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Chairman, Secretary elected for State Central Working Committee of the Sangha

YANGON, 18 July— The Special Meeting of the Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

Members of the Sangha elected seven Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the meeting. Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunesana presided over the meeting together with MC Joint-Secretary Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manitasiribhivamsa.

The Meeting Chairman Sayadaw gave Sammodaniya Saraniya Ovadaçakatha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on the religious affairs.

The Supervisory Committee for Organizing the Substitute Election was formed with Chairman Shwewawin Monastery Sayadaw State Ovadaçariya Abhidgaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Maha Saddhammajotika Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sasanabhivamsa of Myataung Taik of Mahaaungmye Township and Secretary Maha Withutayama Taik Sayadaw State Ovadaçariya Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Sayadaw Bhaddanta Viçara of Pakokku of Magway Division.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Leinli: highest suspension bridge on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung motor road

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Moe Myint Hlaing*



Myanmar engineers of Public Works building Leinli Suspension Bridge which will be the highest of its kind in Myanmar.

The State Peace and Development Council is placing special emphasis on creation of better transport. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Construction is building roads and bridges one after another in leaps and bounds as part of efforts to enhance social and economic sectors of the State. So far, the ministry has built 2915 bridges with the length between 100 feet and 180 feet and 240 large bridges of over 180 feet long from 1988 to date, and a total of 22 bridges are under construction.

We have learnt that Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is building five bridges

across Ayeyawady River and Leinli Suspension Bridge at the mile post 42/6 on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Motor Road. To cover the news on progress of construction works, in the first week of July 2010, I made a trip to the suspension bridge by car along Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Motor Road under the arrangements of Road Construction Special Group (13).

Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Motor Road is being upgraded to an 18 feet wide facility. As the road section (Kantha-Koegway) has been inaugurated recently, I witnessed fruitful results of better transport for the local people along the road.

The aims of the State Peace and Development Council in building roads and bridges by spending a large sum of money are to enable the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of global countries and to ensure equitable development of all the regions in the Union. The following is the list of completed bridges of over 180 feet long, the list of bridges under construction and the plan to build more bridges in States and Divisions.

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Myanmar engineers of Public Works installing main cable at Leinli Suspension Bridge.

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 19 July, 2010

Intellectuals, intelligentsia on the increase

As development of human resources is essential for national development, the government is generating better access to education by opening new basic education schools, universities and colleges the length and breadth of the nation to bring about more and more educated people.

As part of the lofty drive, the government is expediting school enrolment week activities across the nation in the run-up to the school season in order that every school-age child can attend classes. Simultaneously, it is constantly taking measures to ensure that schoolchildren complete education, to reduce dropout rates, and to sharpen the abilities of students.

In a bid to improve access to education, the University for Development of National Races and the Nationality Youths Development Degree College were established with a view to producing intellectuals and intelligentsia throughout the nation including in border areas.

Moreover, a good number of vocational training centres for women have been opened in border areas to improve the living conditions for women.

Now, endeavours are being exerted on a self-reliant basis to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. To provide impetus for the plan, new generation youths are nurtured and trained to enable the motherland to catch up with global partners through the might of a growing number of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Today, emergence of new roads, bridges, factories and dams all over the Union is the result of the development of human resources brought up by the State.

National people are therefore to do their bit as well as to work hand in hand with the government to achieve the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Workshops on biodiversity, deforestation held

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The Myanmar Strategy and International Studies Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung co-organized workshop on biodiversity and deforestation issues and solutions on 15 July and workshop on management skills, leadership and teamwork on 16 July at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon.

Myanmar, India, South East Asia and Europe submitted 12 papers at the first workshop, and Myanmar submitted one paper and an expert from Bangkok, one paper at the later workshop.

The workshops were attended by officials and representatives from ministries, UNDP and special agencies, EU, and governmental and non-governmental organizations on environmental conservation and forestry.—MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Energy Minister looks into No 5 Fertilizer Plant Construction Project in Ayeyawady Div

YANGON, 18 July—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi visited construction site of No 5 Fertilizer Plant Construction Project (Pathein) in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

The minister viewed Water Plant, Prilling Tower, Substations, Ammonia Plant, Urea Plant, Ammonia Ball Tank, Nitrogen Plant and Control Room in the plant. He instructed staff of the plant to produce fertilizer through correct technical process on schedule.

At the briefing hall of the plant, after hearing the reports on ongoing tasks presented by the director of the project



Minister for Energy U Lun Thi inspects installation of machines at No 5 Fertilizer Plant Project in Pathein.—ENERGY

and officials from Asia World, HQCEC and China II Co Ltds and the minister fulfilled the

needs.

The minister presented baskets of fruits to foreign

technicians who are working at the project.

MNA

i Love Myanmar donates new school buildings in Ayeyawady Div



Opening ceremony of new school building in progress at Basic Education Primary School in Padaukkon Village of Labutta Township.

MNA

YANGON, 18 July—The opening ceremonies of new school buildings of affiliated Basic Education Middle School and Basic Education Primary Schools in Ayeyawady Division, donated by i Love Myanmar, took place on 12 and 14 July.

At the ceremonies,

Donor U Denial La Lin from Emmanuel Foundation and wife Chairman of i Love Myanmar Daw Levi Sap Nei Thang and officials opened the school buildings.

The BEPSs are located in Bogale and Labutta townships, and affiliated BEMS in Labutta Township.

MNA

Subcommission Office opened

YANGON, 18 July—Supervised by Yankin Township subcommission of Yangon east District, the signboard opening ceremony of No. 5 ward subcommission office was held at the ward Peace and Development Council Office, here, today.

Chairman of the ward sub commission U Hla Win and Chairman of the ward PDC U Soe Naing formally opened the signboard.

MNA

Child killed, Al-Qaeda leader captured in Iraq's Diyala

BAQUBA, 18 July—A child was killed in Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala on Saturday, while the Iraqi security forces captured an al-Qaeda leader responsible for dozens of attacks and killings against Iraqis, a provincial police source said.

Unknown gunmen shot dead a child in the town of al-Maqdadiyah, some 100 km northeast of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene and captured four suspects as part of investigation to discover the motive behind such a crime, the source said.

Xinhua

Two killed, 11 escape in brazen Afghan jailbreak

KABUL, 18 July—A guard and a prisoner were killed and 11 inmates escaped early Sunday after explosives were smuggled in and detonated at a prison in western Afghanistan.

The blast went off shortly after 2 am, destroying a gate that allowed 19 prisoners to escape, Farah province's deputy governor Yonus Rasouli said. One prisoner died and three were wounded in an ensuing gunbattle with guards. Eight inmates were recaptured.

Gen Abdul Makhtar, deputy for Afghanistan's prison department, said one seriously wounded guard later died.—*Xinhua*

Blast in Taliban birthplace kills three including two police

KANDAHAR, 18 July—A powerful blast rocked Taliban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan Sunday morning, killing three persons and injuring two others, police said.

"The blast occurred in Khawja area of Kandahar city at 08:30 am local time as a result two police and a civilian were martyred," provincial police chief Sardar Mohammad Zazai told *Xinhua*.

One police and one civilian sustained injury in the blast, he further said.

Meantime, a doctor in Mir Wais hospital in Kandahar city, the capital of Kandahar Province confirmed that so far two dead bodies including one police have been taken to the hospital.

Xinhua

Death toll rises to 46 in Baghdad suicide bombing

BAGHDAD, 18 July—The death toll from the suicide bomb attack at a base of a para-military group members in southwest of Baghdad on Sunday morning rose to 46 with another 40 wounded, an Interior Ministry source said.

The attack took place in the morning when a suicide bomber

blew up his explosive vest among a crowd of Awakening Council members, or Sahwa in Arabic, who lined up to collect their salaries at their base in the Balasim village at the al-Radwanayah area, the source said.

Several Iraqi army soldiers were among the casualties, the source added.—*Xinhua*



Residents wheel a stretcher carrying a wounded member of a government-backed Sunni militia to a hospital in Baghdad on 18 July, 2010. A suicide bomber attacked government-backed Sunni militia on Sunday as they lined up to be paid on Baghdad's southwestern outskirts, killing at least 46 and wounding 41, Iraqi security sources said.—INTERNET



Passengers disembark from an airliner of China Southern Airlines at Fenghuang Airport in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 17 July, 2010. The airport resumed full operations Saturday noon after Typhoon Conson slammed into the island Friday evening.—XINHUA

PKK rocket attack injures eight in Turkey

ANKARA, 18 July—Militants of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) staged a rocket attack on a local police office and commando unit in southeast Turkey late on Friday, injuring eight people, *Turkish media* reported Saturday.

Five police officers and three troops were wounded in the attack occurred at around 10:00 pm (2000 GMT) on Friday night in Pervari town of Siirt Province, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported. A full-scale operation is under way in the region to capture the militants, the report said.

Xinhua

AU discusses peace programme

ADDIS ABABA, 18 July—The African Union (AU) High Level Meeting was held on Saturday at the AU headquarters here in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to discuss peace programme.

It was one of those meetings scheduled by the AU Peace and Security Council in the context of the 2010 Year of Peace and Security, to advance the preparation for and implementation of various activities of the Programme.

Members of the Programme's Advisory Council and Peace Ambassadors have stationed at the meeting to exchange views and finalize details of the work programme for the rest of the year, with some focus on activities of Peace Day which is going to be marked on 21 September.

Xinhua

Two NATO soldiers killed, three injured in Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 July—Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed and three others sustained injuries in Taliban-linked activities in Afghanistan, the alliance said on Saturday.

"Two ISAF service members died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan yesterday," a statement of the alliance released here said.

However, it did not disclose their nationalities, adding it is ISAF policy to defer identification procedures for casualties to the relevant national authorities.

Xinhua

Storm hits sports festival stadium, injures five



A car is seen damaged after a scaffolding collapsed due to strong wind gusts in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on 17 July, 2010.

The scaffolding with lights collapsed at the stadium just hours before the opening ceremony for the XXI Central American and Caribbean Games, injuring at least five people, according to Felipe Perez, president of the organizing committee.—INTERNET

MAYAGUEZ, 18 July—A waterspout slammed into the stadium where thousands of people were expected to gather for the inauguration of the Central American and Caribbean Games on Saturday, injuring at least five people and forcing officials to delay the opening ceremony.

The storm ripped down scaffolding workers were using to add final touches to the Jose Figueroa Olympic Stadium, toppling the metal onto cars below.

"At the moment we have information that people are injured and the meteorologists have told us they expect two similar episodes during the afternoon," police Col Francisco Carbo told *The Associated Press*. One of the victims had three of his fingers amputated and a 3-year-old received minor injuries on one hand.—*Internet*



People enjoy the snow scenery in Cordoba, Argentina, on 16 July, 2010. Argentina's Capital Buenos Aires said on Saturday that the minimum temperature reaches minus 1.5 celcius degree.

XINHUA

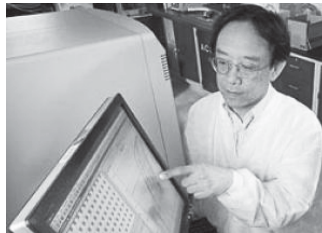
25,000 new asteroids found by NASA's sky mapping



This image provided by the NASA/JPL-Caltech/WISE Team shows the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) view of the nearby galaxy Messier 83. It is sometimes referred to as the southern Pinwheel galaxy.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 18 July—Worried about *Earth*-threatening asteroids? One of NASA's newest space telescopes has spotted 25,000 never-before-seen asteroids in just six months. Ninety-five of those are considered "near Earth," but in the language of astronomy that means within 30 million miles. Luckily for us, none poses any threat to Earth anytime soon. Called WISE for Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, the telescope completes its first full scan of the sky on Saturday and then begins another round of imaging.—*Internet*

Concentration, timing and interactions are key when it comes to dietary compounds



ARS chemist Thomas Wang has found that resveratrol—a bioactive compound found in grapes and other foods.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Agricultural Research Service (ARS) chemist Thomas Wang, who specializes in cancer prevention research, has reported evidence that for some dietary compounds, length of exposure over time may be key to whether or not ingestion leads to a beneficial, or detrimental, effect.

Scientists do not know exactly why one person develops cancer and another does not.

But they do know that certain nutrients might increase or decrease cancer risk.

Internet

Science

Norway launches AISSat ship-tracking spacecraft

OSLO, 18 July—Norway has launched the innovative *AISSat-1* spacecraft to monitor shipping in its territorial waters.

The small satellite will track vessels over 300 gross tonnes by picking up the signals from their AIS (Automatic Identification System) transponders.

AIS is a safety and navigation tool, and can be used by the authorities near the coast to keep watch on cargo, passenger and fisheries activity.

AISSat-1 will enable Norway to see what is happening over a vast area.

Internet



File photo shows trade visitors visit the EADS display area at the Singapore Airshow.

INTERNET

Finding hope, adventure deep within the Amazon rain forest

NEW YORK, 18 July —If asked to compile a list of careers that offer old-fashioned thrills, one might say archeologist (Indiana Jones), or perhaps ship captain (Jack Sparrow). But geographer?

Enter Robert Walker, a professor of geography at Michigan State University (MSU), and a scientist whose South American exploits lend his rather stuffy-sounding profession a glamorous luster.

Walker's research into land use and its effects requires several trips a year down to Brazil, where he tracks changes in the Amazonian rain forest. Specifically, he studies how roads, many of them built by loggers, are breaking up the forest.

Internet

Robotic legs allow paraplegics to walk



This undated handout picture released by Rex Bionics shows Hayden Allen using bionic legs called Rex in Wellington, New Zealand.

INTERNET

WELLINGTON, 18 July —Two British engineers living in New Zealand have developed a pair of robotic legs they say will allow paraplegics to walk again.

Dubbed Rex, for Robotic Exoskeleton, the prostheses took engineers Richard Little and Robert Irving seven years to design and build, *The Daily Telegraph* reported Friday.

The legs weigh 84 pounds and are activated by a small electric motor powered from a lightweight battery.

Wheelchair users can move into the device in a sitting position, strap themselves in, and control movements with a joystick and control panel on the arm, the newspaper said.

Hayden Allen, unable to walk since a motorcycle accident injured his spine, was one of the first to walk using Rex.—*Internet*

Technology

Visitors are reflected in a new Ford Eco Boost car at the Beijing Auto Show on 23 April, 2010.

INTERNET



New virus targets industrial secrets

NEW YORK, 18 July —Siemens is warning customers of a new and highly sophisticated virus that targets the computers used to manage large-scale industrial control systems used by manufacturing and utility companies.

Siemens learned about the issue on July 14, Siemens Industry spokesman Michael Krampe said in an e-mail message Friday. "The company immediately assembled a team of experts to evaluate the situation. Siemens is taking all precautions to alert its customers to the potential risks of this virus," he said.

Security experts believe the virus appears to be the kind of threat they have worried about for years — malicious software designed to infiltrate the systems used to run factories and parts of the critical infrastructure.

Internet

Using computers to teach children with no teachers

DELHI, 18 July—A 10-year experiment that started with Indian slum children being given access to computers has produced a new concept foreducation, a conference has heard.

Professor Sugata Mitra first introduced children in a Delhi slum to computers in 1999.

He has watched the children teach themselves - and others - how to use the machines and gather information.

Follow up experiments suggest children around the world can learn complex tasks quickly with little supervision.

"I think we have stumbled across a self-organising system with learning as an emergent behaviour," he told the TEDGlobal (Technology, Entertainment and Design) conference.

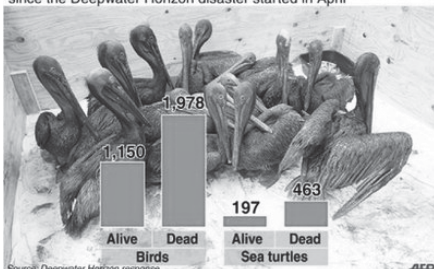
Internet

Graphic on birds and sea turtles collected dead and alive in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Amid cautious optimism after capping a months-long oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP extended tests to check for potential leaks in the seabed, officials said.

INTERNET

Trapped in the BP oil spill

Oiled and dead animals collected in the Gulf of Mexico since the Deepwater Horizon disaster started in April



Chinese patients being denied surgeries due to lack of transplant organs

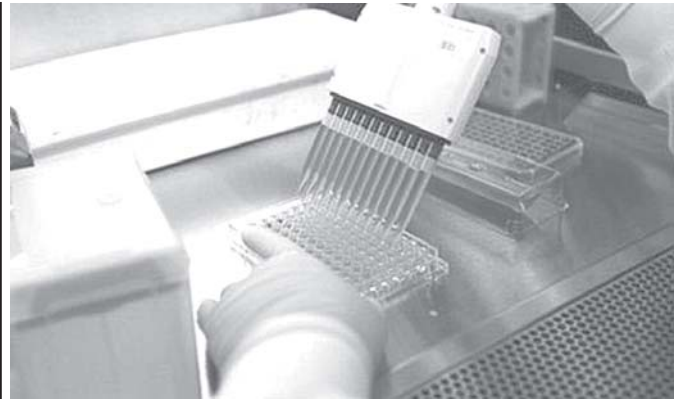
TIANJIN, 18 July—Only one percent of Chinese patients in need of certain transplant surgeries receive donated organs, according to a statement issued at a press conference on Saturday in Tianjin.

The press conference was hosted as part of the fourth athletic games for people having gone through transplant surgeries, which runs from Friday to Sunday in Tianjin.

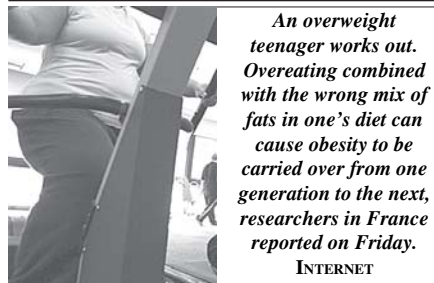
The Games, sponsored by the Chinese Medical Association, are organized to boost the confidence of recovered transplant patients and to call upon more people to become organ donors, noted medical officials. According to a statement issued at the press conference, China has about 1 million people in need of kidney transplant surgery and 300,000 patients seeking liver transplants each year, but only one percent of them have such surgeries due to the lack of donated organs.

The Red Cross Society of China is responsible for overseeing organ donations and the distribution of these organs.

According to officials, by the end of June 2009, 67,800 people had registered with the Red Cross Society to become organ donors, including 25,100 offering their corneas for transplants following their deaths.—Internet



A researcher at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative laboratory works on samples at the lab in May 2010 in New York. The global fight against HIV/AIDS is threatened by stagnating economies around the world, which have caused governments to shrink their budgets and, with them, grants to fight the illness.—INTERNET



An overweight teenager works out. Overeating combined with the wrong mix of fats in one's diet can cause obesity to be carried over from one generation to the next, researchers in France reported on Friday.

INTERNET

Health

'Five second' rule on dropped food unsafe

CHICAGO, 18 July — The "five second" rule that says quickly retrieved dropped food is all right to eat should be a "zero second" rule because of bacteria, food scientists say.

Clemson University food scientist Paul Dawson found that salmonella and other dangerous bacteria can remain alive up to four weeks on dry surfaces — like floors — and can be instantly transferred to dropped food, the *Chicago Tribune* reported on Thursday.

Location, not time, is the critical factor, researchers say.—Internet

Present situation of AIDS in the world

BEIJING, 18 July—The 18th International AIDS Conference will take place in Vienna, Austria, on 18-23 July. About 25,000 delegates from around the world will discuss the current situation of AIDS as well as preventive measures to fight the pandemic.

Following is some basic knowledge on AIDS and the current situation of this disease in the world:

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a disease of the human immune system caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Internet

Agricultural Bank's debut solidifies HK status as int'l financial centre



Donald Tsang (C), Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR, Xiang Junbo (L), chairman of Agricultural Bank of China and Ronald Arculli, chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, attend a listing ceremony in Hong Kong, China, 16 July, 2010.

INTERNET

HONG KONG, 18 July—Agricultural Bank of China (ABC) rose 2.2 percent in its Hong Kong trading debut Friday, a day after its listing in Shanghai, as the main rural lender in China rolled out a massive initial public offering worth up to 22.1 billion US dollars.

Experts pointed out that the successful listing of ABC in Hong Kong, which is the last of the China's "big four" state-owned commercial lenders, not only reflects strong confidence of the international investors towards the prospect of the Chinese banking sector, but also adds to depth of Hong Kong's capital market and solidifies the city's role as an international financial centre.

Internet



Greg Marthaler, Jr (L) at 436 pounds (198 kg) waits in line to audition for "The Biggest Loser" television show with friends including Mark Dahlseng (C) in Broomfield, Colorado 17 July, 2010. Several hundred people with more than 100 pounds to lose waited hours in sweltering heat for a chance to be on the 11th season of the show and have a chance to win 250,000 US dollars.

INTERNET

Telefonica deal to buy Brazil's Vivo falls apart

MADRID, 18 July—Spanish telecommunications giant Telefonica on Saturday pulled out of negotiations to acquire a euro7.15 billion (\$9.3 billion) stake in Brazil's leading cell phone company Vivo.

Telefonica said in a statement to Madrid's stock exchange early Saturday that the deal fell through after Portugal Telecom's board of directors failed to accept the Spanish company's offer by the deadline.

"The deal has been extinguished," Telefonica said. Though PT shareholders voted two weeks ago to accept the offer, the Portuguese government used special voting rights to block the sale, citing national interests. The European Union's Court of Justice then ruled that the Portuguese government's blocking of the deal was illegal.

Internet

Ford breaks ground on \$300 million China plant

SHANGHAI, 18 July—Ford Motor (F.N) and its partly-owned Jiangling Motors Corp (000550.SZ) broke ground on Sunday on a \$300 million vehicle plant in central China as the partners speed expansion in the world's largest auto market.

The facility, capable of producing up to 300,000 units annually, will start operation at the end of 2012, the US automaker said in a statement.

Jiangling, 30 percent controlled by Ford, currently operates two plants, with combined capacity of 210,000 units, making JMC and Ford's Transit models.

Internet

Export drop hits prices for Vietnam rice farmers

PHU NHUAN, 18 July—Over-production and lower exports have left rice farmers in Vietnam's Mekong Delta holding on to their stocks in the face of lower prices, analysts say.

Vietnam is the world's second-largest exporter of rice and the Delta accounts for more than half of the country's production. But surpluses, the beginning

of the wet season, and a shortage of places for drying wet rice are adding up to heavy potential losses, says Vo Tong Xuan, an internationally-recognized rice expert.

He fears Vietnam will lose one million tonnes of the grain this season.—Internet

Business



Visitors are seen at the entrance of the Citadel of Aleppo in northern Syria in this 23 June, 2010 file photo. Subtlety is the hallmark of Aleppo, one of the world's richest historical sites whose inhabitants possess a quiet pride and a cosmopolitan culture that has survived Mongol destruction and steady economic decline. — XINHUA

US envoy says peacemaking in Mideast difficult

RAMALLAH, 18 July — US special envoy to the Middle East George Mitchell, who is mediating between Israel and the Palestinians, said on Saturday making peace in the Middle East is difficult.

"We recognize the difficulties and the complexities involved in trying to realize this mission, but we are determined to continue our efforts," said Mitchell after meeting with Palestinian President

Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah.

Mitchell is leading indirect negotiations between the two sides, hoping to get them to agree on issues related to the borders of the future Palestinian statehood and security in the region by September.

But Mitchell and the US administration are eager to let the two sides move to face-to-face negotiations even before the four-month ultimatum of the

proximity talks. Mitchell described his meeting with Abbas, who refuses to jump to the direct talks before progress is made during the proximity talks, as "very candid and productive."

"We look forward to continuing that discussions in the near future in an effort to realize the vision that President (Barak) Obama set for us of comprehensive peace in the Middle East," Mitchell said.

Xinhua

Maldives hosts meeting on climate change

COLOMBO, 18 July — The Maldives is hosting an innovative meeting of developing and rich world countries that want strong international action on climate change, the Maldivian presidential office said on Saturday in a statement.

According to the statement issued by the office, the "Cartagena Group/Dialog for Progressive Action" is being held Saturday and Sunday at Bandos Island resort near the capital Male.

"A key aim of group is to bridge the divide left after the acrimonious Copenhagen Climate Change negotiations in December and bring like-minded countries together before next UN climate summit in Mexico," said the statement.

The Maldives' meeting is the second such gathering of the Cartagena Group, which was established shortly after Copenhagen. It is an informal space open to all countries who want an ambitious outcome in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and who are committed, domestically, to becoming or remaining low carbon. — Xinhua



Tourists play with mud during the 13th Boryeong Mud Festival at a beach in Boryeong, about 190 km (118 miles) southwest of Seoul, on 18 July, 2010. INTERNET

Economic crisis threatens Spanish soccer clubs

MADRID, 18 July — The ongoing economic crisis has placed several Spanish BBVA Primera Liga clubs under a direct threat of automatic relegation.

Zaragoza and Deportivo la Coruna, as well as Liga Adelante (second division) team Recreativo Huleva have

been faced with debts that have to be paid before 2 August or they will have to drop down the leagues. Deportivo has to face demands from striker Sebastian Taborda as well as midfielder Sergio Gonzalez, who ended his contract with the Deportivo at the end of June after nine seasons with the club.

Sergio claims to be owed around 4 million euros (5.2 million US dollars) and although Taborda is owed much less, the club also has to face demands from Mallorca and Atletico Madrid for unpaid debts in the transfer market.

Xinhua

Russia to deploy Iskander missiles in Leningrad

MOSCOW, 18 July — Russia has deployed the first Iskander tactical missile system in the northwestern military district of Leningrad, the ground forces commander said Saturday.

"A first and quite efficient Iskander missile system has been put into service in the Leningrad Military District," Col Gen Alexander Postnikov told Moscow Echo radio station.

Postnikov said the Iskander missiles will first be deployed at Russia's northwestern borders.

The commander has previously said the deployment of Iskanders had nothing to do with the US placement of Patriot missiles in Poland, but rather was in accordance with plans for rebuilding Russia's armed forces. — Xinhua

Russian strategic bombers test-fire cruise missiles

MOSCOW, 18 July — A Defence Ministry spokesman said on Saturday that two Tu-95 MS long-range strategic bombers successfully test-fired cruise missiles during a 12-hour flight.

During the tactical exercise on Friday, the missiles "accurately hit all the targets at the Pemboi testing site in the (Russian) republic of Komi," said Vladimir Drik as quoted by the Interfax news agency.

A MiG-31 interceptor jet and a Beriev A-50 Shmel airborne early warning aircraft also participated in the exercise, he said.

The two bombers landed at the Ukrainka airfield in Russia's far eastern Amur region.

Xinhua



A worker harvests sea salt in the Secovlje salterns, on 17 July, 2010. Some 2600 tons of salt is expected to be produced during the two and a half month season at the salterns.

XINHUA

Wildfires rage in Athens suburbs, causing property damage

ATHENS, 18 July — Firefighters on Saturday battled two wind-fueled wildfires in the suburbs of Athens that caused some property damage.

With the help of airplanes and helicopters, dozens of firefighters worked to contain the blazes that extended to 2 or 3 km near houses in Sounion and Kalamos in eastern Attica prefecture.

The first fire was reported around midday and the second erupted about an hour later. The fires were the first major wildfires this summer in Greece.

The fires damaged a monastery, two houses and a few cars, local media reported.

Authorities said three camp areas near Sounion and houses in Kalamos have been evacuated but no people were in danger. — Xinhua



Greek fire fighters work to extinguish a forest fire at a village a few miles northeast of Athens, Greece, on 17 July, 2010.

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Chairman, Secretary elected for State...

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The Chairman of the Supervisory Committee gave an Ovada-katha.

Afterwards, State Ovadaçariya Bahan Township Wimalayama Nathnyun Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Joikadhaja Bhaddanta Vimala tabled a motion to elect Secretary of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Bhamo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa as Chairman of the SCWCS, and State Ovadaçariya Pandaw Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vimalaçara of Pandaw Monastery of Bago Division (West) and State Ovadaçariya Zeyar Yannaing Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ñeyonanda of ChaungU of Sagaing Division seconded the motion.

The Chairman of the Supervisory Committee sought the approval of members of the Sanga and approved Bhamo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara as Chairman of SCWCS.

Chairman Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara nominated Chaukhtatgyi Phayagyi Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Khemindasami as Secretary of the SCWCS.



Special Meeting of 6th State Central Working Committee of the Sangha in progress at Maha Pasana Cave in Mayangon Township.—MNA

After seeking the approval, the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee approved the nominated Sayadaw.

The Meeting Chairman Sayadaw gave Uyojanakatha.

(General Soe Win)-Daw Than Than Nwe, Lt-Gen Ye Myint (Rtd)-Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, Lt-Gen

Aung Htwe (Rtd)-Daw Khin Hnin Wai, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win (Rtd)-Daw San San Yi, (Lt-Gen Maung Bo)-Daw Khin Lay Myint, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than (Rtd)-Daw Marlar Tint and Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe (Rtd)-Daw Nan Khin Hla Win and family offered day meals and alms to members of the Sangha who attended the special meeting.—MNA

Heavy machinery arrives at Irrigation Department



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo viwes hydraulic excavators and tractor dozers.—A&I

YANGON, 18 July—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo yesterday afternoon inspected arrival of 12 hydraulic excavators and four tractor dozers bought with loans of OPEC under the arrangements of FAO.

At present, the heavy machinery units are being stored at Mechanical Division (1) of Irrigation Department at 9th Mile, here, to use them in implementing Khabaung Dam irrigation system and Thonze Dam irrigation system.

He viewed driving of heavy machinery and spare parts.

The already-arrived heavy machinery will be transported to Khabaung and Thonze dam construction projects.

MNA

Educational Information Exhibition on 21 July

YANGON, 17 July—Educational Information Exhibition that plays an important role for upgrading education sector will be launched at Traders Hotel here from 10 am to 6 pm on 21 July, 2010.

Myanmar World Wide Institute (M3WI), Blue Mountain, Popular books showroom, Technoland computer accessories showrooms

and universities from the countries which network Navitas will display their items in the exhibition, as well as giving educative and knowledgeable talks.

The main sponsors to the exhibition are AT&S Co and Navitas, and contact AT&S Co, Room 4 of Building 5, Myanmar Info Tech (Ph: 652288, 521125 and 095062171).

MNA

Myanmar Thabin Asiayon pays respects to older scholars

YANGON, 18 July—The fourth respect paying ceremony organized by Myanmar Thabin Asiayon was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street,

here, this morning.

Chairman of the Asiayon (Central) U Sein Mar Din explained the purpose of holding the ceremony.

Chairman U Sein Mar

Din, Vice-Chairman U Ye Dway and Secretary U Aung Tin Win accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Members of the Asiayon paid respects to older Thabin scholars. On their behalf Yama U Ohn Maung gave a

speech.

At the ceremony, K 50,000 each was presented to 122 older persons of the theatrical drama world.

MNA

Forestry Minister inspects timber depot sawmill, plantations



Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung looks into thriving teak plantation at Taungnyo Forest Reserve in Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri Township. FOREST

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung looked into systematic keeping of logs at Aungchanthatimber depot

in Palway area of Pinyinmana (South) Timber Extraction Region in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana this morning.

At No. 21 Sawmill (Kyweshin) in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana, the minister heard reports on functions of the sawmill and viewed round operating the sawmill and

systematic storage of sawn timbers.

In the afternoon, the minister viewed thriving 705 acres of teak plantation in Taungnyo Forest Reserve in Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri Township and 60 teak plantation in Palway Forest Reserve in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.—MNA

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Leinli: highest suspension bridge on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung motor road

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Moe Myint Hlaing*

Sr.	State/Division	Completed	Under construction	Plan under way
1.	Kachin State	19	2	1
2.	Kayah State	1	1	-
3.	Kayin State	7	2	1
4.	Chin State	3	-	-
5.	Sagaing Division	17	3	1
6.	Taninthayi Division	7	-	-
7.	Bago Division	19	1	-
8.	Magway Division	20	3	-
9.	Mandalay Division	12	1	-
10.	Mon State	4	-	-
11.	Rakhine State	36	1	-
12.	Yangon Division	30	1	-
13.	Shan State (East)	4	-	-
14.	Shan State (South)	5	2	-
15.	Shan State (North)	7	-	1
16.	Ayeyawady Division	49	5	1
Total		240	22	5

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Moreover, the completed east-west short-cuts and the short-cut under way across the middle mountain range are

42 miles and seven furlongs long Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road (Taikkyi 10th-Mile section), 143 miles and six furlongs long Minhla-

Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Peinzalo Road 125 miles and one furlong long Pyay-Paukkhang-Taunggo (it has been opened.), 54 miles and two furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw 12th-Mile-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taung-dwingyi Road, 107 miles and two furlongs long (Magway) Kanbya-Myothit-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw 12th-Mile Road, nine miles and four furlongs long Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road and 96 miles and three furlongs long Kopin-Thagara Road.

The list of new roads is under construction. They are:

1. Katha-Sinkhan Road 65/0 miles

2. Pyin Oo Lwin-Yadanatheingi-Mogok Road 97/7 miles
3. Metaung Detour Road 3/5 miles
4. Htilon-Tarpaung-Pata-Nabu-Aukbote Road 57/6 miles
5. Anisakhan-Shwechaung Road 10/0 miles
6. Kyaukse-Phyaukseikbin-Yeywa-Pyinsa-Kabyu Road 35/0 miles
7. Mongping-Metmung Road 73/0 miles
8. Laukkai-Kongyan-Mawhtaik Road 68/0 miles
9. Namtu-Mongwi Road 35/4 miles
10. Mongkoe-Phaunghsai Road 11/0 miles
11. Kengtung-Mongkhun-Mongkhok Road 54/5 miles
12. Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun-Kyomange-Myaungmya Road 66/0 miles.

Leinli Suspension Bridge is under construction according to the permission given from the Meeting 1/2006 held on 22-9-2006 by the Special Projects Implementation Committee under the State Peace and Development Council.

The suspension bridge is located in Leinli Village at mile post No. 42/4 of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung asphalt road. There is a reason to build the suspension bridge that upon completion of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project, a 170 feet long bailey bridge near Leinli Village and 3.5 miles long and 12 feet wide section of Nay Pyi Taw



"I participate in construction of Leinli Suspension Bridge together with workers by collectively solving work problems."
Deputy Superintending Engineer U Tin Oo.

Pyinmana-Pinlaung motor road will be included in the wetland area; and therefore, a new bridge is under construction.

The facts about Leinli Suspension Bridge Project are as follows:-

construction of the bridge, he explained that the type of bridge is suspension facility. On completion, it will be the highest suspension bridge in Myanmar and its withstanding will be 75-ton of loads.

Under 180 feet long bridges

Sr.	State/Division	under 180 feet
1.	Kachin State	413
2.	Kayah State	25
3.	Kayin State	187
4.	Chin State	17
5.	Sagaing Division	408
6.	Taninthayi Division	116
7.	Bago Division	171
8.	Magway Division	164
9.	Mandalay Division	212
10.	Mon State	131
11.	Rakhine State	259
12.	Yangon Division	67
13.	Shan State (East)	168
14.	Shan State (South)	185
15.	Shan State (North)	80
16.	Ayeyawady Division	312
Total		2915

Location - Mile Post No. 42/5 on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road, Pinlaung, Shan State (South)

Length of the bridge	1760 feet
(a) Main suspension bridge	1000 feet
(b) Approach bridge	380 feet long each on both sides
Width of motor way	28 feet flanked by three feet wide pedestrian way
Type of the bridge	Steel truss suspension bridge
(a) Foundation	1.5 m bored pile foundation
(b) Upper structure	steel truss, reinforced concrete floor
Clearance	(a) 880 feet wide and (b) 9 feet high
Withstanding	75 tons
Project value	estimation
Start of the project	22-9-2006
Estimated completion	31-10-2010

I had an interview with Deputy Superintending Engineer (Civil) U Tin Oo of Bridge Construction Special Group (9) who was carrying out construction tasks together with workers in building the bridge.

With regard to con-

The project was launched on 22 September 2006. Since its initial stage, they faced a work problem. In drilling of main post of the bridge, they touched a stone layer at 20 feet deep into the ground.
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Photo shows approach road to Leinli Suspension Bridge on bank of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

Information Minister receives ROK Ambassador

YANGON, 18 July—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Cho Byung-jae at Myanmar Radio and Tel-

evision on Pyay Road here this morning.

Also present at the call were Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay, Managing-Director of

Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and personnel of the ministry.

MNA



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan receives Ambassador of Republic of Korea Mr Cho Byung-jae at Myanmar Radio and Television in Yangon.—MNA

Leinli: highest suspension bridge on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung motor road

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Moe Myint Hlaing*



“Myanmar engineers are taking all responsibilities for construction of Leinli Suspension Bridge, and I am closely supervising construction for timely completion of bridge construction.”
Chief Engineer U Than Swe.

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With the use of dwelling bucket, jumper, tri-coat and auger, they could overcome the difficulty. After that, they continued their works with the use of dwelling side cap, he said.

He further explained

that in building the tower of the upper structure, they had difficulty in installation of the construction materials because the tower was of hollow type. Construction of T-2 tower was also difficult because it was a 140 feet high hollow type tower.

In the rainy season, the workers dutifully carried out their tasks at risk of their lives.

Another interview was made with Chief Engineer U Than Swe of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction who was supervising the con-

struction site. Chief Engineer U Than Swe said that taking responsibility of Chief Engineer, he is closely supervising the construction Leinli Suspension Bridge. He makes arrangements for availability of construction materials and heavy machinery from the Head Office of Public Works.

The design of the bridge was created by the People's Republic of China. Hence, the Head Office of Public Works signed an agreement to order OBM Company of China for purchase of steel trusses and other types of frames to be in-

stalled at the upper structure of the bridge. The construction materials have been arrived at the construction site, and Chinese technicians also arrived at the site to install the upper structure of the bridge applying modern technology. He said that he is supervising the construction task between Myanmar engineers and Chinese technicians, he added.

He explained that Myanmar engineers poured out concerted efforts for construction of the whole bridge. He expressed his belief that as Myanmar engineers have

much experience on construction of many bridges, they will overcome the difficulties of building the suspension bridge.

Leinli Suspension Bridge on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Asphalt Road will be a drive to create closer relations between the national races of hilly regions from Pinlaung-Tonghon, Shwenyaung, Taunggyi and Loikaw of Kayah State and those of the plain regions in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon in the near future.

Translation: TTA
Kyemon: 18-7-2010

The increased in roads miles from March 1988 to end of March 2010 are as follows:-

State/Division	Road conditions by March 1988 miles					Road conditions by March 2010 miles					Progress miles				
	Asphalt	Gravel	Hard	Earthen	Total	Asphalt	Gravel	Hard	Earthen	Total	Asphalt	Gravel	Hard	Earthen	Total
Kachin State	160-0	156-0	886-0	269-0	1471-0	354-0	547-6	569-0	189-0	1659-6	194-0	391-6	(-)317-0	(-)80-0	188-6
Kayah State	126-0	30-0	142-0	98-0	396-0	295-2	90-5	129-0	124-2	639-0	169-0	60-5	(-)13-0	26-2	243-0
Kayin State	201-0	45-0	178-0	130-0	554-0	352-6	130-1	123-6	156-7	770-4	151-6	93-1	(-)54-2	26-7	217-4
Chin State	40-0	5-0	30-0	620-0	695-0	287-7	282-3	15-4	418-5	1067-3	247-7	277-3	(-)14-4	(-)138-3	372-3
Sagaing Division	345-0	150-0	540-0	297-0	1332-0	1065-4	377-4	460-3	342-4	2245-7	720-4	227-4	(-)79-5	45-4	913-7
Taninthayi Division	213-0	5-0	136-0	43-0	397-0	464-1	239-2	4-0	50-0	757-3	251-1	234-2	(-)132-0	7-0	360-3
Bago Division	707-0	24-0	80-0	4-0	815-0	937-5	138-6	195-6	84-5	1356-6	230-5	114-6	115-6	80-5	541-6
Magway Division	503-0	95-0	543-0	167-0	1308-0	1086-7	233-7	412-2	229-1	1962-1	583-7	138-7	(-)130-6	62-1	654-1
Mandalay Division	853-0	70-0	74-0	37-0	1035-0	1241-0	138-4	101-5	75-7	1557-0	388-0	67-4	27-5	38-7	522-0
Mon State	352-0	3-0	39-0	30-0	424-0	397-3	24-2	32-4	10-5	464-6	45-3	21-2	(-)6-4	(-)19-3	40-6
Rakhine State	163-0	135-0	130-0	20-0	448-0	568-4	247-1	114-4	147-7	1078-0	405-4	112-1	(-)15-4	127-7	630-0
Yangon Division	228-0	9-0	6-0	-	243-0	403-5	64-7	60-7	65-5	595-0	175-5	55-7	(-)54-7	65-5	1007-1
Shan State (East)	-	-	-	-	-	257-4	141-6	289-4	205-5	894-3	-	-	-	-	-
Shan State (South)	1459-0	781-0	700-0	1137-0	4077-0	947-7	431-2	243-1	417-6	2040-0	774-3	497-4	95-5	192-1	1559-5
Shan State (North)	-	-	-	-	-	1028-0	705-4	263-0	705-6	2702-2	-	-	-	-	-
Ayeyawady Division	193-0	60-0	144-0	43-0	440-0	655-7	389-1	183-2	341-7	1570-1	462-7	329-1	39-2	298-7	1130-1
Total	5543-0	1569-0	3628-0	2095-0	13635-0	10343-5	4190-5	3198-0	3629-0	21361-2	4800-5	2621-5	(-)430-0	734-0	7726-2

BP prolongs test on oil well in Mexico Gulf



The new containment capping stack on the blown-out oil well in the Gulf of Mexico is seen during the well integrity test in this video grab from the BP's live feed on 17 July, 2010.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 18 July—British energy giant BP Plc decided to extend for another day of an integrity test of its leaking Gulf of Mexico well which has

been under control by a new containment cap, according to *Reuters* reports on Sunday.

BP cut off the oil spill on Thursday with a new, tight-fitting containment cap installed atop the well a mile under the ocean surface.

The massive oil spill, triggered by the 20 April offshore rig explosion that killed 11 workers, has caused an economic and environmental disaster along the US Gulf Coast.

"As we continue to see success in the temporary halt of oil from the leak, the US government and BP have agreed to allow the well integrity test to continue another 24 hours," retired Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, the US government's point man on the spill, said in a statement.—Xinhua

Robotic surgery makes Dr Giulianotti think about art

CHICAGO, 18 July—Dr Pier Cristoforo Giulianotti has completed more than 1,000 successful major procedures without laying a finger on a patient. Using hand controllers, foot pedals, and 3-D visualization, he performs complex surgeries sitting just a few metres away from the operating table.

It happens that the sophisticated surgical system, consisting of three to four robotic arms and a remote console, is nicknamed after one of the Italian surgeon's most famous hometown visionaries — Leonardo da Vinci.

"At the beginning, even I did not understand the revolution behind robotics because I was appreciating only the aspects of mechanical improvements," said Dr Giulianotti, chief of the Division of General, Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery at the University of Illinois-Chicago. "But actually, in robotics there is a charming revolution I can summarize paradoxically: You are modifying reality using virtuality. You are using a virtual environment to interact with reality; the only limit is your mind." As the president of the Clinical Robotic Surgery Association, an organization of robotic surgeons worldwide formed last year, 57-year-old Dr Giulianotti is leading the reimagining of surgical operations.

Xinhua

An explosive-removal robot takes out "suspected explosives" from a car boot under the remote control of a policeman during a drill in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 15 July, 2010.

This robot is equipped with a 4- directional cameras and is able to run over various obstacles.—XINHUA



Officials of the new 'Skyliner,' based on the design concept of fashion designer Kansai Yamamoto, attend a ceremony to celebrate the opening of a new high-speed railway line at Nippori Station in Tokyo, on 17 July. The new line links Narita Airport with central Tokyo.

INTERNET

Swiss exporters warn of job losses on franc rise

ZURICH, 18 July—The strengthening Swiss franc is starting to take its toll on exporters, who warn that the appreciation of the currency is eating into their earnings margin and threatening thousands of jobs.

"Until the 1.40 (franc against the euro) barrier, the consequences were not too serious. But now it is really starting to hurt," said Rudolf Minsch, chief economist of an umbrella group of companies economiesuisse.

Hit by the eurozone's debt crisis woes, the euro sank to lows against the Swiss franc, with a euro trading between 1.30 and 1.35 francs. A year ago, one euro fetched more than 1.50 francs.

The Swiss currency was also punished for the country's strong economic fundamentals, as its reputation as a refuge was enhanced during the economic crisis and now the eurozone woes.

Economists said the trend is far from ending.

"It is possible that the Swiss franc will gain further and that it could reach 1.32 (against the euro) by the end of three months," said Marcus Hettinger, who heads forex trade at Credit Suisse.

He added that the euro could even dip below the 1.30 franc mark.

Pictet analysts have also said the franc could strengthen to "levels never seen against the euro and maybe also against the dollar."

Against this trend, Swiss companies that owe part of their competitiveness to a weak franc now find themselves in a difficult position.

Internet



Tourists visit the Crescent Spring, a unique desert resort of Dunhuang City, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 16 July, 2010. After years of rehabilitation effort, the shrinkage of the spring pond was restrained and the water level started to rise. Although surrounded by sandy hills known as the Singing Sand Mountains, the spring pond has not dried up in the arid climate or been buried by sand for over 1,000 years. However, the pond has shrunk rapidly over the last four decades and is in danger of disappearing.

XINHUA

Bus falls off cliff in southwest China, killing 23

BEIJING, 18 July—State media says a bus has fallen off a cliff in southwestern China, killing 23 people on board. The official *Xinhua News agency* says the bus was travelling from Ma'erkang County in Sichuan Province to the provincial capital of Chengdu when it plummeted off a mountain road Sunday morning. *Xinhua* says the accident happened on a road that was undergoing repairs in Danba county in Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. No other details were immediately available.—Xinhua

Bus drops off cliff in Albania, killing more than 10 people

TIRANA, 18 July—Fourteen died and 16 others were injured on Saturday when a bus plunged into a ravine in northern Albania.

Albanian authorities said that the bus carried 35 passengers on board. It was travelling from capital Tirana to Fushe Arrez, 70 kilometres north of Tirana, when it veered off the mountain road and dropped into a river 300 metres below at about 5 pm local time.

Police said a sudden downpour was the cause of the accident.

The injured were brought by helicopters to hospitals in Tirana and the northern city of Shkoder.

Xinhua

A visitor takes photos for a Porsche 917 made in 1972 at the 7th Changchun Auto Show in Changchuan, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 16 July, 2010. A total of 132 companies took part in the auto show which inaugurated on Thursday.—XINHUA



Cambodia hosts large-scale peacekeeping drill

KAMPONG SPEU, 18 July— Cambodia opened its first ever large-scale international peacekeeping training exercise with a ceremony Saturday at a military base south of the capital.

Over 700 military personnel from 23 countries will participate in two weeks of field training during the “Angkor Sentinel” exercise, focusing on developing nations’ contributions to UN peacekeeping operations.

“From a country that used to receive blue hat soldiers to help keep peace, Cambodia has become a country that sends blue hat soldiers to help keep peace in other nations,” Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said, referring to UN troop uniforms.

Cambodia was the focus of a UN peacekeeping mission in the early 1990s to help end decades of civil war, but has recently deployed troops to work as UN peacekeepers in Chad, Sudan and the Central African Republic.

Internet



A Cambodian soldier parachutist comes in to land with a United Nations flag during an international exercise ‘Angkor Sentinel’ at Kampong Speu Province, some 60 kilometres west of Phnom Penh, on 17 July.—INTERNET

Gulf coast fishermen angry over oil claims ruling

BILOXI, 18 July— Fishermen in Mississippi say they are angry that under the terms of BP’s \$20 billion oil spill fund, money they earn doing clean-up will be subtracted from their claim against the company.

The fishermen reacted after Kenneth Feinberg, the federal official in charge of administering the compensation fund, announced the decision at a town hall meeting in Biloxi on Friday. Some walked out of the meeting in protest, arguing it was pointless to work under the Vessels of Opportunity programme, set up by BP to help clean up the damage from the deepwater leak that started in April. Oil stopped



A man wearing a shirt with a picture of a commercial fishing boat on the back listens to a BP contractor lead a class in BP’s “Vessel of Opportunity” programme for commercial fishermen and boat owners in Biloxi, Mississippi in this on 5 May, 2010 file photo.

INTERNET

flowing from the leak on Thursday.

“I am furious about this,” said Tuget Nguyen, who works with family members as a fisherman in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

“If he takes away the money we are making from BP when we get our claims, then nobody is going to work for BP to clean up this oil and we will not rent our boats to BP either.—Internet

Tail end of Typhoon Conson hits Vietnam; eight missing

HANOI, 18 July— Eight people were missing in Vietnam on Sunday as the tail end of Typhoon Conson blew ashore after battering the Philippines and China and killing dozens.

The storm made landfall on Vietnam’s northern coast Saturday night. Six fishermen remained missing after their boat sank as they

sought shelter at the Paracel islands off Vietnam’s central coast, said disaster official Pham Thi Kim Tuyen in central Quang Ngai Province.

Tuyen said naval ships and fishing boats were searching for those missing. Before making its way to Vietnam as a tropical storm, the typhoon slammed the

Philippines and China last week.

The bodies of three missing Filipino fishermen were recovered, raising the country’s death toll to 68 with 84 missing, the Philippines’ National Disaster Coordinating Council reported on Sunday. Conson then grazed China, killing two there.

Internet



High waves smash against the bank of Do Son beach in the northern port city of Hai Phong, Vietnam on 17 July, 2010, as Typhoon Conson churns towards northern Vietnam. INTERNET



A fan of ‘cosplay’ dressed up as Batman poses during the Cosplay, Comics, Anime & Games Exhibition (C2AGE) at a shopping mall in Petaling Jaya, near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 17 July, 2010.

INTERNET

Five reasons knee replacements can fail

NEW YORK, 18 July— Most knee replacements work well for years, but a US surgeon says sometimes they can fail due to friction, infection, instability, fracture or stiffness.

Dr Amar Ranawat, a hip and knee specialist in the adult reconstruction and joint replacement division of the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, says knee replacements normally perform well for at least 15-20 years in more than 95 percent of patients.

However, there are times when replacements fail and patients will need a corrective procedure known as revision total knee replacement. Friction — joint surfaces rubbing against each — Ranawat says, can result in bone loss and loosening of the implants.

Internet

Rio schoolboy killed by stray bullet from shootout

SAO PAULO, 18 July —Brazilian officials say an 11-year-old boy in a school classroom has been killed by a stray bullet from a shootout between police and suspected drug gang members.

A Rio de Janeiro police spokeswoman says the child was hit in the chest and died shortly after arriving at a hospital. It is not clear who fired the bullet.

The spokeswoman declined to be quoted by name in line with police regulations.

The school is next to the Quitanda and Pedreira slums, where Friday’s gunbattle took place.

Internet

Police officers and other rescuers search for a missing person who might be buried under mud from a mudslide triggered by torrential rains in the town of Shobara, Hiroshima prefecture, in western Japan, on 17 July, 2010.

INTERNET



Venezuela opens Bolivar's tomb to examine remains

CARACAS, 18 July—Hugo Chavez has opened the coffin of his idol Simon Bolivar as Venezuela investigates the president's suspicions of foul play in the South American independence hero's death nearly two centuries ago.

Chavez announced the exhumation of Bolivar's remains on Friday and displayed the intact skeleton briefly on national television, saying he wept when he saw the bones of the inspiration for his Bolivarian Revolution.

While historians have generally concluded that Bolivar died of tuberculosis in 1830, Chavez has another theory — that Bolivar was murdered — even though he acknowledges it may not be possible to prove.



Venezuela's President
Hugo Chavez.—INTERNET

Internet

Lab mice are sensitive to their cages

BOULDER, 18 July—The brains of mice in research labs are affected by the cages they're kept in, researchers say, which could skew the results of experiments.

Mice are the main research mammals worldwide and promising breakthroughs in the fields of cancer, genetics and neuroscience depend on tests in which they are used, ScienceDaily.com reported Friday.

"We assume that mice used in laboratories are all the same, but they are not," Diego Restrepo, director of the Neuroscience Programme at the University of Colorado, said. "When you change the cages you change the brains and that

affects the outcomes of research."

Researchers rely on careful comparison of experimental results from different lab experiments to confirm discoveries, but some of these comparisons may not be trustworthy, Restrepo said. The brains of mice are extremely sensitive to environments and can physically change when moved from a cage or enclosure where air circulates freely to one where it doesn't, he said. That can affect the accuracy of research, so two labs doing the same experiments may get totally different results and never know why, he said.

Internet

Republicans square off in Arizona Senate debate

PHOENIX, 18 July—Former US Rep JD Hayworth had a much-needed opportunity Friday night to refocus Arizona's Republican Senate primary on incumbent John McCain, and he came out swinging. McCain, Hayworth and political newcomer Jim Deakin squared off Friday in the first of two televised debates before Arizona's 24 Aug. Republican primary.

"It's really sad to see John McCain, who should be revered as a statesman, basically reduced to a political shape-shifter," he said, then turned to his opponent. "John, you've changed positions so much in this campaign maybe we'll have to set up an extra podium for you depending on which John McCain is going to answer which

question." And so it was for an hour as Hayworth lobbed a number of one-liners toward Arizona's senior senator, who has a

comfortable advantage in fundraising and polling less than two weeks before early voting begins.

Internet



Sen John McCain, centre, looks at former congressman JD Hayworth, right, as political newcomer Jim Deakin.

INTERNET

Ross Dress for Less opens in downtown San Jose

SAN JOSE, 18 July—The first department store to open in downtown San Jose in decades sells name-brand merchandise at cut-rate prices. And that was just fine for dozens of eager shoppers lined up with their purchases on Friday morning inside the new Ross Dress for Less store.

From most accounts, they'll be back. "I'll be here once or twice a week, at least," said downtown office worker Irene Cortez, whose shopping cart by midmorning already was piled with back-to-school clothes for her children and kitchen goods for her.—Internet

Tesla, Toyota teaming up to make electric-powered RAV4s

TOKYO, 18 July—Palo Alto electric-car maker Tesla Motors and Japanese auto giant Toyota Motor confirmed on Friday that they're working to build a new electric-powered version of Toyota's RAV4 crossover-utility vehicle.

Under an agreement by the two automakers, Tesla will produce a fleet of RAV4 prototypes with electric powertrains this year. The two companies will aim to start selling electric-powered RAV4s by 2012.

It was unclear whether the new vehicles would be built at the NUMMI auto plant in Fremont, where Tesla plans to manufacture its electric Model S sedan beginning in 2012. A NUMMI spokesman reached on Friday afternoon said he had not heard about the Tesla-Toyota plan.

Tesla spokeswoman Khobi Brooklyn declined to comment beyond what the company had said in its three-paragraph news release.—Internet

Dreamliner to 2011 from late this year — a date that was already more than two years behind schedule.

Internet



Boeing's 787 Dreamliner takes to the sky at Paine Field in Everett, Washington in December 2009.

INTERNET

Police detains 40 after Iran bombing

TEHERAN, 18 July — Iranian police arrested 40 suspects as funerals were underway for the victims of a devastating twin bombings outside a mosque in the southeastern city of Zahedan, local media reported on Saturday.

Gens Ahmad Reza Radan, Iran's deputy police chief, told the semi-official Fars agency that the suspects "intended to



Iran blames US for deadly mosque bombing.—INTERNET

create militancy in Zahedan after the bombing."

A Sunni insurgency called Jundallah, which has carried out several other bombings in the southeast over the past few years, claimed responsibility for the blasts, which killed 27.

Internet

At least 55 dead as Typhoon Conson calms in China

BEIJING, 18 July—Typhoon Conson weakened to a tropical storm and headed for Vietnam on Saturday after brushing the southeastern Chinese island of Hainan and pounding the Philippines, leaving at least 55 dead.

Philippine authorities warned the toll could rise further with dozens missing days after Conson struck the main Luzon island, including the capital Manila, on Tuesday with a ferocity that caught weather forecasters by surprise.

The typhoon destroyed thousands of homes, sank or damaged dozens of boats, uprooted trees that crushed people to death and snapped power lines.

In China the storm killed at least two people, tore down trees and ripped

up electricity pylons when it hit Hainan on Friday evening, local officials said. Authorities on the popular tourist island evacuated around 40,000 people from the most vulnerable areas before the storm barreled inland.—Internet



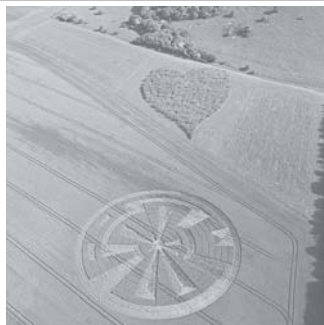
Relatives of a dead fisherman mourn at coast in Mariveles, Bataan, on 15 July.—INTERNET

UFOs in China cause flight delays

Two recent UFO sightings have caused a stir in eastern China, with "twinkling lights" causing an airport to shut down temporarily.

The lights were observed above the terminal at Hangzhou's Xiaoshan Airport on the evening of 7 July, causing 18 flights to be delayed or redirected, China's official *Xinhua* news agency reported, adding that the lights may have come from a private aircraft. A source told *China Daily* the lights could have been caused by a military operation.

On Thursday, a second UFO was seen above Chongqing, with one witness saying four "lantern-like objects forming a diamond shape" floated above a park for about an hour, *Shanghai Daily* reported.



A 60-metre diameter crop circle found near a heart-shaped forest.

"Crop circles" around world

A crop circle is a large pattern created by the flattening of a crop such as wheat or maize.

The first crop circle was found in Warminster, England, in the 1970s. Since then, hundreds of "crop circles" have been found all around the world, with 90% from the UK.

In 1991, two men from Southampton, England, announced that they had conceived the idea as a prank. Thereafter, many individuals and organizations claimed they had participated in building the "crop circles."



Chris James holds a bottle of *Veve Cliquot champagne* found in his Scottish castle in 2008 and believed at that time to be the oldest of its kind in existence, dating from 1893.

News Album

Divers find oldest champagne in Baltic wreck

A group of divers exploring a shipwreck in the Baltic Sea have found bottles containing what is thought to be the oldest drinkable champagne in the world, made in the late 18th century. "I picked up one champagne bottle just so we could find the age of the wreck, because we didn't find any name or any details that would have told us the name of the ship," diver Christian Ekstrom from Aland told *Reuters* on Saturday.

Ekstrom and his Swedish diving colleagues opened the bottle and tasted the contents. "It was fantastic... it had a very sweet taste, you could taste oak and it had a very strong tobacco smell.

Three-year-old reads, gives medical advice

Italian doctors say they're amazed by a 3-year-old prodigy who reads newspapers, operates the family's television remote and even gives medical advice.

The parents from the town of Perignano near Pisa say the boy, named 'Ettore,' taught himself almost all these skills just by observing adults,

ANSA news agency reported. "We started teaching him the alphabet for fun. We would never have imagined his abilities would develop like this," Ettore's father Francesco Grillo, a 44-year-old artist, said.

"Then when he was about two he started to read newspapers and TV guides," Grillo said. "Initially we thought he

memorized phrases and repeated them parrot-like. But then we realized he was reading for real." Local medical experts say are impressed.

"Usually learning to read is a process that takes place at a much later stage, at school age, and it's a gradual process," said Dr Amerigo Celandroni, head of the local hospital's pediatric clinic.

Paris Hilton caught with marijuana

PARIS, 18 July—Paris Hilton was briefly detained in Corsica after sniffer dogs detected a "quite small" quantity of marijuana in her bag, a French newspaper reported on Saturday.

Corse Matin newspaper said officers at the airport in Figari found about one gram's worth of marijuana. Hilton, who was transiting the French Mediterranean island in a private jet on Friday, was hauled in for questioning and released about 30 minutes later,

the report said.

In a story posted on its Web site, the newspaper said Hilton was travelling along with "personalities close to power in Malaysia" from the French capital to Porto Cervo, in Sardinia.

In a posting on the *TwitLonger* site Saturday, Hilton wrote, "Just to put an end to these rumors. The stories saying I have been arrested are completely false!" "I am having the best vacation of my life," the posting said.

Earlier this month,



Paris Hilton—INTERNET

Hilton was arrested after the Brazil-Netherlands World Cup match in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on suspicion of possession of marijuana.

Internet

U2 is world's top earning band

NEW YORK, 18 July—Irish rockers U2, who netted \$130 million from their massive world tour and other deals, are the world's top-earning musicians, according to *Forbes.com*.

The group made \$10 million in ticket sales on each tour stop and, along with merchandising revenue, hit the top of the list ahead of Australian heavy metal group AC/DC, who earned \$114 million from their worldwide tour.

R&B singer

Beyonce Knowles came in third with \$87 million, three spots above her husband, rapper Jay-Z.

New Jersey native Bruce Springsteen and his E Street Band and pop diva Britney Spears rounded out the top five.

"Nearly half of the artists that make up this year's list of the top-earning music acts have been around long enough that they could have appeared on the soundtrack to 'Back to the Future,'" *Forbes.com* said.—Internet

One of Bollywood's youngest producers learns the ropes

CALCUTTA, 18 July—She is one of the youngest producers in Bollywood, an industry that has few active women producers. Sure enough, 23-year-old Rhea Kapoor says she found the job of making 'Aisha' challenging and learnt that one has to swallow one's ego to run a project smoothly in the film industry.

"The most difficult part is that you have to take responsibility for everything.

If anything goes wrong, it's your fault. You have to swallow your ego a lot of times to balance things and get the work done," Rhea told IANS.

The daughter of actor Anil Kapoor and younger sister of actress Sonam Kapoor, Rhea never planned to get into production.

"It was not that I had planned to get into production.—Internet



Singers perform on stage during a dress rehearsal of Russian composer Mieczyslaw Weinberg's opera "The Passenger" in Bregenz on 17 July, 2010.—XINHUA

World's oldest opera singer dies at age 98

HONG KONG, 18 July—The world's oldest opera singer, Cantonese Opera star Luo Pinchao, has died. He was 98.

China's official *Xinhua News Agency* reported Friday Luo passed away at his home in the southern city of Guangzhou on Thursday.

Ranked the world's oldest opera singer by the Guinness World Records, Luo was born in June 1912 and began performing in 1930. Cantonese Opera is a form of traditional Chinese theater delivered in the southern dialect.

Xinhua



In this 25 Oct, 2009 file photo, Bono of the Irish rock band U2 performs during their 360 world tour stop at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. INTERNET

Barcelona agrees 9.5 m euro Adriano deal with Sevilla

MADRID, 18 July — Spanish champions Barcelona agreed a 9.5 million-euro deal with Sevilla to sign Brazilian utility player Adriano Correia, the club said on Friday.

The 25-year-old, who can play at full-back or as a wide midfielder, will



Sevilla's Brazilian midfielder Adriano Correia (L) tussles with Barcelona's Lionel Messi during the friendly match.—INTERNET

cost an initial fee of 9.5 million euros and a conditional four million extra depending on his performances.

The deal depends on Adriano passing a medical on Saturday at the club's Camp Nou stadium.

Adriano has been at Sevilla since 2004, twice tasting success in both the King's Cup (2007, 2010) and the UEFA Cup (2006, 2007).

He would become the first player to move to Barcelona since the arrival of new club president Sandro Rosell at the beginning of July.

Barca have already completed the signing of Spanish international striker David Villa, who arrived from Valencia for a fee close to 40 million euros.—INTERNET

SPORTS

West Ham sign Barrera and Piquionne

LONDON, 18 July — West Ham signed Mexico World Cup winger Pablo Barrera from Pumas UNAM for four million pounds and also landed French striker Frederic Piquionne from Lyon on Friday.

Barrera agreed a four-year contract with the English Premier League club after passing a medical and receiving his work permit.

The 23-year-old's deal has the option of a further one-year extension.

Barrera, who played three times for his country at the World Cup, was the second signing made by new Hammers boss Avram Grant and

Piquionne became the third less than two hours later.—INTERNET



West Ham signed Mexico World Cup winger Pablo Barrera, pictured in action in June 2010, from Pumas UNAM. INTERNET

Wolfsburg seal 8 million euro Mandzukic signing

ZAGREB, 18 July — Croatian striker Mario Mandzukic has joined German side Wolfsburg on a four-year contract from Dinamo Zagreb for a fee of eight million euros, local media reported on Friday.

"My wish was to play in the Bundesliga. Now I'm at a very good club and I hope that I will justify expectations," said the 24-year-old Mandzukic, who spent part of his childhood in Germany.

Mandzukic, who joined Dinamo Zagreb in 2007, has signed a four-year contract at the club that won the 2008-09 German title.

The Croatia international scored 52 goals in 110 matches during his



Croatian striker Mario Mandzukic has joined German side Wolfsburg on a four-year contract.—INTERNET

time with Dinamo and will replace Nigerian striker Obafemi Martins, who has joined Russian outfit Rubin Kazan.—INTERNET

Thierry Henry practices with New York Red Bulls

UPPER MONTCLAIR, 18 July—Thierry Henry practiced with the New York Red Bulls for the first time since signing with the MLS team earlier this week.

Henry and the Red Bulls went through a light training session on Friday at Montclair State University. While the 32-year-old wants to play in Saturday night's MLS game at Columbus, the team is going to delay his debut until next week because he has not played since the World Cup almost three weeks ago.

Henry's first game will be in an exhibition against English Premier League team Tottenham Hotspur on Thursday night.

"You don't even know how happy I am," Henry said. "I was so happy to come here and finally get to see my teammates. Obviously in the past two



New York Red Bulls new soccer player Thierry Henry, of France, runs during team practice at Montclair.—INTERNET

days I've been doing a lot of stuff, the presentation, some (television) shows, but I came here to play so I was so in a rush to meet the guys."

Henry said he will accompany the team to Columbus.

INTERNET

Wall scores 31 points in win over Hornets

LAS VEGAS, 18 July — John Wall scored 31 points in the Washington Wizards' 90-89 summer-league win over the New Orleans Hornets on Friday night.

The top pick in the draft had 13 points during an 18-0 run in the third quarter. He capped the run with a steal and a transition dunk that put Washington up 62-60 with 2:05 left in the period. The former Kentucky sensation made 10 of 23 shots and had the highest total by anyone in the summer so far.

The Wizards won the game on Lester Hudson's jumper at the buzzer. The Hornets took an 89-88 lead

on Quincy Pondexter's three-point basket with 2 seconds left in the game.

Maurice Ager led the Hornets with 23 points. INTERNET



Washington Wizards' John Wall drives down the court during an NBA Summer League basketball game.—INTERNET

30 golfers back to finish 2nd round at St Andrews

ST ANDREWS, 18 July — British Amateur champion Jin Jeong and the other 29 players who returned to St Andrews on Saturday to finish the second round found the Old Course more to their liking.

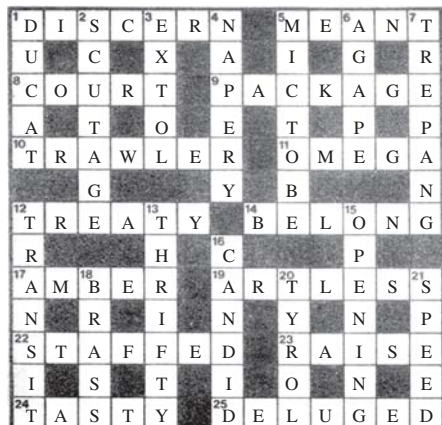
Facing only a cool breeze, Jeong birdied the 18th hole to complete a remarkable 2-under 70. Of the last 105 players to tee off in the second round, Jeong, Alejandro Canizares (71) and Darren Clarke (70) were the only players to break par. Now comes the hard part.

Everyone is still chasing Louis Oosthuisen (WUHST-hy-zen) of South Africa, who missed the wicked wind on Friday morning in his round of 5-under 67 that put him at 132 and eventually gave him a five-shot lead over 50-year-old Mark Calcavecchia.—INTERNET



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy looks skyward on the ninth tee during the second round of the British.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Man Utd beat Celtic 3-1 in North America soccer tour

TORONTO, 18 July —Dimitar Berbatov scored one goal and contributed to two more as English powerhouse Manchester United launched their North American



Dimitar Berbatov (L) of Manchester United gets away from Andreas Hinkel of Celtic during a friendly match.—INTERNET

Tour with a 3-1 friendly victory over Celtic.

Substitutes Danny Welbeck and Tom Cleverley also scored for Manchester United, while Georgios Samaras converted a penalty for Scottish Premier League club Celtic. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson fielded a strong lineup that included Berbatov, Edwin van der Sar, Paul Scholes, Darren Fletcher and Ryan Giggs — who received an especially warm welcome from Canadian fans.

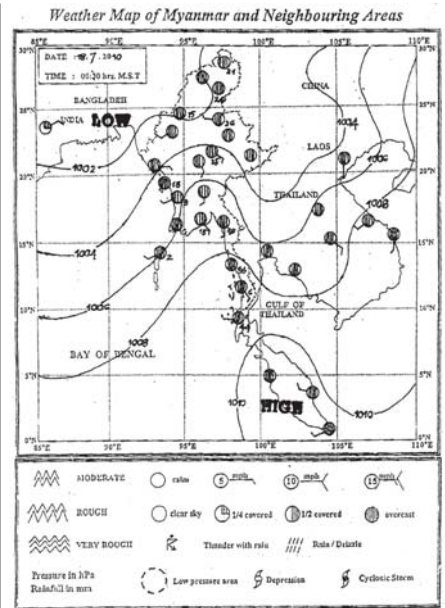
The match was played at the 50,000-seat Rogers Centre, where a temporary grass pitch was installed where the Toronto Argonauts normally play their Canadian Football League gridiron games on a synthetic surface.—INTERNET



Local citizens watch the Otopeni Air Show 2010 at the Henri Coanda Airport, 20 km north of Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 17 July, 2010. XINHUA

4.2-magnitude earthquake hits central Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 18 July—A 4.2-magnitude earthquake hit the central part of Pakistan on Sunday, local English TV channel Express reported, adding that the quake took place in Dera Ghazi Khan in Pakistan's Punjab Province.—Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 18th July, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State and Bago Division, scattered in Shan State, Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (3.78) inches, Homalin (2.96) inches, Mogok (2.71) inches, Chaungzon (2.25) inches, Theinzayat (2.16) inches, Kawthoung (2.12) inches, Dawei (2.09) inches and Bhamo (1.70) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-7-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 18-7-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-7-2010 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 17-7-2010 was (0.6) hours.

Rainfall on 18-7-2010 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.71) inch at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (34.57) inches at Mingaladon, (41.54) inches at Kaba-Aye and (49.25) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 17-7-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special Features: According to the observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, the tropical storm "Conson" over the Gulf of Tonkin (South China Sea) has crossed the North Coast of Vietnam.

Forecast valid until evening of the 18th July 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-7-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-7-2010: One or Two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-7-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-7-2010) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	(19-7-10 09:30 am ~ 20-7-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Visit To Kayah State
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy "Vermicelli Soup"
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- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Export Product soft-shell Crab
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda) (II)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youth (OBF student)
- * Friendly Roads for Friendly Ties
- * Myanmar Movie "The Moon Born from the Sun"



Monday, 19 July View on today

- 7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုးညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဇိုက်လေး တင့်အောင်)
- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:10 am
7. အတီးမြိုင်
- 8:20 am
8. "စိမ်းစိုလန်းဆန်းအံ့မခန်း ရတနာတန်းဝင်းကျွန်းသစ်ပင်"
- 8:30 am
9. Song Of National Races
- 8:40 am
10. International News
- 8:45 am
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 4:30 pm
4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ်

- (မြန်မာမူပညာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာမူပညာ)
- 4:45 pm
5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
6. အဆိုပြိုင်
- 4:55 pm
7. "ကလေးများအတွက် အကောင်းဆုံး (ရိုဝယ်မင်းရာဇာလန်းဖြူ နွဲ့နွဲ့စန်းမြို့သူရကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းစိုးသီဟ)
- 5:10 pm
8. Musical Programme
- 5:20 pm
9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm
10. (၂၀၁၀) ကမ္ဘာ့ဖလားချန်ပီယံ-စပိန်
- 5:40 pm
11. မူတန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
- 5:50 pm
12. "မြေဆီခိုခိုကပ်သစ်ပင်စိုက်ပို့ လူတိုင်းပါဝင်ဆောင်ရွက်ပို့"
- 6:00 pm
13. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
14. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
15. ဆိုကြမယ်ပျော်ကြမယ်
- 7:00 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အိတ်အိုဗီဇာတ်လမ်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၆) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
- 8:00 pm
17. News
- 8:10 pm
18. International News
- 8:20 pm
19. Weather Report
- 8:30 pm
20. ပြည်ထောင်စုခရီးရှည် (ရာဇဝင်းတင့်၊ သက်မျိုးဟေသီတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်စော်ဝင်း)
- 8:40 pm
21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အိတ်အိုဗီဇာတ်လမ်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၇) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
- 8:50 pm
22. သုခုမရင်ပြင်
- 9:00 pm
23. အရားကြီး၏မေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်

★ 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

UEC Member supervises Kayan Township Election Sub Commission

YANGON, 18 July— Member of the Union Election Commission (in-charge of Yangon Division) Dr Tin Aung Aye, together with Chairman of Yangon Division Election Sub-Commission U Ko Ko, Chairman of Yangon South District Election Sub-Commission U Myat Soe and members of the sub-commissions, inspected process of Kayan Township Election Sub-Commission here on 14 July.

At the office of Kayan TESC, they met the Chairman and members of Kayan TESC and heard reports on progress of electoral works in Kayan TESC presented by Chairman of Kayan TESC U Kyaw Khin. UEC Member Dr Tin Aung Aye left necessary instructions.

MNA

2,570,840 acres of monsoon paddy cultivated in Ayeyawady Div up to 17 July

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Up to 17 July, Ayeyawady Division has put 2,570,840 acres of farmlands under monsoon paddy.

MNA

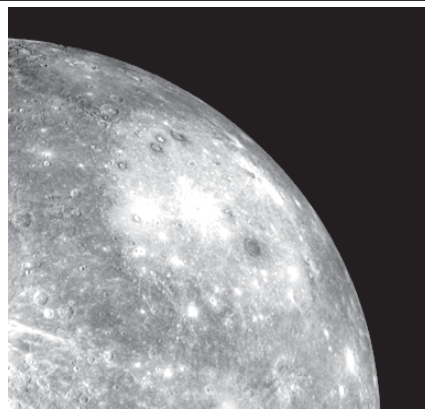
Strong magnetic, volcanic activity on Mercury

SCIENCE DAILY, 18 July—NASA's MESSENGER spacecraft's third and last mission reveals that Mercury is witnessing strong magnetic disturbances and volcanic activity, media reported Thursday.

Scientist analyzed data collected by the spacecraft during its latest flyby of the small, rocky planet last September and published their findings in journal Science.

The probe found that magnetic field on the planet was releasing energy in violent magnetic disturbances that are far more intense than those seen on Earth.

The flyby also discovered a basin that had been formed by a relatively recent impact, which suggests strong volcano activity that may have



An image of the planet Mercury, made during the January 2008 flyby of the planet by the Mercury Surface, Space Environment, Geochemistry and

Twantay rural region gets new library building

YANGON, 18 July— A ceremony to open a new building of Thuta Pyinnya self-reliant Library was held in Sanywa Village in Twantay Township, Yangon Division on 15 July morning.

Secretary of the Township Peace and Development Council U Thant Zin Tun, Head of the Township

Win Khaing formally opened the new building.

The Township IPRD donated 150 books and journals, the Township War Veterans Organization 180 copies of newspaper for sixth months, and Patron of the library U Sein Hlaing-Daw Than Than Myint one radio to the library.

The new building of