of the capital.

Some hillsides were redeveloped into public parks and hiking tracks, meaning rainwater could not be absorbed so easily, and natural waterways were changed to make artificial lakes, critics said.

"The heavens alone are not to be blamed for the disaster as reckless development made it worse. This is why there are claims the disaster is man-made," *JoongAng Ilbo* newspaper said in an editorial.

Experts have been warning that such activities might trigger landslides, it said.

Internet

Japan PM to unveil plan to reduce nuclear power

TOKYO, 29 July—Japan's centre-left Prime Minister Naoto Kan was due on Friday to outline a plan to scale back nuclear power and boost renewable energy sources such as wind and solar, reports said.

The embattled leader, who says he personally favours a complete phase-out of atomic power in quake-prone Japan, was due to present an energy policy "roadmap" with goals for 2020 and 2050, a leading newspaper reported. Kan has resisted heavy pressure to resign and was forced to tone down his call for an eventual nuclear-free Japan.

The new energy roadmap, drafted by the cabinet's Energy and Environment Council, will "draw up a scenario that aims to reduce the reliance on nuclear energy", the mass-

circulation *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper reported.

Japan until recently relied on nuclear plants for about 30 percent of its energy needs and had planned to boost that to 50 percent by 2030, but Kan has since called for a review "from scratch" of that plan.

More than four months since the 11 March quake and tsunami sparked the ongoing Fukushima nuclear disaster, only 16 of Japan's 54 reactors are operational, with most of the shut plants undergoing safety checks.

Kan, a one-time environmental activist, has pledged to boost clean, alternative energy sources to 20 percent of the energy mix by the 2020s. They now make up about nine percent, most of it hydroelectric power.—Internet



People walk under electric boards flashing the power usage rate against supply in the dark concourse of a railway station due to power saving in June 2011.

INTERNET

President U Thein Sein inspects flood-stricken...

President U Thein Sein pays homage to historic Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kyauktaw.—MNA



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and officials concerned to restart cultivation works in flood fields and traffic returned to normal on Hngetpyawchaung bridge on Taungup-Maei road in meeting with district/ township departmental personnel, social organization members and townsenders at the Taungup Township hall, the President gave a

Myint and Union Minister for Electric Power-2 U Khin Maung Soe and Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, cash assistance to flood victims through officials and townsenders.

On his arrival at Aukywa ward of An Township, the President spoke words of encouragement to flood victims.

Accompanied by Rakhine State Chief



out in time, relief aid to flood victims, arrangements being made for revitalization of monsoon paddy cultivation, an enthusiastic welcome by farmers and ordinary people in the township on poverty alleviation programme and setting up of micro-credit institutions to the President who presented cash assistance to flood victims.

Then Union ministers, the chief minister and wellwishers presented cash and kind to flood victims through townsenders and officials.

The President cordially greeted those present and spoke words of encouragement.

Then the President and party flew over to MraukU where they were welcomed by Rakhine State Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Han and departmental official.

At MraukU Hotel, the President met with departmental officials and local people and made an address.

On his arrival at Maha Muni Pagoda in Kyauktaw, the President paid homage to historic Maha Muni Buddha Image and made cash donation.

Then the President and party released fingerlings into Udawsay Lake.

Next, they left Kyauktaw by helicopters and arrived at Sittway Airport.

On his inspection tour of flood-hit townships in Rakhine State, the President said that floods occurred in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions due to torrential rains recently. Our group went to Bago first and attended to the needs. Likewise, requirements have been fulfilled in townships of Ayeyawady Region.

The aim of our visit to some flooded townships in Rakhine State is to rebuild damaged roads and bridges, to reopen schools and to provide students with

stationary, to take measures against infectious diseases in the aftermath of flood, to restore phone line and electricity, to provide relief supplies and to take part in relief works if township/ state and region levels cannot do so. When the people faced natural disaster, our group made an inspection tour to attend to the needs in time.

Rakhine State is rich in natural resources. Local people can enjoy more opportunities by setting up businesses based on already-achieved sound foundations. The harder they work, the more they will be successful. In agricultural sector, it is required to use high-yield cultivation methods, instead of using conventional methods.

In education sector, only higher education standard can lead to development of the nation. Teachers are to teach their pupils not only to be proficient in their subjects but also to be law-abiding disciplined citizens with high morality. Besides, it is required to nurture them to be ones equipped with nationalistic fervor and Union spirit since childhood.

In health sector, most of locals are lack of health knowledge. Especially, they have no knowledge on causes of malaria, diarrhea and diabetes. It is required for health staff not only to give medical treatment in urban areas but also to conduct health education talks in cooperation with social organizations in villages.

Our county is home to more than 100 national races who are living together through thick and thin. Racism and regionalism should not be upheld. Only with national unity among national races, will our country be prolonged existence. Taking lessons from past experiences, all national races are to live together in unity and amity based on the Union spirit.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein presents cash assistance to flood victims through Administrator U Nay Lin Tun of Minbya Township at the Ramaung Hall in Minbya Township, Rakhine State.

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speech and presented cash assistance to flood victims.

Next, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi presented relief supplies, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, a CDMA mobile and cash assistance, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, school stationery, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, medicines and medical equipment, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung

Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin, the President arrived in Minbya by helicopter this morning where they were welcomed by Rakhine State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Kyaw Thein and party.

In meeting with departmental officials, social organization members and townsenders at Ramaung Hall in Minbya, township Administrator U Nay Lin Tun reported on situation of flooded villages in the township, minimum of loss of property without casualty thanks to warnings and rescue works carried

Myanmar traditional culture...

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characteristics were recorded in history became civilized and prosperous societies. Artistic works handed down by the Pyu cities were first recorded in Bagan Period as mural paintings. Studying the music in Bagan Period, it has already been recorded that according to the stone inscriptions of Bagan Period, today's five basic musical instruments namely metal, shell string, leather, horn



Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan speaks at the meeting.—MNA

and bamboo were developed in Bagan Era. In the periods of Myinsai and Pinya, shield dance and martial songs for shield dance were developed, which empower the brave and promote patriotism. Myanmar's artistic works developed most in Innwa Period. In Konboun Period, they could be enjoyed in both urban and rural areas.

Indeed, the Myanmar traditional culture that has passed centuries reflects the glory and dignity of the State and high nationalistic spirit. In comparison with the world civilization, Myanmar's civilization still features such characteristics as Myanmar's own style and national culture and character. Ancient cultural heritage, paintings and sculptures are material cultural heritages whereas artistic works like performing arts are non-material cultural heritages.

This is why the State is trying to maintain Myanmar's good cultural traditions that have emerged with long history and hand them down to posterity by holding Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions. So, each and every citizen needs to know the importance of such tremendous duties with national outlook. And all are to strive to hold this year's competitions more successfully in both form and essence.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged all those present to make round of discussion for the success of the 18th competitions by holding the concept that they are maintaining the past successes and achievements in Myanmar history so that they can bring honour and glory to the nation in future.

Next, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said today's meeting was the first and preparatory measures would be explained for the successful holding of the

competitions. The 18th traditional cultural performing arts competitions will continue to be held in Nay Pyi Taw. It is the first to be held at national level in the time of the new government and cooperation will be made for the competitions to be more successful by laying down five objectives. The Union Minister explained formation of 16 committees and subcommittees, reformation of the leading committee and work committee, formation of another 14 committees and subcommittees, the date and time and venue of the competitions, levels and subjects of competitions and collection and use of funds with the use of video slides.

Then, responsible people of the committees and subcommittees reported on preparations being made for the competitions. Chairmen and leaders of securitization committees and subject-wise committees reported their respective tasks and preparations.

In response to the reports, the Vice-President fulfilled the needs and made a conclusion remark. He expressed thanks to the attendants for their discussions, adding that a lot of experience has been gained as the competitions have reached the 18th time. As it is the first time in the time of the new government, systematic arrangements should be made so that the competitions can be successful in both form and essence. Then, the Vice-President stressed the need to form subcommittees with full members and invite guests. He continued that it will be appropriate if the more cash awards can be presented in parallel with the current time. So arrangements must be made according to the funds collected.

After the meeting, the Vice-President cordially greeted the doyen artistes.

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Central committee for holding the 9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting meets



The third meeting for holding the 9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — The central committee for holding the 9th ASEAN Forum on Coal Council Meeting which will be held in Nay Pyi Taw during the first week

of August held its third meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Mines here yesterday, with an address by Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik.

Thos present reported to the minister on their respective works. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

Outstanding students, schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — A ceremony to honour outstanding students and schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area was held at Myanmar International Convention Center in

Zabuthiri Township here this morning, with an address by Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt.

Next, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu explained academic matters.

Then the Union minister, the deputy minister, Nay Pyi Taw

Union S&T Minister receives Brazilian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint received Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior at his office here yesterday.

They meeting focused on mutual

cooperation in development of human resources and science and technology sector.

Also present were Deputy Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo, Rector Dr Mi Mi Thet Thwin of University of Computer Studies (Mandalay). — MNA



Council members and the director-general of Education Planning and Training Department presented prizes to outstanding students and school heads of Basic Education High Schools with high pass rate.

Of 11045, 3576 students including five six-distinction winners, 14

five-distinction winners, 25 four-distinction winners, 38 three-distinction winners, 66 two-distinction winners and 263 one-distinction winners from BEHS in eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area passed the matriculation examinations for 2010-11.—MNA

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint meets Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior.

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National Workshop on Improving Quality of Health Care organized



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses the opening of National Workshop on Improving Quality of Health Care.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—National Workshop on Improving Quality of Health Care kicked off at Ministry of Health here this morning, with an inaugural speech by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Also present on the occasion were members of National Health Committee deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, directors-general under the Ministry of Health, rectors, retired medical experts, distinguished guests and personnel.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that today was a red letter day in health sector of Myanmar; that the Ministry of Health, in accord with the social objective i.e. uplift of health and education standards of the entire nation and national health policies, was striving to promote the health standard of the entire nation, marching towards the goal of longevity and health of each individual.

He noted that in a nation, mass production of medical practitioners whose qualifications are on a par with international counterparts is of vital importance; that to strengthen the human resources of health services essential for the nation, University of Medicine, University of Dental, University of Pharmacy, University of Medical Technology, University of Nursing, University of Public Health, University of Community Health, University of Traditional Medicine have been extensively established and all the universities were conducting PhD, MSc, and diploma courses to meet the need for human resources of health services; that in addition to those measures, the State was creating more and more chances for health personnel from different fields to study abroad.

However, he pointed out that reforms were still much in need to become real qualified ones. While extensively building hospitals, health centres, clinics and universities and training schools of medicine for provision of public health services, the State was mass producing doctors, nurses and skilled personnel and let them serve the public across the nation; that the State's health budget had been on the increase; that over 70% of the population reside in rural regions, and thus rural health centres, and rural health centres were opened extensively for provision of increased healthcare services; that in spite of such efforts, there still remained unfulfilled needs.

In addition to medical treatment services, he continued that, campaigns for prevention of epidemics and vaccination were launched length and breadth of the nation inclusive of rural and border areas.

Over 310,000 doctors have so far been turned out from universities of medicine to fill the gap in different health service sectors; that only one fourth of number is working as public servants and the majority however is working with general practice; that doctors

working with GP contributed a great deal to treatment but on the other hand other public health services lost such resources; that it should be focused on how to mobilize doctors working with GP to become an effective institution which can contribute health services and to keep them in touch with advancing technologies, stressed the Vice-President.

In addition, he went on, lack of systematic management in medicine market led to such problems as abundance of fake medicines, suffering resulted from side effects of medicines, and running of pharmacies without pharmacists; and that it should be focused on whether health insurance system should be practiced like other countries to prevent from rocketing healthcare expenses.

With regard to traditional medicine sector, he said that, the State was encouraging and promoting establishment of universities of traditional medicine, herb gardens, traditional medicine production, and traditional medicine research works so that people could receive effective treatment with traditional medicines; that in addition, traditional medicine boxes inclusive of educative pamphlets on traditional medicines had been distributed to rural villages so as to cure minor cases; that research should be made on mixed treatment of traditional and western medicines.

Medical Research Departments had been established at different levels to conduct health researches contributing to health services, but it is needed to assess whether the departments should be reorganized in accordance with amount of works, pointed out the Vice-President.

The national-level workshop was organized with a view to massive coverage of fast and effective health services in cities, rural areas, and sub-urban areas as far as to border areas and competent healthcare services standard of the nation vis-à-vis international countries and ASEAN members, noted the Vice-

President.

He requested the scholars to discuss own experiences and specialized cases under six sections—development of rural health, ensuring massive coverage of effective treatment at low expenses, promotion of health research works that contribute to healthcare services, production of adequate human resources of health services in response to the need of the nation, increased participation of non-governmental organizations, private hospitals, clinics in enhancing the quality of health services, and reassessment of structure of departments under the Ministry of Health so as to carry out healthcare services in an effective and more smooth way, for example, discussion about reassignment of Health Department which is responsible for 80% of the work of the ministry, to different duties and responsibilities.

The Vice-President said that he was very glad that scholars from departments under the Ministry of Health, retired medical experts, rectors, professors, faculty heads, central-level medical superintendents, scholars of Myanmar Medical Association, representatives of Myanmar Medicine Council, Myanmar Dental Medicine Council, non-governmental organizations, and private hospitals would participate in the discussion. He called for fruitful results suitable to the nation through frank discussions of all the scholars.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged them to accomplish action plan of the workshop, to make efforts to provide quality and accessible healthcare services to the public, and to storm the brain to create contributory plans to rural development and poverty alleviation tasks being done by the government.

After the opening ceremony, The Vice-President greeted the deputy ministers and attendees and posed for documentary photos.—MNA



Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services being welcomed by Chinese Military Attache to Myanmar Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei at the reception to mark 84th Anniversary of People's Liberation Army of China at Traders Hotel in Yangon on 29 July.

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Union Minister receives UN WFP Regional Director



Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay receives WFP Regional Director Mr Kenro Oshidari.
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NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay received Regional Director Mr Kenro Oshidari of United Nations World Food Programme in

Bangkok of Thailand, at the Ministry of Border Affairs here today.

It was also attended by directors-general of the departments under the ministry and officials.—MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin accepts exequatur of newly-accredited Consul of Belarus Dr Aung Moe Myint. (News on page 2)—MNA



Union Energy Minister inspects No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Patheingyi)



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay visits No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Patheingyi).—MNA

YANGON, 29 July—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay visited No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Patheingyi) of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy in Kangyidaung Township of Ayeyawady Region on 28 July.

The Union Minister called for placing emphasis on distribution, close supervision, and systematic disposal system of wasted water.

Next, the Union Minister went to Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Region of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise in

Nyaungdon Township where he heard reports on facts about oil field No. 46 and production of oil and gas.

He rewarded staff members who dug the field No. 46 for their success. He inspected pressures fixed on the hole.—MNA

National Workshop on Improving Quality of Health Care held

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—The National Workshop on Improving Quality of Health Care was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin acted as the chairman of the morning session and Retired Medical Superintendent Dr Take Wun of Yangon People's Hospital, the co-

chairman.

Chairman of Myanmar Medical Council Prof Dr Myo Myint and Deputy Director-General Dr Kyi Myint of the Health Department read out the papers and those present made suggestions on the papers.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint chaired the afternoon session together with Retired Deputy Director-

General Dr Soe Aung of the Health Department who acted as co-chairman.

WHO Director (Retd) Dr Than Sein and Deputy Director-General Dr Thein Thein Htay of the Health Department read out the papers and those present made suggestions on the papers.

The workshop will continue tomorrow.

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National Workshop on Improving Quality of Health Care in progress.—MNA

ministry's news agency SHANA. According to Bo-ujarzadeh, the explosion occurred near the Ba-zargan border crossing, in Iran's West Azar-baijan province.

He said an investigation had been launched into the cause of the blast. Boujarzadeh

said repair work on the pipeline was under way and expressed hope for a speedy resumption of the gas flow. It is not the first time gas supplies to Turkey have been disrupted; in August 2010, the pipeline was damaged in a blast blamed on separatist

armed Kurdish rebels.

Iran, which has the second largest proven gas reserves in the world after Russia, exports about 30 million cubic metres of gas to Turkey annually, according to deputy oil minister and chairman of the NIGC, Javad Oujii.

Internet

Blast hits Iran-Turkey gas pipeline, cuts supplies



Iranians walk past a pipeline in Zahedan, 2007. A blast early Friday hit a pipeline carrying natural gas from Iran to Turkey, forcing a cut in supply.

INTERNET

TEHERAN, 29 July—A blast early Friday hit a pipeline carrying natural gas from Iran to Turkey, forcing a cut in supply,

an Iranian oil official said. "The export of gas to Turkey has been temporarily halted after an explosion struck the

pipeline" in north-western Iran, spokesman for National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC) Majid Boujarzadeh told the oil

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Rolls-Royce, the British maker of aircraft engines, rebounded into profit during the first half of 2011, aided by a record order book despite defence spending cutbacks in Britain, it said on Thursday.

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Tiger Airways Australia delays return to the skies

SYDNEY, 29 July—Grounded budget carrier Tiger Airways Australia on Friday looked unlikely to return to the skies until at least August 5, but vowed to meet new safety conditions and resume services in the “near future”. The Australian arm of Singapore’s Tiger Airways was banned from flying earlier this month until at least 1 August over “serious and imminent” safety risks stemming from pilot training, fatigue management and other issues.

Tiger said Australia’s Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) had issued it with “a set of formal conditions” on Friday, some of which had to be met before flights

could resume. “As a consequence, Tiger Airways Australia will automatically refund all passengers booked to fly between 1 August 2011 and 4 August 2011,” the carrier said in a statement. “A further announcement, concerning flights scheduled to operate from 5 August 2011 and the re-commencement of sales, will be made at the appropriate time.”

Tiger said it had been working constructively to address CASA’s safety concerns and was “confident that it can comply with these conditions and expects to resume services in the near future”.

Internet



The tails of the five grounded Tiger Airways planes are seen on the tarmac at Melbourne’s Tullamarine Airport on 8 July, 2011.

INTERNET

Indonesian economy can rival Asian giants in next 20 years, futurists claim

JAKARTA, 29 July—Economic and social experts predict that the Indonesian economy would be able to equal those of Asian giants Japan and South Korea in the next 20 years if its current political and financial stability continued, local media reported on Friday. Noted American political scientist George Friedman said on Thursday that Indonesia had a unique place as an emerging economy with a huge market potential for international companies. “As countries like the Philippines and others have trouble accommodating investments, Indonesia has become a stable platform for international corporations to grow,” Friedman said at an international conference on futurology held here.

“In other words, where other countries don’t have enough space, enough workers and enough opportunities [for these corporations to grow], Indonesia is in a perfect position to take advantage of this,” he was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.—*Xinhua*

Off-course penguin in New Zealand to be set free

WELLINGTON, 29 July—New Zealand’s favourite penguin visitor has been given a health clearance to be returned to the wild. The news comes five weeks after he was found on a beach more than 2,000 miles



In this on 21 June, 2011 file photo, an Emperor penguin is seen on Peka Peka Beach of the Kapiti Coast in New Zealand.

INTERNET

(3,200 kilometres) from his Antarctic home.

The emperor penguin nicknamed “Happy Feet” has been recuperating at the Wellington Zoo since soon after he was discovered on the North Island. He is the first emperor penguin to be found in the wild in New Zealand in 44 years.

He became ill after eating sand, likely mistaking it for snow.

Zoo spokeswoman Kate Baker said the penguin has gained about 9 pounds (4 kilogrammes) and this week passed an X-ray and blood test. Baker said the penguin will likely be released offshore from the south end of the country sometime in the next few weeks.

Xinhua

Rolls-Royce flies into profit as orders hit record

LONDON, 29 July—Aircraft engine maker Rolls-Royce rebounded into profit during the first half of 2011, aided by a record order book despite defence spending cutbacks in Britain, it said on Thursday.

Net profit hit £842 million (\$1.4 billion, 960 million euros) in the six

months to the end of June, after a post tax loss of £334 million in the same period of last year, Rolls-Royce announced in a results statement. Revenue eased one percent to £5.36 billion, but the group’s order book climbed four percent to a record £61.4 billion in the reporting period.

Underlying pretax

profit meanwhile jumped to £595 million from £465 million last time around.

Rolls-Royce added that underlying earnings were given a £60 million boost from contract termination settlements in the wake of the British government’s strategic defence and security review (SDSR).—*Internet*

Singapore’s 40 richest people worth 54.4 B USD

SINGAPORE, 29 July—The 40 richest people in Singapore are worth a total of 54.4 billion US dollars, up 19 percent from last year, according to the latest rich list published by Forbes Asia. The family of the late Ng Teng Fong remains at the top with 8.9 billion US dollars, up by 1.1 billion US dollars from last year. Their fortune is held through two property holdings, the privately held firm Far East Organization and the Hong Kong-listed Tsim Sha Tsui Properties, the *Straits Times* said Friday.

The family of the late tycoon Khoo Teck Puat comes in at number two with 6.7 billion US dollars, followed by veteran banker Wee Cho Yaw with 4.2 billion US dollars. There are 13 billionaires on this year’s list, compared with 11 last year. The two newcomers with billion-aire standing are the Lien family and food tycoon Sam Goi.—*Xinhua*



In this on 26 July, 2011 photo, workers seeking employment create resumes and look for open positions on lap tops provided by USAJobs at a job fair for space workers and those workers that lost jobs due to the end of the space shuttle programme in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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MVBIENDONG TRADER VOYNO(1140)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1140) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.7.2011 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.

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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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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Children's musicals find a happy home in New York

NEW YORK, 29 July—The crowd attending a hit musical recently on the Upper East Side weren't shy about loudly offering their thoughts.

"What are they doing?" asked one.

"I want to dance,"

said another. And, most worrisome for producers, one patron was heard offering this critique: "I want to go home."

She was, it turned out, in the minority. She was also about 4.

The rest of the

theatergoers — mostly little girls in pink tutus and rabbit ears — were happily bouncing about and clapping along to "Angelina Ballerina: The Musical," one of several kid-orientated musicals based on popular children's books that have found success in New York City.

There's also "Pinkalicious: The Musical" and "The Berenstain Bears Live! In Family Matters, The Musical," which share the same space on the Upper West Side.—Internet



In this theater publicity image released by Vital Theatre Company, Amber Dickerson is shown in a scene from "Pinkalicious: The Musical," in New York.
INTERNET

Bank robbers get only \$71

NIMES, 29 July—Authorities in France said they are searching for a pair of bank robbers who escaped with only 50 euros, worth about \$71. Police said the robbers, who wore ski masks, forced their way into the Credit Agricole bank in Nimes at 8:15 am on Wednesday and showed a knife to employees. Radio France Internationale reported on Thursday.

However, investigators said the robbers left with the small sum after finding out workers were not able to open any safes.—Internet



Stamps of "The Mainland Scenery Series" are seen in Hong Kong, south China, on 28 July, 2011. Hong Kong Post will release a new set of stamps and products of "The Complete Mainland Scenery Series" from 2 Aug, 2011. Hong Kong Post started to release post products of "The Mainland Scenery Series" since 2002, featuring ten famous scenic spots in Chinese Mainland.
XINHUA

Colo Springs police say four killed in three shootings

DENVER, 29 July—The mayor of Colorado Springs called it "a sad day" for his city after a spate of violence: three unrelated shootings that left four people dead and two others wounded.

Two of the dead were 16-year-old boys. Another was the 19-year-old brother of one of those boys.

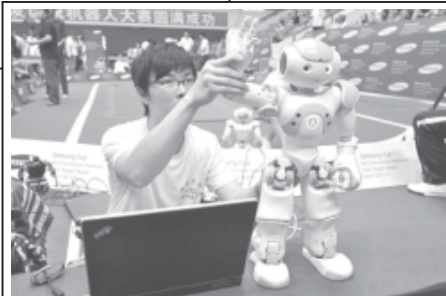
"The entire community mourns with those who lost loved ones to serious crimes last night," Mayor Steve Bach said at a news conference Thursday.

Sgt Steve Noblitt said the three shootings Wednesday night occurred in different areas of the city.

Noblitt said the

heaviest toll came in central Colorado Springs, where the three teens were killed. When police arrived to investigate a report of shots fired, they found two of the teens dead and one wounded. The injured teen later died at a hospital.—Internet

A man rides an electric bicycle in the rain in Shijiazhuang, capital of north China's Hebei Province, on 29 July, 2011. Hebei Province on Friday received the heaviest rainfall since the flood season began.
XINHUA



A competitor does pre-contest preparation during the 2nd International Humanoid Robot Olympic Games in Mudanjiang, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 28 July, 2011. The two-day competition kicked off here on Thursday, attracting a total of 22 teams from six countries and regions.—XINHUA

Noodle giant's shares plunge following seasonings scandal

SHANGHAI, 29 July—Hong Kong listed shares of a noodle giant have slumped drastically after the company was accused of lying about the ingredients it used in its soups. Closing share price of Ajisen (China) (00538.HK), one of China's largest fast food restaurant chain operators and the franchisee Japan's Ajisen Ramen on Chinese Mainland, fell

10.5 percent from 17.82 Hong Kong dollars (2.29 US dollars) on Monday to 15.94 on Thursday, wiping more than 2 billion HK dollars off its market value.

The company issued a statement on its website on Sunday, admitting that it had used concentrated liquid not pork bones to make its noodle soup.

However, Ajisen (China) still insisted that ingredients of its seasonings were extracted from "pork bones." In the statement, it cited a report by a lab under the China Agricultural University (CAU) after a test evaluation, emphasizing the calcium amount in a bowl of soup is three times higher than the calcium contained in the same amount of milk.

Xinhua

Bee stings kill horse

RIVERSIDE, 29 July—Swarms of bees killed a horse on Thursday afternoon in Southern California in an attack that may have been triggered by fly repellent, authorities said.

The horse's owner was seriously injured by stings as well, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. Riverside County Animal Services officers found the horse dead after the owner, being treated at a local hospital, asked for someone to be sent to look at the animal.

The stinging in Riverside may have been set off by the fly repellent, animal control officers said. The chemical apparently sent bees swarming from two hives.—Internet

Man eating a hot dog a day for 31 days

A Massachusetts man said he is touring the region's hot dog eateries on his quest to eat a frankfurter a day for 31 days.

Rob Merlino, 47, of Natick, said he is celebrating July's National Hot Dog Month by having one hot dog for lunch each day during

the month, *The Boston Globe* reported Thursday.

Merlino, who operated his own hot dog truck for six years, said he has eaten hot dogs grilled, steamed, fried, and boiled from area businesses including restaurants, carts, trucks and box car diners.

"Everybody's mak-



ing a big deal out of it, 'Oh my gosh, that's a lot of hot dogs,'" Merlino said. "But the guy who won the Nathan's contest ate twice as much as I'll eat in a month, in about 15 minutes," he said, referring to Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest winner Joey Chestnut, who downed 62 dogs in 10 minutes. Merlino said his quest stemmed from his Web site, thehotdogtruck.com, which highlights locations to find hot dogs in New England.

Italian school teaches ice cream making

The director of an Italian school for prospective ice cream-makers said about 12,000 people enrolled in the dessert-making courses this year.

Kaori Ito, director of Gelato University, near Bologna, said some 12,000 people signed up this year to take courses including technical lectures, practical courses and instructions on traditional gelato-making techniques, Sky News reported Wednesday.

"The people who come here are people who want a career change," Ito said. "The average age is 35-40. They are ready to drop what they're doing and open a new chapter in their lives."

The school is at the headquarters of Carpigiani, the world's largest manufacturer of ice cream-making machines.

Official wants Paris female pants ban gone

A French lawmaker said she is trying to overturn a long-unenforced ban on women wearing trousers in public.

Sen Maryvonne Blondin said she introduced a bill to the Senate calling for the ban, instituted by the

Paris police chief in 1799, to be repealed, the British newspaper *The Daily Telegraph* reported Wednesday.

"I discovered this order this year, I was amazed," Blondin said of the ban, which required any woman seeking to "dress like a man" to obtain police permission and provide a medical justification.

An 1892 amendment to the ban allowed women to wear trousers "as long as the woman is holding the reins of a horse" and it was further relaxed in 1909 to include bicycle riders.

Officials said the ban seems to violate a provision of the 1946 French Constitution stating "the law guarantees women equal rights with men in all areas."

iPhone app finds closest, cheapest beer

A Florida developer announced the creation of an iPhone app designed to help users find the best prices for their favourite beers.

NearBeer, developed by AboveGround Applications of Fort Lauderdale, allows users to search by distance, brand or quantity to find the cheapest and closest

places to buy their favourite brew, the *South Florida Sun Sentinel* reported Wednesday. The free application is based on data submitted by users who are required to register using an e-mail address.



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London's Vintage festival hints at change in direction



Dandies, punks, tees and mods are dusting down their finest threads for London's Vintage festival, a celebration of British design history.—INTERNET

LONDON, 29 July—Dandies, punks, tees and mods dusted down their finest threads for London's Vintage festival, a celebration of British design history which hints at a change in direction for UK festivals.

Brainchild of British designers Wayne and Gerardine Hemingway, the

three-day event at London's iconic Royal Festival Hall kicks off Friday and will honour almost a century of British music, fashion, film, dance and design. "Vintage is about great design, great ideas and great moments in time that are worthy of evaluation," Wayne Hemingway, co-creator of the Red or Dead design label, told *AFP*.

All six-levels of the venue, which was built to host the 1951 Festival of Britain, will be taken over by purveyors of rockabilly, mod, soul, funk, disco, ska, electro and punk showcasing their styles with a series of live events.

The inaugural event was named Britain's Best New Festival in 2010 and was inspired by Hemingway's dispiriting experience at a traditional field festival.

"I grew up when music, fashion, design and film were always together and recently we were going to festivals where it was only about the music," he recalled.—*Internet*



Venice Film Festival president Paolo Baratta, left, and director Marco Muller, speak at a Press conference in Rome, on 28 July, 2011. Roman Polanski, David Cronenberg and 5 American directors, including George Clooney and Abel Ferrara, will compete at this year's Venice Film Festival.—INTERNET

US movies headline Venice Film Festival

ROME, 29 July—American filmmakers dominate the lineup of this year's Venice Film Festival, where George Clooney and four others will be competing for the Golden Lion, while Madonna, Al Pacino and Steven Soderbergh will premiere their latest directorial efforts.

The strong lineup also includes Roman Polanski's "Carnage," an adaptation of the Broadway show "God of Carnage" featuring Jodie Foster, Kate Winslet and Christoph Waltz; David Cronenberg's take on psychoanalysis "A Dangerous Method," featuring Keira Knightley, Viggo Mortensen and Michael Fassbender; and "Shame," a drama by British director Steve McQueen featuring Fassbender and Carey Mulligan.

All 22 movies in competition at the world's oldest festival are world premieres, organizers said Thursday. One of the 22 titles was kept secret and will be announced in coming weeks.—*Internet*



Indian Bollywood actresses Asin (L) and Zarine Khan (C) pose with actor Salman Khan (R) during a music launch ceremony for Hindi comedy "Ready," directed by Anees Bazmee, in Mumbai in April.—INTERNET

String of hits brings smile back to Bollywood

MUMBAI, 29 July—Bollywood has had a better start to the second half of 2011 after a tough first six months of empty cinemas and postponed releases caused by clashes with major cricket tournaments, analysts say.

Long queues and "house full" signs have returned to cinemas in India's entertainment capital Mumbai and across the country since the start of June for a string of films that have proved a hit with audiences.

The upward trend started after the end of the back-to-back World Cup and Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket tournaments with the Salman Khan action comedy "Ready".

Internet

Javier Hernandez hospitalized with concussion

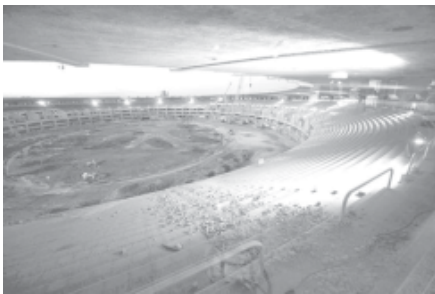


Manchester United striker Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez

HARRISON, 29 July — Manchester United striker Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez missed Wednesday night's match against the MLS All-Stars after being hospitalized overnight for a concussion sustained during a training session a day earlier. The dynamic Mexican goal scorer wasn't missed as Manchester United beat the MLS All-Star team 4-0.

According to a statement released by the English Premier League champions, the 23-year-old Hernandez sustained a mild concussion when he took a ball off the top of his head. He is expected to miss up to two weeks. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said after the game that he hadn't planned on playing Hernandez much in Wednesday's match. Ferguson also said he didn't have big plans for Hernandez in Saturday's European Champions League final rematch against Barcelona in Washington D.C.

Internet



The Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.— INTERNET

Maracana to host 2014 World Cup final

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 July—Rio de Janeiro's famous Maracana stadium will host the final of the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke confirmed on Thursday. The giant arena previously

hosted the deciding match of the World Cup in 1950, when hosts Brazil were stunned 2-1 by Uruguay.

"The final is already certain, even though we think that lots of other cities could have hosted this match," said Valcke. "This stadium already hosted the final 61 years ago. What we have to decide now is where the semi-finals and the opening match will take place."

Internet



Soccer star Lionel Messi holding a T-shirt poses for photo during a press conference in Santiago, Capital of Chile, on 28 July, 2011. Lionel Messi will play a charity friendly match for the Chilean Red Cross.— XINHUA

LISBON, 29 July — Brazilian Under-20 international defender Danilo Luiz da Silva signed for Porto, the Portuguese champions announced



Old boy Baros downs Liverpool in Istanbul

LONDON, 29 July — Former Liverpool striker Milan Baros scored twice to lead Turkish side Galatasaray to a 3-0 win over the English giants in a pre-season friendly on Thursday. Baros hit a volley beyond Alexander Doni after eight minutes before converting with a close-range header just before half-time. Former Bolton player Johan Elmander added the third



Former Liverpool striker Milan Baros

seven minutes from time.

"I think they looked a bit sharper than us at the start of the game. But the players worked hard and they'll benefit from the effort they put in," said Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish who fielded a young side which included the likes of John Flanagan, Jack Robinson, Jonjo Shelvey, and Martin Kelly.

"It won't do us any harm for the season ahead, but we've got to get ourselves a bit sharper, a bit more clued up and lively when we're not in possession of the ball," Dalglish told liverpoolfc.tv.

Internet

SPORTS

Mourinho praises Benzema after Berlin triumph

MADRID, 29 July—Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho praised striker Karim Benzema after his side's winning run in pre-season continued to four matches following a 3-1 win over German side Hertha Berlin. Benzema scored twice after Madrid were forced to fight back from a goal down against the Germans. It was a positive sign after the French international struggled at times last season and found himself out of favor with his coach.

Benzema didn't appear for Madrid in their Champions League defeat to FC Barcelona last campaign, but after reiterating that he still wants his club to sign another striker, Mourinho highlighted his display in Germany. "This time last year, I was trying to per-

suaide Karim to think about football the same way that I think about it. A year of hard work has passed and now he thinks about football the same way as I do," said Mourinho on the Real Madrid website.

"He has got all that it takes to improve on what he has done in the past two seasons here. He worked well in Berlin as he did in our previous game when the team was tired. He is playing well, much better than at the same stage last season," said Mourinho.

Xinhua



Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

Brazilian youth international Danilo joins Porto

on Thursday. Danilo had already said on 19 July that they had reached agreement with Brazilian club Santos with a transfer fee of 13m euros.

Danilo, who will join the Europa League winners after the Under-20

Brazilian Under-20 international defender Danilo Luiz da Silva

World Cup in Colombia, has signed a contract that will keep him at the club until the end of June 2016. However, there is a buy-out clause of 50m euros. He 20-year-old, who can also play in midfield, was a member of the Santos side which won the Copa Libertadores this year.

Internet

Ajaccio snap up Brazilian striker

PARIS, 29 July — Ilan has signed a one-year deal with Ajaccio, the French Ligue 1 club confirmed on Thursday. Ilan, 30, has been without a club since leaving Internacional in his homeland last December. He has plenty of experience of the French game, having



Brazilian striker Ilan

scored 27 goals in 65 appearances for Sochaux between 2004 and 2006, before spending four years at Saint-Etienne (117 games, 31 goals).

Corsican outfit Ajaccio are making their return to Ligue 1 after spending five seasons in the 2nd division. Earlier this summer they signed Mexican international goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa, 26, from Club America on a three-year contract.— *Internet*

Lochte sets 1st world record since suit ban

SHANGHAI, 29 July—Ryan Lochte has not only beaten Michael Phelps in consecutive races — he has taken swimming to a new level. The laid-back American edged Phelps for gold in the 200-meter individual medley at the world championships Thursday, setting the first world record since high-tech bodysuits were banned at the start of last year.

With Phelps putting pressure on in the final freestyle lap, Lochte sprinted to the wall and touched in 1 minute, 54.00 seconds — improving on his old mark of 1:54.10 set at the last worlds in Rome two years ago when polyurethane suits were still in use.

"I wanted to do some-

thing that everyone thought was impossible," Lochte said. "Since they banned those suits, everyone thought a world record would never get touched again. I just wanted to show everyone that can happen. That's why we have records — they're meant to get broken." Hopefully everyone now can start realizing that, 'Hey, it's possible,' so hopefully a lot more records will fall." Phelps settled for silver in 1:54.16 and Laszlo Cseh of Hungary took bronze in 1:57.69.— *Internet*



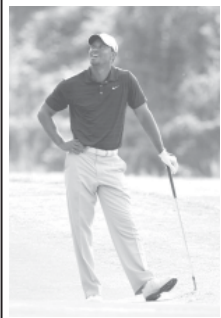
Ryan Lochte of the US

Woods to end 3-month layoff at Firestone

JACKSONVILLE, 29 July — Tiger Woods finally gets back to golf next week at the Bridgestone Invitational, ending an 11-week break to heal injuries to his left leg. Woods used his website to an-

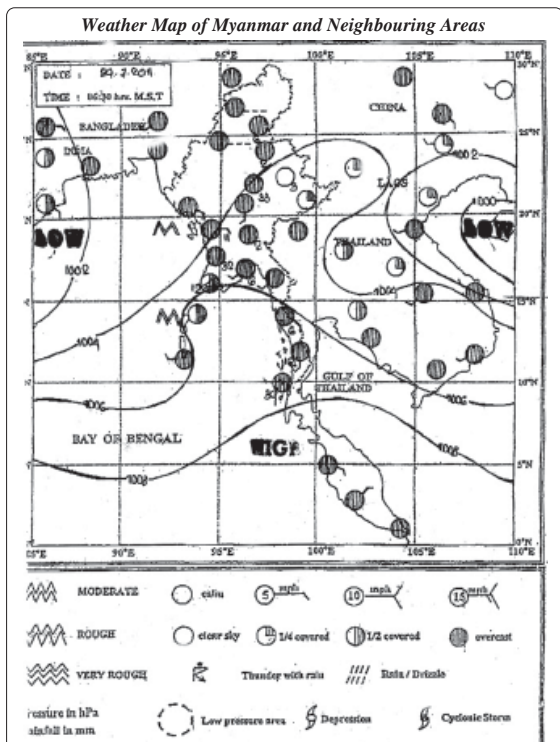
nounce his return on Thursday. He posted on his Twitter account that he's "feeling fit and ready to tee it up at Firestone next week. Excited to get back out there!"

It marks the third-longest layoff of his career, only this time Woods returns with as much uncertainty about his future as ever. Along with questions about the strength of his left knee and Achilles', Woods embarks on his latest comeback with a different caddie, and without guarantees he will be eligible for more than two weeks.



Tiger Woods

Internet



Weather forecast for 30th July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	30/86	23/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kayin	30/86	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
4	Chin	25/77	13/55	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	37/99	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
7	Taintharyi	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	80%
8	Bago	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	37/99	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	37/99	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
12	Yangon	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	27/81	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	37/90	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	25/77	One or two rain or thundershower	80%

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Regions and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Bago Region and Chin and Kayah States, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Rakhine and Mon states, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mataya (5.90) inches, Pyin Obovin (3.26) inches, Pathingyi (2.23) inches, Myintu (1.89) inches, Kyetkhane (1.85) inches, Mandalay (1.50) inches and Shwaba (1.18) inches.

Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Bay Inference: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Montama, off and along Mon-Taintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Japan urges 100,000 to evacuate flood area



A car drives through flooded roads in Sanjo City, Niigata prefecture. Japan has issued an evacuation advisory for more than 100,000 people in the central region of Niigata, as heavy rains triggered floods in the mountainous area.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 29 July—Japan on Friday issued an evacuation advisory for more than 100,000 people in the central region of Niigata, as heavy rains triggered floods in the mountainous area, officials said.

Sanjo City in Niigata, some 200 kilometres (125 miles) north of Tokyo, advised residents to go to flood evacuation

centres as accumulated rain had topped half a metre (20 inches) at several points since Wednesday.

“There are no immediate reports of injuries or deaths, but we urge our citizens to evacuate to the designated shelters as soon as possible and stay on alert,” said Ayaka Hoshi, a Sanjo City spokeswoman.—Internet



Saturday, 30 July

View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
3. Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
7. Poem Garden
- 8:10 am
8. Documentary

- 8:15 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
- 8:20 am
10. Musical Programme
- 8:30 am
11. International News
- 8:40 am
12. Islands of Dhamma(5)
- 8:45 am
13. Nine Precepts Administered
- 11:00 am
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am
3. Game for Children
- 11:55 am
4. Round Up of the Week's TV Local News
- 12:55 pm
5. Yan Can Cook
- 1:15 pm
6. TV Drama Series
- 2:15 pm
7. Documentary

- 2:25 pm
8. Dance Of National Races
- 2:35 pm
9. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games
- 2:50 pm
10. International News
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
3. Cultural Dances
- 4:30 pm
4. Dhamma Sekka Thutta Reciting Competition (3rd Prize Winner) (San Chaung B.E.H.S (4))
- 4:50 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)- Third Year (Physics)
- 5:05 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

- 5:15 pm
7. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:30 pm
8. Musical Programme
- 5:45 pm
9. Documentary
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
12. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm
13. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Cartoon series
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn
- 21. Myitta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (30-7-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions

Times

- Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
- Overseas Transmission - (30-7-11 09:30 am ~ 31-7-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Animated Myanmar Cartoon
- * News

- * Diverse National Costumes and Their Fashion Trend (Episode-1)
- * Healthy Dragon Fruit for Beneficial Investment
- * News
- * Kid's Talent
- * Songs for You
- * News
- * Sons of the Lake

Overseas Transmission

- * Opening
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- * Kid's Talent
- * Songs for You
- * News
- * Sons of the Lake
- * News
- * The Splendour of Mt. Victoria (Natmataung)
- * Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
- * News
- * Opening of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy
- * News
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes “Chicken Curry with Gourd”
- * News
- * Ananda Guphaya
- * Myanmar Movies “The True Love”

- ★ 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

Myanmar traditional culture that has passed centuries reflects State glory and dignity, high nationalistic spirit



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses first coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—The first coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the Ministry of Culture here this afternoon. It was attended by Patron of the Leading Committee Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and members Union Ministers, Union Auditor-General, deputy ministers, departmental heads and artistes and officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that for the sustainable flourishing of Myanmar's national characters, Myanmar traditional

cultural performing arts competitions were first held in 1993, based on the four social objectives. The first to the 13th competitions up to 2005 were held at national level in Yangon on a grand scale. Then, the 14th was held in Nay Pyi Taw, the new capital of the State, in 2006. After the 14th to 17th competitions had been held in Nay Pyi Taw, they had to be suspended for a year in 2010 as it coincided with the important tasks of the nation. This year, the competitions will be resumed. The 18th competitions were the fifth to be held in Nay Pyi Taw as well as the first to be held at national level under the leadership of the new government that emerged according to the constitution. So, they are significant competitions.

Myanmar's national characters mean own style,

own traditions and customs as well as national characteristics of our own nation and people. Everyone who has studied history will know that the city states in Pyu Period when Myanmar's traditional cultural
(See page 8)

Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathainggyaung (1158) cm has exceeded by 28 cm (about one foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1130) cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA